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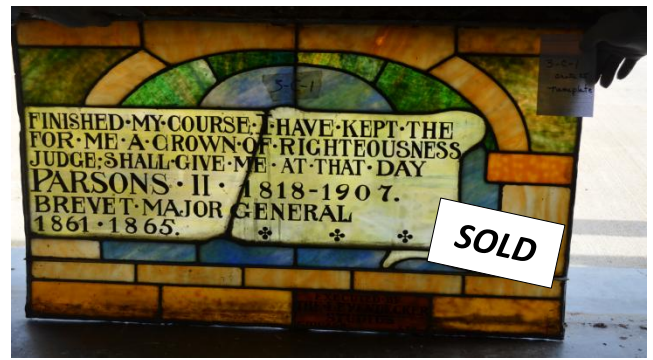
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Barhydt Stained Glass Window Panels Offered to Alumni

Treasured Stained Glass Pieces From The Early 1900's Must Be Liquidated By October 1, 2019

We said it was going to happen and it will!! You will now be able to purchase a piece of Barhydt Chapel history. The Parsons College Foundation Fund, headed by **Dave Neff**, has paved the way for the treasured stained glass window panels to be sold. They will first be offered to Parsons alums and friends. They will then be sold outright, or through auction, with a liquidation date of October 1, 2019. The 20+ crates of the panels remaining from those cut and installed in Parsons Alumni Hall at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, after having been stored at Bovard Studios and a local storage center, have now been identified and inventoried. The PCFF has partnered with **Yuriy and Ludmyla Maltsev**, long time valued Bovard employees, to assist with their technical, marketing and professional savvy in liquidating these magnificent pieces.



Here are samples of two of the most interesting Barhydt panels salvaged from the historic chapel. They are already accounted for and will be mounted in Alumni Hall. The remaining window panels (26 crates in all) have been inventoried, identified and priced. They are being offered first, to Parsons Alumni and friends, and then will be auctioned and liquidated. Final completion date for liquidation is October 1, 2019... (See page 2 samples for sale)

We have high hopes for a positive response from alums and friends. Reports from the Maltsev's have revealed some very high end stained glass product in various stages of condition. The PCFF has established values with hopes that these treasured pieces will return to life and ultimately bring history and brightness to a residential household or commercial business somewhere in the United States. Included in this issue, and INITIAL OFFERING, is a sampling of 6 panels, with description, sizes and prices. For those interested in additional pieces (or information), bulk purchases and prices, please contact **Dave Neff** at 641-919-4640, or at neffacres@lisco.com. The proceeds from all sales will go directly to the Carnegie Historical Museum. ONCE AGAIN, the liquidation date is October 1, 2019. These beautiful and nostalgic stained glass pieces need to find a home and be gone by then...

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The PCAA E-Newsletter will now be published and distributed twice a year with Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter Editions only!

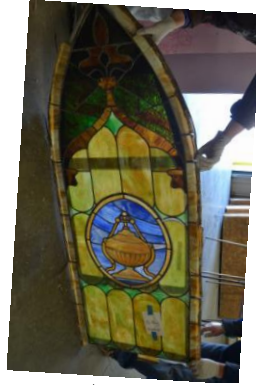
These Treasures Must Find A Permanent Home by October 1, 2019

“Cross & Snake”



\$1,000
Crate 9 – Photo 117
8-B-1

“Oil Vase”



\$1,000
Crate 18 – Photo 134
15-B-1

“Crown”



\$1,000
Crate 7 – Photo 151
10-B-1

“10 Commandments”



\$1,000
Crate 8 – Photo 18
16-B-1

“Kite #1”



\$480
Crate 26 – Photo 106
3-K-B-5

“Kite #2”



\$480
Crate 26 – Photo 101
3-K-C-5

The opportunity to own a piece of history is now available to Parsons College Alumni and Friends. The last graduating class from our college was on June 2, 1973. The Barhydt Chapel was still standing proudly on the central campus. A few years later an offer was presented by Maharishi University of Management for local Parsons Alumni and Friends to dismantle the chapel piece by piece and reconstruct it in another location in Fairfield. The dollars and horsepower were not available at that time.

Before the chapel was razed Bovard Studios of Fairfield, www.bovardstudioinc.com offered to preserve the stained glass windows from the chapel. They inventoried and crated all of the windows and placed them in storage at their warehouse located one mile east of Fairfield on Highway 34. In the fall of 2017, **Ron Bovard** contacted the Parsons College Foundation Fund and asked, that due to warehouse space shortage, we move the crates to a local storage facility. Available space was found at Norm’s Storage on the Glasgow Road and the crates were moved at the end of 2017. The windows are not framed and must be handled gently.

Last November two long term Bovard employees, were hired to inventory, provide descriptions, and to photograph the over 100 windows. Valuations were placed on the windows and they are now being made available to Parsons Alumni and Friends. Photographs will also be posted on the Parsons College Alumni Website www.parsonscollegealumni.com for viewing on or around August 1, 2019. Those interested can contact **Dave Neff** at neffacres@lisco.com, or by phone at **641-919-4640** to secure a window. He will send you a “Window Request Form” to complete and return ASAP. You will be contacted as to the “first come/first served” order of your selection. During the month of August those windows sold will be packaged and shipped (see below).

Procedure – Purchases will be made by check only, written to the **Carnegie Museum Foundation** for the selected window(s) purchased. An additional expense will be incurred for the packing and shipping. However, you may pick up your window in person, in Fairfield by appointment. A service will be available for cleaning, packing and shipping of your windows at your expense. Should you wish additional services to upgrade or enhance you window selection, that service would be available on a contractual basis.

All windows remaining as of September 1, 2019 will then be sold to a major stained-glass reseller. The goal is to have all of the windows in their new homes or liquidated by the first of October, 2019...

NEWS & NOTES...

CARNEGIE HISTORICAL MUSEUM... The CHM continues to gain momentum, popularity and traffic. Thanks to the stellar job and leadership of Curator/Director **Mark Shafer** there is light at the end of the tunnel. Local support and volunteer help has been on the upswing and the activities are expanding. Decisions on Museum signage is nearing approval and the supplies to build the sign are on the grounds. Parsons Alums **Kay Ferguson** and **Biff Kummer** continue to travel from their distant locations to assist and make an impact...

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UNDERGROUND RAILROAD... What's the big deal with the UGRR you ask? Aside from a small representation of Parsons history in Alumni Hall, the CHM is the primary home of the history, memorabilia and legacy of Parsons College. If it is destroyed so goes the history of Parsons. If the UGRR is successful that will enhance the success of the CHM and ultimately help secure the future and preservation of our Parsons history, which is our mission. Research has discovered that Fairfield was a transportation center and extremely active escape route location for those Freedom Seekers seeking freedom from slavery during the Civil War. Local Fairfield resident and Parsons friend **Stan Plum** has taken the lead to assist in the procurement of funds and the development of UGRR trail that would tie into the Museum tours and activities. He has stepped up to assist Mark with museum events, research, activities and creative development. Stan is also leading the charge to have 'Fairfield's Path to Freedom' added to the National Network to Freedom membership and directory listing, which would benefit in signing, funding and national exposure for tourism.

