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Owatonna High School

Class of 1963

50th Anniversary Celebration

August 16-17, 2013

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To All Our Classmates & Guests:

Thank you to all those who are attending the 50th Owatonna High School Class of 1963 Reunion and to those who could not attend but responded with updated information.

We are very pleased with the positive response. As of August 12th, we have about 123 who will attend at least one of the events. This includes 84 classmates. An additional 20 class members are not able to attend but have ordered the booklet. We are hopeful that we will hear from more classmates before August 16th and know that some may show up at the door. All are welcome.

I wish to extend a special thank you to the 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee whose names are listed below. Their hard work and dedication made this event possible.

Jim Colton, Chairman

Owatonna High School 50th Reunion Committee

Jim Colton, Chairman
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*A message from the editor of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Booklet:
Last February, my wife Margaret encouraged me to consider creating the 50th Reunion Booklet for our class. I proposed the idea to the committee and it was accepted. The project turned out to be bigger than anticipated and required six months to complete. You are holding the result in your hands! Enjoy! The opportunity to renew connections with classmates across the country has been rewarding. I look forward to meeting you again on August 16-17. Thanks to those of you who sent wonderful photos, shared memories and have encouraged me to complete this work. A special thank you is extended to Jim Colton, Jerry Carstensen, Kathy Johnson Lembke, Helmer Lembke, Lorri Mullenmaster Kneeland and my wife Margaret for their encouragement and support.*

Ron Eustice

August 17, 2013



About Steele County:

Steele County, Minnesota was officially organized February 20, 1855 and originally included what is now known as Waseca County. Re-organization in 1856 established the boundaries we recognize today. The new county was named in honor of Franklin Steele, a St. Anthony governmental contractor and a man of prominence. Steele County is located in the south-eastern part of Minnesota, has 432 square miles, is 24 miles long and 18 miles wide.

The first county building, built in 1874 at a cost of \$5,000, was a one-story brick building which has since been demolished. The historic Steele County Courthouse was built in 1891 for \$50,000. It has been remodeled several times and is used solely by the courts. Two courtrooms and one hearing room are available, as well as meeting rooms and office space.

In 1860 Steele County had a population of 2,863 as compared to 21,155 in 1950 and 36,163 as of the 2006 census.

Steele County has numerous streams, natural springs, brooks and lakes. The largest of the streams is the Straight River and the largest lake is Rice lake. Nine mineral springs are located in Owatonna, in an area known as Mineral Springs Park. These springs have been analyzed and show the definite qualities of other celebrated springs of the United States and France.



Steele County Courthouse

Class of **1963** Our 50th Reunion



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Owatonna High School Has Changed!

By Mark Randall, Principal of Owatonna High School

Since 1963, OHS has increased activities, space, and opportunities for students due, in part, to our increased enrollment and community support. Here are some of the changes:

- In 1969-1970, girls were first awarded letters for participating in sports and activities.
- 1971-1972 brought many girls' activities to OHS due, in part, to Title IX. The first girls swim, basket ball, and tennis teams were introduced to OHS.
- Starting in 1973, the commencement exercises have been held at the 4 Seasons.
- Since 1978, students have been able to take agriculture and "auto" classes in the "Ag Building."
- The after-prom for OHS juniors and seniors has been held at OJHS since 1982.
- Since 1988 OHS has had a full time police liaison officer on site.
- In 1992, the commons area, media center, office, math, art, and science areas were completed.
- In 1993, the OHS mascot changed from the Indians to the Huskies.
- In 1995, the homecoming king once again became a part of homecoming festivities.
- In 1995, OHS changed to a 4-period day that allowed students to have 85-minute periods.

Currently there are 1,500 students at Owatonna High School which makes it the 48th largest school in the state according to Minnesota State High School League records. OHS offers a variety of courses and programs to help meet the needs of students. For example:

- There are 15 departments and a total of 200 different courses
- There are 154 elective courses
- Twenty advanced placement courses are offered.
- OHS has 85 full-time teaching staff with 95 support staff to help with student needs such as food services, special education, and buildings and grounds.
- Over 710 students participate in 27 sports and 23 activities.
- There are 110 coaches in athletics and another 35 in activities.
- OHS hosts over 300 events each year.
- There are over 300 students who participate in fine arts activities and over 500 students who participate in music programs (yes, we still have Carolers!).
- OHS music students participate in the Big Nine Music Festival; OHS will host the next festival on May 2, 2014.

Although OHS has seen much change, we expect we have the same great school spirit that the Class of '63 had.



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Owatonna Has Changed.

By Tom Kuntz, Mayor of Owatonna

When the great class of 1963 graduated from Owatonna High School, the city's population was approximately 13,000. Today we are over 26,000 and growing. Along with population increases, Owatonna has acquired new businesses, new shopping malls and industrial complexes, the West Hills complex, new ethnic cultures, and undergone other changes.

Some of the industries housed in the industrial parks include the Wenger Corporation, Viracon Manufacturing, Bosch (formerly Owatonna Tool Company), Cybex Manufacturing, Vision Processing, Bushel Boy, Foam Craft, Pearson, Rayven, Gopher Sports, Riverland Community College, McQuay, Chart, and Truth Hardware among others. The oldest continually operating business in Owatonna is J-C Press, owned and operated by our own Sabra Whiting Otteson, also located in an industrial park. We are fortunate to have some of the old landmarks like Jostens, Federated Insurance, Costa's Candies, Kottke Jewelers, The Kitchen restaurant, Alexander Lumber, Elwood Star Cleaners, Owatonna Shoe Company, St. Clair's and even the Pool Hall.

An interesting highlight of our local manufacturing is Viracon Glass located in the building of Freedom Towers. Viracon produced the glass that was used to rebuild the portion of the Pentagon that was damaged during 911. McQuay is installing the heating and cooling systems for Freedom Towers.

In the mid seventies, the city council decided to purchase the West Hills complex to house City Hall, the Owatonna Art Center, Senior Place, the Little Theater, and the Tennis and Fitness Center. This is a unique facility for a town the size of Owatonna.

We have become a more diverse culture in the past 50 years and now have many different cultures living in our community. The Somali Community is the largest.

We have been able to grow our retail business over the past years so people can shop and dine in Owatonna. Retail businesses have relocated from the down town area to strip malls located on the west side of town. We do not have as many commercial businesses in our down town area as we did in the 60's.

Do you remember the Owatonna Centennial in 1958? In 2008 we had the 150-year celebration. The highlight was the construction of a new band shell in Central Park. We now have music in the park for sixteen Thursdays during the summer months. Central Park also has a Farmers Market during the summer months, so I hope you were able to be there on Saturday Morning of the reunion.

Our Owatonna Foundation has been very helpful in providing funding to brick and mortar projects in our community. We now have a new Aquatic Center, a new dam at Morehouse Park, a new History Center at the Steele County Fairgrounds, and a trail system that goes from the south end of town to the north end of town.

The past fifty years have been very good to the Owatonna community by providing continued growth and opportunity. We look forward to more growth in the future.

Tom Kuntz
Class of 1963
Mayor of Owatonna



Tom Kuntz
Mayor of Owatonna

Following a 32 year career with the Owatonna Public Utilities, Tom Kuntz was first elected Mayor of Owatonna in November of 2003 and took office January 2004. Since then he has been elected three times most recently in 2012.

Tom has served on the board of directors for the League of Minnesota Cities, is a past president of the Minnesota Mayors Association, past president of the Highway 14 partnership, and past president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities board of directors. Tom is also second vice chair for the Public Policy Committee for American Public Power.

In February 2013, he was appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) policy committee for a one-year term. The NLC Community & Economic Development Policy & Advisory Committee, is made up of 75 local officials from around the country. Economic development is one of Tom's greatest passions, and he is using that passion to help benefit the city of Owatonna.



The Class Reunion

By Jim Randers

Fifty years have gone by since I graduated from high school, in a town of 15,000 then, named for a Sioux Indian princess, as legend has it, whose father brought her to the area for the healing mineral water. She recovered, her name was Owatonna, and the town was named after her. It was in the middle of land that proved to be excellent for farming and thus the trees and prairie were swept away, the Indians moved on as their land moved on and all of southern Minnesota was well settled. My family left the town after I finished high school moving to Denver. I never lived there again.

I was barely employed during high school; occasional summer jobs that came and went with the change of the school year. I'm not employed now, I'm retired. I can't help but wonder what happened to all those years in-between? It all seems like a dream. I am back to where I started. That was the first quarter of my life, now it is the last quarter. This reunion has brought back a flood of memories of the town and my youth. I'm trying to remember faces and names and happenings and it's all rolled together like a big ball of twine - interlaced. It feels like the yin and yang rolling backwards.

So I have random thoughts of years past, like those dreams that seem so real but are so disjointed and frustrating to understand. Last week for a brief time I had a moment of clarity, sitting in my anti-gravity chair on the deck under the large overhanging cedar trees. A light western breeze ever so gentle soothed my troubled mind, as I let it slip back to the days of yore and let random memories take over of a town so far away and yet so near. For some odd reason one of the first memories that came to mind was of myself and another boy. We rode our bicycles down to the gravel pit, the size of a small lake. The opposite side was the beach and swimming area for the town. This side had huge mounds of sand taken out of the pit. No one was around; no one ever seemed to be around when we were there. We would go up to the top of the sand pile and slide down or roll down, laughing and loving it.

The sand was warm between our toes and perfectly granulated. There was a small boat dock about 30 feet away that never had a boat at it. We would lie on our bellies on one of the 2" x 12" planks and watch the small fish flit about in the shade of the planks and boat dock cover. We could put our fingers in the water and the little fish would nibble on them. There was something so peaceful and beautiful and special about that time...that place. It was our part of the world and it belonged to us, and us alone.

The other thing that immediately came to my mind was lying in the grass at home on summer evenings just before the stars came out. My father had created a beautiful back yard with a trimmed lilac hedge on the right side and an English Boxwood hedge on the left. There was a large garden in the far back that was the width of the yard, in front of that about 7 fruit trees. Three were different plums; he loved plums, the rest apple. All this vegetation was young then as I was, around 13 years old. I was most fascinated with the changing cloud formations as they slowly passed by, morphing into a dog, a dragon, a ship and so on. Even if I tried to hold on to the present formation I couldn't, just as I couldn't hold on to my youth. The change would come and I would so obviously see the new image appear. As night fell the stars came out bright, some as bright as white Christmas lights in a dark house on a winters eve. I would try to figure out where they disappeared to. Was there an end? There was no end, how could that be? That fascination of endless space, endless time, endless life still leads my mind to wander today. What is out there and where are we going?

All these memories awakened. It was like opening an old storage chest that had been kept in the attic for fifty years and is full of surprises, some good, some bad, but all a part of my past, just like this high school reunion.

***One may return to the place of his birth,
He cannot go back to his youth.
John Burroughs, "The Return." (1906)***

We've Changed!

By Judy Gallea Beriou

We remember the faces and the names.
And how we knew each other back then.
But, we've changed.

We have seen war
And we have seen peace.
We've seen the moon
And the moon has seen us.

We know characters by a single name:
Oswald, Bin Laden, Mother Theresa
Or by a set of numbers, R2D2, ET, 007.

We've seen thousands killed by tragedies or by a single bullet.
We know the hurt and pain of our unknown neighbors.

We've seen the election of a black president
And the resignation of a pope.

We've easily survived what killed our forefathers
But we're hit by diseases with numbers.
The flu now often boasts its origin from someplace abroad.

We've gone from party lines to cell phones,
From pecking typewriters to instant messaging,
From Sunday visits to Skype calls.

We live in houses beyond the dreams of our parents.
But who has survived in a war zone or hostile area?
We eat in restaurants with the rare wines and dessert options,
But who doesn't love a hotdog?

I hope we have found happiness despite trials.
I hope we have found peace where there's been terror.
I hope that we've experienced the best of life...
And the sorrows of life so that we truly know about life.

I hope our wisdom is broader and has helped mankind.
I hope that our laughter is deeper and makes others join us.
I hope that our humor is quick but kind;
That our generosity and empathy run deep.

We've changed but we still look like Mom or Dad.
We see our grandchildren as the cast for tomorrow.
And we hold them dearly with anticipation of their unknown future.

We've changed...but remember the faces and names...and treasure them.



Judy Gallea Beriou

Thanks to Mr. Bennett, I found creative writing skills recently and have even published a bit! Best wishes to my classmates for the next 50 (!) I'll see you August 16-17th in Owatonna.

Judy Gallea Beriou

Owatonna High School Hymn

*Hail to the Silver
Hail to the Blue
Hail Owatonna
We're ever True*

*We Love No Other
So Let Our Motto Be
Hail Owatonna
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John K. Anderson

After high school graduation, I received a BA from Gustavus Adolphus College and a MGA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. I spent 1970-71 in the Army stationed at Fort Ord, California during the Vietnam War. After that I was a consultant for two years in the Washington D.C. area before my first city manager job in

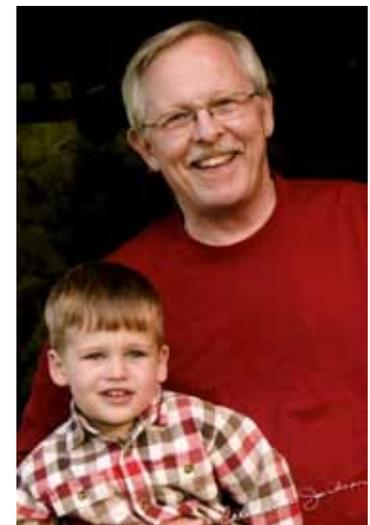
Oxford, Ohio. Oxford is a university town so I decided to try teaching at the university level for 18 months before I finally settled into my career as a city and county manager.

After 35 years in city and county management, my wife Roxanna and I retired in the Portland, Oregon metro area. Our two daughters and two grand children live in Oregon. I am active in several civic organizations, and serve on the board of two of them. We visit Minnesota and Kansas, my wife's home state, every two years to see our families, and we take vacations with my wife's high school buddies (8 couples) every two years, often in Europe. Probably our favorite places to visit are Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks where my wife worked on a dude ranch during college.

I stay active playing tennis, downhill skiing, swimming, canoeing and hiking. Western Oregon is gorgeous and an ideal place for these activities. Oregon has four seasons without the extremes of Minnesota's four seasons.

Jean Abbott is married to John Peterson and lives in Pebble Beach, California. She writes, "I have had a fabulous life!"

My wife Roxanna was called "the mystery bride" by my family because we met while I was in Oregon and got engaged when I was in the US Army at Ft. Ord. The first time they met her was the day before our wedding in her home town of Pittsburg, Kansas.



John K. Anderson with his grandson Elijah.

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Paul and I are married almost 48 years. I have been a Registered Nurse for 47 years and ended my career as a nurse case manager for Federated Insurance. We have two sons, 5 grandsons and one granddaughter. We retired to the lake at Emily, Minnesota in 2009.

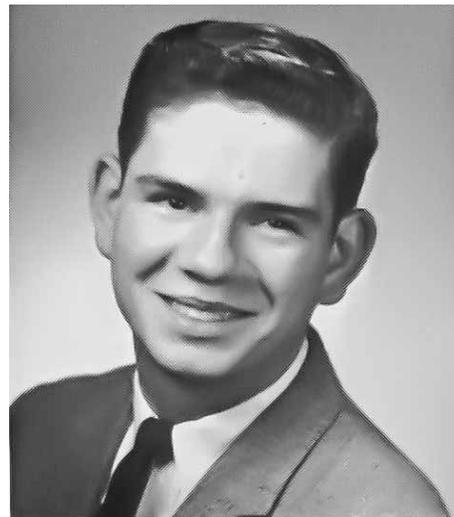


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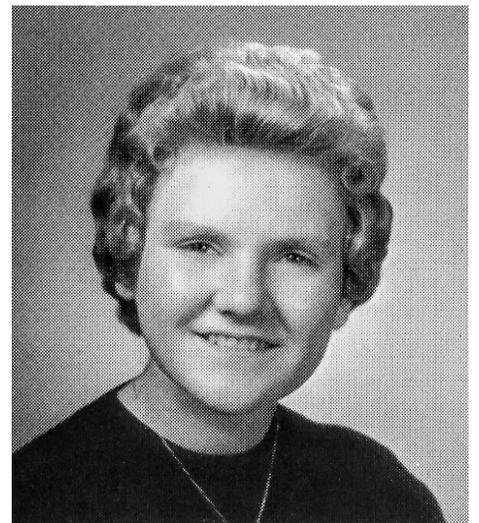
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The Village of Yesteryear, operated by the Steele County Historical Society, is a setting of fifteen structures where you can experience what life was like in Owatonna and Steele County at the turn of the 20th Century. Photo courtesy of Owatonna Chamber of Commerce.

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Noel Bartsch

My law degree allowed me to pursue a number of different careers over the past 50 years, meet a lot of interesting people and visit some strange places. I began by working for the City of Boston and quickly determined that big city politics was not a good match for a boy from Owatonna.

I then represented a multinational manufacturing corporation that ultimately led me to partnering with an Austrian venture capitalist in the ownership of a paper mill located in the bayous of Louisiana. Along the way I also served as the Senior Lender at a community bank. For the past 15 years I have stayed closer to home and represented small and medium sized business in their financing, sale, and acquisitions. Presently, I am the Chairman of the Board of another community bank. I plan on continuing my practice for as long as I can keep up with technology and convince my clients that I am not befuddled by old age. Most importantly, however, throughout my career I have managed to stay happily married to a woman I met at the University of Minnesota and raise two daughters who still invite Julie and me to vacation with them. Finally, I still

play full court basketball twice a week and dazzle/amuse my teammates with a variety of left and right handed hook shots.

My only age accommodation is my decision to avoid defending anyone who was born after the end of the Vietnam War. (This is becoming increasing difficult.)



Noel & Julie Bartsch (2013)

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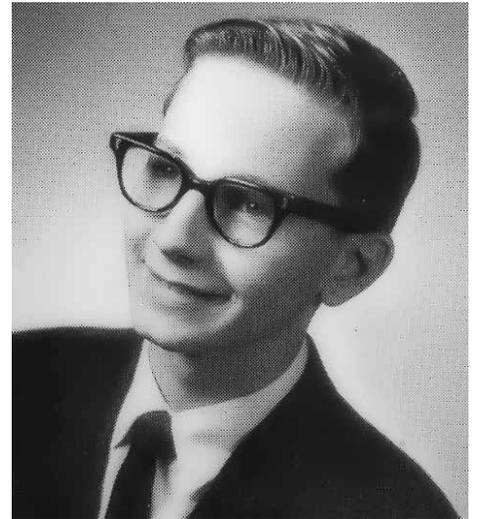
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Nancy Bennett Peterson

Before settling back in Minnesota, I lived in New Mexico, Indiana and Nova Scotia. I have two grown daughters who live in Burnsville and Stillwater, and two grandchildren who I adore.

Many years ago, I taught second grade in Mitchell, Indiana. That is a distant memory because for the past 35 years or so I have been teaching preschool. I would have retired ages ago if the pay wasn't so good.

Places I have loved to visit include Colorado, San Francisco, Monterey, Carmel, Puerto Vallarta, Cozumel, Myrtle Beach and Charleston, South Carolina. In my spare time, I like to read, garden, walk with my dog, travel, exercise (well sometimes), and I love being a grandma.



Nancy Bennett Peterson loves being a grandma.

