

Bushy Tales

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



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1954 – Betsy (Neff) Cote (d. 2024)

1955 – Nancie Anderson (d. 2016)



1956 – Edie (Williams) Wingate
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1958 – Pat (Terpening) Owen
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1959 – John “Mike” Hall (d. 2024)



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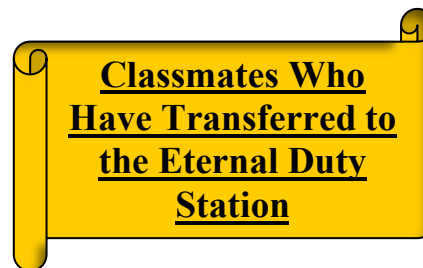


1961 – Betsy (Schley) Slepetz
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1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if 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.



**Jacqueline Grayce Brown (53) Kenny
July 27, 1935 - August 8, 2025**

Jacqueline Kenny, 90, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on August 8, 2025.

Jacqueline was born in New Haven, Connecticut to Edward and Theresa Brown.

She married James Kenny on May 5, 1973. Jacqueline worked in Health Care for Dr. Dwight Maud, Surgeon.

Jacqueline was preceded in death by her husband, James; and her parents.

Jacqueline is survived by her brother Edward Brown of Mount Gilead, Ohio, and her sister Judy Murphy of Bradenton, Florida. She is also survived by her daughters, Janice Steger, Sharon Sauer, and Theresa Vesey, her grandchildren, Thomas, Jillian, Kyle, Kevin, Sarah, and Gregory Vesey, Christopher and Jaclyn Steger, Peter Sauer, and Dana Bisping and 9 great-grandchildren.

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This note from Ed Brown (58)---- My sister Jackie Brown Kenny died August 8th In Bradenton, Florida. She was in the first graduating class in 1953 from Bushy Park High School. She had just celebrated her 90th birthday July 27th, 2025. She was the newsletter original representative for the year 1953 and made several contributions for years until dementia overtook her ability to participate. I attended Bushy Park my freshman year, a year after my sister graduated. I also learned Mike McManus Miros (58) passed away last year, but have no details on his passing.

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Michael “Mike” Dewey Miros (57)
September 15, 1939 - June 4, 2023

Michael “Mike” Dewey Miros, 83, of Greenville, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2023, with his wife of 62 years by his side.

Mike was born to Lucille Pack McManis and Charles Michael Miros on September 15, 1939 in Huntington, West Virginia. He spent his childhood moving around the United States and Europe with his stepfather’s job in the U.S. Air Force, but always thought of Louisa, KY as home. He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a BS in Psychology in 1963. He worked for many years as a manufacturers rep and eventually opened his own business, Precision Machine, in 1995.

Mike was an avid sailor and spent decades sailing on Lake Hartwell as a member of Western Carolina Sailing Club, where he served as Commodore in 1987. He loved being on the water, captaining his boats, and teaching others how to sail and crew, including his children.

Mike was also a dedicated member of Knights of Columbus Council 1668 for 48 years. He served as Grand Knight from 1977 to 1978 and was a 4th Degree Sir Knight of Assembly 1073. He started the Christmas Food Basket program in 1972, a program that has continued successfully for the last 50 years, and was awarded the International Community Service Award for 1991-1992 by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Mike was an active member of St. Marys Catholic Church in Greenville for nearly 60 years, where he volunteered as a eucharistic minister.

Mike loved playing golf, restoring his 1958 Pontiac Chieftain, and reading. Above all, he loved to spend time with his family, who gathered together often. He was a loyal friend and generous to a fault, whether it was treating his grandchildren, buying a meal for someone in need, or lending a helping hand to a friend.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lucille McManis and Charles Michael Miros, his stepfather Charles McManis, and his grandson Porter Joseph Miros.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine “Sandy” Sandri Miros of 62 years; his children, Michael J. Miros (Valerie), Elizabeth M. Sawicki (Don), and Christopher S. Miros (Karen); his brother, Charles Patrick McManis (Jerri); his grandchildren, Selvy Sieber (Blake), Charles Miros (Hannah), Allie Miros (Ed Williams), Reed Sawicki, William Miros, and MacKillop Miros; and his great-grandchildren, Luci Banks Sieber and Blakely Sieber.

Recitation of the Rosary was held, June 8, 2023, followed by visitation at Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes, Downtown. A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 9,

2023, at St. Marys Catholic Church, followed by committal prayers and the inurnment in the church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Michael D. Miros Scholarship Fund, St. Josephs Catholic School, 100 St. Josephs Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 or KofC Council 1668 Christmas Food Basket Fund, 514 Kenilworth Drive, Greenville, SC 29615.

