

## Hall of Fame - Class of 2012

### Keith & Gladys Dyer

Keith and Gladys Dyer both graduated from Warrenton High School, Keith in 1949 and Gladys in 1951. Gladys worked for the Warrenton-Hammond School District 35 years, starting as a hall monitor and spending most of her career as the head secretary at Warrenton Grade School.

There contributions to the community are too numerous to list and difficult to explain unless you were on of the beneficiaries of their hospitality, caring, and kindness. They are true small town community members who have been role models and demonstrated to the kids that came around them as to how to be a part of a community and makes their community better just by being there and being willing to help everyone and anyone. They touched many lives and helped make Warrenton a great place to live and raise a family.



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### Renee Tikkala

Renee Tikkala began working for the Warrenton School District in 1979 as a bus driver and mechanic and worked up until 2007 when she lost her battle with cancer. He advocated for, and spearheaded the effort to raise funds get a bus barn built on its current site at the high school. The bus was named after her in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the District and the community.

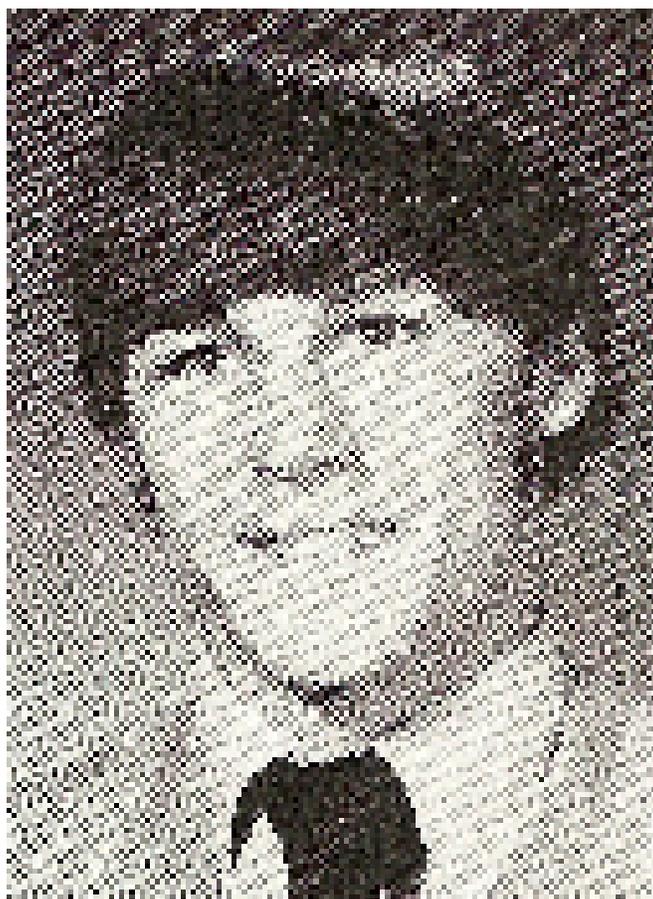
Renee helped coach basketball for years and helped in the outdoor school teaching students how to paddle a canoe among many other skills to help them learn how to enjoy the outdoors. She was known as a tough, hard-nosed worker, but was a tease and a devoted friend to those that knew her.



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### Robin Bergerson

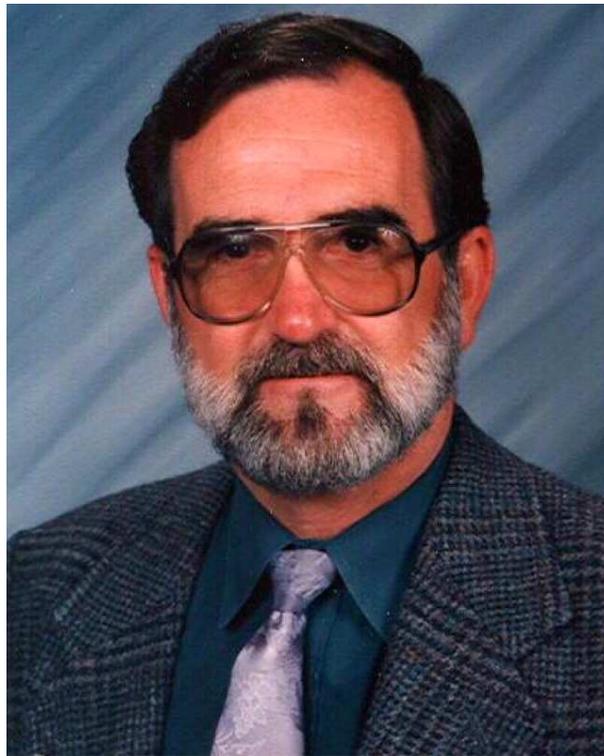
Robin Bergerson graduated from Warrenton High School in 1974. He was a district champion and a two-time state champion in wrestling, winning the title in the 148 lb. weight class both years. His junior year he pinned every opponent at the state tournament.



