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The MISSION of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is to preserve the rich heritage of our former school, to provide support to the present Isaac Litton Middle School, and be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children in our community. We do this with effective communication that continually reaches out to bring the Alumni and the community together to promote our programs and services.

Remember this guy from the class of '64? You are not going to believe what his life has been like since then! From Litton, to law enforcement, to undercover adventure, to tragedy, to redemption, he has a wonderful story to tell. Tommy Halliburton is the amazing speaker for our All-Alumni Banquet, Nov. 13, 2021, 11 AM, Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club.



Tommy will have you laughing and crying and totally inspired by his story.



In addition, we will honor the classes of '60, '61, '70, and '71 on their milestone anniversaries, along with our military veterans at the Banquet. Don't miss it!

If you haven't already made your reservation for the luncheon, there's a form on page 4 of this **LITTON BLAST**. **Deadline now, October 20, 2021.** Please also pay your dues and make any donations you can, to further the goals of our great organization.

Thank you for your generosity and STAY SAFE!

**MAIL CASH OR YOUR CHECK (payable to ILAA) to:
ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

P.O. BOX 752

MADISON, TN 37116

**(or to Roy "Buddy" Jones, Treasurer, 100 Windham Drive,
Hendersonville, TN 37075)**

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As I was out running errands today I could not help but enjoy the milder temperature and clear skies. With Fall just around the corner I thought how fortunate we are to live in an area where we can enjoy all the beauty of the four seasons. They do not always last as long as we would like, or in some cases last longer than we like, but still we enjoy the changes. With that I hope you all will consider coming to the All-Alumni Banquet this year at Bluegrass Country Club. While we are not on our usual schedule, we still would like to bring everyone, that can, together for a great time of fellowship with our classmates. The All-Alumni Banquet will be on Saturday the 13th of November starting at 11 AM. I hope you will consider making it this year again or maybe come for the first time to enjoy the day. We have a great Alumnus who will be our speaker this year and will honor the Classes of '70 and '71 for their 50th Reunion Anniversary and the Classes of '60 and '61 for their 60th. We will also take time to honor all of our alumni who have served in the armed forces for our country.

I will be brief today and hope to see you all on the 13th of November.

You Cannot Hide that Litton Pride!!!

Don Clark

Class of 1970



Our next issue of the Blast will be on January 1, 2022.
On behalf of the Communications Committee/Blast Staff, we would like to take this advance opportunity to wish you all -

HappyHallowThanksmas !



Alice Shehane, Judy Butler,
Larry Collier, Kaaren Frazier,
Jerry Newman



**Isaac Litton High School
ALL-ALUMNI BANQUET
Saturday, November 13, 2021, at
11:00 AM**

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Aren't we THANKFUL that we were able to attend our wonderful Isaac Litton High School!

And we're THANKFUL that we will be able to get together this year after a 17-month delay. But WE'RE BACK! Whether or not you have attended before, we hope you will join us for a few hours of unmatched companionship, inspiration, good food and just plain old fun.

The banquet is being held again at the Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club where we will be served a delicious meal consisting of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, assorted beverages, and a selection of desserts. Management has changed and we have been assured that the service and food will be great this year.

Tommy Halliburton, class of '64, is our guest speaker who will be recalling memories of our years at our wonderful alma mater and of his productive and interesting life. Those of you who know him recognize him as a very entertaining speaker who will amuse and inspire us all.

As always, we will recognize one very special Alumnus of the Year. The winner will be honored during our banquet by the presentation of a framed gilt-edged certificate, as well as his/her name being added to the wooden plaque displayed in the Lion's Hall Board Room. Also being given special recognition this year are the Class of 1970 on their 51st Anniversary and the Class of '71, on their 50th Anniversary. The classes of '60 and '61 will be recognized for the 60th and 61st anniversaries of their graduations. We have a super gift for them – talk about invoking memories! Veterans of the United States Military will also be recognized and honored.

When you make your reservation, your name is entered into a drawing for amazing door prizes which you could win just by being present! As always, your dues and all donations to the ILAA are fully tax-deductible. There will be some awesome new items for sale through our Merchandise Committee, too.

