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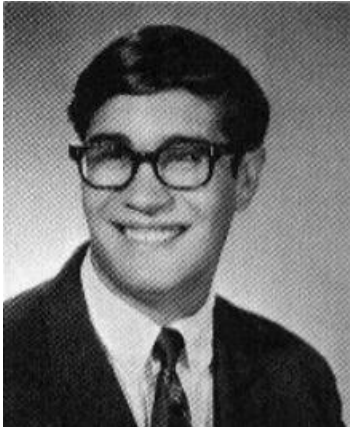
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Monty Abbott



After Maine West, I went to Knox College with Lee Rodin and Gary Moranz. We chose Knox for many reasons, but I went because I might have a chance to play football. I met Rachel Krause at Knox in 1971. After college in 1972, I thought I was going to get drafted - my lottery number was 55. Surprisingly, after 4 years of college football, I flunked my draft physical. I decided to go to graduate school and was accepted into Utah State University as an NIH pre-doctoral fellow with a major in biochemical genetics. It was a research-based program. My specialty was the mutagenicity of various chemicals. Rachel and I married in 1973. Genetics was a university science at the time, and there weren't many jobs. I decided to get my master's degree and then to go to dental school. I attended Loyola University School of Dentistry and graduated in 1978. I practiced dentistry for 34 years, 28 years in my office in Wheaton, Illinois, and retired in 2012. Rachel and I live in Wheaton and have one daughter and two grandsons.

Christine (Arnbruster) Vaia



After I graduated from Maine West, I went on to earn my BS in Education at SIU and graduated in 1972. I worked as a Media Director/Account Executive for an advertising agency in the Wrigley Building and was a Furniture Rep at the Chicago Merchandise Mart. I have been married to Ron Vaia (class of '67) for 37 years and have 4 grandkids: 2 girls in California (4 and 2) and 2 boys in Illinois (3 and 8 months). Over the years, I have enjoyed various volunteer work. I've been a Girl Scout Leader. I've mentored girls with The Bridge in Palatine Township. I have belonged to the United Veterans Services Golf Swing Club, servicing disabled veterans, for 30 years (and was president for 10 years). I currently work with 2 dog rescue groups, one in the Midwest and one in California. In addition, I have played on Medinah Country Club's Golf Team for 15 years. I have been very lucky to have had 6 hole-in-ones and 3 eagles. Other activities I enjoy are hiking, biking, weight training, kick-boxing, yoga and reading. After retiring 2 years ago, we are traveling around the United States in our RV. We currently live in Illinois and California.

Don Attore



I attended the University of Wisconsin after graduating from Maine West. I earned my master's degree from the University of Redlands. I now live in southern California, where I own a public policy firm and develop commercial real estate. My wife of 34 years and I enjoy international and domestic travel, gardening and spending time with our daughter and her boyfriend.

Barbara (Basner) Altergott



Good Morning from Sunny, Hot, Hot Arizona! As much as I would like to be there for the 50th Class Reunion, Brian and I will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in September. Brian is my hero! He was a Marine, and he was badly hit in Vietnam September 1967 and received a Purple Heart. I married him in September 1968. In our 50 years, we have had 3 children. Our only son passed away in 2006. We also have 3 granddaughters, 27, 25, and 10, and 3 great grandchildren (2 great grandsons, 8 and 4, and 1 great granddaughter, 5 months old). None of our family lives in Arizona. They are all over the United States from Illinois to California and Georgia. Brian and I have been blessed with a beautiful family and being able to live in Arizona, God's gift. Have fun at the 50th Class Reunion, and if possible, please send pictures.

Thank you,

Barbara (Basner) Altergott and Brian Altergott

Elizabeth (Bednarz) Lorz



After graduating from Maine West, I received a B.A. from Barat College and an M.A. from Rosary College. In 1973, I married Michael Lorz (Class of 1966) and started my career as a high school librarian in Elgin and Bartlett, where I stayed until retirement. In the meantime, I kept very busy with my two children, Matthew and Andrea, especially after my divorce in 1986. These days, I enjoy reading, Jazzercise, volunteering at the People's Resource Center, vacationing with my sisters, and playing with my adorable grandchildren, Ella and Abby Lorz and Andrew and Finn Robertson.

Don Behrens



Nancy Mott and I were married in 1970. We have two sons. Dave and wife Kim (Hopkins, Minnesota) have two children--Owen and Graham. Rob and wife Jenny (Madison, Wisconsin) have two children--Rachel and Levi. In 1972, I received a B.Mus. degree from Lawrence University for a student-designed major combining music, English, art and theater. I received an M.Mus. in music and education in 1976 and a PhD. in Educational Administration in 1992--both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I taught junior high school (7-9) vocal music in Fond du Lac from 1972-1985 and supervised K-12 music and art there from 1985-1988. I served as principal of Glen Hills Middle School (6-8) in Glendale, Wisconsin from 1988-1997. In July 1997, I became principal at Marcy School (K4-5) in Menomonee Falls, where I served until my retirement in 2008. Retirement activities have included work on a state art/design curriculum, membership on a non-profit board, a year as president of our local Kiwanis club and various leadership positions at church. I am also grateful for more time for hobbies like music, amateur radio and DIY audio projects. Homes have included Appleton, Fond du Lac and, since 1988, Glendale, Wisconsin.

Phyllis (Bergquist) Ross



After Maine West, I earned a BS Ed in Elementary Education at Illinois State University. Graduate work was completed at the University of Illinois, Champaign a few years later, where I earned an M Ed with a concentration in Reading Remediation. I taught from 1972-2008 in 4 elementary districts in grade levels 1 - 8. Upon retiring, I spent 6 years (12 semesters) working for Purdue University as a limited term lecturer. Being a university supervisor for elementary ed majors as they completed their student teaching, I shared what I learned during my teaching career with the young people assigned to me. I met my husband, Don, while teaching in Wellington, IL. We were married for 29+ years when he passed away in the spring of 2016. We didn't have any children together, but I am a proud grandmother of 6 grandkids and 1 great grandson, with another great grandchild expected in September. In my spare time, I work as a substitute teacher, enjoy reading, quilting, gardening, traveling, and love my Yorkie, "Flicka." My home is in Monticello, IN, and I have room for guests should you be traveling that way in the future. It's always good to see a fellow Warrior and share some time together.

Nancy (Bouda) Poulos



Rick Poulos and I were Maine West sweethearts, and we married Nov. 7, 1970. Rick worked for UPS for several years while I was a stay-at-home Mom. Our daughter, Kim, was born in 1971, and our son, Marc, in 1973. We resided in Prospect Heights, where we raised our family. Rick became a general contractor in 1976. We worked together building many homes in Illinois and Wisconsin. In 1988, after our kids finished college and got married, we moved to Florida and enjoyed almost 20 years of living in a waterfront community, deep sea fishing, boating, camping on inter-coastal islands and traveling around the state. When grandkids started to be born (Cullen, Emma, Gavin and Tess), we returned to Illinois to be closer to them. Rick and I remained home builders in Florida until 2007 when the housing market crashed. We had some over-the-road truck driving experience to see the country in between those years. We used that experience to start another business, PTS Worldwide, transporting AA&E for the DOD. We built the business from the ground up, and it now employs 32. Rick passed away October 5, 2017 of a rare blood bone marrow disease called Cardiac AL Amyloidosis that he fought till the end. I reside in Sandwich, Illinois.

Sue (Bower) Shimkus



After graduating from Maine West, then Northern Illinois University, I spent 6 ½ years as a fifth-grade teacher in Schaumburg. Married in 1976 with 3 children in 3 years, I thought it would be too overwhelming to go back to teaching when it was time to return to work; I definitely needed some time around adults! I loved to travel, so I enrolled in a travel school and remained in that industry till today. I have owned Lake Zurich Travel for 25 years and have had the opportunity to travel the world, have taken over 70 cruises and visited more countries than states! Life is all about family, and I am blessed with 3 married children, one working at the travel agency, one working for Marriott, and one in meeting/convention planning living in southern France. We are again blessed with 6 grandchildren, each of my children having 2. My second husband, Charlie, and I are avid golfers living on a golf course in Hawthorn Woods, and when the weather turns, tennis is my game! I am happy to have good health for all in the family and so many wonderful friends and opportunities.

Nancy (Bryson) Murray



I'm not planning to come to the dinner Saturday night, but I will see you Friday. I guess my bio is that I am happy, healthy, and retired - living life, enjoying golf, traveling, biking, swimming, hiking. I was married 17 years to my high school sweetheart, George Murray. He has passed away, but we had two children, a boy and a girl, and now I have four grandchildren that I am blessed to live close by and can spend lots of time with.

Take care,

Nancy Bryson Murray

Karl Bush



I graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1972 with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. In June, I married Jill Nene Gaskins and moved to Houston, Texas to work as an Applications Engineer and later as a salesman for a pump manufacturer. Jill and I had two children: Candace Nene (born November 1975) and Ross Walter (born July 1979). In 1979, I "switched sides" to be an Equipment Engineer for an EPC firm, and I've been doing EPC work since then. Jill passed away in 1997. I married Laura Focht Gilbert in March 2002. Laura has four children by her first marriage: Jennifer, Tim, Sarah and Karen. All our children are married or in committed relationships. We have four grandchildren: Landon (7) and Parker (3) from Candace, Oliver (4) and Tuck (6 months) from Jennifer, and one step-grandson, Aidan (18), from Candace's husband. I have worked for the same company (McDermott) for the last 33+ years designing/building petro-chemical plants, refineries, etc. I've coached baseball, softball and soccer, worked with the Boy Scouts and have served on various community organizations and church committees. Currently I sing first tenor in church choir and play English handbells, enjoy cooking, and am an official for HS swim meets in Texas. I'm looking forward to retirement in 2020.

Bill Caddy



After high school, I attended Loras College from 1968 to 1971 and served in the Army until 1974. I went back to school in 1976 and earned my BA in 1977. I played tennis and was also a wrestling athlete with conference titles in doubles/singles four times. In 1977, I qualified for nationals and was player/coach. I worked at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center as a Medic/O.T. Specialist and earned my MBA at Webster University. For 40+ years, I worked in Behavioral Health, and I ended my career with five years in Rehab Therapy. I married twice; the first time I was too young, and I will have been married to my hero, Chris, for 40 years next March. We have two adopted children, Ben (American) and Amanda (Korean). Our children have given us two beautiful granddaughters, Maddie and Ellie (4 and 1 ½ years old). Chris and I have lived in Hoffman Estates, IL for 29 years, and we retired to Wisconsin (not a cheese head and still a Chicago sports fan). We live on Lake Winnebago and are blessed with good health and friends. I am a dog lover!

