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Framingham High holds 60th reunion Saturday

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A photo from Framingham High School class of 1949's most recent reunion in 1999 celebrating 50 years since their graduation. The class will hold a 60th reunion Saturday, Oct. 10. (Courtesy: Dorothy Lewis Goldberg)

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About 50 members of Framingham High School's 272-student class of 1949 will gather Saturday evening for their 60th reunion.

The students, most of who are now in their late-70s, will reunite at the Framingham Country Club on Gates Street at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"I remember that it was considered one of the most outstanding classes that Framingham High School had graduated at the time," said class of 1949 graduate Dorothy Lewis, who now at age 78 goes by Dorothy Goldberg, is retired and lives in Newton.

Goldberg and nine other classmates make up a committee which has been organizing the reunion. She said the turnout for tomorrow's reunion is expected to be much improved from the class' 50th reunion in 1999.

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When Goldberg attended the 50-year reunion 10 years ago, she said it was not always easy to tell who was who.

"It's lucky they wear name tags because I couldn't recognize half of the people there," she said.

Goldberg was co-editor for her class' yearbook, "The Philomath" – which means "love of learning" in Greek – during her senior year and still keeps a copy of both the hard- and soft-cover editions, along with a tattered copy of the

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program from their graduation.

“I was considered studious,” said Goldberg who worked as a reporter for three years for The Student Crier newspaper, which is now called The Eagles Eye, gave a speech at her graduation and was named in the yearbook’s superlatives as the smartest girl.

She went on to Wellesley College, earned a masters degree from Wheelock College in preschool education and taught preschool in Framingham. In 1958 she married Richard Goldberg of Cambridge.

The high school has since split into Framingham North and Framingham South and then reunited as one school in 1991. The students’ hairdos and clothing have changed, and a major difference in high school today is the prevalence of technology, said Goldberg.

There was no TV back then; and there was certainly no such thing as calling friends after school on cell phones or instant messaging them on a computer, she said.

“There are many more distractions now,” she said. “We just went home and studied or played sports.”

Goldberg said she is excited to catch up with her old classmates. She said she has lost touch with many of them over the years, but she has heard of some of her peers going on to schools like Harvard and M.I.T. and she knows some who later become a lawyer, a judge, a minister, a physicist or a political leader.

Among the 50 or so classmates expected to attend, are committee members Patricia Bianchi Wilcox, Jim Campion, Walter Greeley, Jack Haughey, Jean Ottaviani, Margherita Merusi Savignano, Elbert Tuttle, Edward Wlodyka, Marjorie Fitzgerald Farley.

Including guests, 73 reservations have been made.

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