



The Bridge



Connecting Members of the Auburn Knights Alumni Association

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Dear Friends, I hope this note finds you well. Can you believe our 80th Reunion is right around the corner? What an exciting milestone for both the AKO and the AKA. Please invite your friends and family to this year's Reunion so we can be sure that the legacy of our group lives on for another 80+ years. See you in a few short weeks!

God Bless,

Jana Calano

Jazz Brunch

John Norton sends word: "I am looking forward to organizing the Jazz Bunch group again this year. If you will, please note that I am happy to have any and all volunteers, who can contact me at jnorton@rolandus.com or 334-887-9883. Thanks, and War Eagle to all!"

Attention Bass Players!

Charlie Higgins has made arrangements to have a bass amp. on the Ballroom stage for the entire Reunion available to be used by all bass players. He is working on an amp. for rehearsals in Lobby Lounge, and hopes to have one there as well.

Room Reservation Info

Call 1-877-563-4301 to reserve or check on room status. Be sure to request AKA reunion rates.

The Auburn Knights Alumni Association

80th Year Reunion
Auburn Marriott Opelika
Hotel and Conference Center
at Grand National
July 20-25, 2010

Need a great band for your club or organization's next dance? Contact us!

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Obituaries

William Callaway

William Deward Callaway, 85, of Huntsville, died peacefully on Thursday, June 3, 2010. Bill was born to Mamie Lewter Callaway and Richard Charles Callaway Sr, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Dora Owen "Bubs" Callaway, and his brother, Richard Charles Callaway, Jr.

An adolescent bout with rheumatic fever kept Bill from serving in World War II, something he always regretted, especially as friends and classmates were lost in battle. However, during his bedridden year, Bill studied violin and came to love performing the music of the jazz era.

Bill was a graduate of Huntsville High School class of 1944, where he was voted Friendliest and Handsomest boy in his class. He graduated from Auburn University with a B.S. in agriculture, becoming a lifelong member of the Auburn Knights Orchestra, where he played saxophone. The Knights annual reunions, occasional gigs and great friendships brought great joy to Bill. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which he served as president. Bill was a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club and a deacon at the First United Methodist Church. A farmer throughout his life, Bill also owned and operated with his wife Bubs The Book Inn during the 1960s, a book and gift shop.

He is survived by a son, William Owen Callaway, and wife, Hillary Branner; two daughters, Beth Callaway Alexander and husband, Dave, and Jane Lewter Callaway; and two grandsons, Dave Alexander of Nashville and William Callaway Alexander of Los Angeles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Auburn Knights Orchestra Alumni Scholarship Fund, c/o Fritz Siler, 3110 Deer Chase Ct. Snellville, GA 30039

Joe Hunter

Joseph Gullatte Hunter, Jr., 86, of Opelika, Alabama died peacefully in Snellville, Georgia on June 14, 2010.

Joe was born in Opelika, Alabama, on March 14, 1924. He attended Auburn University and the University of Alabama, where he was an active member of the Auburn Knights and the Alabama Cavaliers as a trumpet player. He served in the U.S. Army as a bandsman before finishing up his degree at Auburn in 1946. He followed his love of big band jazz music for a time before returning to Opelika.

Upon returning, Joe worked in his father's wholesale grocery business. He married his wife of fifty years, Caroline Gee Whitcomb on July 3, 1959. Joe had a successful career with Liberty National Life Insurance Company for many years before retiring in 1986.

He was an excellent father and grandfather. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Opelika. Joe was an avid Auburn fan, and was always present and vocal at many Auburn sporting events. Always a performer, he never went unnoticed at any event.

He had a big heart to match his big personality, and he was loved and respected greatly by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Caroline Whitcomb Hunter, his parents, Joseph Gullatte Hunter, Sr. and Elisabeth Samford Hunter, and his brother, Richard Samford Hunter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the First United Methodist Church of Opelika, Alabama.

