



Class Agents Letter

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Greetings Classmates,

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Classmate News

Dave Decker

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After reading Rich Helms note on health as we age, I am submitting the following. I am increasingly a mess and not functioning well. My wife of 57 years is getting concerned that she may not know what to do if I kick the bucket. So, I made an appointment with the estate planning attorney we last used in 2009. What is amazing to me that in the years since 2009 I have had two strokes, a pelvic tumor, and two diagnosed cancers (prostate and bone marrow). A lot of crap happens as we age! cdd

Bruce Newby

I retired early to Guadalajara, Mexico after practicing law for many years in Santa Clara County, California. In retirement I was the treasurer of the American Society of Jalisco for a long time. My wife Carmen passed away in 2022 and I remarried a nice Mexican lady in 2024. I retired from the board in late 2023 but I still volunteer at the desk of Amsoc for a few hours on most days. Mostly I give information to new retirees in our area. Guadalajara is probably the best retirement value in the world for Americans. Medical care is good and cheap. My gerontologist charges fifty dollars for a consultation. Currently I am fairly well and will turn eighty next week. I live in a middle class neighborhood and my neighbors on both side have helped me with emergencies over the years. Mexicans are that way. Most of the retired Americans live in the Lake Chapala resort area, but I prefer the hustle and bustle of the city. Many people winter here and go north the rest of the year. My email is jbnewby67@yahoo.com if anyone wants to write.



Clark Dickerson

Christopher Hitchens is quoted as having said, "Everyone has a book in them". But many people do not know the rest of the quote, "but in most cases, that's where it should stay". Well, I may be an example of the second part of the quote, but I wrote and had it published anyway.

My journey to the book -- 1967-69 taught biology and was an assistant coach in basketball and baseball at Manual High School in Indianapolis; 1969-1977 hired initially at Franklin College to be assistant coach in basketball and baseball and to teach anatomy and physiology and kinesiology, became Director of Admissions and then Vice President of Student Services; 1977-1984 was Vice President/Director of Development for TCM International, a minister serving behind the iron curtain in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; 1985 founded Dickerson & Associates, a fund development consulting firm serving Christian organizations; 2012 sold company, but continue to this day as a consultant with DickersonBakker & Associates.

The 40 years of consulting in fund development led me to write *Growing into Generosity*. The book is about why many people who profess faith are not generous when it comes to helping others. The book contains personal stories regarding people I have met along my career path who illustrate why many people of faith are not generous and other stories about how understanding some biblical truths have changed people to become generous in regard to helping others.

The book was published by College Press (collegepress.com) and is available (with discounted prices) from them or from Amazon - hardcover, softcover and Kindle (only on Amazon).

I have lived in Montana for the past 15 years, but mid-December Sherry and I will move to a retirement community in Centennial, Colorado. I still have clients, but most likely all will phase out sometime in 2026.

I want to thank Duane and Earl for their efforts on behalf of our class. My best wishes to you all.

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Larry Landis Obituary

Larry Seabrook Landis, 79, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2025.

Born in Princeton, New Jersey, on November 2, 1945, to Donald Edward Landis and Caroline "Sally" Magalhaes Landis, Larry entered the world just weeks after World War II ended while his father was serving in the Army. He grew up in Goshen, Indiana, alongside his sisters, Carolyn and Pam, forming lifelong friendships that endured more than 70 years.

A 1963 graduate of Goshen High School, Larry attended Wabash College on a full academic scholarship, earning degrees in Political Science and Economics and graduating cum laude in 1967. He later began doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before answering a call to serve during the Vietnam era.

Larry's career spanned politics, marketing, and public service. He worked on campaigns for Bill Ruckelshaus, Bill Salin, and Virginia Blankenbaker, and was the first paid staff member for Richard Lugar's Indianapolis mayoral campaign. He later founded two communications firms, Marketrends and American Grassroots, and served 11 years on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, appointed by Governors Frank O'Bannon and Mitch Daniels.

Larry married Carol Louise (Butz) Landis in 1974, and together they shared 50 years of marriage marked by faith, generosity, and joy. He was a devoted father to Christopher (Heather) Landis and proud grandfather to Lauren, Anna, and Emily.

A longtime member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Larry was active in the Christian Endeavors group and taught Disciple Bible Study classes. He also supported the Indiana Historical Society, Heartland Film, Wabash College, and Indiana 211.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol, and several in-laws. Survivors include his son and family, sisters Pam (Gary) Bollier and Carolyn (Rick) Guipe, and extended family.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 12–2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Robertson Chapel, officiated by Dr. Carolyn Scanlan-Holmes. The service will be streamed online from the church's website for those that can't make it in person. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash College, the Indiana Historical Society, Heartland Film, or St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Flanner Buchanan Funeral Home. Indianapolis Star, e-edition, 11/1/25

Steve Coons Obituary

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Stephen (Steve) Alan Coons; loving father, amazing grandfather, and loyal friend. Steve was born on August 29, 1945, in Columbus, Indiana. Steve passed away on October 20, 2025, in Columbus, Indiana, where he was a lifelong resident. Steve married Nancy Reeder in 1972.

Steve is survived by Nancy and their children, Monica (Brian) Anderson, and Todd (Kim Kasting) Coons. He is also survived by his beloved grandsons Max, Reid, and Graham Anderson; his cousins Jennifer Coons, Craig Coons, Tom Gray, Bill Gray, and Ann Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helena Coons Hogg, his father, Charles E. Coons, his uncles Chloral W. Coons, Cecil R. Coons, Theodore E. Coons, as well as his aunt, Marilouise Coons.

Steve graduated from Columbus High School in 1963 and Wabash College in 1967 with a degree in English Literature and History. He received his Master's degree in education from Indiana University in 1972. Steve taught language arts at Northside Middle School in Columbus for 33 years. Steve was known for his high expectations in the classroom and his ability to help students see their potential through his steadfast commitment to their success.

Upon retirement from teaching, Steve found joy in working as a jewelry consultant at Brenden Diamonds in Columbus, where he became a certified gemologist and diamondologist. His infectious personality and unwavering passion for finding joy in the happiness of others drew countless people to him for his expertise and advice.

Steve was an animal lover; many days and nights you would find Steve feeding stray cats, sharing his patio with birds and rabbits, and offering financial support to a wide variety of animal charities. In his spare time he enjoyed watching his grandsons play sports and was ever present at family celebrations and gatherings.

Above all else, Steve was a man of immense kindness and compassion. He was the epitome of decency and humanity, representing the best in the world. Steve lived by example and did not take today for granted. In the words of his favorite musical artist, Tina Turner, "The future is this moment and not some place out there". His legacy will forever be the love and grace he gave to anyone he met.

Staying in Touch

We appreciate hearing from classmates on activities, families, suggestions, whatever ... so **please** send us your thoughts and maybe some pictures!

A suggestion: check out the letters of other classes, especially our contemporaries of '64 to '70. It's likely to bring back some memories.

Thoughts on Aging

People born in the '40s have lived in eight decades, two centuries, and two millennia. We had the best music, fastest cars, drive-in movies, soda fountains, and "happy days".

My mind still thinks I'm in my 20s, my humor suggests I'm 14, and my body believes both my mind and humor are idiots.

At age 12 I fell off my bike at a fast speed on a gravel road and biked five miles home. At 62 I used the wrong pillow and I was in severe pain for three days.

I'm so old, that when I was a kid you actually had to Win-Place-or-Show to get a trophy.

Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.

Merry Christmas and **Happy Hanukkah!**

Duane and Earl