

Hall of Fame - Class of 2013

Connie Shepherd Seutter

Connie is a 1984 graduate of Warrenton High School and still stands as one of the most outstanding three-sport athletes ever to walk the halls of WHS. She was an All-League performer in volleyball. In basketball, she helped her team earn trips to the state basketball tournament her junior and senior years, leading her team in both scoring and rebounding both years on her way to being selected for All-State Tournament Team and also being named League MVP her senior year. Connie still ranks #15 on career scoring chart (689) and #7 on rebounding chart (565) at WHS. In track, she won both the shot put (39' 10 1/4") and the 100M Dash (13.15) her junior year at the state meet and earned a total of six state medals in her career. She was a six-time district champ and still holds the school discus record (126' 10"). She competed in both volleyball and track at the University of Oregon where she lettered and was named a Scholar-Athlete in volleyball in 1984 and earned three letters as a member of the track and field team. Connie and her husband Michael have a daughter, Olivia and make their home in Elgin, Illinois.



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Dick & Marilyn Easton

Dick and Marilyn Easton retired to the Warrenton community in 2000. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon and spent 42 years in the group insurance business in Portland. Once moving to Warrenton they wasted no time in getting involved with the community and schools. Dick volunteered as an assistant football coach and for 13 years. They have contributed to the Warrenton Hall of Fame Foundation, the P.E.O.P.L.E. scholarship and the Warrenton Scholarships, Inc., programs. They established the “Dick & Marilyn Easton WHS Activities/Leadership Scholarship” in 2001 and have awarded this scholarship to twelve of Warrenton’s best and brightest to help them further their education. Dick has served on the Board of Directors for WHS Scholarships, Inc. and also for the United Way of Clatsop County, serving as its President for a number of years. Dick and Marilyn have three children: Jan, Mike and John.



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Earl Van Volkinburg

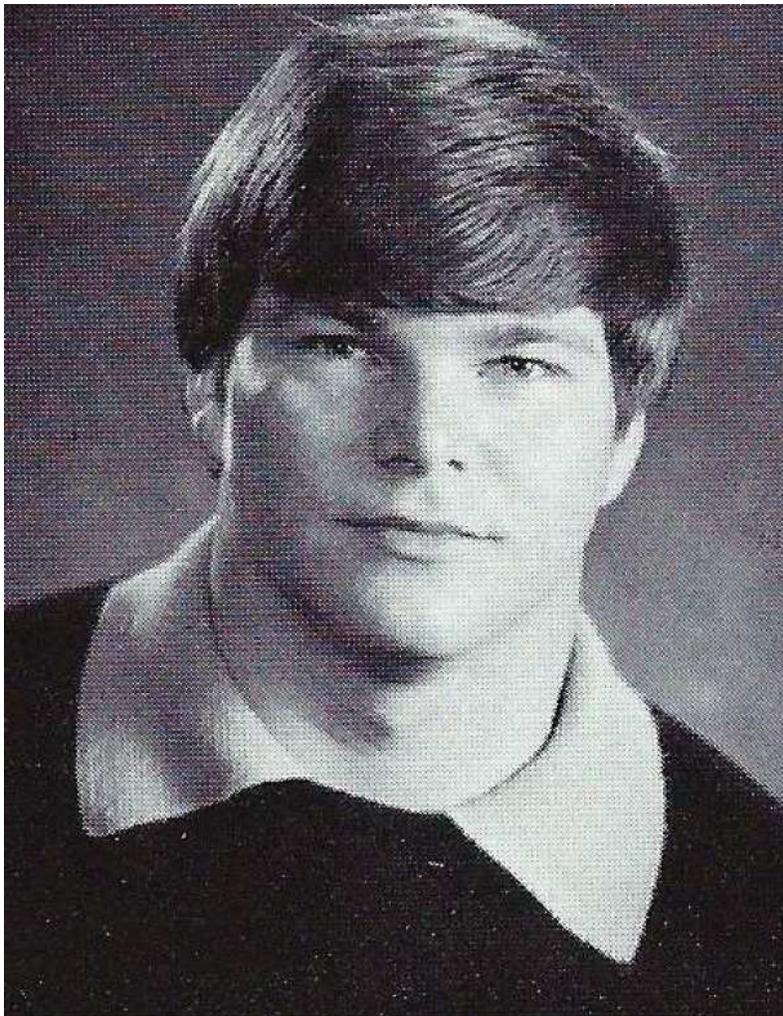
Earl graduated from Warrenton High School in 1963 and from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1970 specializing in Internal Medicine. He served his internship while serving in the United States Air Force at the David Grant Medical Center on the Travis Air Force Base in California and his residency at the US Air Base in the Mosel Valley in Germany from 1971-1974 and at Providence Medical Center in Portland from 1975-1977. He then searched for a town that needed a doctor and discovered Salem, Oregon where he ran a private practice for 34 years. Earl volunteered his services and expertise around the world on several humanitarian missions. He traveled to Thailand with World Missions in 1979 during the Cambodian Conflict to provide medical services to Cambodian refugees fleeing their war-torn homes. He also went to Nicaragua in the early 80's and then to Zaire during conflicts there to help establish water treatment plants and organize orphanages. The atmosphere there was so intense that he shortened his stay by two weeks after being "invited" by soldiers with guns to go home. Dr. Van Volkinburg is also a very successful businessman. He and his wife Pam, his high school sweetheart, were one of the first families to plant grapes in the Willamette Valley and established the Vitae Springs Vineyard in 1977. The vines are among the oldest in the region and produce some of the finest wines produced in the entire Northwest. The vineyard and wine-making operation is now managed by his son, Joel and his wife, Michelle. In addition to their son Joel, they also have two daughters Dawn Johnson and Derian Lonigan. He has eight grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Earl still practices medicine with the WVP Medical Group in Salem and, believe it or not, was still making "House Calls" in 2013!



