

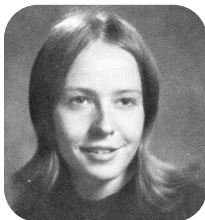
MLHS Class of 1973

50th Reunion

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Saturday
July 29, 2023



Christine (Nickel) Bader

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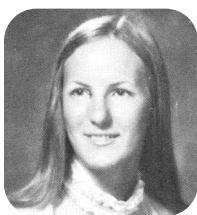
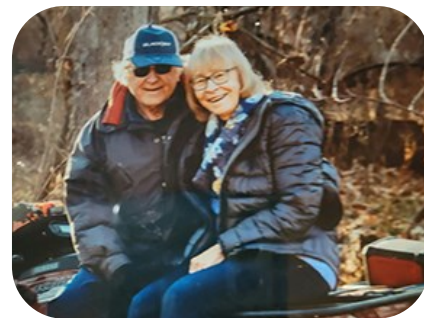
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In high school, I was Chris Nickel. I met Mark Bader while attending Concordia Seward. When we married, I became Chris Bader. Mark and I built our home in Richfield, Wisconsin and lived there for 31 years. We were blessed with 5 incredible children who graduated from Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. After college, they moved on to marry wonderful spouses and start their families in Seattle, Rochester, MN, Ramsey, MN, St Paul, MN, and Chicago. To more fully enjoy our six adorable grandchildren, 5 of whom live in Minnesota, we were motivated to retire near them. For the last five years, we've lived in and loved our current home on 11 acres of beautiful woods in Northfield, MN. I spent my working years in the insurance and financial planning field. We spend a fair amount of time traveling and often have full family vacations and get togethers. The 18 of us always have fun. These past 50 years have been a tremendous adventure that I can only attribute to our great God's generosity.



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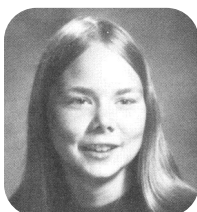
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I finally retired this May. I am a Master Gardener and have worked at a local garden center for the past eight years. Prior to that, I was a graphic designer. My husband, Ron Balko, MLHS '70, and I recently celebrated 46 years of marriage. During the years, we raised three sons - Brendan, Colin, and Evan, and have added three daughters-in-law to the family - Kristen, Hannah, and Alycia, as well as four grandchildren - Millie, Harrison, Miriam, and Ingrid. In 1984 Ron received a job offer to work at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, so we agreed to go for five years. It is now 39 years later, and we're still here. I guess we can consider ourselves true Minnesotans. We hate the extra long winters, but the long, warm summer days make up for it. Since we are both retired, we have begun to travel more (Covid stopped us from doing it for a year or so). I like to work in our garden and sew doll clothes for our granddaughter. Our life has been blessed, and we are grateful for all that we have.



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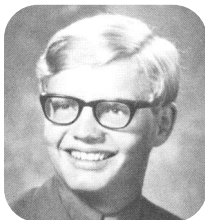
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I attended the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee where I earned a BS in Secondary Education – Broadfield Mathematics ('77) and competed on the volleyball team. I earned my MS from UWM in Curriculum and Instruction – Mathematics ('83). I taught math and coached basketball at Milwaukee Washington High School for 2 years and then returned to MLHS in the Fall of 1980 to teach math. I coached volleyball, basketball, and softball for many years at MLHS. I was inducted into the MLHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019. In May of 2022 after 44.5 years of teaching (42 at MLHS), I retired. I enjoyed the journey and was blessed by God to be surrounded by a great group of people to work with and great students to teach. I still enjoy running, biking, swimming, and pretty much anything outdoors!



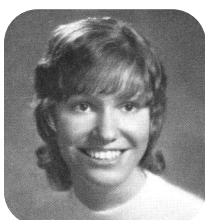
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The last fifty years have flown by with the great memories of terrific people I went to MLHS always encouraging me. I graduated in 1978 from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest after rooming with Mark Fahl for three years. In 1978 I also moved to Detroit and married my wife of 45 years, Jayne. We were called to teach in Lutheran schools in the Detroit area. I taught, coached, and drove the bus for 12 years at Lutheran North and then got into administration at Lutheran Westland as an assistant principal. 3 years later, I became principal at Guardian Lutheran, and after 7 years there moved to the Assistant superintendent and superintendent role for the next 18 years. We are blessed with three children and five grandchildren. I have great memories of friends from high school like Steve Holtz and Tim Young Eagle. It has been fun to watch God shape my life into something I never dreamed of in 1973. I have been retired for five years, with two years as an interim principal at my grandchildren's school.

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On Grandparents Day in 2018 (Sunday, September 9), I became a grandmother of five. Step-grandma, actually. I married Thomas Mongelli, who has two children, three granddaughters, and two grandsons. We now have another granddaughter, born to my son Will and daughter-in-law Becky. The grands are ages 3 to 16; we're fortunate that those families and my daughter Julie all live within 10 to 30 minutes of our Teaneck, New Jersey home. My move to the East Coast began with a New York City internship (with *Guideposts* magazine) while a journalism student at Marquette. Housed at an NYU dorm, I met Mark Buckingham in the elevator! After graduation, I moved to New York and returned to a full-time job with *Guideposts*. Mark and I married in 1979. Seven years later, we moved to New Jersey with our two-year-old son. After Julie was born, I spent five years as a "stay-at-home mom," and then became a freelance copy editor. Sadly, in 2000, Mark passed away after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Several years later, while Will and Julie were in college, I entered the nonprofit world, working for Rebuilding Together North Jersey, the local affiliate of a national organization that repairs and revitalizes homes and communities. My role involved community outreach and volunteer coordination (so I didn't need to use power tools or even a hammer). I met Thom when he became our volunteer photographer at rebuilding projects and events. I retired a few years ago, but Thom and I still volunteer with RTNJ (as well as with our churches, Grace Lutheran in Teaneck and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Maywood, NJ). We enjoy the work, the people, and the shared memories of the projects and the organization that brought us together.



Pictured: Classmates Heidi [Wyszynski] Trapp, left, and Vicki [Miller] Henning, right, with me at my wedding.

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Left Milwaukee in 1985 to finish my college degree. I have a BS Degree in Business Administration, graduated in 1987. Didn't utilize my degree in business. But glad I earned it just the same. Moved to Tennessee in 1985 and have been here ever since. I live in Knoxville, TN, with my husband of 24 years, my daughter, my son-in-law, and my two grandsons. Life is good. I am retired from 22 years of working in the Knoxville school system. I enjoy children, so that worked out well for me. Grandkids are a blast and such a blessing, by the way. I have been back to Wisconsin for at least 3 of our class reunions. Sorry to say I will miss this one. That's it in a nutshell. Wishing everyone joy, peace, and many blessings.



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I married Sebastian (Baschl) Ebenhoch on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1976. Gail Bjerke, also class of 1973 was my maid of honor and is still my best friend. Baschl is from Bavaria, Germany, and so a month after we were married, we moved to his hometown and lived there for 2 1/2 years. We came back to my hometown of Germantown, WI in 1979 and we now reside in Sussex, WI. I worked in retail, and I was a paraprofessional for special needs children for 9 years. We have two sons. Marcus was born in 1980 and married Tara in 200; they have 3 children, Liam, Ella, and Ava. They reside in Maplewood, Minnesota. Jacob was born in 1983 and married Ashley in 2006; they have 2 children, Avery and her brother, Everett. They reside in Gilbert, Arizona. A little special note, Mr. Elmer Dobberfuhr, a long-time teacher and head of the English department at MLHS, was my uncle and Godfather.

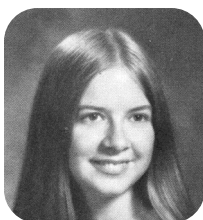
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Graduated from UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing in 1979. My career included working as a RN at Sinai Hospital and St. Michael Hospital in Milwaukee; Nursing lab coordinator and instructor at Concordia University-Wisconsin and Milwaukee Area Technical College; and was the Research Subject Advocate and Research Safety Monitor at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Retired in 2016 to care for aging parents. Married Tom Eells in 1977, and we have one son, Paul, who married Kristen in 2022. We lived in Mequon until 2006, when Paul graduated from MIAD and moved to Bayview. At that time, we gave up home maintenance and moved into a Milwaukee high-rise condo overlooking Lake Michigan. We continue to attend Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Mequon. Tom and I love to travel. High on our bucket list is a trip to Norway. I'm thankful for my years at MLHS because that is where I met my best friend, Kim Boehlke. Fifty-four years later, we are like sisters.

**Nancy (Piel) Emmrich**

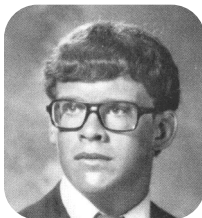
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Married to David Emmrich, class of '72 (included in my picture because he makes me whole). 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren (2 boys, 2 girls). Currently living in Whitewater, WI, but have lived in Minnesota, Missouri, and Montana. Graduated from The University of Missouri with a doctorate in veterinary medicine. Worked as a small animal veterinarian and retired in Dec. 2021. Currently caring for my 97 yr old mother and as the administrative assistant at our church where my husband is pastor. Enjoy train travel, reading, swimming, cooking, music, and spending time with my awesome husband and grandkids (since giving us grandkids, the daughters are nice to have around, but optional ☺).





