

In Memorial

Abreu, Mr. Jaime Sanchez

This former student is my deceased uncle, my mother's brother. He attended for only one year 1940-41 graduating that year. His paternal grandmother was the famous "monkey lady", Rosalia Abreu, internationally known for her large collection of monkeys and apes right on her property, Quinta Palatino or Finca de los Monos, Born: August 26, 1923 - Died: July 6, 1990

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Agramonte, Dra. Estela A

Dra. Agramonte taught from 1934-1961 in the Bachillerato Department. She passed way on July 15, 1989 at the age of 83. She lived in Cuba until 1961, when she moved to Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. There she went on to be the Academic Dean at Puerto Rico Junior College. After retirement in 1978, she moved to Miami, Florida to be near our family. She is survived by myself and my three children: Laura (28), Eduardo (25) and Lillian (23).

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Alejo Baisman, Dr. Margarita A.

Maggie, as we all knew her, passed too early in her life, on Nov. 7, 2001 at the age of 53. She loved Ruston; she belonged to the Class of 1963. Before her illness, she hosted several dinners and reunions at her apartment on Key Biscayne to keep the camaraderie of the Ruston torch and friendship alive. We miss her!

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Alfonso, Mr. Carlos Jose

Carlos started Ruston Academy in kindergarten and was there with sister Delia until the school closed. His family never left Cuba and Carlos, a promising young painter, arrived in the US through the Mariel Boatlift in 1980. Initial struggles led to a brilliant career tragically cut short by AIDS in 1991. A major exhibition of his work started at the Miami Art Museum went to the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, DC in 1998, the best attended exhibition in the nation's capital that summer.

Reported by: ,

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Barroso, Mr. Jose

Jose passed away in 1987 in Ohio. He is survived by his widow, Lore, and 3 children: Carlos, Lisa and Jefferey. Jose (Jern) was a warm, compassionate and very loyal friend. We're sorry that he left us at such a relatively young age.

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Barroso, Mrs. Mylva

Reported by: Prio, Ms Zoe

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Batista Godinez, Mr. Fulgencio Ruben

After battling leukemia, Ruben peacefully passed on November 7, 2007 at 7:45PM. ¡CUANDO UN AMIGO SE VA! It is then that you come to realize the great loss it

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Berek, Mr. Claudio Yves

Claudio Berek passed away on 1989. As an account traveled around the world. Was 5 years on the Reserve, in New York. Married with no children. On 1959 went from Havana to Europe and then to New York. Moved to Miami. My husband was always optimistic and a happy man until the end of his life.

Reported by: Berek, Mrs. Carmen Velez

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Bugeda, Mr. Diego J.

Diego passed away on February 14, 2001, a day before his 65th birthday. Upon graduation from Ruston, he entered the University of Havana where he earned a degree in Law. In 1961 he moved with his family to Mexico City, where he resided until his last days. Recognized by all as a very smart individual, Diego was well known and liked by everyone who knew him at Ruston. All of us from the Class of '53 will certainly miss him.

Reported by: Lopez, Mr. Eduardo M.

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Collazo, Ramiro

Estudiante de la clase de Bachillerato de 1958. Conocido como Tokin. Suicidado en la decada del 80.

Reported by: Garcia Esteve, Dr. Joel

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Constanzo, Dr. Magda S.

Magda Constanzo Hornstein, 75, of Coral Gables, FL lost her battle to cancer on 8/7/11.

Magda was born in Havana, Cuba to Avelino and Felecia Constanzo. She obtained a PhD in psychology in the late 1950's. She left Cuba in 1964, and primarily lived in Savannah, GA where she was director of psychology at Georgia Regional Hospital and maintained a Private Practice.

In 1988, she moved to Miami, FL to embrace her cultural heritage. She maintained a private practice, wrote a psychology based column for El Nuevo Herald and worked at West Gables Rehabilitation Center. She was a wonderful therapist and has helped a tremendous amount of people.

She had a lifelong love of photography and had won a number of prizes and accolades for her photos. She is most remembered by her wonderful sense of humor, enthusiasm and fun. She was an extraordinary and unique individual.

