

THE SHIPMATE

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Can you believe it's time to think about our annual Summer Picnic? Time really flies, at least that's the way it seems to me. Rudy and Alice Simpson have invited us back again this year. It will be Wednesday, June 27th at 12:30 p.m. If you have not attended one previously, you have missed a treat. Rudy and Alice have the perfect place to host this event. Their address is 114 Monitor Road, Portsmouth; telephone number is 757-393-6631. Please bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. The Class will provide fried chicken. The Calling Committee will call to remind you.

It's lots of fun and the food is great! It's always fun to get together and just catch up on what's going on with fellow classmates.

The best thing about doing the newsletter is hearing from you. The worst thing is meeting deadlines! It seems the time just gets away from me. So please accept my apology for being so late in getting this newsletter out.

I really need to hear from you, nothing too much, just to stay in touch, if you want to continue this letter. My e-mail address is maerthompson@cox.net or send a note to my home address at 4200 Summerset Dr., Portsmouth, VA 23703. Dues are to be sent to June Dickerson,

829 Colony Manor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321.

Charles "Chuck" Goodrich, Class of '50, was in town recently visiting family. I asked him to tell us a little about what he has been doing since we graduated. He looks great and has a very interesting career.

He and his wife just moved to a larger house which they just love. No scaling down for them! They live in Little Rock, AK. Neither one has fully retired but still find time to travel and have fun. Chuck is affiliated with Crye-Leike Realtors.

He was recently recognized for his volunteer work with the Arkansas Special Olympics. This year he was recipient of the L. Wayne Camp Award which is given annually to an Arkansas Realtor who provides continuous and unselfish service to the organization.

He has been involved in many community service efforts and organizations. Currently he is president of his Lion's Club.

Chuck is a very busy man and it was so good to see him.

His brother Wesley was also in the Class of '50.

Sylvia Brady Shea, '50, Fallbrook, CA wrote: "I have very sad news to report. March 15th my husband, Pat, passed away suddenly at home. He was a 1946 Cradock High School graduate. We were married in 1951. We lived most of our married life in California. Two daughters and five grandchildren survive him."

Patt Daniels Andersen, '50, Newport, MN wrote: "Keep up the good news to all of us."

We spent over a month with sister Mavis Tompkins in Ft. Myers. She is happy and well, and loves Florida.

Our daughter is living now in Virginia Beach. She has been serving as a dean at Tidewater Community College. She loves it there and we hope to visit soon! Blessing to all!

Betty Sue Palmer Moury, '49, Bradenton, FL wrote: "Everything is the same for us. Getting old is a way of life. Roger and I take it a day at the time."

Kaelynn, who is a vet in Delaware and Maryland is visiting us now. Such a great gal and a real treat.

I so enjoy the newsletter. Thanks."

Gwen Riffle Clements, 49', North Canton, OH, wrote: "I've just returned from Cradock after spending two weeks with my 96 year old brother who had cataract surgery. He lives alone where I grew up so I had to put drops in his eye. He is very active for his age."

I also got to spend some time shopping and enjoying lunch with my good friend Beverly Byrd. We grew up in Cradock

Presbyterian Church and school and have remained friends all these years.

I had great weather while in Cradock but also had the same in Ohio!

I enjoy the Shipmate with the local happenings and the out-of-towner's."

Virginia Robinson Gunnin, '50, Montgomery, AL sent the following e-mail on 3/8/12.

"I am still doing lymph node cancer treatments every 28 days, going each Wednesday for lab and doctor visit. I have gone to the doctor more in the last year than my entire life. I have been blessed that I am not "throwing up sick" as some people are taking these treatments. My doctor told me last week he is amazed how well I've done. I like the word amazed. My e-mail address is vagunnin@aol.com if you or anyone would like to email me. Take care"

Mickey Riggs, '51, Bowling Green, KY wrote: "Again, thanks so much for your great effort in getting out the Shipmate to all of us. I keep all my copies and reread them."

I don't know if I've sent my dues for this year. If so, put this money in the operational fund.

Fred DeJarnette and I are having a hard time getting the 1952 Admirals reunion together in Portsmouth. Maybe we should join in with the bunch that puts out this Shipmate. I learned in the army 'there's strength in numbers'. Let me know, my address and phone number is listed below. Maybe we could work it out. Thanks again for your great work on the Shipmate."