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REUNION 2023??? It just might come to fruition!! The year 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the closing of Parsons College. There are many who believe we should gather in mass, in Fairfield, to commemorate that event. **WHAT DO YOU THINK???**

YEARBOOKS... Buy, Sell, Trade, or Donate... Have Parsons College Peira Yearbooks... will package and ship. **Ed Longanecker** is sitting on more yearbooks than one would believe. He's anxious to help them find a loving home. So whether it's YOUR YEAR or you're interested in a treasured book from the early 1900's, the teens, the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's or 60's, Ed's got them. Here's what's currently available:

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Why Parsons College?? I'll Tell You Why!! Read On, My Friend!!

By Dave Neff

Those of you who attended Parsons College or lived in Fairfield from 1961-1973 know and remember all of the activity on the Parsons campus. **Dr. Millard G. Roberts** plan was to create an experience that would keep students coming back each year for more of the great student life, which was created on campus.

ENTERTAINMENT – Events were planned through the year, beginning with Homecoming in the fall, Miss Mistletoe in December, and in the Spring we enjoyed Spring Fling, Derby Day (Theta Chi sponsored), Greek Week, gala Fet, Peira (yearbook) Queen Contest, and Afro-American Week. Many of these events would pull in nationally renowned entertainers for students as well as the community to enjoy. **Bo Diddley, Louis Armstrong, Neil Diamond, Gladys Knight and the Pips** were just a few of the many entertainers who visited the Parsons campus.

VARSITY SPORTS – Football, Basketball (men and women), Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf, Track and Field. The Parsons Wildcats football team earned a trip to the Pecan Bowl in Texas and played North Dakota State. The basketball team played a home and away with Gonzaga State (nationally ranked NCAA team) and had made regular appearances at the NAIA tourney in prior years at Kansas City. The baseball team did spring training in Florida and produced a number of professional ballplayers.



Turner House - 1966 Spring IM Sweepstakes Champions.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS – For the sports enthusiasts there was Flag Football, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Tennis, Bowling, Horseshoes, Archery, Bowling, and Track and Field. Each year a Intramural Sweepstakes Competition would take place and points earned by the various organizations would be tallied for the team and individual placings in each individual sport, as well as participation points, which was intended to get more students involved in the sports activities.

SOCIAL LIFE – There were 12 National Fraternities, four National Sororities and six Independent Social Clubs. Every weekend there were campus or local bands playing at the parties on and off campus. The Den and the Town & Country Tavern were popular hangouts. North of town off Highway 1 was the popular Lake Darling for a day in the sun. And south of town there was the beautiful Keosauqua State Park and the beach along the Des Moines River.



Dr. Roberts (R) hosts Senator Gerald Ford who addressed the graduating Class of 1966 as the Commencement Speaker.

CAMPUS GUESTS – Graduation in June would always bring in top, nationally recognized speakers to offer a Commencement Speech in the Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse or on the central campus green. And actually, **Senator Gerald Ford** gave one of the commencement speeches prior to his rise to election as President of the United States.

There was never a dull moment on campus...

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Parsons College Legacies

As alumnus of Parsons College, one of many colleges that have closed their doors, many of us regret that our offspring and other members of our families have been denied the opportunity to attend the college that made such an impact on our lives. Failing that, it seems proper and fitting to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the progeny and relatives of Parsons College students and faculty members who although denied attendance at Parsons went on to achieve great things. This is the first in what is planned to be a series of articles about the legacies of Parsons College.

Frances Eugene "Hill" Harper: Actor, Author, Activist



Hill Harper

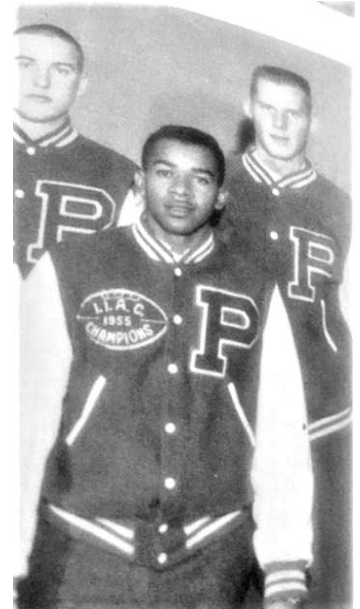
Hill Harper is the grandson of one of Iowa's most prominent Iowa families. His grandfather, **Harry D. Harper, MD**, practiced medicine in Fort Madison for more than fifty years. A graduate of the University of Iowa and Howard Medical School, Dr. Harper was unable to attend Iowa Medical School because Blacks were not allowed at that time to participate in obstetrics rotations. Dr. Harper was prominent in civil rights activities in Iowa and served as Chairman of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and as President of the Fort Madison NAACP. He also participated in community activities such as the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. Dr. Harper

and his wife Lillie had five children. Their three daughters went on to become highly successful in their chosen fields and were involved in civil rights efforts and other civic issues such as prison reform and education.

Their two sons, Harry Jr. and Frank, became physicians. **Harry Jr.**, Hill's father, attended college in Pennsylvania. However, Frank attended Parsons and graduated in 1959. While at Parsons Frank was Captain of the basketball team. He also served as an assistant for **Dr. VanOhlen** of the Biology Department. I can still recall how Dr. VanOhlen would tell me with great pride stories about having Frank as a student and working with him as a tutor and lab assistant. After completing their medical degrees at Howard University in Washington, D.C., both returned to Iowa where Frank practiced with his dad and eventually went to California where he died in 1991.

Harry Jr. completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Iowa Hospital and became the first Medical Director of the Lee County Mental Health Center. His wife, **Marilyn Hill, MD**, was one of the first African American females practicing anesthesiology.

Their son, **Francis Eugene Harper (Hill Harper)**, was born in Iowa City in 1966. Hill began acting at age 7 and continued to do so after high school. He graduated magna cum laude from Brown University and Harvard Law School. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University. He and President Barack Obama were classmates while they attended law school and often played basketball together.



Frank Harper (center) captained the 1959 basketball team and went onto become a physician. He is flanked by Jerry Dostalek and Verne Hallings.

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Hill went to Los Angeles in 1993 to pursue an acting career and changed his name to “Hill” in order to honor both his maternal and paternal families. His first roles were on the Fox network series “Married with Children” and a short film “Confessions of a Dog.” He went on to appear in Spike Lee’s “Get on the Bus” (1996) and “He’s Got Game” (1998). Harper then starred in the CBS drama “CSI:NY” where he was cast for nine seasons as coroner/crime scene investigator, Sheldon Hawks, after which he joined the cast of “Covert Affairs.”