The deadline for making your reservations and Alumnus of the Year nominations is **OCTOBER 20, 2021**. Send them now and beat the rush!

In keeping with the mission of the Association, our aim is to be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children of our community by continuously reaching out to bring the alumni and community together. We thank you in advance for your prompt response and sincerely appreciate your support in helping us achieve our goals. We look forward to seeing you this year, not only as we work together to support these worthy causes, but also to share our cherished memories.

Remember to pay your annual dues of just \$15.00 per person even if you are unable to attend this event and to make a donation if you are able to do so.

Your annual dues are so important in helping the ILAA achieve our goals every year and perpetuate our legacy.

LITTON HIGH FOREVER!!



Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet
Saturday, November 13, 2021
Doors open at 11:00 Meal served at 11:30
Blue Grass Yacht & Country Club
550 Johnny Cash Parkway, Hendersonville, TN



We encourage you to attend and pay your annual dues, so that we can continue to maintain the restored gym and fund the organizations we support, such as Isaac Litton Middle School, Backfield in Motion and more. ILHS merchandise and memorial bricks will be available for purchase.

We will be honoring the classes of '70 and '71 on their 50th anniversary and the classes of '60 and '61 on their 60th anniversaries of their graduations from ILHS.

Reservation Information

Name (incl. maiden name): _____ Class of _____

Street Address and Unit #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please list all guests attending with you and if they also graduated from ILHS and year:

Name: _____ Year: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____

<u>Payment for:</u>	<u>How Many?</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Banquet Reservations	X	\$35.00 = \$
Annual Alumni Dues	X	\$15.00 = \$
<u>Tax Deductible Donation</u>		<u>\$</u>
Total Amount Enclosed		\$

This year we will honor all of our Veterans attending the Banquet. Please include the name and in which branch of the Military you (or your guest) served, as well as their years of service. Thank you for your service.

Name: _____ Branch: _____ Yrs. Of Service: _____

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Make Checks Payable to Isaac Litton Alumni Association or **ILAA**.

Enclose your payment and the form and mail to:

Buddy Jones 100 Windham Dr. Hendersonville, TN 37075

You are encouraged to pay your annual dues and donation and update your contact information even if you cannot attend the Banquet **All reservation forms and payments are due by **Oct. 20, 2021,****

(New deadline!)

We hope to see you there!

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR for 2021

This award is presented to the Alumnus of the Year at our Annual Banquet. He or she is selected by Committee on the following criteria:

Characteristics of the Alumnus of the Year should include but are not limited to any one or a combination of the following:

- distinguished professional achievement
- distinguished leadership
- service to Isaac Litton High School
- service to community
- loyalty to the ideals of Isaac Litton High School
- positive representation of Isaac Litton High School

(If you want to include supporting documentation of this person's qualifications, please do so).

NAME of NOMINEE: _____ CLASS OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER or AVOCATION: _____

EDUCATION AFTER ILHS: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICES: _____

SERVICES WHILE AT LITTON: _____

HONORS OR ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ CLASS OF: _____

SEND THIS FORM TO:

**Kitty Kincaid Woodson
634 Bradshaw Rd.
Lebanon TN 37087-7423**

Deadline for nominations: October 20, 2021



Isaac Litton Alumni Association

Our Annual All-Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

As we celebrate our history, this will be a day to remember, reminisce,
and recall everything ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL!

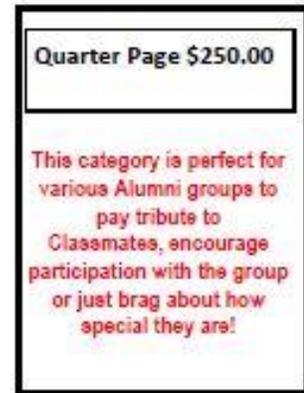
Our past year's events were a huge success due to generous donations from supporters like you and our proud Litton Alumni. In our ongoing efforts to fundraise for our various projects, we invite you to please consider any one of the giving levels.

All sponsorships and contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support.

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To purchase an ad or if you have any questions or need assistance with your ad design and graphics, please contact **Don Clark**
dc925@comcast.net

Please help us make this year's Banquet even better!
Thank you for your consideration
and support.

