



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1974

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Wabash Men of 1974:

No news is good news! At least at our age this maxim may hold a lot of truth. Mark and I have tried to drum up some information from you all, but without success. Please remember to send us a note if and when something eventful happens in your life. The definition of “eventful” is for your interpretation.

By the time you receive this brief letter, the College has hopefully exceeded its goal of 40% alumni participation in Annual Fund giving for the thirteenth consecutive year. The Advancement Office has already confirmed it has surpassed its Annual Fund dollar goal of \$3.8 million.

Before we get much farther removed from 2026's Annual Day of Giving, we want to give special recognition to the following Men of '74 who made a gift on that day:

Greg Antalis
Jeff Birk
Terry Coffinbarger
Dave Dumser
John Gildea
Don Hodson
Kevin Marsh
John Musgrave
Ralph Rohrer
John Van Drie

Chris Baker
Phil Bolenbaugh
Mark Dewart
Mike Eckerle
Bob Hall
Kurt Homann
Craig May
Steve Nelson
Steve Santello
Rick Weber

Jim Benecke
Tom Bridge
Bill Doemel
Mike Enyart
Bob Harris
Chuck Johnston
Jim McDaniel
Phil Nysewander
Paul Tipps
Terry Wise





The College received notification of the passing of classmate Ira Rouse.

Ira Anthony Rouse, 74, of Griffin, husband of Pamela Renee Ross Rouse, died Thursday, June 25, 2026, at his home.

Born in Little Rock, AR, October 2, 1951, he was a son of the late Lois Edward and Cozella Harrison Rouse. A graduate of Wabash College, he was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Rouse enjoyed shooting pool, bowling, playing cards and dominos and mostly spending time with friends.

Mr. Rouse attended Heavenly Way Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Rouse; and sister, Vicki Blade.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Traci Rouse; stepdaughter, Chantell Ross; grandchildren, Nathaniel Stewart and Brandon Rouse; two great grandchildren, Emmanuel Rouse and Inara Rouse; brother-in-law, Derrick Ross; sister-in-law, Sharon Graydon and husband Charles; several nieces and nephews;

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM from the Chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Williams officiating.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com.

Yours in Wabash,

Paul Tipps and Mark Dewart
Co-Class Agents 1974