



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1949

### Class Agent

Dale Milligan

June 10, 2014

Dear 49'ers,

It has been 65 years since we left Old Wabash and 172 young men graduated on May 18<sup>th</sup> (a beautiful day) to join us as alums. The Big Bash was held June 6-8 and we had one classmate in attendance, Dick Cherry. Dick was recognized as the oldest alum at the Friday night alumni dinner. I am sure Dick represented the Class of 1949 very well. I understand the class of 1964 gave Wabash a gift of \$2.23 million dollars, some Little Giants.

Clara Lou and I had a nice visit with Dick and his son Mark on Friday evening. He seems to have recovered from a terrible accident last September in California. After hospitals and rehab, Dick finally made it home by Christmas.

I received notice from the alumni office that Chuck Kramer passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Chuck was a Phi Delt and a pre-med while at Wabash. We certainly send our deepest sympathy to his wife Patricia, and his family. I have asked Michele Ward to include his obituary.

### OTHER NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

Wabash has a new basketball coach, Kyle Brumett. Kyle is a graduate of Hanover College. He spent the last six seasons at Defiance College (OH), compiling a 103-57 record. He should know Wabash, since he was an assistant at DePauw for seven years.

Wabash is moving along with the construction of the new student housing that includes two 40 bed halls, two 16 bed lodges and two duplex style town-homes with 12 beds in each. Completion of this project will give Wabash a first-class campus. I hope to have some drawings in my next letter.

I am sure you have heard about the "430 on 4/30". It was a very successful one-day (24 hrs) fund drive. The goal was to generate gifts from alumni and friends on 4/30, the last day of the academic year. If the drive was successful, a group of alums would give \$43,000. The result was over 2,000 gifts and \$465,000. All I can say is "WOW".

We are near the end of this fiscal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Wabash needs 357 alumni donors to reach 40% alumni participation. If you CAN, consider giving a gift this year. The following classmates and widow have made a gift:

Bob Baur, Sr.  
Frank Beardsley, Jr.  
Dick Cherry  
Bill Conboy  
Shirley Hendryx

Frank Himes  
Warren Johnson, Ph.D.  
Ray King  
Chuck Kramer  
Patricia Kramer

Gene McCormick  
Dale Milligan  
Bob Ragan II  
Harvey Share

Thanks for your support,

Dale

**Kramer, Charles**  
Died May 28, 2014

Spouse: Kramer, Patricia A.

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**Charles J. Kramer**- August 1, 1928 - May 28, 2014

Dr. Charles J. Kramer was born in Linton, Indiana to Henry and Florence Dixon Kramer as the youngest of four children. His father was a mail carrier and farmer on a small farm where Dr. Kramer grew up during the depression. His High School Graduation Class had 26 students. He attended Wabash College where he received a B.S. Degree in 1949. He received his M.D. in 1953 from Indiana University Medical School.

He met his future wife, Patrician Heimann, a Pediatric Nurse at Joseph Hospital, where he was an intern. They married on July 20, 1954. Dr. Kramer served two years as a Medical Officer in the USAF and was discharged with the rank of Captain in August of 1956. He joined Dr. Bruce Van Vranken in a Family Medical partnership in 1956 in Glendora, Calif. Dr. Kramer was extensively involved in the medical community and civic activities of Glendora. He served as President of Kiwanis, President of Glendora Chamber of Commerce and was elected Citizen of the Year for the City in 1978, an honor he cherished. Dr. Kramer served as Chief of Staff of both the Glendora Community Hospital (1961) and as Chief of Staff of the Foothill Community Hospital when it opened in 1972. He retired in 1989 after 33 very active years in his large family practice and moved to Bermuda Dunes, Calif. Following his retirement and moving to Bermuda Dunes, he was very active in Club Activities, played "team" at the Club and also participated in the Bob Hope Classic Pro/Am Golf Tournament for thirteen years. He enjoyed welding in his workshop and created many interesting and unusual "treasures" and golf trophies.

Since retirement, the Kramers spent the summer months traveling the United States, Canada and Alaska in motorhomes. They took numerous other international trips as well, including Africa, Ireland, Australia, Japan and China. Dr. and Mrs. Kramer had two children Kathleen Salvesen and Michael Joseph Kramer. Kathleen has two daughters, Patricia and Kristen with their husbands Evan and Jose and granddaughter Isabelle. Their Son, Michael Kramer, sadly died in 2010 of a brain tumor leaving his wife, Jennifer and their sons, Jeffrey (9) and Christopher (13) of Roseburg, Oregon. Charles J Kramer led an exemplary life and helped many along the way. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be missed by all. Services will be held on Wednesday June 4, 2014 at 11:00 am, St.

Francis Assisi Catholic Church, 47-225 Washington Street, La Quinta, CA 92253. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Boys and Girls Club of Redlands, 1251 Clay St, Redlands, CA. 92374