AD DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 13, 2021

Eating in the 50s

Fancy pasta had not made it to my neighborhood. It was macaroni or spaghetti.



Taco? Never saw one till I was 17.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible!

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word... never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal and stewed.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks or were round with a hole in the middle, in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

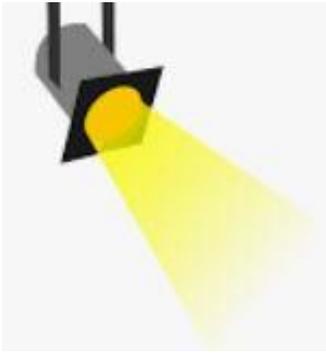


Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

There were three things that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties . . . elbows, hats and cell phones!

.....and there were always two choices for each meal...

"Take it" or Leave it"



Spotlight on Alumni

Age Is Just a Number: 107, to be exact

By Judy Cline, Class of 1970



Nilmah
age
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On February 10, 2021, Nilmah Jane Trowbridge Cook received her second Covid shot. But that's not the story here. The story is that she was 107 years old at the time. [WKRN](#), and [WTVF](#), and [Fox News](#) captured the event, and this is how we discovered our oldest living fellow alum.

After some investigating, I was able to locate her and arrange a preliminary visit with her youngest son, Terry, and his wife Jeri. Don Clark and I had a great visit with them, and then I was able to visit Ms. Cookie (as she is known) at her home in a Goodlettsville assisted living facility.



Nilmah
&
Judy



Nilmah graduated from Isaac Litton in 1933. She would have graduated with the first graduating class in 1932 (see the *Class History* from the [1932 Littonian at the end of this article](#)), but with the Depression going on, her family had to move temporarily to St. Petersburg, Florida to find work.

She had to miss too much school to graduate on time, so she ended up graduating in 1933.

Her father, Gilbert Trowbridge, was a musician in Michigan before she was born. He moved south for health reasons and met his future wife in Chattanooga. They married, and Nilmah was born in Chattanooga. Nilmah (Hamlin spelled backwards) was named for her father's bandleader back in Michigan. Shortly thereafter they moved to Nashville where Gilbert played for Nashville Symphony Orchestra, theaters about town such as the Princess, and for the Radio Clear Channel WSM 650 AM house band. He had a long association with the American Legion and Shrine Marching Bands.



Nilmah in a baby carriage pieced together by her father.
(In those days, you made good with what you had!)

Nilmah in 1916 at Centennial Park with visiting family. The car is a Marathon, manufactured in Nashville, and it was borrowed from the Tennessee Auto School at 11th and Broadway, where her father taught Mechanics.



In 1917, the family took a trip to Montana to visit her father's two sisters who had gone west earlier. The trip must have been quite an adventure in those days. Here is a picture from the first trip, and a later trip in 1925 in a modified Chevrolet (Nilmah and her Mother in knickers).



Nilmah, 1919, five years old.



Nilmah lived at 1204 Howard Avenue in Inglewood as a child, in a house that her father built (pictured above.)



Nilmah in 1923 on the last day of fifth grade. Her mother made her “last day of school” dress.

She went to Jere Baxter Elementary (then grades 1-8). She would have been a child of the Roaring Twenties, but by the time she was ready for high school, the Great Depression had settled in. As mentioned above, her family temporarily relocated to Florida for work, but when they came back, she resumed her education at Isaac Litton, graduating in 1933.

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Nilmah was the Art Editor for the Littonian in both her Junior and Senior years. Her other activities included the Girl Reserve, Science Club, and Monitor. In high school, her nickname was “Snook,” she was known as considerate, her hobby was drawing, and her ambition was to be an artist.



Here are some copies of letters she received from her girlfriends while she was in Florida. They corresponded about basketball, certain teachers, school subjects, and of course, boys. (Notice that the cost of a postage stamp in 1930 was 2 cents.

Nilmah worked as a dental assistant during high school. After high school, with the Depression continuing, she and her mother worked for the Green Lantern Inn Restaurant on Gallatin Road; her mother cooked and made pies, and Nilmah waited tables. Later on, after her husband passed away, she worked for four years as a nurse’s aide at the TB Hospital in Inglewood.

