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# ALUMNI NEWS

To Promote, Recognize and Reward Present and Future Alumni of EAHS

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: HANNAH SMITH (2013)

Upon graduating with the Class of 2013, Hannah Smith pursued a degree in Communications at Robert Morris University and graduated this past May with honors. She now works for WTAJ News as a reporter in State College.

During Smith's time at Everett Area High School, she was a varsity cheerleader that cheered for football, basketball, wrestling and competition. Smith was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Smith said that had it not been for certain experiences she had while attending Everett, she never would have pursued a career in broadcast television.

"I used to be terrible at public speaking. I dreaded every time I had to give a class presentation. That's why I was shocked that Mrs. Kelly Winegardner, my 10th grade geometry teacher, convinced me to be one of the girls running for Fall Foliage Queen." Smith said.

As part of the competition, Smith had to write and present a public speech. She practiced it for several weeks with Mrs. Winegardner in preparation for the day. When Smith gave her speech, she finally got over her fear of public speaking.

"Had it not been for Mrs. Winegardner pushing me to to have this experience and helping me to overcome that fear, I have no idea what I would be doing today," Smith said.

Smith also credits Stephanie Leiderman, who worked as a



college advisor during Smith's senior year, with helping her to attend Robert Morris University.

"I was set on trying to go to school out of state, but Miss. Liederman said I needed to apply to at least one or two schools in Pennsylvania," Smith said. "I am so glad she fought me on that one and had me apply to RMU."

Smith said the experiences she had at RMU is what helped her succeed in journalism.

While in college, Smith covered the 2014 Gubernatorial Election, interviewed Pennsylvania Governor Tom

Wolf, anchored and reported for several award-winning student-run television shows, covered the 2016 Democratic National Convention, and even studied abroad twice in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Her experiences at RMU also allowed her to land a job with WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh her junior year as a Digital Content Producer – where she worked up until her graduation in May. But she said none of that would have been possible without the foundation teachers at Everett gave her.

"While I didn't realize it at the time, each of my teachers in high school really did impact my future and success in journalism," Smith said. "My English teachers probably had the most direct impact because journalism is all about writing. They really helped to give me a foundation for what I do every day."

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# CLASS REUNIONS

## 2017 CALENDAR OF KNOWN ALUMNI EVENTS



### Class of 1942

The Everett High School Class of 1942 met at Kelly's Restaurant on September 9, 2017 for their 75th year reunion.

In attendance were Ruth Lashley Smeltzer and Robert Harclerode.

It was decided to discontinue the reunions, having reached this milestone year.

**The Class of 1946** meets for lunch the first Tuesday of each month. Location varies.

**The Class of 1959** meets for lunch at Kelly's at 11:30 the third Thursday of each month.

**The Class of 1960** meets for lunch at Kelly's at 11:30 the second Thursday of each month.

**The Class of 1961** meets for lunch at Kelly's the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

**The Class of 1964** meets for lunch at Kelly's at noon the second Wednesday of each month except December.

**Check the club news in the newspaper for meeting times & Cancellations**

### SEPTEMBER

**30** Class of 1952 Reunion at Ed's Steak House - 1:00 pm

**30** Class of 1954 Reunion at Kelly's - 12:00 noon

**30** Class of 1957 Reunion at Down River - 5:00 pm

### OCTOBER

**06** Class of 1965 luncheon at Spring House Estates - 12:30 p.m.

**14** Class of 1944 luncheon at Kelly's - 1:00 p.m.

**17** Alumni Anniversary & Awards Banquet at Kelly's - 6:00 pm

**21** Class of 1948 Class Get-Together at Mike's Place - 11:30 a.m.

**21** Class of 2002 Class Reunion at Down River

### Class of 1947

The Everett High School Class of 1947 met at Kelly's for their 70th year reunion on August 19, 2017. Those who attended are:

**Row 1:** Betty (Clark) Wilt, Joie (LeVan) Green, Sara Jane (Foor) Steele,  
**Row 2:** Doris (Twiggy) Foor, Thelma (Clingerman) Diehl **Row 3:** Dallas Foor, Mary Lou (Howsare) Clark, Guy Calhoun, Velma (Felton) Crawford, Lloyd Sollenberger



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## Alumni Deaths

We only have access to obituaries from local newspapers. Here is a listing of known deaths starting from our last newsletter.