Susan (Calabrese) DeMerit



My grownup years have flown by. I've had terrific careers: advertising agencies, window designer on Michigan Avenue, hand model, men's cosmetic representative, Assistant Business Manager of The National League of Professional Baseball, published author (in 3 books, newspapers, online, magazines, and Readers' Digest), business owner with my husband, Paul for 20 years. He was President of our freight forwarding transportation company. We were fortunate to retire early (in our 50's) and have been enjoying life. We've lived in Milwaukee, WI, in the San Francisco Bay Area - San Bruno, Lafayette, San Ramon, Eugene, and Tualatin, Oregon has been 'home' for over 30+ years. Oregon is absolutely stunning everywhere you look - it's picture postcard perfect! We have one amazing daughter, Melissa, career woman, sculpture, incredible artist and our pride and joy a million times over! Newest family editions are Gus and Bixby, one-year old Pomeranian brothers, my guardian angels. Writing, creative arts, cooking, gardening, and bird watching keep me happy! Sorry I won't be able to attend to celebrate with all of you, but I will be there in spirit! Drop me a line via the. I'd love to hear from all of you! "Life is what YOU make of it, so make it the life YOU want!"-SCD

John Carl



Upon leaving Maine West, I attended Illinois State University, where I majored in Industrial Technology Education. I met my future wife, Ronda there. I was hired to teach Graphic Arts at Proviso East High School in Maywood, IL. Ronda and I got married April 21, 1973, and we just celebrated our 45th Anniversary. After spending twenty-four years as an educator, coach and administrator, I moved into the business world and focused primarily on sales. My current retirement positions include being a Service Agent for Enterprise Rental Car and Sales Representative at hardware trade shows (Ace, True Value and Do It Best). Carrie, our oldest, lives in northern California and has four children. Mike, the older son, lives in Wheaton and is currently single. Andy, the second son, also lives in Wheaton and is married; and Jackie, our youngest, lives in southern California. She has two children.

J. D. Carlson



I currently reside in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where I have been since 1991 as a faculty member at Oklahoma State University. I am currently a Research Associate Professor in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. My specialty is fire meteorology, and I work closely with the Oklahoma Mesonet, our state's automated weather station network. I am the developer and program manager of OK-FIRE, our online system for wildland fire management. Upon graduating from Maine West, I attended Michigan State University (BS, Physics), the University of Wisconsin (MS, Meteorology), and The Ohio State University (PhD, Atmospheric Sciences). Between my time at Wisconsin and Ohio State, I spent two years as an air pollution meteorologist at Tennessee Valley Authority. After my PhD, I spent two years as a post-doc at Ohio State, then six years as an Assistant Professor at Michigan State before coming to Oklahoma State. In my spare time I love to play the banjo and sing, both in our local bluegrass band and in Kairos prison ministry. In addition, I am an active tennis player and enjoy attending our OSU tennis matches. I am also involved in Christian ministry, both at our local prison and on the OSU campus. Des Plaines remains an important part of my life, as my mother and sister still live there.

Carol Carstens



After graduating from Maine West, I attended Western Illinois University, earning my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Unfortunately, I didn't find a teaching job right away. After 2 years of being a substitute teacher, I was hired to teach 2nd grade at Orchard Place School in Des Plaines, where I remained for 32 years until I retired in 2006. Teaching (primary grades 1,2,3) was a rewarding and fulfilling career despite its many challenges. After retiring, I substituted for 7 years. I love to travel! While teaching, I usually cruised during spring break and went on road trips in the summer. That passion continues to this day! I'm an avid reader, and I enjoy taking walks (trying to get those 10,000 steps in per day), going to movies, concerts, plays and spending time with family and friends. Although I never married or had children of my own, I've been fortunate to spend time with my sisters and their families. Watching my nieces and nephews grow up, attend college, start their careers, marry and raise their families has been a blessing. I still live in Des Plaines and haven't strayed too far from the neighborhood I grew up in.

Chuck Chamberlain



After graduating from Maine West, I continued my lifelong goal of becoming a classroom teacher in the vocational trades. I graduated from Northern Illinois University with BS and MS degrees in Industrial Technology. Graduating in 1972, I became a full-time teacher at William Fremd High School in Palatine, Illinois. I taught Electronics and Woodworking classes, coached football, served as Department Chair and Dean of Students. In 2005, I took early retirement after 33 years. Later I returned to District 211 on a part-time basis as Director of Summer School and Continuing Education and retired for good in 2014. While I lived in Algonquin, I served on the District 300 School Board for 12 years (1991-2003) and served as Vice-President and President. My wife, Kathy, and I met at Fremd High School and got married in 1976. We presently reside in McHenry and maintain a summer residence on Whitewater Lake in Wisconsin, where I serve on the Lake District Management Board. We have two married daughters (both teachers) living in Brookfield, Wisconsin and Glenview, Illinois. We have 3 grandchildren with a 4th expected in October.

Dan Christensen



After graduating from MW, I enrolled at the University of Iowa and graduated in 1973 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. I worked three summers with classmate Bob Banger as a garbage man at Barrington Trucking (Waste Management). That job and the ongoing Vietnam War gave me the incentive to graduate and find a real job. I married Nancy Sue Tedore from Des Moines in 1973 with classmate Miles Moorehouse as Best Man. We have one daughter, Jenna, who is married with one sweet grandbaby in Dallas, TX. I always wondered what went on at The Austin Company located across from Rand Park. They hired me, and I worked there designing large HVAC and mechanical systems for industrial facilities. I didn't care for in-office work, so I volunteered to work at job sites in the Midwest, including Caterpillar (Peoria) and Upjohn (Kalamazoo). Other jobs took me to Denver and Atlanta. I retired in late 2015 on Lake Wedowee, AL after operating a home inspection business in the south Atlanta suburbs. I enjoy cycling, golfing and fishing year-round in the south.

Linda (Dancaster) Mellick



I attended U of I, Champagne-Urbana, and majored in Anthropology. I imagined I was following in Margaret Mead's footsteps. Instead, I got married, and anniversary 48 was this past June. When I moved to Connecticut, I planned to stay a few years which turned into 40! We had two daughters. A volunteer library job led to a Master of Library Science degree, which led to a law librarian position at the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. I retired early and decided to move but did not have a clue where. Previously we had checked out Central America and Southeast Asia but decided they were not for us. We sold the house, stored our stuff and spent the next year driving around the country and trying out various places. One daughter lives in California and the other Texas, but not for us. We finally ended up living the cliché and retired to Florida. After five years, what makes it work is new friends, visits from old friends, returning to piano lessons, taking up Mah Jongg and spending a lot of time traveling. We keep busy going to see the kids and one grandson, visiting friends up north, especially in summer, and still going to far-off places where the culture is very different, and I can pretend I'm Margaret Mead.

Elizabeth (Dent) Wyse



My life after high school began with a Cubs' game. My mother allowed me to skip the brouhaha of graduation to do what I loved! Go, Cubbies!! It was the best graduation ever! And, that set the pace for my future - to do what I loved when I wanted to do it. I knew I did not want to attend college - high school was bad enough. I wanted to live my life. I started with secretarial jobs, which I really enjoyed. I loved to organize people and spaces, and my talent was well received. I often found myself reorganizing just about anything I touched. I have worked myself out of most jobs by making them more efficient and eliminating my own job - something my husband, Tom, finds both amusing and frustrating! Personally, I loved the challenge of learning another job and couldn't wait to get started! I have always been and still am an avid volunteer at schools, scouts, food banks, our local art gallery, and community events. I recently handled the publicity for our county's Alabama 200 Traveling Exhibit which was both fun and exhausting. Between work and volunteering I am grandmother to 13 grandchildren and 4.5 great-grandchildren!

Marilyn (Dickert) Witney



The journey from Maine West took some somersaults and sideways turns before it got to where I am now. Mistakes were made, but the adventure was awesome. I briefly attended WIU in Macomb. As a budding hippie, I left to get back to Chicago, where the action was: Chicago Seven, demonstrations, acid trips. To get a higher-paying job, I attended Moser School, now part of Robert Morris, and got a certificate as an Executive Assistant, first at UOP in Des Plaines, then Crate & Barrel, and finally at Ogilvy and Mather, an ad agency downtown. At Ogilvy I rose to VP, Public Relations, and after a wild two-decade career, I married a Chicago cop, bought a house and left advertising. When I started digging in the dirt, I was hooked and became a certified UIUC Master Gardener, an Illinois Nurseryman's Association's certified professional, and worked and now volunteered at Morton Arboretum. I finally completed my BS through an off-campus UIUC horticulture program in 2010. I now work part-time at Lurvey Garden Center in Des Plaines. My wonderful husband, Richard, and I enjoy theater, movies, books, visiting friends in Florida and enjoying our garden. Rescue pups Jack and Jill like rollicking there, too.

Barb Dopp



Since I graduated from LPN school in 1969, I have worked in hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices, and home care. I was a Girl Scout leader for 13 years and a camp counselor, also for 13 years. In the '70s, I helped my dad with his 83rd Infantry Reunion in Chicago. He was the National President. I am very active in church and have served on the church council and numerous committees at the United Church of Christ in Des Plaines. Other activities that I have been involved in are babysitting, taking cruises, and traveling around the U.S. I also enjoy musicals, theater, listening to acapella singing groups, some reading, and dabbling in crafts.

George Eck



After graduating from college, I was drafted into the Army. I spent most of my tour at Fort Knox, Kentucky. I moved to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota law school. I was an editor of the law review, a legal writing instructor, and was hired by the largest firm in the Cities (now Dorsey & Whitney, a 600-lawyer firm with offices in 20 cities). I spent my entire career at Dorsey-41 years, having just retired as of June 1. I was a trial lawyer. I represented companies like Cargill and was involved in many cases. I served as the partner in charge of our Minneapolis office and on our board of directors for six years. I traveled extensively for work. Dorsey was a big part of my life. I just had a wonderful retirement party that was attended by about 250 people. I live with a beautiful woman who is a complete sweetheart. I am truly lucky to have Cheryl in my life. We are best friends. I have two wonderful daughters and one grandson (Max). My older daughter just turned 40, and my younger daughter is 32, had a beautiful wedding just weeks ago and now lives in North Carolina. Cheryl has four grandkids—with one on the way.

