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Chistmas Luncheon

For all classmates who did not attend the luncheon you really missed a treat. Juanita and Woody have such a beautiful home and as usual everything was decorated for the holidays. The table was loaded with food and everyone looked so festive as you can see in the pictures. Thanks to Barbara Johnson for providing the pictures. You can see how adorable we all look, maybe a little older but still spunky. Just think of us as antiques, or maybe collectibles. We had several guests there also. I believe there were about 55 in all.

The spring luncheon is March 18 at 12:30 at Lillian's Restaurant on George Washington Highway. Please mark your calendar now for this date. We will be discussing the BIG 60th Reunion. Barbara Jopson Jordan so graciously accepted to chair this event. You may be hearing from her!!

Please remember to pay your annual dues if you still want to receive The Shipmate. Dues are \$10 and should be sent to June Dickinson at 829 Colony Manor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321. We have put a sticker on the newsletter to let you know the last year you paid. Also, if you could write a note letting classmates know what is happening in your life we would include it in the next issue.

News from Classmates

Sylvia Brady Shea, Fallbrook CA writes: "Hi, I enjoy receiving The Shipmate and reading about everyone and the activities. Wish I could be there sometime for the fun, but since I can't, could you please try to put names to the pictures. It has been a long time since graduation. All of you are doing a great job. Thanks."

Patt Daniel Andersen, Newport, MN writes: "So good talking to Mae this holiday season. Enclosing dues of \$10. We are also putting in new bookshelves and I found this great picture of Whitney LeCompte. Thought he might like to see it."

When Patt called, she and her husband were visiting Mavis, her sister, in Florida and freezing. In her letter she said they were home and expecting 15 degrees below the night she wrote it. She was expecting warm, sunny weather in Florida this holiday season! Ha ha.

Jean Lamb, Jacksonville, FL writes: "Once again, thanks for all you and others do to get The Shipmate to us. I always feel a little excitement when I see the return address on mail I receive. Keep up the good work!"

Virginia Robinson Gunnin, Decatur, AL writes: "I really enjoy getting the Cradock news and will send in my dues for myself and my sister Frances Robinson Copper who lives in Wilmington, NC. My other sister, Grace Wiseman, lives at 400 Babbtown Rd.,

Suffolk so I plan to telephone Juanita and Woody when I next go to Suffolk.

I am retired but still work at taking care of the rental property I own. When I write checks to pay mortgages, taxes, insurance and repairs on the houses, I sometimes think I have a full-time job.

My husband of 57 years is deceased. I have two daughters which have blessed me with grandchildren and one great grandchild. Love to all."

Art and Vonnie Creamer, Tappahannock, VA writes to June thanking her for all the work she does as our treasurer and with The Shipmate. "We are getting our first take of winter before it officially arrives on the 21st. We have about 6" of snow so far. Dues will be sent in January."

Norma and Dan Mallison, Ruckersville, VA writes: "Hope things are well with you all." They sent in their dues and sent best wishes to all.

Reggie and Betty Johnson Sweat, Hickory, NC sent a note saying they are looking forward to the 60th.

Don and Kay Wimberly recently went on a mission trip to Belgium. Don writes "we spent a week involved in church activities including Vacation Bible School and did some repairs to the church. We also built a playground for the children. Another thing that made the trip so special was the opportunity to spend a week in the home of one of the church members. They were a delightful couple with four children. We immediately fell in love with them. We stayed in a small town that had a relaxed atmosphere and friendly people. The church was mostly military families assigned to the

local NATO base. We extended for a second week to tour Paris and caught the extremely fast train that took us through the Chunnel to London. We traveled with several others. This was a worthwhile trip that we really enjoyed."

Don and Kay have been on several mission trips including China, Bahamas, and Argentina and visited with missionaries in Thailand. Where are they going next? Only God knows. We can't wait for your next adventure!

Sarah Brown Cash, Coupeville, WA sent a Christmas card to let us know she has moved. Her new address is 50 N. Main St., Apt. 317, Coupeville, WA 98239, phone No. 360-682-2016, e-mail SarahC32@comcast.net. She says she is great, just older. Ha Ha

So good to hear from everyone - just wish more of you would send us a note for The Shipmate. My e-mail is maerthompson@cox.net or you can send it to my address: Mae Thompson, 4200 Summerset Dr., Portsmouth, VA 23703, or call me at 757-483-6902.

Phyllis Carruther wants to thank everyone for the cards, calls and e-mails she received during her recent recovery from shoulder surgery. She is no longer wearing the sling but goes to therapy twice a week.

If you have your sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way.

Mary Annarino reported she had sent cards to the following classmates since the last newsletter.

