



Ramona High School Class of 1970
Reunion Committee

“Stayin’ Alive ‘Til Our” 55-Year Reunion!

July 2025

Dear Class of '70 Alumni and Friends –

I’m writing to encourage you to join us the weekend of October 3-5 in Riverside for our “*Stayin’ Alive ‘Til Our*” 55-year reunion, detailed on the attached pages! The primary event will be a Saturday afternoon reunion celebration at the March Air Field Museum. Ticket prices have increased by only \$5/person from our last reunion in 2021, because we realize most of us are on fixed incomes and we’re using some surplus from previous reunions to subsidize the event. Space is limited, so if you can attend only one event, that’s the one. The remaining no- and low-cost events we have planned will be fun as well, giving you a chance to mingle and reminisce with old friends and acquaintances around Riverside.

While covid derailed our 50-year and impacted attendance at our 51-year reunions, we have two potential threats to turnout for our 55-year gathering – apathy and mortality. Reunions that don’t fall on a decade anniversary historically attract fewer attendees, and some people may be inclined to wait another five years for the next “biggy”... that’s the apathy problem. Compounding that is our mortality... at our age of approximately 73 years, in the next five years we’re likely to lose about 20% (1 out of 5) of our male alumni and about 14% (1 out of 7) of our female alumni. Frankly, I don’t want to wait to see if I’m on the losing side of those probabilities, and I’m hoping you’ll reconsider skipping out on this opportunity. We are literally running out of time to reconnect with each other.

So, knowing that we’re older and some of us have limitations, we’re trying some new ideas:

- Schedule most events during daylight hours for those who no longer drive at night.
- Implement a ride share option, collecting names of those who don’t have transportation as well as those who would be willing to provide a ride to/from the Saturday reunion.
- Offer an option for alumni (attending or not) to “pay it forward” and contribute any amount, so that nobody is excluded because they can’t afford the full cost.
- In addition to collecting your contact information, optionally collecting next-of-kin information for someone who can help us locate you later or confirm your passing.

There are roughly 700 invitations going out to our class members by mail this year, and invariably some will be returned as undeliverable or indicating the person is deceased. Our missing list is currently 292 and the deceased list is 171, as you can see on the last sheet of this mailing.

Even though we found you this time, it’s expensive for us to rely solely on physical mail to keep everyone connected. If you do plan to attend, fill out the attached form and return it in with your payment, or register online at the webpage on the reverse side (note the options for online payment, credit cards also include a processing fee). *Ticket prices increase after September 1.* If you can’t make it, go to the Ramona Class of 1970 Web Page at <<https://ramona70.net>>, click the button to subscribe to the Class of '70 email list and provide your email address, name, mailing address, and phone number, since that’s the easiest way for us to let you know about future activities. I hope to see you there!

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Reservation Form (Please complete all fields for Bio Book, even if not attending)

Name: _____ Married Last: _____
First Last/Maiden

Mailing Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State ZIP

Primary Phone/Type: () _____ Secondary Phone/Type: () _____

Primary email Address: _____ (Please print legibly)

Single/Widowed/Divorced: _____ Married/Partner: _____ Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Number of Children: _____ Number of Grandkids: _____

Songs I want to hear at the reunion:

1. _____

2. _____

Occupation (if retired, prior occupation): _____

Current Interests/Hobbies: _____

Favorite Memory of Ramona: _____

Advice you would give your younger self: _____

Next of Kin (optional): _____
Name Relationship Phone

Main Reunion Event Tickets (Tickets and name tags will be held at the door)

[] Single: \$60 \$ _____

[] Couple: \$115 Guest Name: _____ \$ _____

[] I can't attend, but want the Bio/Address Book and Photo CD (\$5) \$ _____

(You can also mail or e-mail a photo to <ramona70@mac.com> to be included in Photo CD)

Pay It Forward / Ride Share

[] I want to contribute this amount so that nobody is excluded because of the cost: \$ _____

[] I want to attend, but this is the most I am able to afford: (your need will remain anonymous) \$ _____

[] I need a ride in order to attend the main reunion event

[] I'm willing to provide a ride to someone in the greater Riverside area

Return this Reservation Form with check or money order payable to:

Steve Zappe – Ramona Reunion
3 Escopeta Ct
Santa Fe, NM 87506-7741

Or to register online with electronic funds transfer (Venmo/Zelle) or a credit card, go to:

<<https://ramona70.zappe-family.com/55-year-reunion.html#buy>>

Be sure to check out all the stuff on our class website at <https://ramona70.net> !!!