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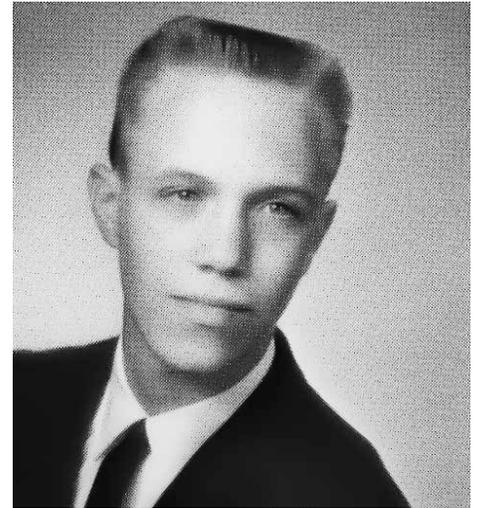
Doris Behsman Hauser

Doris writes: Fred and I have a daughter who is married and has blessed us with a grandson who is now 4 1/2 years old. I retired in 2004 from American Airlines after 37 years. We like to travel and spend time with our grandson.



Doris (Beshman) & Fred Hauser

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Jay Boreen

Jay writes: "I worked for 3M for 36 years and my final position was Polymer Sourcing Manager. I have one son Bryan who is a middle school chemistry teacher. Bryan has two children, Bryce, age 14 and Austin, 13. My hobbies include hunting, fishing and boating. I have two Corvettes and a cabin near Backus, Minnesota."



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Geraldine Brase Hemmesch

Geraldine Brase Hemmesch owns and operates the family farm near Meriden, west of Owatonna together with her son Jacob. Geraldine's daughter Bridget is a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine.

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Delores Broulik Johnson

Delores writes: "Jack and I have had almost fifty wonderful years of marriage. We have two married sons and three terrific grandchildren.

We enjoy traveling, sightseeing, sports events, boating, fishing and getting together with family and friends. We have been so blessed to have had a great life together. Sorry that we cannot make the reunion since we are out of state with friends."



Delores Broulik Johnson

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Roger Buscovick

Roger served in the US Navy from 1965-1969; he was a Corpman in Marines in Vietnam from 1967-68. He worked 40 years at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital as an OR Tech and is now retired. Roger has four grandchildren, is a golfer and hunter and is still fishing.



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Jerome Carstensen

After graduation from college, I spent my career in professional sales, the majority of it with Owatonna based Wenger Corporation (40 years) and retired in 2011 as Vice President. I completed my undergraduate degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato and graduate degree at the University of North Texas and St. Thomas University. During those years in sales, I was able to travel to all 50 states and numerous foreign countries. There are so many beautiful and great cities in this country and, I'm sure like many of us, I was anxious to leave the hometown behind after graduation. But after being gone for a number of years I have found Owatonna to be as nice a community to live in as I'm sure many of you have found in your hometowns. What's that saying? "Wherever we go we take ourselves with us."

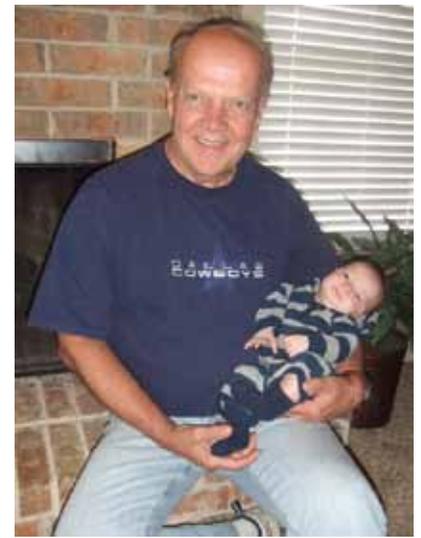


My wife, Mary, two daughters and I had the opportunity to live in the great state of Texas for approximately 18 years – one of the first people we saw when we deplaned in Dallas in 1972 was Mary O. Roberts. She was with Braniff International Airways at that time. Although I never did pick up a Texas accent I did replace “youz guys” with “you all.”

While in college I worked nights in the factory at Wenger and during that time was also able to complete my flight training for a Commercial License and Instrument Rating. Most of my flying has been personal or in the right seat of our corporate aircraft. While in Texas, I had an opportunity to spend time at the American Airlines Flight Academy in Ft. Worth flying Boeing and Cessna Citation flight simulators. I also spent several years as a “ghost rider” for American Airlines evaluating inflight operations.

Retirement has been great... getting caught up on all those home projects, working on classic cars, spending time with our two daughters and 3 grandchildren and getting reacquainted with old friends. I've also been able to spend time as a board member of a local company, volunteering as an airport commissioner, past board president and CEO of the Owatonna Business Incubator (small business start up) and as the chapter chair for the local SCORE Chapter (a part of the Small Business Administration) mentoring new and existing business entrepreneurs.

It's been a great journey and probably like a lot of you all, I'm amazed at how fast the time has gone by.



Jerry & grandchild Eli

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Waterfalls on Straight River at Owatonna (2010)

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David Cleveland

My wife Sharon and I have been married since 1981. Our son Sam is a police officer in Houston, Texas where he lives with his wife Katie and young son Bentley David. Our daughter Sarah lives in Baldwin, Wisconsin and is attending school part-time in Eau Claire and working part-time in St Paul. My wife Sharon is a group health underwriter for United Health Care and I am working for Francis L. Dean & Associates as a Regional Marketing Representative. We have two cats, Sophie and Lilly, and a loving dog named Molly. Life is pretty good.

Clyde Christofferson

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Clyde Christofferson

Clyde worked for Hesleton Construction and is retired. He works part-time for James Brothers Construction. Clyde loves to fish.

Linda Suess Christofferson

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Linda Suess Christofferson

Linda has worked as a beautician since 1964 and is still working. Linda's hobbies include painting walls, saws and boards et-cetera.

Clyde and Linda have two children; Dana is married to Matt Sullivan and lives in Lakeville. They have two boys, Dana and Lee. Dana teaches Art in elementary school to first through 5th graders. Lee lives in Milwaukee and is married but has no children. He repairs computers for a large company.



Clyde & Linda (Suess) Christofferson

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John "Jack" Coderre

Can it really be fifty years since we graduated? Following graduation, I took my father's advice and went to school to be a barber. My father and grandfather had both been barbers, but it was not my intent to make it my profession. Rather, working as a barber provided me the income to attend the University of Minnesota where I graduated in 1969 with a Business Administration degree.

After a short stint with Federated Mutual in Owatonna, I enjoyed a 30-year career with St. Paul Insurance Companies (now part of Travelers). The job took our family to Philadelphia, Syracuse and Cleveland before returning to the home office in St. Paul in 1978, where I spent most of my career in various underwriting positions.

During my junior year of college I married Sandy, the love of my life for the past forty-six years. We have two children. Lisa stayed in Minnesota with her family while Mathew moved his family to North Carolina. Our nine grandchildren range in age from four to sixteen.

I retired in 1999, sold my snowblower, and moved to Savannah, Georgia. I enjoy golf, fishing, traveling, reading and various volunteer opportunities. Sandy and I have been truly blessed during our time together. May you and your families also be blessed as we all enter our "golden" years.



John "Jack" Coderre



Tuthill's Snack Bar across the street from Owatonna High School.



Savannah, Georgia

In 1999, Jack Coderre retired, sold his snowblower, and moved to Savannah, Georgia (above). He enjoys golf, fishing, traveling, reading and various volunteer opportunities.



Enjoying their noon snacks from Tuthill's are a group of OHS'ers.

TUTHILL'S

ACROSS FROM THE SCHOOL



Probably The Best Tomato in Minnesota.

Every Bushel Boy Tomato is grown near Owatonna, Minnesota



Jim & Mary Jo Colton

After high school, I took an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and advanced degrees from Stanford, all in mechanical engineering. Since then, I have lived near Stanford in the heart of Silicon Valley in California. In 1968, I joined the Stanford Research Institute (now SRI International) where for the past 45 years I have been investigating the effects of explosions, high-speed impacts, and other high-energy events -- a dream job for many boys like me!



Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers.

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My work has included using high explosives to simulate earthquakes, nuclear explosions, runaway reactors, and missile intercepts. Recently, I have focused on counter-terrorism including experiments to evaluate the effects of airplanes impacting buildings at 300 mph, developing tools for neutralizing truck bombs, and protecting against the effects of truck bombs. My most rewarding work has been to successfully develop means of protecting soldiers from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). I have some great videos of explosive tests at up to 100,000 frames/sec.

I consulted with the United Nations in Paris on how to safely transport nuclear materials in Europe and with the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense in London on evaluating missile defense systems. My chief findings were that (1) French wine is no better than California wine, (2) my favorite style of beer is British Real Ale, and (3) on the par-3 17th hole at Waterville, Ireland, my tee ball actually did find the bottom of the cup!



James Colton

When not blowing things up, my passions are my family, golf, photography, and Stanford sports. I was fortunate to meet my soul mate, Mary Jo, in 1968 and marry her in 1970. She was a grade school teacher, then a first-round draft pick for the Team of All-Time Great Moms, and finally a marketing communications manager for a semiconductor equipment company in Silicon Valley. Our older son, Eric (36), is a software engineer in Manhattan (still single -- and looking) and our younger son, Brad (33), is a music producer in Hollywood (he has a girlfriend).



For the past 45 years Jim Colton has been investigating the effects of explosions, high-speed impacts, and other high-energy events.

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Marjorie Cook Gilbert

After graduation, I worked for the Bell Telephone System and then went to what was at that time Rochester Junior College where I graduated in 1968. I moved to Alaska in 1970 and settled at Fairbanks until 1980 when we moved to the Palmer area. Our four children were raised mostly in Alaska where we spent much time fishing, camping, hiking and in the winter cross-country skiing. We moved from Alaska to Arizona in 1993 and Jim graduated from Arizona State University in 1997 with



Jim & Margie Cook Gilbert

his long-awaited electronic engineering degree. Before retiring, Jim worked for Boeing in Mesa, Arizona.

Along the way, I picked up classes in computing, electronics, library science, literature and writing. While at Mesa Community College, I won an award for a biographical story that I wrote. I admire those around me who can turn out book-length works. Maybe one day, I will join their ranks.

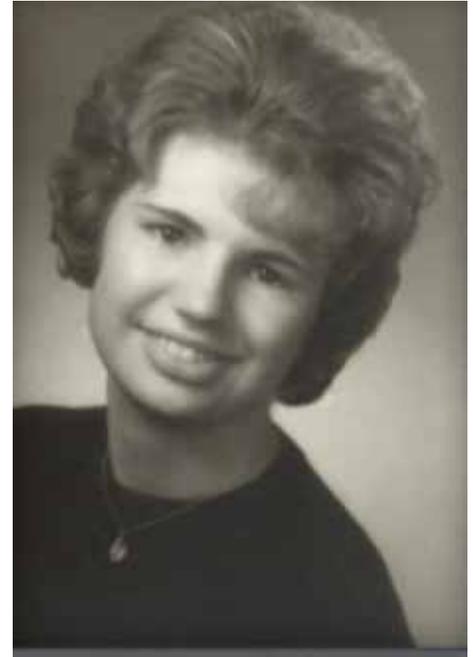
I retired from my customer service position with a local company in 2007. We live in a +55 community and enjoy what we consider to be the good life. In our community there are lots of activities to choose from, but I spend much of my time as a volunteer librarian at our community's library and with church activities. I belong to two book groups and write articles for our community's newspaper. We still do a little hiking. My primary hobbies are gardening, reading, writing, bird watching, and walking the urban trails.

We have ten grandchildren spread between Alaska, Oregon and Wisconsin, so we spend some time traveling to visit them as well as friends and family in Minnesota. We love to go on a good road trip. Last fall we purchased a "summer home" in Delmont, South Dakota, so we have joined the ranks of the "snowbirds." I am looking forward to reworking an old farmhouse and doing serious gardening.



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Eula Conrath Peterson

This November 22nd, my husband Cris Peterson and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary! For all you history buffs out there, November 22, 1963 was the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Would you believe we drove down to Texas on our honeymoon?! Cris and I have went on many vacation car trips with our family and friends. We have two daughters and a son. Our three children have blessed us with 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. We spend a lot of time with our children and their families. This will be my 25th year with Child Care Resource and Referral Head Start as a preschool teacher. My passion to help young children and their families made this a perfect career. Since I started kindergarten in the little red school house and graduated from OHS, I have many fond memories. Thanks to 50th reunion committee for making this a memorable experience.



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Paul Daffinrud

After pursuing a degree in Law Enforcement at Mankato State College, I joined the Steele County Sheriff’s Department and served as a Deputy Sheriff. Previous to finishing my degree, I had worked as a police officer for the City of Waseca and worked part-time as a special deputy for Steele County Sheriff Sheriff Bud Coufal.

Through the years my career path took many twists and turns. I purchased the Village Cafe on the south end of Owatonna. My wife Judy and I ran the Village Cafe for nine years until Judy’s health forced us to sell the business and move to Hawaii. While in Hawaii, I worked at a hospital, owned a limousine service (Clint Eastwood was my most famous customer) and was in partnership with a Filipino in a landscaping business.

Judy and I live in Buckeye (near Phoenix), Arizona and enjoy traveling to various parts of the US.



Paul Daffinrud in Buckeye, Arizona

I am the author of “The Josh Trimble” murder mysteries. We have two children; our son lives in Minneapolis and our daughter resides in Golden, Colorado. Thus far, the good Lord has not given us any grandchildren.

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Kathlynn Deviny Miller

After living for 30 years outside Washington, DC, I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to be nearer to my son and his family. He has five children all adopted from China. I retired in 2006 after a long career as computer programmer and database manager. I now enjoy traveling (China, Russia, Greece, Ireland) and being a grandmother. I’m looking forward to bringing a new puppy into my house in September.

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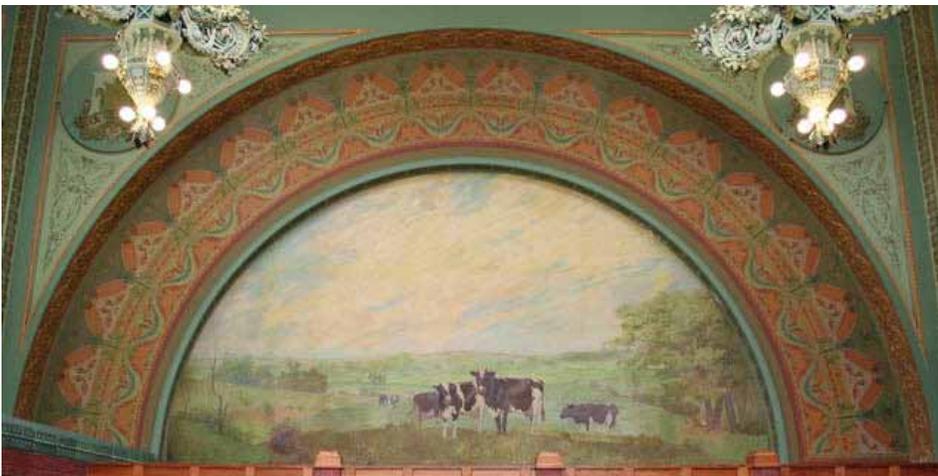


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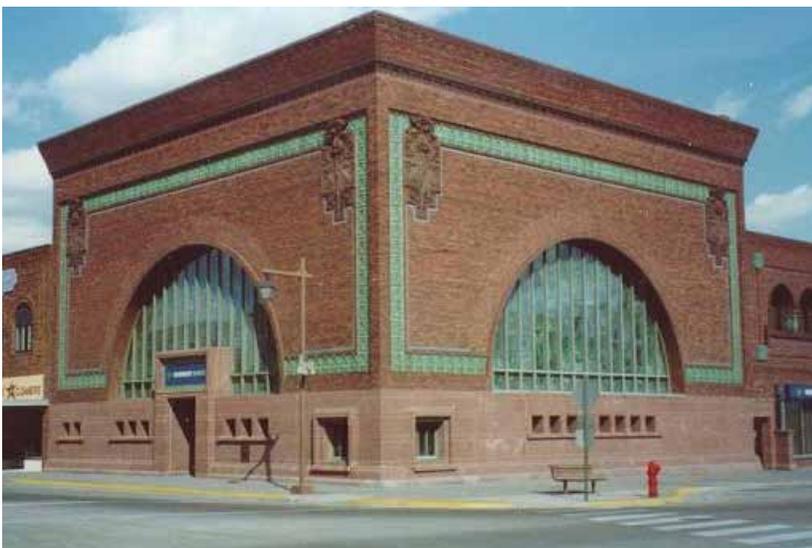
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Sandra Drivdal Rieser



The National Farmers' Bank of Owatonna was designed by Louis Sullivan. On January 7, 1976 it was recognized as a National Historic Landmark for its architectural significance.



Sandra Drivdal Rieser

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I've traveled far more than I ever imagined. I've been 'around the world' from Alaska to South Africa. Happily I did most of my traveling while it was still fun (before all the security, etc.). I've found many places that I could make my home. Now I'm 'home' in Minnesota again.

I am retired from my work for the Lutheran Church. I still have plenty to do, and that's important to me. Being on the 'caring' side more than on the 'cared for' side of life is a wonderful gift. Being a 'great grandfather' is also wonderful. I feel much too young, but I'm also way too happy about it. My great granddaughter just celebrated her 2nd birthday and it was wonderful. My son is now 40 and a manager with a Twin Cities real estate company. I also have the most wonderful granddaughter ever!

Two 'ex' wives filled my life with incredible adventures. One thinks of me as a 'saint,' and the other thinks of me as a 'sinner'. They're both right. My dogs have been treasures, especially Pavlov, Trapper and Joe. My memories of them are great. They trained me well. I remember the early 60's fondly. It was a great time with wonderful people. I hope each and all of your lives have been as wonder-filled as mine.



James Davis



In 1995, the movie "Angus" was filmed in part at the Owatonna High School. Two guys seen above from the movie are doing a "High Five" in the hallway of OHS. Many local people were "fill in" actors.

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Owatonna Grain Swather; built by Owatonna Manufacturing Company (OMC) founded in 1865.

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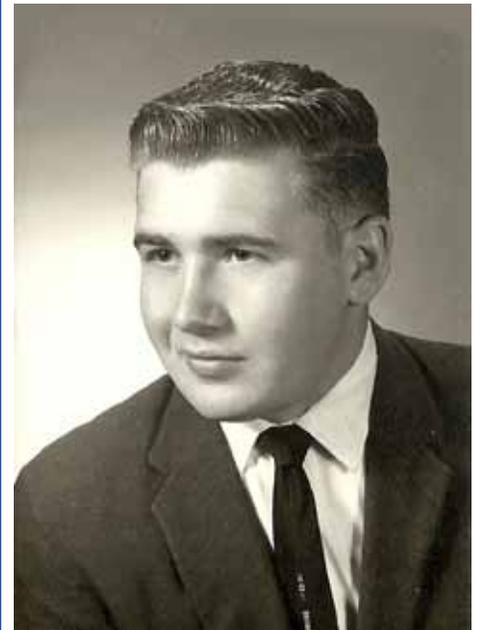
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Richard Elsner

Don and Evelyn write: “Don is retired and enjoying our garden and orchard. In the winter he spends time in the woodshop. Evie is semi-retired. Her favorite past times are reading and needlework. In March, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We have three sons and one daughter, three grandsons, six granddaughters and five great grandsons. One more great grand baby is due in January. The best part of our anniversary celebration was the fact that all of them were able to attend.



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*Evelyn & Don Enzenhauer
 50th Wedding Anniversary*



For the first time in the majority of his life, Don has not had a fishing pole in the water due to heavy rains and flooding.





