

Dear 1962 Classmates:

I wanted to let you know that one of our classmates has passed away.

**Robert (Bob, to his many friends) A. Gaines passed away December 27, 2013.**

He lived in Sebring, FL. I couldn't find an obituary, only a notice of his death.

Bob was a favorite friend in high school, great dancer, fun personality with a great sense of humor. He knew how to have a good time and everyone loved him with his quiet, unassuming ways.

Bob's father, Ed, was instrumental in getting my husband, Jay, a position with Southern Bell in 1964 when he was discharged from the Air Force. An effort greatly appreciated.

I'm not sure what branch of the armed forces Bob was in but he served in Viet Nam.

I wish I knew more to share with you because he was a great guy.

Information provided by:  
Barbara Tobin

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Hi Barbara, friends & Classmates!

Barbara--kindly forward this to our classmates. Thanks so much!

So sorry I've lost touch with my high school friends, and so sorry to hear of Bob Gaines' passing....So sad!

He was a wonderful, fun-loving young man of excellent character, and will surely be missed.

To my recollection, we were each other's "first love" (as much as "love" is when you're in 10th or 11th grade).

By senior year, we had moved on to other interests; then graduated high school. Eventually I married and moved away to college in Virginia. Bob went to Vietnam. I think he was in the Army.

Since we grew up in the same neighborhood, we occasionally kept in touch and wrote a few letters while he was in Vietnam.

I heard he had lost a large part of one leg in Vietnam, and visited him during his convalescence.

I heard he went on to school and married. Wish I could share more info, but memories are sketchy -- such a long time ago.

So sorry I lost track of wonderful high school friends including Bob.

Before the Internet, keeping in touch was difficult while away at college and grad school in Virginia, married, working a demanding Fed Government security job, and living back and forth between Washington DC and Europe.

So if anyone sees it in their heart to share info, I would appreciate it!! I am retired now and live in Sarasota Florida.

Hope to get up the courage to go to a Class Reunion!! While in Washington DC and Europe, was difficult to get time off plus extra money for flights/hotel to come to Miami.

Now afraid no one will remember or recognize me.

Wouldn't it be great to have an index of high school photos with "now" photos?  
(Would be a fun way to help us recognize each other!!)

Anyone know how I can get a senior class yearbook (hard copy or digital)?

Big hugs,

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----- Forwarded Message -----

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**Subject:** Re: A Note From Catherine Vasquez

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**From:** Ronald Guiler <[RGuiler@executax.net](mailto:RGuiler@executax.net)>  
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I am really sorry to hear about Bob Gaines death. He was a good friend in High School.

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