

Ribault Senior High School  
Jacksonville, Florida

Class of 1967



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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



It's a beautiful morning, ah  
I think I'll go outside for a while and just smile  
Just take in some clean fresh air, boy  
(Ain't) no sense in staying inside  
If the weather's fine and you got the time  
It's your chance to wake up and plan another brand-new day

A Beautiful Morning - The Rascals  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvnLaPeJptU>

As spring blooms, the Easter season brings a welcomed opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate renewal, hope, and new beginnings. Whether focusing on personal growth, community service, or enjoying the warmer days ahead, this time offers a refreshing break to recharge and embrace positivity.



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### **REUNION COMMITTEE NEWS**

The next regular meeting of the Reunion Committee is on April 18, 2026. We will send another class email following that meeting to update everyone.

#### **Reunion Survey—Sharon Lane**

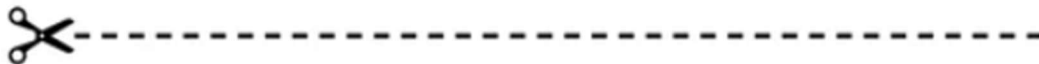
Greetings to all you Trojan ‘67ers out there! Spring is in the air and isn’t it wonderful to wake up to the birds singing and the sun shining each morning when your feet hit the floor. Hope you are enjoying this time of hope and renewal.

Your Reunion Committee is busy planning our next gathering—the **BIG 60<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of our graduation from Ribault. We have done a bunch of discussing and “re-cussing” and sharing thoughts, ideas, and possibilities. Now, we need to hear from **YOU!** Your input is vital to the process. We want to make this our best yet and with your help, we can!

Please share your preferences and ideas by completing the survey below and emailing it to Vanesa Perry Bowden, Event Planning Chairman, by **April 15**.  
[vpbowden33@gmail.com](mailto:vpbowden33@gmail.com)

### **60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION SURVEY**

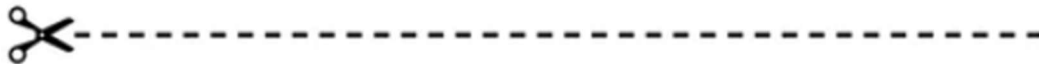
Please mark each Option with your preference. If you have your own idea, definitely include it. We are hungry for new ideas!!!



<u><b>Options</b></u>	<u><b>Preference or Idea</b></u>
How many days?	Weekend (Fri.-Sun.) _____ Weekend (Thurs.-Sat. (less expensive)) _____ Saturday Only _____ Other Describe:

Location	Beach _____ Riverfront _____ Northside _____ Other Describe:
Theme	
Hospitality Room (What would you like to see included?)	
Games	Walker Races _____ Ribault Trivia _____ Minute Mysteries _____ Board Games _____ Scavenger Hunt _____ Family/Classmates Feud _____ Other Describe:
Friday Night, assuming a weekend event	Informal Social _____ Hospitality Room Gathering _____ Other Describe:
Saturday Day	Planned Activities _____ Free Time _____ Other Describe:

Saturday Evening	Dinner at Location _____ Plated _____ Buffet _____ River Cruise _____ DJ _____ Dance _____ Program _____ Dress Style Casual _____ Dressy _____ Themed _____ Other Describe:
Visit New Ribault Building	Yes _____ No _____
Tour Old Neighborhoods	Yes _____ No _____
What is most important to you during the Reunion?	
How can we make our 60 <sup>th</sup> Reunion special?	



Thanks for your time in completing this survey.

**PROM NIGHT MEMORIES**

Prom season is approaching and we thought it would be fun for us to revisit our prom night memories. This was Vanesa’s idea, so she is going first. We would love to add your prom story in our October quarterly newsletter so please find those old prom pictures and send them to me with your story. [abmabry49@gmail.com](mailto:abmabry49@gmail.com)

## My Prom Date—Vanessa Perry Bowden



Steve Davis and Vanessa Perry

When I think of my prom date, it brings a smile to my face even all these years later. After wondering if anyone would invite me to go, I was delighted to get a call from **STEVE DAVIS**. Though we had never dated, I liked him and, let's face it, he was pretty cute! I said "yes" right away and began planning what to wear. As you can see from the above picture, back then this included wearing long, white gloves (oh my, I wonder whatever happened to those?).

