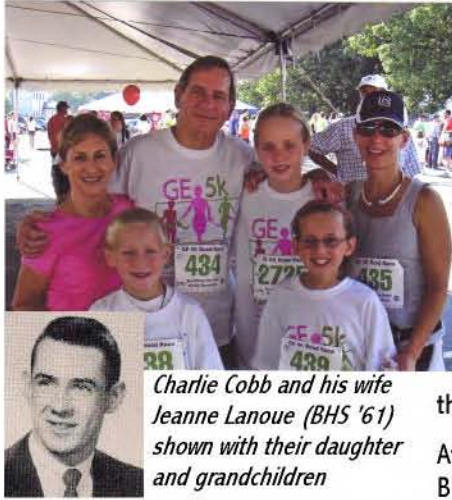


Correction, Ralph Houde should be Ralph Hood. Apologies.

Charlie Cobb



Charlie Cobb and his wife
Jeanne Lanoue (BHS '61)
shown with their daughter
and grandchildren

"Wherever I go, I tell anyone who'll listen about how great it was to grow up in the Shoe City," says Charlie Cobb. "Brockton's ethnic diversity instilled a respect and appreciation for various cultures and provided a good background for navigating life."

Lessons learned about the value of diversity were an asset for Charlie during his long career in international marketing. His work as vice president of international marketing for an electronic specialty chemical company took him far and wide, to such exotic ports as Hong Kong and Taiwan. Charlie retired from the chemical business 10 years ago, and is now working as a regional manager for a Canadian electronics manufacturer, covering the east coast.

Charlie grew up on Pleasant Street in The Heights section of Brockton. He attended Hancock School and West Junior High and, like several of our classmates from that neighborhood, has fond recollections of summer fun on the Hancock playground. "It was every boy's dream to jerk a baseball over the fence through Ford's storefront window," he recalls. "I never came close, but I think Lukey Willis did."

After high school, Charlie continued his education at Wentworth and Northeastern then earned an MBA at Babson. In 1964 he married his high school sweetheart, Jeanne Lanoue (BHS '61) whose father and uncle owned and operated Lanoue Brothers shoe store on Legion Parkway.

The Cobbs moved to Connecticut in 1976 and have been there ever since. They live in Avon, not far from our classmate Mike Casieri, whom Charlie sees regularly.

The Cobbs have three children and seven grandchildren. Weekends are often spent with the grandkids. "One of my favorite activities is running 5K races with my daughter and grandkids. We run together several times a year," he says. Charlie says his other interests include following international and domestic politics and trying to manage his portfolio for a gain—not easy these days.

He is still an avid Red Sox fan and enjoys getting to games occasionally with his son and brother. "One highlight was sitting in the Monster seats at Fenway last year. My son caught a home run fly ball hit by Manny Ramirez—bare-handed. Another great outing was attending a football game at Notre Dame and watching our Connecticut Huskies beat the Fighting Irish in double overtime," he said.

Charlie says he is grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with classmates through the *Brocktonia* newsletter. "I enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our classmates. People have excelled in so many diverse disciplines," he says. "I think we produced a pretty good crop of Americans."

You can reach Charlie by email at ccobb@dapc.com or by phone at 860-830-9586.

Charlie will be *Classmate of the Month* for April. So be sure to visit our class website to learn more. <http://www.bhs1960class.com>

Not only are we crossing people off our "missing" list, we are crossing people off our "deceased" list. We are embarrassed (and delighted) to report

**that *Roger Bousquet* is also alive and well
and living in West Wareham, MA. More about Roger in the next issue.**



Disclaimer: This is a publication written and designed by old people—unpaid old people. As such, it is likely to have errors and omissions. Although our goal is to offer an error-free product, chances are we won't. So please bear with us as we do our best to keep you informed about the latest news from the Class of 1960. There is no specific publication schedule, so just be surprised whenever you find an issue in your mailbox.



Melvyn D. Cohen



Mel Cohen has retired, but his life is busier than ever, with a heavy schedule of athletic, social and community activities, both in Massachusetts and Florida.

Mel grew up on the East Side, attending Kingman Elementary School and Paine Junior High. After high school, Mel graduated from Suffolk University and its Law School and joined a Boston law firm. He eventually became full partner in the firm and left in 1982 for private practice. He practiced law in Brockton and East Bridgewater for more than 20 years, and served as Town Counsel for the town of Bridgewater for many years. He retired from the practice of law in March 2008.

Mel and his wife Lorna Cohen (BHS '64') will celebrate their 44th anniversary in May. They have two children and six grandchildren ranging in age from 5 months to 16 years.