Jane Engle



I graduated from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, with a Bachelor's in Sociology. I was a reporter for the former *Suburban Trib* newspaper chain in the Chicago area and later a copy and photo editor at the *Chicago Tribune*. In 1983, I joined the *Los Angeles Times*, where I worked until 2011 in various roles—as an editor on the foreign desk and as an editor, writer, and columnist for the travel section. I am currently a senior communications specialist at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, focusing on medical research. I live with my wonderful wife in Culver City, Calif. During much of my career, I have been active in advocating equal and fair treatment for women, people of color and lesbians and gay men in the workplace and in the news. I can trace my activism to the *Thermidorian* underground newspaper at Maine West, which a group of us launched under the able leadership of Mary Ann Waldron in our senior year. Remember? I look forward to catching up with everyone at the 50th!

Marilyn (Fitzgerald) Schuldt



I married Allyn Schuldt (class of 65) in October 1968 and moved to Hawaii. We lived there 4 years while Al served in the Air Force. We then moved to Oklahoma City, and after 6 months there, Al decided to separate from military life and moved back to Illinois. In 1983, we decided to escape the cold and snow and moved to San Antonio, where we have been for 35 years. I am the mother of 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Mishelle, 46, is married, has 5 children (twins girls attending Texas A&M) and is a 5th grade teacher living near Houston. My son Matt, 40, is married, and he and Amber have both been serving in the Air Force for 23 years. They have 2 sons and live in Michigan. Megan is 38 and works with me in my real estate office as a licensed property manager. Allyson, 37, is married with 4 daughters. Al and I are avid SA Spurs fans and do follow the Chicago Cubs and Bears. We also enjoy trips to Las Vegas. I am semi-retired working in real estate property management. I have also been a Eucharistic Minister at my church and a faithful blood donor, with 88 pints to my credit so far. I live life to the fullest and look forward to our 50th wedding anniversary in October.

Vivienne (Geiger) Hildebrand



I've been in the Elgin area for the last 44 years, married to Kent Hildebrand. We met as first year teachers in School District U-46. I was a speech and language therapist in the district for my whole career and have been happily retired since 2006. We have one daughter, Jodi Hildebrand, who lives in Los Angeles and works as a film producer. You may have noticed her name at the end of *Peter Rabbit* this past spring. We had a fun experience attending the Hollywood premiere. Jodi and her husband, Neal, a writer, have gifted us with two grandsons, ages four and two. Traveling to LA to visit gives us great pleasure. My current pastimes are working out, sometimes reluctantly, and volunteering for the local literacy agency, teaching English as a second language.

Gayle (Geils) Hachmeister



My husband, Tom, and I were married on June 22, 1968. Our four children (Julia, Gregory, Emily and Jeffrey) went to Forest, Algonquin, and Maine West, also! We have been back in Des Plaines for 38 years, living in the house I grew up in. Tom and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We have 10 grandchildren: Maddie, Nathan, Kayleah, Spencer, Brady, Morgan, Miles, Lily, Brynley and Remy – 5 girls and 5 boys! I have worked at Algonquin Middle School for 25 years in the kitchen and am not retired yet.

Ron Geikow



My wife and I live in two places. One is in Avila Beach on the central coast of California. We also spend time in our second home in Palm Springs, California. I was a Lutheran pastor for 40 years, primarily in Los Angeles and San Francisco. I am active playing tennis several times a week, and I swim laps daily. I kayak when I can. We love skiing. My wife and I are vegan. We love traveling—internationally and on road trips. We don't have children, but our dog, Zola, is lots of fun. I spend time in the garden and participate in church activities, although I am retired. We have a timeshare in Puerto Vallarta where we spend five weeks each winter. I appreciate Maine West. It was a great place to go to high school.

Phil Haisler



I am retired now, and I live in Tennessee. I enjoy working with veterans and am a service officer for the VFW and the American Legion.

Kate (Hammer) Roche



I live in the Old Irving Park neighborhood of Chicago with my husband, Mike Roche. We have two adult children, Madeline and Mickey. No weddings or grandchildren, but I have my hopes. For the past 8 years, I've worked at Norwood Life Society, a 122-year-old, nonprofit, senior residential and senior services organization in Norwood Park as director of volunteer services. Along with managing a 400+ volunteer organization, part of my job has been to manage our Thrift Shop. With a lot of passion and hard work, our volunteers have made it a successful resale boutique. I moved my 95-year-old mother to Norwood this year, and she's thriving. I spent most of my career in sales and human resources in the technology industry but made a deliberate move to nonprofit for my last working years. I finally graduated from college, too, at the age of 65 (!) - summa cum laude from North Park University with a degree in Nonprofit Management. I've been active in my community, serving on the board of our local food pantry and garden club. My husband and I have been married 36 years and love living in the city. He's from the West Coast, and we may move there eventually.

Terry Hammer



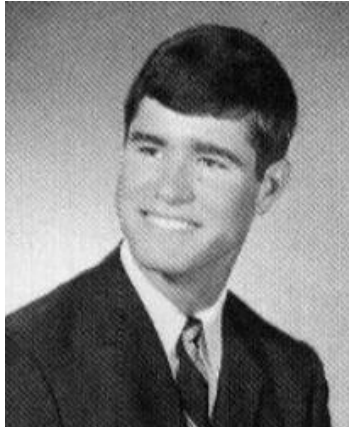
Northern Illinois University was my home for several years after graduating from Maine West. Books and tuition were paid for by a track scholarship. I continued to run intermediate and high hurdles as well as the mile relay. At the beginning of my sophomore year, I was joined by my high school sweetheart, Darlene Kamradt (Maine West class of '69). We were married in August of 1971. After completing our degrees, we lived in Wheeling, Illinois for a short time until we built a house in Lindenhurst, Illinois, where we raised our two daughters, Amy and Chrissy. They both married, and we now have six grandchildren ranging in age from 25 to 4. Driving a truck has been my career. It gives me the opportunity to stay away from an office and be on my own. Darlene is a retired Special Ed teacher. I retired from driving after having both hips replaced. We have enjoyed cruising to Alaska, Hawaii and several Caribbean destinations since our retirement. Other hobbies include bike riding, radio-controlled drones, and exploring new destinations through travel. We currently live in Antioch, Illinois.

Lynne (Handler) Farmer



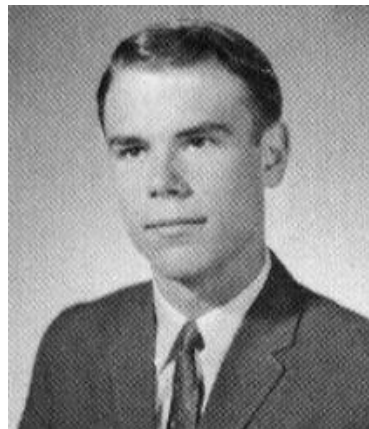
In 1971, I married Rick Farmer, an attorney who grew up in Des Plaines and went to St. Mary's and Notre Dame High School. We met at "The Hut" and are still hanging out together in Park Ridge. Rick and I have one daughter, Erin, who attended Maine South and is a school psychologist and middle school assistant principal. We have one granddaughter, Brynn, who lives in Park Ridge with her mom and dad. My degrees include a B. A. from Ripon College, M. A. from the University of Minnesota, MBA from Dominican University, and Ed. D. from Loyola University, Chicago. I was a professional racquetball player at one time and owned and managed health clubs. I worked for a "big-time" major league baseball agent, negotiated some contracts, and did research for arbitration sessions. My most recent occupations include teaching, coaching, elementary and high school principalships, and district level school administration. My interests include all kinds of sports, gardening, reading, and trying to keep fit.

Ron Hartley



After high school, I attended NIU and graduated in 1972. I received my Master's Degree in Education in 1973. I married my high school sweetheart, Lori Nave, in '73 and we had a wonderful 42 years together with 2 children, Sean & Emily. Very sadly, Lori passed away in 2015. I had a 30-year career with Johnson & Johnson as a sales rep, district manager and director. The last 20 years with J&J were spent in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where I still reside as a retiree. Emily has graced me with 3 grandsons (ages 9, 7 and 5), and these boys are so much fun. I am now remarried to a beautiful and fantastic woman, Betsy Hartley, who has given me a new lease on life. Betsy and I enjoy my family, time with friends, golf, travel, sun and sand at our winter home in Estero, Florida, and so many new, exciting adventures. Betsy and I were just married in April of this year with a beautiful Key West sunset beach wedding. I am very happy in Chapter 3 of my life!!!

Robert Henrich



After graduation, I worked as a shipping and receiving stockman at Foremost Liquors in Des Plaines. In December 1968, I joined the U.S. Navy, deploying on the U.S.S. Canisteo AO-99. I worked as a Seaman (E-1) to Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer, 2nd Class (E-5). After my Navy discharge in 1973, I worked as a construction worker in Norfolk, VA. In 1974, I drove as a tractor trailer operator for M&M Trucking in Chesapeake, VA. The following year, I was a lot attendant at a new and used car sales dealer in Norfolk, VA. After that, I settled into a 20-year career as a 1st class ship repair mechanic in Norfolk, VA. From 1996 to 2004, I became self-employed as an antique dealer, painter, water irrigation systems installer, trim installer and limousine chauffeur. In January 2006, I ended my employment to be at home with my wife of 35 years. I have two adult children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. I retired in 2015 and enjoy camping, cooking, auctions and beach.

John Houston



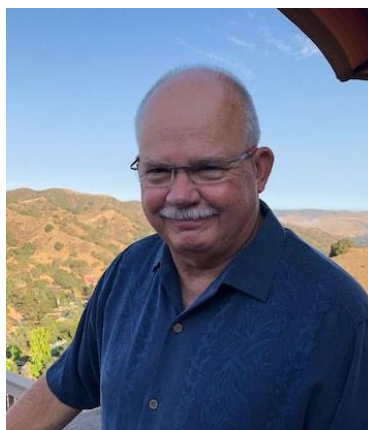
I have lived in Omaha, Nebraska, since 1988. My work includes 30-plus years in Information Technology and 13 years as the Executive Pastor – Operations at Brookside Church (www.brookside.net). Since January 1st of this year, I have been working part-time at the Brookside Church as Director of IT and Security. In addition, I am involved as Assistant Director of Midwest Church Security Coalition. I am married with two kids and three grandchildren. Interests of mine include golf, listening to music (all types except rap), self-defense and life safety skills, woodworking, and learning new things.

