

# Bushy Tales

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



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## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

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**1954 – Betsy (Neff) Cote (d. 2020)**

**1955 – Nancie Anderson (d. 2016)**



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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](mailto: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.**

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



**Charles Aaron Clemens (54)**  
November 27, 1935 - December 30, 2015



Charles Aaron Clemens, age 80, passed away on December 30, 2015, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Charles was born on November 27, 1935, in Paducah, Kentucky to his parents Cleetis and Georgia Clemens.

Charles proudly served with the United States Army. After he received his bachelor's in electrical engineering, he began a career with Exxon, USA.

Charles is survived by his daughter Lorraine (Michael) Ball, his son Russell (Karen) Riffle, his daughter Tammy Rupp, his daughter Sheryl McGinnis, his son Matthew (Tracy) Riffle, his ten grandchildren, his twelve great grandchildren, his two sisters Martha June Flom and Roxana Nichols, and numerous family and friends. He was preceded in passing by his parents, his first wife Janet Lorraine Clemens, his second wife Judith Diane Clemens, and his sister Rosalind Tyndall.

Services were held January 2, 2016, at Floral Haven Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens. Interment was at Veterans Field of Honor Phase III In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Francis Hospice, [www.saintfrancis.com](http://www.saintfrancis.com) ; American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) ; or American Lung Association, [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

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**Raymond Arthur Lipkin (61)**  
1943 – July 2, 2022

Raymond Arthur Lipkin, age 79, passed away on July 2, 2022 surrounded by his family. A longtime resident of Wayzata, MN, Ray and his wife of 56 years, Debi, moved to Glenview, IL in 2020 to be closer to family. Born in 1943 in Louisville, KY, Ray grew up

as a true "army brat" living in many different states, as well as abroad in the Philippines and spent his high school years in England.

He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in finance, and started his career in banking in Indianapolis, moving then to Minneapolis. In the Twin Cities area, he worked in

banking, finance, investments and venture capital. He was active in the Minneapolis investment community often supporting early-stage tech and medical companies.

An avid fisherman, Ray took memorable fishing trips with family and friends to locales such as Venezuela, Alaska and Canada. He saved his local fishing mainly for the Wayzata dock where he schooled his grandkids in casting and baiting hooks.

A benefactor of many charities, Ray gave considerable time as a volunteer and donor to Habitat for Humanity, Twin Cities. He was also a big supporter of local artisans in line with Debi's involvement as an artist and collector. Ray had three children and was a bigger than life grandpa to seven grandkids ages 5-27.

He never missed an opportunity to pull the extended family together for a trip, including many years vacationing in Hawaii, California (Carpinteria) and a special 50th wedding anniversary celebration in Northern Minnesota in 2016. Only once was the family able to actually surprise Ray and that was for an unforgettable 60th birthday celebration in Las Vegas.

Ray is survived by his wife, Debi; his three children, a son, and two daughters, Katie (John) Kinnaman, and Callie Lipkin; his brother, Dr. David (Dianne) Lipkin and his seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Dorothy Lipkin.

A memorial celebration of life is still being planned. The family requests donations to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity [tchabitat.org/...](http://tchabitat.org/...) in lieu of flowers. Condolences: [smithcorcoran.com](http://smithcorcoran.com)

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**David Bryan Lerner (61)**  
**1943 – September 23, 2023**



David Bryan Lerner died on September 23, 2023, at the age of 80, after a long and courageous battle against Alzheimer's Disease. He was born in Los Angeles to John and Helen Lerner. The family moved to Phoenix after David's birth, then Honolulu, Spain, and England, where he

graduated high school.

He earned a Master of Science in electrical engineering at MIT, then returned to England to work in a pub and enjoy his friends. He was drafted into the Army and served as a Science and Engineering specialist at White Sands Missile Range for two years, where he met and married Deborah. They moved to Los Angeles, then Phoenix. David worked as a software engineer and project manager for Litton Industries, Honeywell, and Honeywell Bull.

He was a community activist and chaired a group who distributed employee contributions to community nonprofits. He served on the board of Lura Turner Homes. He transitioned to a more rewarding vocation, working for NAMI in various positions, and loved serving the community in these roles.

