

# **Morton High School Class of 1975**

## **Best 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Ever.** Rev 630a

**There's a lot of information here, if you are short on time,  
to get registered  
jump to The Main Event and see how to pay to get your  
ticket.**

**These are the current scheduled events.  
Hotel info available at the bottom.**

### **How you can help.**

- 1) Help make this the BEST 50<sup>th</sup> reunion ever by making sure we reach as many classmates as possible. Start by making sure we have your best, most current, email address. Go to: [hallan.com/mhs75/rostershow.asp](http://hallan.com/mhs75/rostershow.asp) and let us know you're coming.
- 2) If you have good contact information for classmates, whose information is missing, please reach out to them. **Be sure to click on the video link** at the top of the roster page. In the video, Chris explains how to update information. Please help us find as many classmates as possible. If you have contact information for any of our teachers, reach out to them and invite them to join us on Friday night.
- 3) If you know of, or find out, someone in our class has passed away, please email Chris at [a.c.kerman75@gmail.com](mailto:a.c.kerman75@gmail.com) and Susan at [emeraldCoaching@aol.com](mailto:emeraldCoaching@aol.com) so we can update the class list.

### **Pickleball / Social Gathering**

**Friday 9/12, 10am**

Whether you want to show off your athletic prowess, or simply have a good time, join us Friday morning, Sept 12 at 10:00 am. It doesn't matter if you've never picked up a paddle before, this would be a good time to try the fastest growing sport in popularity for seniors.

Experienced players can challenge each other, and beginners can learn the basics in a judgment-free zone.

We will meet at the **Morton Park District Pickleball Courts** adjacent to the Freedom Hall and Morton Police Station, located at the corner of Birchwood and Detroit. Bring your own paddles if you have them. Kindly share with those who don't. Even if you don't want to play, it's a good opportunity to meet and chat with classmates. We can hang around for as long as anyone wants.

## Cigarfest

**Thursday 9/11, 8 pm to 10-ish**

Weather permitting, those interested will sit around a big 'ole fire at an **undisclosed location near the Ackerman farm** and solve the world's problems, enjoy a smoke, and talk about how we made it fifty years since high school. Rumor has it we will have an old Morton School bus, so if you want to sing along to the '70s song "Smokin' on the School Bus," this may be your last chance. Bring a chair or two and a couple of your favorite stogies to enjoy and/or share or enjoy one of Ackerman's cheap ones. All are welcome. Bring whatever else you want to eat or drink. Bathroom facilities will be 70 acres of corn. Email Chris Ackerman at [a.c.kerman75@gmail.com](mailto:a.c.kerman75@gmail.com) so he can get a rough idea of interest, and to get directions to you for the undisclosed location.

## Doug's Last Lap

**Friday 9/12, 2 pm**

To honor Doug Shull's passing, we will walk the last  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile lap of the 3-mile cross-country course at **Kennel Lake**, where Doug Shull and the cross-country team ran back in 1973 before his accident. There is no real agenda other than to share Doug's thoughts and stories as we walk around the lake. We will remember what a special part of our class Doug was, and be grateful for the joy, inspiration, and meaning our MHS75 class gave him back in High School and the reunions along the way. Email Chris Ackerman at [a.c.kerman75@gmail.com](mailto:a.c.kerman75@gmail.com) so he can get a rough estimate of who might be there, and to be able to let you know if plans change at the last minute.

## 1972-1978 All-Class “That '70s Reunion” ([hallan.com/mhs](http://hallan.com/mhs))

Friday 9/12, 6 pm

With the Pumpkin festival in full swing, we will be in the heart of downtown at Sam's place, **Seasons Gastropub**. Let's chat this up with each other and anyone from the classes of 1972 through 1978. We also want to invite any teachers we can find. The more, the merrier.

We will have separate posters for each of these classes, and we encourage people from those classes to sign them. Rumor has it that an anonymous donation of \$250 will be given to the reunion fund of the class, which has the most signatures on its poster. Tell your friends or siblings from other classes to come by, say hello, and sign their poster.

There will be a cash bar for beverages, and food is available for purchase. Sam won't even mind if you bring food in from the Pumpkin Festival. Gary Horn is heading up this one, if you have questions or ideas. Remember, we really need Class of '75 folks to sign up by clicking on your name and filling out the form on [hallan.com/mhs75/rostershow.asp](http://hallan.com/mhs75/rostershow.asp). We want a good idea for many from our class will be attending.