Name	Class	Date of Death
Valerie Crawford Feight	Attended	06/17/17
Richard L Clark	1954	07/08/17
Dorsey 'Dick' Richard Smith	1949	07/08/17
Heather Jo Wentz	1995	07/10/17?
Michele Howe	2002	07/23/17
Robert H "Buss" Feight	1942	07/23/17
Stephen James McCahan	1975	07/25/17
Lillian (Robinette) Pepple	1948	07/27/17
Patsy Ruth Harclerode Wolfe	1946	08/02/17
Ann (Hadesty) Shaffer	1953	08/10/17
Ardene A (Karns) Bilinsky	1950	08/17/17
Lisa Janeen Potts Scoggins	1980	08/26/17
Rodney L Mearkle	1967	09/04/17
Dennis Blair Grace Sr	1958	09/06/17
Joyce L (Dicken) Miller	Attended	09/09/17
Denver Ray Nelson	1966	09/10/17
Irene Gladys Millin Sands	1964	09/12/17

Contact Betty Koontz at 3626 Plank Rd, Hopewell, PA 16650-7437 or call 814-928-4881 to give us additional listings.

## Former School Board Member Deaths

### Stephen James McCahan (1975)

*Stephen James McCahan, 59, of Everett, passed away on July 25, 2017, at UPMC Bedford Memorial after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on December 28, 1957, to Stephen G. "Mack" and E. Jean McCahan in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. His father preceded him in death in 2014. Steve was a 1975 Graduate of Everett Area High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Susan Hood, in 1979.*

### Lillian M. Pepple

*Lillian M. Pepple, 85, of Monroe Township, Everett, Pennsylvania; passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Donahoe Manor, Bedford, Pa. She was born on July 28, 1931 in Everett, PA; a daughter of the late Scott E. and Olive (Mills) Robinette. In May 1950 in Cumberland, Maryland she married the late Johnny S. Pepple who preceded her in death in November 1995. Mrs. Pepple was a graduate of Everett Area High School Class of 1948.*

### Irene Gladys Millin Sands

*Irene Gladys Sands, 71, of White Deer Drive, Harrisonville, PA; passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at her home. She was born on May 11, 1946 in Everett, PA; a daughter of the late Guy M. Millin and Marie B. (Ritchey) Clouse. She was a graduate of Everett Area High School Class of 1964.*



## OBITUARIES



### Ann Hadesty Shaffer

Ann H. Shaffer, 82, of North Spring Street, Everett, PA; passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at home. She was born on July 16, 1935 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania; a daughter of the late John and Berneice (Smith) Hadesty. On April 19, 1958 in the Bedford Presbyterian Church she was united

in marriage to Daniel D. Shaffer, Jr.

Along with her husband of fifty-nine years she is survived by two sons Daniel D. Shaffer III married to Kathleen (Swope), Hollidaysburg, PA and John H. Shaffer, Everett, PA; four grandchildren Daniel D. Shaffer IV, Alexander M. Shaffer married to Bryanna, Bradley A. Shaffer and Brendan N. Shaffer; a brother George B. Hadesty married to Virginia, Cincinnati, OH.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Elizabeth Shaffer. Mrs. Shaffer was a graduate of the Everett Area High School Class of 1953 and Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelors of Arts and Science in 1957.

Ann owned and operated Berneice's, a gift shop in Everett for twenty-six years, carrying on a family business after her mother's passing. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Bedford. Ann was a member of the Everett Area Better Business Association (EABBA), Phi Mu Sorority and Penn State Alumni Association. She was an avid Penn State fan, attending games with her husband, son and grandchildren, and dedicated supporter of the Penn State Dance Marathon "Thon". She also enjoyed arts and crafts, caring for the towns flower planters, golfing, motorhomeing, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Ann served on the board of the Everett Free Library and also Bedford County Visitors Bureau. She was a great supporter and promoter of our downtown Everett.