Throughout life he pursued various interests: organizing/playing on the Honeywell Oldham Athletic Football Team (this team was the beginning of the Phoenix Recreational Soccer League), hiking, camping, running marathons (including the Boston Marathon), and raising his children. He coached children's soccer, little league, and Challenger Little League.

He was known for his exceptional intellect, impeccable integrity, and dry wit. Family was the center of his life, especially his sons, Josh, Ben, and Sam, who survive him. He is also survived by his sister Karen, her husband Jeff, their four daughters and grandchildren; and by Ben's beloved

wife Jenna and their daughters Sarah and Hailey. (Papa thought grandkids were the best.) His parents preceded him in death.

An informal celebration of David's life was held October 14, 2023 at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 W Meeker Bl., Sun City West, AZ 85354. Memorial contributions may be made in David's name to Lura Turner Homes or NAMI, although he generously supported a wide range of worthy causes.

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**Margaret "Peg" Denise Delphine Hebert Wernette – Mathematics Teacher**

Margaret “Peg” Denise Delphine Hebert Wernette, of Castroville passed away May 14, 2024, at the age of 91. She was born June 22, 1932, in Rouses Point, New York to Domina Hebert and Regina Bourgeois Hebert.

On March 30, 1964, Peg married Tondre Jack Wernette in London, England. They were blessed with sixty years of marriage and one daughter, Denise Marie Wernette.

Survivors include her husband; daughter and son-in-law, Denise Wernette and Michael Rudnick of Rochester, New York; granddaughter, Margaret Rudnick; grandson, Thomas Rudnick; sister, Janet Czajkowski Van Kooten; and in-laws, John Glyn and Cheryl Wernette of Castroville. Peg was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Frank Hebert, Theresa Bossard, Helen Reynolds, George Hebert, and John Hebert.

Peg was a math teacher for the U.S. Department of Defense. She worked in Japan and Turkey before making her home in London, England for 50 years. She moved to Castroville in 2014 with her husband, a native of Texas.

Peg was a vibrant member of the community. She was in several book clubs and a skilled bridge player. She was an active member of the St. Ann’s Society and numerous other charities. She loved visiting and keeping in touch with her many friends and family around the world, long before the days of email and Facebook. She will be sorely missed by all of them.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held, May 22, 2024, at St. Louis Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery in Castroville, Texas. Memorials may be made in Peg’s memory to St Louis Catholic School or to the charity of your choice.

*Arrangements by Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home. Visit [www.tondre-guinn.com](http://www.tondre-guinn.com)*

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**Kenneth Ray (Cummings) Earls (59)  
April 20, 1939 – May 15, 2024**

Kenneth Ray Earls died today at 0515 this morning in Maryland. Survived by wife of 50 years, Rita.

*Reported by Ellis Young (58)*

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**Georgia Sue (Talbot) Cameron (53)  
November 21, 1935 - 2021**

Georgia Sue Talbot Cameron was born in Pratt, Kansas, on November 21, 1935, to Gilbert and Margo Talbot.

Sue and her "Sweet William" moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia in 1970. She was a Girl Scout leader from 1971 – 1980. Sue was a strong, active supporter of scouting. Bill and Sue loved camping and traveling the country with their family. She worked for both Drs. William and Robert Marshall from 1985 until her retirement in 2019. Sue was an active member of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church until she moved to be with her daughter.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, William Cameron. She is survived by her daughters, Sherri Ogle and Christy Waits (Mark); her grandchildren Jason Wade (Rosie), Thomas Dougherty (Tierra), Billy Fulcher (Dakota), Iris Waits, Logan Waits and Sophia Waits; and one great-grandson, Zane Fulcher. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Carolyn Andrews.

A celebration of life was held at Snellville United Methodist Church, 2428 Main St. E, Snellville, GA 30078, on October 24, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Hospice of Northeast Georgia in Gainesville, GA or to a [charity of your choice](#).

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**Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" (Neff) Cote (54)  
1937 – April 19, 2021**

Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" (Neff) Cote, 83, Altoona, passed away peacefully at her home Sunday surrounded by her immediate family, after losing her battle with leukemia.

She was born in Altoona, daughter of John Bernard "Jack" Neff and Genevieve Deloris Kuhn. Upon the passing of her mother at age 10, her father married Nora Regina Kirk.

