

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



1953 – Marcia (Craver) Thomas
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1958 – Pat (Terpening) Owen
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1954 – Betsy (Neff) Cote (d. 2024)

1959 – John “Mike” Hall (d. 2024)

1955 – Nancie Anderson (d. 2016)



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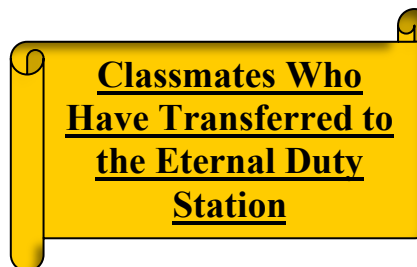


1957 – William Douglas
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1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want 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.



**Barbara Ellen McCloskey (59) Weeks
April 18, 1941 — September 22, 2019**

Barbara Weeks was 78 years old.

Passed away from natural causes on Sunday, September 22, in Sandy, Utah.

She was born on April 18, 1941, in Pueblo, Colorado.

She was married to Jerry L Weeks for 57 years.

Barb was such a bright, beautiful light! She shared that light with all people who crossed her path. Barb loved her career. She worked as a Medical Technologist for 44 years. She got her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Colorado. She worked at several hospitals, including as head of special chemistry at Fitzsimons Army Medical Base, and she was a supervisor of Hematology at Brooke Army Medical Center, where she retired. Her dedication to her profession was immense. You could say that her career was also her hobby. She liked to keep up with the latest research about health and well-being. Barb loved sharing her discoveries and medical knowledge with all her friends and family.

During her retirement, she took many RV trips with Jerry, her kids, and grandkids. Including Glacier, Yellowstone, Moab, and Whale watching in Washington, down to the Redwoods in California on the PCH. Just recently, they took a trip to Santa Fe for her High School reunion to reunite with classmates from her school in Livorno, Italy. She also looked forward to going to the club. Barb had great camaraderie with her friends in her water aerobics class.

Mom also loved to work in her Rose Garden!!!! She spent endless hours of time amongst her Roses. She also loved to cook and create new recipes. She had great times with her Gourmet Club.

Barb and Jerry were together for 60 years. They met in their first year of college at the University of Maryland in 1959 in Munich, Germany. They have shared many adventures together all over the world, one of her favorites being houseboating at Lake Powell with family and friends. They enjoyed many years together, full of Love and Laughter.

Barbara is survived by her husband Jerry, children Aimee and Colleen, and grandchildren Keegan, Taniel, River, and Savanna.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Muz and Mac.

Her passion for life and her energy were felt by all who knew her.

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Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at this link: 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

This is a Notice of the End of the "Bushy Tales" monthly newsletter after the December 2026 issue.



Over the newsletter's 25+ years, we've received a wonderful flow of input from our readers. We appreciate each one of you who participated and all of the readers who, for various reasons, did not contribute. Each of our experiences at Bushy Park was unique!

During the past year or two, the number of participants has declined. This is due to several factors, the largest being our ages. Our coverage period is Class 1953 through Class 1962. Thus, we are each now in our low 80s to our low 90s. This alone limits our ability to actively write articles for the newsletter. Factor in health issues as we age, and the limited time we have each day, and it has become harder for us to participate as we did in the past.

This month, we have received nothing for the September newsletter. Last month's newsletter was essentially a single email exchange. Pat Owen and I discussed this and concluded that it's time to end the monthly newsletter. We will continue over the next few months, publishing whatever we receive as input.

BushyPark.org will continue to provide access to an incredible amount of information about these Bushy Park years (1953-1962) and those who attended then. The information might be updated from time to time.

With love and regards to all our readers,

Bill Rumble (57), Co-Editor of "Bushy Tales"

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Bill - I've been thinking for a while that it was time to close down the newsletter, but as long as we were getting participation, there was no problem. However, it is a lot of work, especially on your part, and we're both getting older (as are our classmates), and it's getting harder to work it in with everything else going on in our lives, especially our health.

I was going to suggest that maybe close it down at the end of our 26th year, but I don't remember when we started it; maybe the December issue should be the last one.

I've enjoyed working on the newsletter, but after 26 years, it's getting harder and harder to get people to become involved.

Over 400 of our classmates are deceased, and over 800 have never been located; and don't know how many said they weren't interested, and many have apparently moved and didn't give us a new email address when they changed it, so many aren't getting the newsletter.

I think it's time.

Pat Terpening (58) Owen, Co-Editor of "Bushy Tales"

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If anyone would like to contact [Pat Terpening \(59\) Owen](#) or [Bill Rumble \(57\)](#) after December 2026 regarding any of their memories of Bushy Park, please feel free to do so.

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