Ronald Eustice

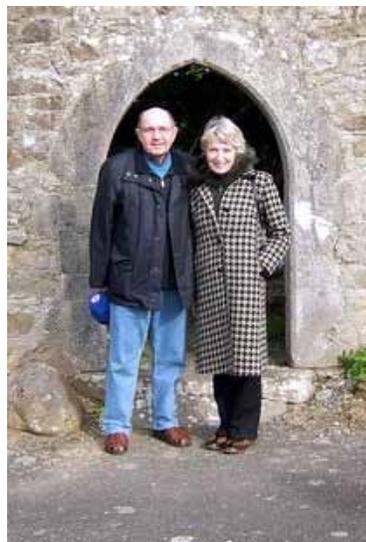
Following high school graduation, Ron enrolled at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1968 with a major in Journalism and a minor in Animal Science. He was a member of the national champion inter-collegiate dairy cattle judging team in 1966 and the U of M dairy and general livestock judging teams in 1967. During his senior year, he was selected to be an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate to Uruguay where he lived and worked with rural families for six months. He later earned an MBA in International Business.

Ron spent two years (1970-72) in Mexico where he worked with Carnation de Mexico and three years (1987-90) in Indonesia with Land O'Lakes. Ron married Margaret McAndrews of Rosemount in 1975. Margaret is a University of Minnesota graduate and participated in the International 4-H Youth Exchange program as a delegate to Uganda in 1970. Ron and Margaret have lived in Turlock, California, Madison, Wisconsin, St. Cloud, Arden Hills, and Savage, Minnesota and in Salatiga, Indonesia. In retirement, they split their time between Savage, Minnesota and Tucson, Arizona.

Ronald and Margaret Eustice have three grown children; Kevin, John (deceased) and AnnMarie. Kevin

has a PhD in Computer Engineering from UCLA and is married to Alison Walker. Kevin works in the computer industry and lives in Seattle. Kevin and Alison have a daughter Sabine Frances Eustice, born August 12, 2012. John earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota and did plant breeding and technical writing. The Eustice family was devastated when John passed away April 11, 2013. AnnMarie earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design at the University of Minnesota and is a Buyer with Target Corporation. She is not married and lives in Minneapolis.

Ron retired from the Minnesota Beef Promotion & Research Council in October 2012 after more than 22 years of service to Minnesota's cattle industry. During his career, Ron traveled to more than 80 countries. Previously he worked for Meredith Corporation, Carnation Company, American Breeder's Service, Minnesota Holstein Association, Land O' Lakes and the Minnesota Beef Promotion and Research Council. He has been invited by government agencies, universities and private companies to conduct educational activities and workshops about food safety and food irradiation in more than thirty states, three Canadian provinces as well as Argentina, Brazil, India, Spain, Peru, Thailand, Korea and Uruguay.



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He is an author or co-author of more than three dozen articles in text books, technical publications and trade journals. In semi-retirement, Ron continues to be a consultant in food quality and safety.

Ron has received professional honors, including the Minnesota Honorary Future Farmer (FFA) Degree (1999), Distinguished Service Award, MN Foundation for Responsible Animal Care (2000), Honorary American Farmer Degree from the National FFA (2001), MN Department of Agriculture Excellence in Food Safety Award (2002) and Southern Minnesota Agricultural Ambassador of the Year Award (2004) and University of Minnesota Extension Service "Friend of Agriculture" Award (2007). In 2008 he was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Hall of Fame.

One of Ron's favorite subjects in high school was Spanish. Since then he has become fluent in German and Indonesian and has a working knowledge of three other languages.

Ron and Margaret enjoy travel and recently returned from Ireland. In Ron's spare time he enjoys stamp collecting and family history research. He has published a family newsletter, *The Eustice Families Post* for many years and is the author of *Perrons: French Canadian Pioneers of Minnesota*.



Ronald & Margaret Eustice in 2012

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Linda Flom Raschke

I worked at the hospital-probably too much-but one does what you need/or think you need to do. An avid reader, I dreamed of becoming a nurse, and eagerly read each book in the Cherry Ames nurse series. I chose the Northwestern School of Nursing in Minneapolis as much for the style of their nurse's cap as for any other reason! I never gave any serious consideration to a profession other than nursing nor to leaving Minnesota.

After one year at Northwestern, I transferred to Miller Hospital in St. Paul to attend their Surgical Technology program. I loved working in the OR. It was exciting and each day brought new opportunities for learning.

I would often take the train on Friday afternoons back to Owatonna from St. Paul. My family would bring me back on Sunday nights to the cavernous old dorm on Summit Avenue. Tears were shed by all four roommates as we said our goodbyes because it was lonely in that spooky old building! It is now gone to make way for the History Center and more roads! Lowell and I met during the summer of 1964. He was drafted in June 1965. We married in October 1965.



Linda and Lowell Raschke

Lowell was sent to Korea to the DMZ area and assigned to Camp Casey. It was a difficult year. I did eventually go to Korea on a tourist visa in October of 1966. I lived with a Korean family in Seoul and worked part time at a Christian service men and women retreat center. Lowell and I traveled for three weeks in Japan before returning to the USA. I was 21 years old and on the greatest adventure of my life! I now shudder at the situations through which I was able to navigate.

We moved to Mankato in 1967. I completed the new Certification exam for Surgical Technology and began working at the Mankato hospital in the OR until our first child was born in 1969.

In 1976, I began to take classes at MSU and loved it! I wish that Miss Tamblyn, Mr. Skovbrotten, Mr. Meyering, and the many other wonderful and patient teachers at OHS could have seen me actually enjoying studying! However, the greatest joy for me was to see how happy my Mom and Dad felt on my graduation day. It made all of the hard work worth it.

After graduation, I worked at a variety of jobs including; coordinator of the MVAC programs for Nicollet County, serving as Director of the Welcome Inn homeless shelter in Mankato and working as a Guardian *ad Litem* in Nicollet County for the 5th District Court of Minnesota. I also worked as a tech in

the Detox unit at the hospital in Mankato. It was gratifying to see what sobriety could offer clients compared to their time of detox.

We are blessed with three children! Lisa (1969), Laird (1971), and Lynne (1975) Lowell retired in 1999. I decided that it was a good time for me to stop working on my thesis. I enjoyed graduate school, but retirement seemed like more fun. We spend May through September on Pelican Lake near Cross Lake in Minnesota. We have a park model trailer that seems to be shrinking as our six grand children get older! They are girls 13 and 7 and boys 17, 5, 4, and 3 years of age. They live in Pittsburgh, Sioux Falls and Duluth! Too far away!

I am thankful for my Owatonna friendships. I am thankful for those friends who though we may not speak for years, do not question our friendship. These friends pick up their phones as though we spoke yesterday, regardless of how long it has been. They understand that life is busy and you do what you can do. They know that we will always care about them. I welcome your call. I have been blessed by your presence in my life.

We grew up in a peaceful place, even if our personal lives may have been anything but peaceful. We were lucky. I wish that my grandchildren could live in such a place!

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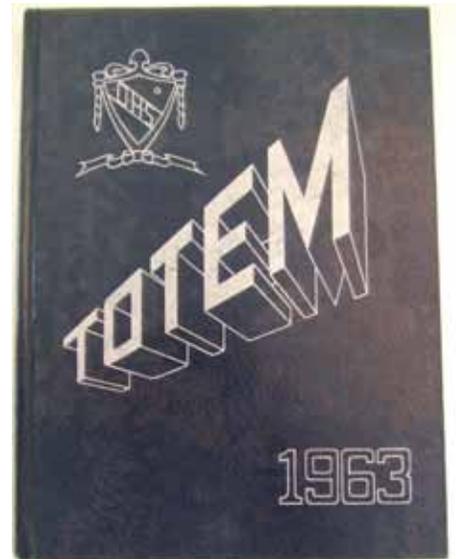
Bonnie Fitze Dunnell

Ingrid Fortmann



Ingrid Fortmann

Ingrid Fortmann was an American Field Service (AFS) Exchange Student from Germany.



The T-38 Talon Thunderbird Jets exhibit at the entrance to the Owatonna De-gner Regional Airport is believed to be the only display of this kind in the world.



Broadway & Cedar Streets, Owatonna, Minnesota c. 1960s

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Judy (Gallea) Beriou

I attended St. Barnabas Hospital School of Nursing and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1966. My roommates and friends had boyfriends who were close friends to some of the Owatonna graduates and I was able to track their successes through that avenue (at least through '66).

Nursing has been a fascinating, challenging, and a fulfilling career. I have had the pleasure and honor of four great employment opportunities which have impacted me tremendously.

First I served as a Diabetes Educator at what was then Metropolitan Medical Center which dissolved. The space is now part of Hennepin County Medical Center. I married my husband, Tom Beriou, a northeast Minneapolis native in 1969 and we have two children with a tally of 3 grandchildren. I've been assured that number will not expand! I've also learned that all northeastern natives return to their roots so we live in St. Anthony, Minnesota now.

As a mother of a baby boy (Michael Charles born in 1970), I joined Internal Medicine Physicians, Pennsylvania where I became a nurse practitio-

ner working with an endocrinologist. This ten year experience afforded me medical and cultural growth – a stack of warm memories for all the events that occurred during that tenure.

My next greatest career move was with a company on Long Island, New York – Curative Health Services. I was national director of education for Curative that formulated a product for wound healing based on work at the U of M by David Knighton, MD. That position took me all over the country as well as to Europe. In Germany the physician suggested on the second day that I take the day off to go shopping! (Guess he didn't like me in his face!!) The advantage to this traveling and meeting all the medical personnel was that I (or my family) could get ill in any city and count on a good doctor for care.

Somewhere in there I earned a Masters degree in Health Administration and was certified as a legal nurse consultant and a wound nurse.

Third, I was Education Director for Cytomedix, the company that bought Curative's patents, changed

the formulation completely, but continued to heal wounds/sores caused by diabetes, trauma, etc. Again, I traveled extensively doing clinical research and subsequently being a clinical liaison. In both capacities I was able to witness phenomenal healing for persons who were otherwise headed for an amputation or even death.

In the interim, my husband has developed a business on Leech Lake where he sells sailboats and teaches sailing, a great love for him and something that has taken us on some interesting adventures.

But now I'm partially retired. 911 and Obama have made sure that I stay in the work-force at least for a bit yet. I've had my own health dilemmas, been dead or near death a few times, but I keep bouncing back. I figure that God doesn't want me and the devil won't have me. So I have work to do yet!...My greatest love now are the grandchildren (ages 22 to five) and doing creative, artsy stuff that I had no idea was lying dormant in my bucket of "things to do".



Tom and Judy Beriou



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Viracon Inc., an Owatonna company, fabricated 800,000 square feet of glass for the windows of World Trade Center Tower One, also known as the Freedom Tower in New York City.

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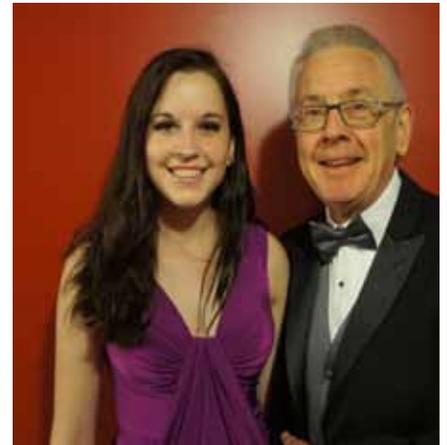
Sharon writes: "I worked 12 years at Viracon. Later I owned the Straight River Inn for 14 years and now I work at Cashwise. I am married to Mike Hassing. We have 28 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. In our spare time we enjoy traveling."



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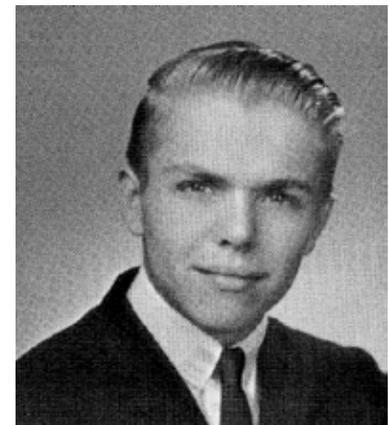


Paul Hammel



Paul Hammel and daughter

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John Hammel

John Hammel writes: "We live at 9,500 feet elevation at Fort Garland, Colorado."



North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minnesota (1946)

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Mary Helen Hamilton Pelton
 To write this “Cliff Note” version of my life, I asked myself an important question; who am I? So many answers on so many levels.

My passion for children, education, learning, creativity, exploration, and literature have lead to unexpected places in unexpected ways. I have been a junior high teacher in the inner city; on an island in Maine and in graduate classrooms of several universities. My love of literature and story transported me to a rich life as a professional storyteller connecting both children and adults to their roots in the oral tradition. I was reluctantly dragged from the classroom to be a Superintendent of Schools in three different districts and also was a college administrator for ten years. During my last superintendency in Cass Lake, Minnesota, I learned what is probably self evident to all of you; Kids can’t learn if they don’t feel safe. The Cass Lake teachers, staff, board and administrators embarked on a mission to change the culture of violence in this violent reservation community. Our success was noted and I was employed in the private sector to be the national director of a school safety program.

Since my husband Ray was also a superintendent of schools, we had spent years living apart. “Enough is enough” said he. With that we both retired and have now reinvented ourselves as artists. Now for the commercial. Our web site is: www.thepeltoncollection.com.

We have a delightful family that includes three children, five grandchildren and my special needs sister Kathy. Time is shared between our homes in northern Minnesota and southern Arizona and traveling for art shows. One other interesting factoid unrelated to the above-but you’ll have to find that out at our People Search during the reunion.

I can’t wait to hear YOUR stories.



Mary Helen Hamilton Pelton
 Mary Helen and her husband Ray spend winters at their home in Oro Valley (Tucson), Arizona.



Mary Helen and her family live at Deer River in northern Minnesota during the summer.



Owatonna High School (1949)



Phil Haaland

Those of you who knew me during high school realize that the school day was what held my mornings and evenings apart. Other than Future Farmers of America (FFA) activities, I was not much involved in other school events. I was raised on a farm and that was what I wanted to do. I earned my high school diploma but since then I have never had to show it to anyone.

It's not that I disliked school, but I was working a 40-hour week and schoolwork was not first on the list. I have had lots of great events in life even though my formal education ended on high school graduation day. However, I did take a psychology class at the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca in the winter of 1975.

A rather significant event happened to me in July of 2005, the month I turned sixty; I lost my vision as a result of diabetes. Needless to say, that was a life-changing event. After feeling sorry for myself for about a year, I got busy with life. I realized that all we can do is play the cards we are dealt. So I went back to farming and began to do several new things like playing chess and doing more work in my shop that I didn't have time for when sighted.

I also am writing a biography mainly to improve computer skills as a blind person, but I found it to be fun to recall events from years ago. If any of you want a copy send me an e-mail and I will send the completed chapters.

My fondest memories of high school were FFA activities. I was elected President of Owatonna's FFA chapter in my senior year and received the American Farmer award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. I was on the fringe of social activities and never became involved much in social activities. Mr. Leonard Bennett was a teacher that stood out because he could make English class worth going to.

There are only two of the classmates that I have had much contact with over the years. I was married to Darlette Weatherly for 21 years. The other is Ron Eustice. I have had occasion to communicate and follow his career somewhat. Other than those two, I have had brief contact with several others including John Hudrlik who got ahold of me a few years back. Since then we have had several conversations. I would enjoy hearing from anyone who cares to send an e-mail.

I farmed all my life but did other things along the way to make my life more interesting. I worked at GTA Feeds for several years and at Wengers. I delivered newspapers for four years and ran a projector at the theater for several years. I started several small manufacturing companies, which involved making cement weights for Wengers, making steel roof rakes, making parts for irrigation sprinklers



Phil Haaland's fondest memories of high school were FFA activities. He was elected President of Owatonna's FFA chapter in his senior year and received the American Farmer award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

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and rebuilding irrigation sprinklers. I owned and served as the General Manager of a Texas radio station for 15 years and bought and developed real estate in the Dallas area. I was a partner in a small bank for several years and operated a grain elevator in partnership with another farmer for several years. I also had a Pioneer seed dealership for 32 years and started and operated an insurance agency. I moved to Texas in 1979 and since 1981, I have been owner and operator of a large custom farming business, which includes a sizeable cattle-feeding operation.

I was married to Darlette Weatherly for 21 years. In 2000, I married Glynette. Darlette and I have three children and Glynette has one daughter. We have twelve grandchildren.

Along the way I raised irrigated corn and wheat in the Dalhart, Texas area. I am sort of retired now and farm only a 1,000-acre irrigated farm, which includes 250 acres of wheat and 750 acres of corn. We like to take cruises and we went to the Columbia and Snake Rivers of Washington State and Oregon in May.

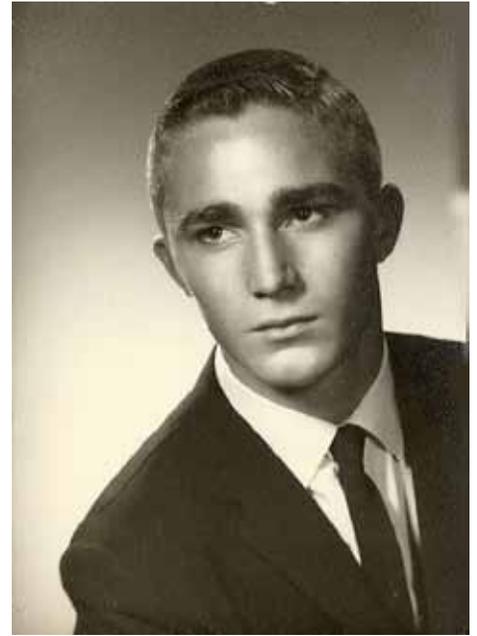


Minnesota State Fair Champion Dairy Cattle Judging Team (1962); Roger Summer, Ron Eustice & Phil Haaland.

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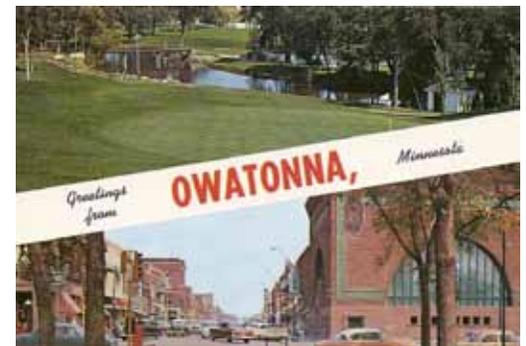
Dale Halverson

Ava writes: "I married Orville W. Haberman in 1968 and we have lived in Minnesota and Iowa (both for a brief time) and Madison, Wisconsin for a wonderful five years. Both my son Ben and daughter Jamie were born there. We moved to the East Coast in 1976 and have lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey and Madison, Connecticut, and now for the past 12 years in Deep River, Connecticut.

Over my past working career I have been a sort of a "Jill of all trades." One of my most satisfying and fun jobs was being a caterer for several years. Most recently I am enjoying my time with work around my house and visiting grandchildren. Our son lives in Madison, Connecticut with his wife Cheryl and two boys; Ben age 15 and Ethan age 12. Our daughter and husband Scott have two daughters; Grace age 9 and Margot age 5. They live in Cincinnati (Montgomery) Ohio. I love to read, garden and play golf and watch most any sport especially if my grandchildren are playing."



