

Bushy Tales

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



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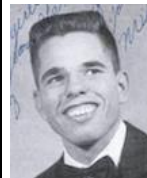
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.



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



**Robert L. Reaves (59)
September 10, 1941 – July 17, 2021**



Robert (Bob) Reaves went peacefully to meet his heavenly father on July 17th, 2021, at the age of 79. He was born in Fresno, California to Ezekiel and Babe Reaves.

Bob served three years in the US Army, stationed at Fort Ord, California as a radio repair man. Shortly after leaving the Army, he met his loving wife, Judy, and her two sons, Hank and Jimmy. After marrying, they had a daughter, Lorrie. Once relocating from California to Oklahoma City, Bob took no time showing his love by adopting the two boys. He became a member of Sheet Metal Local 124, where he worked for over 30 years, mostly for Matherly Mechanical.

Bob loved cooking on the grill, fishing, golfing and entertaining others with his special gifts, singing and playing the guitar. Bob wrote several songs and was in a bluegrass band, Lightnin' Creek, for over 10 years. But of all things he loved, he loved to travel with his wife. They travelled to all 50 States and had been on 39 cruises and were looking forward to taking a 40th.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Reaves of Moore; son, Hank Reaves and his wife Rhonda of Oklahoma City; son, Jimmy Reaves and wife Carla of North Carolina; daughter, Lorrie and husband Robert of Chickasha; grandkids Zac Reaves, Matt Reaves, Corey Bennett, Jennifer Richardson, Brian Buckner, Jessica Vasquez, and Karley Buckner; and 13 great-grandkids.

[Link to add photo, video or memory of Robert L. Reaves \(59\)](#)

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**Michael "Mike" Dewey Miros (58) (McManis)
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 manufacturer's 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. Mary's 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.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 9, 2023, at St. Mary's 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. Joseph's Catholic School, 100 St. Joseph's Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 or K of C Council 1668 Christmas Food Basket Fund, 514 Kenilworth Drive, Greenville, SC 29615.

Friends are encouraged to share their favorite memories of Michael D. with the family by clicking on the button labeled ["Leave A Message, Share A Memory"](#) at this link.

Provided by Bill Grable Rees (57)

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Monna Sue Norton (56) Mulcahy
October 10, 1938 - May 11, 2020

Mulcahy, Monna Sue, (Wife of veteran Gerald Edward Mulcahy, who was MSgt in the U.S. Air Force during Korean, Vietnam Wars) was born 10 October 1938, died 11 May 2020, and was buried in Section 16, Site 2213, in Georgia National Cemetery, 2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane, Canton, GA 30114

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Samuel R Neves Jr. (53)
August 3, 1934 - March 26, 2023



Samuel Neves Jr, beloved father, partner, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on March 26th, 2023. Sam was the most generous and dignified of men, and a pillar of strength, love, and stability for our family his entire life. A service to remember and honor his life was held on Saturday, August 5th at Manito Park in Spokane at 1 PM.

Samuel Rodman Neves, Jr. was born August 3, 1934, in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, of the Narragansett Indian Nation and of Portuguese descent to Samuel Rodman Neves, Sr. and Bertha Elizabeth (Rhodes) Neves. He and his younger brother, Manuel (Manny) DaLomba Neves, Jr., grew up in Washington County, RI on their grandparent's farm. Following his father's death, Bertha (Betty) re-married Harry Lickers and had two children, Ronald and Pamela.

After high school, Samuel enlisted in the USAF where he was sent to Yale's Institute of Far Eastern Languages (IFEL) to become a Chinese linguist. Samuel served from 1953-57 and was stationed on the island of Taiwan. After being honorably discharged, Samuel entered Bacone Indian Junior College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he distinguished himself in both academics and sports. He became a draftsman and worked at the Washington Water Power and Kaiser Aluminum Trentwood in Spokane.

He met and married Ida (Greycloud) Dittmar in 1961 and had two children. They divorced in 1968 but remained friends. Samuel was devoted to his children and became an avid photographer.

Samuel is preceded in death by his father, his mother, and his brothers. He is survived by his son, Samuel Rodman Neves III; his daughter, Lorraine Kaye (Neves) Brown and her husband, Devin Lowell Brown; his sister, Pamela (Lickers) Armtrout; his three grandchildren, Christian Michail Neves, and his wife, Dasha (Plumley) Neves, Nicole Marie Brown, Oliver Neves; and two great-grandchildren.

