

BLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 MEETS FOR 65TH REUNION

The Bland High School Class of 1957 met for its annual reunion on the first Saturday in August on August 6, 2022 at Shoney's in Wytheville. Eight of the surviving 24 members of the class attended. Pictured (left to right) are **Elizabeth Lambert Stiltner, Larry Dean Pauley, Sally Lambert Edwards, Lanny McPeak, Ann Hardy Beardshall, Mona Scott May, Kenneth May, Phillip Stowers, and Jarold Buchanan.**

Other attending were **Mary Pauley, wife of Larry Dean Pauley, and her twin sister, Martha Pauley; Doris McPeak, Elmer Beardshall, Betty Sue Stowers, and Etta Buchanan.** **Phyllis Melvin Morehead,** wife of our deceased classmate David Morehead also attended. David passed this year and he had attended every one of our reunions. We missed him.

Kenneth May reported on the surviving men who were unable to attend. They were: Carl Beamer, Ralph Beamer, Billy Crockett Bowen, Woodrow Dillow, Kenneth Hall, Jimbo Muncy, Carty Shannon, Billy Strock, Sherman Townley, D. B. Waddle and Dan Wiley.

Ann Hardy Beardshall reported in the surviving women who were unable to attend. They were Yvonne Durham Bowman, Olena Hooker Cunningham, Thelma Wilson Owens, and Janeth Bogle Vandendungen.

Jarold and Etta Buchanan prepared a framed memorial to **Helen Penley Hardy, our class sponsor** and my mother. They had presented this memorial to the Bland County Historical Society earlier in the day and gave a copy to me. It is beautifully written and the expression of same is so much appreciated by me and all of my family.

An expression of thanks was given to Kenneth and Mona May who have held a reunion for us every year since we graduated with the exception of the pandemic year of 2020.

The BHS Class of 1957 will plan to gather again the first Saturday in August in 2023.

Ann Hardy Beardshall



L. to r.: Elizabeth Lambert Stiltner, Larry Dean Pauley, Sally Lambert Edwards, Lanny McPeak, Ann Hardy Beardshall, Mona Scott May, Kenneth May, Phillip Stowers, and Jarold Buchanan.