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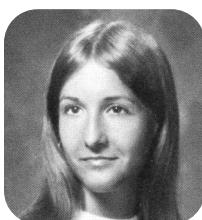
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After leaving MLHS, I attended Concordia University in Illinois. Upon graduating, I returned to teach 8th grade and coach at Our Fathers Lutheran. That was the beginning of my journey in teaching and coaching. After 40 years in the classroom, most of which was here in Tampa, Florida, I decided to turn in my chalk and eraser. However, I was not ready to stop working. I'm currently an Inventory and Distribution Supervisor at Aqua Tech Dewatering. During this journey, I was blessed to meet and marry my life partner, Lisa. Without her at my side, this life would have been so challenging. With the joining of our families, we have 7 sons and daughters and 6 grandchildren. The best part...they are all adults and live outside our home. LOL. If ever in the Sunshine State, look us up.



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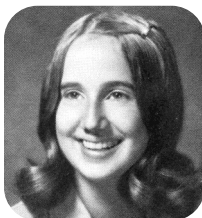
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Suzanne Poe and Tom Flesch have been married for forty-six years and have been blessed with four daughters. They have lived in Pewaukee, Wisconsin for the last thirty-three years. Suzanne has retired from her career as a special education teacher and spends her time enjoying her family and their eight grandchildren.



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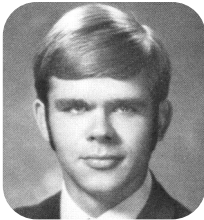
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Cardinal Stritch College (1977, BA Psychology), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1982, MS Curriculum & Instruction), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1990, PhD Urban Education). Associate Professor Emerita - University of St Thomas (School of Education), 2011-2022. Professor Emerita - St. Cloud State University (School of Education), 1990-2011. Professional areas of focus: social justice, anti-racism, diversity, and equity. Married in 1998 to Kerry Frank (also a retired professor from the University of St Thomas, Graduate School of Professional Psychology); have two stepsons (Justin and Gregory); reside in Shoreview, MN (a suburb of St Paul). Retirement is busy raising a lab puppy (our third dog together), working on a book with my husband, and spending time with family/friends.



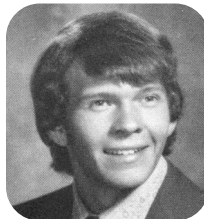
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Robert Gebel can testify to the Grace of God in countless ways. I have been blessed with two great careers. After graduating from UW-Whitewater in 1977, I became a Tax CPA in Minneapolis and a teacher, lecturer, and author on tax topics in Minnesota, where I won the award for outstanding instructor in 1989. I met my wife, Sue, in accounting class (how romantic!), and we will celebrate our 45th anniversary in November of 2023. Sue and I have been blessed with two daughters and two great sons-in-law. Maria is an RN at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and is married to Jon, a dentist in Muskego. They have six kids. The oldest daughter started at Martin Luther High School this fall. Louise and husband, Kyle, live near Nashville. Louise's early career adventures took her to the East Coast and around Latin America before she returned to the central time zone. She now works in donor relations and fundraising for Lutheran Family Service, an LCMS ministry focusing on mental health counseling, pregnancy support, and adoption services. Kyle does research and writes on national security policy. They are both very active in their local church. In 1992, I left accounting to enter Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and have just completed 25 years in the pastoral ministry, serving congregations in St. Louis and Iowa City, Iowa. After returning to Wisconsin in 2007, I began teaching adult education theology classes for Concordia Wisconsin. In 2011, I received the Miller Parkway Center School of Adult Education Teacher of the Year. I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1987 and live with it every day. I have learned firsthand that "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" and "My grace is sufficient for thee." We are now living in Brookfield.

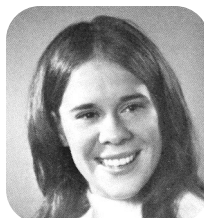
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After graduation, I attended UW-Oshkosh, and graduated in the Spring of 1977, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1978, I married my First wife Debra, and had 2 wonderful children, Stephanie and Jason. We divorced in 1995. I got married again in 2004, to my wonderful wife Barbara, and we live in Waukesha, WI. I have 2 step son's, Brian and Tim Cone. The majority of my work experience was working as a Life Insurance and Securities sales, and working in-house with a few different Insurance companies in the marketing departments. In 2009, due to the recession, I was laid off. I worked a few part-time jobs till I found a job supporting employer retirement plans, as a customer service rep. My duties were answering questions about their accounts, and assisting them with the plan website. In April 2020 I retired after my vocal cords gave out due to age-related thinning, and I could only whisper. This was surgically corrected in early 2021. I am happily retired and love to camp, hike, take photos of trips and family, watching my grandkids grow up!

**Linda (Fluegel) Haut**

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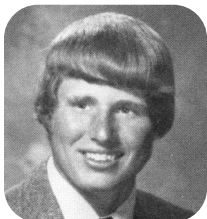
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After high school, I attended Concordia College, St. Paul, MN, for 2 years. In 1975 I married my high school sweetheart, Paul Haut (MLHS '72). I completed my teaching degree at UW-Whitewater. I taught at Elm Grove Lutheran until we had our children, Stacy and Michael. In 1990 I rejoined the workforce at Elm Grove Lutheran as the church secretary, from which I retired 3 years ago. Our children both graduated from



Martin Luther High School ('99 & '02). They are both married and have blessed us with five grandchildren. In our spare time, we enjoy spending time with our kids and grandchildren, camping, and traveling. I am involved in some volunteer work, as well as working on various sewing and quilting projects. We currently reside in Brookfield. We will always be grateful for our time at MLHS and the lifelong relationships we have to this day.



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I have had a very enjoyable life thus far. I helped raise my son Chad, who is now 36 years old. He lives on a small farm that I purchased on August 2, 2021. He is a licensed electrician who is very good at repairing and fixing almost anything. The farm is about 40 minutes northeast of Eau Claire. Chad has about 40 chickens and enjoys growing things like his dad. We have vegetables and strawberries, raspberries, grapes, apple trees, plum trees, and tart cherry trees. Chad has a chocolate lab named Berry that is a great dog. I still enjoy helping people, as I have been practicing chiropractic for over 41 years. I have been practicing in Menomonee Falls for the past 7 years and work with another chiropractor who I really like. Eventually, I plan on moving up to the farm. I go there quite often which I always enjoy, and there always is work to be done to make it better. My main hobby over the years has been fishing, and I have enjoyed fishing with my buddies over the years very much. I have never stopped cheering for the Packers, Bucks, and Brewers. I am wishing my 1973 classmates good health and much happiness in the years ahead!!!



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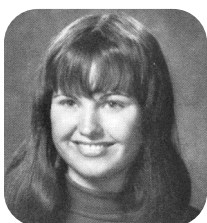
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Spouse: Cindy

Married for 33 years. Three Children being two boys and a girl, ages 30, 29, and 25, respectively. Both Cindy and I retired from our corporate jobs in 2016 and began selling real estate with Shorewest Realtors that same year. Active members of First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg. Brad serves on the Board of Lay Leaders, is a commissioned Stephen Minister, and helps out ushering. Cindy is active on the Lutheran Women's Mission League and currently serves as their Vice-President. We both enjoy participating in bible studies. For fun we bike ride, water, and snow ski, senior softball league, senior bowling league, hunt upland birds with our dog Ruby, travel, and enjoy the company of our family and friends. God's Blessings!



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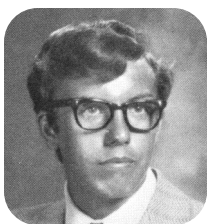
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As I reflect on the last 50 years, I realize how God has blessed my life. I was raised as the youngest of three daughters of parents who encouraged all of us to think for ourselves and be productive members of the world. My Dad goaded me in high school about what I was going to do with my life, my sisters knew early on that one wanted to be a teacher and one a nurse, and I was never so inspired. Went to college for a few years but wanted to be part of the working world. I worked in the Purchasing Department of an insurance company and soon realized I did not want to do that for the rest of my life. My Dad had an opening in his office, he was the Wisconsin District Manager for a carbon, aluminum, and stainless steel tubing and pipe distributor, and it was a business I had heard about all my life, and I asked him to hire me. I started as a receptionist/order entry person and took on new challenges in credit and collection and eventually inside sales and



