

Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School
at Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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1956 – Edie (Williams) Wingate
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.



**Classmates Who
Have Transferred to
the Eternal Duty
Station**



Janis Lee Mittelstadt (57) Ronnestad

Janis Lee Ronnestad passed away from a sudden heart attack March 27, 2012. She was brought to Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, where she died on April 9, 2012. She was 73 years old. She lived in the Singletree community in Edwards, CO.

Janis Lee Mittelstadt Ronnestad was born on Aug. 2, 1938, in Eau Claire, Wis. She was the oldest of five siblings. Her parents were Arlene Mittelstadt and Fredrick William Mittelstadt. Her father was in the Navy and the family moved many times during her childhood years. The family thrived on sports and they were driven by excellence and a competitive nature.

In 1959, Janis married a Norwegian Olympian, Oddvar Mathias Ronnestad. They had their first child, Britt, in 1960. Soon after they moved to Norway, their second child, Lene, arrived. During her years in Norway, Janis made great friends, dear to her to the day she died. She helped her husband develop a ski area in Kongsberg, Norway, where she also taught skiing. Janis was married to Oddvar for 11 years and then moved back to the United States. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in social work and spent many years as a drug and alcohol counselor in Sweden and several cities in the United States. She also spent several years as a ski instructor in Vail, CO.

Janis was very adventurous and liked hang gliding, skiing, horseback riding and motorcycles. She was an avid sports fan and loved Monday Night Football. She had four grandchildren who were also very successful in sports. She followed them with pride and enthusiasm in their pursuit of success: Terrence and Paxton in basketball and Ingrid and Maria in cheer dance. A year ago, she became a great-grandmother to Eddie. She was also very proud of her two daughters, Britt, a schoolteacher, and Lene, a nurse anesthetist. Janis felt that Vail was her home and will be missed by her "family" in Vail. She was a formidable presence in our community and helped many people through her wisdom and guidance. We have all been blessed to have her in our lives as long as we did.

Janis is survived by her daughters, Britt and Lene; grandchildren Ingrid Engen, Terrence Oglesby, Paxton Oglesby and Maria Sjotun; and great-grandchild Eddie Mathias Engen Hammarberg. She is also survived by siblings Sandy, Nancy and Lynn.

A celebration of Janis's life was held at the Vail Interfaith Chapel, Annex Building. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SOS, Box 2020, Avon, CO 81620. SOS is an organization to build character in youth through outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding.

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June Diana McDaniel (57) Kohanek

June Diana Kohanek, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother went to be with her Lord on August 13, 2006. June loved spending time with her family, meeting classmates at semi-annual reunions, traveling, and reading. A devout Christian, her utmost joy was knowing that her family members knew the Lord too. On August 13, 1960, June married her husband of 47 years, Ron. Together, they raised two children. Being a military wife for twenty years, June was blessed to see much of God's world with her family. For more than fifteen years, June was a Weight-Watchers lecturer, helping many to reach their goals, while entertaining them with her special stories. June was born in London, England, June 11, 1939. She became an American citizen, and greatly loved her adoptive country.

June is survived by her loving and attentive husband, Ron; daughter, Carolyn Cameron of Dallas; son, Craig Kohanek of Independence; brother and sister-in-law, Garth and Linda McDaniel of Gardnerville, Nevada; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that contributions are made to either Benton County Hospice or the Cancer Institute, Leukemia Research. Thank you for loving us mom. We know you are with Jesus and at peace. June's Celebration of Life was at Monmouth Christian Church, Monmouth, OR. Arrangements entrusted to Farnstrom Mortuary, Independence, OR. Online memorials may be placed at www.farnstroms.com.
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Patrick Lee O'Brien (57), age 71, 8/21/1939 - 11/6/2010

Patrick was born in Portland, OR. He was self-employed as an insurance underwriter. Patrick is survived by his son, Richard; daughter, Kathleen Mosbrucker; and mother, Pauline. A private service was held. Arrangements by Mt. Scott Funeral Home, Portland, OR.