Mel and Lorna reside in Bridgewater during the summer and at Huntington Lakes in Delray Beach, Florida during the winter. When in Bridgewater, Mel is active in the Bridgewater Lions Club, where he has served as treasurer, president and a member of the board of directors. He was presented a Melvin Jones Award from the club for humanitarian service to the community.

Avid bowlers, Mel and Lorna play in a candlepin league in East Bridgewater during the summer and a ten-pin league in Boca Raton during the winter. Mel also enjoys golf and gardening. The Cohens participate in the Huntington Lakes Olympics which consists of a wide variety of sporting and non-sporting events such as bowling, fishing, shuffleboard, golf putting and cards. Both won Olympic Medals last year for bowling.

A prostate cancer survivor, Mel participates in the Bridgewater, Middleboro, Lakeville Relay for Life Walkathon held in Bridgewater. You can reach Mel by email at melvyncohen@comcast.net.

Beverly Curley Jensen



Beverly Curley Jensen travels all over the globe, but she always makes sure she's home for the semi-annual gatherings of the BHS Class of 1960 at George's Café. Bev earned her travel agent credentials in 1985 and has been on the go ever since. (She currently works part-time at Inside Out Travel in Rockland.) "I love to travel, but I wouldn't miss those mini-reunions for anything," she says. "They keep me connected with my old friends and keep wonderful memories alive."

Working part-time in the travel business has allowed Bev and her husband Tom to explore places most of us have only seen on TV and in the travel section of the newspaper: Tahiti, Morocco, Thailand, Iceland, Egypt, Monaco, Australia, and almost every country in South America and Europe. And she is not ready to unpack yet, with Peru and Hungary still on her "bucket" list.

"So far our African safari has been my favorite," she says. "When I studied those faraway places in geography and history classes, it never occurred to me that I would actually experience them someday."

Bev spent more than 60 years living and working in Brockton. As a young child, she lived in Campello on Market Street, attending Huntington School. In the third grade her family moved to the north end where she attended Howard School and then North Junior High.

She and Tom lived in their "starter" home on St. Casimir Ave. in The Village for 40 years before moving to Tom's family homestead in Braintree eight years ago. During those 40 years Bev worked in various positions in the Brockton school system, from classroom aide to Guidance Secretary at South Junior High. She still has a part-time seasonal position with Brockton Community Schools.

For the past six years she and Tom have been snowbirds, spending winters in Kissimmee, Florida.

Bev's memories of Brockton include daily carpooling to Chandler School for Women with our BHS classmates Judy McGlone and Jane Moynihan. "Jane was a bridesmaid in my wedding along with Joanne Croker Dombrosky and Mary Ellen Stackpole MacDonald. I hope they will all be available to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in September, 2012," Bev says.

Bev plans to be up north in time for our next mini-reunion at George's Café on Friday, April 15. In the meantime, you can reach her at bevflyer@aol.com.

Bev is currently featured as Classmate of the Month on our Class of 1960 website. Check it out at <http://www.bhs1960class.com>

In Memoriam to our Classmates

Sadly we have lost three classmates since our 50th reunion. Please keep the families of those who have passed in your prayers.

Edwin F. Guillemette



Our classmate Ed Guillemette passed away on October 8, 2010 at his home in Indianapolis. He was born in Brockton and grew up in Montello. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he earned several medals, including the Bronze Star. He served 20 years with distinction in the United States Army, retiring with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Edwin went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in accounting and enjoyed a successful career at DFAS, the accounting division of the Department of Defense. He retired in 2000.

Edwin is survived by his loving wife, Nellie and two children, Joseph and Mary Guillemette. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Vid Venckauskas



Vidas J. Venckauskas, 69, died Jan. 18, 2011. He was born in Lithuania and came to the USA with his family in 1949, settling in The Village section of Brockton. After high school, Vid graduated from Burdett College. He worked as a salesman for many years for the Simeone Corporation of Stoughton and TL Edwards of Avon. Vid enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as cooking. He was a member of the Old Colony Sportsmen's Club in Pembroke.