Greetings MHS Grads from 1972-1978. Grab your classmates and bring them out to visit and sign your class poster. The class with the most classmates who show up and sign their class poster wins a quarter of a million dollars\*

Open to teachers, faculty, coaches & administrators from the 70s also.

Friday night at this year's Pumpkin Festival (9/12) 6-9ish  
MHS75 Class is gathering at Seasons Gastropub sponsoring the  
“That '70s Reunion”  
Come join your bigger class reunion!

Nothing other than visiting is planned. Buy/bring your own food and drinks and say hello to some classmates & teachers you may not have seen for a while. No cover charge.

\*that was a typo, it's a quarter of a “thousand” dollars



## MHS75 School Tour

**Saturday 9/13, 4 pm**

We have an opportunity to walk the halls of **Morton High School** one more time. The current principal is giving us an approximately 90-minute tour of the school and a little history to boot. What can he tell us? We are the history. It should be fun. Heidi (Zimmerman) Stuber is coordinating this activity. Contact her at [dhstuber@gmail.com](mailto:dhstuber@gmail.com) for any last-minute instructions, and to let her know how many may attend. We will be meeting at the new “Front Door” (i.e. the old back entrance between the two gyms, NE Corner of Parking Lot) promptly at 4pm. Don’t be late to class!

## The Main Event

**Saturday 9/13, 6 pm**

This is a time just for classmates and their significant others to socialize at **Seasons Gastropub**. Think about it. This will be our tenth time getting together for a reunion. How many have you been to? If you’re ever going to attend a reunion, THIS IS THE ONE, our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion.

For the nominal price of \$19.75 (Get it? 1975... You’re free to round it up to \$20, if you really love us round it up to \$50 😊), you receive appetizers (finger food), a MHS 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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entertaining music, games, video, and short program. There will be a cash bar available. Enjoy this time catching up with old friends and sharing your best memories of your days at MHS. You can pay with venmo @cackerma (last 4 of phone 8070) or mail a check made out to Morton High School Class of 1975 sent to Tim Wiggers 1039 E Dunne St. Morton, IL 61550. Cut off is having \$\$ received by 9/1 (Do it now)

We need the whole class there as we attempt to set a Guinness World Record for.... Taking a photo showing a group of old people at a class reunion, somewhere in the Midwest, who stand on one foot while holding a plastic fork in their hand. (Chris says it's a real thing, so come help us set that record). It will be memorable and more fun with you there.

The entire planning committee is helping with this, but Mark Olson & Gloria (Widlowski) McCollum are heading up this portion, if you have questions/comments. To sign up, we need you to go to [hallan.com/MHS75/rostershow.asp](http://hallan.com/MHS75/rostershow.asp) click on the number by your name and let us know if just you are coming by yourself or you and a plus 1 are coming. This will help us get a more accurate count for planning.

## Christian Faith Gathering

**Sunday 9/14, 2 pm**

This is for those of us who enjoy meeting with others who have stayed with, found, wandered in and out of, or are interested in, a relationship with the Lord. It is a very friendly time with a couple of hymns, a reading from the good book, and then a few of us may share something about how the Lord has worked in our lives over the years. No pressure to do anything but listen and enjoy hearing the stories of how the Good Lord has found and sustained classmates over the last fifty years. **The location is yet to be determined.**

Contact Michelle (Hirstein) Gordon at [mirasnannie@gmail.com](mailto:mirasnannie@gmail.com) so we can plan. Hiedi (Zimmerman) Stuber, Chris Ackerman and others will also be helping with this event. Heidi and Jesus go to church together; she'll put in a good word for our class! (Oh, I'm sure we're going to hear about that!!)

## Hotel Information

All prices include tax. Breakfast and parking are included in all rates. The group name for all is "MHS75". Dates include Sept 10-15.

**Morton Best Western**

150 W. Ashland Ave. 309-266-9933 King Room \$169/night weekdays, \$189/night weekend. Queen Room \$134/night weekdays, \$150/night weekends. Pool on site