Dale & Lanette Halverson



Greetings from Owatonna (1950s)



Town of Deep River, CT





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After retiring we built a new house in Ham Lake and my job was to finish off the 2,000 square foot lower level. We bought a cabin on Lake Vermillion in 1988 and still spend as much time as we can up there. I am about to pick up my new Ranger boat as I write this. We divide our time between Ham Lake, Lake Vermillion and Palm Springs, California.



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Frances Hrushka Anderson

Frannie writes: "I joined the ranks of the retirement groupies with very little adjustment. I enjoy doing my volunteer work and being with my family. I have three grandchildren of which two have graduated. Recently I had the opportunity to visit Austria. This was my first time out of the US and it was a wonderful experience. Really beautiful scenery!"

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Jeanette writes; "I have 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. I was married to Albert Cox in Las Vegas".



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Roger Roensch and I have been married for 49 1/2 years and have two daughters and one son. We also have three grandsons and one granddaughter ranging in ages from three to 20. We recently moved to Princeton after living in Brooklyn Park for 40 years. We enjoy being with family and now live closer to them.



Owatonna High School 1918



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Sandra Jellum Schultz

I have lived in Fort Myers, Florida for 20 plus years. My twin daughters Karen and Kathleen and her husband Tom live in Seattle, Washington. My son Bill lives in Columbus, Ohio along with his wife Heather and daughter Paige. Paige will soon be 14 and is my only grandchild. I continue doing workouts in the pool. I also do "Homewatch" for 38 places which keeps me very busy during the summer! Hopefully, no hurricanes this year!!!! *HAVE A GREAT TIME AUGUST 16-17! Sandra*



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 Conductor/Music Director: St. Anthony Civic Orchestra
 Conductor/Coordinator: Minnesota TubaChristmas
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 Solo Euphonium/Deputy Bandmaster: Northern Brass Band
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 Composer/Arranger
 Owner/Editor: CJJensen Publications
 Photo-Journalist: Northeaster and North-News newspapers
 Board of Directors/Secretary: St. Anthony-Salo, Finland Sister City Assn.
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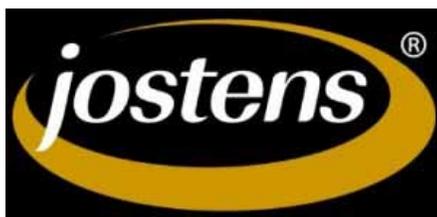
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Kathy Johnson Lembke

(See Helmer Lembke)



In 1897, Otto Josten of Owatonna, Minnesota set out to repair people's keepsake jewelry. He soon found himself creating a cultural icon. Through the Jostens class ring, generations have been empowered to share their unique stories and connections to the people, traditions and experiences that define them.



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Nancy writes: I've been retired from the University of Illinois Extension Service four years. While with Extension, I was on the administrative end of managing volunteers. Now I am happy to just work as a volunteer. My husband and I are volunteers with the National Park Service/Amtrak and serve as Trails and Rails interpretive guides on the Southwest Chief between Chi-



Nancy Karaus Johannsen

ago and LaPlata, Missouri and also on the Wolverine between Chicago and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. We volunteer with a growing population of homeless in Lake County, Illinois and assist the Grayslake Historical Society staff with quarterly exhibit changes at our new history center. Lake Delton, Wisconsin (famous in June, 2007 for overflowing It's banks and washing away into the Wisconsin River) is our summer home while winters are spent traveling or in Grayslake, Illinois where we have lived since 1971. We have 2 sons, 2 grandsons ages 6 and 7 and a 15 year old step grand daughter who happily live near by.



Nancy and her husband are volunteers with the National Park Service/Amtrak and serve as Trails and Rails interpretive guides on the Southwest Chief between Chicago and LaPlata, Missouri and also on the Wolverine between Chicago and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

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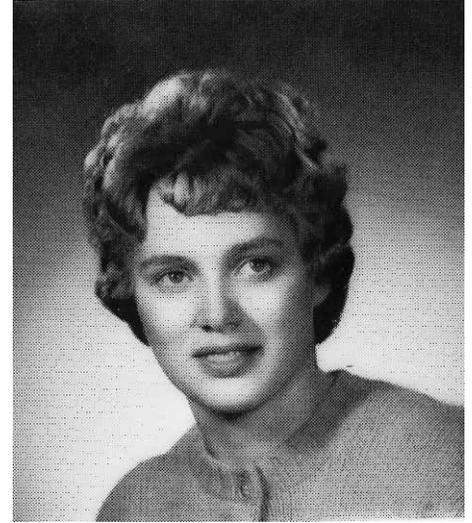


Judy Kjos Drevlow



Judy's English Bulldog "Rocky Road."

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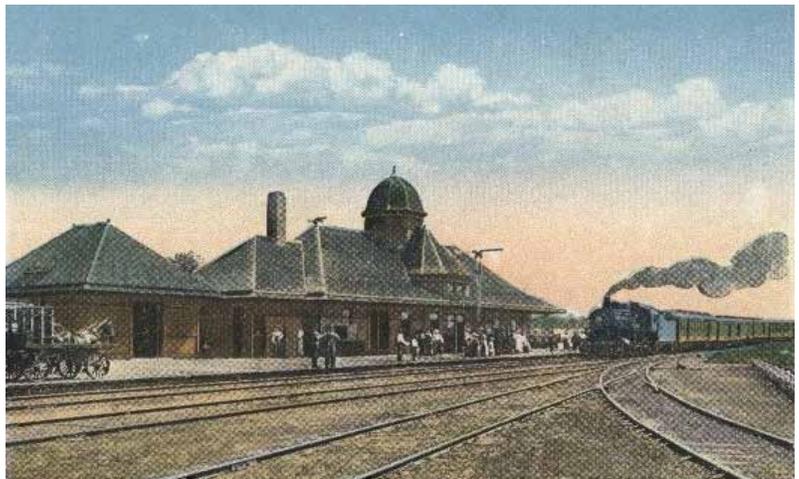
Bette Katzung Sponholtz

Class of **1963** Our 50th Reunion

After my OHS graduation I began my banking career at Security Bank (now Wells Fargo Owatonna) where I worked until 1968 after my marriage to Jerry Drevlow (Faribault High School Class of '63). I joined Wells Fargo in Wayzata and during my 20 years there worked as an Assistant Vice President in various banking operations including Customer Service, Data Processing and Employee Training. In 1989 I was offered a similar position at Citizens Independent Bank of St. Louis Park and enjoyed my role there in revamping and updating their customer service operations. I retired from Citizens in 1999 as a Vice President.

Jerry served as a police officer in Owatonna, Wayzata and in Edina, retiring as a sergeant in the Edina Police Department in 1999 when we moved back to Owatonna.

Jerry and I have shared interests in tennis, fishing, bowling, bicycling, and our English Bulldogs. We have owned eight homes during our years together and enjoyed the adventure of buying, updating/redecorating, selling and moving to another home to eventually do it again! We now have a large wooded yard and stay busy taking care of it and all the wildlife that share it with us.



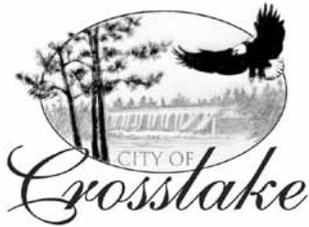
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Julie Klemmer Knapp

I have been married to David Knapp since June of 1969 and we have three children—Kim ((Kran-nich) (1972), Kathy (and Troy Nei-rby) (1975), and Scott (1985). I have 5 grandchildren--Christopher (20), Emily (13), Trey (12), Timothy (9), and Megan (8). I taught in Faribault for 29 years (plus 2 years in Willmar (1967-1969). In Faribault I started with senior high English, then junior high and later middle school art, then elementary art and senior high art. During my Faribault teaching I taught at every public school and all grades K12. Most years I averaged 350 students/year, but when I did combinations of secondary and elementary it was as much as 600. Each level had its challenges and fun things. I retired in 2000 because of arthritic knees. During my last year I was a beginning high school art teacher which is unusual. Also I had the class of 2000 as kindergartners, 7th graders and 12th graders. Since retiring I have taken care of my 5 grandchildren during the weekdays and sum-

mers. We have gotten very close and are going to many sports events now that they are older. My hobbies are gardening (and weeding), drawing in pencil, colored pencil, and pastel; and watercolor painting; and reading. I've also enjoyed finding good buys at garage sales and spending time at the lake with family (Little Pelican in Detroit Lakes). My husband Dave worked with the Rice County Sheriff's Department as deputy, chief deputy, and sheriff. We led very busy lives and have enjoyed reconnecting during retirement. He was a godsend during my two knee replacements and my reverse total shoulder replacement. (Yes, I am still a klutz! More careful now.) I am busy and happy and never get caught up on housework and yard work, but I haven't given up! I belong to First English Lutheran Church in Faribault and it has supported me in good times and through bad times. Soli Deo Gloria (Concordia Moorhead's theme "To God alone the glory". I am a graduate with English, Art and Education degrees.

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I retired from teaching after 33 years in the Owatonna School District. I am proud to say that both of my daughters are now teaching in the Owatonna School District. We have three beautiful grandchildren.

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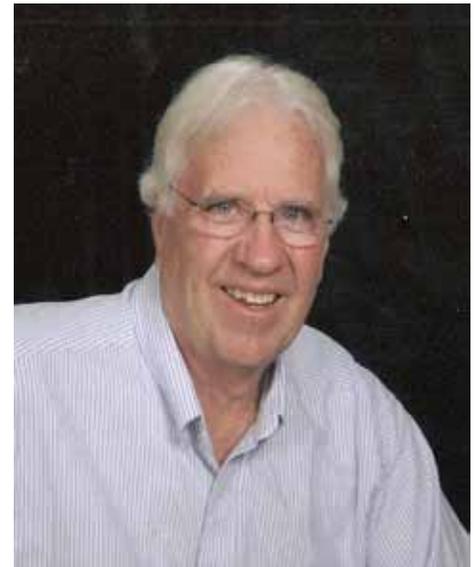


Curtis Krause

Curtis writes: My wife Karen and I were married in 1970. We have three children; one son and two daughters. Our children all graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter and have completed Masters Degrees. Two of our children continued their education with advanced degrees. We also have four grandchildren; two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 5 to 12 years. We are very proud of our wonderful family.

Karen is an elementary school counselor (23 years) and an accomplished artist. She was the recipient of the Minnesota School Counselor of the Year Award.

After many years of what he describes as procrastination, Curt earned a degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He recently retired after more than 46 years as an agriculturist for Pinnacle Foods in Waseca. He continues his passion for agriculture as a farmer. In November 2008, Curt was involved in an automobile accident which resulted in a broken neck and back but he was fortunate to completely recover. Since then, he has had two hip replacements and is thankful to the marvels of modern medicine to help him recover his good health.



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I have been blessed with my wife Shelby, three children and five grandchildren all living in Minnesota. I spent my career working for Owatonna Public Utilities and retired in 2003. Upon retirement, I was elected Mayor of our great city and am currently serving in that position.



Tom Kuntz spent his 32 year career working for Owatonna Public Utilities, retired in 2003 and was elected Mayor of Owatonna that same year.



Shelby & Tom Kuntz

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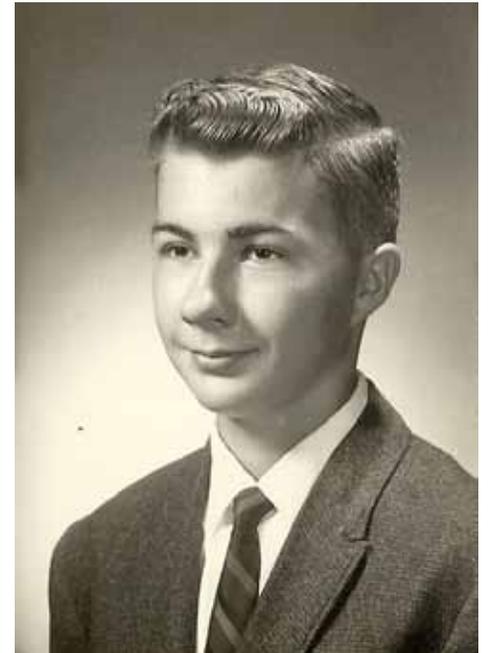


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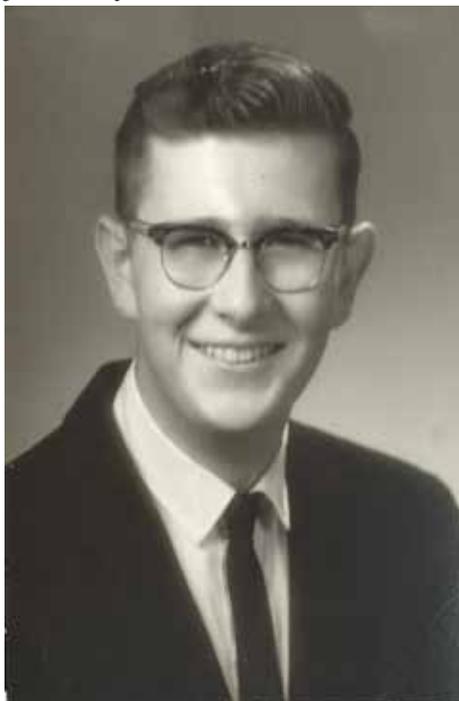
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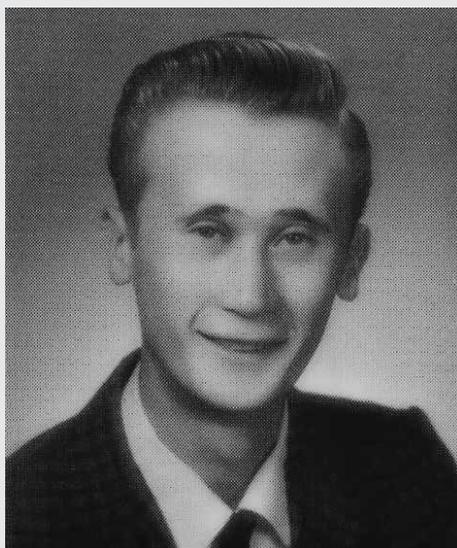
Joe writes: “I am retired as of May 2013 and have four grandchildren; 2 boys and 2 girls. I enjoy spending time at our lake home at Beaver Lake near Ellendale.”

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Patrick Lennon

Barb writes: “Pat and I have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with one more on the way. We have a lake place on Lake Francis in Elysian and we go to Arizona in the winter. We love to travel.”

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Barbara Keck Lennon



I lived in Atlanta, Georgia for almost 30 years, getting married, having my son Adam, and then working for ATT. In 1997, I was promoted to Jacksonville as a corporate trainer, for Large Business Systems. There I met my husband Ken Wilson. He was a Project Manager and I was the trainer. I was also promoted to Sales Manager for Large Business Systems. We got married in 2001 and lived happily ever after. My son also moved down to finish college at North Florida University. He graduated with a degree in Marketing, one of the most proud moments of my life. He is now a manager at Office Depot in Jacksonville. My husband Ken and I both retired in 2001. We bought a house last August and I finally have a garden!! I have a great life and have been so very blessed.



Sally Lewis Wilson



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Arlene Larson Myers

My life has been filled with many blessings along with life's normal challenges. Family and friends have brought many special times with memories to last a lifetime.

In 1967, I married Ron Myers who is from Blooming Prairie. He attended Mankato State College (now MSU) and graduated in 1970, during which time I worked at Mankato Citizens Telephone Company. He accepted a job after graduation from Continental Telephone Company in St. Paul. At that time, I took a position at 3M Company and a year later we moved to Cottage Grove, Minnesota where we lived until 1992 when Ron was transferred to Dallas, Texas. In 1993 he was offered an early retirement and we moved back to Cottage Grove where we have lived since that time.

We have three sons, Chris, Kevin and Dan who are all married and living in the Minneapolis area. They have blessed us with four beautiful granddaughters, the youngest one born this spring. It is truly wonderful to have all of them living so close that we can see all of them quite often.

After operating my own daycare business for fourteen years, I accepted a job at BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota where I worked for several years until 1996. At that time I was offered a position with Lutheran Brotherhood as a Financial Representative. That merged into Thrivent Financial in 2002 where I am still a Certified Financial Planner®. My youngest son Dan, joined me in 2004 when he graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a business degree. My husband Ron has also helped me in the business in many ways. We are still working together in our Thrivent office in Cottage Grove. It has been a privilege to meet and help so many people in our local area and have the opportunity to share this business with my son.

In 2004, we purchased a lake home in the Brainerd Lakes area. We spend long weekends from spring until fall there. We are able to spend quality time with family and friends there while enjoying nature all around us. The call of the loons always calms our soul as we sit by the camp fire or on our deck watching the wonders that nature has to offer. I am also able to tend to my hobby of gardening both at the lake and our home in Cottage Grove.



Arlene Larson Myers

We have also enjoyed the pleasure of travel both through my work and on personal travels. Trips throughout the United States as well as Canada, Mexico, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Costa Rica have shown us many new adventures.

Unfortunately, we are not at the 50th class reunion as we had already booked a river boat tour in Europe from Amsterdam to Vienna during the time of the reunion. We'll miss being with my former classmates to celebrate fifty years since we graduated from OHS. Greetings to all!!



National Farmer's Bank

The most famous of all Louis Sullivan's banks, the National Farmers' Bank at Owatonna is considered "a jewel box of the prairie." The bank features gold leaf arches, stained glass windows, and nouveau baroque art designs.

Class of **1963** Our 50th Reunion

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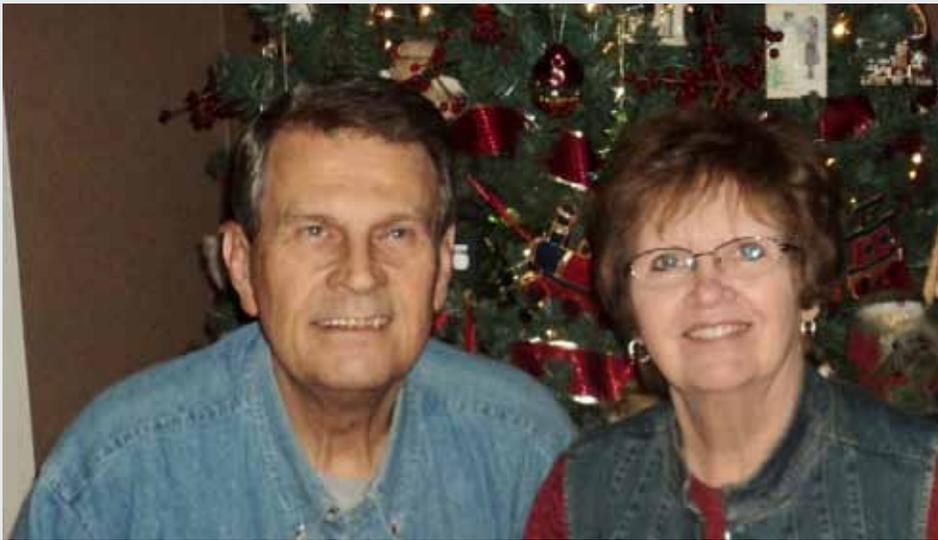
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Helmer Lembke

Kathy writes... I was fortunate to be a stay at home Mom for many years while Helmer traveled with his job. Once our children were older I worked various jobs but when we moved back to Owatonna, I went to work at Federated Insurance retiring after almost 16 years in December of 2011. I enjoy attending our grandkids activities and am very much involved with photos and spending hours working on albums for the grandkids and us too. I am looking forward to taking lots of pictures at the Big 50 Reunion for our album! *Kathy*

Helmer writes... My first years after high school were spent in Owatonna working for OMC writing and drawing Instruction & Parts Manuals for farm equipment. I then went a completely different direction into sales and later sales management for various companies. It began with the food industry, went on from there to the housing industry and then many years in the Yellow Pages with GTE Directories. All of this included considerable travel and as a result ended with 10 years without travel working at the Furniture Outlet selling furniture. Currently, I'm semi-retired and having fun driving teams and students to sporting events, knowledge bowls, trips to museums, etc. for the local school system. Just for fun, I'm an avid deer hunter (50 years) and have followed the Owatonna wrestling team year in and year out with my good friend Chuck Newgard. Kathy and I are thoroughly enjoying the good life on Lake Francis. *Helmer*



Helmer and Kathy Lembke

We were married on December 5, 1964, almost 49 years ago and have two sons and one daughter. We are also blessed with eight grandchildren ranging in ages from 8 to 28 plus a one year old great-granddaughter. Prior to 1982, we lived in Owatonna, raising our family, then a job related move took us to Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and then back to Minnesota to Le Sueur and Apple Valley. In December 1995 we moved back to Owatonna until June 2005. In the late 70's we had purchased a "cabin" on Lake Francis in Elysian, Minnesota

and later followed our dream replacing it with a house on the lake where we now reside. In earlier years we were fortunate to go on company trips so travel is not part of our plan but instead to enjoy all four seasons at the lake.