She is survived by her husband Neal Hornstein, her son, Peter Stacholy of LA, CA and her daughter Ana Stacholy of Atlanta, GA. She leaves behind a multitude of people that cared for her deeply.

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Cortada, Mrs. Shirley Barlow

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Reported by: Cortada, DR James

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Cross, Mr. Patrick

My brother Patrick Cross died in March of 1984 from Cancer in Dallas, Texas. He left behind a wife and three young children. I am the sole survivor of my family. We both attended Ruston until we moved from Havana to New York.

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Cushing, Mr. Jeffrey Abbot

Passed away March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) 2009. Would have been Ruston, Class of 1959.

Reported by: O'Farrell, Mr. Mike

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Dacoba, Sr. Antonio Aguirre

My Dad Antonio Dacoba Aguirre went to Ruston Academy in the 40's...not sure exactly what year. Then he came to Kalamazoo, Michigan to work at the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company in 1948. He passed on in 1983.

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del Busto, Sra. Conchita Mulet

My mother who was a teacher at Ruston.

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del Junco, Andrés

Eulogy: Andrés was my older brother and died in June 17, 2015 from ALS. He was born in Havana September 21, 1948. He attended Ruston for at least two years, 1957-1959, perhaps 1956-57 as well. He was married with two daughters. He had recently retired as a professor of mathematics at the University of Toronto. He had lived in Toronto, with a couple of sojourns in Ohio and the Netherlands, since we left Cuba in 1959.

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Delgado, Mrs. Maria Causa

Graduada de Bachillerato en Letras, clase de 1959. Nacida en La Habana el 4 de diciembre de 1941, fallecio en San Antonio, Texas el 17 de septiembre de 2001.

Hija del Dr. Anibal Causa, gastroenterologo y profesor de la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de La Habana, y de Mirta Delgado.

Salio de Cuba en Noviembre de 1960 y se establecio en San Antonio con su familia, que incluye a otra alumna del Ruston: su hermana mayor Mirta Causa Delgado, casada con Luis Marti.

Maria Matilde contrajo matrimonio con el cubano Miguel Millan y tuvo dos hijos: James y Miguel Anibal Millan y dos nietas. Trabajo muchos anos en San Antonio de maestra de ensenanza primaria.

Recuerdo a Maria Matilde en el Ruston como companera carinosa que detestaba los deportes. Por alguna razon tenia que refrescar sus lentes de contacto a menudo, y mas de una vez, en el bano, todas las que estabamos ahi tuvimos que ponernos por el suelo a buscar un lente de Maria Matilde que se le habia caido al piso. Nunca la pude ver en Estados Unidos.

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In Memorial

Fernandez, Mr. Francisco Pancho

We remember our friends. His mother, Marta and wife Graciela worked at HRS Welfare in Miami Beach. I believe he had one son. Let us never forget our pain & suffering. May you rest in Peace.

Reported by: Rodriguez, Mr. Luis Francisco

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Galban, Dr. Flavio

Married Beba Saladrigas 1953 . 6 children . Medical school UH ; 1959 : internship & residence at Northwestern , Evanston , Ill. Pediatrician . Settled in Las Cruces , NM 1968 . Died there 1989 . Always true Rustonian .

Reported by: Galban, Br. (Stephen) Juan

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Galban, Mrs Ada

Born in Havana 8/8/39 ; Died in Havana in 1988 . Married and divorced Jose (Pepito) Rios .

Two children living in Havana : Maria del Carmen and Jose Gabriel .

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Hamilton, Mr. William ("Bill") J.

Bill attended Ruston for several years, roughly 7th grade to 12th grade, (except for 10th grade when he went to St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, MS). He graduated from Ruston with the class of 1958. During his high school years he was a disc-jockey on Radio Kramer's Teen Age Turntable, a columnist with The Havana Post's teenage column, and he played football and baseball with Club de Profesionales in Miramar. After graduating from Ruston, Bill went to Tulane University in New Orleans, LA for one year, and then went to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1963. He was a naval aviator, flying S2s, in a squadron based out of North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado, CA and assigned to the USS Bennington (CVS-20) aircraft carrier. He completed his second deployment to the West Pacific, flying over 120 missions in Vietnam, and returned to the San Diego area in April, 1967. Three days later he died in an automobile accident on the Silver Strand Highway just South of Coronado, in April of 1967. His rank at the time was that of Lieutenant. He was a great Naval Officer, son, friend, and brother.