Nilmah, pictured with her parents, Gilbert, and Nancy (Prince) Trowbridge.



She married her husband, Garnett Cook, known as “Cookie,” in 1940, and they were married for twenty-eight years, until his death in 1968. They lived on Baxter Avenue; Nilmah actually lived in their home on Baxter for 70 years.



Speaking of history, when WWII was declared, the family did their part. Her father worked for Consolidated Vultee, and her husband Garnett worked for the Corps of Engineers, even relocating the family to Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tennessee, then on to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to work on a Corps Hydropower project for the war effort. At war’s end, he was at Wright/Patterson Army Airfield in Dayton, Ohio.

Fun fact: Nilmah experienced her first Halloween Trick or Treat in Dayton. Apparently, they didn’t do that kind of thing in Nashville at the time. She didn’t know what to expect, but quickly scavenged some nickels to hand out, fearful of being tricked if she didn’t treat.

Nilmah and Garnett had three sons; they all attended Isaac Litton. They each served in a different branch of the military. Clinton served in the Air Force including a stint in Thailand and Vietnam. Jimmy served in the Army in Germany, arriving around September 1961 right after the Russians closed the border and raised the Iron Curtain. Ironically, when the same wall came down in September 1989, he was working in Germany (again) with the Corps of Engineers. The youngest, Terry served in the Navy in Vietnam. Nilmah, who had never traveled farther than Montana or California, got on a plane by herself at the age of 70 to visit Jimmy in Germany.

Nilmah is also “Nanaw” to three grandsons, a granddaughter, and her great grand fraternal twins.

Nilmah never lost her love of art. She was always working on some kind of art or craft. She was a long-time member of the local Home Demonstration Club, and she always assisted the teachers at Jere Baxter as a Room Mother. She is known for her creativity and her artistic ability.





Known as Ms. Cookie, Nilmah has lived at Brookdale Assisted Living for the past ten years where she is beloved. She is a bit astounded that she has made it to this great age “I never thought getting old would take this long,” she told Jeri, her daughter-in-law. And she says she doesn’t know what the big deal is all about. “Age is just a number.”

We naturally asked what her secret is to such a good, long life. Her son Terry said it must be lots of bread and butter, sugar, salt, and plenty of bacon. She loved to cook, and still loves to eat. She would drink coffee all day if she could get it. She is known for her love of dancing. We all just laughed and made some new resolutions!

When I met with her in her home, I asked her what her secret was to such a long life. She said to “live one day at a time; and just try to be as happy as you can.” That is probably the real secret to her longevity. Maybe the best compliment of all came from Jeri, her daughter-in-law, who said: “I am fortunate to have her for a mother-in-law.”



We would be remiss if we failed to thank Nilmah’s son Terry and his wife Jeri who met with Don Clark and me to provide facts, anecdotes, pictures, and memorabilia from her life, and who also set up the interview with Nilmah. When Don and I visited Terry and Jeri, Don expressed his intention to bring her a sweatshirt and hat, only to find that she already has a good supply of memorabilia having attended all-alumni luncheons in the past. As you can see at the top of the article, above, she proudly wore her Litton tee shirt for our interview.

Ms. Cookie, we salute you as a wonderful role model. You have survived wars, depressions, recessions, boom and bust, all with courage and grace. We are so proud to call you a fellow alumna.

The following page is transcribed from the 1932 Littonian:

Littonian, 1932 – Class History

Since ours in the first Senior Class of the New Isaac Litton High School, we would like to cherish the memory that it has left a history of noble achievements.

We started as Freshmen at Jere Baxter, which was then a Junior High School. It seemed as if we were starting on a journey. In our Freshman year we thought the journey would be difficult. With the aspirations of high standards and ideals, we took our first steps toward the goal which we were planning to reach. Everyone cooperated in the activities and especially, with the splendid faculty. New friends were made, and they helped to make another step of the journey easier.