Helmer and Kathy



Lake Francis in Elysian, Minnesota

E. Paul Lian

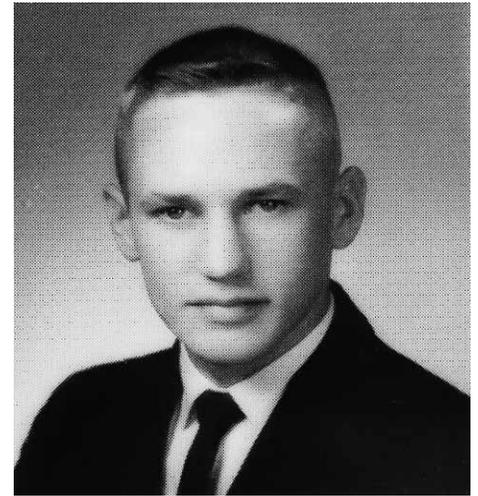
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E. Paul Lian

My life has been a fun and interesting ride. I look forward to visiting with everyone during our 50th Owatonna High School Reunion!! My best greetings to all. I'm happy to share my TOP TEN list from the past fifty years:

- 1) Retired after a thirty-three year career in the Life Insurance - Pension business. Qualifying Member, Million Dollar Round Table. Served as a Past President of the 500 member St Paul Life Underwriter's Association.
- 2) 1967 graduate of Concordia College Moorhead, Minnesota. Served as a Past President of the National Alumni Board of Directors at Concordia.
- 3) Earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.
- 4). Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War between 1970 and 1974.
- 5) Blended family of three adult children; Skip, Polly and Eric and eight grandchildren.
- 6) Sang in the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church adult choir in Minneapolis. We made two European tours, singing several concerts in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.



Paul Lian

- 7) Awarded a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International.
- 8) Served as a Past President of the Fridley (MN) Jaycees.
- 9) Member of Golden Valley Country Club in Minneapolis and Desert Forest Golf Club, Carefree, Arizona.
- 10) My current hobbies include attending classical symphony orchestra and choral music concerts. My life long passion for all sports is alive and well.



Jack Lindgren

Jack Lindgren studied at University of Virginia and was a Professor at the University of Virginia.

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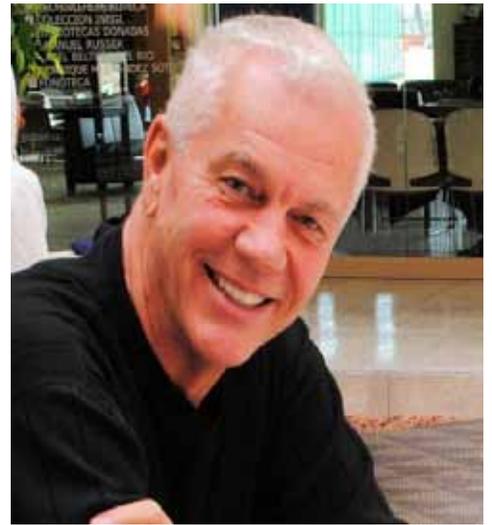
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James Lull

From the time I first watched Route 66 on TV, I knew my destiny would take me to California. I've lived in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, or San Jose most my life. I pursued a professional career in cultural research, writing, and university-level teaching. I'm retired from regular teaching at San Jose State University now, but still lecture at universities in Latin America and Europe. Travel has always been a big part of my life. I've lived and worked for long periods in China, Mexico, Brazil, and England. When in Brazil in 1992, I met a bright and beautiful young woman, Agnes da Silva, who became my wife and life partner. I continue to write books, the latest being, *The Language of Life: How Communication Drives Human Evolution* (Prometheus Books, 2012).



James Lull

I have a major college textbook, *Public Speaking: The Evolving Art*, which goes into a third edition this fall, and other writing projects underway. Writing, traveling, and daily swimming are among my main interests. I'm a proud atheist and my personal motto is: "Live each day with joy and kindness."

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Shirley Lurken Lubben

Shirley writes: "I have five grandchildren; all boys! Our 39th anniversary is August 17th."

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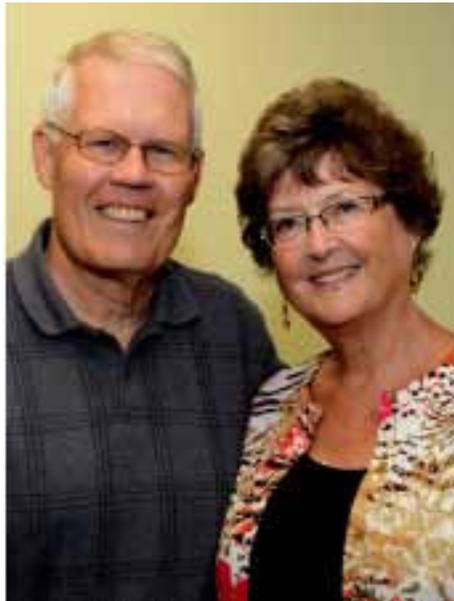
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Melissa McClintock Carlson

Melissa writes; “This year my husband Ron and I celebrated our 45th anniversary. We have three adult children. Todd is a pilot for United Airlines and lives in Guam flying to Japan, China, and Australia. Christine and husband Chad have two children ages 10 and 6 years old. She is a manager for Bayer Pharmaceuticals, and he is an agent for ReMax. Our daughter Lisa and husband Duncan have a 10 month old son. Lisa is a manager in Integrated Communications at General Mills and he is a director at Best Buy. This year our family was blessed with the addition of Ron’s son Rick and his family, so we now have six grandchildren ranging from ages 25 years to 10 months!

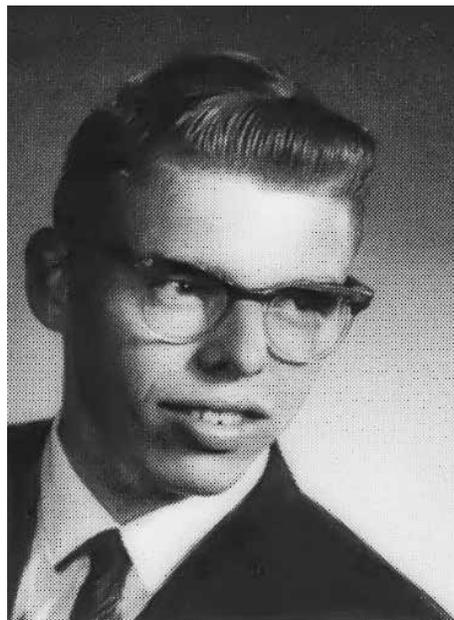
I earned my teaching degree at Mankato State College and spent most of my career teaching in Willmar. In 1988, I was hired as the Communications teacher at the new Area Learning Center, a school for at-risk students. It was a perfect match for my style of teaching because the small classes created a caring, supportive family atmosphere for the students. I reluctantly retired in 2003.”



Ron & Melissa McClintock Carlson

In retirement we have spent our time enjoying our lake home in Willmar, spending part of the winter in Florida and have traveled to sixteen other countries so far. I enjoy playing tennis and pickleball, walking, reading, and spending time with our wonderful family. *Melissa McClintock Carlson*

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Robert Moe

Bob Moe writes; “After graduating from OHS in 63, I attended Minnesota State University (Mankato), graduating with a double major in English and Social Studies and a double minor in Phy. Ed. and Music in 1967. I taught English in Madelia Minnesota. for 34 years where I was also the Athletic Director and coached football, basketball, golf, and tennis until I retired in 2000. In 1986, my wife Kim and I built a home on Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack Minnesota where Kim’s family had been running a resort since the 1950’s. When we retired we started spending winters in Bonita Springs Florida, returning to our lake home in Minnesota for the great summers. In Florida we live in a gated golf country club where I could play every day, but I only find time to play 3 times a week. I did play tennis in high school and also for Mankato State and continue to play twice a week in Bonita and Hackensack. My wife and I did not have any children, so I can not add to the growing list of grandchildren that are going to be in this booklet! I have been able to keep in touch with Jim Colton and wife Mary Jo a couple of times up north and also have seen good friend Jay Boreen--I only have one corvette!”



Bob and Kim Moe



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Ronald Moe

Ron Moe writes: "I joined a fraternity at the U of M and that started me on a very happy life. I related much better to my fraternity brothers and the sorority girls that I dated. After graduation I spent 33 years in sales and was successful enough to retire at fifty-five. I have spent the last 13 years fishing every day the weather permits.

My wife of 32 years, Sherrie, passed away last year, so it is now just me and my dog Sassy, but we enjoy our lake home near Bemidji and our many friends up here. The last 50 years has been good to me. I hope the same has been true for my classmates from the Class of 1963."



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Lorri Mullenmaster Kneeland

After high school, I attended Hamline University for two and one-half years as an art major. Then Mary O Roberts and Jean Abbott convinced me to interview with Braniff International. I was hired as an airline hostess based in Dallas, Texas for two years and then in Minneapolis for six months before marrying my college sweetheart, Jim Hoff. Jim's degree in art education took us to Beloit, Wisconsin for two years and then on to Brainerd where I still live today.

With Jim having summers off, we bought a small, seasonal gift shop in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota called

"The Iron Owl". After having great fun with it for three years, we moved the business to Brainerd, where it could be more year-round. Jim continued teaching and I ran the gift shop, which also grew into an art gallery and custom picture framing shop. (I knew I'd find an outlet for my love of art sooner or later!) I finished my degree at our local college, majoring in business management. We kept the shop going for 22 years and closed the doors in 1998, after Jim and I divorced. However, the picture framing shop is still alive and well in my basement! I also raised black and white Paint Horses and Tennessee Walking Horses for about 17 years, selling weanlings every fall for brood stock. This hasn't been a good business to be in since the economy took a nosedive, so the last horse was sold last fall.

In the meantime, Jim and I raised three wonderful children, who are my heart and soul. They have given us six beautiful grandchildren and four of them are right here in Brainerd for me to spoil. Most of you know that I come from a family of entrepreneurs and my children must have inherited it. My daughter Stacy along with her husband own and operate a sign company here in Brainerd. My daughter Mindy owns two beauty salons, also in Brainerd. My son Lance just started his own engineering company in Minneapolis with a partner.

One of my most rewarding experiences in high school was being part of Roger Tenney's choir. I went on to

sing in the Acappella Choir at Hamline and am now in my 10th year performing with "The Geritol Frolics" here in Brainerd. (Check out our website at www.geritolfrolics.com.)

My current husband Mike and I met in 2006 at a dance. (He likes to tell people that we met in a bar!) We dated for three and one-half years and decided to team up and we just celebrated our 3rd wedding anniversary. We still go out dancing, hiking at the north shore and hopping on a zip line wherever we can. We are now gearing up for Mike's retirement next year so that we can travel in our beautiful, 43-foot Wanderlodge motor coach that we refer to as our "retirement condo on wheels". We're looking forward to escaping some of the winter here and heading for warmer locations.

Mike has brought a son; a daughter and a new, little granddaughter into my life and my son, Lance and his new wife have added two step-grandchildren to the mix. Mike and I are both happy, healthy and active and we can't wait to get "On The Road Again"! Our motto is "we haven't been everywhere yet, but it's on our list".

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Haruo Nakajima

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Lorri Mullenmaster Family

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Florice Nelson Lietzke

How does one recap "50" years?!! After high school, I attended the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota School of Business. I married in April of 1965. We lived and raised our two

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David Nelson



John & Florice Nelson Lietzke

sons in Edina, Minnesota. In 1992, we moved to Colorado where we still reside. Though we have a second home in Arizona where we spend 5 months; two in the fall and three in the spring.

We are grandparents of four incredible grandchildren - two boys in Colorado and two girls in Minnesota. My interests are varied - boating (power and sailing), downhill skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, walking and a little golf. I enjoy entertaining as I love to cook. I enjoy reading and staying in touch with family and friends. I love to volunteer for my church, PEO and our Lions Club. My life is full and I am in good health for which I am grateful. That's it, see you all soon!!

Florice



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Marie Nelson Kedziora

I have been married for 50 years to Gary (Kudzi) Kedziora. Gary attended Marian High and graduated in 1962. We have two children (Suanne and Gary Jr.) and six grandchildren:

Suanne – Attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a French major. Her husband died two years ago from brain cancer. She has four children, ages 11 through 18. The oldest will attend college this fall (St. Thomas). She works from home and lives in Farmington, Minnesota.



Marie Nelson Kedziora

Gary Jr - Attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Theoretical Chemistry degree, and also obtained a Ph.D. in Theoretical Chemistry from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He has two girls. The oldest is 20 and she attends Ohio State, and the youngest is 13. He lives in Dayton, Ohio and works as Senior Scientific consultant at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. His wife, Barb, is a Marketing Director for Cox Media.

My work history – I worked for Unisys/Lockheed Martin Corporation as a Software Engineer working as a hardware/software programmer and analyst. I have been retired for 6 years.

Gary's work history: He was in the Air Force, worked at Ford Motor Company, and was a Production Engineer for Unisys Corporation and worked at Northwest Airlines. He has been retired for 8 years.

We have enjoyed traveling to Hawaii a few times and to Europe (Norway, Rome, Ireland, and Poland). We often winter in Naples, Florida, and in the summer we take a family vacation to the Brainerd area. Gary has two gardens which takes up most of his summer.



Richard & Kathy Nelson

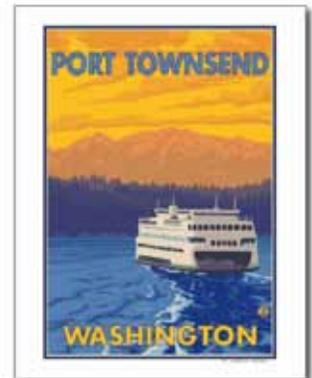
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Richard Nelson

Rick Nelson writes:

One wonderful wife.
 Two beautiful daughters.
 Five unbelievable grandkids.
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Undergraduate Studies: United States Marine Corps 1963-1969
 Favorite Song: "We Don't Need No Education" by Pink Floyd
 Favorite Guitarist: Mark Knopfler - Brothers in Arms - Mandela Live
 Favorite Dobro Player: Gary Nordlie
 Favorite DJ: Jim Lull



Chuck & Nancy write: We married in 1966 and had two children, a boy and a girl. The most wonderful gift of all is grandchildren and we have seven. Their ages range from 20 years down to six. They are all a true delight to us.

When we married in 1966, Chuck was in the US Marines so we lived in California for a year so he could complete his commitment to the military. We then returned to Minnesota and moved to Des Moines, Iowa a couple of years later. With a promotion for Chuck, we moved to the metro area of Denver, Colorado in 1976 and lived there for 23 years. Colorado is a great state and has wonderful weather. We enjoyed it a great deal.

With Chuck's next advancement, we were transferred to Kansas City. For allergy and sinus suffers and Nancy is one, it is a terrible state in which to live. We lasted not even two-years and returned to Colorado.

In 2000, we moved to Corpus Christi, Texas to be near our daughter and son-in-law and four kids. This worked out well for almost two years, as Chuck only needed an airport to travel to work with his salespeople in their territories and Nancy was no longer working. We loved it down there.

In 2001, however, Chuck's position changed and we moved back to Minnesota. Best of all, within a year of our return, our son and his family moved to Minnesota from Colorado. Then several years later our daughter and family moved here from Texas.

We enjoyed traveling before grandkids but now we just watch them grow up. What a Kick! Love to talk with them and hear their points of view. We see their plays, concerts, dance recitals, and all sports: soccer, gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming, and track and of course hockey. LIFE IS GOOD!

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Charles Newgard

Chuck writes; "After four years in the Marines I used the GI bill and graduated from CDI in computer technology. My first position was in Des Moines, Iowa. After two years I got into sales of pneumatic tools & fasteners. I spent my career working for three different Fortune 500 Companies in sales management with all my territories in the Central and Mountain Time zones.

I retired in 2007 and have enjoyed every minute of it. I cannot figure out how I ever had time to work, because we are busy every day. Along with all the grandkids activities, I swim, bowl, read, volunteer at the Food Shelf and church, and of course watching OHS wrestling with Mr. Lembke."



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Nancy Schmanski Newgard

Nancy writes; "After graduation I worked at Federated Insurance here in Owatonna. It was a great stepping stone as I continued with insurance throughout my career. For each company I worked, I had schooling and training, working from supervision to management. I did some traveling and even managed to travel with Chuck sometimes as our territories were the same when we lived in Colorado and Kansas. I am glad to be retired though. Chuck and I retired in 2007 within two weeks of each other. Besides grandkids, I keep busy reading, card crafting, bowling and volunteering at church."



Chuck & Nancy Newgard



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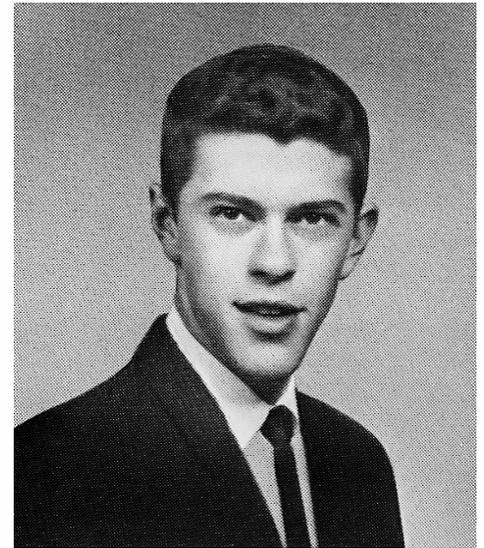
Gary and Carole were married in 1967 after attending Mankato State University. We are blessed to have our daughter LaRae and our three grandkids (Karter, 16, and twins Konner and Kailie, 14) living just a mile from us in Owatonna.

Carole’s career originally as a dental assistant and now in the administrative area has spanned almost 50 years. I love to spend time making memories with the grandkids, crafting and getting lost in a good book. One thing you might not know about me is that I was involved in the sport of curling for many years.