customer service. No two days were the same, and I enjoyed learning about the industry, how metal products were produced and distributed, providing customers with products that met their requirements, and learning about people. I learned my Dad was exactly who he said he was, and he was very respected in his industry. After he retired and the new regime came in, they decided to move on with their people. Next, I did a short stint working for a local brokerage firm monitoring trades on the stock market. Brokers would call for a quote and size of a stock being traded, and I thought outside diameter and inside diameter and knew I had to go back to the steel industry. Found a job with a different distributor and was given an opportunity to be part of a team that set up a Just-In-Time daily metal delivery for John Deere Horicon Works manufacturing facility that produced the components to make their lawn and garden tractors. I purchased the steel and ran the office, and was the liaison with the purchasing department at John Deere. I love the smell of steel! Yep, pretty weird. I loved learning about the process and working with the people. I have always been curious about what makes us who we are. As much as I loved that job, my parents were aging and needed help. At the same time frame, I was pursued by a local family-owned manufacturer's representative firm who worked for steel companies that paid us commission to sell their products, and I joined their team. As the steel business was a predominately male-oriented workforce, my new company also encouraged us to become active in a professional organization, the Association of Women in The Metal Industries – Wisconsin Chapter, and I became involved on the Board for 12+ years as Membership Chair, Fundraising Chair, President, and Past President. I enjoyed helping women learn about the steel industry by developing education opportunities through monthly meetings, helped start the fundraising golf outings to raise the money to operate our chapter, and learned a lot about people. Jeff and I got married in 1977 and supported each other in our respective careers. Like everyone else, we had our challenges and maneuvered our way through both good and bad times. We spent time with our families and embraced our roles as aunt and uncle to 4 nephews and 1 niece and 2 great nieces and 3 great nephews. We supported each other as we dealt with aging parents and the loss of cherished family and friends. We discovered we shared an appreciation of the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and spent time touring properties and our greatest discovery was that we could rent a cottage on Mirror Lake that we had individually read about in High School, the Seth Peterson Cottage. It became our favorite place on earth, and last year I was honored at the 30th Anniversary of the state of Wisconsin taking it over and making it available to rent, as a frequent visitor. It's where I learned the most about organic architecture. I love the glass corners and the beauty and peace I feel when I am there. Over the years, we also enjoyed Packer football at home and away games. We were big Brett Favre fans and even went over to the dark side and went to Minnesota to see him play one more time. That was the game where Minnesota got hit with 20+ inches of snow, and the Dome fell in. God works in mysterious ways! Life changed on a dime early in 2019 when Jeff lost his battle with cancer after 42 years of marriage. I went from taking care of him to taking care of his Mom. She is 94 years old now and is such a blessing to me. There isn't anything I wouldn't do for her. She has lost her husband and both sons, and I am her support system. My family adopted her a long time ago, and she is cherished. I enjoy golf and play league with the LPGA Amateurs with friends from my AWMI days. I love all kinds of music and concerts. I cherish the friends I have made along the way and still enjoy a good adventure! I am the snow-plowing money collection wench for my alley. Persistence has given me 100% participation, a record I am proud of. I do look forward to the day a younger person takes over. I am grateful every day and blessed beyond words. I am grateful to have survived the last fifty years and look forward to what God has in store for me.



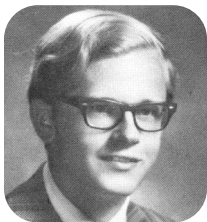
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Spouse: Ann

I married Ann in 1979 and have four daughters, a son and two grandchildren. I've been a Lutheran pastor in southern California since school, the last 32 years in Highland. The Los Angeles region lacks the kind of unique history and identity I like about Milwaukee. My experiences at MLHS benefited me throughout my life, including photography, writing, and editing the Knight's Page, as well as theater skills (and sheephead during practice). My faith was revitalized by the trip to Expo 72 in Dallas with a group from MLHS. Friends, especially those I worked with on the paper and theater, were encouraging. Even a few classes were useful, from religion to architectural drawing. I've made many trips to teach pastors and church workers in Liberia, Africa (and Kenya), which are engaging. However, that includes a five week Liberia trip during the 50 year reunion. My son is a missionary in Africa, so we've been mutually supportive on ministry there. I enjoy traveling the world and collecting whatever kind of Christian art is unique to each area, from Romanian glass icons to Kenyan batik.



Ginger (Shaw) Karaway

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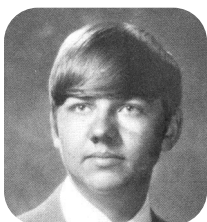
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Ginger Karaway has been married to Thom Karaway for almost 50 years and is the mother of Adam Karaway and Nathan Karaway and the grandmother of Charlotte and Wyatt. She retired after thirty years of teaching and chairing the English Language Learner department at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She has presented at conferences and trained other teachers around the United States and Europe. She is a long-time volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul Society and at her church. She loves being with her family, traveling, volunteering, and connecting with friends.



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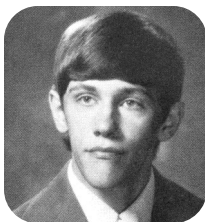
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Spouse: Stephanie

After graduating, I worked for the FBI in Washington, DC for two years. Returning to Milwaukee, I attended and graduated from our Concordia Universities - Milwaukee, Chicago, and Mequon, earning a BA in elementary education and an MS in school administration. I was a Lutheran teacher and principal for 17 years before moving the family to Concordia Seminary (1995) in St. Louis. I served as pastor for three Milwaukee-area congregations - Waukesha, Brown Deer, and Lebanon (Watertown) before retiring in 2015. In retirement, I served three more congregations in a part-time status. I married Stephanie (Concordia Seward - 76') in 1982, and we have three grown children - Chris (Lori), Chad (Katie), and Kerrie (Dave) and seven grandchildren, with another coming in 2024. Stephanie taught for 37 years in Lutheran schools, retiring in 2020. We moved to Tucson in 2021, and enjoy our mountain views, warm temperatures, and being closer to our families. No more cutting grass, raking leaves, and shoveling snow! To God be the Glory for His love and care these past 50 years! Blessings to all my classmates and their families!

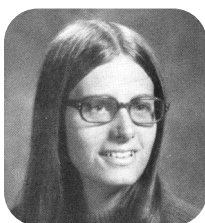


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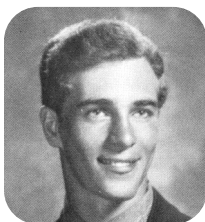
Spouse: Gail

Living in Franklin since '97, I am a semi-retired accountant (prepares tax returns in tax season). Plays golf and tennis and likes going to Packer games. Makes regular trips to Alabama with wife, Gail, to visit our oldest daughter Erin and her family (with three grandkids). Youngest daughter, Alyssa, got married in May 2023.

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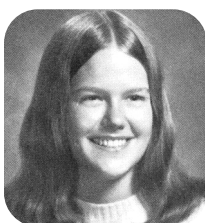
After graduation, I moved with my family to Jefferson, Wisconsin. I enrolled in a certified nurses assistant program at MATC in Fort Atkinson. After graduation, I applied for a job at Countryside Nursing Home and worked there for 37 years. It was a county-owned nursing home, and in 2010, they sold it to a private sector, Alden Estates, in which I worked an additional 10 years. After 47 years as a CNA, I decided in October 2021 it was time to retire. Retirement keeps me busy as I enjoy working in my yard of the home, I bought in 1982, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

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Spouse: Rose

Mark thoroughly enjoyed and counts it a blessing to have attended MLHS! His favorite teachers were Hib Wiedenkiller and Ken Ebel. Upon graduation, he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and had a career serving as an Army officer. After retiring, he and his wife, Rose, lived briefly in St. Louis before moving back to Rose's native Texas in 2000. Mark received his Lutheran Teacher Diploma from Concordia University Texas. Subsequently, he was blessed to help start and serve as principal and teacher of a new Lutheran high school, Concordia Academy (now Concordia High School), that opened its doors in Austin in 2002. Mark is a longtime member of Point of Grace Lutheran Church, where he is a part-time staff member responsible for the Alpha course. Mark and Rose are blessed with three children and four grandchildren and continue to reside in Round Rock, Texas (20 miles north of Austin).

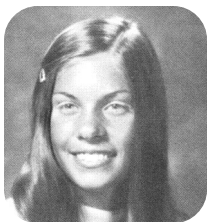
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Spouse: Joel

After graduation, I went to Valparaiso University and obtained my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. At Valpo, I met my husband, Joel, and we were married in May 1977. We lived in Indianapolis, IN for 23 years, where I worked at Riley Children's Hospital in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit for three years and later at Humana Women's Hospital in their NICU. We have 4 children, Scott (Melbourne, FL), Peter (Highland Park, IL), Heidi (DeForest, WI), and David (Gilbert, AZ). We moved to Highland Park, IL in June 2000 and live in the historic Fort Sheridan. Joel and I are both retired and enjoy traveling, bicycle riding, longarm quilting, and volunteering at our church. We have two beautiful granddaughters, Emma (7 years old) and Addy (5 years old) and we enjoy watching them as they grow up.

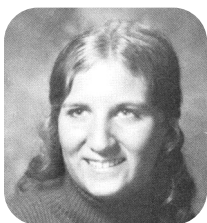


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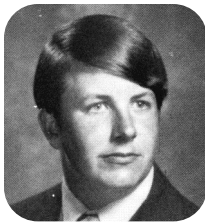
I attended Emmaus Lutheran School for grades 1-8. In high school, my family Concordia Lutheran Church. I have always loved traveling, meeting new people, and enjoying new experiences. My life has followed the path of adventure and new experiences since I left Milwaukee to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, study in London, travel through Europe and Australia, and teach in Hartland, Wisconsin, and in Fort Lauderdale. I moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1979 and learned to sail, snorkel, and scuba dive. During that time, I accepted a job as a chef/first mate on a charter yacht based in St. Thomas, then continued working on larger corporate and private yachts along the East Coast from Florida to Massachusetts. However, I always had a passion for the mountains and made the best move ever to Steamboat in 1985. During my single years there, I worked in various hospitality and banking industry positions including as a restaurant manager, manager of the Steamboat Bed and Breakfast, and reservations manager of a local luxury property management company while also being involved with catering. All my jobs involved being with people, listening to them, and developing solutions while giving me the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, travel to over 35 countries, and live for a few months in Canberra, Australia, with my husband Larry, whom I married in 1997. I got my Broker's license in 1995 and sold real estate while also acting as a corporate representative and registered agent in Colorado for a Missouri corporation that had Steamboat properties in nightly rental with five different property management companies. I was with that company for 25 years and was able to live in Norman, OK; Denver; and back and forth to Steamboat during that time. I joined Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty in 2016 and love sharing my expertise and knowledge of Steamboat with my clients. Like most Steamboat residents, I love being in Steamboat not only for its natural beauty but also for its warm, friendly locals and community. I still love to travel and am an avid skier, hiker, and cyclist with some whitewater rafting for variety. I also have a passion for creative cooking and reading. My husband had two boys, which has given me four grandchildren who all live in the northern Dallas, Texas area. My Mom is still living in Milwaukee, which brings me back to the area for visits.

