

We have lost 97 of the 217 classmates that comprised our Lawrence High School Class of 1956. Actually, we have likely lost more and just do not know it. Some died young and never had the chance to enjoy the life that most of us have had: spouses, children and grandchildren we love, successful careers, hobbies we enjoy, friends we cherish — all those treasures that living a long life enables us to have.

Those who died young missed so much: man landing on the moon, the common use of computers, telephones we carry everywhere. But they escaped the sorrows of life the rest of us have encountered: the loss of our spouses, parents, siblings and in some cases children. They never learned the sad truth that possessions mean nothing unless you share them with someone you love.

Whether our classmates died at 18 or at 83, it was far too soon. We miss them, but we remember each and every one of them from that happy time when we were all student Lions.



We will never forget

Gracie Allen Hopkins
Jane Armstrong Massey
Dick Bennett
Nancy Bennett Dale
Donald Berry
Clifford Betterton
Charles "Chuck" Borgen
Glenn Breithaupt
Sandra Bunce Oliver
Clifford Burgert
Ralph Chavez
Ed Christenson
Donald Church
Ken Clough
Shirley Colbert Long
Mercer
Maurice Cooper
Mary Coral Rogers
John Cotton
Murial Dodson Murray
Caroll Dolan
Virginia Drake Dwyer
Cloyce Easum
Jerry Eichhorn Gonzalez
Neal Eller
Joann Evans Massengale

John Foster
Donald Funk
Andy Galloway
Raymond A. Goff
Phyllis Grammer Wood
Kaye Grinstead Ford
Dan Grover
Bob Guntert
Judy Harding Bee
George Harrison
John Hatfield
Donna Hoffman Pearson
David Hubble
Vaunda Huggins
Larry James
Fred Johnson
Jean Elaine Johnson Ott
JoAnn Johnson Transmeier
Penny Jones Cohn
Karlene Kasky Durow
Charles Ketchum
Larry Kerr
Carol Koch Falkner
Karen Lady Redmond
Roberta Loney Turner
Jim Long

Terry Marriott
Dan McAllister
Elsie Martin Brian
Melvin Merkel
Marilyn Miller Leonard
Sally Montgomery Horn
Bob Nichols
Raymond Nichols
Gayle Norton
Schwartzberger
Hilton Nuffer
Chloe Odaffer Wetzel
James Patterson
Marilyn Patterson Bailey
Raymond Patterson
Shirley Peterson Vogt
Burton Pontius
Shirley Pontius Tarr
Larry Purvis
Don Racy
Bill Ray
Jim Redford
Robert Reed
Allan Robb
Charles Roberman
George Robson

Bill Rosenbaum
Bob Saathoff
Florence Samples
Hardtarfer
Joan Scott Floyd
Laura Scribner Petrie
William Shoemaker
Sharon Skinner Stevens
Larry Smith
William "Junior" Smith
Phil Spencer
Tom Spencer
Lana Spurgeon Wyatt
Rios
Callie Thompson
Gary VanNortwick
Robert Walker
Bob Walters
Don Whitcomb
Galen White
Kendall Wolf
Deanna Workman
McWilliams
Kyra Wright Reed Ware