Imagine my disappointment when Steve called a couple of days before prom to say he had broken his leg and had a huge cast. I could hear in his voice that he thought I would back out. After all, we were going to a dance.

I am so glad that we kept that date, despite Steve's injury. I laughed that night more than I ever had on a date as Steve and I stayed on the dance floor all night and did some semblance of dancing. We had no regard for how awkward we must have looked, and Steve taught me a lifelong lesson of how to make the best of a difficult situation—just keep your sense of humor and do the best you can.

Steve, I hope you are reading this. Thank you for being the perfect prom date. I hope life has treated you well and that you are still laughing and dancing.

## Oh What a Night—Alice Bartlett Mabry



*Bill Ramsey and Alice Bartlett*

The song that comes to mine when I think back on our prom night is “**Oh What a Night**” by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. There is one line in the lyrics that particularly stands out to me:

Oh I, I got a funny feelin' when she walked in the room  
Yeah my, as I recall it ended much too soon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhc13WNMNpg>

There is a story there, but Bill has had enough teasing about that to last him a lifetime. Bill Ramsey to this day is one of my sweetest, dearest friends from school. We met the last half of sixth grade at Garden City Elementary. We rode the bus together in middle school. He was meaner than hell to me and my mom said that was because he liked me. Guess he did because he asked me to the prom in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

It was quite a night on many levels but the story I want to share is this one. My mother made my lovely, soft yellow satin gown. I was rather flat chested, and my mother said I should wear her blow-up bra. You could blow the cups up to whatever size you wanted. Perfect! Well, when Bill came to pick me up with a truly beautiful yellow rosebud corsage, he pinned it on me. Unfortunately, he also put a hole in the left side of my blow-up bra. It

was a slow leak so no biggie [pun intended] and I was back home before it had gone completely flat. It was only on Sunday morning when my mother put her bra on to go to church that what had happened was discovered.

### BONO'S NIGHT



**Bono's**  
**4907 Beach Boulevard**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
**5 p.m.**

Nothing like a night out at Bono's with classmates and other Ribault alumni. Please let Vanesa know if you would like to attend so she can make sure enough space is reserved.  
[vpbowden33@gmail.com](mailto:vpbowden33@gmail.com)

By the way, do not forget to bring some spending money (**cash**) for the 50/50 raffle. The pot has grown with the increase of attendance of many Ribault alumni, not just the Great Class of '67—although we always have the most in attendance and are by far the best looking.

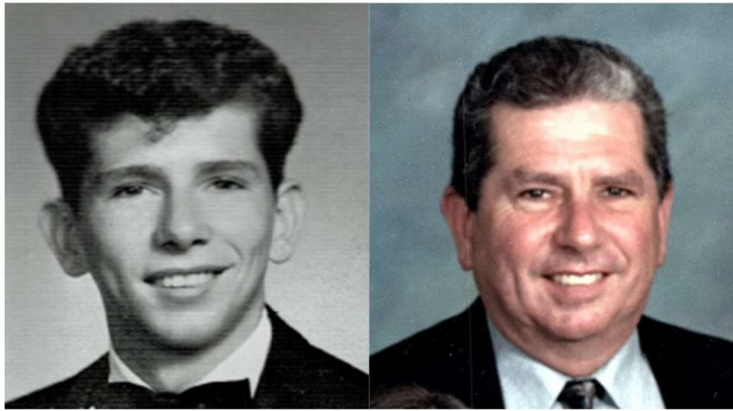
### PRAYER REQUESTS

It is with great sadness that we let you know of the passing of our classmate Dorothy (Dot) Shivers Waller. Dot passed away on March 5, 2026, where she lived in Asheville, North Carolina. She was the mother of two sons, Tony and Lawrence. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Prayers for the family of our classmate Tommy Tompkins who passed away on March 17, 2026.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/middleburg-fl/giles-tompkins-12795632?fbclid>



### **LET US HEAR FROM YOU**

There is no way we can know about every illness or death or when your email address changes unless you let us know. We promise if you will let us know, we will do our part to keep you well informed.

If you are not already on our “Ribault High School ‘67’ FB Friends” page, please join us. This is our most direct form of communication, and we have over 100 classmates on our page. We have rules that keep our page fun and safe. You must have a connection to our class in order to be approved to join our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336958183371434/>

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# HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY



APRIL FOOLS!!! SAME AS LAST YEAR.