At the close of nine months of school, we stopped for a vacation in order that we might not become weary before our destination was reached. After three months had passed we resumed our journey, traveling this time as full-fledged Sophomores and, as the name implies, feeling much wiser than the poor little Freshmen just entering high school.. Our Sophomore year did not seem so difficult, because the road seemed to contain fewer knocks and bumps than it had the previous year. Everyone had entered with the determination of doing his best. We were now considered as models by our lower classmen, or at least we wished to be regarded as such by them. School spirit was developed very rapidly among our girls and boys as we became more and more interested in athletics. Perhaps the close of the school found our number diminished by a few members who fell by the wayside.

As we entered the Junior year, our number had been increased so greatly by the Freshmen and the new class of Sophomores that we had completely outgrown our old building. We were the first Junior Class of which our school could boast, so some provisions had to be made for us. Consequently, we entered our third year in the Inglewood Methodist Church, which the congregation was kind enough to let us use temporarily. During this period many of our classes were taught in one room, similar to a Chinese school. Although this manner of learning was rather wearing upon the nerves of both teachers and pupils, we managed to survive. At last, early in October, we were delighted on arriving at school to find that we must make plans to move at once into our new building, which is located on the Gallatin Road. Along with the new building, we also acquired a new name—Isaac Litton High School. We were now offered every opportunity to obtain an education. We began our work in earnest now. At the close of our Junior year, we were both sorry and glad; sorry to leave the school which we had learned to love, but looking forward to coming back the following year as bona fide Seniors.

Thus far having succeeded, we entered the Senior Class full of zeal and ambition. As we reached the end of this journey, it meant that we would depart from many of our friends and classmates whom we would never meet again. At least, many of the Seniors had prepared themselves for professions and occupations to enable them to go out upon Life's Highway with hope and confidence.

We, as Seniors, know that all happy moments must have an ending. Our fondest hope is that we may never fail to exert an influence upon you and to give you an inspiration to cherish high ideals and to live pure lives that our dear Alma Mater will be proud to claim.

Pauline Hite, Class Historian

(Note: This was the first annual for Isaac Litton High School)



I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to you! I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!



**The Class of 71 – Litton’s last class to graduate.
By hal gibbs, class of 1971**

The Class of 71 had its 50th Reunion Weekend on August 20 and 21, 2021.

On June 1, 1971, 214 members of the Class of 71 graduated and for us, our high school days were over. Our entire future lay ahead for us, for some, it was college, others went to work, and a few joined the armed forces. The one thing we never thought about that night was our future as Litton High School alumni. Like others preceding us, we thought it was a given.

For all Litton graduates except for us, being an alumni gave you a certain status. You could return to school, walk the halls, and visit your favorite teachers. Or you could go to football or basketball games and visit with your classmates or other alumni you knew. It was a great feeling, being around those people who helped make and define you.

That all changed on June 23, 1971, when Federal Judge L. Clure Morton announced his integration plan for the Metro Public School System. Everything in Nashville changed and Isaac Litton and many other high schools were given a death sentence and were to be no more.

For the Litton family the void was huge. No more school, football, or basketball games... no more Marching 100 Plus band... no more sales of fruit cakes or candy bars. It was devastating to our alumni, to the Inglewood community but to the Class of 71, it was much more than that. There was no place for us to go. Our biggest rival was Stratford. Since many of the Class of 72 went there, I went to both a Stratford football and basketball game and left both at half-time. It was like being in an episode of the Twilight Zone where you felt as if you did not belong. To visit your favorite teacher or coach, that meant going to other high schools and you felt out of place when visiting them.

In essence, unlike all the other classes, we had zero alumni experience and that was very disconcerting to us. It was an odd experience and extremely hard to explain to others. Without a place to go back to, this created a huge disconnect. I served on the Alumni Board of Directors for two years and no one ever grasped what had happened to us.

Unlike 98% of our class, I had one experience that was as close to an alumni experience that one can get and that was playing in the annual Turkey Bowl game that was played every Thanksgiving morning. Alumni started playing in 1972 and the last game was played in 2015. I played in close to 25 to 30 of those years and being on the old football field one day a year for about 3 hours brought back a flood of memories from my Junior and Senior High days. Every spring, I ran track during my sophomore, junior and senior years and Coach Hewitt ran us hard around that same field. Being back on that field was an experience that I looked forward to every year. Compared to most of my classmates, those years of being back on the field created a stronger bond to Litton for me.