Carole (Hway) Carter



After graduating from Drake University in December 1971 with a degree in Elementary/Special Education, I married Jim Carter on Jan. 8, 1972 and began teaching an Intermediate Developmental class with Omaha Public Schools. Both of our daughters were born in Omaha - Michelle in 1975 and Ashley in 1978. We moved to Pittsburgh, PA in 1987, where Jim was General Manager of two radio stations owned by the Hearst Corporation. In 1999, we moved to Louisville, KY, where Jim managed television stations, and in 2008 we moved to Orlando, FL, where Jim was President/ General Manager of Hearst television stations. We retired in Aurora, OH, a suburb of Cleveland, in 2016, where we love being closer to our daughters and their families. We spend part of our winters in Florida, but love being in the Midwest. We have six grandchildren - 3 of them in Cleveland, 3 in Bloomfield Hills, MI. I chose to be a stay-home Mom when our daughters were small. Through the years, I worked in real estate, as preschool teacher, and in sales, but always considered my primary profession as Mom/ caregiver/ household manager. I now enjoy photography, writing, and spending time with my grandchildren.

Brian Ipsen



I married Jane Schaer, a graduate of Sacred Heart of Mary (Class of '69) in 1973. We had 2 children, Rob and Jennifer. Rob and his wife, Kate, have 2 daughters: Brooke (12) and Kara (9) and live in Mount Prospect. Jennifer lives in Mississippi. I worked as a firefighter/EMT/Paramedic/Fire Inspection Officer in Mount Prospect for 28 years. I retired in 2003, and we moved to Kent, WA in 2003. A few years later, I started working for FEMA in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program as a Grant Specialist, working with fire departments in AK, ID, OR and WA. I retired again in 2017 and now live on my boat in the San Juan Islands. I spend time with Jane in Carmel, CA, where she works at a retirement community as President and CEO. Charlie, a labradoodle and Lenny, a Westie, are my sidekicks when we travel in our RV. I have been involved with the Lions in several states and served as a past president. Also, I am a member of the Elks Club and a Master Mason in the Frank S. Land Lodge in Des Moines. Currently, if I am not on my boat, I am traveling in my RV visiting family. Enjoying fishing and photography are my latest hobbies.

Mary Ann (Jados) Waldron



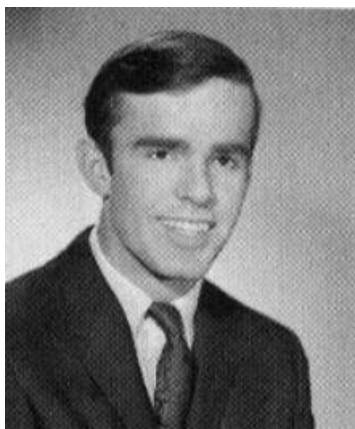
Hi! – I am enjoying life in Sedona, AZ while recalling some great times at Maine West. I've retired and now busy myself with golf, book clubs, and volunteer work including food projects and assistance for the elderly (I'm trying to pay it forward for when I need assistance). In 1999 I met my soulmate, David Waldron, and we married in May 2002. Corny as it sounds, it was, indeed, love at first sight, and we both unraveled our previous relationships in order to be together. This being my second marriage, I can truly say it's better – much, much better the second time around. David's two adult children live in England, and while you are making merry at the reunion dinner, we'll be witnessing the marriage of his son, Andrew. Many of you remember my first husband, Dave Steiner, and I remain close to his kids, who have made me grandma to four and great grandmother of two. At this stage of life, staying healthy and enjoying family while creating and cherishing memories is my priority. I welcome hearing from you at mawaldron@tracbiz.com

Nancy (Johnson) Brink



I have lived in Mount Prospect for the last 15 years. Before that, I had 3 homes in Des Plaines. I married Terrance Brink in 1971. He served in the Army and was diagnosed with MS while in the service. He battled this disease for many years and passed away in 1993. We had one daughter, Jennifer. She has 2 boys, Daniel (14) and Ryan (8). They live in Woodstock. After 4 years of being alone, I met my loving partner, John Foster. Between his children and mine, we have 7 grandchildren. They keep us busy with sports, musicals, birthdays and babysitting. While raising my family, I worked as a bookkeeper at a florist in Buffalo Grove, and then for the District 62 Spark Program in Des Plaines. I held many positions: extended kindergarten teacher, pre-school teacher, before and after-school teacher, and supervisor. In 2010, I retired after 25 years of teaching. Now my days are spent volunteering at my church, with grandchildren, gardening, and taking care of my mother, who lives with us. In the future, we would like to do more traveling in the United States. Looking forward to seeing old and new friends from high school.

Larry Kahler



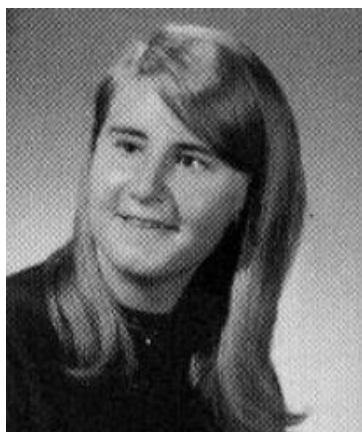
I have been in an 18-year committed relationship, and I also have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Allyson and I both love to cook - I also enjoy hardwood grilling on my smoker. I owned a less-than-profitable meat market for some two-plus years but learned a lot in the process. We enjoy travel and recently enjoyed the Amalfi coast in Italy. Our next big trip will be in 2019, as we hope to combine a trip to Ireland with attendance at the British Open. I spent most of my 45 work years as a company controller, mostly with construction contractors. I just retired this past Memorial Day weekend, though I do plan to do some PT during the next few years. I have a major romance with golf, both as a player and as a spectator. Board games and cards, along with movies, are my interests - especially euchre. Besides coaching baseball, basketball and football for my sons, I volunteer at church working with homeless and as a church trustee. Recently, I spent several years working the information desk at Aurora's Rush Copley Hospital. I just recently moved to St. Augustine, Florida and am eager to begin new volunteer work in St. Augustine.

Jerry Kanney



From 1969 to 1973, I proudly served in the US Air Force including 1 year at Ubon, Thailand. When I returned, I resided at an apartment in Schaumburg. Then I owned a condo near Golf Mill and later a home in Wheeling. Beginning in 1973, I worked in construction as an HVAC technician and electrician while I earned my AAS from Harper College. From there, I worked for three major manufacturers of high-speed industrial centrifuges; Alfa Laval, Humboldt Decanter, and Westfalia. During the 1980's, I commissioned fuel purification projects in Saudi Arabia and a fuel wash project in Argentina. I married my lovely wife, Mary, in 1995. Her daughter was in college then but has since married and lives close to us with her husband and our grandson (10) and granddaughter (8). We moved to Hamptonburgh, NY in 2000 and currently reside in Weston Lakes, TX. I retired in 2017 and am learning the game of golf. Also, I am a member of the City of Weston Lakes Emergency Management Team and am actively involved in the Methodist Church. I've been very fortunate and blessed throughout these 68 years in my career, marriage, and retirement. Enjoying this past year of retirement and being able to give back to the community and church has been very fulfilling

Linda Klippert



I graduated from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) in 1972 with a BS in Biology. From 1972-1974, I worked as an Aquatic Biology Technician at the Illinois Natural History Survey in Urbana, IL. For the next 28 years, I worked as a Veterinary Technician in Small Animal Surgery and Dentistry at the U. of I.'s College of Veterinary Medicine, retiring in 2002. After retirement, I completed the Allerton Corps of Discovery course and the East Central Illinois' Master Naturalist Program. Now my beagle, Shoeless Joe "Jackson," and I split our time between Champaign and Des Plaines. Retirement activities include volunteering at Allerton Park (Monticello, IL) and in the Champaign County Forest Preserves; slowly rehabbing my childhood home in Des Plaines; stained glass, upholstery, refinishing, and sewing projects; traveling in the U.S. (CO, AZ, HI) and cheering for the White Sox and the Cubs.

Lisa (Leone) Anderson



Russ Anderson (MW 1965) and I celebrated our 50th anniversary May 4. Our children are Tracy (MW 1988) and Matt (MW 1993). We moved to Mesa, Arizona in 2000. Matt was already here but moved his family to Hawaii in 2012. Tracy and her 6 kids and my 94-year-old mom live in Mesa. We love winters here and tolerate summer. We're both retired, and like so many others, we find we are busier now than when we were working. I developed a weird, rare auto-immune condition in 2012, so we have not left Arizona since then. However, I am better now, so we have trips planned for later this year. We haven't been back to Illinois but may get there next spring—peonies and lilacs don't grow here, and I miss them. It will be great to see family and friends who haven't been to Arizona. I got hooked on genealogy a few years ago, and I enjoy connecting with relatives I didn't know I had. My great-grandmother had 14 kids, so there are plenty of them out there! Facebook has been super for connecting with new cousins, as well as former neighbors and classmates.

Bob Mack



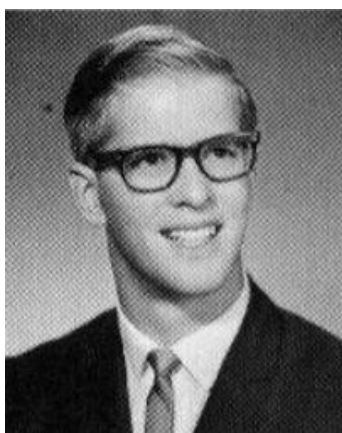
My wife, Jan, and I have been married for 38 years. Our family home is in Lake Zurich, Illinois. Jan had two daughters by a previous marriage that we raised with our own son, Bobby. Our children have given us eight grandchildren, all girls. Number eight, Kinsley, was born February 6, 2018. We have three great grandchildren with two more on the way. After high school, I attended NIU and graduated in 1972. While attending NIU, I started working in the freight transportation industry. Forty-eight years later, I still enjoy working in the industry. I currently co-own a transportation freight brokerage business named BTS. My son works at the company, and I enjoy mentoring the younger people that work for us. Because of that, I'll only consider retirement when it is no longer enjoyable to work. Jan and I like to travel, and our favorite places are in the Southwest and Northern Wisconsin. We both enjoy playing golf, and I like attending professional baseball, football, and hockey games. I still enjoy good health and have to say that I have had a good life. I remain optimistic that my life will continue for a long time.

