

Har-Brack Class of '63 September Newsletter

Our 60th reunion is approaching quickly. It's **September 30**, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, at the **Praha Hotel** in Tarentum. Some of you may have been there for the last reunion. See < <https://prahahotel-pa.com/>>. **Donna Helgert Sushynski at (412) 860-8778 and Donna Evans Cashdollar are preparing name tags and need names of significant others who will be attending.** Between 70 and 80 people are expected to attend.

Rich Fishkin and **Jim Horneman** have arranged a tour of downtown Tarentum with Tarentum Historian Cindy Kocher Homburg. The **walking tour of the old Tarentum business district** (flat area, no hills) will start by **11AM** at the old **Tarentum Train Station** (now a restaurant) the day of the reunion. If you're interested in taking the tour, please contact **Rich Fishkin (412)-856-7723** or **Jim Horneman (724)-600-9844** <jchorneman@hotmail.com> to confirm and/or ask any questions by September 25.

There will be live entertainment by classmate **Joe Zagst** and his new bride, **Donna**.



Unlike the sign in the picture above, I think Joe has found the right way.

News from classmates

Sheryl Orr Asbury: I am still working. After retiring and then moving to South Carolina, my new ankle is working and so far I do not need to replace the left. I can walk without

pain. I reactivated my SC license and do part time home care. I work with a precious 4 yr old with special needs, only doing 4 hrs day for 4 days. Love it!
See you all at the reunion.

Tim Linnan: Good morning! I got the flyer in the mail yesterday for our 60th!!! Crazy!! I cannot attend but appreciate your efforts!

I am fine and have lived in Florida since 1976. I married Sandy in 1974. We will be married 50 years next year. I have one daughter and 2 granddaughters, living close by. Have fun!

Sandra Hranica Huddleston moved recently. She may or may not be at the reunion, but she hopes to be there.

Her new address is:

Sandra Hranica Huddleston

2413 Darts Cove Way

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

(703) 978-2733

Dave Szewczak wrote: Currently I am still blessed with health and have been retired, (at least from a formal job), since 2009. Life keeps me busy, and I think that is a good thing !!

I married Sandy Kolodziejczak from Natrona, Highland Class of 1973. We have two wonderful sons David Leo and Ryan Edward. We stayed in the area, close to family and friends, for better or worse. The only exception for me was my four years in the Air Force (one year in Biloxi, Mississippi in training and three years in Chicopee, Massachusetts at Westover AFB).

One cute story about that experience was totally unplanned. When leaving to serve, you met in a room at the Pittsburgh Airport to take your oath to the nation. Upon entering that room, I met up with Bert Drum and Robert Boncella. Bert and I spent basic training together in San Antonio, Texas. Robert was in a different squadron, so we didn't see him again. I would often run into Bert locally, and we would laugh and reminisce about that time together.

Sandy, the boys, and I shared a great life together, but on July 3, 2006, Sandy woke up with a stroke completely out of nowhere. It was severe. We still made the best of a bad situation and managed to somehow immensely enjoy our next six and a half years together with our sons staying local, until too many things overtook her. We lost her on October 11, 2012. Sandy was a Radiological Technologist at AGH, and I was a computer mainframe hardware tech with Burroughs/Unisys, before becoming a business owner of Solutions for Accessible Living, working with people with disabilities for the final 13 years of my career.

I didn't marry until I was 36, so it took a long time for me to find Sandy. She was a fun and loving person. I miss her deeply, but so many have special loved ones they are missing.

Dave will be attending the reunion.



Recently lost a loved ones:

Thursday, August 31, **Marie** (known to us as **Cecilia** in high school) **Prorok Wisniewski**'s husband of 59 years passed away. Marie was by Ted's side when he took his last breath. Ted was well known and loved by all who met him.

Marie is doing well, but I know she'd love to hear from classmates. Her address is:

Marie Wisniewski

3 Aluminum City Terrace

New Kensington, PA 15068-5001

Jack Braun Sorry to tell you that Jack passed away from pancreatic cancer on September 9. Jack was cremated in Florida and his cremains were sent to the Funeral Home in Natrona Heights. The plan is to have a blessing service at 2 pm on 10/7/23 and then receive friends until 4 pm at the funeral home. He'll be buried on the Monday after at the foot of his father's grave. See < <https://www.cicholski-zidekfh.com/obituaries/John-H-Braun-Jr?obId=28976255#/celebrationWall>>.

Linda Braun and Family

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Please stay well and let me hear from you. Send your reunion pictures to me.

Suzanne Gearinger Burley

(203)770-3155 - Text or phone with your news. If you get my voicemail, leave a message. Numbers not in my contacts automatically go to voicemail.