Reported by: Hamilton, Mr. Bob

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Harper, Mr. George K

Our dad passed away December 13, 1997, one week shy of his 82nd birthday. He didn't attend Ruston, but had four kids who did, as well as a wife who taught there.

Reported by: Harper, Mr. Rocky

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Harper, Mrs. Leonor Elizabeth (Betty) Pardo

Betty Harper passed away on February 12, 2010 in Raleigh, N.C. Betty was born in Havana, Cuba in 1919, the daughter of Dr. Vicente Pardo Castello and Constance Squier. Upon graduation from Duke University she married George K. Harper, also of Havana. They had four children: Jean, Rocky, Rich and Tom, all of whom attended Ruston. She was the grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 22. Betty loved children. She taught for many years in Havana, both at Cathedral School and then at Ruston, and eventually became principal of the elementary department at St. John's School in Santurce, Puerto Rico. In her retirement years, she and her husband George lived in Hiawassee, Georgia, and traveled extensively. A memorial service is scheduled for March 20, 2010 at Christ Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Reported by: Harper, Rocky

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Heath, 1st. Lt. Isaac Edward

1st Lieutenant Edward Heath: November 11, 1940 - March 18, 1969. Killed-in-action, Vietnam, in Operation "Atlas Wedge" in the Michelin Rubber Plantation. Troop L, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Awarded Silver Star for gallantry in combat. Also known as "Eddie": Eagle scout, devoted son, protective big brother, happy-go-lucky, loyal friend, Kappa Sig, party animal, lover of beautiful women, man's man, brave and courageous soldier.

Reported by: Heath Prescott, Ms Marie

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Hernandez, Mr. Jose Maria

Sadly, Jose Maria "Joesy" Hernandez died in Missouri in October 2010, two weeks short of his 77th birthday. Joesy graduated from Ruston in 1952 after being enrolled there for 10 years. He earned his mechanical engineering degree at Stevens Institute of Technology in 1957 and worked in the field for a dozen years before switching to municipal government where he worked until his retirement in 1992.

Joesy's fondest memories were from his years in Cuba and of his Ruston buddies. He described himself as being "full of piss and vinegar" in those years and relished memories of jumping about on the wall at the Malecon, dodging waves that splashed over it when the wind was high. Older Rustonites will remember that the ocean was so close to the old school, that you could run down there and back during breaks and hardly be missed.

In his last few years Joesy visited a number of old schoolmates around the country. Their friendship was very important to him. Joesy said that you couldn't ever make an old friend, you could only lose one.

My condolences to his sons, Jose Manuel and Carlos Miguel.

Reported by: Beaulac Zachor, Ms. Joan

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Herrera, Mr. Jose Antonio (Pilin)

Our darling "Pilin" left Cuba in 1960 for Chicago where his parents, Lucia & Jose Luis Herrera and I, had arrived a few months earlier, after graduating from Ruston, he worked in computers at the Standard Oil Offices in Havana and did the same in Chicago for Spiegel, Inc. Sadly, he was taken to heaven much too soon at age 29 from Leuquemia in 1966, I was his fiancée and will never forget his magnetic personality.

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Iriondo Olazabal, CPA Andres

Estudiante de la clase de 1958 de Bachillerato. Vivio en Miami desde su salida de Cuba. Complicaciones de un derrame cerebral.

