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Dear Men and Women of '57,

The College sent death notices for three classmates:

Don K. Caplinger, 77, passed away March 8, 2013. He was born June 27, 1935 in Indianapolis, IN to Walter Alva and Lora Fern Abbott Caplinger. They moved to Lebanon, IN when he was a young child and attended Lebanon schools graduating from Lebanon High School in 1953.

Cappy attended Wabash College graduating in 1957 with a degree in Political Science. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity serving as house President his senior year. He remained active serving in several capacities for Wabash and his fraternity after graduation; Wabash and Delta Tau Delta were a very important part of his adult life.

Don lived in Indianapolis working his entire career for L.S. Ayres. Starting as a buyer for Ayres, he retired as Vice President of consumer relations. Don was also active in the Republican Party in the 60's and 70's serving as a precinct committeeman, and city councilman.

After his retirement he became very active in the Marion County Master Gardeners. He took great pleasure in planning and planting his garden. He treasured the friendships he formed with other gardeners. He was a gregarious person forming many long and close relationships with people he came in contact with through school, work, and his political ties. His jovial fun loving nature will be missed by all of those who knew him.

Don is survived by a niece, Kathryn S. Segal (David), and great nieces Karen Winefordner and Jennifer Hay of Columbus, OH. A nephew, Terry L. Brandenburg DVM, (Sue Ashmore) and a great niece, Kathryn J Brandenburg, and great nephew Brett W. Brandenburg and, a brother in law, Lawrence E. Brandenburg of Lebanon also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Judith A. Brandenburg.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 1 to 3 pm at Flanner and Buchanan-Zionsville with a service beginning at 3 pm. A reception will follow the service at Flanner and Buchanan. Private burial will be on Friday, March 15, 2013 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash Alumni Foundation at 301 W. Wabash Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Here's an email I received from Evan Lehman:

**Subject: Don Caplinger's obituary**

Hi John,

You may already know of Cappy's passing on 3/8. He had an episode of congestive heart failure the weekend before the national election in November and was admitted to the hospital. From there, he went to "rehab". The physician said his heart was essentially "shot" and he received hospice care in a nursing home. Although he lived a full, well-lived life, his end was not the way he planned. For years, he stated his age to be 39. In recent times, he said he wanted to live to be 39 twice. He died short of that by a little over 3 months, as his 78th birthday would have been late June. Cappy and I were good friends, starting from pledgeship. He and I shared an apartment in the Meadows area in 1959-60. Later, in 1964, he was an usher at my wedding. He was never one to let anyone "in" to his private thoughts. I saw him almost weekly in the nursing home, until, in February or so, he decided he didn't want any visitors. So I honored that request.

He was a good friend, and I shall miss him. Some of our fraternity brothers and I attended his service yesterday.

Warm regards,  
Evan

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Allan Nesbitt Hite, age 80, of New Richland, MN died April 12, 2013. Preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Juengling; son, Allan Charles; parents, Elizabeth Cameron and George Hite; brother, George; grandparents, Ora and Helen Nesbitt Hite and Allan and Martha Jane Cameron. Survived by his wife Shirley Hite; sister, Patricia Lombard (Cameron); children, Lisa Carlin (Terry), Jennifer Oldham, Dave Hite (Wendy); grandchildren, Zach and Emily; step-children, Randy Fox (Diane), Tiger Fox (Aime), Sandra Peterson- Neumann, and Lisa Surat (Rob), and their children. Allan was a graduate from Wabash College, Crawfordsville IN and attended Hamline University, St. Paul MN studying law. Allan is a veteran of the Korean War. During his career, Allan worked as a pharmaceutical representative with Squibb Corporation, and as an agent with Farmland Insurance. Allan also worked for Wheat Growers, and the Argus Leader while living in Chamberlain SD. Allan's passions included fishing, golfing, and was a dedicated fan of his favorite teams the MN Twins and Vikings. Funeral Service 11:00 am Wed. April 17 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Parish in New Richland MN. Visitation will be at 10:00. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred. Roberts Funeral & Cremation Chapel, Inver Grove Heights, 651-455-2035

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Tobe Morris, 79, of Indianapolis, passed away March 6, 2013. He was a stock broker for Dean Witter for 22 years before managing rock bands in the Midwest region until 1998. Tobe was a staple of the Indianapolis music scene managing local bands including P.S. Dump your Boyfriend and Oliver Syndrome along with other bands. He was a graduate of Shortridge H.S., Wabash College and I.U. School of Business he also was active with AA, including their prison outreach program. Tobe is survived by his wife: Mudge Morris, children: Tim, Dania and Oliver Morris and 5 grandchildren. Memorial visitation will be held at Feeney-Hornak Keystone Mortuary on Monday, March 11, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Contributions in his memory in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be offered at [www.feeneyhornakkeystone.com](http://www.feeneyhornakkeystone.com)

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We send condolences to the Caplinger, Hite and Morris families and friends.

Wabash College was rated “Best Value College” and one of the “Best in Midwest” by *The Princeton Review* for 2013...Dr. Gregory D. Hess will become the 16th President of Wabash College on July 1, 2013...Wabash has a \$323 million endowment with a 12.1% return for calendar year 2013.



College recruiting has changed in the past 10 years. The pool of students ready for college is smaller. In Indiana, state universities give top students a full scholarship and others partial scholarships. Large universities are building resort type student apartments. The recruiting environment is very competitive. Help Wabash by referring student names to Admissions and encourage students to consider Wabash. To refer a student online go to <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer> or Contact Chip Timmons, Associate Director of Admissions by phone at 765.361.6054, or email timmonsc@wabash.edu.

The 2012-2013 academic year is approaching the end with Commencement May 12, followed by Bash Reunion Week-end May 31-June 2.



Wabash needs your financial support to help attract good students and provide young men with the academic basics to produce careers and life styles for their future. We had such an opportunity and others deserve a similar chance. Contributions of all sizes are appreciated. Your gift is an investment in Wabash men and the transformational experience they encounter as undergraduates. **The 2012-2013 fiscal year ends June 30, 2013.**

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Enjoy the summer,

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