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Glenda Lee Newcomb (62)
February 25, 1943 – December 24, 1996

Born in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. Died in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado. [Buried in Greenhill Cemetery](#), Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. Glenda's maiden name was Newcomb. She was married twice: Once to Ralph Allen Sharp and once to Richard Clark.

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George M. Lawson (59)
May 25, 1941 — December 11, 2023

George M. Lawson, age 82, a 41-year resident of Washington Township, OH, passed away on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Miami Valley Hospital South. Born in Miamisburg, OH, George grew up in a military family and graduated from Central High School in London. This experience impacted his worldview and generated a love of adventure and travel in later years to many European countries and throughout the United States.

He held multiple degrees that prepared him for his 34-year career in finance and auditing roles with General Motors. But his most cherished educational achievement was a Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts from a one-year, on-campus experience at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. In 1995, by invitation, he designed and created the plated dessert for the closing banquet of the Dayton Peace Accords. He then launched an instructional baking program for the State of Ohio's minimum-security prisons, developing the curriculum and hiring the first instructors for the eight sites. For ten years, he taught at the Montgomery Education and Prerelease Center in Dayton and considered this his calling and ministry.

George was a man of many interests and passions. In his young adulthood, he loved skiing, SCUBA diving, boating, fishing, and riding jumpers in horse competitions. Later, as a Mason and a Shriner, he joined both the Dayton and the Cincinnati Shrine Pipe Bands and, in 1986, won first place in beginning solo piping at the Great Lakes Shrine Pipe Band Association competition. A dedicated gardener, he took pride in the appearance of his property and, in 2009, won a Washington Township Beautification Award. Perhaps his greatest joy was training, walking, and being a loving dog daddy and hunting buddy to his beloved late Dora.

As a 39-year member of Southminster Presbyterian Church and a servant of God, George served as a Deacon, chairing the Fellowship Team, relaunching the Men's Breakfast Group, and serving as Southminster's volunteer chef. As a Ruling Elder, he served as chair of the Nominating Team. He conducted a seminar for children who wanted to learn to fish and then took them to local fishing spots to hone their skills. He was an active Stephen Minister and a Stephen Leader, compassionately and confidentially helping male members of the congregation through the tough times of life.

In the community, George served on the Associate Board of the Dayton Art Institute, chairing the food team for Oktoberfest, and was an active volunteer with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He was a member of Millennium Lodge No. 779, Unity Chapter No. 16 Royal Arch Masons, Silver Trowel Council No. 141, Reed Commandery No. 6, Valley of Dayton Scottish Rite, and Antioch Shriners.

George was preceded in death by his parents George and Helen Sweeney Lawson, sisters Mary and Pat, niece Faith, and nephew Todd. He is survived by his adoring, devoted, and beloved wife of 41 years Marj, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ethel and Jim Wells, nephew and godson Geoff Wells, niece Susan Lackey and her husband Bill and their daughters Sarah and Hannah, and his "not-by-blood-but-by-love" family: godson Randy Natherson and all the Natherson clan, goddaughter Maggie Melssen and her family, and special friend Janet Malenfant and her husband Mark and their daughters Audrey and Ashley, as well as many dear cousins and friends.

George was a caring, loving, and faithful friend to all who knew him. He fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

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From: Marj Lawson, widow of George Lawson, on February 9, 2024

Bill and Pat,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of my beloved husband, George Lawson, on December 11, 2023. He had been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis 25 years ago this past September but carried on, with a full schedule, until his body began to give out the past couple of months--although he did go to two Christmas gatherings the week before his passing and said he had a good time. Many do not know that RA is an autoimmune disease and attacks one's own body--first the joints. In about 40 percent of RA cases, it then advances and attacks organs such as the skin, the kidneys, the lungs, and the heart. He had a heart attack and was gone within minutes.

I thought you might want to see his obituary, which mentions Central High School as well as the highlights of his amazing life: <https://www.routson.com/obituaries/george-lawson>

His memorial service, on December 28, is also available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHj4b19AoE8>

Together George and I enjoyed several of the reunions; he always loved the newsletters and shared them with me; and he remembered--fondly and often--his days at Bushy Park.

Thank you for all you do to keep the Bushy Park spirit alive!