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Jacobson, Mrs. Sally Corbin

Eulogy: Sally Corbin Jacobson died on November 13 2016 in Tomah, Wisconsin. She was born Sally Ann Corbin on December 27 1941 in Havana, Cuba. She attended Cathedral School through grade 8, then moved to Ruston Academy, like her mother and brother before her, for high school. She transferred to Lafayette for her junior year, but this was interrupted when the family left Cuba for Miami in March 1959. After graduating from Coral Gables High School she joined her parents in Chicago, where she was to live the first half of her adult life. She married Xavier Fendt, with whom she had two sons, Carlos Xavier (Carl) and John Ricardo (Rick), who were adopted by her second husband, Elliot Silber. She worked in several businesses, including her own tanning salon. The second half of her adult life was spent in Wisconsin, where she and her third husband, Terry Jacobson, bought and developed a rural property, building several lakeside villas as vacation rentals as well as their own home. This done, she turned to realising a long-held ambition: to write the story of her Cuban childhood and the impact that leaving Cuba had on her sense of self and home. The story she tells in "Cuba and Me: Lost in the Eye of a Hurricane" is at one level intensely personal, at another a story shared with friends and schoolmates. "We all lived this. We were all together at that point and place in time, and that one event that blew us all asunder from here to there and finally back to where we are now....We survived." Her book was published in 2013, just as she was experiencing the first effects of the illness that eventually took her life.

Reported by: Corbin, Dr. John

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Jones (Kane), Mr. Robert R.

My dear childhood friend Robert R. Jones (Kane) passed away the morning of September 16, 2009 in Palm Bay, Florida.

Bobby was always well-liked by those who met him for his easy going nature and ready smile. He left Ruston before we moved to the new building to attend Fork Union Military Academy where incidentally my son, James, is now the Chaplain.

Bobby has left us for a better place after a protracted illness. Godspeed, Bobby. I am glad that we shared such memorable adventures in Cuba and the US. I'm blessed to have known you and called you my friend!

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KNOPKA, DR. FELIPE

DR. FELIPE OR BETTER KNOWN AS BUDDY KNOPKA WAS A STUDENT OF RUSTON ACADEMY DURING ITS EARLY YEARS. PHYSICIAN TO THE MOVIE STARS. HE MOVED TO MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA WHERE HE BECAME HEAD OF OUTPATIENT AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL.

Reported by: KNOPKE-BORITZ, MRS. DOROTHY

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KNOPKE, Mr. JAMES S.

JIMMY WAS A STUDENT AT RUSTON ACADEMY IN ITS EARLY YEARS.. HE WAS AN UP AND COMING EXECUTIVE WORKING FOR VERTIENTES-CAMAGUEY INC. SUGAR CO. WHEN CASTRO TOOK HOLD OF THE COMPANY, HE MOVED TO MIAMI BEACH WITH HIS FAMILY . HE REESTABLISHED HIMSELF AND BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

Reported by: KNOPKE-BORITZ, MRS. DOROTHY

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Lee, Mrs. Barbara Beakes

Supervisor of Services at Ruston - Barbara was a remarkable woman who went to Cuba with the USO during WWII, met and married Charles Lee, became mother to Charlie, Dick and Bob, then Norris and John. After leaving Cuba in 1958 and settling in NY, she taught school for awhile, then opened her own travel agency in Rhinebeck, NY. She worked there until she was into her late 80s. She died June 24, 2009 at the age of 95 of natural causes. She will be deeply missed and long remembered by her children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Reported by: Lee, Dick and Judy

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Llerandi, Mr. Manuel (Cholo) A.

Manolo (Cholo) was a unique individual - caring, hardworking and very bright. (He always was the best student at Commerce Dept.) He passed away untimely at the age of 53, is sorely missed by all of us and will always be in our hearts. Manolo was a true friend, excellent listener, and incredibly fair. I met him at Ruston. Later, we made contact again while we were both attending evening classes at Escuela de Publicidad (he was also attending Villanova in the afternoon and worked in his father's business in the morning - all these with A grades!) We married in 1960 and came to the United States in 1961 with our first daughter, then we had 4 more. He was a tireless worker, brilliant with numbers, and with a common sense few people have. Ruston had a definite influence on him, and provided him with tools to carry on after graduation. He passed on to a better and more tranquil life on February 13, 1993, and to us, his family and friends, it has been a very hard and difficult loss.

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Lopez, Mr. Evelio

Estudiante de Bachillerato, clase de 1958. Se graduo ese ano de esa clase. Aparente caso de Alzheimer.

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Magruder, Prof. Nat F.