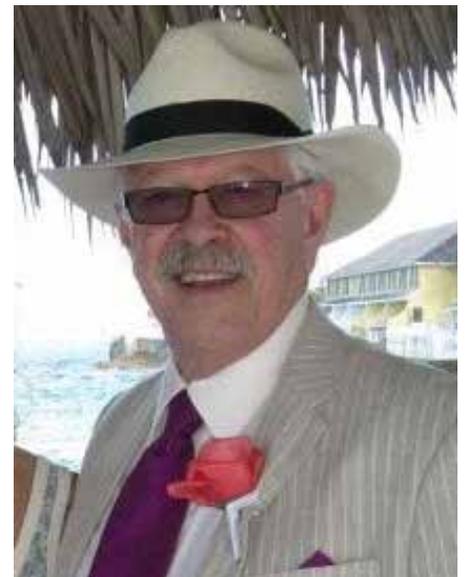
Gary taught English and Speech at New Richland Schools his whole teaching career. We have spent our last 30 summers at our cabin on Lake Vermillion in northern Minnesota. Gary shares his love of fishing by guiding on the lake. He hunts, restores old cars (a 48 Plymouth from his high school years), cruises on his Harley motorcycle, collects and plays guitars and dobros and loves to talk smart!! One thing you might not know about Gary is that he wrote a children’s book called “*The Boy Who Talked to Loons*”. Maybe it will be a Disney movie some day!! As everyone asks ‘Where has the time gone? We are left with many memories.

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Richard Northrop



Richard Northrop

Richard writes: I have five daughters; three of my own and two step daughters. Three of our daughters got married in the last year and one half.



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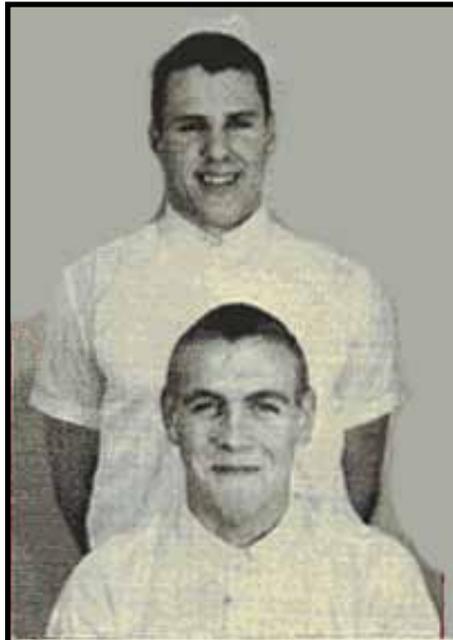


Sandra Pace Longfellow

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Marian Pechacek Arndt



**Stan, Zatty Chosen
 Football Co-Captains**

Stan Schuster and Dwight Zatochill were chosen by their teammates as honorary co-captains of the 1962 football team.

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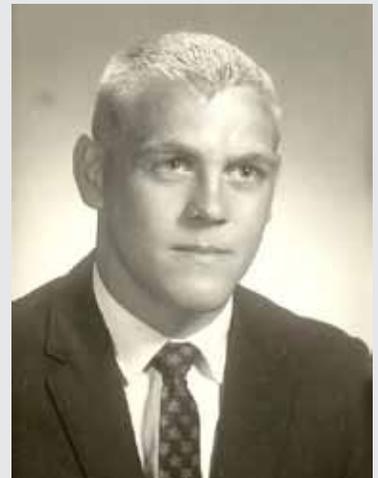
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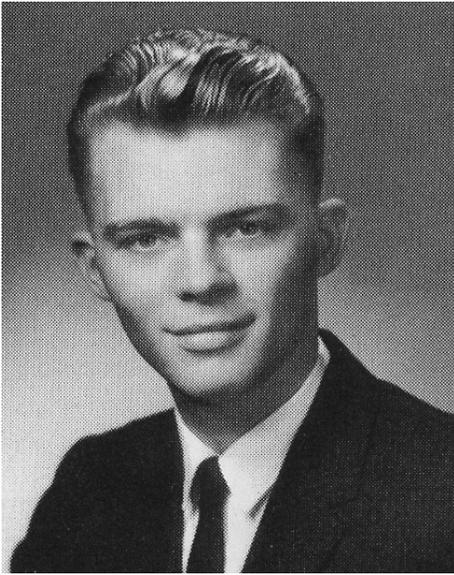
I am now retired after almost 20 years as a safety health nurse and working at Truth Hardware. After retiring, I worked three years as a school nurse at Owatonna Public Schools and loved working with the staff and children. Today, I enjoy quilting, golf, walking, and volunteering at my church. I travel north to our cabin to enjoy walking, snowshoeing and some days doing nothing but enjoying the wildlife including bears, raccoons, birds etc. I have five grandchildren and three adult children which make my life busy.



*Stanley Schuster
 (1945-1999)*

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Paul Pirkl

With a University of Minnesota Mechanical Engineering degree (BME) in hand, I took a position as a manufacturing engineer at the Toro Company developing processes to make parts faster and cheaper. This eventually led to a plant manager position in an engine plant and later Director of Operations at a high volume “low voltage” lighting production facility in Mound, Minnesota.

The most interesting position I had was as the Manager of International Sourcing. It was my job to interview and qualify parts producers in Korea and Taiwan. I traveled extensively inside both countries touring manufacturing plants in large and small towns. The dedication, skills and efficiency of the workers in those plants equaled or surpassed those that I was accustomed to in the US. However, Korean and Taiwanese workers were paid roughly \$1 per hour versus \$8 per hour for the equivalent US worker. When suppliers were able to easily match our target prices, the choice became clear. My company



Paul Pirkl

started purchasing parts from Korea and Taiwan. Needless to say, some of my peers in manufacturing were not happy about the job shift to foreign shores. But a company either responds to the market or it goes out of business.

After several years with Toro, I switched to an entirely different manufacturing environment; graphic design and hardware production for trade shows at Skyline Displays, an international supplier. When I started, Skyline was buying and re-selling graphics and frames. When I left as Vice President of Operations, the company had its own manufacturing facility producing state of the art large format photo and inkjet prints under ISO9001 standards. Large format was defined as 8ft x10ft images. It took a lot of computing power to produce such high resolution prints. Our workstations were custom designed and cost \$150,000 each.

I always wanted to have my own business. After investing tens of thousands of dollars in a patent, tooling, inventory and marketing, my partner and I introduced our new product at a trade show in Chicago's

McCormick Place. To our surprise, the first 10 units were sold to a company attending the show from Uruguay. Sales ramped up until “9/11” happened. After that, we could not attain the sales revenue required to maintain the business and had to sell the company and its assets. For the most part, it was good experience that taught me lots about the dynamics of partnerships and risking ones own capital.

For the next five years I worked as a consultant for a company based in Chicago that helped small business owners more effectively run their companies. I was a mentor and a salesman. It was performance based work requiring me to show tangible results to justify the \$200 per hour billing rate.

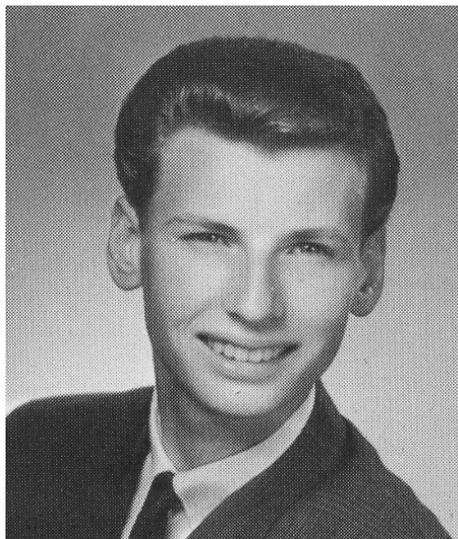
The extensive travel required in the consulting business eventually got to be less and less enjoyable. So when an opportunity opened up in Florida, I decided it would be the best place to settle in prior to retirement. But first I needed to get certified by the State of Florida for the work I was going to be doing. So in my early 60's I found myself sitting in a large arena for two days taking a certification test so that I could spend another five years in a new career during the great recession starting in 2007.

Married to my childhood sweetheart and now retired, I spend my days working on home improvement projects, genealogy and helping my wife with her part time business.

Starting in June 2013, the first of my five grandchildren will be graduating from high school. And then another generation will have its own stories to tell.

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James Randers

In 1967, I was stationed at Fort Yukon Alaska at a small Air Force radar site just north of the Arctic Circle, at the furthest northern tip of the Yukon River. I lived within one mile of an Athabascan Indian village of 600 for one year and one day. Jack London wrote some of his stories about the area. We had one of the top dog sled teams in Alaska and the Athabascan women were known for making the most beautiful Mukluks in Alaska. It got down to 72 below zero in the winter and 80 above zero in the



James Randers

summer. With only a few hours of daylight in the winter, the sun never broke the horizon. Fort Yukon is just beneath the Aurora Borealis belt, providing some of the best Northern Lights viewing anywhere in the world on almost any winter night. In the summer the sun never sets and sunsets seem to go on forever; simply the most beautiful I have ever seen.

I was originally in an Air Force Combat squadron in Myrtle Beach South Carolina and missed being shipped to Vietnam by one number. I was sent to Alaska instead, and it was a great life experience.



In 1967, Jim Randers was stationed at Fort Yukon, Alaska just beneath the Aurora Borealis belt, which provided him with some of the best Northern Lights viewing anywhere in the world on almost any winter night.

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Donald Redman

Donald is married to Susan Hager of Blooming Grove, Waseca County.



Steele County School District 2142 (78-92) was a one room country school house located in Deerfield Township. Ronald Eustice (eight years) and Donald Redman received their early education at this school. Rural schools dotted the countryside during the early part of the 20th Century and provided an opportunity for "farm kids" to receive a good education. This photo is a symbol of a bygone era.



THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN 2013

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Judy Reese Kretlow

I could actually do a commercial for “Mayor Tom” since I have lived in Owatonna all my life! After I graduated with the “Great Class of 1963”, I left Owatonna for a short time and attended beauty school in the Twin Cities. On June 21, 1964, I married Elde Kretlow, my “high school sweetheart”... forty nine years already! I continued to work in a beauty shop full time until we started to raise a family; two daughters and a son. After that I worked very part-time doing hair and was fortunate to be a stay at home Mom. The years went by fast and soon the grandchildren came; six of them; 3 boys and 3 girls, now ranging in ages from 8 to 19. I did some work for Elde at his auto parts store but the most rewarding part of my life was being a daycare provider for 20 plus years. I got to enjoy 4 of my 6 grandchildren at least 5 days of the week....how much better can that get, huh? Now, I’m enjoying retirement, going to grandchildren’s events, helping my mom, volunteering, going to our cabin and some days nothing. Like I say, “Oh, What a Town! I’ve been blessed. Judy



Elde and Judy (Reese) Kretlow

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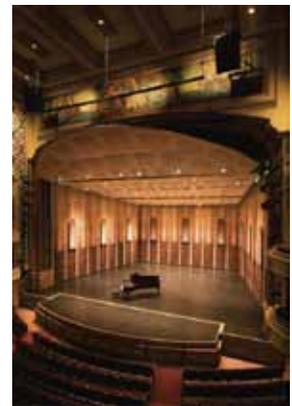
It was 1946, a time when music programs were booming in schools all across America. Harry Wenger was the local high school band director and known around town as the “Music Man.” His passion was music education and he built the local programs into national award winners. The one thing that troubled him was the lack of good equipment. So when he needed something, he invented and built it himself. He started tinkering in his basement, as a side venture, and today Wenger Corporation is the world wide premiere source of Distinctive Equipment for the Performing Arts. The company is still privately owned by Harry’s grand daughters.

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Roger Rehman

I am married to Diane for 45 years and have one son and one daughter. Our son has two boys ages 14 and 15 years and our daughter has twin boys age 13 years.



One of Wenger Corporation’s many product offerings is Acoustical Shells. The installation shown above is a custom design for The Granada Theatre, Santa Barbara, California.

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Marc Reigel

How about fifty words for fifty years, not counting these first ones?

Music, family, friends, teaching, learning, contributing, consulting, Woodford Reserve, moving, being, reflecting, doing, "Peter Pan" by James McMurtry, reading, writing, interneting, engaging, golfing, biking, hiking, stopping to smell the roses, cooking, drink-mixing, reconnecting, holding, offering, thinking, feelin' lucky, beating the health odds, grateful, happy, relieved, hopeful, and living life large. *Marc*



Marc Reigel & the Grandkids

Connie Richmond Draveling

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Connie Richmond Draveling

My family includes my daughter, Elizabeth; son, Leo, and five grandsons; Luke, Leo, Grant, Ben and Zach (ages 5-11). My career is as follows: Flight Attendant for Northwest Airlines. R&D Research Scientist in Protein Function for Thermo Fisher Scientific. This included US and international patents and publications related to Molecular Biology product development. I retired in 2011. My hobbies include golf, travel, baking, gardening and grand kids!



Connie Richmond Draveling



1947 DeSoto at the A&W Root Beer Stand - The cast from the senior class play "Bernardine." L-R: John Hammel, Dave Long, Jack Bohnhoff (at wheel), Paul Lian, Owen Graham, Rich Northrop (top), Sabra Whiting, Melissa McClintock, Marc Reigel, Mary Helen Hamilton, Jim Colton, Richard Fisher. Photo taken in May of 1963.



Mary O. Roberts Horn

I worked for Braniff Airline for a total of 17 years; two years as a flight attendant. I was elected Denton County Tax Assesor-Collector and served in that capacity for 9 1/2 years until I successfully ran for the position of Denton County Judge in 2002. I continue in that position and will run again in 2014. I have two children---My daughter Jen-

nifer (age 38) is married and lives in Austin, Texas with her husband and my two fun grandchildren. My grandson Mikie is age ten and Mary is age eight. Jennifer is a busy mom who has her own business with twenty-one employees.

My son, Jim Horn (age thirty-three) is presently in Italy after three tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan. Upon his return from his latest tour in Afghanistan, he was awarded his fifth Bronze Star.

My husband Jim Horn served eighteen years as a State Representative in the Texas Legislature and is presently retired.



Denton County, Texas Courthouse

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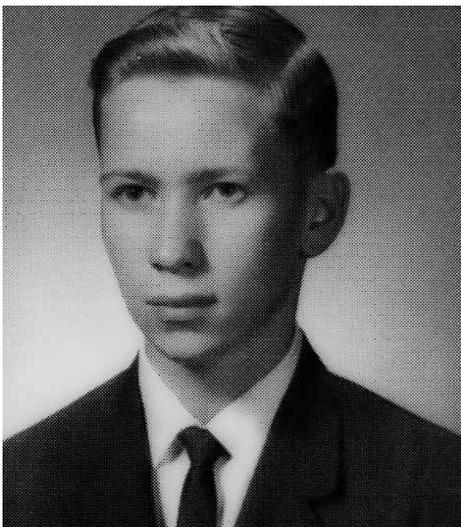
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Mary O. Roberts Horn

Mary O. says, "We live in the country with our two horses and a very sweet and funny black lab that has us well trained."

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Timothy Rowley

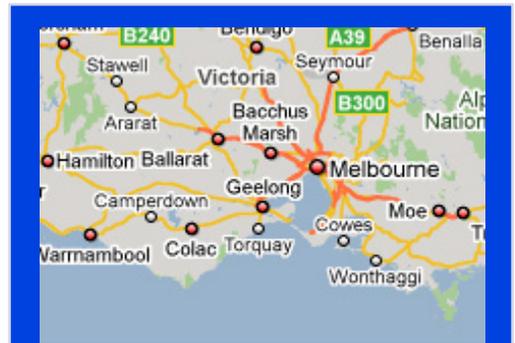
Following high school, I attended the University of Minnesota receiving a BA in mathematics with a minor in sociology in 1967.

In 1968 and 1969 I taught as a Peace Corps volunteer at a high school in the Fiji Islands.

I attended the University of Illinois in 1970 and 1971 receiving an AM in mathematics.

During the summer of 1971, I bought a motorcycle and traveled as far north as Fairbanks, Alaska and as far south as Panama City before heading home. The next summer I went east as far as Newfoundland and was then on a trawler out on the Grand Banks (back when there were still fish). Following the 5 days on the trawler I was in an accident, waking up in the cottage hospital in Come By Chance, a town on the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland, Canada

I then attended Mankato State College to receive a teaching certificate and in April 1973 there was an ad for teaching jobs in Victoria, Australia due to a teacher shortage. I was sent to Maryborough High School in Maryborough, Victoria. Mark Twain in a visit called Maryborough a railway station with a town attached. In 1979 I transferred to Geelong High School where I taught until I retired at the start of 2000.



Geelong is located on Corio Bay and the Barwon River in the state of Victoria, Australia, about 47 miles south-west of Melbourne.

Class of **1963** Our 50th Reunion

Karen Rysavy Hohrman

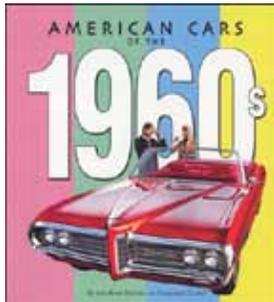
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Karen Rysavy Hohrman

Karen is married to Hans Hohrman.



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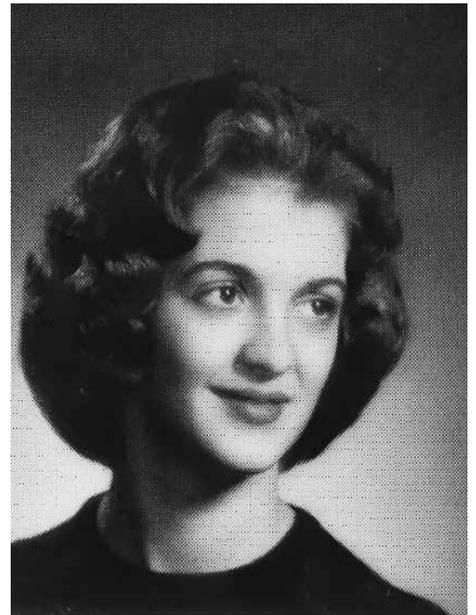
Judith writes: "After working 42 years as a librarian, I am delighted to be retired! My husband, Peter Kohn and I are active "semi-amateur" musicians. We play in community orchestras and chamber groups and enjoy singing in our church choir. We also enjoy travel, especially cruises."

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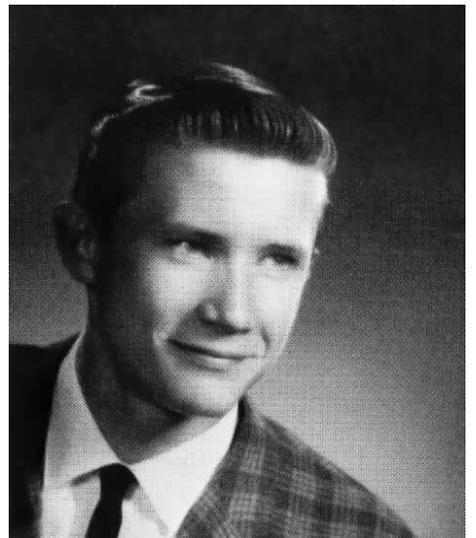


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Nancy Schmanski Newgard

(See Charles Newgard)

Marlene Sammon Perkins
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Marlene Sammon Perkins

I am married to a wonderful man, Randy Perkins, for 47 years. We have lived on the Gull Lake chain near Brainerd for 25 years. We have two grown children and three grandchildren. Our daughter, Heidi, her husband Steve, and two granddaughters; Hannah and Greta, live in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Our son Chad, his wife Melissa and grandson Grayson live and work in the St. Cloud area. So we are very lucky they are so close to home.

I started in 1975 answering the phone for a real estate firm and worked myself up to a position of Administration Assistant for twenty two real estate agents and three bosses. I had a variety of personalities to deal with from the many agents to our customers. I had a number of jobs but the one I liked the best was writing the checks for payroll and sales. I used to pick on the agents; if they weren't nice to me they would have to wait for their check.