Since 2017, he played **Dr. Marcus Andres** on the critically acclaimed ABC series “The Good Doctor.” Hill is also an award-winning author and social activist. His book, “Letters to a Young Brother,” was the winner of the 2007 Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association.

We can derive pride in the accomplishments of Dr. Frank Hill PC '59 and the more than seven generations of his Iowa family...

The Parsons College Flag Is Heading Back Home to Alumni Hall



*The Parsons College emblematic flag which displayed so prominently over campus events for so many years was recently located in a desolate closet and returned to our Parsons family. Thanks to **Scott Vaughn**, of Fairfield, the flag is now back in our hands and displayed here by **Dave and Sheri Neff**. The PCAA has allocated and approved funds to have the flag restore and framed. It is destined to hang proudly on the east wall of Parsons Alumni Hall, opposite the Wall of Honor, in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center...*

Remembering the Wildcats Baseball Coaches... By Dave Neff

Parsons College Baseball Coaches played an important part in building a legacy in the memories of athletes and students at the college. During the 1960's all of the Parsons athletic programs were brought to the forefront by the drive of the college administration to gain publicity and nationwide recognition for the college. Very few coaches have had the opportunity to be recognized by having a major university ball field named in their honor. One of those coaches was our Parsons College Baseball Coach, Duane Banks.



Coach Banks, 1966-69

Duane Banks, is a native of Grand Junction, Colorado. He attended Mesa Junior College and the University of Northern Colorado where he earned all-league and all-district honors in baseball. In 1964 he played in the Atlanta Braves organization for one-year. Banks came to Parsons College beginning with the 1966 season, served as head coach for three years and accumulated a 91-10 record. He then moved to Iowa City as head coach at the University of Iowa from 1970-1997. In 1981, he set a school season record of 44 wins. Over his career, he became the winningest baseball coach at the University of Iowa with a record of 810-575-4. Banks had 21 consecutive winning seasons, three NCAA post season tournament appearances and took his team to the 1972 College World Series. Coach Banks accumulated three Big 10 Championships, produced six All-Americans, had 31 All Big 10 Selections and 57 players who signed professional baseball contracts. He was Big Ten "Coach of the Year" in 1990 and President of the American Baseball Coaches association in 1989. Banks was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1992. In 2001, the University of Iowa baseball field was dedicated in his honor and named Duane Banks Field. Additional accomplishments included taking the 1985 U.S. Baseball Association Iowa team to Holland and Mexico. In 1982 the team played all over the world including China. Banks served on the NCAA Division I Coaching Committee, the ABAC Board of Directors and was president in 1989.

You could count on one hand the number of coaches, who have had the thrill of playing professional baseball, coaching professional baseball, and managing professional baseball league in Japan.



Coach Lutz, 1964

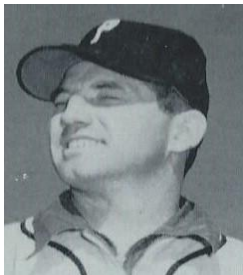
Joe Lutz, a native of Keokuk, Iowa, became the head coach for the Wildcats team in the spring of 1964. Years earlier, in 1941, he was signed professionally by the MLB Boston Braves. During WW II he served with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific Theater and upon returning from the war, played minor league baseball beginning in 1946. His career moved forward over the years and he made his major league debut on April 17, 1951 with the St. Louis Browns. It was a short-lived career with the Browns as his last game was on May 6, 1951. Lutz was traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Overall, he played a total of 14 MLB games and went 6 for 36 at the plate. His coaching career began at Argyle High School in Iowa and moved on to Davenport where he led the team to a state championship. He then came to Parsons College for a one-year stint as Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach. Early in his career he

was affiliated with the Chicago White Sox and legendary owner, Bill Veeck. He brought some of Veeck's exciting "flourish" ideas to Fairfield, like "bat girls" and skydiving onto the pitcher's mound. Lutz left Fairfield to become the head coach at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. While at the helm, he led the team to the NCAA College World Series in 1968. His SIU team lost their final game to the University of Southern California and finished with a 34-12 record. Lutz was named National Coach of the Year in 1968 by the American Association of College Coaches. The following year he led the Number 1 ranked Salukis to a 36-7 season record and again played in the 1969 College World Series. During his four-season tenure at Carbondale his record was 149-48.

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In 1971 he began a three years stint with the Cleveland Indians where he was first base coach. He previously worked in their minor league system. In 1974 he moved to Japan as a batting instructor. In 1975 Lutz became the first foreigner to manage a team, the Hiroshima Carp, in the Japanese Baseball League. Hall of Fame Pitcher Warren Spahn was hired by the Hiroshima team as pitching coach. Lutz made a number of changes. He changed the colors of the team hats to red, to reflect the teams fighting spirit. He left the team suddenly after 15 games due to an umpiring dispute. The Carp then continued on to win their first ever championship. In 1969 he moved to Sarasota, Florida to rejoin the Cleveland Indians organization, and for 12-years was the Executive Director of the Boys Club in Sarasota. Joe Lutz died in 2008 at the age of 83 of declining health, stroke and diabetes.

In the early 1960's two baseball coaches, both Parsons graduates, led the Wildcats program to prominence.



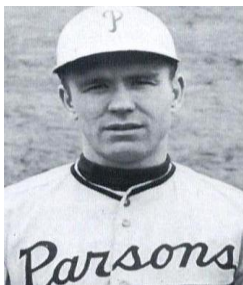
Coach Wahrer, 1962

Dr. John Wahrer, a native of Argyle, Iowa, was the head mentor for the team. He had played baseball for the Wildcats during his college career, and, after graduation, became a member of the Physical Education Faculty. He served as the baseball coach during the 1960's. Legendary basketball coach, **O.B. Nelson**, a native of Batavia, Iowa, and also a graduate of Parsons, stepped in to take over temporarily for Wahrer, as baseball coach, following his departure and until the spring of 1966.



Coach Hall, 1966

Dr. Jim Hall, coached the Wildcats Baseball team for one year. His 1966 team performed quite well, but the college yearbook was a reduced size edition and there are no statistics available for his one year as head coach. The Wildcat Baseball program produced more major league caliber players than any other sport at Parsons College. Including (years in majors), Rich Folkers (7), Tom Heintzelman (4), Don Mason (8), Dick Mills (1), Jim Todd (6) and Charlie Williams (8). Parsons players posted a total of 34 years at the top level of professional baseball.



Coach Blixt, 1970-73

Larry Blixt, stepped into the head position after Duane Banks moved 60 miles north to Iowa City as head coach of the University of Iowa Hawkeye Baseball program. Larry was raised in Galesburg, Illinois and came to Parsons on a scholarship, playing varsity football and baseball during his four years of college. He played for Wahrer, Nelson, Lutz and Banks. Larry kept the program in a winning mode during his three years as head coach. The Wildcats carried a full schedule of home and away games during his tenure. The Peira yearbook lists the 1969 season's record at 21-11, with 6 shutouts. The 1970 season record was 24-6 including 12 shutouts.