Betsy graduated from London Central High School, Bushy Park, London, England, while her father, who was serving with the Army Corps of Engineers, was stationed there. After graduation, she married Joseph Paul Albert Cote, the love of her life, at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Rushden, England, and honeymooned in Paris, France. Together for 65 years, they had three children: Paula (Mike) Stiffler of Acworth, Ga., John (Debbie) Cote of Rowlett, Texas, and Edna (John) Huber of Altoona; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

After traveling the world with her career Army dad and career Air Force husband, she returned to Altoona to reside in the home her grandfather built and in which she was born.

Betsy's pastimes included attending her Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club, Senior's exercise group, Wednesday Lunch Club and monthly Catholic High luncheons. Betsy is best known for her knitting skills; a consummate multitasker, she was able to hold a telephone conversation, watch television and knit an intricately patterned sweater.

In addition to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Betsy is survived by her husband; and a brother, Charles Bernard Neff of Bridgeville, Del. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service to celebrate Betsy's life will be held at a later date due to social distancing restrictions imposed by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

*Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home, Altoona. [Jonesfhaltoona.com](http://Jonesfhaltoona.com)*

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**Patricia Ann (Wells) Johnson (54)**  
**August 25, 1936 – June 30, 2018**

Patricia was born in Sacramento, on August 25, 1936, to Chris and Cliff Wells. Because of her father's Air Force assignments, she attended elementary schools in Arizona, Colorado, Southern California and Sacramento. She attended McClatchy High School. She graduated from Bushy Park High school, London, England in 1954.

After graduation from Sacramento State College in 1960, she taught in the San Juan School District until 1995 at Del Paso Manor School in grades one to five and eight. In 1965 she met and married the love of her life Mel Johnson. He was a wonderful husband and father to his son, Brian, and his daughters, Mia and Melanie. He survived a stroke in 2005 and worked hard to improve his mental and physical abilities with Pat's help. He went to his Savior in 2013.

Pat was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Mel. She is survived by her son, Brian and wife Joy, her daughters, Mia Johnson and Melanie Gerber, and grandchildren, Gage, and Jae Gerber, Ryan Stark, and Sarah Stark, Ryan Espinoza, and Brian, Scott and Josh Brown and 6 great grandchildren. She will finally be able to join Mel in heaven.

*Funeral Service for Patricia was held on July 28, 2018 at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Ln, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. To share memories, go to: [www.mountvernonmemorialpark.com](http://www.mountvernonmemorialpark.com)*

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**Raymond Anthony Kinney (53)**  
**1935 – September 24, 2021**



Raymond Anthony Kinney, 86, of St. Augustine, passed away September 24, 2021 at the Clyde Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, son of the late Raymond Lewis and Margaret Mary Kinney.

He has resided in St. Augustine for the past year, moving here from Jacksonville, and then previously from Colorado and many other places of service. He served honorably in the United States Air Force for 20 years until his retirement. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he served with the 1867th Flight Check Squadron, and the 1st Mobile Comm. GP; flying many combat sorties as an EC-47 and C-140 Flight Inspection Panel Technician. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, one with the Valor device, Five Air Medals, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star Device, and the Expeditionary Medal for Korean service. Following his retirement, he began a second career in Federal Service, retiring after a total of 43 years in service.

Raymond enjoyed volunteering in many local Fire Departments and Law Enforcement functions. He served as An Arizona Ranger while stationed at Fort Huachuca. He loved the Lord and spent many years serving as a deacon. He has also been a member of Gideon's International holding leadership positions. He desired to spread the Word of God through Bible distribution. His greatest joy was being around his family, he couldn't resist the opportunity to tell a good joke and get them laughing. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia F. Kinney, St. Augustine; daughters; Sandra L. Johnston (Marc), St. Augustine; Mary Jane Kinney, Valdosta, GA; brother, Harry Kinney (Marlena), California; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Ann McKeithan, and

brothers, Theodore and Robert Kinney. Committal Service with Honors were held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

*In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations in his memory be made to Gideons International. Obituary published on [Legacy.com](http://Legacy.com) by St. John's Family Funeral Home & Crematory*

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## Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at [BushyPark.org](http://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](#)



### **From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen**

Bill - I'm going to try, by going through each class, to see if we can locate any of the missing classmates. Not sure how far I'll get, but am starting with **Class of 1953**:

There were 39 classmates in the class of 1953. Of these 23 are deceased, leaving 16 still alive. Of these 16 only 4 have not been located. If anyone can give me a clue, I'll try to see what I can do. Almost anything will help. Where were they from, any siblings, parent's names, etc.