Jeanne (Malmberg) Dinkins



My goal was to be a nurse. I worked at Maine West Nursing office and was treasurer of Future Nurses Club. In 1971, I graduated as an Associate Nurse at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine. My first "RN" position was in Pediatrics at Lutheran General Hospital. In 1973, I married Del Dinkins from FL. We transferred to Atlanta, GA, where we were blessed with two children. Our son has one girl and two boys and resides in Louisville, KY. Our daughter, a newlywed, lives in Clermont, FL. My professional goal is to provide excellent care to patients and their loved ones. As the Nurse Educator of Egelston Children's Hospital at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, we opened three intensive care units, neonatal, pediatric and cardiac, as well as catheterization-interventional labs and organ transplant units. In 2003, I accepted a position at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando, FL, opening the cardiac program. I have co-published texts, journals, invented devices and procedures. I placed a child in his father's arms after a major procedure. The father said, "I knew my baby would be fine, Jeanne, you took care of me when I had my heart surgery." I retired after a 52-year nursing career, 45 years as a Registered Nurse. Del and I enjoy cruising on our boats, cooking fish from the lake and vegetables from our garden. We live in our comfortable home on a lake in Clermont, FL. **What a ride!**

Don Maruska



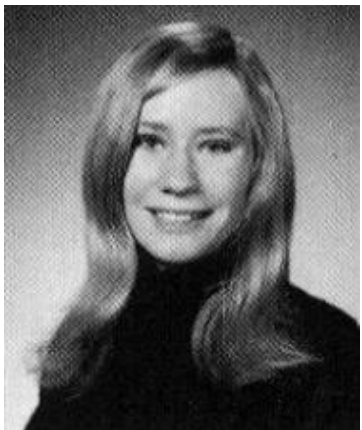
Following graduation from Harvard with a degree in government, I had fun being U.S. Senator Joe Biden's legislative assistant, writing his first speech on the floor of the Senate and his first legislation that became law. Thereafter, I completed an MBA and JD at Stanford University. While on a business trip, I met my wife, Liz, in a discotheque on the Champs Elysses in Paris. After we married in 1984, I worked as VP of Marketing for the startup that became E*Trade. Subsequently, I was recruited to be CEO of a healthcare startup applying new technologies to healthcare delivery. In 1993, we made a big shift and moved to the small community of Morro Bay (10,000 people) on the Central Coast of California. From here, I've been serving as a business coach and consultant, helping others to be successful with their careers and organizations. I've published *How Great Decisions Get Made: 10 Easy Steps for Reaching Agreement on Even the Toughest Issues* and *Take Charge of Your Talent: Three Keys to Thriving in Your Career, Organization, and Life*. I continue to enjoy my work and have fun swimming, playing tennis, and enjoying travel with my wife and daughter, Kate.

Nancy (Mott) Behrens



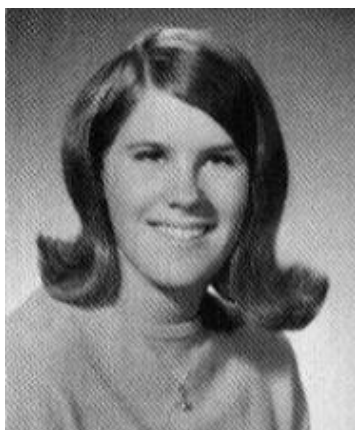
After two years at Western Illinois, I married Don Behrens and transferred to Lawrence University. I graduated from Lawrence with a degree in educational psychology, later receiving my reading teacher certification from UW Madison and a Masters in Reading Language Arts from Cardinal Stritch University. I taught 1st grade both before and after 13 years at home with our sons, Dave and Rob. I thoroughly enjoyed both teaching and being at home. I have been involved in a variety of community and church groups in officer and volunteer positions. I retired in 2008. The last few years, I've been exploring genealogy and the history that connects people and events. We have done some travel while investigating leads and hope to travel to New England soon. My latest "distraction" is learning to play the dulcimer. We first learned to play the instrument through a Road Scholar program. It is a very easy instrument and comes with very few rules. Most anything goes. Reading and gardening (playing in dirt) add to my fun. Favorite trips are visits to Minneapolis and Madison to see our sons and their families.

Linda (North) Awang



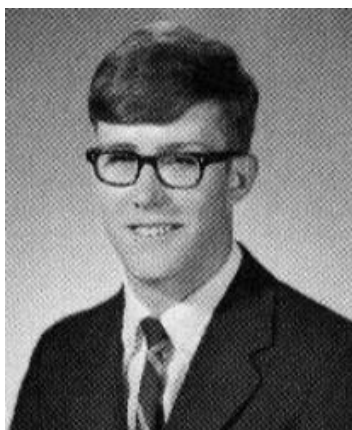
50 years...it hardly seems possible. Since leaving MWHS, I graduated from Western Illinois University, taught 47 years in the same school district - 5th grade, 35 years full time and the last 12 creating activities for differently-abled students. I am married and have raised 3 amazing daughters and been blessed with 6 beautiful grandchildren (4 girls and 2 boys). I am still completely passionate about my life's work and can't wait to start school this year...my last. I received a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1996...with the help of my oldest daughter, age 17, who taught me how to use a function calculator. My husband of 43 years is an author of 2 books, a graduate of WIU, a storyteller, and a realtor. I have traveled to all 50 states and several European countries. We have lived in Woodstock, Illinois, since 1978. My memories of high school are many and important. I cherish all the connections and reconnections I have had with my high school classmates over the last 30 years. You all have shaped me in one way or another, and I thank you for that!! Thanks to John Carl, whose tireless work on our reunions is much appreciated. God bless and keep in touch.

Pam (Osburn) Schneller



I am now Associate Dean at Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, with primary responsibility for the 800-student precollege and adult program. I hold music degrees from the University of Illinois (Urbana) in 1972 and Scarritt Graduate School (1987). I married in 1969 and have two marvelous adult children. My checkered past includes a stint as the co-owner, hostess and DJ with my now ex-husband of a supper club, bowling alley and disco in northern Minnesota. A divorce in 1985 led me to graduate school in Nashville, Tennessee, where I renewed my passion for music and met the love of my life, a pianist and Senior Artist Teacher Emeritus (still teaching) at Vanderbilt University. I served as full-time director of music ministry in churches from 1987-1999, and I have been full-time at Vanderbilt University since 1999.

Tom Redmond



I attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale from 1968 to 1971 before I moved to Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois - Chicago in 1972. When I returned to Carbondale, I entered the graduate program in sociology at SIU, where I met my wife, Mary O'Hara. We have been together for the past 44 years. After graduate school, I worked for the regional planning organization (Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission) before I accepted a job as a planner for the City of Carbondale. I retired from my position as the Development Services Director from the City of Carbondale in 2005 after 27 years of service. I was elected to two terms on the Jackson County Board, retiring in 2016. My hobbies include golf, swimming, reading, travel and brewing beer. I currently serve on the Carbondale Main Street Board and as the Special Event Officer for the Southern Illinois Brewers.

Susan (Ripley) Christensen



Graduating from the University of Iowa with a degree in Social Work, Kurt Christensen and I moved to Madison, WI, where I worked as a hospital social worker at Madison General Hospital. Kurt and I married the next year ('73), and he started his own safety supply company, American Health and Safety. We had 2 boys, Erik in '85 and Kevin in '88, and I retired to care for the children and do part time work at his company. Kurt often traveled to China on business, and I got to go with him on a trip of a lifetime! We had wonderful travels as a family all around the US, Mexico, and Caribbean. We bought a farm outside of Madison and renovated the old barn into our home, where we enjoyed the countryside. Unfortunately, Kurt was injured in an automobile accident in '04 that rendered him a quadriplegic and confined to a power wheelchair. Our company folded. After 9 tough years, he succumbed to a severe pneumonia on October 22, 2013. Since that time, I have regrouped, sold the farm, and moved into Madison, where I enjoy volunteer, musical, dancing, and cultural activities.

Karen (Saxon) Lodolce



I am a retired elementary school teacher and have been married to my husband, John, for 45 years. We live in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. We love to travel and have been to France, England, Italy, and Ireland. Paris is our favorite city! I also enjoy babysitting my grandkids. It's the best job ever! My husband and I are big fans of Broadway musicals – "Hamilton" is one of our favorites. We are enjoying the leisurely lifestyle of retirement!

Diana (Scheerer) Faerber



I currently reside in Scottsdale Arizona. My husband of 27 years, Robert K. Wolfe, recently passed away in 2017. My daughter, Christy, is a professional actress and singer. She has appeared on Broadway in "Les Miserables" and "Kinky Boots" and many other New York productions. I have a two-year-old grandson, Brendan, who loves the alphabet, puzzles, and Billy Joel. After pursuing a modeling career and briefly working at the Gaslight Club, I went on to work for British Airways for thirty-one years as a Passenger Service Agent and in Special Services at O'Hare Airport. I am now retired. I love to dance, especially ballroom dancing. I also enjoy traveling. One of my favorite ways to cross the Atlantic is on Cunard's Queen Mary 2. Some of my favorite destinations include London, Paris and an African Safari that I had the pleasure of taking with my late husband.

Gary & Sharon (Clark) Schoefernacker



We were married in September following our college graduations. Gary went to work for Kemper Insurance Company in underwriting, and Sharon became a registered nurse. In 1976 our daughter, Kristin came along, and in 1979 Scott was born. We lived in Palatine at first, then moved to Hoffman Estates and then to Barrington. Gary left Kemper and worked for CNA in downtown Chicago. In 1993, CNA transferred Gary to Orlando, Florida to head up the LTC underwriting. After 2 years, CNA transferred the department to Nashville, Tennessee, and there we've stayed. We retired in 2005. Kristin married a great guy and they have 3 children: Oliver (12), Owen (8) and Addison (4). They raise dairy cows in northern Indiana, even though Kristin's husband has a full-time job. Scott married a wonderful girl and they have 3 children: Dexter (7), June (3) and Louella (1). They live in Germantown, TN, just outside Memphis. Scott is a hydro-geologist at Memphis University. We like to travel, so we spend most of our time visiting the grandchildren, visiting Sharon's mom in Arlington Heights and travelling the United States and Europe. We feel we've been very blessed!

Cheri (Schueler) Falbo



Life is good, as our two daughters, Britt and Terri, live close to us in La Grange, IL, and we have four grandchildren actively in our lives - Aidan (10), McKenna (8) Beckett Robert (4) and Avery June (2). We are looking forward in 2020 to more free time, when my husband, Bob, owner of Assured Financial Services, retires. Bob supports pre-schools on the South side of Chicago, with their monthly paper work for the CACFP program, Child & Adult Care Food Program. I am officially retired from teaching, after many years with Crystal Lake Elementary School District. Throughout my elementary career, I taught every grade except 4th, with primary kids my love and specialty (e.g., 2nd/3rd)! And for those of you who remember, I played banjo; it served me well teaching primary children, as "Music is the door to our Soul!" Looking ahead...seeking meaning and purpose to my life, my bucket list includes travel, volunteering at a children's hospital, writing mini books for educators, piano lessons, learning a language, practicing healthy living, and attending a grandchild's wedding. My fondest Maine West Memories include Choir, Aquiana, and Variety Show Director (1968).