Allijean Addy Northcutt

Allijean Addy Northcutt passed away Thursday, June 10, 2010 at East Alabama Medical Center. Allijean was born on July 2, 1937 to Buford Walter Addy, Sr. and Louise Hunter Addy in Union, MS. Her family moved to Foley, AL when she was young and she graduated from Foley High School. Allijean and Dewey moved to Auburn in 1962. She worked at Ampex and the Auburn University Vet School before

she and Dewey opened The Northcutt House and the Blue Room Dining Halls. She served as friend and surrogate mother to many young college students. She was a member of Auburn United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother William Addy and granddaughter Addy Johndrow. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Dewey V. Northcutt and 4 children all of Auburn Van (Melissa) Northcutt, Walter (Patti) Northcutt, Stacy (Neil) Chase, and Stephanie Johndrow. She had 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren all of Auburn. Grandchildren: Chris (Alyssa) Northcutt, Casey Northcutt, Bradley Northcutt, Sarah Northcutt, Abby Northcutt (boyfriend Tyler Adams), Davis Northcutt, Spencer Northcutt, Mitchell Roland, Hunter Roland, Grayson Roland, Abby Chase, Anna Chase, Ashley Chase, Justin Johndrow, Chad Johndrow, Alli Ann Johndrow. Great-Grandchildren: Caroline Northcutt and Kate Northcutt. She is also survived by her brother Buford Walter Addy, Jr. (Margaret) of Mobile, AL.

Allijean had a gift of making everyone she came into contact with feel like part of her family. She loved both Auburn University and the city of Auburn. She followed Auburn sports from little league to high school to her beloved AU Tigers. She took pride in her induction in the City of Auburn Dixie Youth Hall of Fame. In lieu of Flowers donations should be made to Exceptional Outreach Organization, 300 N. Dean Road, Suite 5, Box 127, Auburn, AL 36830. Exceptional Outreach is a local organization who provides programs for exceptional individuals with special needs by fostering growth through recreation, education, and social activities.

2010 Auburn Knights Orchestra Reunion

JULY 22-24, 2010

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Era	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30's	10-12 Noon Ballroom	8:30-10 AM Ballroom	
40's	7-8:30 PM Lounge	10:30-12 Noon Ballroom	
50's	3-4:30 PM Lounge	12:30-2 PM Ballroom	1-2 PM Ballroom
60's	5-6:30 PM Lounge	2:30-4 PM Ballroom	3-4 PM Ballroom
70/80	7-8:30 PM Ballroom	11:30-1 PM Lounge	2-3 PM Ballroom
90's	5-6:30 PM Ballroom	10-11:30 AM Lounge	
2000's	3-4:30 PM Ballroom	2:30-4 PM Lounge	

BAND COORDINATORS

Era	Coordinator(s)	Phone
30's	Charlie Higgins	(334) 288-5001
40's	Graham Thomas Tom Winstead	(901) 755-4567
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90's	Wade Johnson	(334) 285-6846
2000's	Mark Belfast	(334) 887-9384

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Time	Friday	Saturday
7:00 PM	30's	60's
8:00 PM	2000's	50's
9:00 PM	40's	70's/80's
10:00 PM	90's	Current

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Number	Event or Item	Cost	Total
_____	2010-2011 Dues (Members & Associates)	\$ 20.00	_____
_____	Concert/Dance, 7:00pm, Friday, July 23rd	\$ 10.00	_____
_____	Concert/Dance, 7:00pm, Saturday, July 24th	\$ 10.00	_____
_____	Saturday Jazz Lunch, 11:00am		_____
_____	BBQ Beef or Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Drink	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Hamburger, Chips & Drink	\$ 6.00	_____
_____	Hotdog, Chips, & Drink	\$ 5.00	_____
Contribution to the AKA Scholarship Fund			_____
<i>(All Contributions are Tax-Deductible)</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			_____
Send form and payment to: Wade Johnson, AKA Treasurer 4868 Camp Grandview Rd. Millbrook, AL 36054			