

# Class Notes



**Robert Paterson '69 and Head of Lower School Kathy Johnson represented the Class of 1969 at Graduation. Kathy's late husband James Johnson '69 is remembered with a plaque under the cherry trees next to the Graduation platform.**

## 1978

**Eben Atwater** of Lummi Bay, WA called in to NPR's radio show "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" this spring and won the Bluff the Listener Game. He correctly guessed which of the three guest humorists was telling a true story about "I'm your biggest fan." Listen to the May 11, 2019 podcast of Wait Wait at <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/344098539/wait-wait-don-t-tell-me> to hear Eben's segment starting at 13:40 into the show. By correctly guessing the true story, Eben

will have Tom Bodett (of Motel 6 fame) on his answering machine or voice mail.



## In Memoriam

### 1961-63

**Thomas Charles "Tom" Ferris** passed away at home on October 12, 2018, following a courageous 21-year battle with cancer. Born in Spokane to the late Bob and Emar Ferris, Tom attended Saint George's School in 1961-63 for 7th and 8th grades before graduating from Lewis & Clark HS. He received a degree in Building Construction and Theory from WSU, and then had a productive career with Krueger Sheet Metal for more than 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking, fly fishing and photography. Tom tackled multiple cancer diagnoses, participating in many medical trials and experimental treatments that advanced medical knowledge. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Joanne Yamamoto, as well as children Christopher, Anna and Elizabeth.

### 1963

**Thomas Taylor King** passed away suddenly October 14, 2018, while visiting his youngest son in Springdale, UT. The son of Francis P. and Jane Taylor King of Spokane, Tom was adopted from the Cradle Society of Evanston, IL in August 1945, and was transported home to North Idaho where his father was stationed at Farragut Naval Station. He lived in the Spokane area nearly his entire life. After graduating from Saint George's, he spent a year of active duty in Vietnam for the US Navy then earned a degree in Business Administration from EWU. He joined his father in the operation and management of Good Business Forms Inc., which he purchased in 1976. Recent years have found him at Lowes and the South Hill Ace Hardware, utilizing his natural handy-man and conversation skills, while repairing your garden and snow removal equipment. Tom married Betty Jane Whiting in June 1973, adding sons Keith David, John Richard "Jack" and Thomas Howard (Pard). Tom was active in the Boy Scouts as both Cub and Scout Master, coached and later refereed SYSA soccer teams, and spent time woodworking at the Catholic Charities workshop.

### 1974

**David Gaiser** passed away unexpectedly from heart failure in mid-January 2019. David was an outstanding scorer on the 1974 boys basketball team that won the 4th place trophy at State B. "He was a legend at SGS, loved by all and will be truly missed," writes former classmate Monica Fix '74. Bill Zobrist '71 says, "He was a tremendous baseball player as well as football player in college and semi-pro/minor leagues. He was an extremely humble person and friends with everyone. His laugh will be remembered by all." David was living in Scottsdale, Arizona, and is survived by his wife of 38 years, Candy Gaiser, and his mom, Celia Gaiser.

### 1970

**Johanna Rosenberry-Lane** passed away on December 17, 2018. Johanna was born on April 30th, 1952 in Spokane, WA. The sixth child and first girl to Ralph and Margaret Rosenberry. After graduating from SGS, Johanna attended Fort Wright College where she majored in music. She obtained her teaching certification from EWU and moved to California to teach in the Monterey School District. Johannas' love of music and her mastery of the guitar led her to become a professional musician. Johanna and her bands traveled extensively throughout the US and Canada during the 1970s and 80s. Prior to the death of her beloved mother, Johanna moved back to Spokane where she continued to play music locally and went to work at Excelsior Youth Center, holding many positions until her retirement. Johanna loved her work at Excelsior, where she had a special connection with the students and staff.

Johanna was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Lane, her father Ralph I, mother Margaret, brothers Terry (Ralph, II), Bruce and John Rosenberry '69. Johanna is survived by brothers James Rosenberry (Sheila), and Mark Rosenberry '68 (Linda Fowlkes), her sister Martha Rosenberry '74 (Ken Byers), as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom she adored.

## Faculty/Staff

**Katy Hoesel**, widow of former head of school Walt Hoesel, passed on May 5, 2019 in Hawaii.

**Norman Harold "Oly" Olson**, 82, former head grounds keeper and bus driver at SGS, died Dec. 24, 2017 in Spokane.