Marj Lawson

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Mary Lawson (62) and
Deceased sisters of George Lawson
(Above)



Patty Lawson (62)

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Death of Phyllis Moore (56) Manns

Phyllis died last night. I found your address by scanning Phyllis's e-mails. She often talked about her Bushy Park friends, so I am sure you want this notice.
Ralph Manns (her husband)

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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](#)

Nearly every newsletter published since 2001 is there to be seen. A few of the earliest ones are not there. Bob has added a several new features to this website's home page that are worth checking out. It is all one click away!

Thank you, Bob, for all that you do for us.



From: Marcia Craver (53) Thomas

Hello Bill and Pat,

Apparently, your previous message about "sending it in" hit the right places. This is one of the largest memories of Bushy Park printed that I can remember! Good for you and us.

I occurred to me that I may be the Oldest Living Grad of Bushy Park", Class of 1953 - the first year the school operated. I really wasn't there all that long as I only needed a few credits to

compete my Senior year. I had left my little high school in east Texas for the trip over on the *Queen Mary* in Feb 1952 but once in England had to wait until the school was operating later in the fall, I believe. Sure was different from my school! So many different kinds of people and far more advanced in all studies than I was....I got into it, however, and loved the whole thing. I remember Mr. Farned the Principal who was continually harassed by some mischievous boys - and girls too. We had a smoke room all to ourselves and whether you smoked or not, you had to go in at the regulated time to be part of the crowd.

I had quickly become a lot more sophisticated whilst traveling on the *Queen Mary* as there were quite a few young people on that voyage and we scuttled about the ship going where we should not have gone and making out a bit in some of the bunk rooms. I can still hear my mother calling my name as she went up and down the halls to locate me and keep me out of trouble. I never told her that, although we used to discuss the trip over and the great fun we had traveling around western Europe by bus.

She and I became widows in 2002 and I spent the following 15 years taking her with me wherever I went - night and day - and she loved every minute of that too. She accompanied me to San Diego in 2004, when an all-class reunion was held there. Then passed after only about a week of inactivity at the age of nearly 105 years and she didn't miss a thing! She and my stepfather were married in 1945 and spent the next 30 plus years being stationed at the BEST bases the USAF had to offer - Orlando - twice; London, England. - South Ruislip; Wiesbaden, Germany; and the greatest of all Albrook AFB in Panama Canal Zone. Her life was wonderful from 1945 on for sure, and it was so good she wrote it up in a fantastic self-published biography entitled, of course, "I DONT WANT TO MISS A THING!". --- But I digress. I will look again to see if I have anything left to be published. Sent some in years back but maybe I can find a few more things. I graduated in 1953 before the whole class did as I had all the credits I needed and was deep into my chosen field of show business - musical theatre.

That also brings me to another life-changing situation which I will try to divulge by next time. **I would like to know, officially, if I am the oldest living grad - My birthday last December 15, 2023, bestowed the age of 89 on me.....can't believe it!**

I am healthy, look better than I did as an auburn-haired teen, have had a marvelous life with a few bumps, a successful theatrical career that I still work in and NEVER tell anyone my age. That's one thing my mother always told me: "Don't ever tell anyone your age. You'll be stuck with that, and it can be a negative as you age~" She was right!

[Editor's Note: Thank you for noticing and acting on our requests for more memories from our readers. Gold Star for you, and anyone else who sends us their memories from their Bushy Park days, or before or after Bushy Park days.

Is anyone out there aware of a Bushy Park graduate or attendee who is older than Marcia?]

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From: Patricia Jones (62) Lawrence

Dear Pat and all my friends from Bushy Park,

I am Patty Jones Lawrence, class of 1962. The 4 years I spent in England was, for me, a most unhappy time, punctuated by the Munich air crash which killed 13 of my fellow Bobcats.

On the bright side, I was fortunate to have made very good friends there, which was the redeeming feature for me of my high school experience. The 3 hours as day on a school bus gave me brothers and sisters I came to consider as my family. We talked about anything and everything and their

views widened my own. I learned a lot about their beliefs and values and their experiences and lives.

We were, it turns out, a very homogeneous group. Our fathers were mostly WWII survivors and fiercely patriotic. They instilled in us love of country, a sense of duty to our fellows, the value of service over money and lifestyle, and in general a duty to be our best selves.

I have attended 2 reunions of our class – in Atlanta and Washington, DC. I am constantly impressed with who my classmates have become, and I am working to see England through their much more positive eyes. I do recognize that my experience in England has had a major role in making me who I am today, and I am very thankful for that and especially all my friends.

GO BOBCATS!!

--FINIS--