I also have an alumni experience that very few have and that is right before they tore down the school, I dropped by one day and just happened to see a janitor. He let me tour the building and it was a sad day. What was once one of the leading high schools in Nashville was now neglected and run down. It was a surreal experience as I walked down the halls and in and out of classrooms. Everything was in the same place as the day we graduated, because in a normal year, someone would return in the fall. There were books and desks in the classrooms and in the chemistry labs, there were still bottles of chemicals including acid sitting on bookshelves. Of course, no one would return. The building was slated for demolition. It had not been maintained and there were a couple of huge holes in the roof that helped seal the deal to tear it down.

Like many alumni, I do have a brick from our old friend. It is a prized possession and is a reminder that even though it has been 50 years, our Litton Pride is still there.

Every so often when I met someone, they want to know where I went to high school. When you say I graduated from Isaac Litton, if someone is in their 60's or older, they know the name and the importance of our high school in both the community and

the city. They will acknowledge that Litton was a great school and well known. It is just too bad that what was built up in those decades was thrown away so carelessly.

Our Senior year was the 40th anniversary of Litton's first graduating class. It is too bad, the Senior High never got to create more Litton Lions.

I am proud to be a member of the last class to graduate and to be an Alumni of Isaac Litton High School and my blood runs BLUE.....

hal gibbs

The Reunion

On Friday, the 20th, 25 Classmates and guests met for lunch at the Santa Fe Cantina. It was a great start for the weekend as we got reacquainted for the Main Event on Saturday night.

Our Reunion was held Saturday night at Alumni Hall in the basement of the old gym. It was a grand night including a Social Hour, Class Photo, Dinner, and an interesting Program and of course, lots of talking and photo taking. There were several in our class that had never been back to the school since we graduated on June 1st, 1971. It was interesting to see people tour the Lion's Den and get their reaction to our Class Composite. And just like our graduation night on June 1st, 1971, it rained.

During the program, we honored our teachers and deceased classmates, learned about Litton Pride, and watched videos about our class and a special, "In Memory" video of our classmates no longer with us.

It was a fantastic Reunion, and thanks to the hard work of the Reunion Committee, we had a great turnout. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we had several classmates who could not attend. They were missed.

Reunion Committee members included: Hal Gibbs, Committee Head - Pam Boyer Sands, Treasurer -Janet Smith Adams, Alan & Cathy Lamberth Boles, Steve Clements, Bill Davis, Charlie Bill Gragg, Kathy Watson Henderson, Mary Ann Rutherford Henry, Jeannie Wiggins

Thanks to our Program participants – Alan Boles, Steve Clements, Charlie Bill Gragg, Pam Boyer Sands, Janet Smith Adams, Bill Davis, Bob Hatch, Russ Corley, and Hal Gibbs.

More photos and videos will be posted in the "Gallery" section at isaaclitton.com.

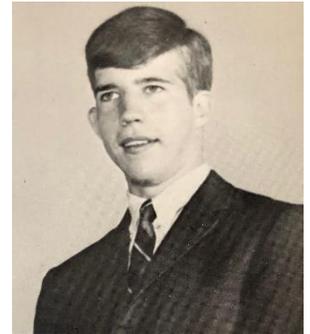
Phil Watts

1950-2021



On August 22, 2021, the Isaac Litton Alumni Association lost a valuable Board member, Mr. James Phillip (Phil) Watts, who passed away from complications after suffering a stroke.

Phil and his twin brother, Ray, grew up on Calvert Street during their early school years. He played sports in junior high school and was President of the Student Body at Litton in his senior year, and was nominated as a candidate for Mr. Litton. He was also voted Most Outstanding in his senior year. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and became an agent for State Farm Insurance Company. (The office where he served his many insurance clients for over 40 years was across the street on Gallatin Road just up a bit from Litton High.)



