



A Time To Be Thankful

From Norma Reed Melson

THANKSGIVING IS....

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us... and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes, to remember that we, too, grow and change from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours... let us think of our families and friends..

and let us give thanks in our hearts.

~~Author Unknown.~~

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
- Count your gains instead of your losses.
- Count your joys instead of your woes;
- Count your friends instead of your foes.
- Count your smiles instead of your tears;
- Count your courage instead of your fears.
- Count your full years instead of your lean;
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- Count your health instead of your wealth;
- Count on God instead of yourself.

~~Author Unknown.~~

Blessings Snacks Mix Recipe

From Cheryl Shanks Price

Sweet and simple, with a message of hope, make these Blessings Mix to give to family and friends. Similar to trail mix, each ingredient reminds us of one of our blessings. Blessings Snacks Mix gift bags make pretty holiday table favors. Recipe will make about 16 gift bags of about one-third cup each.

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups Bugles brand corn snacks
- 2 Cups small pretzels
- 1 Cup candy corn
- 1 Cup dried fruit bits or raisins
- 1 Cup peanuts or sunflower seeds
- 1 Cup M&Ms brand chocolate candy
- 16 Hershey's brand chocolate kisses

Directions:

In a large bowl, gently mix all ingredients except Hershey's Kisses. Place 1/3 to 1/2 cup Blessings Mix in small cellophane treat bags. Add one Hershey's Kiss to each bag. Close bag with twist-tie. Attach a gift tag with this sentiment written on it.

Blessings Mix

Bugles: Shaped like cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy Corn: The sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or Seeds: Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

Dried Fruits: Harvest gifts from our bountiful land.

M & Ms: Memories of those who came before us into a blessed future.

Hershey's Kiss: The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives

Class of 1976 Memorial Fund

In the summer of 2006, a group of us from the Forum decided to start a Memorial Fund for our class. The Memorial Fund will be used to send cards to classmates upon the death of a parent and/or siblings and a planter and card upon the death of a spouse and/or child. A \$50 donation will also be made to the Class of 1976 Scholarship fund upon the death of a classmate. Since the inception of this fund we have regretfully lost five additional classmates, Jack Pearcy, Jeanie Lee, Rob Hillis, Mary Siller Ferguson and Cindy Snodgrass Cox.

To make a donation to the Memorial Fund,
Please send checks payable to:

Class of 1976 Memorial Fund
C/O Cindi Swope Cole
503 Crescent Court
Frankfort, IN 46041

Recent Cards

Jeff Shirar - In memory of his dad
Terry Pippenger - In memory of his mom
Marianne McKinzie Douglas - In memory of her mom

Recent Planters & Donations

In memory of Mary Siller Ferguson
In memory of Cindy Snodgrass Cox

Clinton County Cancer Society

In memory of Mike "Kayos" Kaylor
(husband of Cheri Smith-Kaylor)

Paw Pals of Clinton County

In memory of Tom Tolen
(father of Tomalyn Tolen Lawson)

Class of 1976 Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mary Siller Ferguson
In memory of Cindy Snodgrass Cox

Class of 1976 Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the generosity of our classmates leading up to the 30th Reunion and the proceeds from the auctions held the night of the Reunion, we were able to start our Scholarship fund with \$2,000.00. This Scholarship Fund is administered by The Community Schools of Frankfort with the guidelines provided to them by the committee (Cathy Kays Curry, Brian Wells and Norma Reed Melson). Those guidelines are as follows:

Minimum GPA of 3.2
Achievement in scholarship, arts, leadership and selfless service
Community service
Financial need

Our 2007 Scholarship recipients were Catherine Frey and CJ Smith.
Our 2008 Scholarship recipients were Ellen Abbott and Brandon Steining.
Our 2009 Scholarship recipients were Katie Cripe and Kyle Stuard.
Our 2010 Scholarship recipients were Matt Kriel and Bayli Mooney.



To make donations to the Scholarship Fund:
Please send checks payable to
Class of 1976 Scholarship Fund
C/O Leslie Michael,
Community Schools of Frankfort
50 S. Maish Rd.
Frankfort, IN 46041.

In Remembrance

The following Classmates have passed away since graduation. We would like to do a nice slideshow tribute to them at our next reunion. We are looking for anyone who might have school pictures, candid photographs, etc. of any of them. If you have any, please get in touch with Norma Reed Melson either by e-mail njmelson@sbcglobal.net, cell phone 765-242-1543 or mailing to 753 Mapleleaf Drive, Frankfort, IN 46041. If you can scan and e-mail them, that would be awesome. If you don't mind mailing them, they will be scanned and returned.