Carolyn (Shayman) Wissmiller



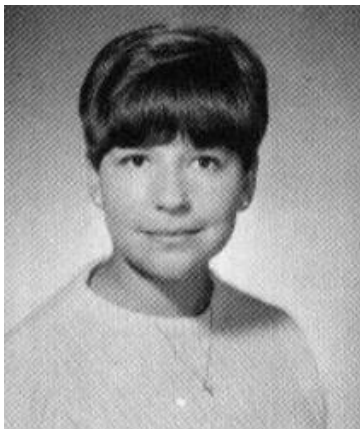
I graduated from U. of I. in 1972 with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in math. My children were shocked that anyone could finish college in four years. My professional career sounds like I have ADD. I taught first and third grades (Elgin U-46). I was a technical writer (Pansophic and Honeywell). I developed math courseware (Scott, Foresman - remember Sally, Dick, & Jane?). While having the great fortune to be a stay-at-home-mom, I was a substitute teacher (Glen Ellyn 89), an instructor at the College of DuPage, and a very involved school volunteer. Two years ago, I retired from the Youth Department at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. My husband, Paul, and I have two fantastic children. Ian is a GIS Specialist with Nicor Gas. He and his wife, Marisa, are the proud parents of our beautiful granddaughter, Lucy. Sara is an accountant with the Chicago Cubs. She and her boyfriend, Alex, are the happy owners of our rescue grand-dog, Dave Thomas. Physical and mental challenges include kayaking, biking, skiing, and performing with a Readers Theatre troupe and an improv team. (Check out our Facebook page - "How to Get Away with Anything.")

Gary Shelnutt



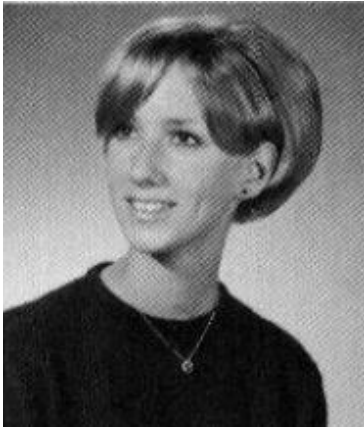
I live in Victoria, Texas and have been here for 39 years. In 1969, I left home to serve in the Navy. I met Matilda Garza in Long Beach, California in January 1971, and we were married in Las Vegas on March 20th, 1971. We were married for 45 wonderful years, but I have been widowed for the past two years. We had a daughter, Karra, in 1976, at Northwest Hospital in Park Ridge. She is married and lives in Houston, Texas. I worked for E. I. DuPont for 21 and a half years. I loved playing and making guitars, and woodworking, until I retired in 2003 after I had a stroke. My current residence is in a senior Assisted Living facility. After all these years, I'm still a Cubs fan. My wish is that those who make it to the Reunion have a great time. I wish I could be there.

Deborah (Sider) Adams



In my junior year English class, Ms. Linda Jenewein said, "The best thing you can do for yourself is to attend college far away from home." I guess you could say I took her advice seriously, as I studied at Northern Arizona University for my BS in English 1972, then joined the Peace Corps 1973-76 and taught ESL in Bangkok, Thailand, and traveled around Asia. I spent the next three years in Odawara, Japan as an ESL teacher. In 1980, I received my MA in Linguistics for ESL Curriculum Development at the University of Lancaster, England. I married Rick Adams, an Engineer at Johnson Space Center, Texas in 1984 and moved to San Diego, where I transitioned to technical training. Our son, Alex Jon Adams, was born in 1986, and the same year I received my MS in Information Systems at West Coast University. We sold our home in 2016 and moved to Tennessee to help my son take care of the grandkiddies. So here I am here in Goodlettsville, Tennessee in charge of one 3-year-old and one 7-year-old. Rick is still consulting in the DC area and will soon retire and join us here. I am active in our church and the Returned PC Volunteer group. I'm a conservative, active on Twitter (Nana4Adams), and I love to play Words with Friends.

Jackie (Silk) McMahon



I got engaged at 17 and married at 19, and I became a mother at 20! My daughter, Carrie, is 47 and married. She is the mother of my two grandsons, Justin (9) and Danny (7). My son, Doug, who is now 44, is not married. We all live in Loveland, Colorado, and have for about 15 years. We love it here, and even though I visit Chicago a fair amount, I really don't miss it. My backyard overlooks Rocky Mountain National Park, so why would I miss Illinois?? I didn't actually start my "career" until 1984 when I became a travel agent. I've worked my way up – to travel agency owner, a travel agency consultant for their accounting systems, and I now write software that I sell to travel agencies to assist in their bookings. I'm self-employed and still love my job. My hobbies are golf and wine, and of course travel! I snowbird in AZ with my husband, Joe, and we golf the winter away down there. Joe is my second husband, as I was divorced after 22 years of marriage. I'm a stepmom to Joe's two kids, a son, Nick, and a daughter named Emily. My life is full, busy, and happy! I couldn't ask for more.

Gary Smith



After graduating high school, I obtained a Mechanical Engineer degree from the University of Illinois. In 1972, I began work for DuPont. Over the next 32 years, I worked various engineering, safety and management jobs in Richmond, Virginia, Wilmington, North Carolina, Seaford and Wilmington, Delaware. While I was in Virginia, I obtained an MBA from the University of Richmond. After I retired in 2004, I consulted in Canada and Mexico and worked at the country club pro shop. My wife, Sandy, and I have 3 children: Lauren (34), Shelley (32) and David (30). We have recently downsized from our "house in the woods" to a 55+ retirement community in the Amish countryside near Lancaster, PA. Sandy and I play golf most days and spend about 4 months a year wintering in Hilton Head, South Carolina and exploring and hiking the National Parks and backwoods areas of the US and Canada. Our next adventure will likely be the US Northwest and Victoria, Canada, as our oldest is newly relocated in Seattle.

Mary (Thaisa Smith) Bantz



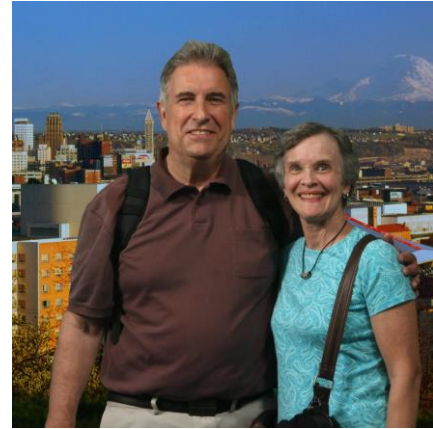
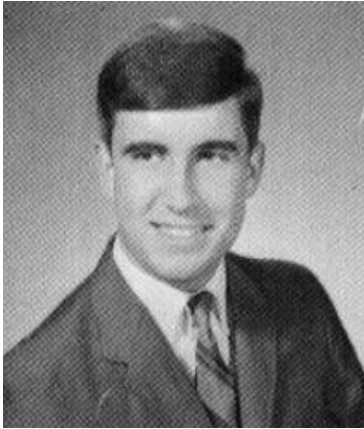
I did not appreciate high school, although I did quite well academically. I arranged to graduate in January 1968. All I wanted to do was have fun back then, but I worked, too. Thanks to my parents for having given me dance lessons, I was invited to join a tour as a Hawaiian dancer. I also enrolled at Oakton College, and when I returned from my second and last tour as a dancer in 1974, I met my future husband, John, in biology class. After our first "date" at a pizza restaurant, we were both hooked on each other. We married in 1977 and had two girls within the next few years. My education was put on "hold" while I raised my children. I took care of my husband after he was diagnosed with MS until he went to heaven in 2003. He was amazing, as are our two daughters, Laura and Julia. Laura teaches at MCC, and Julia is a vet tech in Palatine. I am blessed with three talented grandchildren. I went to Northeastern to finish college after John left me, and I graduated summa cum laude in 2012. I currently work as an online editor for B Business Solutions, but my most important goal in life now is to do the Lord's work every day and to be of service to others.

Jean (Spindler) Reichs



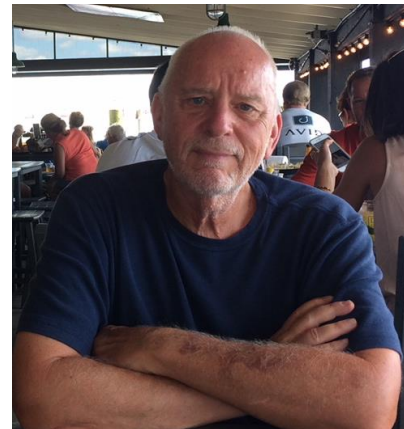
After Maine West, I continued my education at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, graduating in 1972 with a BFA - Graphic Design. It was there I met my husband, Arvils Reichs. We were married from 1971 until the time of his death in 2006. After graduation, we returned to Chicago, first renting in Hillside, and then we purchased our first and only home in Lombard to raise our daughter. Most of my 40+ years in the workforce were spent at several retailers' corporate office managing departments that determined product placement and store merchandising layouts. When my daughter signed up for College of DuPage, I did, too. Since PCs did not exist during our college days, I was determined to learn the computer graphics programs to supplement the standard office and proprietary programs used in a corporate environment. Certification in Desktop Publishing resulted, followed by employment at the college as a tutor and substitute teacher and then a return to the corporate world. I have been semi-retired for the last eight years. Between working part-time for yet another retailer at their corporate office, babysitting my two grandchildren, and tending to my large yard, I really do not feel "retired" at all!

Bill Steger



Following graduation from Maine West, I attended Northwestern University. In 1970, I married my lifelong soul mate, Karen Plate (class of 1967). I graduated from Northwestern with a B.A. in 1972 and was drafted into the U.S. Army later that year. Our oldest daughter, Michelle, was also born that year. Our daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Frankfurt, Germany while I was stationed there. In the 1970's, I received a Master's in Counseling and was a supervisor at the Illinois Department of Public Aid. In the 1980's, I got a Master of Divinity degree, worked for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and was a youth minister. Since 1993, I have been a full-time church pastor. In 2015, I received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Northern Seminary in Lisle. My current congregation is known for its ministry in the visual arts, especially the intersection of faith and film. Karen is enjoying retirement. Michelle is a high school guidance counselor, and Elizabeth is a supervisor at DCFS. We have two awesome sons-in-law and three phenomenal grandchildren! Travel and photography are two of my favorite activities. Recent trips have included the American Southwest, the Northwest, and Israel.