(Ed.Note: Doug Dunlap, John Blackstock, Parsons College Yearbooks and Wikipedia contributed to this article.)

Bet You Didn't Know!!

By John Braidwood



General William T.
Sherman



Charles Algernon
Parsons



Edwin McMasters
Stanton



General Lewis
Baldwin Parsons



President Abraham
Lincoln

PARSON FAMILY IMPACT ON THE CIVIL WAR REVEALED...

Do you remember?? (I find it difficult to remember what I did yesterday!!!) In any of your American history classes at Parsons, do you recall any mention or discussion, related to the amazing contributions that our founder, **Lewis Baldwin Parsons**, and his brother, **Charles Algernon Parsons**, made to the success of the northern army's victory in the civil war? Well, neither do I!

It is so ironic that as Parsons students we knew nothing of what a compelling impact and the contributions these men made for their country. Well, we've uncovered a source. What should be of significant interest to Parsons College students/graduates is a soon to be released fascinating book titled, *"The Life And Times of Missouri's Charles Parsons."* This book is expertly authored by historian **John M. Launis**.

It reveals the life of Charles Parsons, and in part, that of our founder, Lewis Baldwin Parsons. Launis does an outstanding job of providing readers with an elaborate, detailed understanding of the genesis of Charles. His contributions to the field of arts, education and philanthropies were more than noteworthy. It is a wonderful opportunity to understand the man and his amazing zest for life and his involvement with Parsons College, particularly in the college's formative years, as one of Lewis' major beneficiaries.

In a fascinating disclosure, Launis reveals that Lewis had been a personal friend of **Abraham Lincoln**, dating back to the days when Lincoln was riding the campaign circuit in Southern Illinois prior to becoming president. Their friendship would foster a number of significant future events.

Upon Lincoln's recommendation, Secretary of War, **Edwin McMasters Stanton**, urged Lewis to accept the position of Superintendent of Army Rail & River Transportation Department for the northern army. Quartermaster Lewis and brother Charles performed brilliantly in their responsibilities of moving men, armament, horses, and munitions. Particularly significant were their contributions to the staging of the battles of Vicksburg and **General William Tecumseh Sherman's** "March to the Sea" through Atlanta.

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Sherman's campaign success was totally dependent on the resourcefulness, genius and preparation by these men. To accomplish his mission, Sherman was preparing 100,000 men at Nashville to begin his march through Georgia. It was Lewis and Charles who were called upon to supply this massive Army. Needless to say, they answered with flying colors. Sherman was so impressed with the outcome and their delivery that he sought out Lewis and Charles to personally thank them for the "precision and efficiency displayed."

Interesting to note that Sherman, following the war, enjoyed a very close relationship with Charles and his family. Sherman would later serve as pallbearer at Charles funeral. Near the end of the war, Lincoln, Grant and Sherman were in agreement that Lewis and Charles were critical to the success of the northern army's victory over the south.

So very often there is but a minimal understanding of the significance of a quartermaster's responsibilities during time of war. It is relevant to understand the complexity and genius necessary to perform such extraordinary feats. Lewis and Charles rose to the occasion and performed distinctively. The Parsons brothers earned the respect of their superiors. Copies of letters from Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan, and Secretary of Defense Stanton lauding their brilliant performance is unequivocal proof of their respect, and admiration for these men. Stanton was quoted as saying, "Quartermaster General Lewis and Colonel Charles Parsons were without parallel in the history of moving men and armament. It is noteworthy that without their involvement and leadership the South may have emerged victorious!"

And now Parsons College friends and graduates, you know: "The rest of the story!!!"

SMALL COLLEGE CRISIS...

There is an epidemic in this country concerning small liberal arts college closings as a result of diminishing enrollment. Community colleges, and state universities have become the predominant choice of high school graduates for monetary and curriculum considerations.

Case in point our "neighbor" Iowa Wesleyan University recently reached a critical mass faced with dwindling enrollment. It is fair to say that given current trends, that a Parsons College today, would very likely have been faced with similar circumstances.



Fortunately an alternative to Iowa Wesleyan's prospective closing was a recent announcement that they have merged with St. Leo University located in St. Leo, Florida. The merger is expected to facilitate a stronger financial position allowing Iowa Wesleyan to redefine their curriculum to become more attractive to prospective students.

Our closing in 1973 was defined as mismanagement, causing a financial crisis that led to the demise. Isn't it ironic that had we survived, our college might very well have been faced with another major financial crisis, the result of the fore mentioned current dynamics. OR... would it be a fair assumption to believe that Parsons would have made the necessary adjustments, and its network risen to such stature and size, it would have avoided this dilemma. We'll never know, will we????

The Alumni Write

George “Ish” Tucker, PC’68 writes... Interesting stories abound, so I may as well throw mine into the mix. Last February I experienced Sudden Cardiac Arrest Ventricle Tacycardia. I was traveling at 80 mph on I-75 in Florida with my wife Linda. Passed out at the wheel after bringing car to a halt in the center lane. Linda screamed at me and woke me. I then drove to the shoulder and passed out again. She called 911 and was instructed to perform CPR. She brought me back from the abyss with a heartbeat again. I woke up six hours later in the emergency room. I’m now in great shape, no memory or motor control loss. All is well with implanted Pacemaker/Defibulator. The benefits: lost 22 pounds, no booze (ugh) and an RV to get some of our bucket list items expedited. Of course I have my Guardian Angel, wife Linda, as my co-pilot on board with me...

David Thompson, PC’70 writes... A FLIGHT FOR THE AGES... AND THEN SOME!!!



I joined four other pilots for the trip of a lifetime. My friends and I flew a fully restored 1937 DC3 from Portland, Oregon to London, then onto an emotional D-Day landing in Normandy on June 5th, the 75th Anniversary date of the Allies invasion of France. We departed Portland in a plane owned and restored by a local friend and businessman who was also part of the flight crew. We followed the same northern route, over Canada, Greenland to Iceland prior to crossing the North Atlantic and flying to Scotland and into London just as the World War II pilots did. Our flight crew had a combined total of over 40,000 hours compared to the WWII crews, which in most cases had less than 200 hour flying experience per

man. Plus today we had the advantage of new engines, props, landing gear and all the GPS navigation systems and the comfort of a G-5 Gulfstream. In addition to our pilots, there were six others on board. It took us about five days to make it to London where we joined 200 other Aircraft and flew in formation into Normandy on June 5th. Our average speed was about 155mph and we cruised at an altitude range of 5000 – 7000 feet. We were greeted along the way when we stopped by local dignitaries, such as the city mayors and councilmen in Presque Isle, Maine. At Goose Bay, Newfoundland we refueled and spent the night. After departing for Iceland the next morning we discovered a significant oil leak from the right engine. We returned to Greenland and one of our expert mechanics determined that there was no leak. It was the result of our overfilling the engines and it being kicked back out. So, we spent an unexpected night in Greenland with poor facilities and subpar food.