Phil attended Inglewood Baptist Church in his early years, then he and his wife, Beverly, moved their membership to the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville where they and their son, Rob, worshipped for 42 years. Phil was also a member of Bluegrass Country Club, where he could always be counted on to take on the myriad tasks involved in planning many golf events, proms, weddings and anniversary receptions. He served the Club with his financial expertise as well.

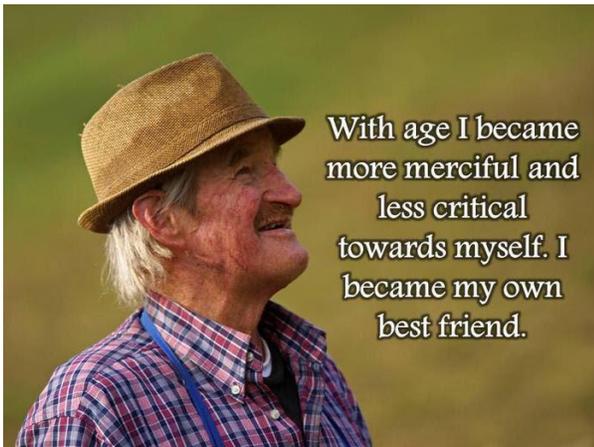


*Phil with ILMS Principal, Chara Rand and
ILAA Past President, Carol Borque*

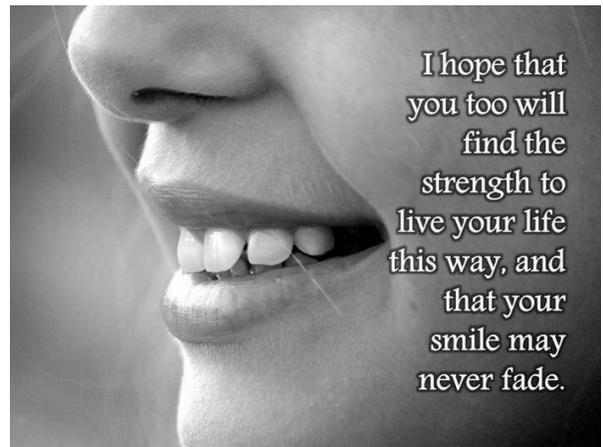
He was past president of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association and currently served as the Class Rep for 1968 and as Chairman of the Outreach Committee, for which he coordinated events and projects with both the Backfield in Motion organization and with the Staff of the Isaac Litton Middle School. He helped with band activities, with sporting outings, and with school concerts. His willingness to take on projects that benefited Litton will be greatly missed, and his great

kindness, positive attitude and uplifting nature will always be remembered. The ILAA board and many alumni extend their sincere sympathy to his wife, Beverly, his son, Rob, his two grandchildren, and his entire family.

WISDOM



With age I became
more merciful and
less critical
towards myself. I
became my own
best friend.



I hope that
you too will
find the
strength to
live your life
this way, and
that your
smile may
never fade.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

CLASS	NAME	DATE OF DEATH
50	HARRY VANN LAWRENCE	21-Sep-21
51	MARY JANE KNOX MILES	3-Sep-21
55	GARY ALLEN ANDERSON	1-Jul-21
57	SAM VICK GWIN JR	25-Aug-21
57	ROGER GREEN WILLS	2-Aug-21
59	CHARLES BENZ LEWIS	16-Jul-21
59	SUNNY STALKER O'REILLY	15-Sep-21
60	BLAKE JAMES TIDWELL	28-Sep-21
61	LINDA GAYLE DENNY	2-Sep-21
64	JEAN ANNE LEE SULLINS	26-Jul-21
65	THOMAS PALMER HATFIELD	14-Sep-21
66	KENNETH SMITH	23-Sep-21
66	CARL THOMAS (TOMMY) SWOR	6-Sep-21
67	SHARON KAY PROVINCE SHORT	2-Sep-21
68	LINDA LEE THOMAS TANNER	27-Sep-21
68	JAMES PHILLIP WATTS	22-Aug-21
70	CHESTER PHILLIP CORNETT JR	1-Sep-21
70	MICHAEL GLEN FARLEY	18-Jul-21
70	JENNY LEE JOHNSON HALL	12-Aug-21
70	MARK LEWIS SINGLETON	18-Aug-21

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