Nat attended Ruston from 1944 and then he moved to Sarasota, FL and completed his final year of High School at Sarasota High School. For many years he was a professor of history at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. He was retired and passed away at 81 of pancreatic cancer.

Reported by: Mather, Mr. Al

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In Memorial

Mahoney, Tim

Eulogy: Florida Sea Base; Coral Reef Captain Tim Mahoney lost his battle with lung cancer overnight. I was honored to have his lovely bride, Susan Mahoney, serve as the Program Office Manager for two summers. I was always impressed with Captain Tim's quiet, yet very noticeable, presence. If you sailed with Captain Tim aboard S/V Flamingo I know you had an experience of a lifetime. Florida Sea Base News, posted Feb 8, 2015 Captain Ed Marill, S/V Siesta, was a childhood friend of Captain Tim and posted the following on Facebook this morning.

Sad news. My good friend Tim Mahoney passed away this morning.

This is the message I just sent to the Boy Scout of America's sailing staff in Islamorada: Tim Mahoney had been very ill with lung cancer at his home in Port Charlotte for the last few months. He leaves behind his wife Susan, a daughter Emma, and a son Flynn. I became friends with Tim when he was my classmate in Cuba, starting in third grade at Ruston Academy, in Havana. We have stayed in touch over many years, and we sailed together aboard SIESTA in San Francisco Bay.

After he lived in Cuba, he and his parents lived in Argentina, among other places. Tim has had a love affair with sailboats since very young. He built several sailboats himself, and owned other very fast racing sailboats in the Bay Area.

When Tim and his wife, Susan, retired and sold their very successful wood flooring business in the Bay Area, they commissioned the building of a beautiful luxury 46' catamaran in South Africa. They sailed their brand-new boat across the south Atlantic to South Florida. After a successful boat show in Miami, where they sold a sistership, they sailed over to Marathon, and spent a couple of months at our dock with us. We had a wonderful time together. We had some unforgettable sails aboard their cat.

They learned about my work with Seabase, and expressed interest. Rich came down to meet them and see their catamaran boat, FLAMINGO, at our dock. Tim and Susan decided to pursue the SeaBase opportunity.

Subsequently, they sold their catamaran in exchange for some cash plus a beautiful waterfront house in Port Charlotte, purchased their Whitby 42', and both joined Florida Seabase three years ago.

His boat, FLAMINGO, was sold just a few weeks ago.

Tim was a man of few words, strong but a bit shy. And as a friend, second to none. I will miss him.

Below is the sad text message I received from Susan this morning:

"Tim died early this morning very peacefully. I was with him. Hospice was beyond wonderful! I had them dress him in his FSB shorts and shirt. They have taken him to be cremated. We don't have plans for a service/memorial yet. It will be later in the year when we can get everyone together. Please let FSB know. If anyone chooses, please have donations made to Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte. They are on the web. Thank you Ed."

May Tim's soul rest in peace.

Captain Ed, S/V SIESTA

Capt. Steve Willis

FSB Scuba Director – RETIRED

Reported by: Bash, Mr. E. John

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Maxam, Mr. Robert A.

Robert studied at Ruston Academy, and then the Art Institute of Chicago (Not sure of the year, but he was born in 1906, so maybe somewhere between 1928 to 1932). He worked for many years as a commercial artist for an advertising firm, and passed away in 1989. He was a student of H. Ruston.

Reported by: Spafford, Mrs. Susan

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Morales, Dr. Walter J.

: IN MEMORIAM

WALTER J. MORALES,
December 12, 1941 – October 4, 2016

The family, friends and professional colleagues mourn the passing of Walter Morales, distinguished physician, my ex-husband, (Yolanda (Ribas) Morales) father of our daughter Michele and classmate of the 1960 Ruston class.

Walter passed peacefully with his family by his side after a one-year courageous battle with pancreatic cancer at his home in Melbourne, Florida.

Walter is survived by his wife of 33 years Eileen Morales and their two sons, Carlos and Alex (Melbourne); daughter Michele Morales and son-in-law John Dill; grandchildren Roan and Taraken Dill (Winter Park); brother Jose Morales (Miami); sister Katharine (Morales) Nemser (Miami Beach); and nephew Josh Nemser (NYC).