However, our spirits remained high as we headed for Iceland. We spent two nights in Iceland, then it was off to Inverness, Scotland and onto Duxford, England, the staging area for our formation flight to Normandy.

Although ENews has not received final confirmation, there is little doubt this contingency of 27 DC3’s, half from the U.S., left England at 3:45pm on June 5, on the 1.5 hours flight to Normandy. No doubt they flew 100



feet apart and that there were an estimated 200 parachuters onboard, dressed in combat gear, and equipped with WWII parachutes. President Trump requested that they fly low over the American Cemetery in Normandy in honor of the 5000 troops who lost their lives on D-Day and we suspect they did. The crowds were so large they closed the roads surrounding Normandy. Dignitaries, from all over the world were on hand. It was believed to have been one extremely memorable and beautiful sight. The crew ultimately landed in Caen, France, their final stop. Since the DC3 was equipped with a camera they were hoping for some marvelous pictures. With major confidence, ENews concludes, this 6 ½ day trip had to be everything the crew expected and more!

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Larry Marino '66 writes.... Arriving on campus in mid-August for PC Football training camp, I was assigned to room 222 in Howard dorm and had yet to meet my new roommates. I would be gone for 2 weeks to camp and was looking forward to getting back, starting school and meeting the guys I would share a room. Last names are not used to protect the innocent, or at least me, if I lost some. Little did I know what was in store. Football season was well under way, and I was riding the timbers as a freshman on the varsity, classes were in session and the weather was getting colder. My roommates, Bill P. and Doug M. and I got along pretty well and established a nice routine. Doug and I pledged fraternities, and Bill was an independent. Between classes, parties, and nights at "The Den", everything was going great.

Then one cold night about 2:00am, Bill calls out to Doug and I to wake up and look at the closet doors. Now, at the Howard dorm, the closet doors were on the opposite side of the room as the beds, so our view was unencumbered. There in front of us, Bill's closet door began opening by itself. At first, I thought it was a trick with a fishing line pulling the door and said as such to Bill. But, he said, "wait a second guys, and watch this". A few seconds later, we are still all just lying in bed, the door begins to close by itself. Now the goose bumps came out. I don't quite remember what Doug said, but we were pretty amazed.

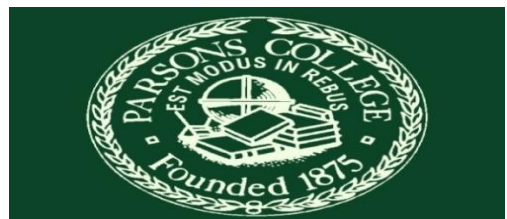
As if that wasn't enough, Bill turned our attention to a handkerchief that was laying flat out on the floor. Here it gets a bit crazy. Bill says, "watch the handkerchief", we do, and I swear, the darn thing starts rolling itself up and rolls about the floor. Goosebumps on goose bumps! To make matters worse, the damn thing un-rolls itself to a flat position and stops moving. Bill says "good night" and goes to sleep. I don't know about Doug, but it took me a while to compose myself and get back to sleep that night. Who knew that our roommate had some special powers, or he was a good magician.

What confirms it for me that he had some special powers came a few days later upon returning from afternoon classes. I'm sitting at my desk and Bill says, "hey Larry, pick any book on your desk". I said "what for"? Bill says, "I want to show you something". So, I pick up one of my books and say, "OK, what's next"? Bill says, "open the book to any page", I do so, and then he says, "put your finger on any line of text", I do so, and then Bill begins reading the text back to me word for word, line for line, and he's sitting on the other side of the room at his desk. And he did this a few times more, but I don't remember if Doug was present for any of these events.

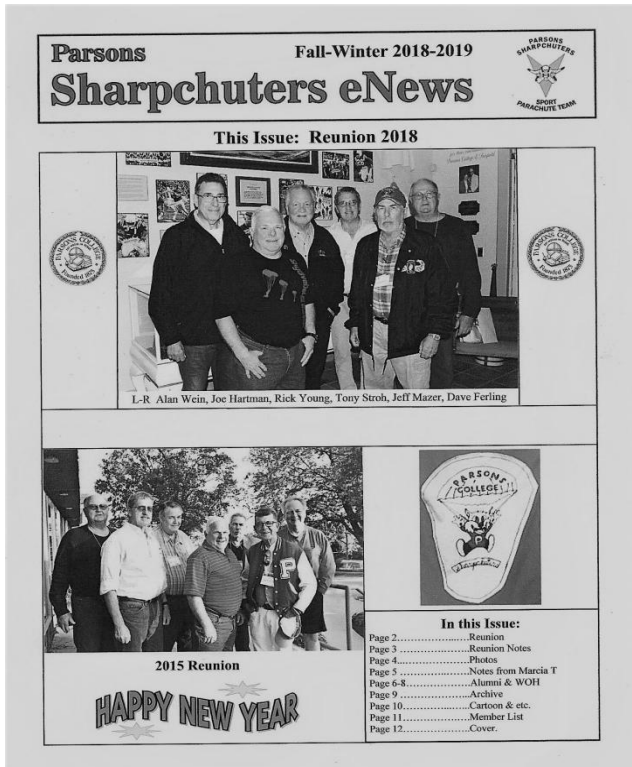
Now, I may have just been a gullible Freshman, and I don't think I was drinking any of those days or night when these events occurred, and I know what I saw. I really think that Bill was clairvoyant. It's funny, I moved out of Howard to the fraternity house for the next semester, and I never saw Bill again. I don't have my yearbooks any longer, so I'm not able to look him up, but I looked on our alumni website and see no indication of his name. As for Doug, I'll not put any words into his mouth, and he may not even remember this, and Doug if you do, write me at lmario312@yahoo.com and we can both commiserate or say "what the hell" it was all a dream.

"You Only Go Around Once,
But If You Do It Right,
Once is Enough!"

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Greek/Social Club News



48 Years of Friendship and Counting!!!



The Rafiki Hall Boys: L/R Chris Vagtborg, Len Finkowski, Bill Wright, Doug Childes, Gene Sieber and Fred Collins.

Parsons College Friends For Life

There are friendships and then there are friendships. The trademark question of a good friendship is, "Do they last?" Well, if you ask the boys who met and bonded at Rafiki Hall while at Parsons College, they'd respond by asking, "How does 48 years sound?" **Lin Finkowki** tells us that he and his five Rafiki buddies met and bonded in the mid/late 1960's. They all graduated from Parsons in 1969 and 1970 and they've been in touch ever since. Every few years they meet and reunion in different parts of the country. Last year in March of 2018 they tripped to St. Simon's Island, Georgia and spent several days rehashing and reminiscing the good old days. They plan to keep on keepin' on and we wish them continued good health and good luck...