I have been retired for four years and I love it. I have taken up quilting and have made several quilts but I was especially proud of the picture quilts I made for my niece and nephew's graduation present. I started out with their baby picture and finished off with their graduation picture using pictures of 18 years of their life.

I love to sew, golf, fish, travel, camp, dance and visit the love of our lives: the grand children. Randy and I go south for the winter with several other couples from the Nisswa area. Last year we should have stayed longer because when we got home we still had snow and many snow falls later. I volunteer at our church for many tasks and volunteer at the Nisswa American Legion making quilts for the V.A. Hospital in St. Cloud. I am also an officer of the Legion Auxiliary.



Marlene Sammon and her husband Randy Perkins have lived at Nisswa on the Gull Lake chain near Brainerd, Minnesota for 25 years.



Princess Owatonna

Why the name "oh-wa-tah-na"?

Legend has it...

Chief Wabena heard of the curing waters called minnewaucan. His daughter, Princess Owatonna, was very frail so he moved his tribe to the site of the natural springs on the banks of Maple Creek. Princess Owatonna drank from the springs daily and recovered her health. Her kindly spirit hovers near the bubbling waters and beckons weary travelers to pause in the beautiful valley and drink of the magic waters.



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Ralph Schroht Jr.

Life is pretty simple for my wife Gladys, and me. God and church are very important to us. Even when we are vacationing in Branson, we have found a church that we love to go to each week. We would not think of missing it to do something that seems like it would be fun to do.

We love to travel to our time shares in Branson, Missouri and Kissimmee, Florida. We have met some very nice people over the years who we consider wonderful friends. We are pretty close with some from Minnesota and have been known to get together during the months we are not in Branson to enjoy each others company. Last year we rented a house in Duluth for four days and had a wonderful time.

While in Branson I fish every chance I get. There are many places to fish from shore and some of the people at the resort occasionally take me in their boats for a day of fun and fishing. Depending on which spot I might be fishing at, I catch trout, which are pretty plentiful and easy to catch, crappies,

which are more of a challenge and have to be at least 10 inches long before you can keep them and there are the occasional walleye or bass. The sizes for them vary with each species. I very seldom keep a walleye because I can't seem to catch one the right size.

Gladys loves to bake and bakes up a storm while I am fishing. She will occasionally go fishing with me but prefers the baking. That is okay with me because I always get samples. She gives most of her baking away to the people around the resort like the maintenance personnel, housekeeping, check-in staff, security, activities personnel, the concierges, the big bosses, the sales staff and of course all of our friends and other guests that are around. She does many different kinds of cookies, quick breads, brownies (with homemade frosting), doughnuts, muffins, pumpkin bars (with cream cheese frosting) and cakes. There are some departments that have started asking for a specific treat. The Maintenance Department loves the brownies best, the check-in staff will eat it all but ask for the blueberry muffins and the big boss likes the lemon quick bread.

Some of my other interests include gardening and keeping the lawn looking nice. Actually I like anything that has to do with outdoors. I am on the board for the Steele County Safety Council which meets the third Wednesday of the month. Did I mention that I love fishing?

That is probably the one thing that I love the best. We go fishing with Roger Buscovick and his wife up to Spider Lake north of Grand Rapids and catch walleye, sunfish, crappie, northern, perch and musky. We have all caught a musky except for Roger's wife and it will be sheer pandemonium when that day comes. But until then she is content to catch the pan fish and so are the rest of us.

We are looking forward to visiting with each of you at the reunion. Until then, God Bless each and every one of you.

Ralph Schroht



Ralph & Gladys Schroht

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Jon Simon

Jon writes: "I enjoyed 30 years in the Service Award Recognition jewelry business and worked my way up to Vice President of Manufacturing Operations. I also worked ten years as Operations Manager in the auto auction business before an accident forced me into an early retirement."

Jon and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and have three children; two girls and a boy. Their oldest granddaughter is a child life specialist at Boston's Children Hospital. The middle granddaughter is an RN at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Their grandson will be a junior at Bryant University, Providence, Rhode Island where he is majoring in Business and Finance.

Carole Soukop Nordlie
(See Gary Nordlie)



Jon & Bev Simon



Jon & Bev Simon 50th Anniversary

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Sally Shuck Jepson

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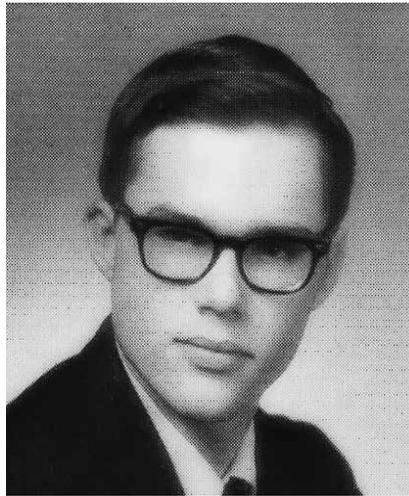


Top 40 Musical Hits of 1963

1. Sugar Shack, Jimmy Gilmer and The Fireballs
2. Surfin' U.S.A., The Beach
3. The End of the World, Skeeter Davis
4. Rhythm Of The Rain, The Cascades
5. He's So Fine, The Chiffons
6. Blue Velvet, Bobby Vinton
7. Hey Paula, Paul and Paula
8. Fingertips, Part 2, Little Stevie Wonder
9. Washington Square, Village Stompers
10. It's All Right, The Impressions
11. Can't Get Used to Losing You, Andy Williams
12. My Boyfriend's Back, The Angels
13. Sukiyaki, Kyu Sakamoto
14. She's a Fool, Lesley Gore
15. So Much In Love, The Tymes
16. Puff, the Magic Dragon, Peter, Paul and Mary
17. Blowin' In the Wind, Peter, Paul and Mary
18. I'm Leaving It All Up to You, Dale and Grac
19. Deep Purple, Nino Tempo and April Stevens
20. Wipe Out, The Surfaris
21. I Love You Because, Al Martino
22. Wild Weekend, The Rockin' Rebels
23. You're the Reason I'm Living, Bobby Darin
24. Walk Like a Man, Four Seasons
25. Mockingbird, Inez Foxx
26. I Will Follow Him, Little Peggy March
27. Pipeline, The Chantays
28. Surf City, Jan and Dean
29. It's My Party, Lesley Gore "
30. Blame It On The Bossa Nova, Eydie Gorme
31. You Can't Sit Down, The Dovells
32. Heat Wave, Martha and The Vandellas
33. Denise, Randy and The Rainbows
34. Walk Right In, The Rooftop Singers
35. If You Wanna Be Happy, Jimmy Soul
36. Surfer Girl, The Beach Boys
37. If I Had a Hammer, Trini Lopez
38. Everybody, Tommy Roe
39. Easier Said Than Done, Essex
40. Ruby Baby, Dion



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Charles Starker

I was a mechanical engineer and worked as an engineer and maintenance supervisor. My last 21 years were spent at the US Borax Mine and Refinery in the Mojave Desert near Boron, California. Our oldest son lives in Whitefish, Montana and the youngest lives in Arden Hills, Minnesota. My wife Trolia and I spend summers in Eagle, Idaho near her home town of Payette. We spend the winters in Florence, Arizona at a Dell Webb Development. We enjoy fishing, boating and camping in Idaho and I hike with the hiking club in the Arizona mountains.



Charles Starker

Dale Standke
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 Morristown, MN 55052



Dale Standke

Dale writes: "I have four grandchildren and a lake home near Emily, Minnesota where I spend a lot of time hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and 4 wheeling. We live in Morristown because we sold our home on Cedar Lake."



Dale Standke and his wife live in Morristown, Minnesota and spend time at the cabin near Emily. The historic feed mill (above) and the dam (below) are Morristown's attractions.



Janice Sperry
 322 7th Ave NW
 Rochester, MN 55901



Janice Sperry

I worked as a Medical Secretary at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for 36 years. Following retirement from Mayo in 2000, I was hired as the principal secretary at Lourdes High School in Rochester until 2002 when I returned to the Mayo Clinic as a supplemental part-time office assistant in the Department of Education. I still work in that position. I have never been married and own my own house. I suffered a stroke in September 2012 but I have been fortunate to make an excellent recovery.



Janice Sperry

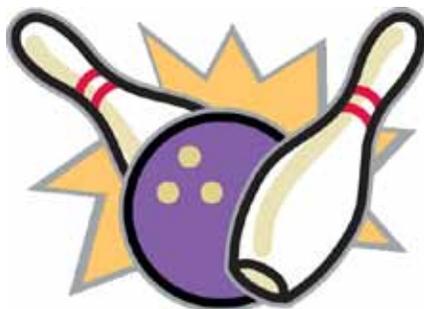
Shirley Springborg
 1927 Hartle Avenue #3G
 Owatonna, MN 55060



Shirley Springborg

Shirley writes: “Upon graduation, I began working in the Office Supply and Stationery Division at Journal-Chronicle Company until 1993 when I began working at NAPA Distribution Center in Owatonna. I retired in June 2011.

My two hobbies have been bowling and golf. My interest in bowling allowed me to travel to many states as I participated in WIBC National Bowling Tournaments. Golf has taken me on many golf outings with friends to places in Minnesota and elsewhere.”



Shirley Springborg’s interest in bowling has allowed her to travel to many states. She has participated in the Women’s International Bowling Congress (WIBC) national tournaments.



Shirley Springborg

James Spinler
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James Spinler

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Sandra Staska Winzenburg
 5080 98th St SE
 Blooming Prairie, MN 55917



Sandra Staska Winzenburg

Sandra writes: I have been married to George Winzenburg for 48 years. We have four children, six grandchildren and two cats. I worked at National Business Systems for 20 years and 17 1/2 years at Federated Insurance and retired in 2010. I enjoy quilting, sewing, knitting & reading. We like to travel and we try to go to Branson, Missouri twice a year. We lived in Owatonna for 20 years and then built a house in the woods by Bixby Minnesota.



Sandra Staska Winzenburg

Elaine Steeke Buseth
 8915 Garland Court
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Elaine Steeke Buseth

Elaine writes: "I am a graduate of Mankato State University with a Masters Degree from Hamline University. I taught elementary education for 36 years in the Bloomington School System and married Harry Buseth, a 1960 OHS graduate. We have two daughters and lived in Minnetonka many years where we spent many hours boating on Lake Minnetonka. I have spent countless hours watching Harry and our daughters play tennis. Harry played USTA and the girls played tennis in high school and college. Our daughters played traveling softball so we spent our summers traveling to tournaments.

Our oldest daughter Alisa, has two daughters and lives in southern California. Our youngest daughter, Lindsay lives near us in Eden Prairie.

After retiring, we moved to a townhouse in Eden Prairie. We enjoy traveling with friends, playing golf, and visiting with friends in other parts of the country and of course spending time with our daughters and granddaughters."

Paul Steinberg
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 Owatonna, MN 55060



Paul Steinberg



Paul Steinberg still owns and shows purebred Ayrshire cattle. He has a milking herd of 18 cows in Meriden Township.



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*... to my club, my community,
 my country, and the world.*

Paul Steinberg, Darlette Weatherly, Bette Katzung and Marlene Sammon were all members of the Meriden Skippers 4-H Club.

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Phyllis Eggers Stransky

From Phyllis Eggers Stransky:

I too am retired as is Bill. The first couple of winters went by so fast, and I have to admit I did not have any trouble staying busy! But this spring I decided to become semi-retired and take an occasional LPN position at a Drug and Alcohol Addiction Center in St Peter. I really enjoy the new challenge.



Bill & Phyllis (Eggers) Stransky

Our son Dan is married to Angie and they have blessed us with three year old twin granddaughters; and our daughter Jeannie is married to Brad and they have blessed us with three granddaughters, ages 12, 5 and three. We feel very fortunate as they all live within 40 miles of us, so we are busy in their lives too! We enjoy ice and summer fishing, and now it is fulltime family affair, as our kids and grandkids enjoy it too!! LIFE is GOOD! **Phyllis & Bill**



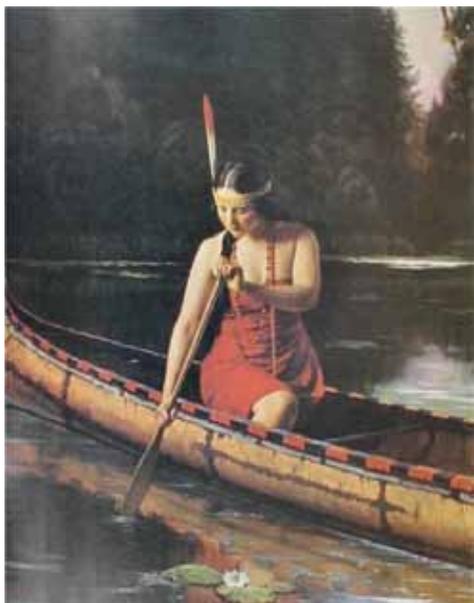
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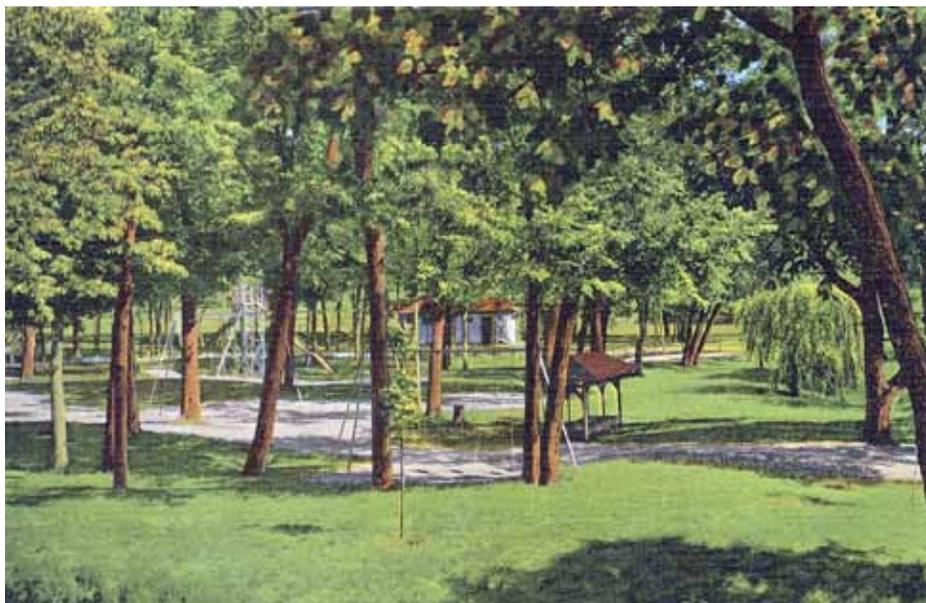
William Stransky

From Bill Stransky:

Through out my life I have found myself in many situations. Some of them I was over qualified for and some of them I was under qualified for! Almost never did I find myself totally qualified for anything like I have now!! RETIREMENT fits my qualifications very well!!! I love it!!!!



The Indian princess Owatonna



Mineral Springs Park 1940s

Michael Storm
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Michael Storm

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David Stanton

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Glen Stoltz

Glen is retired but still farming.



Steele County Fair Attendance

1961	204,699
1962	205,122
1963	Not available
1964	182,899
1965	192,085
2012	321,926

THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN 2013



David Stanton with daughters Angela and Jamie. Dave is married to Judy. Dave is pictured with their daughters and first grandchildren Jackson (left) and Samantha (right).

Jean Stoltz Weber
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Owatonna, MN 55060



Jean Stoltz Weber



State Theater

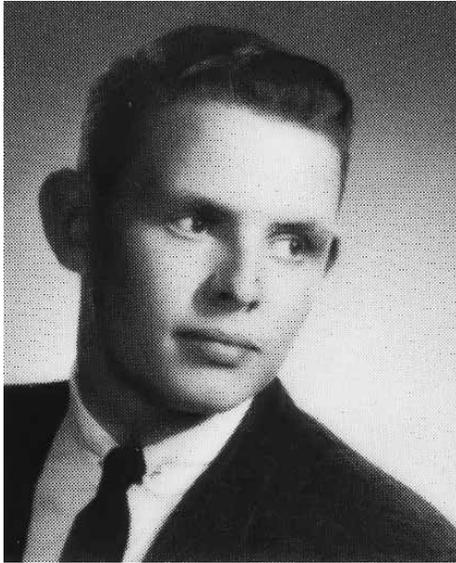
The State Theater opened in 1935 and closed in 1996. The building seen above has now been demolished.



David Stanton

Linda Suess Christofferson
(See Clyde Christofferson)

Ronald Thompson
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Ronald Thompson



Ronald Thompson's family includes three daughters. This photo was taken a year ago when their youngest graduated from high school.

Doris Thompsen Christenson
 126 West Rose
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Doris Thompsen Christenson

Doris writes: "I have been married 46 1/2 years and have three children; Sheri, Tami and Shane. We also have five grandchildren ages four to 27."



Doris Thompsen and her husband Mark Christenson

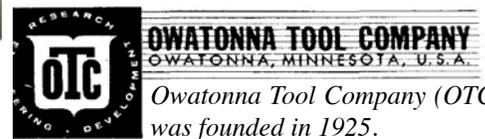


Doris Thompsen and her family

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Richard Tollefson



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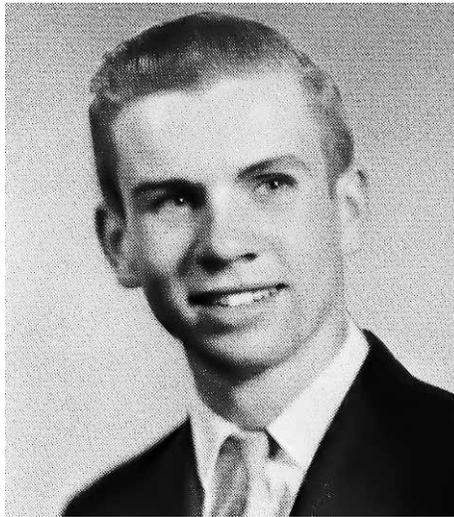
Darlene Truhlar Polesky

I have three married children, seven grandchildren, and am single. Since 2002, I have been an on-call substitute for the Owatonna schools as a paraprofessional or educational assistant. In 2012, I worked summer school full-time, and rode the school bus (for the first time) as a supervisor.