These are the 4 missing 1953 classmates:

Richard Carver

Ann Hern/Hearn - *Is she the same as Judith Ann Jordan?*

Henry Sage Mason - *I think he lives in Florida, but I have never received a response from any letters I've sent.*

Kay Owen

Thank you for any help you can give me in this search.

Pat

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There were 66 students in the **Class of 1954**, not all were graduates.

To date 34 are deceased.

9 are still missing.

23 have been located

The following 9 have not been located. If you have any information about any of them, please forward the information to me. Anything might help: siblings, parents names, almost anything might be a clue.

Jerry Chisolm - he might have been from California

Geraldine Clem

Barbara Jean "B.J." Grinnell - believe she married a service man in England after graduation. She was from Michigan.

Carol Hall

Fred Hart

Louise "Peg" Jordan from Texas

Robert Parker - father was Commander Leonard A. Parker

Leroy Rogers - from Rock Hill, S.C.

Margaret "Yvonne" Wright, from Washington, father (stepfather?) MSgt. A.C. Haworth

Thank you for any help you can give me in this search.

Pat

**Editor's Note: Pat Terpening (58) Owen has compiled a list of all Bushy Park (1953 – 1962) attendees that she has determined have died, by class year. I am sending it as a separate file. If you don't receive it, first check your "Junk" email file folder. If you still don't see it, please email me at [bushytales1@verizon.net](mailto:bushytales1@verizon.net) or [bushytales@icloud.com](mailto:bushytales@icloud.com)**

**If you, or anyone who knows you, sees the name of a person listed, but who is in fact alive, please notify Pat at [nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net)**

## Letters to the Editor



**From: Willy "Mike" Perkins (59)**

To Connie Newlin and other others interested in Camp Mohawk. It was near Tisbury in Wiltshire, some miles west of Salisbury. Bill Hargrove ran the camp for many years, and it closed in 1970. There is a new camp in Berkshire.

I staffed the camp in 1957 and 1959. Had a great time and wish I'd been a better staffer to long suffering Bill Hargrove.

Willy Perkins (59)

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**From: Penny Ohrman Bernstein (61)**

With regard to the mention of Camp Mohawk, not sure about the name but there was an Army recreation site near Salisbury. Sharon Swim and I would go with one set of our parents or another for a week and would pass the [Salisbury] Cathedral and Stonehenge. Back then, what did I know when I saw Stonehenge? Parents explained but I must have been in another world. Went back several years later and toured the Cathedral and walked around Stonehenge. When we lived there, you could walk right up to it - now has a fence around it.

Our neighbors are on a British Isles cruise right now and sent the attached pictures a week go. Thought they were especially good of the Cathedral and Stonehenge.

Enjoy.

Penny Ohrman Bernstein (61)









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**From: Edie Williams (56) Wingate**

Dear Bill- after reading your observation in the last two newsletters about how the newsletter will cease unless the grads contribute, I re-read some of the recent issues and offer several observations.

Marcia Craver (1953) Thomas' article in the March issue was thought provoking. *Did anyone answer her question about her possibly being the last member of that first class at Bushy Park?*

It was interesting to read that Marcia's mother self-published her biography. Truly, we, and especially our parents, led unusual lives! Each of us should take a look at the letters, diaries, albums and such that we have stashed in boxes in our homes. *I've just done that—it was eye opening to realize that my parents were more than "just Mom and Dad!"*

James Van Pelt III (1962) It was fascinating to read in the May issue about Jim's father's WWII role as a navigator on the flight to drop the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan near the end of WWII. *Was anyone aware of that fact while Jim was at Bushy?*

Different note--we realize we not only need to contribute articles, but we also need to insure we'll be around to read and enjoy them!! Here is a great not-for-profit resource to help us keep sharp!  
[strongermemory@goodwinliving.org](mailto:strongermemory@goodwinliving.org)