The Sharpchuters Have It Together

We thought we had a pretty slick ENewsletter here at PCAA mission control. Then we were privileged to get a copy of the Sharpchuters ENews and had to say...WOW!! **Dave Ferling** is the Publisher/Editor responsible for this outstanding eNews product. The photo above is a copy of the Sharpchuters ENews page one and it is followed by 11 more pages filled with information, memories and updates regarding their membership. Great job Dave and kudos also to the leadership provided by **Jeff Mazer** over the years. Super bunch of guys and one outstanding club...

Parsons College Alumni Website

Check out our **FREE 3-DAY trial viewing of the Parsons College Alumni Association website at:**
www.parsonscollegealumni.com.

(For information as to how to access this site, how to use this site, and how to pay to enroll and become a member, CONTACT **KEN RICE** at Kfarm12@aol.com

It's a WINNER!!

Letters to the Editor...

Thank you, for including me with a copy of the PC newsletter---I attended Parsons on a football scholarship from 1965 --1969---A lot of the Fla. boys get together every 2 or 3 months and have dinner and talk about old times, at Parsons .---Thank you again and keep the news coming---

Stephen Kane, PC'65-'69 <coach17kane@gmail.com>

Terrific Newsletter!! Thanks so much for all the effort this must take. I really appreciated the Phil Como article that bought back so many memories. I started Parsons with his friend Steve DeMarco and saw Steve briefly one night on the Long Island Railroad as we both worked in NYC. So many wonderful stories, thanks again

Chip Drant, PC'67 <chip.drant@gmail.com>



Thanks for the Parsons information. I wish I had known and thanked you for your efforts in keeping Parsons going. How can I keep in touch with the alumni association? I seem to have lost touch. Is Nancy still working on it? Is there a fee? I would like to be involved. Thank you!

Ralph McKinney, PC'66 - rmkmppls@aol.com (EdNote: Contact Nancy Wirtanen for details)

Another amazing newsletter about Parsons College. Thanks for your efforts. Hard to believe that I first stepped foot as a student at Parsons in the Fall of 1960.

James Bush, Des Moines, IA, PC/early'60's jl2001ret@yahoo.com

This message reflects how you don't have to think old, or get old, and it should be a positive inspiration to all. I have a 3 1/2 year old daughter. Her name is Grace. My wife delivered at the age of 54 years young. I'm moving in on 74 years old! AMEN!!! (Getting old is for old people. Don't let yourself become an old people!!)

John Tawgin, PC'68 - jst1070@aol.com



Mr. and Mrs. John Tawgin of New Jersey celebrate Christmas 2018 with their, then 3-year-old, daughter Grace. Their message: "Even the seasoned elderly can enjoy the thrill of having children!"

Alma Mater Tribute

Here's to you Parsons College.
Furnishing us Academic Knowledge.
You did it successfully for 98 years.
It all ended in Heartbreak and Tears.
However, Your Memory Lingers On.
Although, you are Physically Gone.
Reincarnated in a different phase.
Doesn't alter the Memorable Ways,
Your Guidance was Directed at Each Student.
In a Manner that Proved Most Prudent.
To Help Each Person Navigate Life.
To Succeed and conquer Strife.
We Remember the Hallowed Halls.
And Memories that Echo from Those Walls.
To Invigorate our Most Inner Soul.
To Live and Play Our Earthly Role.
Although, We Are All Born Into Birth.
Eventually, Our Bodies Will Depart This Earth.
Regardless of Where We Finally Go.
Your Guiding Light is Our Halo!!

Lee Kane '55

In Memoriam...



Dean Honnold

W. Dean Honnold, PC'60-'63... Passed away February 27, 2019. He was 78. Dean was born in Newton, Iowa and attended the Monroe Public Schools. He was a four-year, four-sport letterman at Monroe. Dean grew up on a farm and raised several prize calves, including the 1957 Iowa State Fair Grand Champion Jersey cow. He attended Iowa Boys State and the University of Iowa and was a member of the football team. He went to Parsons and graduated in 1963. Dean was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity and a 3-year starter for the nationally ranked Parsons football teams. Those teams went 25-3 and played in the 1962 Mineral Water Bowl. Dean was honored to the Parsons College Wall of Honor in 2015. He married his Monroe sweetheart (cheerleader and homecoming queen), Norma Rosenberg in 1962. They enjoyed 56+ years together while raising two sons. After graduation, the family moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa where he began a nearly 50-year relationship with IMT Insurance (Then Iowa Mutual Tornado), starting as a summer claims adjuster. Dean progressed through the claims department ranks and ultimately achieved the positions of IMT President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. He retired as Chairman Emeritus in 2010. He was an avid booster of West Des Moines Valley High School athletics, attended Tiger games for over 50 years and watched both sons and two grandchildren play for Valley. His most recent passion was following granddaughter, Alex, in softball and basketball. Dean is survived by his wife, Norma, two sons, eight grandchildren and a number of relatives. A memorial service was held at the Luther Church of Hope in West Des Moines...

Gail Dorter, PC'n/a... Brooklyn, NY, died on March 15th at age 72. Gail grew up in Queens, NY the daughter of Sam and Nettie Dorter and the younger sister to Jerold Dorter. Gail wanted a change of pace from the New York City life and decided to attend Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, which she adored. After graduation, she returned to New York City where she began her career as an elementary school teacher, a position she held for over 30 years. Gail was a bright, active, and curious woman, who loved to travel and meet new people everywhere she went. She connected with people in such a way that even after only a brief interaction, one felt they were a friend. Her colorful, eclectic style and fabulous jewelry were a well-suited match to her warm and open personality. Gail leaves behind countless family and friends who will miss her immensely. The passing has left a hole that will never be filled the same way...



Gail Dorter

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James Wilkerson

James “Jimmy” Wilkerson, PC’60’s... Age 73, of Greentree, PA, formerly of Dormont. Passed away May 3, 2019. Beloved and devoted life partner of Debra Visciarelli; son of the late James & Katherine (Baker) Williamson; loving brother of the late Daryl Zavacky & Jody Bowley; beloved brother-in-law of Teresa Visciarelli (William) & Donna Visciarelli Daly (Butch). Jimmy was a dedicated and tireless worker. He had a sharp wit, infectious sense of humor, and was generous to a fault. He was adventurous in his worldly travels and in life. Jimmy made friends easily and often. He was a graduate of Parsons and a beloved brother of the Sigma Pi Gamma Chapter fraternity. Jimmy proudly served as a member of the Merchant Marines in Vietnam. He will be missed by his many friends and family...