**Cindy (Azinger) Muther**

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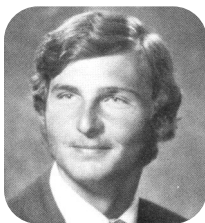
Attended Concordia College-Milwaukee & Seward, NE. Taught for 35+ years in LCMS schools in Winona, Minneapolis, Wayside (WI), Bonduel (WI), and Green Bay. Married Mike Muther in 1978. Raised 3 daughters and 1 son. God blessed us with 10 grandchildren, ages 3-16, and one granddog, Hank. Retired along with Mike and planning on doing lots of traveling. Who knows, we may even stop by where you live. Members of Pilgrim Lutheran in Green Bay, our extended family since 1980. Our home is listed at Lutheran BnB. Come visit Green Bay and attend a Packer game and stay with us.





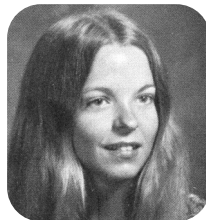
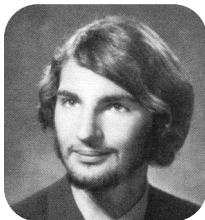
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After graduation, I obtained a degree in Criminal Justice with the hopes of getting into the law enforcement field. My career track changed, worked for Boston Store as a loss prevention director for several of the Milwaukee stores. After seven years at Boston Store, was hired by the Thiensville Police Department as a police officer and moved from Milwaukee to Thiensville. Married my wife, Sue, who worked in the office for Suburban Harley in Thiensville. Worked up in the ranks in the department, and for my last six years, served as the Police Chief for the department. After 34 years, retired from the Thiensville Police Department and built a new house in Belgium, Wisconsin. Retirement didn't last long, got a call from the Saukville Police Department offering me a part-time job with their department. Currently working with them for the past four years in an administrative position. In my free time, I love to work in the yard, attend outdoor athletic events, and spend time with my goddaughter. Sue and I also enjoy spending time in Door County.



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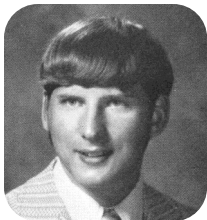
Ken & Sue Noffke-married 45 years, 2 children, Ben and Jamie. We have 7 grandchildren, ages 17 thru 6. I'm semi-retired from Noffke Roofing, working mostly from our home in Wind Lake, Sue still working at Noffke Roofing, making the commute every day. My son Ben (and daughter-in-law) are running Noffke Roofing now. We are Very Blessed with good health and strong family ties.



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After High School Andy spent two years in college and then joined the Air Force while Jean worked at Marc's Big Boy. A Christmas card Jean sent to Andy began a romance and they were married in 1977 and spent the next two years in a foreign country (Montgomery, Alabama) where Andy was stationed. Andrea Jean was born in 1979 in Montgomery and is their only child. In 1979 they returned to Milwaukee where Jean began her career at Kohl's Corporate Office while Andy began work as a software developer, a trade he learned in the Air Force. Jean stayed at Kohl's for 33 years and retired early in 2019 and Andy retired in 2020. Throughout their marriage Andy and Jean travelled regularly at least twice a year. They have been on a guided tour of Ireland, a river cruise thru the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean and can be found semi-annually in Los Cabos, Mexico. In the USA they visit Florida, New York and Las Vegas on a regular basis.



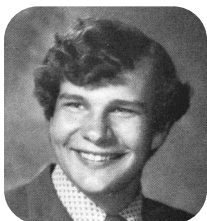
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Current Status: Lives in Tomah, WI (since 2010). After college, lived/worked in Green Bay, then moved to the Twin Cities (Plymouth, MN) for 30 years. Married, Wife is Elaine (Lanie). 2 Children, both girls: Jordan (married) lives in Wauwatosa; Monica (engaged) lives in La Crosse. No grandchildren. Retired in January 2023. Have a cabin on Sand Lake, WI (Sawyer County), and plan to spend a lot more time there now that I am retired. Currently employed as a Special Deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. **Education/Employment Information:** Graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI. Diploma from the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Certificate of Executive Leadership, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Was in the banking business for 40+ years. Started a De Novo bank in the Twin Cities in 2000. Moved to Tomah, WI, and was President & CEO of F&M Bank. **Other Information:** Committed Servant Leader, serving the community on many non-profit, civic, and business organizations. Currently President of the Tomah Boys & Girls Club and the Monroe County Sheriff Charitable Foundation; Board member of Neighbor For Neighbor Food Pantry, Families First of Monroe County, Tomah Rotary Club, Tomah Long Range Planning Committee and Trustee of 2 local trusts that distribute funds to area non-profits, Member of the Stone Lake, WI Lions Club, the 100 Who Care of Sawyer County organization and a Monroe County Sheriff Reserve Deputy. I have been a long time and am currently a volunteer football coach (offensive and defensive lineman) for Tomah High School. I was also a high school football coach (offensive lineman) at Wayzata High School (MN) and was fortunate to help coach 2-state champion football teams. I have been a long-time Tomah Special Olympics Powerlifting Coach (one of the most important and impactful things that I do). I participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge in La Crosse, WI, as a Super Plunger and went into the freezing water, fully immersed, 5 times in a row. It was the largest individual fundraiser, so I could not let down all who donated. I'm still cold. I have been a youth sports coach for 35 years. I have been an actor in several plays with the Tomah Area Community Theatre. My wife and I attended Super Bowl 31 in New Orleans and celebrated the Packers' victory. We are still recovering from all the festivities! I was a Guardian on three (3) Freedom Honor Flights, taking and honoring area veterans on a free flight to visit the military memorials in Washington DC, flying out of La Crosse, WI, and returning the same day. I was the guardian for 2-Korean War Veterans and 1-Vietnam War veteran. (One of the highlights of my life). In my spare time, I enjoy international travel and cruises, cooking, and hope to become a barbecue Pitmaster.

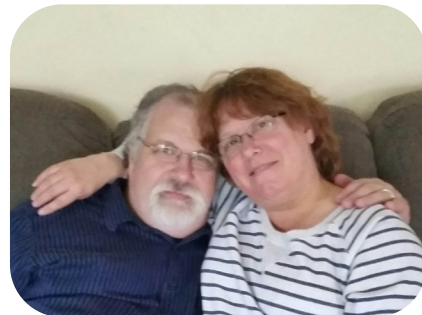
**David Rieck**

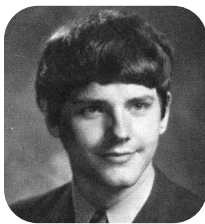
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Dave has been married for 23 years to Jody living in West Bend. We have 2 children each from previous marriages and a combination of 6 grandchildren (so far). Dave worked at factories for 8 years and retired from auto parts after 38 years. He was a truck driver, forklift and shipping, stocking and pulling orders, and a 2 time ASE and National certified parts specialist. He's played drums for various bands including Elvis tribute band, Wells Fargo with classmate Tom Olson, several church praise bands, rock, country, wedding bands, and Milwaukee Letter Carrier band that played at conventions throughout the United States. He also played for Steadfast, a Christian contemporary band. The band made several recordings, and finalist for Wisconsin Music Awards and also for Gospelfest. He is working at Duhmam's sporting goods working on the floor, as a cashier and trainer. Next year when Jody retires we plan on a long road trip in our truck and camper.





David Riedel

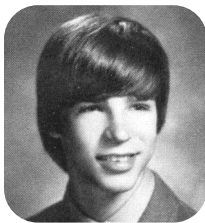
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I don't know where to begin on this as I never expected to make a bio out. First is that I am happy to still be alive and am grateful God has allowed me to have a good life. I have been employed at Master Lock Co. for over 49 years, first as a general assembler and 35 years as a tool and die maker. I was married for 18 years, and we were blessed with two daughters: Jennifer and Kathleen, both of whom are wonderful and interesting to be around. I have had the opportunity to travel and see some of this incredible world we live in. I became interested in running marathons and, as a result, have visited New York City, Disney World, The Golden Gate Bridge, Hawaii's big island, Earthquake Park in Alaska, the Space Needle in Seattle, and even Beijing, China among other places. I'm not a very fast runner, but I have reached the finish line in over 295 races, and I even have done 35 snowshoe races as well. I remain a strong proponent of our nation's space program and have seen 4 different launches of rockets from Cape Kennedy. This has also fed into my lifelong interest of science fiction Cool stuff. I have an interesting collection of books, posters, toys, nick-nacks, and movies on the subject. I've also attended numerous SF conventions as well. I have also become a big Lego fan, I like building the various kits available. More cool stuff. Beyond running, I have spent time taking care of my family. My daughters, granddaughter Jade, and girlfriend Karen have kept me busy getting needed items and transporting them to various destinations. I love them all and am glad I can be a part of their lives. Karen and I have been together for almost 20 years, and for the most part, has been good. I don't have too many friends as I've spent much time doing work, running, and taking care of the people that are important to me. I am in relatively good health and am looking forward to the third phase of my life after retiring from MLC. I'm sure God has more things to do to keep me busy and serve Him better.