### Joseph Smakula

Joseph John Smakula, born August 2, 1924, in Hooversville, PA passed away on July 11, 2017 at home. Joe graduated from Hooversville High School in 1942 and joined the Navy, where he proudly served in Naval Aviation until the end of WWII. He met his first wife, Nola I. Stalker, while

stationed in San Diego. After the war, they returned to Pennsylvania where he earned his Bachelor of fine arts degree in education from Lock Haven State Teacher's College. Later, he earned his masters of science degree in education from San Diego State University. Over his 30 + year teaching career, he taught and coached in many school districts, including Blairsville and Everett High Schools, in PA, and at the former Belt Jr. High School, Wheaton High School, and Rockville High School in Montgomery County, Maryland before retiring in 1988. He also managed many swim clubs in the summers during his teaching career. In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling, photography, coin and stamp collecting, working on (and building) grandfather clocks, tinkering with HO trains, drawing cartoons, and watching his beloved Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Smakula, his children Phil (Barb) Elaine, stepsons Darren Coulter (Traci) and Matthew Elliot (Leigh), grandchildren Jenni (Blake) Templeman, Paul, and Katie (Anthony) Zorzos, and Step grandchildren Samantha and Elijah, and great grandchildren Ella, Brady, and Nolan Templeman, and Charlie Zorzos. He is also survived by his younger brother Phil "Smokey" (Kush) Smakula, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his first wife Nola and his brothers John (Mill) and George (Jane), and sister Helen (Joe) Gavlak



### Class of 1997 - 20th Year Reunion

September 16, 2017 - Down River

**Row 1:** Jeff Richardson, Dustin Long  
**Row 2:** Nicole Fernandez, Casey Foor Weaver, Rebecca Foor Sloas, Christie Clark Shoemaker  
**Row 3:** Lindsay Kalinauskas McConahy, April Murphy Schneider, Susan Weaver, Josh May, Shawnda Price Young, Amanda Smith Feight, Andrew Feight, Tina Bulger Hartwig, Julie Bartholomew Steinbuch, Terisha Welch Mitchell  
**Row 4:** Adam Foor, Scott Means, Tyler Edwards, Greg Morse, Fred Shoemaker, Nate Swartz  
**Row 5:** Jerami Morris, Ellis Rush, Adam Mellot, Bill Yoder, Joe Barron

## CLASS REUNIONS

### Class of 1950

The Class of 1950 held their 67th year reunion on July 15, 2017 at Ed's Steak House.

William Trail, Roy Foor, Mason George, John Stanley, Ray Koontz, Eugene Ritchey, Donna (Whisel) Sponsler, Lillian (Diehl) Miller and Connie (Avery) Fisher



Photo by Lisa Appleby

### Class of 1951

The Class of 1951 held their 66th year luncheon get-together at Kelly's Restaurant on September 8, 2017.

**Row 1:** Ivadene (Hall) Fisher, Lucinda Calhoun, Annabelle (Shaw) Frazier, Betty (Smith) Noble, Vera (Clark) Wilt  
**Row 2:** Wilbert Karns, Veryl Peck, Frank Shaffer, Gladys (Gordon) Stuckey, Evelyn (Leach) Allman



Photo by Paul Price

### Class of 1962 - 55th year Reunion - August 19, 2017 - Homewood at Spring House Estates.

**Row 1:** Sonja (Mearkle) Eichelberger, Beverly (Gordon) Creps, Donna Kisamore, Shirley (Weist) Hedges, Mae (Foor) Redinger, Shirley (Price) Whetstone, Janet (Shaffer) Colledge, Lois (England) Imgrund, Delores (Weaverling) Lantz, Cheryl (Bloom) Smith, Deena (Miller) Cruz  
**Row 2:** Junior Moyer, Percy Bowman, Rhecy Steak, Sebert Weist, Conda Bennett, Michael Brambley, David Williams, Robert Colledge, Darryl Foor, Arthur Mallow, William Ruha, Rolland 'Ted' Foor  
**Row 3:** Ronald Ensley, Milton Morris, Conda Messersmith, George Blankley, Roy Layton, Gary Fluke, Leon Ritchey, Max Fisher, Daniel Lynch, Dennis Hess, Ivan Smith



