

# Watertown High School Class of 1969

## Class Member Analysis

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We have compared information from the '68, '69 and '70 yearbooks, as well as the graduation program and related article on our graduation published in the Watertown Daily Times. By the way, we graduated at 8 PM on Tuesday, June 24, 1969.

Most people will only be concerned with the information contained in the "The conclusions ..." section. For those choosing to read further, we have provided some additional details.

### **The conclusions ...**

Number of students who officially received their diplomas in June 1969: 376

Number of students in our graduating class: 408

### **The numbers ...**

The graduation program (hereafter referred to as "the program") is as close as anything we have as an official document. This lists 376 members, which agrees with the number in the Watertown Daily Times article, which was undoubtedly written from it. This leads us to conclude that we graduated with 376 members.

Our yearbook shows pictures of 380 members. The section on August graduates shows eleven (11) more. There are thirteen (13) students not pictured, but whose names appear in the Senior Directory portion of the yearbook. There is one student listed on our deceased member page who is not in the yearbook nor on the program but we do remember him being a part of the class. There are three others on our deceased members list who obituaries say they graduated in 1969 but are not in the program or yearbooks. One of these actually appears in the 1970 yearbook. We have included three of these four in the class numbers but not in the graduates numbers. Putting these all together, we conclude that there were 408 members in our class.

### **The details ...**

For those who are concerned with specifics and want to continue reading ...

One student, Tom Nadelen, was in the yearbook as an August grad. He is in the program so did receive his diploma in June.

There are 17 who were in the yearbook but not on the graduation program. We have been able to establish what happened with three (3) ...

- Donna Cranker, pictured in '70 yearbook, also in senior directory, so she must have graduated then
- Paul Nutting ... received his diploma in June 1970, listed in '70 senior directory but not pictured
- Ed Queal ... received his diploma in January 1970, listed in '70 senior directory but not pictured

The status of the other fourteen (14) is unknown ...

- William Cripp
- Doreen Hibbard
- Robert Jones
- Dave Kallay
- Larry LaFave
- Lee Lamitie
- Bill Lees
- Delbert Leween
- Chuck Locke
- Adele Lowe
- Dave Messina
- James Murray
- Mike Scee
- Brad Smith

There are twelve (12) in the program who are not pictured in the yearbook. However, they are all listed in the senior directory. Two are noted as transfers and two others were found in the '68 yearbook. We aren't sure about the other eight (8).

- Cheryl E. Bacon
- Roy J. Burdick ... pictured in '68 yearbook
- Penelope A. Eamer
- Patrick Frost
- Samir Gemayel
- Gene Hall
- David Lee Hirst ... transfer from Beaconsfield PQ
- Michael Andrew Kelly ... pictured in '68 yearbook
- Donald Michael McKee
- Margaret A. Nagy
- Patricia Ann Peischl ... transfer from Syracuse Corcoran HS
- James H. West

One other student, Ricke Greenier ... is noted in the senior directory as being a transfer from Phoenix NY, but no senior picture and not in program so we assume he started senior year but did not graduate.

On the Memorial page, there are nine people without pictures. Unless otherwise noted, they are not pictured in our yearbook or listed in the directory and are not on the program.

- Brett Duffany ... he was in our class in high school. I spoke with his sister and she told me he lived with Mrs. Edson, our English teacher, during our senior year. She also noted that he did receive his diploma in 1969 but since he isn't on the program, we don't know what happened to him. If he graduated later, he is not listed in the '70 yearbook.
- Cheryl Bacon Bruno is in the program and in the senior directory
- James DeMar ... although his obituary says he graduated in '69, his picture does appear in the 1970 yearbook so he may have been with us at one point but did not graduate with us.
- Dale Avery ... according to his obit, he graduated in 1969 but not in any official document
- Robert Nethken ... according to his obit, he graduated in 1969 but not in any official document

The status of the remaining four is unknown. None of them are pictured in the 1968 or 1970 yearbook.

- Marlene Eager Higgins not in obit
- Russell Graves not in obit
- Dennis Oatman short obit
- Allen McKinley not in obit

One other student ... Jan Brabant ... no senior picture, not in program, not in senior directory but appears on Kathy Boyanski's list.

### **For those still reading ...**

I am very comfortable that 376 classmates received their diplomas in June 1969. As for the fourteen (14) who were in the yearbook but not on the program and the deceased classmates who can't be accounted for, it is entirely possible that some of them may have ...

1. finished requirements in January and received their diploma then,
2. actually did graduate in June but for personal reasons opted to not participate in the ceremony so were not included in the program or
3. lacked credits and qualified in August.

If any of these is the case, the numbers would change but we may never know for certain. Likewise, what happened to the ten (10) August graduates from the yearbook is unknown. The 376 only reflects those who actually participated in the June 24 ceremony.