Walter kept his clear mind and unique sense of humor till the end!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Dr. Walter J. Morales to UCP of Central Florida (ucpcf.org).

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In Memorial

Perez-Andrew, De Soto, Dr. Anthony (Tony)-Adam

Adam (Tony) attended Ruston from 1945-1956. He got his Ph.D. in Computer Science and worked at IBM for 22 years until he retired. Over the past year Tony made contact with some of his old friends from Ruston, which brought him much joy. He was planning to come to the Reunion in July, but came down with pneumonia in early May. Sadly, many complications followed and we lost him in early July. He is survived by his wife, Kate, and his son, James. We will miss his great sense of humor and joy for life.

Reported by: Samson, Ms Vicky

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Planas, Dra. Hortensia

La Dra. Hortensia Planas fue una profesora ejemplar. Muy reservada, pero siempre mostro una pasion por sus materias : Civica y Economia Politica. Sus alumnos sabian que podian ir a su clase o hablar con ella en el pasillo y siempre ser recibidos con una sonrisa y un, "En que puedo ayudarte?"

La Dra. Planas fallecio en Miami en diciembre, 2010 rodeada por sus sobrino-nietos. Descanse en paz, querida profesora.

Reported by: Rodriguez, Sra. Graciela

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Ouiles, Natalia

SHE ATTENDED RUSTON FROM 1951 TILL 1954 APROX COMMERCE,
HER FAMILY HAD A HOUSE ON SANTA MARIA DEL MAR, MANY COMMERCE
STUDENTS VISIT THE HOUSE ON WEEKENDS

Reported by: Martinez, Paulino

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Ratcliffe, Mrs. Mimi Ogden

My sister, Mimi Ogden, died in October 1976 after a very brief illness of viral pneumonia. She was married to A. M. Ratcliffe, Jr. and the mother of 4 children at her death--Mary, age 9; Catherine & Virginia, ages 7; Andrew, age 10 months. She left Ruston in the 11th grade in 1959 and graduated from St. Genevieve of the Pines, Asheville, NC that next year. We all made our home in Natchez, MS after we left Cuba in February 1960 with our parents Ed and Nancy Ogden. Mimi also left two other sisters, Nicky and Ellen.

Reported by: Moore, Ms Anita Ogden

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In Memorial

Rodriguez Ugidos, Dra. Zaira

Zaira stayed in Cuba, where she became a distinguished professor of Marxism-Leninism at La Universidad de La Habana. She died in an automobile accident on the corner of Linea y G 199?. We hug her from here where we are for a while longer.

Reported by: Karman Mendell, Dra Olga

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Rosenbaum, Ms Evelyn

Evelyn was the valedictorian of her graduating high school class. She was the most brilliant person I ever knew. Never had a grade under an A and never needed to open a book. When she graduated from Ruston, she was accepted into Barnard College, which was quite a feat in those days! She studied for a year, but then left to marry and raise a family. Her first husband, Walter Rothschild, with whom she had 2 sons, passed away at an untimely age in 1964. She remarried to Sam Fuchs and had a third child, a daughter.

Unfortunately, Evelyn also died very young in January 1973- at only 37 years old. Her loss is deeply felt to this day by anyone who knew this very special person.

Reported by: Rosenbaum Horowitz, Mrs. Annabelle

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Sample, Mr. Byron Alfred

A talented actor - remember "The Tempest" and "Julius Caesar"? A long-time good friend.

Reported by: Mather, Mr. Al

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Samson, Prof. Rita Agostini

From an alumni, and friend, if you will. You were one of my best mentors. G-d Bless You and Keep You

Reported by: Ferrer, Mr. Edward (Eduardo) A.