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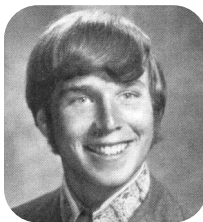
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Spouse: Mary

Greetings, One year after graduating from MLHS, Steve Holtz and I journeyed around the US for 2 ½ months, west via the northern states, down the Pacific coast, and east to FL via southern states. We hauled his camper with my Pinto. Oh, the stories. Steve and Terry Gottowske are among my closest, lifelong friends. I attended MATC and graduated from UWM with a BA in Psychology. Thanks go to Mr. Ellwein for his Intro to Psych course, which I took as a Senior. Throughout the 70s I worked at several hospitals and at Usinger's (*America's best wurst*). Too, I played hard. In 1980, I moved to New York, where I attended the New School for Social Research (MA, Psychology). Through the 80s, I served as a research assistant in psychophysiological studies with psychiatric patients at SUNY-DMC. New York offers an infinite number and variety of life experiences. I appreciated and learned much there. Two to three times every year for 40 years, I returned to my roots, where I would spend a couple of weeks with my large family. I liked to camp, hike, rock climb, SCUBA dive, ski (water & snow), swim, golf, bowl, play yard and board games, and of course, converse. From 1988 to the mid-90s, I earned my Doctorate in Measurement, Statistics, & Evaluation at the University of Delaware. During this time, I met Mary, my love. We wed in 1994, and in 1996 we moved back to NY. I conducted program evaluation (measuring the benefits of programs for their recipients) in NYC Public Schools for three years and for the Girl Scouts of the USA for the bulk of my professional career. In 2002, we were blessed with our son Phillip. Presently, he attends the University of Central FL. From 2012 until full retirement in 2020, I served as Adjunct Professor at various NYC, NYS, and private colleges. In addition to teaching, I liked my work as a building custodian and maintenance man. Across the five decades since our learning and growing at MLHS, either solo, with Mary, or the three of us have enjoyed opportunities to travel - to major cities, mostly, and camping in National Parks and Monuments of the US of A, as well as Europe and the Caribbean. While I miss conducting academic research and being in the classroom, the life of leisure (as a snowbird living) in WI and FL is amazing. I spend much time with my wife, son, extended family, and friends. Along with the aforementioned activities, I garden, woodwork, ride my Harley, relax a little, and just began volunteering with Veterans. While I was away from God from time to time, God was never away from me. "Thank God!" Jesus Christ's love is eternal. Peace, James Riedel, Ph.D.





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Sorry I didn't write sooner, but the Jehovah's Witness came to the door, and my hand still hurts.

Milwaukee was in the rearview mirror the day after school let out in June. Transported to the Great State of Texas by way of a 1969 Chrysler sans air conditioning. Lived in Cities large enough for two-hour 3-mile commutes, and at times, so far out in the country one could hear an ant fart. When living in West Texas, when the sun went down, it often knocked a brick off the chimney. Learned the hard way never to mispronounce the name of the town of Dumas, Texas. On the ten-year degree plan, the University of North Texas got tired of me and decided to award me the college equivalent of a GED. I've had a few guns pointed at me by the Secret Service (I can tell you where Dick Chaney hunts), but they didn't mean much by it. Been to the bottom of the ocean and more than a few continents. Still working on my first ex-wife. Don't have one yet. Met my beloved in a restaurant in a dusty worn-out corner of Texas. Best thing that happened to me. Don't ask her opinion, please, the answer may be different. Kids-Known. One is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Northern Film School in Leeds, UK. Proves that intelligence in my family skipped a generation. Kids-unknown. The statute of limitations has passed long ago, and nothing has surfaced yet. Lived in several states. Fired from a couple of jobs I hated. I've tried, unsuccessfully, and occasionally successfully, to eat what I killed, in a manner of speaking. (see note on wife's opinion above). Not bragging, but I have been more successful than New Coke and the Beta-max put together. It's been an interesting 50 years. Hope yours has too.



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I still have great memories of MLHS - most of them have to do with laughing over something or the other - and often getting into trouble because of it! My first memory was tripping and then bounding down the steps as a freshman and literally bouncing down each step on my rear end. Fortunately, it was so early on that no one really knew me, but I should have had some kind of accolade for the feat of staying upright on my behind! Lots of laughter over classroom shenanigans and car episodes and I am smiling thinking of the individuals who participated in all these events! My favorite teachers were Mr. Ellwein for always having my back and treating me as a friend, while still teaching and molding me - and, Mr. Wiedenkiller for being that person who beautifully reflected "salt and light" to everyone around him. He made me want to know more about Jesus just by his life and kind words. I went to UW-Stevens Point after high school with Lynn Mueller (now Brandt) and majored in Business and Econ. Like high school, I keep in touch with a handful and am lifelong friends with a few. Fortunately, Linnie falls in both camps - a lifer from high school and college! I married Richard Sauncy in 1984, lived in Brookfield and then we moved to Scottsdale, AZ in 1993 with our two sons, who were then 4 and 6. We are still here after 30 years. We fell in love with the desert, the mountains, the very diverse state, and even the heat. (Well, except for August and September)! Our sons are Patrick - AF pilot - currently living in DC, married to Michelle since 2009 and have baby Hazel 6 months old. And Keaton - VP with Alliance Defending Freedom, thankfully living here in Phoenix near us, married to Brittany since 2018 with 2 year old Cooper! Even though we (well, our kids) started later than all of our friends who have had grands for years, we are trying to stay young because God willing, we expect more grandkids to come! I stayed home while raising our boys, then worked part time and went back to work full time 12 years ago, and retired in December 2022 and now work part time as a bookkeeper, working from home, which I love! I am still an extrovert - love people, love to get up and go, love to laugh, entertain, and love to plan - any kind of party, meal, outing or trip! But, mostly, I love Jesus and the knowledge that He is my rock and my salvation and the only reason life is good - because He alone is good - trustworthy, sovereign and loves me enough to continue to grow me and teach me - usually by humbling me! :/ When not working, entertaining, traveling, reading or with grandkids, you will find me out hiking, walking or on the pickleball courts. I am very sad to have missed the 50th, but look forward to hearing all about it!



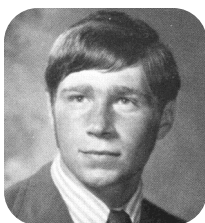
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I married twice and divorced twice. I have a Son (Michael) from my first marriage. He is a Lieutenant in the Milwaukee Fire Department. My Daughter-in-Law (Jeanne) is an RN at Froedtert Medical Center, specializing in Oncology. I have three grandchildren, Brianna, Abby, and Tyler. The girls are in college, and Tyler is still finding himself. I lived and worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Sheboygan for many years. Moved back to Milwaukee to be near my Family over 20 years ago and continued working as a CNA. After that career, I worked for the Federal government as an Officer for Transportation Security Administration at General Mitchell International Airport. In between, I tried my driving skills as a semi-truck driver. Worked many years in an electronics factory before finding my love of caring for Mental Health patients and the Elderly. I am living in Oak Creek with my 90-year-old Mother, and currently retired. I am fortunate to have retained some of the basic skills as a CNA to take care of my Mother. I have truly been Blessed with my Family and my Health.

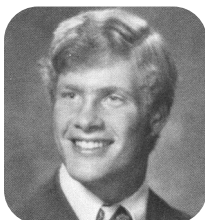
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Jim and his wife, Deb, met at Concordia-Milwaukee. They were married in 1977 and have been members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield for all of these years. Deb taught at Immanuel and is now retired. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Both of their sons graduated from MLHS. Jim is a Certified Public Accountant. He worked in Corporate Accounting for Anthem Blue Cross for over 30 years and seasonally prepared tax returns. After retiring from Anthem in 2011, he opened his own CPA firm in Germantown, specializing in preparing tax returns for Individuals, Trusts, and Estates. At the end of this last year, Jim merged his firm with another CPA firm and plans on working for a couple of years on a part-time basis. Jim is also on the board of Journeys Lutheran School (the old Lutheran Special School) and serves in the capacity of Treasurer. Jim and Deb enjoy traveling and caring for the three grandchildren, who fortunately live close. After completing over 40 years of playing softball, Jim is now in a golf league and bowling league...less strenuous.

**Peter Sehmer**

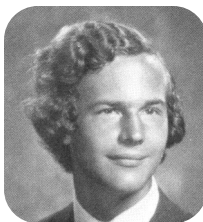
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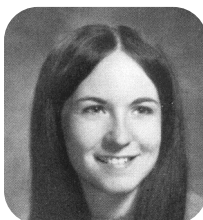
Our God has been so good to me and my wife, Carolyn, over these past 50 years! We just celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary. God blessed us with 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Our grandchildren range in age from newborn to 14 years old. Due to a work relocation in 2006, we moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where I finished out my career as a claims professional. I retired in 2020, and we moved to North Palm Beach, Florida, to be closer to 7 of the 13 grandchildren. I look forward to visiting with our classmates that are able to attend the upcoming 50th reunion. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



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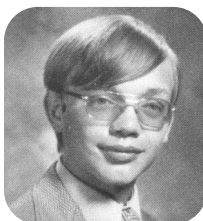
After graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran, I attended the University of Arizona in Tucson from 1973 to 1977. I worked for the Doubletree Inn Hotel chain to help with college expenses. After leaving school I was offered a job with them to open a hotel in Monterey, California. I was there until 1979 and decided that business was not for me. I went to Southern California and decided to try insurance, financial, and estate planning in 1980. I am still at it after 43 years. It's been a wonderful career. My days are occupied with the gym every morning, working for a couple of hours, then tennis in the afternoon. I was married for 2 years and have no children. Once I stop working completely my plan is to fully retire in Florida.

