

Class of 1957

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Dear Men and Women of '57,

The Class of 2021 graduated 178 men and were joined by 98 men from the class of 2020 to accept their diplomas. Honorary Degrees were given to Melissa Butler H'85 and Gregory Hess H'19, the 16th President of Wabash (2013-2020). For more information and additional photos from graduation: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11721





Condolences to the families and friends of

ROBERT L. HOBSON
And
EDWARD P. ELLIOTT

ROBERT L. HOBSON was born July 10, 1935 and died March 8, 2021. He graduated from Crown Point High School in 1953. He played college football and baseball. He was a Beta Theta Pi, and remained lifelong friends with many of the people he met at the fraternity and Wabash.

Robert joined the United States Navy and attended Officer Candidacy School in Newport, Rhode Island. He spent two years in active duty, first in Coos Bay, Oregon and later in Point Sur, California. After active duty, Robert continued to serve in the Naval Reserves for 30 years, primarily at the Treasure Island Base, ultimately earning the rank of Captain. He was honored to be appointed to the Naval Reserve Policy Board by the Secretary of the Navy.

Robert attended law school at U.C. Hastings in San Francisco from 1961 to 1964. He met Mary Dobenecker and they married shortly after Robert graduated. They had two sons, Steven and Michael Hobson.

Robert worked for the Internal Revenue Service in the Estate Tax division for a few years before leaving to create and lead the Charitable Trust Services division of Bank of America's Trust Department. In 1986, Robert left Bank of America to begin a private practice, focusing on planning and administration of charitable trusts and estate planning. His son, Michael, later joined him in his practice, and they worked side by side for more than fifteen years.

Robert lost his wife, Mary Hobson in 2010. He was later fortunate to find companionship with Del James after being widowed. Robert is survived by his two sons, Steven and Michael, and his three grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexa and Colby.

EDWARD ELLIOTT was born November 28, 1931 in Crawfordsville IN. and died May 2, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society-Scandia Village. Ed attended High School in Terre Haute, IN. Upon graduation he attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute for one year.

Edward's childhood dream was to attend Wabash College., which was right across the street from where he grew up; so he transferred to Wabash his sophomore year and studied History. He met Patricia Louise Todd and they were married in 1951. After Wabash, he earned his Masters Degree in education from Harvard University.

Edward taught American history at New Trier High school in Winnetka, IL in the late 1950s and retired in the town of Liberty Grove, WI. He loved riding his bike with Pat throughout northern Door County, traveling the back roads. Ed was frequently recognized and greeted by former students.

Ed and Pat shared 65 years of marriage together. Pat died December 4, 2016. They had two daughters and one son, Peggy Elliott of Sturgeon Bay, Marjorie Fallon of Lacey, WA. and Jeffery Elliott of Sturgeon Bay; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Questions with answers;

1. Were we "Rung-in" the fall of 1953?

No! The practice was re-started later when the Caleb Mills bell was "found".

2. How many members were there starting our freshman year?

The 121st year of classes began with 176 men beginning their college career. More than 90% ranked in the upper half of their high school class ... sixteen states and the District of Columbia were home for these men ... fifteen of the men were sons of Wabash men.

They reinstated required (twice per week) chapel and optional Wednesday, last held in 1942.

3. How many members were there for our graduation in 1957?

The second largest class in the history of Wabash College; 121 men graduated at the 119th commencement.

4. What was tuition for the school year 1953-54?

Tuition was \$ 500 (\$ 250 per semester).

5. What was tuition for the school year 1956-57?

Tuition was \$ 600 (\$ 300 per semester).



DAVID WILEY, Professor Emeritus, Sociology and African Studies, Michigan State University, contacted Gregory D Hess, PhD (16th Wabash College President from 2013 to 2020); President and CEO, IES Abroad. IES offers study abroad programs in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America for college studies. Dave offered his assistance to Dr Hess from experiences as director emeritus of the African Studies Centers at U. Wisconsin Madison in the 1970's and Michigan State University 1978 - 2014 and related projects.

I have not been outside the Dallas city limits since March 2020 when I attended a Board meeting in Cincinnati, OH. Since then we have had quarterly conference calls. Jeananne and I eat out several times weekly. but wear masks (not while eating).

August 26, 2021 will be our 65th Wedding Anniversary.

- Jeananne moved to Naperville, IL during her Junior year in high school. We started dating our senior year and exchanged class rings; we were going steady.
- January 1954 I was initiated into Phi Delta Theta and at Pan Hell I pinned Jeananne.
- Christmas 1955 we were engaged and married August 26, 1956. We spent our honeymoon cleaning and painting our Mud Hollow apartment in C'ville.
- After graduation we pursued my Actuarial career ... first to Philadelphia, PA, Indianapolis, IN, Little Rock, AR, Dallas, TX and Cincinnati, OH.
- We retired December 2004 and moved from Cincinnati to Dallas to be closer to our son and daughter and their families. We built the home Jeananne designed and I continue doing tax returns for H&R Block for enjoyment and activity.

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The fiscal year ends June 30, 2021.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer,

Jeananne and John Yanko