**Comfort Inn & Suites**

201 E Ashland Ave. 309-263-5116 King Room or Double Queen Room \$100.80/night. Restaurant & bar on site. Pool on site.

**Quality Inn Morton**

115 E Ashland Ave. 309-266-8310 King Room \$97/night. Double Queen Room \$98/night. Queen Room \$95/night.

**Days Inn by Windham**

101 E Ashland Ave. 309-266-1600 King or Queen Room \$104/night.

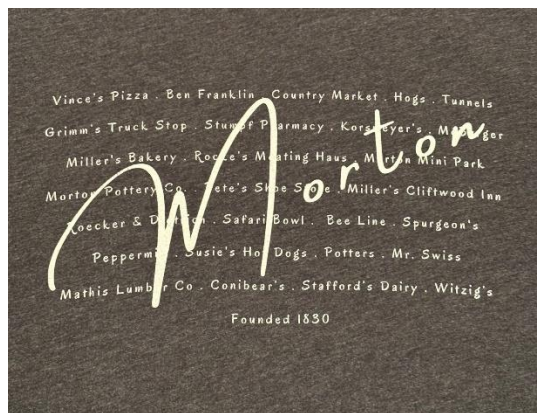


## 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion T-Shirt

A great way to remember our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion for years to come, is with a very special T-shirt commemorating our school and classmates. Better yet, wouldn't it be great if that T-shirt helped us remember many of the local places we grew up with? Well, it's possible! A local organization called PumpkinLand Community Events offers a T-shirt that lists many of the Morton businesses that we all knew and loved, which are no longer around. Over the top of the listing is the word, Morton.

Because we're celebrating this landmark anniversary and the many cherished memories of our youth, it seems fitting to take advantage of that shirt being available. PLaCE has agreed to print a design for our class reunion on the back of those shirts. Heidi Halberg has created a design using the school logo and every classmates' name. The committee has been proof reading to make sure everyone is recognized properly. Everyone should be pleased with the final product.

Shirts are medium gray and only available in short sleeve. Sizing seems to be consistent with all major brands of T-shirts. **The price is \$22 for all sizes, Small through 4X.** Payment is due at the time of the order, and the deadline for ordering is August 15. Please state the size and quantity you are ordering. Scott Rendleman will be handling the orders. You can pay him via PayPal at username [rndlmn4@gmail.com](mailto:rndlmn4@gmail.com), or by Venmo at @Loran-Rendleman. If Venmo asks for the last four digits of his phone number, enter 1047. If you use PayPal, please use the friends and family option to avoid Seller Fees.



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Class of 1975

## 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Mug

A MHS75 50th Reunion commemorative mug is included with the cover charge for Saturday night. If you're not a coffee drinker, it will make a great pen holder for your desk.

**(Artwork for the cup,will be place here.)**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Community Service Project

As part of our 50th Class Reunion, your Planning Committee has decided to create a Service Project in Memory of all our MHS 75 classmates who have passed away.

After considering many options, we have chosen Camp Big Sky to be the beneficiary of our largesse. Camp Big Sky is an outdoor camp for Paraplegic and Quadriplegic persons to allow them to experience outdoor adventures. They operate out of nearby Farmington, IL.

[Camp Big Sky Video](#) or post this into your browser <https://youtu.be/ZvTqWa1VoWg>

Camp Big Sky has several projects they need help to fund. They would love to install a Stationary Viewing Scope on their Nature Viewing Deck. They use Tandem Kayaks (with an 800 pound weight limit) to take Campers, with a supervisor, kayaking on their lake and need to replace two of these.

The Committee has chosen to fund the purchase of a Stationary Viewing Scope. The cost of one of these scopes can range from \$500 to \$2,000, depending on the Quality of the Scope. We hope to be able to fund at least one good quality Scope from our Class' generosity. A Memorial Plaque will be placed at the site of this new Scope in Honor of the Deceased Members of The Morton High Class of 1975. Any additional funds raised would be allocated to another one of their projects.

Your committee hopes you understand and appreciate the Mission and Activities of Camp Big Sky and that you will be willing to give to the Camp either one time or on an ongoing basis. All donations are tax deductible, of course. Please note **"MHS 75"** on your gift so we can track how much our class provides. Giving is easy and you have several ways you can donate:

- Mail a check made payable to "Camp Big Sky" and send it to      Camp Big Sky PO Box 56 Farmington, IL 61531
- Use a credit card and donate at: [www.CampBigSky.org](http://www.CampBigSky.org)
- Call Camp Director Haven Kensinger at 309-258-6002 and she will assist you in donating via PayPal.
- You can always email Haven at: [Exec@CampBigSky.org](mailto:Exec@CampBigSky.org)



## Photo Collection:

Please send three to six of your favorite photos of you or your family, taken either recently or over the past fifty years, for use in our slide show. Email the files to Heidi (Roecker) Halberg ([hhalberg@aol.com](mailto:hhalberg@aol.com)) by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't, we'll make up our own collection of your family photos, and you don't want that. 😊 It would be good if the images were in jpg format between 100-500mb, but Heidi will work with whatever you send her.