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Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook” in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007. A direct link to the Guestbook is below:

<http://users3.smartgb.com/g/g.php?a=s&i=g34-06015-b1&m=all&p=1>



I just thought of another subject that might interest our Bushy Park friends---recalling our chances to view the Royal Family during our time in England. I for one had at least 3 occasions that I recall vividly and I feel certain others of you have similar stories to share. Having sailed First Class on the SS United States (surely a fluke since Dad was not an officer), my mother, 9-year-old brother Bill, and I arrived in Southampton the day after Elizabeth's coronation in June 1953. Friends took us to London within a couple of days to see the sights and the colorful decorations. The new Queen was performing a duty as expected of her----I think it was Trooping of the Colours. My family joined the many observers waiting for the horse-drawn carriages to pass by. We didn't get to see the Queen that day, but instead a carriage came close carrying Princess Margaret, the Queen Mother, 4-year-old Prince Charles, and 2-year-old Princess Anne. My Dad was excited to get close to them. Charles was so interested in this uniformed serviceman with the long lens on his camera that the young tyke leaned further than safety allowed. Margaret and/or Queen Mum pulled him back so quickly that all Dad got was a big blur. Somewhere there is a picture that no one but us could swear was the four members of that Royal Family.

One day in early 1954 we were outside Buckingham Palace when Princess Anne decided to observe the curious tourists from her second story window. She must have had a seat alongside the ledge because she sat playfully for 30 minutes or so with Nanny hovering nearby. Our third and last observation was Easter 1955 at Windsor Castle. The entire Royal Family had gathered to enjoy the orchestra on the balcony and to allow hundreds to snap pictures as we wandered among the gardens. Lovely day. Even the famous Corgi dogs were there.

Needless to say, I became an official Royal Watcher, as I can imagine many of you did as well. From 1955 I will skip to 2017. My young cousin just graduated from St. Andrews in Scotland, the same college where William and Kate met. Try as I might these past 4 years, I did not ever get an invitation to anything there. I would gladly have chaperoned the Homecoming Dance for FREE. So much for living in the past. Happy Memories to all of you, too!!



Nettie-Grace (McClellan) Brown-Dunsford----Class of 58

Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank everyone who sent condolence messages, cards and calls regarding the passing of my husband, John.

They were all much appreciated.



Pat Terpening (58) Owen



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Dear Bill:

Here is a short item for the next "Bushy Tales":

I enjoyed the August issue of Bushy Tales, but found it both sad and happy. Sad that so many classmates have passed away, but happy that others are left to share their memories and keep them alive as long as we can. Living in England and going to Central High School was such a unique experience for us and being able to share those experiences and memories with each other is pretty special. Ours is a rich heritage as military brats, because it forced us to make friends easily, be adaptable to moving often and sometimes, for long stretches of time, having our Dads off fighting wars or on TDY or going to OCS, The War College, etc. But, we survived and for the most part are better citizens, sharing a love for our country.

I just wanted to share one more memory about the special night that Mary Lou DeCoursey (55), Penny Mele (55) and two other girls from the class of (55), whose names escape me, and myself Billie Culp (54) were lucky to attend a concert in downtown London, with the heartthrob Eddie Fisher as the entertainer. And, we not only had our picture taken with him, he gave each one of us his personal autograph (remember those were the days when we collected autographs everywhere we went). This concert was before he became in disfavor because of his personal life, so we were very much in awe of him.



Billie Culp Bules (Class of 1954)

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Winifred Thomas (56) Contrastano

Editor's Note: Winnie received an email recently which, unfortunately, pertained to someone who allegedly perished in the fire several months ago in London, indicating that Winnie might be an heir. Many of us have received similar letters indicating we've won the lottery, there's lost money in Nigeria, a classmate is stranded in Europe and needs money, etc. Winnie just wanted to remind us all that these 'scams' are still out there and now with the breach at Equifax, we need to be even more vigilant.

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