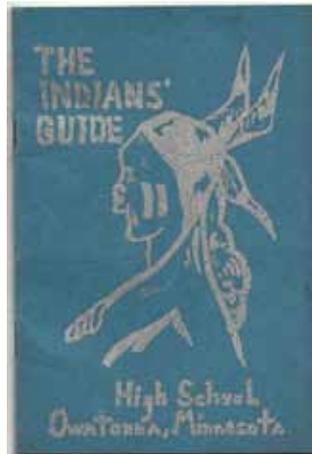


Darlene Truhlar Polesky

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Donald Tuerk



John Wabeke
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John Wabeke

Susan Weller Mahlman
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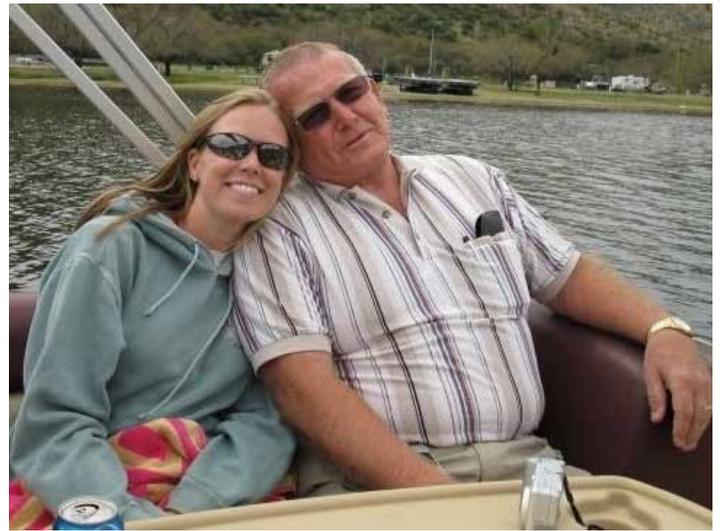
The Monday after graduation, I went to work for Federated Insurance Company and worked there until October 1964 when I married Darrold Mahlman and moved to California. We have two children; Todd born in 1965 and Tonilynn born in 1968. We moved to Phoenix in 1971. I was a stay-at-home mom until my two children were in high school then I became an assistant teacher for emotionally disturbed junior high school boys for eight years. Did I get an education! I retired at 54 when Darrold retired at 62. We moved to the mountains where we made our cabin into a home and loved it! In the meantime, we had eight granddaughters and one grandson as well as one great grandson and two great granddaughters. I've always enjoyed sewing, football, gambling, gardening; I really enjoy just about everything, except liver and basketball. We moved back to Owatonna in 2005.



Curtis Utpadel

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Lyn and I have been married 25 years and have 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in January 2013 with a trip to Los Angeles and San Diego and had a great time. I spent 27 years working as a Deputy Sheriff in Waseca, Dodge and Dakota Counties. I also served 8 years in active military service, 22 years in the US Army Reserves and worked five years for a labor union. I was injured in a head-on motor vehicle accident and forced to retire because of a disability. We have lived in Arizona since February 2001 and love it. Paul Lian and Paul Daffinrud also live in this area and I have spent some time with them on the golf course. We enjoy life and spoiling our grandkids.



Curt & Lyn Utpadel



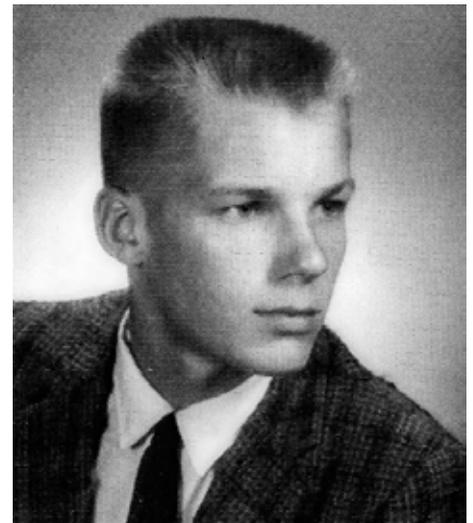
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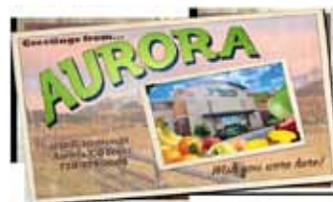
Russell Vogt
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Russell Vogt



Curt Utpadel spent 27 years working as a Deputy Sheriff in Waseca County, Dodge County and he finally retired from the Dakota County Sheriff's Department after serving 27 years as a Deputy Sheriff.



Foreston, Minnesota



Darlette Weatherly Haaland

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Darlette Weatherly Haaland

Amazing how quickly fifty years have gone and what a winding journey it has been! The simple country beginning of the first eight years of my education began in a one-room school near Meriden with classmates Paul Steinberg, Bette Katzung, Marlene Sammon, Lois Kruesel and Alice Anhorn. The situation might have been different if my twin brother, Darwin had lived. We would have been together in a class behind them. But not wanting me to be by myself in class, my parents started my education a year early. All of us lived on family farms within two or three miles of each other. Today, most of those same farms are still owned by family members.

Memories of the crank telephone, getting our first new car; a 57 turquoise and white Chevy, our first TV set in 1958, learning to drive straight stick vehicles (I drive one today, a 95 red Ford Ranger pickup), years of 4-H activities and large picnics for church, school, family reunions etc.

Our little town of Meriden then had a school, lumber yard, elevator, creamery, post office, blacksmith, pool hall, bank, and two grocery stores. I learned alot just being with Dad as he patronized these places. My worst

memory of Meriden was when all the rural schools in the area had to bus their students to the “big” Meriden school for immunizations, a dreaded day. The needles seemed huge and standing in long lines was not fun.

The anticipation of starting high school in the 9th grade and getting that first real job (A&W car hop) along with Frannie Hruska for three years stand out in my mind.

4-H was such a big and exciting part of our lives, from exhibiting at the Steele County Fair and then winning a trip to the Minnesota State Fair four times. We have four generations of 4-H members in our family as Mother, now nearly 97, was an active 4-H member.

Of course everyone remembers Tuthill’s store across from the high school. Money was tight, but on occasion, I’d buy a 5 cent Hollywood candy bar. It was the biggest for the money and I’d make it last for the entire eight mile bus ride home. Then came “King Tuts” owned by the same family, as the “school store.” At King Tuts, I had my first real restaurant hand-tossed pizza, not cut in slices but in small squares and “sooo” good! The Owatonna Roller Rink and the beautiful ballrooms such as the Monterey, the Terp and the Kato, all stand out as fun recreation as does the Drive-In movie theaters.

My jobs have been diverse and numerous; from baking to banking, sewing to mowing, child care to elder care, census bureau to ESL classes,



Darlette Weatherly Haaland

secretary to livestock sales barn. The most enjoyable job was being in banking ten years and working as an Avon representative 34 years. My most difficult job was owning rental real estate 28 years and working eleven years as a prison guard.

I have been able to travel through all of the US and some of Europe. I am in reasonably good health, having had a hip replaced and my eyesight is not too keen. I’ve raised three successful children; two own businesses with over ten employees each. I have ten grandchildren, five boys and five girls. Seven of my grandchildren play the piano and also the violin and guitar. I enjoy music, reading, needlework, cooking, and being part of several organizations. *My advice: “Sieve the moment and enjoy life.”*



*Blacksmith Shop, Meriden, Minnesota
(Now at FarmAmerica, Waseca)*



Railroad Depot, Meriden, Minnesota



Creamery, Meriden, Minnesota

Sabra Whiting Ottesen

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Sabra Whiting Ottesen

I have been married to Bill Otteson for 37 years and we have now lived in Edina for 27 years. Our four kids are well launched; 3 of them are married, have given us 6 grandchildren, and all live in Minnesota. Bill and I spend the winters in Tonto Verde, Arizona and get to see some of my '63 classmates down there. My mother passed away in 2012 and Dad continues to live on his own in Owatonna.

I own J-C Press (Journal-Chronicle Co.) in Owatonna. We are a commercial printer with 60+ employees operating in the Industrial Park. Our great crew of employees allows me time to be away in the winter and to be involved in several volunteer activities in Owatonna. I am a longtime trustee of the Owatonna Foundation and I would welcome the opportunity to tell you about all the Foundation has done for Owatonna during our reunion. My most recent projects have been raising money for our new Owatonna Hospital and for Koda Living Community, a long-term care and rehab center connected to the new hospital. I enjoy giving back to the community that gave

all of us a good start in our lives and has supported my business.

As Bill has been retired for eleven years, I am beginning to consider it in the not too distant future.



Sabra Whiting Ottesen



J-C Press (formerly Journal Chronicle Company) owned by Sabra Whiting Ottesen is still woman-owned after more than 150 years.

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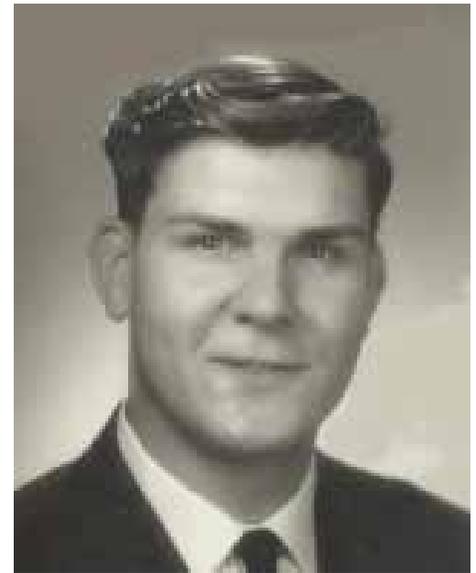
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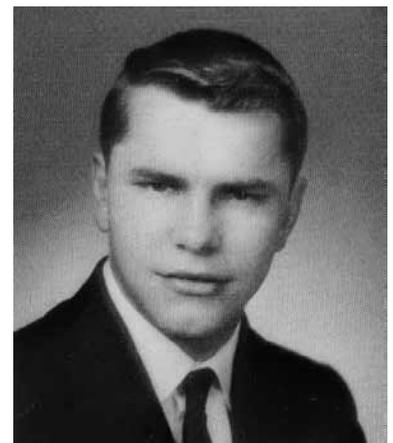
Dick married Darlene Heskett. They have three children; Tracie, Lisa and Jason, and 9 grandchildren; eight boys and one girl. Dick retired in January 2008 from Owatonna Public Utilities after 28 1/2 years. Darlene retired from Federated Insurance.



Richard Wencil & grandsons

Eugene Wilker

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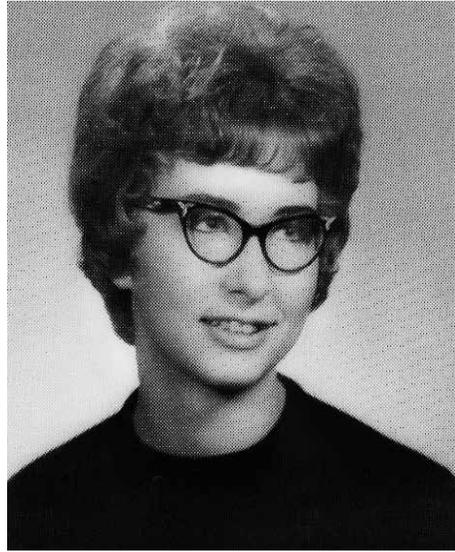
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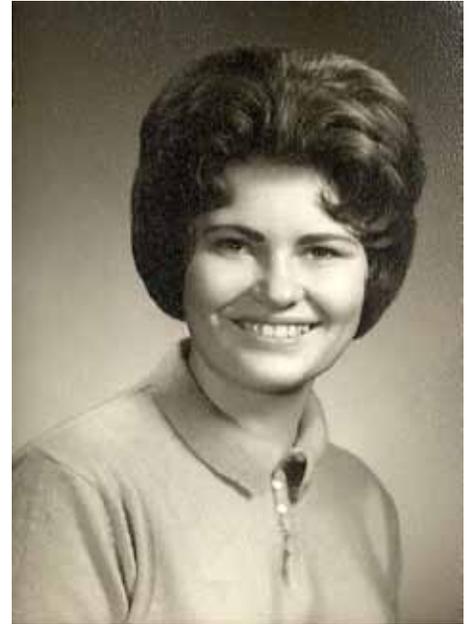
Judy Wunderlich Rosecke
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Judy Wunderlich Rosecke

Judy writes, "I enjoy spending time fishing; summer and winter."

Jacqueline Zimmerman Klepetka
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Jacqueline Zimmerman Klepetka

Terry Zak
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Terry Zak

I retired after a 30 year career at the Owatonna Public Utilities in 1997. After traveling and full time RVing for a year after retirement, Arline



Terry Zak

and I settled in Clarkdale, Arizona for 9 years. In 2007 we moved again and now call San Angelo, Texas our home. I am still retired and enjoying every minute of it. We do a lot of traveling, golfing, fishing, hunting, wood working and what ever else I can fit-in between naps.

Our extended family now numbers seven children, fifteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Tim Zimmerman
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Owatonna, MN 55060



Tim Zimmerman

Tom Zimmerman
7843 Guthrie Way
Morristown, MN 55052



Tom Zimmerman

Tom owns and operates an independent adjusting company working hurricane and flood losses. He has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Our Fallen Heroes

Siblings recall fallen brother

Larry R. Kelm
Born Aug. 30, 1944
Died Aug. 25, 1966

"He liked American Bandstand on Saturday," Linda Elbert remembers of her big brother. "He liked the pineapple desert my mom made. He liked breaded pork chops, he liked rhubarb. It's been so long ago."

"Elbert was 10 years younger than her brother when he was killed in an attack on a Viet Cong bunker-and-tunnel system along Highway 16 in Binh Duong Province. She was only 12, but Elbert recalls the day two Army officers came to the family's farm east of Owatonna.

"It was a Sunday evening," she said. "We were putting a tractor away in the garage. I heard my mom scream."

Dennis Kelm, a year younger than Elbert, said his brother worked at Owatonna's Montgomery Wards store and a few other jobs after graduating from Owatonna High School in 1963. He joined the Army two years later.

"He enlisted," Dennis Kelm said. "He figured he'd get the better of it, but it didn't work out that way." Dennis Kelm did not talk much about the draft with his older

brother.

"He was a good person," Dennis Kelm said. "We had a lot of fun together — probably would have had a lot more. I'm sure that if he'd still be around, we would have done more."

Larry Kelm was a member of the Future Farmers of America and he liked to hunt. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends.

"He had lots of friends," Elbert said. "He was engaged twice before he went in. He had a girlfriend he was writing to when he was in the service. Maybe they had some plans for when he got out."

"I don't think he was going to reenlist, from the way he talked," Kelm said. "He always counted the days he had left."

PFC Larry Kelm was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. The citation accompanying the decoration said "completely disregarded his personal safety" to rescue several wounded comrades.

The day after they learned of his death, the Kelm family received a letter from Larry.

"They had found it in his typewriter," Elbert said. "He was writing when he left, and his supply man took it out and sent it to us."



Larry Kelm



Warren Robinson

Ex-Owatonna Dies In Vietnam

Warren Robinson, formerly of Owatonna, was killed in action in Vietnam April 13, it was learned here Friday.

A specialist fourth class, Robinson was married Nov. 26, 1966 to Florence Miller of Winnebago, Minn. She survives as do his mother, Mrs. Mavis Robinson and a sister, Donna, both of Vista, Cal.; and a brother Richard, address not known.

Remains will be returned to Owatonna for services and burial, with local arrangements to be handled by the Conley-Wollin Chapel, S. Cedar.

Mother remembers son

Curtis E. Ringhofer
Born Feb. 12, 1945
Died May 13, 1970

"Oh, I can just see him standing there," Elsie Ringhofer says as she examines the old photo. "He was a fun kid. He'd make friends very easily. And oh, what a terror! He'd come up behind me and say, 'Mom, still love me?'"

There was almost always one or more of Curtis's friends hanging out at the Ringhofer farm south of Owatonna. "Our place was the center of the action," Elsie said. "That was the place for kids to hang out."

She's not sure just what her son did in the Army. "What do

you do in the Army?" she questions.

One of Curtis's comrades told Elsie her son died quickly, apparently after being shot. "He said, 'He never struggled, so you don't have to worry that he suffered long.'"

Like many young men of the time Curtis enlisted in the Army because he figured he'd be drafted otherwise.

"He knew he was going to have to go," said Elsie.

Elsie, whose husband died in 1963, still hears from a few of Curtis's friends.

"What brings back memories is when I see kids his age," she said. "I hear from them on Memorial Day."

Curtis left behind his wife

Kathleen, formerly of New Richland, and a four-year-old daughter, Kristine, who's now married and living in Minneapolis. Earlier this week, Elsie was preparing a large box of old letters and photos to mail to Kristine.

"His little girl is a pretty one, just like him," she said. As for Curtis's widow, since remarried, "She never talks about it. She says, 'Maybe it's better we don't.'"

Elsie marches in Owatonna's parade with other local Gold Star mothers every Memorial Day. "After all that's happened," she said, "you do it for the sake of the boys."

"I was just reading the last letter he sent to us," she said.



Curtis Ringhofer

"Of course, we got it after he was gone. He's gone 25 years."

Curtis Ringhofer

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque,
Washington, DC.

LARRY ROBERT KELM

Date of Birth: 8/30/1944

Date of Casualty: 8/25/1966

Home of Record: OWATONNA

County of Record: STEELE, MN

Branch of Service: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Panel/Row: 10E, 40

Casualty Province:

Binh Duong Province

South Vietnam

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque,
Washington, DC.

CURTIS EDWARD RINGHOFER

Date of Birth: 2/12/1945

Date of Casualty: 5/13/1970

Home of Record: OWATONNA

County of Record: STEELE, MN

Branch of Service: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Panel/Row: 10W, 36

Casualty Province:

Quang Ngai Province,

South Vietnam

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque,
Washington, DC.

WARREN JAMES ROBINSON

Date of Birth: 1/2/1945

Date of Casualty: 4/13/1968

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MCLEOD COUNTY, MN

Branch of Service: ARMY;

Rank: SP4

Panel/Row: 49E, 47

Casualty Province:

Quang Tin Province

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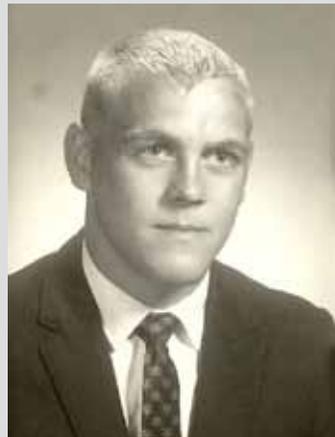
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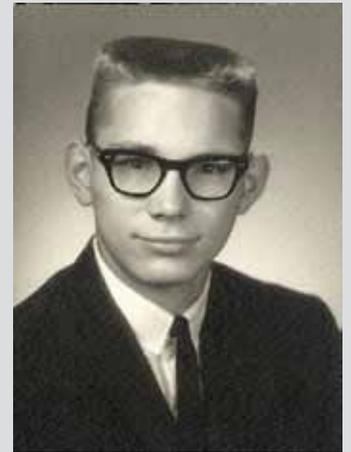
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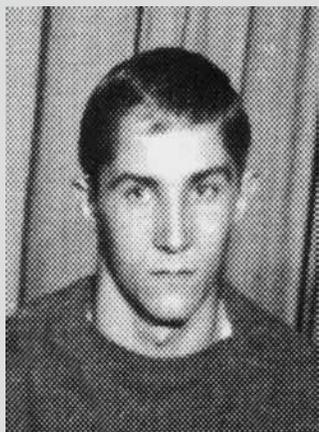
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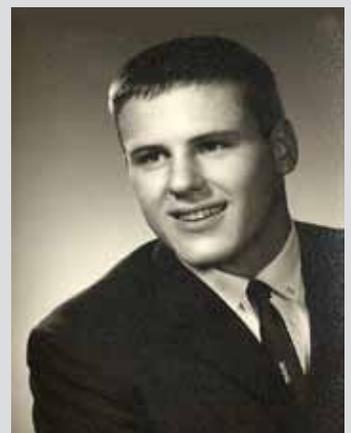
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 Homecoming
 Royalty**

**Jean Abbott
 Sandra Jellum
 Kathy Pobanz
 Sabra Whiting**



**Homecoming
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OH's and ah's filled the auditorium as the curtain opened on the beautiful queen's court. The blushing voices of the choir singing "Main River" and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" set the mood for the beautiful ceremony of coronation.

Co-captain Dwight Zatochill passed the floor as the students held their breath, each hoping the girl of their choice would be chosen as queen. Shouts of joy filled the air as Dwight extended his arm to Carole Soukup - our queen.

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