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### Rudy Shappee

Rudy Shappee attended Warrenton High School from 1954-55. He served in the military from 1957-1978 and worked in public education from 1978-1997.



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### Staci Hanna Meithe

Staci Hanna Meithe graduated from Warrenton High School in 1986. She was an all-league performer in volleyball her senior year and helped lead her team to the state tournament that year. She was an all-league selection in basketball her senior year and played in the All-Star game that following summer. Her 1,048 points still make her the #4 scorer of all-time in WHS girls' basketball history and she still holds the #10 spot on the rebounding chart with 482 career rebounds. She played basketball for two years at Southern Oregon University after graduation from high school.

Staci started the Warrenton High School softball program in 1997 and held that position for 10 years creating a program that experienced a great deal of success. She could not stay away and played a major role in getting a softball built at the high school. She played a major role in the planning, fund-raising and implementation of the project. Through her efforts, and the efforts of many others, a field was completed at the high school in 2012. Staci again took over as the coach of the team and continues guide the Lady Warriors today.



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### 1978 Volleyball Team

The 1978 Volleyball Team coached by Jessie Wallace finished the season with a record of 20-2 on their way to a league championship and a third place finish at the State Volleyball Tournament. The team was known for its playing as a team and making the most of each individual player's unique talents to become a complete team that played well together and ultimately became one of the best teams in WHS history.



**Top Row:** Cynthia Shepherd, Cindy Rowland, Robin Searle, DeeAnn McCoy and Diane Davis  
**Bottom Row:** Judy Hoff, Kay Hanna and Annette Birkholz

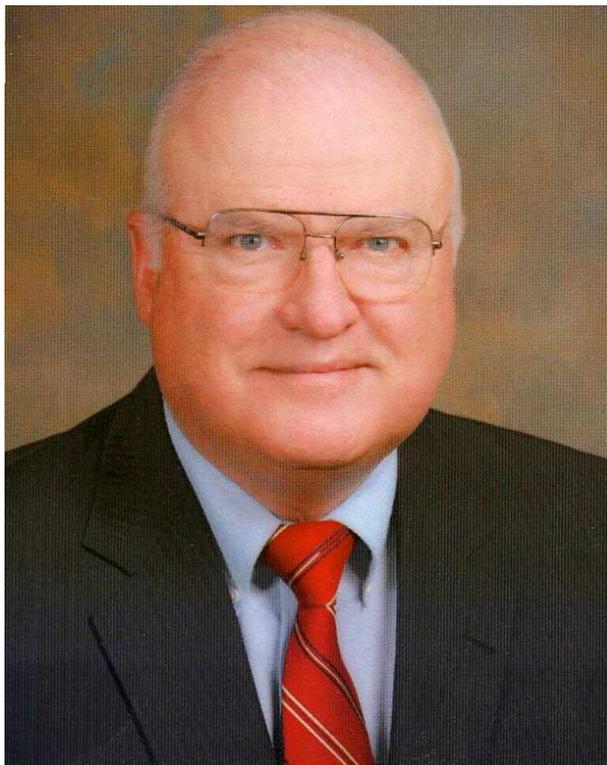
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### Hank & Sonny Willener

Henry (Hank) graduated from Warrenton High School in 1934 and his son, Henry Jr. (Sonny) graduated from WHS in 1960. Sonny went on to graduate from OSU in 1965 and eventually earned a Law Degree from Harvard and practiced law for 23 years. He served his country in the Air Force during the Viet Nam War and was one of the first soldiers into the conflict.

The Willener's are best known in the community for their pumpkin patch! Starting in 1948, Hank raised pumpkins for the children in Warrenton and the only rule was "if you can carry it, you can have it". They grew nearly 1500 pumpkins a year for over 25 years until Hank's death and, even though he no longer lived in the area, Sonny still continues to stock the pumpkin patch for the kids today, making it 64 years that they have generously done this for our community.

Although they are best remembered for the pumpkin patch, they both contributed in unseen ways. Hank's home was a revolving door to many children and the fridge was always full. They were both very involved in making sure no child was left out of sports just because they could not afford shoes or other necessities. They were there and made sure a lot of Warrenton kids experienced the benefits and joys of participating in sports.



Sonny Willener