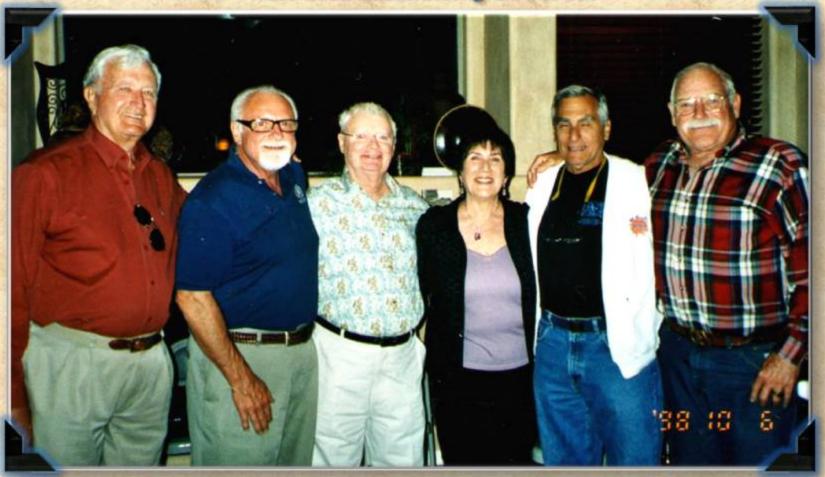




A voice from the past, come to say hello and to say "I'm really looking forward to the upcoming reunion this year in September". This is Leah Herbst (McWhorter) and I'd like to fill you all in on some happenings from the past 2 years. In the spring of 2007, I received a phone call from Ken Yonan (he tracked me down through my brother who lives very close to him in Arizona) and we have been communicating ever since. In 2007 I was planning to visit my brother, Bill Herbst, who is a 1955 graduate of Taft, and he lives in Fountain Hills, AZ which is about 10 minutes away from Ken's house in Scottsdale.

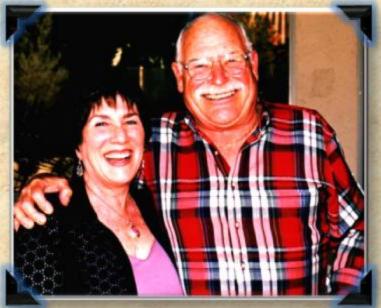
Ken and his significant other Phyllis Korogodsky opened up their gorgeous home to: Kelsey Peterson, Jeff Carson, Nancy Nelson and her husband, and myself. I cannot begin to tell you all what a great time we had. We caught each other up on our marriages, divorces, kids, grandkids, medical histories and lots and lots of very funny, heartwarming stories. It was so wonderful to meet again as grown up human beings leaving behind the hormone, angst driven bodies and minds of teenagers. We had such a good time that we planned another reunion for the following year which was spring 2008.

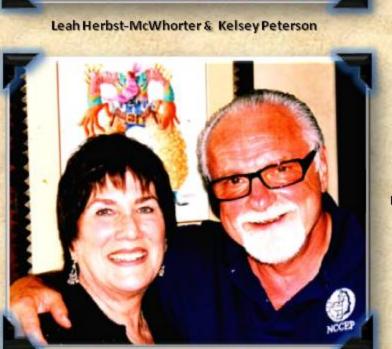
Taft Graduates Living Out West



From Left to Right ~ The Taft Graduates:

Jack Will, Taft, Class of June 1949, Fountain Hills AZ - Ken Yonan, Scottsdale, AZ - George Coghlan, Las Vegas, NV Leah Herbst-McWhorter, Crockett, CA - Jeff Carson, Phoenix, AZ - Kelsey Peterson, Huntington Beach, CA





George & Esther Coghlan

Leah Herbst-McWhorter & Ken Yonan



From Left to Right

- 1st Row: Leah Herbst McWhorter, Connie Will (Jack Will's wife) & Bill Herbst Taft Class of 1955, Leah's brother
- 2nd Row: Sandy Herbst, Bill's wife (Leah's sister-in-law) George & Esther Coghlan
- 3rd Row: Dennis McWhorter (Leah's husband) Kelsey Peterson, Jack Will, Ken Yonan & Jeff Carson



From Left to Right

1st Row: Phyllis Korogodsky (She's with Ken) & Connie Will

2nd Row: Sandy Herbst, Leah, Jack Will & George Coghlan

3rd Row: Dennis McWhorter, Bill Herbst, Kelsey Peterson, Ken Yonan & Jeff Carson



From Left to Right

1st Row: Phyllis Korogodsky

2nd Row: Leah Herbst-McWhorter & Connie Will

3rd Row: Bill & Sandy Herbst (Fountain Hills AZ) – George & Esther Coghlan
4th Row: Dennis McWhorter, Kelsey Peterson, Jack Will, Ken Yonan, Jeff Carson

WEST COAST MINI-REUNION

Graduation pictures of the 5 June 1959 Taft Classmates



KEN



JEFF CARSON



GEORGE



LEAH HERBST-McWHORTER



KELSEY PETERSON

According to our graduation pictures they are still the same attractive group we were 50 years ago!