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Tom Dyer

Tom graduated at the top of his class as it's valedictorian in 1978. He was a two-time All-League football player at OL-DL and helped his team advance to the state play-offs his junior year. He was a solid blocker, fierce defender and the ultimate team player and leader. In wrestling, he was a three-time state medalist, winning the state championship in 1977, placing second as a sophomore and third as a senior. He had a career record of 86-8 and won 48 consecutive matches at one point from 1977-78. After high school, he wrestled at Pacific University and won the Northwest Conference heavyweight championship in 1979. He earned a BA Degree from Pacific, graduating in 1982. He coached Junior High football in the community for 18 years, serves as a City Commissioner and is a Trustee at the Warrenton Community Church. Tom has been an Oregon state police officer for 29 years and is well respected in the Warrenton community. He and his wife Ginny have three sons, Andrew, Stephen and David, and two daughters, Rachel and Ruby.



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Virginia Steve

Virginia worked in the Warrenton School District for 27 years from 1981 through 2007. She started as a volunteer at the grade school and eventually worked with three very different librarians with three very different styles and maintained her sanity; Eloise York, Martha Sisson, and Gayle Whitney. She was much loved by the kids as a special education assistant and library assistant. She earned the respect of her peers because of her positive attitude and passion for WHS and its students. In 2004, Virginia was nominated as “Asset Builder of the Year” by a student for making a positive difference in his life. He said she “is a very nice person”. She was well-known and appreciated for her efficient management of every aspect of operating and organized and being the “keeper of the books”. Virginia took it upon herself to organize and run a recycling program for the early 90’s through her retirement and instilled this important environmental attitude into an entire school. Virginia and her husband Ed, have two daughters, Amy and Michelle, and two grandchildren, Jake and Katie. Virginia passed away in 2009.



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1976 Baseball Team

The 1976 baseball team was coached by Hall of Fame Head Coach Dwayne Huddleston and Assistant Coach Gary McBride. They amassed an overall record of 31-3, won the Northwest League Championship and placed 3rd in the 2A State Tournament, losing to eventual state champion Harrisburg 9-4. They were a complete team who played solid defense and where each starter had big days at the plate to help pick up the offense when the team needed them. Daily Astorian Sports Editor at the time, Grady Parnell, said that “the 1976 Warrenton baseball team could beat any team in the state on any given day”. Ron Dyer was named to the All-League team for the fourth consecutive year. Butch Johnson, Wes Soukkala, Mike Johnson and Gregg Harrod were also first-team All-League. Other team members were: James Beatty, Billy Davis, Ron Davis, Tommy Dyer, Billy Johnson, Scott McGroarty, and David Searle. Wendi Huddleston was the team statistician.