Edie Williams (1956) Wingate

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**From: Bill (Grable) Rees (57)**



Mini-reunion in Cocoa Beach, Florida  
Richard Stillwagon and Bill (Grable) Rees

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**From: Ron Crowe (64)**

It's 1988 and hundreds of Bobcats and other "Brats" from all over the world gather in Houston for the first London Central reunion. And now I'm back asking if you are willing to join the celebration again at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, October 3-6. Ed McIntosh and I are combining forces with our emailing lists so you'll be seeing a lot more information in the coming months. So, dust off those "Penny Loafers" and "Chukka Boots" and start chanting "We Are The Bobcats ... The Mighty, Mighty Bobcats ... Everywhere We Go ... People Want To Know ... Who We Are ... So We Tell Them ... We Are The Bobcats!" and hope see you in San Antonio!!

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Ron Crowe  
Relaxed & Retired

**To all London Central High School Alumni**

This year, 2024, marks 60 years since the graduating Seniors of the Class of 1964 walked across the stage at the Bushey Town Hall to get their diplomas. To help us celebrate this milestone event, a reunion for the Class of '64 & Friends (62's, 63's, 65's, 66's) has been organized for **Oct. 4-6, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas**, at the historic **Menger Hotel** which is located downtown, across from the Alamo. The group rate is \$165 a night. The Menger is also just blocks from the famed San Antonio River Walk, the River Center Shopping Mall and of course, the incredible three-block San Antonio Market Square with its famous El Mercado Mexican markets. Links to the Menger Hotel Reservations & Website, the famed River Walk and Market Square are included at the end of this email.

When the seed was planted in my head in late 1987 to organize and hold a London Central High School reunion, I targeted the 1962 to 1966 class years, which included our Class of '64 of course, but since so many had siblings in the years just behind us and a couple of years ahead of us, those were the years I would search for. In the beginning, I only had one name. Phil Souza. I knew where his parents lived in Modesto, CA and they were easy to find in a phonebook. Then countless hours were spent at the Houston Library downtown pouring over nationwide phone books on microfiche looking for classmates themselves - or relatives. The list of "found" Bobcats started to grow. The second week in July 1988 was chosen as the date for the event and a hotel was booked. But I started getting calls from other former students who heard about the reunion and said, of course, they would be more than welcome to come as well. It turned out that everyone knew where one or two other classmates were and many parents stayed in touch with each other and had their kids' contact information so the list really begun to swell. Then I started to locate teachers and staff members from the school. At some point, this turned into an **All Class, Grand Reunion** and had swelled to the point that it

became the largest reunion ever held for the Dept. of Defense Overseas School System. A record that I think stands to this day. At final count, we had just under 1,000 former students attend and 47 former teachers and their spouses.

Ron Crowe and I have teamed up to reach out to everyone on his email list to encourage them to come to San Antonio and help recreate the magic of the Mighty Mighty Bobcats from the 1960's. Attached to this email is an Excel spreadsheet with the names and email addresses of those on the current mailing list but we know that there are many names from the class years on either side of us who are not included. We're hoping that many of you can help fill in those we're missing so we can get the reunion invitation out to them as well. So please, please, please – if you have contact information for those from the years on either side of '64 (and even Class of 64 alumni that might be missing), get those names and contact information to Ron or myself so we can include them in this memory-making event. For those of you who came to Houston in 1988, the attached photos will bring those memories flooding back in. This October will be a great opportunity to recreate some of that magic with those who shared the incredible experience of going to high school in London.

Please let us know as soon as you can whether or not you'll be coming to San Antonio. We'll send out updates on who is coming as responses come in. And AGAIN, if you have the contact information for those not on the attached Excel spreadsheet (from the classes of '62 – '66) feel free to forward this notice and also let us know so we can add them to the email list.

## **Menger Hotel LCHS Group**

**Reservations:** <https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=16589&nights=7&checkin=10/2/2024&group=100224LONDONC&lang=en-us>

Menger Hotel website: <https://www.mengerhotel.com/>

River Walk website: <https://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/>

Market Square El Mercado website: <https://www.marketsquaresa.com/>

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