



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1964

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Gentlemen,

Recently Skip and I received from Pam the obituaries of Phillip Waller and Doug Darbro, which are included in this letter. These notices have prompted me to remark on the connection class agents have with their classes and the college, thanks in part in to the efforts of men like Tom Runge, JB Bachman, and many more. During the past few decades as your class agent I have been ably assisted by the late Jim Durham and currently by Skip Lindeman.

Looking back over the years our letters have dealt with marriages, births, careers, retirements, and more recently the deaths of classmates. We have attempted to keep you apprised of both our class news and news from campus. As we have lost classmates I hope we all mourn their loss, which is understandable. At the same time, however, we celebrate the lives of these men. We learn from their obituaries more about their lives. not just about their careers, but their lives. They have devoted time for family, philanthropic endeavors, community involvement, avocations, contributions to Wabash College, and more. In other words we see a pattern of a common bond that sets Wabash men apart. "These fleeting years we tarry here" lead to men of true distinction, in other words "Gentlemen".

With yours in 'Bash,

Ron

Thanks, Ron, for what you wrote. As I looked at the most recent edition of Wabash Magazine, I stumbled on the obituary of Malcolm "Mal" Young, class of '62. If you have not read Mal's obituary, I urge you to do so. I got to know Mal a little bit during a Department of Religion retreat of some sort, led by Wabash religion Prof. Eric Dean. As I recall, it was at Turkey Run State Park. During that retreat or whatever it was, we talked about a lot of things, including whether Jesus had a sense of humor! (Forgive me: we clergy types are always trying to make Jesus seem more human. He was not "The Bearded Virgin" some of us heard about in seminary!) Anyway, Mal and I talked about the idea of whether Jesus had a sense of humor. And Mal -bless his heart! - said, "Do you think he liked dirty stories?"

I laughed then and I'm smiling now! Thank you, Mal, for YOUR great gift of humor, and all that you gave to all those with whom you came in touch. We were lucky and blessed to know you.

The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman



WITH DEEPEST Sympathy



Douglas Darbro Obituary

Dr. Douglas A. Darbro, age 81 passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, September 17, 2024. He was a resident of Morgantown.

Doug was born in Indianapolis on November 8, 1942 to his parents, the late Joseph "Paul" and Leona (Hall) Darbro. He was a graduate of Park Tudor High School in Indianapolis and earned his undergraduate degree from Wabash College. Doug proudly served his country with the United States Army Reserves before attending Indiana University School of Medicine. He earned his medical degree and practiced family medicine in Greenwood until his retirement. Doug enjoyed spending time in nature and working with computers.

Doug will be missed by his wife of 59 years, Mary Jane (Eichenauer) Darbro, whom he married on September 4, 1965. He is also survived by his siblings: Donald (Liz) Darbro and Diane (Jim) Williams as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Douglas to the Morgan County Humane Society: 690 W. Mitchell Ave Martinsville, IN 46151.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com.



Phillip Waller Obituary

HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA-- Phillip Holland Waller, 82, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, went to be with his Lord and Savior just over a month after his wife Charlynn on September 2, 2024, at MaineGeneral Medical Center with his family at his side.

He was born November 27, 1941, in Washington, Indiana, to Jerry and Elma (Vivian) Waller. Phil met his wife Charlynn at Washington, Indiana High School, and graduated from Wabash College. He then attended Bowdoin College for graduate school and stayed in Maine. He and Charlynn raised their children in Kents Hill, Maine, where he made lasting friendships with both faculty and students. After 24 years they moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina where he continued teaching students of all ages.

Phil was a member of Mills River United Methodist Church in Hendersonville, NC. He enjoyed woodworking, NASCAR, reading, restoring Dodge power wagons, and using math as a tool to help students understand life. He spent his life pouring into students and made a lasting impact on every one of them. He loved babies, but his greatest loves were his children, granddaughters, and great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Charlynn and brother James Waller. Those left to cherish his memory are his son, John (Cindy) Waller, daughter Julie, of Augusta, granddaughters Christine (Ryan) Booker of Augusta and Ally Waller of Lynchburg, Virginia, great grandchildren, Emmalyn and Landon Booker, brothers Dale (Janet) Waller and Jack Waller, and many special friends and extended family members from Indiana, North Carolina and Maine. He also leaves behind his beloved therapy dog, Duchess, who seldom left his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Kennebec Valley Assembly of God in Chelsea on Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 pm and at Mills River United Methodist Church in Hendersonville at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta, ME 04330.