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In Memorial

Smith, Mr. Gerardo (Gerry)

Gerry, class of 1945, passed away on July 10, 2011 at a rehabilitation center in Miami, Florida. I met him while we were studying Bachillerato at the Old Building at Quinta and G, Vedado. Luckily enough, I was able to be his guest at a luncheon he invited me at a Japanese restaurant in Miami, a month before his death. I will miss his e-mails, his love for Italian culture and his friendship. He is survived by his wife of many years, Beba, his two daughters and grandchildren

Reported by: Lay, Dr. Amado

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Smith, Mr. Dixon

Dixon passed away in Santa Rosa, CA., March 27, 2008 at the age of sixty-six. He is survived by four daughters; Donna, Anita, Fran and Kelly and his second wife of twenty-one years, Susan, and his sister Nancy.

Dixon was a chemical engineer and analytical chemist with most recently, Pace and Sequoia Analytical in Petaluma, CA. Dixon was born in Waterbury, Connecticut and went with his family to Cuba (1945 - 1960) for most of his school years, with some time spent in Venezuela as well. While he did not go to Ruston Academy, most of his friends did. Dixon attended Lafayette School in Miramar. In his little autobiography when he first registered with the Ruston Alumni site in "Friends" he states that he fondly remembers Don McCouch and Jeanette Lamas.

Dixon and Susan enjoyed going to the reunion in Coral Gables some years ago and seeing many friends from days gone by.

There will be many Rustonites who will remember him. He was a gentle, quiet and unassuming person; a nice guy. (Tom)

"Dixon was known for his honesty and humor. He was a gentle soul, a wonderful husband, and a much loved father who never had his own children," Mrs. Susan Dixon.

(Posted with sadness by Tom Darlington on behalf of Mrs. Dixon Smith)

Reported by: Darlington, Mr. Tom

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Suarez Canizares, Mrs. Norma Teresita

After Ruston , Norma went on to the University of Havana where she got a Doctorate in Physics and Mathematics. She was also a teacher at the Havana Conservatory of Music. She was an excellent pianist. She came to the US in 1960 and married an American, J Philip Shaner and had 3 children(girls). She was a teacher of Mathematics in Miami for over 30 years. Besides her family, her greatest love was mathematics.

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In Memorial

Teiera Mari, Francisco David

Whoever reported this "In Memory" did not give his email address, so we cannot tell who submitted it, Our records show he was in the class of 1960

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Toricella de la Cova, Mr. Roberto

Roberto was a student at Commerce aprox in 1953 he past away in 2016

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Tucek, Dr. Charles

Died in the mid-eighties. High clorestorol problem keeled over while canoeing. Was a psychiatrist.

Reported by: Parker, Mr. Tom

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In Memorial

VARELA, Dr. BEATRIZ

Cómo no haber admirado a esa maestra nuestra. Más aún, confieso que hubiera querido convertirme mágicamente en BV2 con el paso del tiempo. Y ¿por qué? ¿Qué había tan especial en ella como para que una adolescente hubiera querido duplicarla?

Elegancia. Brillantez. Uso inigualable de la lengua española y el don de transmitirnos a sus alumnos la importancia de ese patrimonio hecho de palabras. [Garcilaso, Fray Luis de León, Lorca--todos los oí de su voz la vez primera.] Sentido del humor que a veces se disfrazaba de "mirada cortante" cuando uno, vaya, cometía una "falta garrafal." [Cómo olvidar el día que me devolvió una composición diciendo, "usted pone los acentos como quien sacude un salero sobre la página."] Autodisciplina--no había clase que no estuviera preparada del pe al pa. Capacidad de demostrarles cariño a sus alumnos con esa media sonrisa tan de ella que le hacía medio cerrar los ojos. Su hábito de exigirnos hasta hacernos vislumbrar todo lo que podíamos rendir.

Cuan presente la tuve cuando, al ser aceptada al programa de Ph.D. en literaturas y lenguas romances en Harvard, se me comunicó que yo había sido la única entrante que no tendría que inscribirse en un curso de gramática y composición. Mi examen de entrada había demostrado que no había necesidad. En ese momento le dije, "gracias, Beatriz."

Hará diez años, visitando yo a mi hijo en Miami, llamé a Beatriz y la invité a cenar con nosotros. Qué gusto oírla contarle a mi hijo alguna que otra travesura mía y de Andrea Barroso y Elvira Weiss llevada a cabo en su clase. Al compartir esos recuerdos con mi hijo, riéndose esta vez más que sonriéndose, me devolvió parte de la adolescencia.

