

MEMPHIS, TN – July 18, 2015

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

On Saturday - July 11, 2015 - the Messick High School (Memphis, TN) Class Of 1970 had a very successful 45th reunion at the [Memphis Rock-N-Soul Museum](#)! Approximately **145+** classmates, friends, family members, spouses/partners enjoyed an evening of food, fun, friendship and fellowship! The Friday Night Mingle at [Earnestine & Hazel's](#) was also well attended! Overall - a great time was had by all!

For some it was the **FIRST TIME** in 20, 30, 40+ years of seeing so many classmates! For “**all**” it was a time (re)connect, reflect on various eventful days at Messick along with sharing individual/collective life's experiences!

The **Rock-N-Soul Museum** was an ideal location and provided a warm/inviting/exciting environment to enjoy a superbly catered meal by [Central Bar-B-Q](#), audio/visual presentations, gifts, along with professional photography services of/by M. Susan Wilson - www.WilsonVisualMemories.com ** Photographs available for purchase!

The Top Ten Reasons For Attending This Reunion:

10. **Central BBQ Dinner As Well As Pull Chicken And Dessert ...**
9. **Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks And Water Provided ...**
8. **Top 100 Songs For 1969, 1970 and 1971 ...**
7. **Group Photo Made In Front Of Legendary Pop Tunes Sign ...**
6. **Friday Night Mingle At Ernestine & Hazel's ...**
5. **Centrally Located Downtown On Famous Beale Street ...**
4. **FREE Tour Of Rock-n-Soul Museum (\$12/Person Value) ...**
3. **Unique Museum Gift Shop - Open And Available To Us ...**
2. **FREE Parking Available At FedEx Forum - Adjacent To Event ...**
1. **Visiting With Wonderful Classmates, Friends, Families ... PRICELESS!**

All For Only \$30.00/Person! 

Activities included a Trivia Contest (souvenir poster won by Jerry Woodard), individual/group photos, interactive tour of Memphis Rock-N-Soul Museum, great food, fun and fellowship!

Gifts included Wrist Bands (Contents: Messick History - swiped/modified from Class Of 1969 Yearbook and other sources, Posters, Directory, Deceased Classmates), official State Of Tennessee/House Of Representatives House Joint Resolution No. 373 which reads in part ..

"Whereas, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have strengthened our society by

producing graduates of the highest caliber who have gone on to excel as responsible and productive citizens ..." additionally the Resolution states *"Whereas, during its more than sixty years as a high school, Messick produced distinguished graduates in all professions and walks of life, but was especially noted for the large number of vocalists, musicians, and music industry professionals it graduated; and Whereas, the pantheon of Messick graduates who went on to succeed in music include: ..."* Steve Cropper, Duck Dunn, Reggie Young, Ruth and Betsy Welting, Nancy Tatum, Bill Justis, Sid Manker, Ed Bruse, Jimi Jamison (Class Of 1969), Gary Burbanks, **Bill Cunningham (Class Of 1970)** and his brother B.B. Cunningham.

In the future **EXPECT** our very own **Carl Marsh (Class Of 1970)** - www.CarlMarsh.com – to be included among the impressive list of Messick graduate musical professionals! Thanks to (Representative/97th House District) **Jim Coley (Class Of 1970)**!

Representing Messick's **"Administrative Elite"** was **Coach Neal Cordell** ... still *"blending in"* as a student! Representing Messick's **"Moms and Pops"** (and my personal favorite) was **Miss Alberta Davis** – my 87+ year young mother. Our Principals, Teachers, Administrators, Coaches, Moms and Pops nurtured, guided, supported and disciplined us to be the best!

And ... **we turned out pretty good!** 😎

We also took time to recognize and reflect on the memories of our deceased classmates ... some as recent as the last few months.

We (Reunion Committee) Need Your Feedback! We're already received comments to us. However, in addition to those comments we ask that comments be posted to our social/interactive website - LINKED from the Home Page - at www.Messick1970.com. See the **"Our Class Message Board"** section to leave comments.

Photographs:

- M. Susan Wilson - www.WilsonVisualMemories.com ** Photographs available for purchase!
- Connect with us at www.Facebook.Messick1970.com - upload photographs.
- Email to: Administrator@Messick1970.com
- Provide/email link (Administrator@Messick1970.com) to (individual/personal) social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram) • I'll post to websites ...

We don't know all the "special moments" from the 45th Reunion ... so we need YOU to tell us!

Recent e-mails have revealed information on other deceased classmates along with updated contact/address information for other "missing" classmates.

If you've uploaded photographs to your social media accounts please make them public to allow anyone to view them. I'll ultimately link everyone's photographs to/from our www.Facebook.Messick1970.com "connection."

- **John and Lynn Doyle, Toni and Staff at Memphis Rock-N-Soul Museum ... Thank You!**
- **Earnestine & Hazel's ... Thank You!**
- **Central Bar-B-Que ... Thank You!**

- M. Susan Wilson ... *Thank You!*
- Sam Tune/Brad Sidle ... *Thank You!*
- All Veterans ... *Thank You For Your Service!*
- Everyone Who Attended/Participated ...

Thank You For Making Our 45th Reunion An Overwhelming Success!

Mark Your Calendars: "A Date With Destiny - 2020!"

Messick High School/Class Of 1970 - 50th (**Golden Anniversary**) Reunion!

Please visit www.Messick1970.com. Navigate to our Social/Interactive website. Register/Update your profile, leave comments and visit our "Facebook Connection" @ www.Facebook.Messick1970.com.

Relationships ... please use any/all resources to stay/keep in touch!

Thank You!



Messick High School (Memphis, TN) **Class Of 1970** | 45th Reunion | Saturday – July 11, 2015
 Memphis Rock-N-Soul Museum
 "Guardians Of The Capstone" | "Old School... Dat's How We Roll!"
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***“We're The 'Guardians Of The Capstone,'
Dat's How We Roll, We Love You All And
There's Absolutely Nothing You Can Do
About It!” 😁***

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