He is survived by his wife, our classmate, Jane M. (Sheehan) Venckauskas of Abington; his children, Edward and his wife Jill of Middleboro; Kristina Day and her husband Michael of Belmont and Stephanie Millett and her husband George of East Bridgewater. He also leaves his sister Jaruna Banaitis of Canton and his grandchildren, Kayla, Kevin, Matthew, Lauren, Allison, Briana, Brittany and Kiley. Donations in Vid's memory can be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02140-1102, or to the Blue Hill Alzheimer Care Center, 1044 Park St., Stoughton, MA 02072. You can reach Jane Sheehan Venckauskas at 880 Brockton Ave. #9, Abington, MA 02351 or by email at jven2@verizon.net

Bob Dennehy



Robert "Bob" E. Dennehy, 69, of Mashpee passed away peacefully after a long illness Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at the McCarthy Care Center, Sandwich. Bob grew up in Montello. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed for two years at Woods Hole on Cape Cod. Bob was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan.



A graduate of Northeastern Institute of Technology, Bob was employed by the town of Randolph for 25 years as an electrician and Director of Maintenance. Bob leaves his wife of 46 years, Carol (Dwyer) and four children: Peggy and her husband Paul Hambly of Mashpee, Michael and his wife Jennifer of Harwich, Steven and his wife Christine of Norton, and Kellie and her husband Thomas O'Brien of Holden. He also leaves his nine

grandchildren as well as two brothers, William Jr. and John Dennehy and two sisters, Lois Bishop of Brockton and Faith Pierce of North Easton. Donations in Bob's memory may be sent to McCarthy Care Center, 73 Service Road, Sandwich, MA 02601, or Hospice & Palliative Care, 765 Attuck Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

If you would like to be
Classmate of the Month,
all it takes is a phone call.

Just pick up the phone, call and record
your message. (This is a special line owned by our
webmaster, Kerry Harkins.)

Just talk for about a minute,
providing an update on your life and
Kerry will do the rest.

Accessline 781-253-4029

(You can re-record as many times as you like.) Kerry
would also like you to send 4-6 photos (electronically if
possible) to KFHarkins@comcast.net for the Classmate

Intro portion. If you need to mail- send to

Judy Donohue at 711 Cordova Circle

The Villages, FL 32162

Please Don't Make Me Beg!

I am getting old. I need to be spoon fed—at least when it comes to newsletter material. We need volunteers to tell their stories for our class newsletter, Brocktonia. You don't have to be a Hollywood Star, an Olympic athlete or a Pulitzer Prize winner. I can assure you that every one of you has a story to tell. Your classmates LOVE hearing about your life. Just send a paragraph or two. I will call you to fill in any blanks.

judithdonohue@gmail.com



Brockton High School Class of 1960

Be sure to visit our website.
Big thank you to Kerry Harkins
and Judy Higgins Donohue for all
their hard work in it's preparation
& maintenance.

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A good way to stay in the loop!

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Blast from the past !



West Junior High football team circa 1956

row 1: John Hughes, David DePasqua, Larry Siskind, Joe Ritucci, Jack Brophy, Dick Marshall, Lawrence "Luke" Willis, Nick Spadea
 row 2: Coach Calvin Porter, Fred Solari, Peter Connor, Mike Slutsky, Bob Keneklis, Hayes, Dom Ritucci, Charlie Cobb
 row 3: Paul Heniken, Richard Green, Carl Hicks, John Holmes, David Spong, Dennis McGuire, Joseph' "Chickie" Rodenbush, Marty Frankel



BHS South Shore Cross Country Champs -1958

l to r. Dick Werner, Norton VanDePoele, George Conefrey, Jim Howard, Coach Gerry Plumley, Charlie Cobb, Jack Lombardo, Dick Powderly.

We have been unable to locate the following members of the Class of 1960.

If you know their whereabouts, please contact

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or call 352-603-3941.

Carol Backstrom	Eleanor Klim
Bobbie Barnard	Claire R. Kvaraceus
Robert Barrett	Sandra M. LeBall
Pauline Beers	Barbara C. Latham
Carol Bishop	Dorothy M. Lavange
Kathleen Buckley	Marie Lawson
Marilyn Bullock	Kathleen Ann Lee
Joan Charboneau	Nancy E. MacDonald
Lillian Chenevert	Mary Louise McGee
Deirdre Coleman	Barbara McGuire
Theresa Diaz	Wayne Millet
Ann Doten	Rosemary D. Perry
Eileen Driscoll	Roberta Powers
Barbara Erlandson	Patricia Roper
Joanne Forest	Diane L. Sabine
Roberta Geer	Madelon L. Schnyer
Elaine Hershoff	Diane L. Semeta
Barbara Ann Hill	Ann Snyder
Peggy Holmes	Beverly Stanley
Henry (Eddie) Johnson	Katherine L. Taylor
William Jordan	Georgette Tougas
William Jumepe	Kendra A. Walls
Ed Kaskel	Janice M. White
Patricia Kelley	Helena Znajmiecki