Michael Crose
8/19/58 - 3/28/89

Diana Castle Blackburn
5/1/58 - 1/3/90

Sharolyn Paulsen Hunter
1/19/58 - 4/4/90

Melody Brown Moss
12/5/57 - 5/26/91

Roger Scott
8/3/58 - 7/17/91

Pamela Woodard Skiles
2/4/58 - 11/1/91

Dale Burton
3/23/56 - 5/26/99

Jacquelyn Hodgen Baker
11/17/57 - 4/1/02

Emerson "Lee" Albaugh
0/8/57 - 5/5/03

Pamela Shurr Cockrum
7/10/58 - 9/6/05

Jack Pearcy
10/19/57 - 1/24/07

Jeanie Lee
6/30/58 - 12/29/08

Rob Hillis
8/28/58 - 2/9/09

Mary Siller Ferguson
3/26/58 - 1/10/10

Cindy Snodgrass Cox
8/2/58 - 9/29/10

In Remembrance of Cindy Snodgrass Cox

By Debbie Stidham Crowe

This summer I connected with Norma to find out that Cindy had been diagnosed with Liver Cancer. When hearing the news I had an intense feeling that I needed to reconnect with her as hearing the word cancer has somewhat of a finality to it.



Cindy was a childhood friend of mine. We lived close to one another in elementary school and lost touch with each other entering junior high as my family had moved. We had some fun times together as small kids on the monkey bars at Circle Park.

I met Norma and she and I were able to visit with Cindy for 2 hours shortly after receiving the news. We met up at Clinton House and laughed the entire 2 hours. You never knew Cindy was fighting this horrible disease. She fought it like she has all obstacles that have been placed in front of her, with grace and dignity! We had

even talked about me taking her to the 25th reunion and kicking up our heels. She was looking forward to going home.

When I had gotten word that Cindy was in the hospital and taken a turn for the worse my heart sank. A spirit so lively when I had seen her previously was on her way home to our heavenly father.

It was with sadness that I left the hospital that day. I knew I would never get the opportunity to laugh with her again on this earth. I am ever so grateful that I was able to spend that time with Cindy and catch up.

Looking at all of our classmates that have passed at such a young age gives one a new appreciation for the life we are given. Our time here is not guaranteed. Make time for your family and friends and tell your loved ones that you love them. We never know when it is going to be our time to be called home.

Rest In Peace Cindy!

Reflections: Friendship

Thank you for our friendship
For it means so much to me,
Your kindness and understanding
And loving ways you share so free.

Thank you for being beside me
When I needed someone that cared,
And thank you for all your loyalty
For the times together we shared.

Thank you for our friendship
For it's something even money can't buy,
Thank you for holding me tightly
When there was a need I had to cry.

Thank you for always smiling
When I couldn't smile at all,
And thank you for boosting my ego
For the times I felt so small.

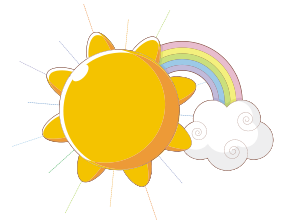
Your friendship I cherish so deeply
So this message to you I send,
May God bless and always watch over you.
And may you always remain my friend

Our friends are like angels
Who brighten our days
In all kinds of wonderful
Magical ways

Their thoughtfulness comes
As a gift from above
And we feel we're surrounded
By warm, caring love

Like upside-down rainbows
Their smiles bring the sun
And they fill ho-hum moments
With laughter and fun

Friends are like angels
Without any wings
Blessing our lives
With the most precious things



Saluting Our Veterans



Janice Adams Beene - Navy
James Dick - Army
Steve Howard - Army
Rick Hoyer - Air Force
Patty Perkins - Air Force
Joe Ramos - Navy

Jerry Roop - Navy
Mitch Seals - Air Force
Mike Sexton - Air Force
Tracy Thomas - Air Force
Randy Warren - Army National Guard
Brian Wells - Army

Thank You!

We apologize if we missed anyone who served in the military. Please let us know so we can correct our list.



The Dog Gone News

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If you have moved within the last 5 years, or have never received a mailing from us for past reunions please send us your mailing address. E-mail addresses are also appreciated.

Also, We are looking for the following classmates:

Everett Gilmore
Mark Howe
Tanya Perry
Teresa Vail
James Warren

Four years have passed since the busy summer of 2006 when we gathered to celebrate our 30th Class Reunion. Now is the time to start planning for our 35th Reunion next summer.

Class President, Brian Wells shared the following PROPOSED Reunion Plan:

When: Last weekend in July 2011 - coincides with the Frankfort Hotdog Festival.

Where: Saturday Evening Event will take place at Best Western in Lafayette, IN.

SAVE THE DATE!

As seasons change and the leaves are falling, I am reminded of how fast time flies. Though it feels like yesterday I was a young girl. Looking back, who would have known where each of our destiny lies. I am thankful for the opportunity to know all of you.
Cheryl Shanks Price