**Marilyn (Engler) Spenner**

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Spouse: Dave

I have been married to Dave for 47 years. We have a daughter and son who also attended MLHS. Both are married, and we have 5 grandchildren ranging from ages 5 to 12. I received my bachelor's degree in nursing from Alverno College and my Master's in nursing from UW-Milwaukee. Over the years I worked in various roles as a nurse including teaching nursing at Carroll College, UW-M and Alverno. For the last 15 years, I was in healthcare administration and retired as the Vice President of Nursing Practice and Professional Development for Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare. Dave and I moved to the peaceful woods in Kewaskum, Wisconsin 13 years ago. My hobbies are gardening and working with glass fusing in my basement studio. We enjoy activities with our kids and grandkids and traveling in the U.S. and other countries.

**Keith Stechmesser**

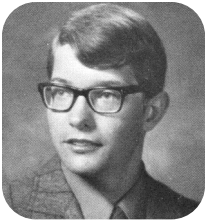
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Spouse: Cynthia

September 1973 – December 1977 Enrolled at Concordia, Seward, NE. Majored in music with a B.S.Ed. Highlight: I was the drummer for "Celebrate" summer tours 1975-79. Celebrate was a Contemporary Christian music group that was sponsored by Concordia College and The Lutheran Hour. We would tour about 10,000 miles each summer. We would play at churches, camps, youth gatherings, and conventions for the LCMS and LWML. The first three summers we recorded albums. I am sure each album sold 10s and 10s of copies. ☑ The recordings were used on The Lutheran Hour radio broadcasts. 1978-79 school year, I was one of the music teachers at Long Island Lutheran High School, Brookville, NY. 1979 – 1989 I was the Director of School Music at Bethlehem Lutheran School, Lakewood, CO. 1985 Cindy (Goeglein) and I were married. We celebrated our 38th anniversary on July 20. Our daughters are Kaitlyn Stechmesser (b. 1988) and Alaina (b. 1991) Wallace. Cindy works at a care facility in Lakewood, CO. Kaitlyn is an advertising director for Miller-Coors craft breweries, in Chicago, Illinois. Alaina and Trevor live in St. Louis Park, MN. Alaina is a therapist. Trevor works for the Minnesota Twins. 1985-1988 Part-time student at the University of Denver, MBA 1988. 1989-1999 Representative for Lutheran Brotherhood. 1999-2007 Regional Director for Advanced Markets at TIAA-CREF. 2007-2009 VP Wealth Strategist at American National Bank, Denver, CO. 2009-present Wealth Advisor and partner, Clarity Wealth Group – Thrivent, Lakewood, CO. Labor Day weekend 2016 – December 2108 I was undergoing treatment for Pancreatic Cancer. I am now cancer free and the Colorado Affiliate Chair for PANCAN. (PANCAN is an organization that supports Pancreatic Cancer patients, families, and funds Pancreatic Cancer research. Hobbies include playing drums and Timpani occasionally for church services, skiing, and sailing. Getting back into Golf.



*Picture: Taken September 24, 2022.
Cindy, Keith, Alaina, and Kaitlyn
Stechmesser.*



Richard Ungrodt Jr.

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Spouse: Jane

"I Don't Know Where I'm Going But I'm On The Way" that's how I remember our graduating class motto. Interesting. I can still see it there on the stage curtain (I think.) I trust Him that you have and will yet recall that He is the only God of mercies which endure...I observe this, though at times dimly, every step of the way. It is well written in an old anonymous hymn. Perhaps you see His hand so working in you, for this day is from Christ to you a day of His merciful grace. ***"I Was A Wandering Sheep"*** Adapted rju 6686 (tune of *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* as in TLH 341; LSB 525).

1. I was a wand'ring sheep.
I did not love the fold;
I did not love my Shepherd's Voice
I would not be controlled.
I was a wayward child,
I did not love my Home;
I did not love my Father's Voice,
I turned my way to roam.

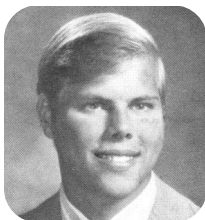
2. The Shepherd sought His sheep,
The Father sought His child;
The Spirit pulled upon my heart
In deserts, wasted, wild;
He kept me from sure death,
Famished, and faint, so lone;
How strange to know such faithful love,
God saved this wand'ring one!

3. Jesus my Shepherd is,
'Twas Christ that loved my soul,
'Twas God that cleansed me by His blood
'Twas Christ that made me whole
'Tis He that seeks the lost
That finds the wand'ring sheep;
'Twas He that brought me to the fold;
'Tis He that me now keeps.

4. I was one wand'ring sheep,
With scorn for Christ, true God
Today I love our Shepherd's Voice,
I love my true Household.
I was the wayward child,
Lost to Life; joy to roam,
From here I'll love our Father's Voice,
I'll love my heavn'ly Home!

Amen.

Richard James Ungrodt from Mequon attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt during his years of high school education at Milwaukee Lutheran. Ungrodt's undergraduate education was at UW Stevens Point, graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science studies in Resource Management and Environmental Law Enforcement. Moving then to attend Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, he graduated in 1981. Shortly thereafter, he was joined in marriage with Jane (nee Huth) for life and service in the faithful care of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ungrodt was ordained for ministry in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on July 5 at Trinity in Freistadt, WI. The ordination took place with two other sons of the congregation, William Plautz and David Schoessow. From that year, he has served Lutheran congregations: Christ in Lampson, WI (north of Spooner), then the dual parish of St. John's in Rice Lake and St. John's in Cameron, WI; In 1989, moving to La Porte, IN he served 12 years with St. John's congregation and school. Entering LC-MS Institutional Ministry, he then was called to serve as Chaplain of the Wittenberg Lutheran Village - Crown of Life Chapel in Crown Point, IN, and since 2008 as one of the Chaplains with the Indiana Department of Corrections serving in the Westville facility. As previously, so during this time in Indiana, he has been blessed to assist fellow pastors and congregations as they experienced both pastoral vacations and the more lengthy pastoral vacancies. While assisting Our Saviour's in Gary, IN, Ungrodt considered it a great privilege to be involved in seeing that congregation's hope and labor bear fruit after many years as the Lutheran parochial grade school building there was re-opened as Ascension Lutheran Christian School. In recent years Pastor Ungrodt has also served the full-time pastoral vacancy of Trinity Lutheran congregation in La Porte, IN. Ps.31:15; 2 Pt.3:14f esp. 17-18; Numbers 6:23-27

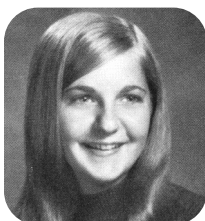
**Steven Urban**

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Steve Urban, after high school, graduated from Concordia, Seward & became a high school math teacher. He taught 5 years in Chicago at a Lutheran High School & then the rest of his teaching career, 33 yrs at Hartland Arrowhead, also coaching football for 20 years with 5 appearances at state & 3 state championships. He is married to Jeanne Otto ('73). They have 4 children, Chad, Justin, Drew & Jessica, & 5 grandchildren. Steve & Jeanne retired in 2015 to the town of Rome, Wisconsin & live on Lake Camelot (actually in a home Gene Harder's dad used to own). Steve enjoys golfing & watching most sports, especially football & college basketball, & going on road trips to see his favorite or good college teams (not necessarily the same thing every year) & of course his grandkids.

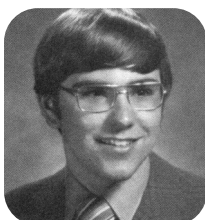
**Jeanne (Otto) Urban**

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Jeanne Otto Urban graduated from UWM with a nursing degree. She worked in Chicago for 4 years & 40 yrs at Froedtert Hospital in the operating room. She goes on a yearly mission trip to Colombia, South America, with the Plastic surgeons for reconstructive surgeries on underserved children & adults, truly blessed to be a part of it! Jeanne married Steve Urban ('73). They have 4 children, Chad, Justin, Drew & Jessica, & 5 grandchildren. Steve & Jeanne retired in 2015 to the town of Rome, Wisconsin & live on Lake Camelot (home formerly owned by Gene Harder's dad). Jeanne continues to fill in at Froedtert as needed. Jeanne enjoys golfing & watching some sports, not as much as Steve, but willing to go on road trips to see college sports with Steve & their children. And nothing like having grandkids! Very Blessed!

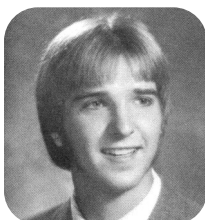
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He is still happily married to Jill Mueller (MLHS '74). They celebrated their 46th anniversary on July 23. They still live 1.5 miles from MLHS. He retired from MMSD after 33 years as its payroll supervisor. He enjoys walking, swimming, traveling especially on bus tours, and playing online word games with his family. Despite leaving MMSD behind, he still "goes with the flow."