Freddie Mae Hearn Jackson, PC’n/a... Born in Collierville, TN. She departed this life March 30, 2019. Freddie received her diploma from Harlem High School in Rockford, IL and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Parsons College. At the age of 17, she received a national award for bravery and volunteerism by the Rockford Register-Republic. She saved three children from a neighborhood fire. Freddie met and married Milton Jackson, Sr. of Kansas City, MO. They remained together for 52 years and had seven children. Freddie taught school for over 20 years, beginning in Fairfield Community School District and later in the Indianapolis Public and Catholic Schools Districts. After retirement, she remained active as a tutor in the subjects of Math and English. As a faithful member of the Israel of God's Church, she shared her words of wisdom with her children. Leaving to cherish her memory are seven children; 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and an abundance of other close relatives. In her later years, Freddie found joy in spending the summers with a house full of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Israel of God's Church in Indianapolis...



Freddie Mae Hearn Jackson



James Crew

James Clair Crew, PC’60’s... Westminster, MD, passed away peacefully with family surrounding him on April 1, 2019 at Carroll Hospice Dove House. He was 79. Born in Fairfield, he was husband to Michele Stevens Crew for 56 years. Jim graduated from Parsons with a BA degree in Business Administration. He continued his studies at Pace University in New York and began a management career at Marshall Field's department store in Chicago. While in Chicago, he entered hospital administration and served as the laboratory manager at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital of New York and Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Jim had the opportunity to be part of an administrative team that planned and established Citibank's first co-branded credit card. He retired from T Rowe Price in 2009. Over the years, he was involved with the Make-a-Wish Foundation and Kiwanis Club. He participated in planning the inaugural golf outing for Carroll Lutheran School that raised funds for student tuition. Jim served in the Army National Guard and Reserves in college. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three daughters and families, six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service was held at St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church in Westminster...

Dr. Arnold Krammer, PC/faculty, early-70’s... Bryan, TX, passed away on September 24, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL, and studied at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned his BS, MS, and in 1970, a PhD. Dr. Krammer taught briefly at Parsons in the early '70's and went on to Texas A&M University in 1974. He retired in 2015 after having taught thousands of Aggies American and German history. His specialties included the World WarI, World WarII, 20th Century Germany, and the Holocaust. Dr. Krammer led numerous Study Abroad groups of Aggies to Germany, Italy, Normandy, and Poland. He was twice honored with the University's Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. Dr. Krammer is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jan Smith Krammer, two sons, three grandchildren and countless treasured friends...

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Dolph "Jeff" Stanley

Dolph "Jeff" Stanley, PC'64... Passed away January 5, 2019 after a year-long battle with lung cancer. He was 77. Jeff, founder and longtime owner of Dotty Dumpling's Dowry hamburger shop, was the self-proclaimed "Hamburger King" of Madison, WI. Following graduation from Parsons and membership in the 'Where The Boys Are' social club, Jeff opened a "head shop" in Des Moines.. He became disillusioned with the business, took some time off and ultimately launched his campaign to restore the legitimacy of the hamburger in America. Jeff built, moved and expanded his business over a 40 year presence in Madison. He was incredibly popular, never knew a stranger and at one time boasted being named the Number #1 Hamburger in the Big Ten. He was elected to the Parsons College Wall of Honor in 2016. Jeff is survived by five children and families. A major celebration of life was to be planned at a later date...

Alleen Joan Ruggles Hedge, PC'50's... Fremont, IA. She died January 25, 2019 in Ottumwa. Attended Fremont High School and graduated in 1950, then enrolled at Parsons and earned her teaching degree. She was married to Senator H. Kay Hedge and they shared 65 years together. They had three children. Alleen was an active member of her church, was a member of the Ottumwa Hospice Support Group and a 4-H Leader. She was also a talented artist and member of the Indian Hills Community College Art Board. Funeral services were held at the Fremont United Methodist Church...



Alleen Ruggles Hedge

Clyde Charles "Moose" Moravec, PC'mid'60's... Passed away February 20, 2016 at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital in Ridgecrest, CA after a tragic motorcycle accident. Clyde was 71 and born in Riverside, IL. He graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School. Moose also graduated Parsons mid-'60's. He was a renaissance man who was a restaurateur, worked at the Chicago Board of Trade, built wooden hot tubs and model houses from scratch and managed the family's properties around the Los Angeles area. Moose was an accomplished guitar and banjo player, as well as photographer. He printed and bound his own photography books of his journeys around the world which included traveling to over 135 countries. Moose married Anne Osberg, who was also from Riverside shortly after she graduated from college. They celebrated 45 years of marriage. Interment was private...



Ed Brunner

Edward F. Brunner, PC'61-'64... Ambler, PA passed away on November 26, 2018. Ed was born December 11, 1943 in Shaker Heights, OH to Erwin and Virginia (nee Fish) Brunner (both deceased). He is survived by his daughter Catherine R. Brunner of Orlando, FL as well as many extended family members and friends. Ed was preceded in death by his sister Kathy Brunner Dixon. He was a graduate of Shaker Heights High School and attended Parsons College and graduated in 1964. Private services dates were unavailable...

John Calvin "Jack" Palmer, Jr., PC'mid'60's... Passed away at home on February 19, 2015 from Pancreatic cancer. He was 75. Jack was born in Detroit, Michigan and was married to Barbara Quast. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and played on the college football team at Parsons. Both his sister, Elaine Palmer Dunlap (Delta Zeta Sorority) and brother, Donald Scott Palmer, as well as his brother-in-law, Walter Capen Dunlap (deceased), all attended Parsons College. Jack graduated from Birmingham High School, Birmingham, MI and is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons, John Calvin Palmer III and David Palmer, and three granddaughters. He was a loving, wonderful and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend and is deeply missed...

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Rod Borman

Rodney Lee Borman, PC'early'60's... Passed away on December 14, 2018 at his home in Scottsdale, AZ, surrounded by his loving family. Rod was told in 1997 he had only a few years to live after receiving a kidney transplant. He lasted 21. Rod was born in Omaha, NE, and grew up in Council Bluffs, attending Gunn, Hoover and Bloomer Elementary Schools, and A.L. High School. He attended Parsons and was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. He owned several businesses over the years, but his first love was his family and caring and sharing with others. He is survived by his wife, Sue, a son, two daughters and 11 grandchildren. A private burial was held at the request of the family...

Patricia Ann Sheets Funkhouser, PC'early'50's... Passed away December 11, 2018 at Households of Bethany in Story City. She was 83 and a former resident of Fairfield. Pat was born in Keosauqua, attended Fairfield High School and graduated Parsons with a B.A. Degree in Music. She taught music at Richardson Elementary School in Ft. Madison where she met her husband, Tom, of 56 years. Pat also mentored piano lessons from home. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served as organist and accompanist for over 20 years. Pat is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Fairfield United Methodist Church...