Sympathy cards were sent to Barbara Jordan whose daughter, Cynthia Jordan Walker, died December 2, 2009

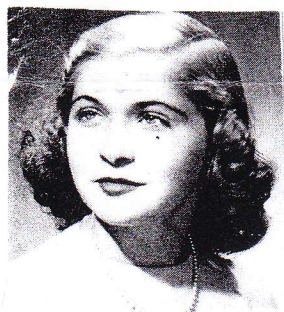
Whitney LeCompte in the loss of his dear friend Katherine Oldfield Miller who passed away on December 20, 2009.

Lee "Bubba" Watkins in the passing of his sister, Barbara Watkins Bisese on December 18, 2009.

Get Well cards were sent to Pat DeLauri, Irma's son, Ruben Dowell, Juanita Wood, and Joyce England.

Also, Mary sent Christmas cards to the surviving teachers from our class. She is really on the ball. Just let us know if there is an occasion we should remember someone with a card.

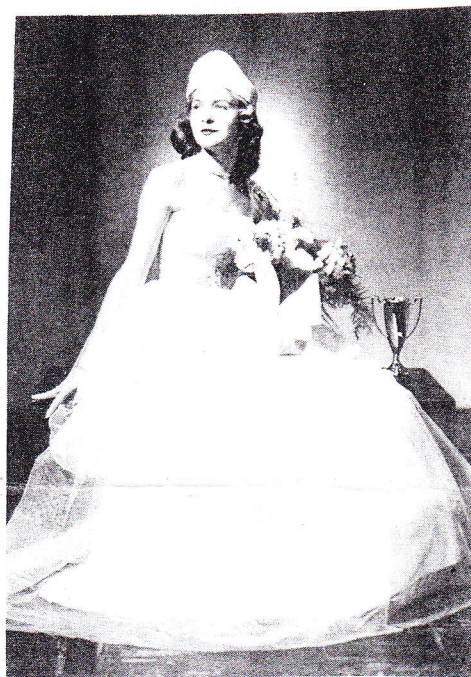
Memorial



Barbara Fay Watkins
"Haste makes waste so why hurry"

Class of '50

Barbara Watkins Bisese. 76, died December 18, 2009. She was a native of South Norfolk, was the daughter of the late Wilbur D. and Bertie Williams. She was a dental assistant for her late husband, Dr. P. J. "Pat" Bisese, a member of St. Paul's Church and formerly served as church secretary. Survivors include a brother, Lee "Bubba" Watkins and his wife, Judy of Chesapeake, nieces and nephews, Leeann Watkins (John), Connie Utterback (Eddie), Sherri Williams, James Watkins, Robbie Williams and a great niece, Kristen Utterback.



Miss Cradock 1950

I will name the people who attended the Christmas Luncheon. Maybe we should have made this a game and given a prize for the one who can name the most. Some of us look pale but that we cannot help. I guess old classmates just fade away too. Who ever knew we all use the same color for our hair!

Class of '49

First row: June Dickerson, Barbara Ferebee Johnson

Second row: Barbara Weikert McKinney, Jane Oliver Smith, Josie Weatherly Barnes-Bardi, Joyce Overton Jonak, Carrie Lee Spear Myers,

Third row: Joe Simons, Ann Rowe Holland, Bill Tolbert

This picture is of the spouses of classmates:

Carlton Smith, Phyllis Carruthers, Frank Johnson, Jim Myers, Phyllis Sykes



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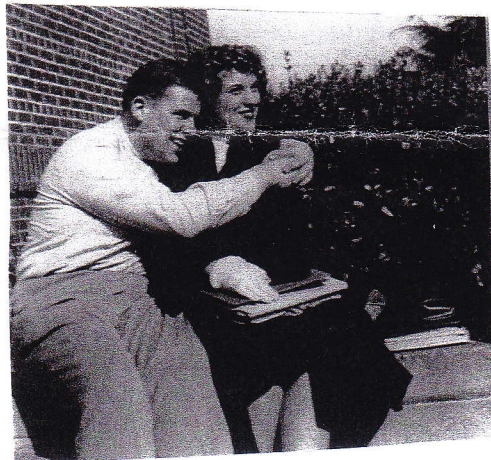
First Row: Ruth Buck, LaRue Newsome, Irma DeLauri, Jean Benfield, Joanne Leinart, Nina Simons, Mae Thompson, Mary Annarino

Second Row: Vivian Beckman Williamson, Ann Stafford, Juanita Wood, Pat Dawley, and I can't see enough of the last one.

Third Row: Lynear Cahoon, Don Wimberly, Herb Harlow



Whitney LeCompte and Patt Daniel on the steps of Cradock High School



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