

Class of 1957

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Dear Men and Women of '57,

Wabash celebrated 217 graduates during Commencement Weekend. The April 28th Day of Giving produced over \$2 million and 9000 gifts. The Annual Fund continued it's 40% alumni giving. On April 30, 2026 the endowment approximated \$515 million. On Saturday, August 22, 2026, President Scott Feller rang in 252 members of the Class of 2030 to the ranks of Wabash men.



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Our condolences to the family and friends
of the following classmates:

JACK RICHARD STODGHILL, Beta Theta Pi, born in Bicknell, IN September 9, 1935 and died April 26, 2025.

Jack earned an MA (Mathematics) from Purdue University and a PhD (Mathematics) from Brown University. He dedicated 31 years teaching mathematics at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Jack is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beverly; children Paul, John, Anne and David.

KENNETH WAYNE KIMMELL, Independent, born in Sullivan County, IN January 19, 1935 and died May 5, 2025.

Kenny earned his BA degree from Indiana State University and his Optometry Degree from Indiana University Bloomington Campus. He opened his practice in Sullivan County in 1966 and continued for 47 years. He is survived by his wife Judy; children Stacy, Lee and Glen.

WAYNE LOUIS FRANCIS, Kappa Sigma, born in Chicago IL October 27, 1935 and died in Gainesville, FL December 17, 2025.

Wayne earned his PhD in political science from Indiana University. He was a professor at Syracuse University, University of Washington, University of Missouri and University of Florida where he retired in 2003. Wayne and Barbara moved to a continuing care retirement community in 2016. Wayne is survived by his wife of 65 years; children Wendy and Scott.

ROBERT RAY HART, Kappa Sigma, was born in Wheeler, MI March 20, 1935 and died in Scottsdale, AZ May 16, 2026.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He served in the US Army Medical Corps in Korea and on the SS Hope. He practiced medicine for 35 years at St Mary's hospital in San Francisco, specializing in radiology. Bob is survived by his wife of 47 years, Susan; daughter Jennifer.

August 26th Jeananne and I celebrated our 70th anniversary.

Best wishes and good health to you and family,

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