Que quede esa noche como un último y feliz adiós.

Olga Karman
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In Memorial

Viera, Mr. Juan Antonio

Juan had gone in to resolve a MRSA infection which had attached to this hip replacement. Earlier in the month he had detected a growth in his leg. The cause was MRSA and its origin, his hip.

He survived the original operation to attack the MRSA. However, he was not able to overcome the septicemia two days after the surgery. Maria Eugenia has asked me to share the information of his passing with the rest of our Ruston friends.

His beloved brother, Gerry Viera has taken it very hard as have I and all of his childhood friends.. Gerry is in Europe and shall be returning soon.

There will be a mass tomorrow in Tampa for him. Arrangements are being mad for his cremation.

Maria Eugenia is very much at peace with herself with the knowledge Juan has entered the Kingdom of God.

Below some of the Pictures that make me smile about Juan and all the good times we had in Cuba and as adults in the USA.

He was truly a marvelous personal friend to me. I owe him so much. He was always there to help me or share some valuable advise. He worked very hard all of his life. He accomplished greatness in his work. The radar towers in Miami that help the airport and Home Land Security were built by him. They will stand forever in remembrance of this talents and achievements,

I MISS HIM ALREADY....SO MUCH...

Reported by: Soca, Mr. Otalo

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Wernikoff, Mr. Segio

My beloved Serge died on October 24, 2009 of Pancreatic Cancer. We were living in the hospital together for the last 19 days. He was very sick from the chemotherapy and his body began shutting down. There was nothing more that could be done. He went peacefully with all the family around him. He was buried on Oct. 26th our 51st Wedding Anniversary. I was so lucky to have such a wonderful mate, and I have a BIG HOLE in my heart at this time.

I did not know the friends from Ruston Academy, only the people we met at the reunion. Please feel free to tell them about Serge.

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In Memorial

Williams, John H.

John H. Williams, who helped found the modern-day Williams (NYSE:WMB), died May 1, 2013 at his home in Linville, N.C., at age 94.

Mr. Williams worked for the original Williams Brothers as early as 1938. Along with his brother Charlie and cousin David, he was part of the "second generation" of Williams family members who bought the company from founders Dave and Miller Williams in 1949.

He served as president and CEO from 1949 to 1971; chairman and CEO from 1971 to 1979; board member from 1949 to 1993; and honorary board member from 1994 until his death.

"This is a huge loss to many of us personally and certainly for our great company," said Williams' president and chief executive officer, Alan Armstrong. "John's combination of wisdom and courage was extraordinary. He has been an inspiration to all who have been lucky enough to know him."

One of Mr. Williams' signature achievements was Williams' 1966 purchase of Great Lakes Pipe Line, at the time a substantially larger company than Williams. The acquisition set Williams on the path to becoming a major operator of energy infrastructure. The unlikely deal was characterized by Barron's as a "minnow swallowing a whale."

Under Mr. Williams' leadership, the company grew rapidly and enjoyed unprecedented success. During his 29-year tenure as CEO, the company's market value increased from \$25,000 in 1949 to \$406.5 million in 1978. From 1964 to 1974, Williams' average combined return to investors ranked No. 1 among Fortune 500 companies.

Mr. Williams also was a driving force in the redevelopment of downtown Tulsa. The 52-story BOK Tower and adjacent Williams Center Forum (now the Williams Resource Center) are direct results of his vision for the Williams headquarters city.

He graduated from Ruston Academy in Havana, Cuba and Yale University, where he majored in civil engineering. After joining the family business, he worked on projects in North and South America and the Middle East, in addition to serving in the Navy Civil Engineering Corps during World War II.

Mr. Williams has earned many accolades for professional and community leadership, including an award from the Bolivian government for his company's work in that country and the Governor's Arts Award for his role in establishing Tulsa's Performing Arts Center.

He is survived by his spouse, Joanne S. Williams, and three sons: John H. Williams, Jr. and his spouse, Carol, of Tulsa; Burch I. Williams and spouse, Gay, of Tulsa; and S. Miller Williams and spouse, Constance, of Asheville, N.C.

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