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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. Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)



Letters to the Editor



From: Loren (Larry) Haatvedt (59)

Bill, I hope the new hip is working!

I have so many memories of Bushy as others have posted before me. Of particular note was the basketball team's trip to the tournament in Munich. Wow! What a trip. Also, the Senior Class trip to Rome. I'll never forget it. Here's what happened to me following graduation in 1959:

Loren (Larry) Haatvedt (59) - bio

Before launching this memo, I too want to thank Bill and Pat for helping keep the memories of Bushy alive, even as some gaps in my memory are starting to appear. But hey, what's left is outstanding!

After graduation in 1959 we moved back to the States, this time to Alexandria, Virginia and I was off to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in the Fall. I graduated in 1963 with a degree in Business Administration and after not finding a good job, joined the Navy's flight program, Class 34-63, and then off to Pensacola, Florida.

I got jets after primary training and went to Meridian, MS and Kingsville, TX where I got my wings in 1965. Then to NAS Boca Chica in Florida (next to Key West) for training in the F-4 Phantom and in 1966 joined Fighter Squadron 32 (VF-32) and deployed aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVAS-42) and headed to Viet Nam.



After a second cruise, to the Med this time, I extended my tour of duty to go to California and joined VF-121, home of Top Gun, as an F-4 instructor and Landing Signal Officer. I departed the Navy in 1969 and began my airline career at Eastern Airlines in 1970. Got married and have 2 sons.

I stayed at Eastern for 18 years and left in 1989 during the strike that ultimately ended the airline. I did some flight instructing for several carriers and flew freight for both Gemini Air Cargo (DC-10-30F and MD-11F) and FedEx Express (B-727) until 2013 when I joined the FAA as an Air Safety Inspector. I was there until the end of 2023 when I retired.

My mother told me once that she and my dad wondered if they had been unfair to me by pulling me out of high school in Virginia to go to Iceland. Dad was 1st Secretary in the Embassy there. I told her that what I gained, especially at Central High School in Bushy Park, England was a gift beyond measure and without it I may never have developed my love of travel and adventure. I am fortunate to have had that experience and I'm sure many of my classmates who went to Bushy would agree!

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Larry,

Thank you for your email and all of your very kind words.

My recovery from my left hip replacement surgery seems to be going well. Today I finished two weeks of in-home PT. The first 3 days or so were brutal. It is all about reactivating the muscles in your thigh in particular. They are pushed aside in order to gain access to the hip joint. They sort of go into paralyzed state for the short term. The PT person was really excellent. I had my post-op visit with the surgeon's PA yesterday. She was so pleased with my progress that she would not allow a third week of in-home PT. I start outpatient PT on 9/26, twice a week for up to six weeks. Yesterday was two weeks since my surgery. Amazing how quickly things have improved. I am not yet comfortable going out and about. I can't drive for two more weeks. Modern medicine is amazing.

Your bio is very interesting. I totally agree with you about the huge benefits of attending Central High School at Bushy Park. The years we were there the small size of the school overall and the class sizes were wonderful. I was there on for 18 months. My father was expecting to be in London for 3 years. He got pulled back to the USA 18 months early. It is still the most memorable time of my early life.

Your time as a Naval pilot must have been a wonderful experience. I went to NavOCS, Newport, I in February 1962 and graduated in June commissioned as an ensign. I was assigned to USS Ingraham (DD-694) home-ported in Newport. Both of my kids were born in Newport. After nearly two years on Ingraham, I offered to extend my tour 1 year to teach at OCS. This was granted. I taught two years at OCS

in Operations. I left active duty in June 1966 and served 3 or 4 more years in the Ready Reserve. It was pretty much a total waste of time. My dad was a Naval Academy graduate, so I spent my growing up days traveling from location to location. He became an engineer in ship design and construction. No sea duty. We were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have no memory of it.

Be safe,
Bill

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From: Carolyn "Tish" DeVaughn (56) Floyd

Re: Steve McElroy (58) piece

I just read the resume on this gentleman and remembered him from our long bus rides home from Bushy Park. We used to sit in the back of the bus together. I was the very last to be dropped off in Windsor, not sure exactly where he got off, but he made the ride enjoyable. I returned to the states and graduated in 1956 in Glen Burnie, MD. There were no dates or family listed so not sure of his family, etc. what a surprise to see him in your paper! I remember us being more than just friends, but oh it was so long ago!

Tish DeVaughn (56) Floyd

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