**Thomas Wood**

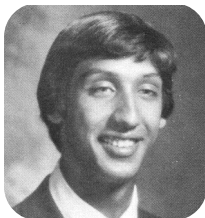
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I have spent my adult life 47 years as a meat salesman. I have a wife, 2 children, Rachael and Lauren. 2 grandchildren Lyric and Edison. I enjoy my faith and music as well as the unconditional love I receive from my grandchildren.



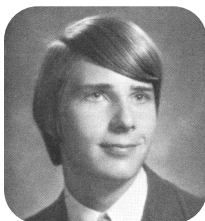
**Tim Young Eagle**

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I am blessed to be a husband (to Beth) of 45 years, a father to my wonderful children Christopher and Kaitlin, grandfather to my incredible grandson Chase Alexander. And my daughter-in-law Emily. I have been a doggy daddy to 6 gorgeous Golden Retrievers: Molly, Kirby, Timber, Bernie Brewer, BubbaWatson, and Wally. I am a long-time member of Our Redeemer in Wauwatosa, the community where I have lived for more than 40 years. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1983, I have had an eclectic career path that has allowed me to travel to every state in the United States from Neah Bay, Washington to Miami, Florida, and San Diego, California to Portland, Maine as well as Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, England and Italy. I have been blessed to experience celebrating in a locker room with champions, observing surgery in operating theaters, and worshipping with Native American brothers and sisters in a sweat lodge. My career has spanned sales, marketing, management, leadership, fundraising, and ministry. I have also served on several school, church, and charitable boards of directors. I am a passionate golfer, love to walk my dogs and play with my grandson. I also love to travel and am a frequent visitor to flea markets looking for treasures. God has blessed my life with a richness and a fullness beyond measure. I remember my time with my classmates in the class of 1973 at Milwaukee Lutheran as some of the best and most formative in my life. I love you all and I am grateful for more than 50 years of friendship. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**William Zick**

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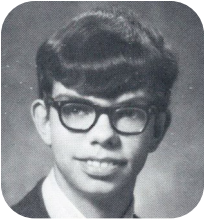
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After MLHS attended Concordia College in Milwaukee, graduating in 1975. Married, and began a family with four children. Entered the field of banking after graduating from Cardinal Stritch University with a degree in Business Management. Worked primarily at Tri City National Bank in the Milwaukee area as a branch manager and VP in commercial banking. Married wife Linda in 1997. Family has grown to include two step-children and eight grandchildren. Moved to Hancock, WI, and retired from banking in 2015. Other hobbies and interests include Lay Minister and church board of stewardship at St. Paul Luth., Stevens Point, WI; board member and treasurer of LUMIN schools in Milwaukee; gardening; travel; watching Brewers, Packers, and Big Ten wrestling.



BIOS AFTER THE REUNION



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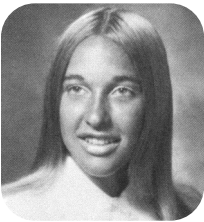
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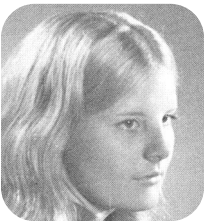
Spouse: Lucy

I have been married for 33 years. Lucy and I live in California, and I am looking forward to retiring next year after more than three decades at the Stanford National Accelerator Laboratory.



Sandra (Lenz) Budnik

Married to Leo Budnik for 45 years. I Live in Menomonee Falls. I have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Worked for 35 years and retired from the City of Wauwatosa in 2016.

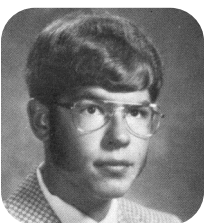


Denise (Potratz) Cychosz

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I have been married to Mark Cychosz for 45 years. We had two children who both live in California. No grandkids and probably never will have them. Our son, Paul, finally got married three years ago at the ripe old age of 37. Raise the roof! He lives and works in Silicon Valley. Our daughter, Tess, lives with her husband in L.A. and is presently a TA at Chapman University. I am a retired special education teacher. I taught for MPS for 6 years, 7 years (part-time - when my kids were small) for Waukesha Public Schools, and then 20 years for Muskego Schools. Most of those years were at Lake Denoon Middle School. I have written ten Christian romances under the pen name of Olivia Rae -- nine historical and one contemporary. Here is a link to my website: <http://www.oliviaraebooks.com>. Now, I am starting a new adventure with my hubby in Hot Springs Village, AR. That's it! Stop by and visit if you are in the area. We will be the house with all the weeds growing through the stones since we'll either be boating, on the golf course, or doing LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) work. Seriously, stop by. 414-218-3920. <https://www.explorethevillage.com/>



Gary Fahl

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Upon graduating from MLHS, I attended UW-Madison and, in 1977, graduated with a BS degree in Climatology. I married my wife Dana in 1986 and had two daughters, Lauren and Kristin. Current number of grandchildren is one (Ivy), with hopefully more on the way! I spent most of my career at Modine Manufacturing Company, with Global Headquarters in Racine, Wisconsin, and retired in 2008 as Vice-President - Environmental, Safety, and Security. I was fortunate to travel extensively as part of my job to Europe, South America, and across the USA. The last 15 years has seen a lot of travel, tennis, golf, and fishing with former MLHS classmates Gene Harder and Steve Holtz. Our golfing foursome is Al Klatt, Jim Schneider, and Scott Wang. Dana and I travel to San Diego each winter for a couple of months to escape the Wisconsin winter.



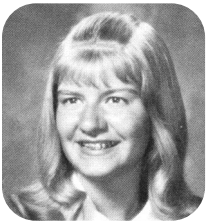
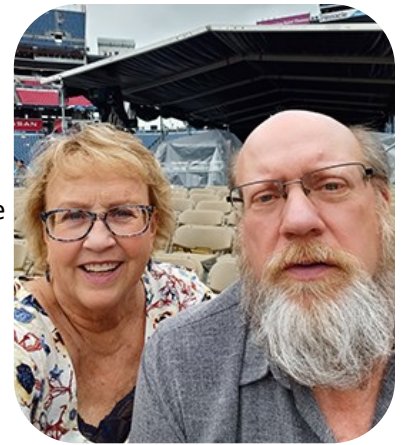
**Peggy (Tschantz) Freund**

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I don't know that I'll go all the way back to high school, but I was married shortly after high school and had my one and only child, Jennifer, in 1976. I was divorced a few years after and remained single

for the next seventeen years. I worked a number of jobs, mainly in the sales and marketing field. After leaving Milwaukee, I lived in Port Washington, Cedarburg, Green Lake, and now Fond du Lac. In 1994, I married Greg Freund and recently celebrated our 29th anniversary. In 1997, 1999, and 2001, Jennie made me the proud grandma of Christopher, Austin and Parker. In 2000, Christopher and his wife Cassy made me an even prouder Gigi to Camden! Greg and I are mom and dad to 2 Bernese Mountain dogs, Stella and Lillabelle, one Great Pyrenees Murphy, and 2 cats, Maisie and Mercury. I inherited a lovely step-granddaughter, Lexi, who just turned 18. Instead of pursuing retirement when I was heading towards 60, I moved into a totally different career, still doing sales and marketing but in the most rewarding field of Senior Living. For the last 9 years, I have been employed as a Community Relations Director, the first 6 years at Lake View Place in Fond du Lac and for the last 3 at Aspire Community for Seniors in Kimberly. I truly love what I am doing and feel that I am making a difference in the lives of the seniors I am assisting and their families. I have no plans for retirement any time in the near future. That doesn't mean I don't enjoy myself. I love taking care of my great-grandson and also traveling with my husband, friends, and my daughter and the grands and the great grand. I am currently writing this bio sitting on the balcony overlooking the beach in Surfside, Florida. I am sorry that I missed the 50th class reunion. It looked like a lot of fun! Hope to see you all at the 55th.

**Cynthia (Mertz) Krumnauer**

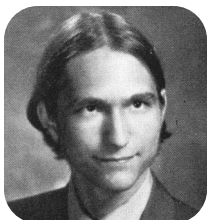
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After MLHS graduation, I attended Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, where I graduated with a B.S. in education and a Lutheran Teacher Diploma. I was called to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, where I taught 1st grade for 2 years and met my husband, Arnold. We were married in August of 1978 and had our daughter Tracey, born in 1981, and son Chad, born in 1984. We are blessed with 2 grandchildren, from our daughter, Tyler and Briana, born in 2011 and 2012. They currently reside in Wisconsin, so we make multiple trips back every year to see them and watch them grow up over the last 12 years! That has also provided us a wonderful opportunity to visit my brothers and their families and watch all my nephews and niece grow up! After teaching for 2 years, I "retired" from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom and learn how to be a farmer's wife. Arnie farmed with his dad and brother till he retired in 2006, and now we rent the farm out to some neighbors. I stayed active at the church and school even though I only taught for 2 years, becoming somewhat of a "professional" volunteer. I still help out with maintaining various bulletin boards, the school library, funeral dinners, and lead a morning bible class during the school year. I spent so much time there that Arnie would say, I should just set up a cot and stay there! Arnie and Chad are also involved with the church when they usher. In our free time, we like going camping with our church group of friends, and our Marriage Encounter group, which we have been a part of for almost 40 years, goes on a camping trip every summer as well! Many of them are like extended family to us and our children! We also enjoy going to local car shows and working on our garden. God has blessed us tremendously over the years, for which we are eternally grateful! We can feel our aging starting to creep up on us, but we hope to stay as active as possible, and I would love to reconnect with my fellow MLHS classmates. If you're ever in the thumb of Michigan, please reach out so we can catch up! May God bless you and keep you in His grace.