*Patricia Sheets
Funkhouser*



Edith Sperry Jordan

Edith Sperry Jordan, PC'30's... True to her beautiful and loving spirit, she left this world June 30, 2019. After living a wonderful life for 104 years, she was anxious to rejoin her cherished husband and good friends, but at the same time remained ever mindful that it was God's decision and not hers. Edith passed away peacefully at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics after a brief illness. Her remarkable life began May, 22, 1915. An only child, she was born in Clarinda, Iowa to Howard Freeman Sperry and Jennie Belle Clark Sperry and lived there until she moved to Fairfield to attend Parsons College. While there she met a fellow student, Scott Jordan of Fairfield. Thus, began their life affair that lasted over 53 years. While at Parsons she was a member of the Elzevier Sorority and later, Alpha Gamma Delta. After graduating, Edith continued her education at the University of Illinois in a

special Master of Library Science program. She worked at the Ames, Iowa, Public Library before and after her marriage to Scott in 1942. After he enlisted in the Army, she left to follow and support him during his training in Kansas City and Washington, D.C. Edith returned to Iowa while Scott served in the European theater. After the war, they moved permanently to Fairfield where he joined his father's law practice. In 1951, Edith's life took another happy turn when she and Scott adopted twin girls. Edith was a continuing supporter of Parsons College in many ways. She always looked forward to receiving the most recent Parsons College E-Newsletter. This would be printed to hard copy and mailed to her at her Parkview Care Center address. When the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center was being completed and the Parsons College Alumni Hall envisioned, she was a wonderful contributor to help complete the Alumni Hall. She also made a separate significant contribution to complete the Barhydt Angel Window project. Edith is survived by her daughters, Anne Jordan of Chicago, Illinois, and Mary Jordan Neff, her husband Bill of Bozeman, Montana and six grandchildren. Cards and memorials can be mailed to: Mary Neff, 2219 W. Oak St. Apt 319, Bozeman, MT 59718. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield and burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery...

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Paul "Buddy" Falcone

Paul Salvatore "Buddy" Falcone Jr., PC' mid-'60's... It is with great sadness that the family of Paul Salvatore Falcone, Jr. announces his passing, after a brief illness, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at the age of 73. Paul will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 42 years, Janet, his two children and two granddaughters. He will also be fondly remembered by his extended family and numerous dear friends. Paul was born in Orange, N.J. He graduated from Livingston High School and Parsons College in the mid-1960's. He was a very popular member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and a frequent attendee at the reunions. Paul operated a successful and well-respected recruiting business for years, placing professionals in positions at corporations nationwide. He raised his family in Randolph and resided in New Jersey all his life until recently retiring with his wife to Naples, FL. Paul was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. He was a selfless man who cared deeply for others and will be remembered for his charismatic, outgoing, and friendly personality. A celebration of Paul's life was held this past spring in New Jersey...

William Stanley "Bill" Barker, M.D., PC'62... Tubac, AZ. Died Sunday, May 5, 2019 in hospice care in Green Valley, AZ after a brief illness. Per his wishes, cremated rites will be observed. A memorial will be held at a later in Davenport, IA. He was born in Evergreen Park, IL. He married Kathryn Herriott in 1962 in Davenport, IA and later married Ann Merkel in Iowa City. In 2003 he married Dianne Denk Kussatz in Davenport. Bill graduated from Davenport High School in 1958, then attended Parsons College on a football scholarship. He earned a degree in Biology he went on to earn both his doctorate and fellowship in Otolaryngology at the [University of Iowa](#), College of Medicine. Bill was a Major in the Air Force from 1972-1974, fulfilling his service as an Air Force Surgeon at the Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE. He joined an ENT practice in 1974 in Davenport, and was instrumental in the vision, development and completion of the Mississippi Valley Surgery Center on Dexter Court in Davenport where he continued to practice until he retired in December 1999. Bill was passionate about his many interests which included, bee keeping, tree farming and running, to name a few. He was passionate about his many interests which afforded him the titles of bee keeper, tree farmer, avid birder and athlete. His love of running took him many places and he became a 3rd degree black belt in karate and later taught youngsters. He is survived by his loving wife, Dianne, son, two step-children and four step-grandchildren...



Dr. William "Bill" Barker

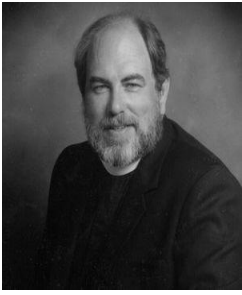


Mary Beth Skadden Hutchinson

Mary Beth Skadden Hutchinson, PC'60-'62... of Arlington, Vermont passed away at the age of 77 in Bennington, Vermont on July 6, 2019 after a brief illness. Born in central Illinois, Mary Beth was a middle child with 5 siblings. She briefly attended college in the '60s where she met her love, then married, and had three wonderful children. Mary Beth always put her children first and was lucky enough to dabble in many different vocations over her lifetime and they all involved helping people in various ways. But the vocation she was most passionate about was being a pastor. Mary Beth attended Bangor Theological Seminary and received her Masters of Divinity later in life. Some of her favorite things: lobster rolls, the Red Sox, snowy mountain tops, the sweet smell of the ocean, flowers, her dog Coda, the hymn "Joy To The World," and the energy and love in every family get together. Mary Beth will live on in our hearts, minds,

thoughts, prayers, and laughs forever. She is survived by two sons a daughter, six grandchildren and families. A memorial service was held in Dorset, Vermont...

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*Philip Justice
Taylor*

Reverend Doctor Philip Justice Taylor, Jr., PC'64-'67... Boerne, Texas, died June 28, 2017. Born in Philadelphia, PA, Phil served as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas for 40 years before retiring six years ago. He graduated from Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia, and went on to earn degrees from Parsons; Philadelphia Divinity School; and McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife, Helen Eddy Taylor, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and families. Phil was ordained in 1971 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, TX, where he began his ministry. He was Rector of the Church of our Savior in Aransas

Pass and of Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas. As Associate Rector of St. David's in San Antonio, Phil sponsored the EYC Youth Groups and the Saturday morning Exceptional Adults group. Later he served as Rector of All Saints' in Pleasanton, St. Matthias' in Devine, Trinity Episcopal in Junction, Calvary Episcopal in Menard and Saint Andrew's by the Sea in Port Isabel, from which he retired in 2010. Phil was a founding member of Christian Assistance Ministries (CAM) in San Antonio, counseled and worked with Planned Parenthood and SAMM Ministries, and served on the Board of Laguna Madre Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of Kiwanis and Rotary. As a member of the Heart of Texas Soaring Society he enjoyed building and flying radio control sailplanes. Phil brought a calm and grace-filled presence into the world and into the lives of his family and those who knew him...

J.L. Garfield-Kutok, PC'60-'61... Beloved wife of Richard Kutok passed away July 3, 2019. She was 76. Loving mother of Lisa Hogan and Stephen (Edyta Borowka-Kutok) Kutok. Cherished grandmother of Katie Marie and Nicholas. Dear sister of Michael Drocsin, Alexis Garfield and Michael (Donna) Garfield. J. L. attended Parsons briefly in the early 1960's. A service was held at the Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, (ASAP) P.O. Box 1586, Longview, TX 75606-1586 www.asap.org would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by Chicago Jewish Funerals, Buffalo Grove Chapel...

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