



# Class of '58 Newsletter

Niagara Falls High School

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## Life is short—reunite with your classmates in beautiful Myrtle Beach!

By Mike Ventry

Even though I left Niagara Falls in 1969, I have attended every class reunion. It was always great meeting old friends, especially those who had moved away and I seldom saw except at the reunions. At our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, we had classmates attend from 22 different states. Many of these classmates I hadn't seen in years. At our Friday



Mike Ventry, Marty Morgan Troia and Madlyne DiCecco Trunzo reunite at class trip to Las Vegas in April 2010

night mixer, I visited with dozens of classmates, but time ran out before I had a chance to meet all of them. Saturday night was more of a formal night. I visited with a few more classmates, but not all of them. The next day I reflected back on the weekend. I had a great time, but was disappointed that I had not visited with all of my old friends and did not spend enough time with those that I did meet. Also, it was sad to learn that many of our classmates had passed away. I realized that meeting every five years was not enough for me. I wanted to spend more time with my friends while I was still mentally and physically able to do so. I approached the class reunion committee and suggested we meet once a year at various resorts. They were very receptive of the idea. A poll of our classmates confirmed they also liked the idea. Last year, about 75 of

us met in Las Vegas and had a great time! This year, we are meeting in Myrtle Beach (September 9-16). The class Web site has more information about the trip) [See link](#). I am not trying to be morbid, but everyday we are getting closer to joining our Maker, regardless of religion. We have lost 17 classmates that we know about, since our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

If you feel like I do about family and friends, I urge you to seriously consider attending the September class trip. This trip, like our previous reunions, is a golden opportunity to visit and reminisce with friends that you grew up with. I have lived in Delaware, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida before I moved to Georgia (1980), and I have never gone out of my way to visit any of the numerous friends that I had made at those places. I have, however, visited Niagara Falls at least once a year since I left to see family and friends. Why? Because friends I made while growing up hold a special place in my life. There may have been bad times while growing up, but I only remember the good ones when I am with old friends. The clock is ticking. Indulge yourself—attend the September trip and spend some quality time with your old classmates! I look forward to seeing you!

## DEATH NOTICES

Sadly, the following classmates have passed away this year.

Judy Caretta Hughes	4/8/2011	<a href="#">See obituary</a>
Geraldine Antone Rickard	5/2/2011	<a href="#">See obituary</a>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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