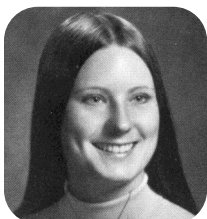


**Randall Roesler**

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Several years after graduating, I went back to MATC for photography and visual communications and met my wife, Elaine, there. Married in 1981 at Mt. Olive Lutheran. Out of school, I worked for several years as a photographer at the Medical College of Wisconsin, then decided it was time for a change. I went into ophthalmic photography, 1st at the University of South Tampa in FL, then to Dartmouth Medical Center in NH, then several private practice groups in Maine and North Carolina before settling down in SC at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Retired there in December 2019. But only semi-retired, still working part-time training other ophthalmic technicians. Currently live on Johns Island in SC. Still married, 3 children, 2 grandchildren. Enjoying the quiet winters, the history of the area, great restaurants, and the hot summer days.

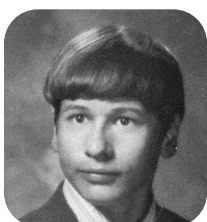
**Karen (Rowold) Seemuth**

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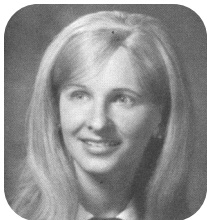
I graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a BS in Medical Technology and worked in that field for 30 years. Currently, I am working for a non-profit that provides online theological education. I met my husband, David, in a Chemistry Lab at UWM. We were married 3 years later. We have resided in Waukesha since 1978, except for 3 years when we lived in South Carolina, where Dave received a Master of Divinity. He was a pastor for 30 years at a church in the Milwaukee area. We have 2 children, Daniel and Kristin. Both are married, and Daniel has 2 children. In the summer, we enjoy time at the family cottage in Tomahawk, WI. In my spare time, I like to spend time with our grandchildren, knit, and walk our Golden Retriever, Nora.

**Dennis Stern**

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"After taking over the family dairy farm in 1975, I went back to school in 1987 to take up Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation from MSOE in 1990, I took my first EE job at Northrop-Grumman as a Design Engineer, concentrating on Digital Logic. I eventually took several other jobs in the Electronics industry, from Field Applications Engineer to Field Sales Engineer to Regional Sales Manager. I'm still fully employed today, and I hope someday to be able to retire like so many of my fine MLHS alums already have! For avocation, I spent most of my 30+ years involved in Barbershop-style singing, having sung with a world-class Chorus in Northbrook, IL, for most of that time and winning an International Gold Medal in 2001. Along the way, I also married my wife Dawn, a Registered Nurse at Froedtert, in 1996. Dawn is also involved in Barbershop singing, with the female equivalent society called Sweet Adelines. That's how we met!! We have been blessed with two children, McKenna and Brayden; who are both graduated from UW-Madison and starting their own careers now. Although now an empty nest, we still enjoy living on the same family farm plot on which I grew up!"



Heidi (Wyszynski) Trapp

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Upon graduation from college, I began a 42-year career as an Official Court Reporter in Milwaukee, in both State and Federal Court. Yes, I was that person sitting in the front of the courtroom recording the testimony on that funny little machine. I recorded many a murder trial, but my claim to fame was one of two Court Reporters assigned to the Bembenek trial. I retired in 2018. I married Bill Trapp 44 years ago. We have two sons and 3.5 grandchildren. Our oldest son is a Lt. Colonel in the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife, a Navy Lieutenant, are expecting their first child in December. Our youngest son served 5 years in the Marine Corps, and his wife was in the Air Force for 6 years. (That makes me the only non-server in the family!) They are both RNs and have 3 kiddos. I learned quickly that the only way to survive having a son who is a career military Officer (who is stationed around the world and is rarely seen) is to use the opportunity to be a world traveler! So where he goes, I go, too. Except for Afghanistan. I passed on that one. My travels to visit him have taken me to Okinawa, Tokyo, Bahrain twice, Dubai, India, and various points in between. He is now back in Okinawa, and I will head there in February to meet the new grandbaby! Bill and I have enjoyed traveling in Europe, London, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Mexico, etc. In retirement, I volunteer at BraveHearts, an equine therapy facility in Illinois, which is the largest healing horsemanship program in the nation. I do various tasks, including sidewalking, leading, "catching" horses in the pasture, grooming, picking hooves, saddling horses, and, yes, shoveling whatever hits the ground. The camaraderie is great, and it's the best gym membership ever! So that's what I've been up to for the last 50 years. Good times!

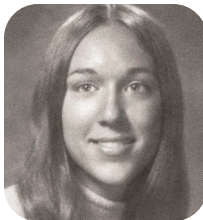


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Hey there, this is Kathy Riemer Victorson. What a great idea to offer this to us as a way to stay connected. ☺ Thank you for the work required of you to put this together. So here's a little update about me. I recently retired after 30 years of teaching in Lutheran elementary parochial schools. The majority of those years were spent at St. Peter Immanuel in Milwaukee. I have 3 children & 4 grandchildren, all of whom live in the Milwaukee area. My 3 children (last name Kostrzewa) also graduated from MLHS. Some of my fondest memories of high school were being a member of the Concert Choir, Sonshine Group, participating in musicals, and helping with the building of homecoming floats although I don't think I contributed a great deal, but sure had fun ☺. I was unable to attend the reunion, but from pictures I've seen and others I've spoken to, it certainly appeared to have been a big success and enjoyed by those in attendance. I hope to reconnect in some way with you in the future. Take care, and blessings to each of you and your families.



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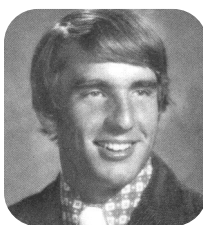
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Summary of the last 50 years--Wow, that's a hard number to say. After graduation, I spent my first year of college up north at UW-Eau Claire. That summer (74), I needed to work, but I wanted to explore beyond Milwaukee. I decided to visit my sister and her husband in the San Francisco area. My intention was to visit and work for the summer and return to Wisconsin in the fall. Well, I met my future husband that summer, and I never quite made it back to Wisconsin to live. After seeing the ocean, old-growth forests, endless mountains, unusual deserts, and many National Parks -- I was hooked and decided to stay in California. We backpacked many of the mountains in most western states on and off for years. He was very interested in Science and Math, as I was, so we figured out a way to combine this with our love of forests -- we pursued college degrees in a major called Forest Science. But first, we returned to Milwaukee in 1976 to get married at Bethany, the church my parents attended. We moved to northern California to attend Humboldt State University, well known for education in Forestry and Natural Resources. We both got BS degrees in Forest Science, and I also earned a BS in Biology. It was an experience going to Humboldt because it was located in the middle of a Redwood forest, not far from the ocean. I became a forester and a scientist. I worked for the Forest Service every summer while going to school in California. Summer jobs included being a forest firefighter, wilderness researcher, and vegetation mapper. I went on to pursue a Masters in Forest Science at Oregon State University (1981). I worked at OSU for a few years, then at Crown Zellerbach, and finally for the Forest Service at the Pacific Northwest Forest Research lab in Portland, OR. I spent 32 years working at the research lab and retired in 2015. I had various jobs there -- research forester, forest data analyst, database developer, and technology transfer specialist. I traveled a lot during this time, including a 2-month position in Rome, Italy, working on a global deforestation project for the U.N. Food and Agriculture organization. After retirement, we moved to Sisters, Oregon - a small town at the base of the Cascade Mountains. The town is about 30 minutes from Bend, OR -- pretty well known for skiing and an active lifestyle. I continue to enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, woodworking, and gardening. My husband and I just celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary. We opted not to have kids by choice. We were heavily involved in volunteering for organizations that took kids out of the classroom and into the forest to study science firsthand. Many of the kids we mentored went on to be scientists themselves. My dad, Norm Kowert, the chemistry teacher at MLHS, was happy about that.



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Retired from teaching at Valparaiso University. Presently biding time in Chicago until we move early next year. (Will split time between Cambridge, MA, and Porto, Portugal to expedite seeing 4 scattered about children and grandkids).



In Loving Memory

Robert Ahrens - 6/16/2018
Nancy *Baum* Andersen - 10/16/2022
Scott Anderson - 3/25/2006
William Baermann - 9/9/2009
Terry Beranek - 9/27/2022
Mark Braatz - 1/1/2005
Barry Bratley - 8/22/2007
Jerry Elger - 2/13/2009
Jan Ford - 1/24/2019
Marcus Frisch - 1/30/2022
Keith Gaulke - 10/30/2015
Jodi *Beyer* Harder - 6/14/2018
Randy Hintz - 10/30/2016
Jeffrey Imse - 1/8/2019
David Kostrzewa - 9/23/2008
Deborah Mack - 3/27/2007
Lawrence Maegli - 7/27/2019
Janice *Wendorf* McKee - 11/20/2009
Carl Meyer - 1/18/2020
Kristin *Burdon* Renner - 11/17/2009
Jenny *Poppert* Schinner - 2/11/2021
Lyle Schroeder - 1/24/2016
Scott Schwager - 2/17/2016
Todd Seider - 5/22/2021
Carolyn *Hilgendorf* Sellers - 11/12/2019
James Sellmann - 11/16/2022
Mary Ellen *Sanden* Stockeland - 8/21/2021
Michael Stutzman - 6/25/2004
Cindy Wilkinson - 4/24/1983
Gary Yahnke - 5/8/2019