Bob Von Gyurcsy



A year after leaving MW, I moved to San Diego, where I went to San Diego State University and majored in Telecommunications and Film. In 1976, I worked at the local CBS station, KFMB, as a news camera assistant. From there I moved to Tulsa, OK, and worked at the local ABC station, KTUL, as a news videographer. In 1987 I moved to Dallas along with the production company I worked for, which was producing professional wrestling programs. I met my wife in Dallas, and we moved to Fort Myers on the west coast of Florida in 2004. We are retired there now. I've spent 45 years in TV production and related jobs, 18 years in TV News, 10 years producing and syndicating professional wrestling and 5 years in golf-related programming. After that, I worked in Fort Myers shooting news. Along the way, I garnered one Emmy and a Florida Associated Press award. As a retired person living in Florida, I play golf and go fishing. We are also doing as much traveling as we can. This spring my wife and I were in Ireland and Scotland, and later this year we are back to Europe for about a month, as I still have family in Germany.

Wendy Wallace



Hello from the classmate who has stayed put in Des Plaines since 1955! After Maine West, I attended Valparaiso University, BS, and University of IL Chicago, MBA. I am a retired IRS Revenue Agent (Auditor) of 34 years and taught management classes, part-time, at Oakton Community College for 30 years. I never married, but for the last 18 years I've been fortunate to have Ralph, a retired MW teacher, in my life. He and I have traveled to France, Ireland and England, the Bahamas, Washington, D.C. and many of our beautiful states. I love attending concerts at Ravinia and elsewhere. I am planning to see Fleetwood Mac with Ralph in St. Paul this October! I also enjoy going to theater performances and musicals. I have been active at the First Congregational Church of Des Plaines since childhood. I own a house, enjoy gardening, and especially enjoy spending time with Ralph and friends...we eat out a lot! Looking forward to our 50-year MW Reunion and seeing You!

John Walter



After MW, I attended trade school in Minneapolis and was placed with Delta Airlines. I experienced one brutal winter at O'Hare and left to pursue warmer employment. I worked three years at Baxter Labs but felt the strong pull of adventure. So, I loaded my new Honda 450cc motorcycle with 150 pounds of gear and logged 5,000 wonderful miles exploring the West Coast and decided to make sunny Redondo Beach, CA, my permanent home. There were plenty of opportunities for sports car racing, motorcycling, camping and skiing in Cali. I've never regretted my decision. I raced cars for several years and even towed cross-country in 1976 to a huge event in Elkhart Lake, WI. I married my Cali girl, Patrice, 30 years ago. Our daughter, Amber, is 28 and happily married for 7 years to a Scotsman. No little Macbeths yet! My two main passions are still cars and exploring. I'm active in the local Corvette community and volunteer at an auto museum. I get to drive cars spanning more than 100 years. My bucket list is to visit all 60 National Parks. By September, I'll be at #50 and am trying to finish by the end of 2020. Wishing you all enjoyable retirements. Me, I'm still lovin' the great outdoors! Cheers, John (Jack)

Lorrie (Ware) Perrone



The plan was to graduate from college, get employed, marry, have children, earn a master's degree, and retire from teaching. Mission accomplished! My loving family and loyal friends have surrounded me and accompanied me on this journey. I'm proud to have 3 step-sons, 2 boys of my own, 3 daughters-in-law, 6 older step grandkids, 2 young grand-daughters and a boy on the way. I love and depend on my sister, brother, and a close cousin. I count dear friends among my blessings, one from grade school, one from high school, and my college roommate. Happy to own a 120-acre "hobby farm" in Wisconsin. Pleased, also, that I continue to be involved in the field of education through substitute teaching. Many things haven't changed about me. I've always lived in Des Plaines. I've had many pets; right now, 5 cats. I still love to read and gather information. I love words: crossword puzzles, jumbles, scrabble, poetry, spelling..... I think outside-the-box creatively and enjoy cross-stitch and arts & crafts. I attend musical and theater performances, but my singing voice has aged, so no more solos. But, life is good. And who knows what lies ahead!

Linda (Wells) McNelley



I am forever grateful that I attended Maine West High School! My friendships and experiences there gave me the confidence to pursue my life-long career as an educator. I earned my bachelor's degree from WIU and my master's degree from NIU, becoming the first college graduate in my family. I taught for several years before my second career as a stay-at-home mom began. Then later, I returned to teaching for a grand total of thirty years before retiring in 2011. My husband and I have three grown children, along with six grandchildren who all live within walking distance of us. Our grandchildren are fifth-generation Chicagoans! Besides spending time with family and friends, I like exploring technology, reading, collecting antiques, and traveling. In fact, we recently drove from Chicago to LA on historic Route 66. One highlight of that trip was touring the McDonald's Museum in San Bernardino, CA, where we saw a replica of the very first franchised McDonald's Restaurant which, actually, was located in our town of Des Plaines. Proudly, I signed the guest book in the name of our Maine West Class of '68!

Lois (Whitman) Eakin



I currently live in Logan Square, Chicago. We moved here from our home in Oak Park, Illinois, where we raised our three children and lived for 24 years. Our oldest child is Amy, who recently left her job as a Vice President at London Stock Exchange to stay at home with her two children. Next oldest is Elliot, a furniture designer for PYR and has his own furniture design business (ellioteakin.com) here in Chicago. Elliot also has two children. Our youngest, David, is a pilot for Atlas Cargo. I am semi-retired from a career in graphic design. I was a stay-at-home mother until my children finished elementary school. I no longer work in graphic design but have been painting part-time for the last 7 years. I am very fortunate to be represented by two galleries, Longbranch in Mineral Point, WI and Fine Line Designs in Door County, WI. Check out my work at loiseakin.com. My husband of almost 39 years, Garret, is a retired architect. My days are filled with babysitting, painting, working on the house, traveling and a little cooking.

Kathe Wilson



I currently reside in Oregon, Illinois and have been here for 21 years. I moved here from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and lived in several places in Arizona, as well. I am presently single but was married for 33 years. There were no children, so, no grandchildren! My work history is a diverse one, including a horseback riding instructor, freight truck driver, railroad clerk, veterinary surgical assistant, and more! This April, I retired from the Oregon Public Library after 22-plus years of service there. I really liked that job! My time is now dedicated to my crafts (wood carving, mostly), my horse (Coda), and volunteer work (708 Board, Woman's Club Antique Show, and CofC type stuff). Oregon is revitalizing itself with more businesses, more watercraft on the Rock River and art experiences. It's an exciting time and place to be retired.

Mike Wisniewski

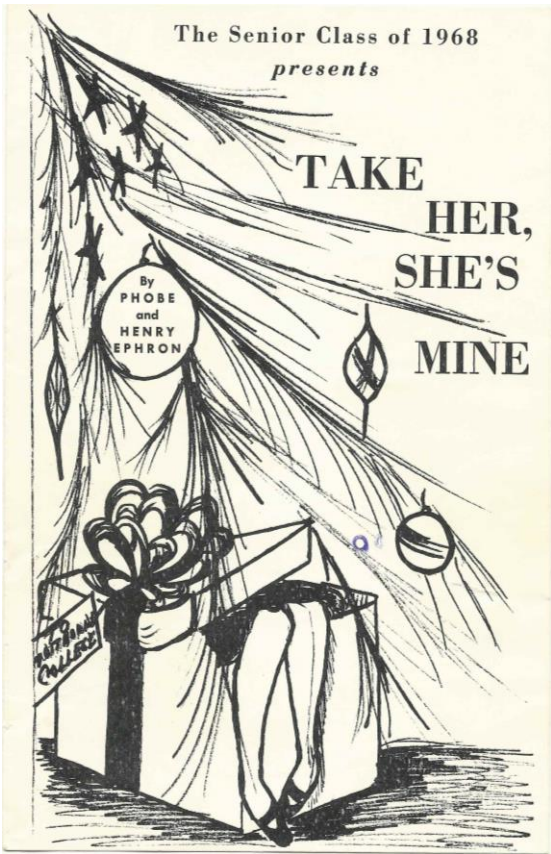


After Maine West, I went to junior college and graduated in 1970. I worked at K-Mart on Oakton St. for two years, and I paid cash for a new Camaro in 1971. I attended Western IL University. While at college, I walked on the WIU football team and earned a Varsity letter. I was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and graduated with a BA in Psychology in 1974. After college, I worked in the field of Information Technology/Software Sales & Cyber Security for Silicon Valley firms. When I married, my wife and I had two sons, Joseph and Andrew; however, we divorced, and I have lived in Naperville, IL for 37 years. Today, I am still employed by a \$10 billion IT company in the field of global Cyber security/consulting. My travels include Germany, Spain, Mexico, Aruba, Romania, Maui, England and 45 of the 50 states. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, motorcycles, gardening, snorkeling, and deep-sea fishing.