# CLASS REUNIONS



Photo by Tom Grance Photography

## **Class of 1967 - 50th Year Reunion** - September 16 at Homewood at Spring House Estates

**Row 1:** Earlene (Bartholow) Stayer; Carol (Shryock) Siegfried; Linda (Clark) Northcraft; Connie (Bloom) Steach; Ellen Barrett; Doreen (Williams) Goodling; Connie (Glotfelty) Akers; Linda (Pepple) Brallier; Linda (Dunkle) Mcquait; Cathy Wilt; Sandra England; Cheryl (Smith) Smith **Row 2:** John Stayer; Cary Lingenfelter; Libby (Edwards) Grubb; Iantha (Foor) Williams; Janna (College) Householder; Arlene (Brown) Clingerman; Carol (Cline) Leydig; Linda (Thomas) Kane; Jeanne (Mills) Zimmerman; Robert Layman; Carol (Wietzel) Foor; Susan Calhoun; Myra (Mills) Miller; John Mcelfish; Linda (Waltman) Wigfield **Row 3:** Steven Calhoun; Rodney Reffner; George England; Joe Fink; Mike Connor; Roger Layton; Bonnie (Sipes) Bair; Eric Rinard; Fred Hokamp; Charles Cragan; Gary Shaffer; Tom Zimmerman; Judd Boyer; Greg Pepple



Photo by Tom Grance Photography

## **Class of 1977 - 40th Class Reunion** - September 23, 2017 at Down River

**Row 1:** Scott Smith, Joy (Burget) Blahut, Cindy (Hess) Clark, Elsie Ketterman, Tammy (Blackstone) Hoover, Joe Appleby, Cindy (Criswell) Speck, Lori (Thompson) Struble, Melinda (Smith) Feaster, Tammy (Williams) Henry, Debbie (Dunkle) Jones, Ralph 'Buck' Johnson **Row 2:** Randy Miller, Dennis Lepley, James Welsh, Rosa (Verdiglione) Davis, Clarence Smith, Marla (Henry) Pennabaker, Susan (Hood) McCahan **Back:** Terry Hoover, John Smith, Dennis Tice, Dennis Murphy, Ronnie Clark, Nathan Barkman, Richard Blahut, Greg Sponsler - Attended, but not included in picture: Richard Morris, Dave Matthews, Daniel Layton, Erin (Smith) Greenier, Forrest Lucas

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## **Class of 1982 - 35th Year Reunion** - September 2, 2017 at Creekside Resort.

**Row 1:** Joe Shank, Don Giffin, Galen Foor, Denver Deremer, Rich Duvall, Tom Waltman, Richard "Hank" Neville, Bryan Calhoun, Ken Shipley, Todd Allman **Row 2:** Terry Morral, Leslie (Miller) Roland, Veronica Riggs, Gary Northcraft, Peggy (Morral) Hoy, Nancy (Smith) Diehl, Barbara (Henry) Zanella, Victoria Riggs, Lisa (Lochner) Hann, Linda (Mearkle) Wagner, Tammy (Steach) King, Paula Szanca, Leona (Felton) Morral **Row 3:** Wanda Shoemaker, Patty (Jay) Clark, Paula (Wilt) Barkman, Crystal (Trail) Mellott, Vivian (Clark) Koontz, Lisa (King) Pejack, Lois Saylor, Jeff Swartzwelder, Allen Feathers



Photo by Earl Schooley

## **Class of 1987 - 30th Year Reunion** - August 2, 2017 at Down River Golf Course Their day started with a tour of Everett High School. Those attending were:

**Row 1:** Joe Catalioto, Joni Baraniak, Scott Shippy, Karen (Mills) Foor, Linda (Grubb) Breckenridge, Sharon (Snyder) Catalioto, Michael Wilt, Aaron Baughman **Row 2:** Brian Shoemaker, Kelly (Koontz) Waugerman, Colby Imler, Dena (Dodson) Mobus, Michele (Lochner) Schooley, Jeff Roberts, Jenny (Smith) Calhoun, Tracy Leasure, Craig Swank **Row 3:** Theodore (Teddy) Lutz, Max Johnson, Ed Stup, Corey Clark, Ed Shaffer. Attended the tour but not the reunion: Johnny Lochner