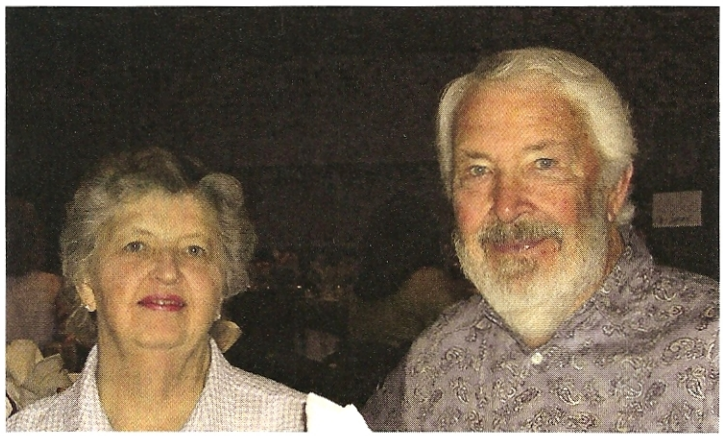


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Dear Members of the Class of 1957:

Jane, my wife of fifty-four years, and I will not be able to join you as you celebrate your fiftieth Southfield High School class reunion. This saddens us in that your gathering would allow us to renew many old acquaintances with people who were very special to us in the mid 1950's. Only seven years ago, Jane and I both had our fiftieth high school class reunions. I had not seen my classmates, with four exceptions, for fifty years. While we all had aged and changed considerably, I found one identifying factor that gave me a glimpse of the sixteen to eighteen year old that I knew so long ago: the eyes. My suggestion to you as you visit with one another is to look into the other person's eyes and see your friendship from long ago. After visiting with each other for only a few minutes, the past fifty years will fade away and be unimportant as you recall many fun memories.

Jane and I and our three sons, Paul, Tim and Mark, moved to Flagstaff, Arizona in 1967. At that time, Jane and I left Southfield High School and moved on to teach at Northern Arizona University. We completed our doctorates at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. After ten years, Jane returned to the public schools as an administrator. Jane's specializations were library science and English. I remained at NAU in various teaching and administrative roles. My area of specialization was speech communication. I retired in 1991 and Jane in 1992. We are both in relatively good health, enjoying retirement and doing considerable volunteer work. Our three sons are happily married and produced five wonderful grandchildren for us and, thanks to the grandchildren, we have four precious great-grandchildren, the oldest being ten.

In thinking about your class, I have fond memories of coaching your debate and forensics team, sponsoring the Thespian Club and directing the plays *The Form Divine* and *Love is Eternal*. During my first year in 1954 at SHS, I taught eighth-grade science at Lawrence Institute of Technology due to space constraints at the new Southfield high school. The second year, I taught ninth-grade English and introduced the first speech course and several of you were in that class.

Our best wishes for a joyous reunion and please know that you are in our thoughts on this special occasion and, paraphrasing Robert Burns, we tip a glass of kindness to ye all for auld lang syne.

Cheerio, Dan and Jane