Mickey Riggs
1606 Patrick Way
Bowling, Green, KY 42104
AC 270-781-3901

Betty Nance Humphreys, '49,
Fayetteville, NC wrote: "Just a note!
Well...can you tell how long it has been
since I wrote this letter? Like I said, I do
finally get around to stuff.

Went to the doctor. He is treating me for
a number of things. A girl friend of mine
took me to the Emergency Room and
they checked me thinking it was
congestive heart failure. The heart was
missing some kind of enzymes that I
don't understand, but I was not having a
heart attack.

I will be looking for copies of the
Shipmate. I know it is a lot of trouble,
but I am asking someone to do it
anyway. Pay what dues you need and
keep the rest for a donation. I know am
asking a lot for someone who has not
paid in a long time. To me it does not
seem that long at all.

Luv to everybody and to those of you
who make all this possible."

Betty sent her e-mail address and phone
number. She would love to hear from
you.

twilightje1161@yahoo.com
AC 910-486-6981

Ed Lockstampfor, '49, Columbia, SC
wrote: "It's been a few years since
we've been in Tidewater though we are
still in touch with two of our lifetime
supporting churches Temple Baptist in
Chesapeake and Biltmore Baptist in
Portsmouth, and need to make a trip to

visit them as well as extended family in
Newport News and Hampton. We keep
busy but haven't traveled much lately.
Since you invite some news I'll take this
opportunity to give you a quick view of
my life since 1949.

I met my wife, Charlotte, in 1949 at
what is now Columbia International
University. Following graduation and
our marriage in 1953 and some seminary
work in Philadelphia, we sailed to
France in 1955 for French study and on
to Africa in the fall of 1956 where we
served in what is now the country of
Burkina Faso. We were engaged in
church planting, teaching in a vernacular
Bible school and 16 years of
administrative work for our agency.

In 1983 we were in Portsmouth for a
routine furlough. The nine months to
three years during which time we moved
to Columbia to serve as recruitment reps
at our alma mater. In 1985 I made a six
week fact-finding trip to the country of
Guinea, long closed to missionary
activity, and in the summer of 1986 we
initiated our mission's work in that
country, received and oriented
newcomers and saw the outreach expand
to five locations. We returned to the
U.S. in December of 1991, and resumed
our activities at CIU where we maintain
contact with administration, faculty and
students. I made two six-week trips
back to Africa in 1994 and 1996.

Our home is in proximity to CIU and
Alum Office knows we have available
accommodations for visitors. Our guest
room has 15 flags over the door
representing the nationalities of people
who have stayed with us. Great!

We have been blessed with six children: all college grads with significant positions and providing us with 15 grands and three great-grands. We own a rocking chair but rarely sit in it! It's been a good life and continues to be as God enriches us with exceptional health and His good blessings. Best wishes."

Mary Annarino has sent Thinking of You cards to the following since the last Shipmate.

Billy Redmond - Billy is now at Churchland House, Portsmouth.

Donna Shockley

Anna Berryhill Stafford

Rueben Dowell

Tommy and Beverly Kincaid

Vernon England – Vernon has had some serious problems related to his diabetes.

Irma Woodard DeLauri

Sympathy Cards were sent to the following:

Family of Robert Deans.

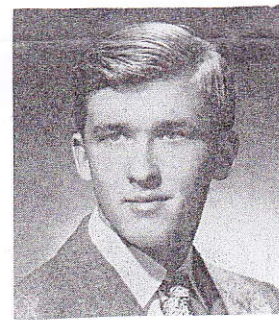
Shirley and Leroy Hartung in the loss of their grandson

Sylvia Brady Shea, loss of her husband.

Reginald E. Sweat, loss of his wife Betty Lou Johnston Sweat

MEMORIALS

Robert Bruce Deans, 79, went home to be with the Lord on April 23, 2012, after struggling with heart problems. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran. He retired from the Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, and was a member of Fairview Heights Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet R. Deans and a sister, Peggy Deans.



Elizabeth "Betty" Johnston Sweat, 80, passed away unexpectedly May 27, 2012 at Palliative Care Center and Hospice of Catawba Valley, Hickory, NC

Surviving is her husband of 61 years, Reginald E. Sweat, two daughters; Victoria Sweat Hyneman of Pahokee, FL, Brenda Sweat Cain and husband Gene of Hickory, five grandchildren and a great granddaughter, a sister, Arlene J. Lindsey of Portsmouth, VA, a brother, Dr. Earl F. Johnston and wife Mary Ellen of Taylors, SC.