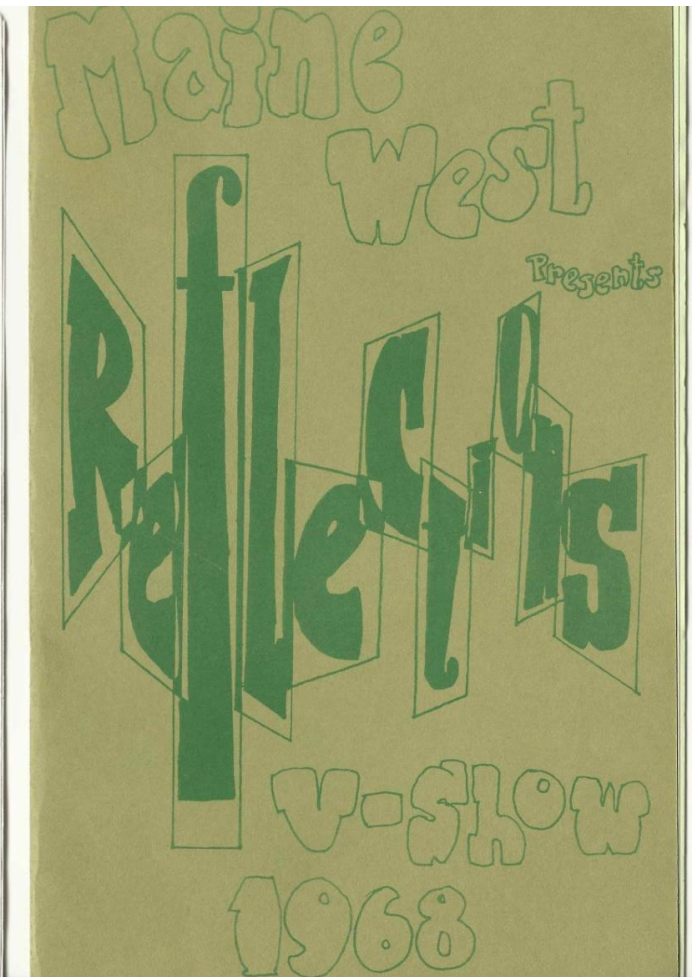
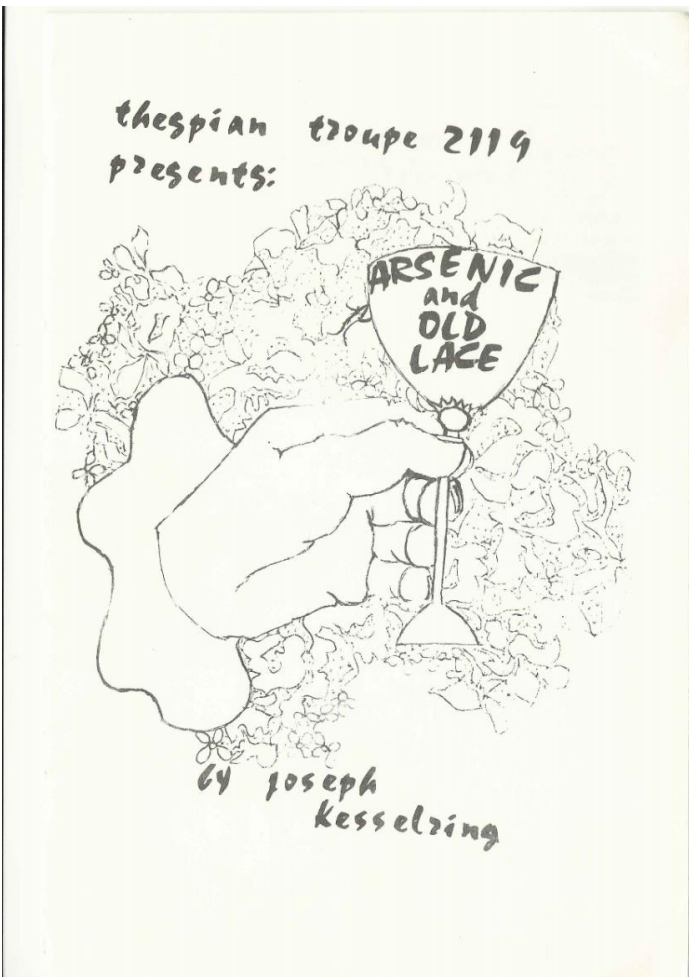
Donna (Woolard) Ruesch



After graduating, I spent 25 years doing secretarial work in Des Plaines, Chicago, and Lakeland, Florida, where my husband, Kevin, worked as an environmental consultant. In 1995, I started taking some college courses, something I had zero interest in doing in 1968. I graduated in 1999 from Florida Southern College with an English degree, and the college hired me as a writer and editor. We've spent our free time giving a good home to three golden retrievers, biking and hiking in New England, the Rockies, Napa Valley, Canada, Alaska, France, the Swiss Alps, England and Italy...and we're not done yet. After we retired, we moved to Asheville, North Carolina, just a few short miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains, and a mecca for hiking, arts and crafts, music, and breweries. It's lovely here! We're not rich, but we have a comfortable retirement, a home near a beautiful lake with walking paths, good health, freedom, hobbies, friends, and the time to enjoy them. We feel lucky and most grateful.



Playbills
From the past....



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Lyons



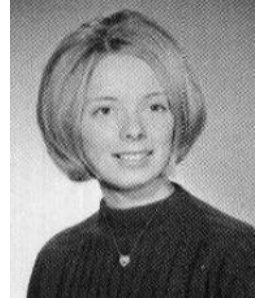
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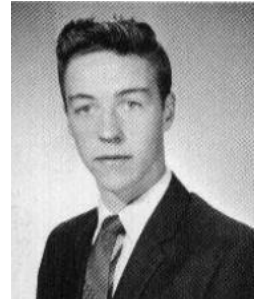
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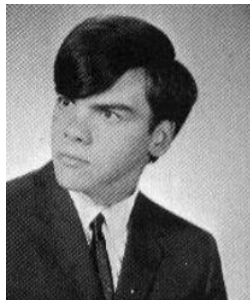
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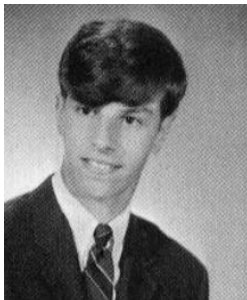
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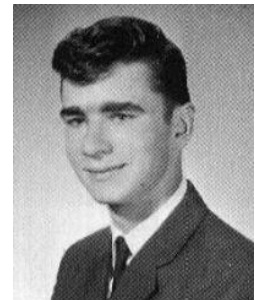
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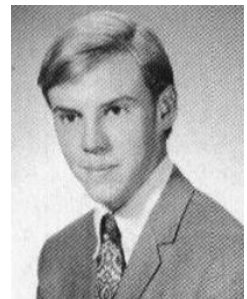
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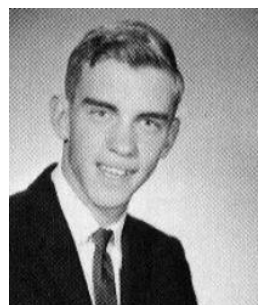
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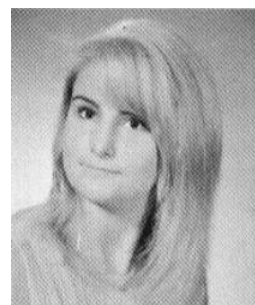
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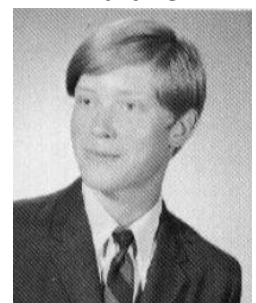
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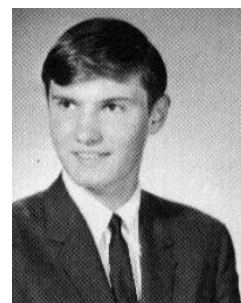
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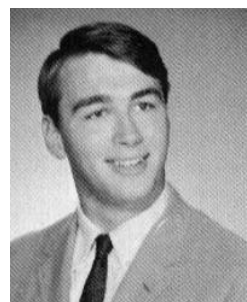
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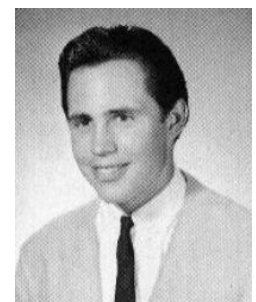
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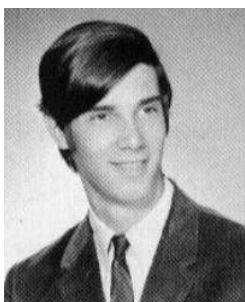
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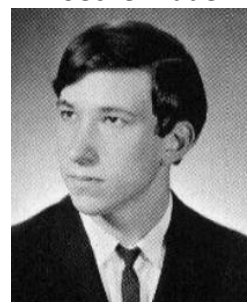
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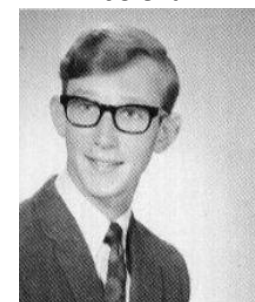
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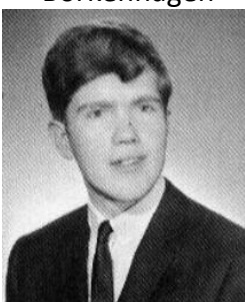
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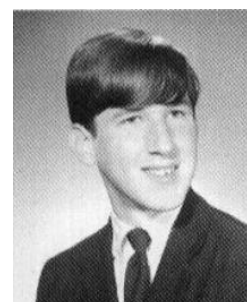
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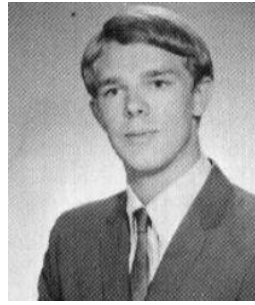
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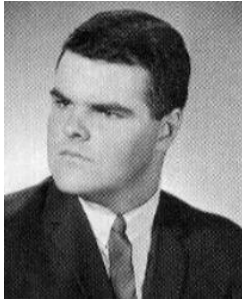
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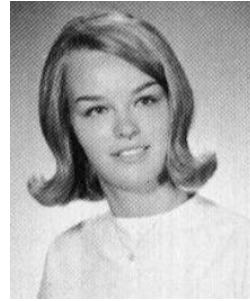
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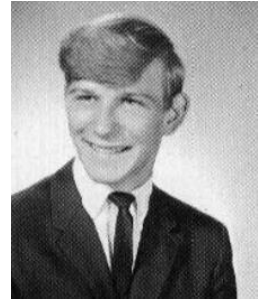
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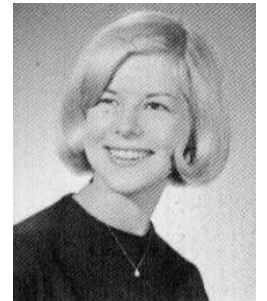
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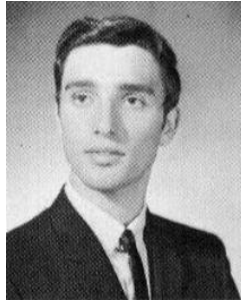
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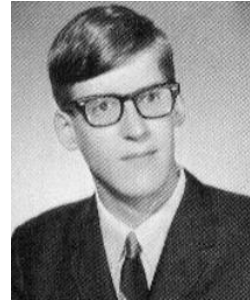
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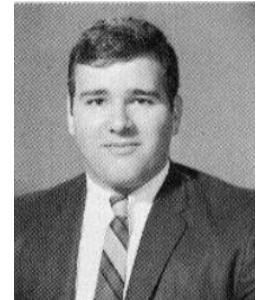
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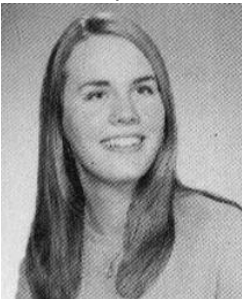
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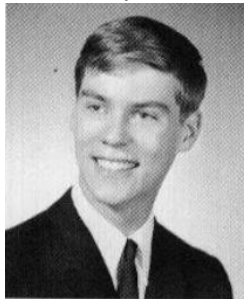
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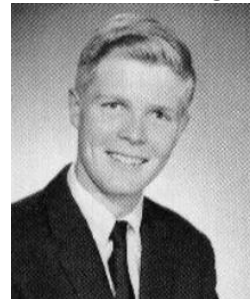
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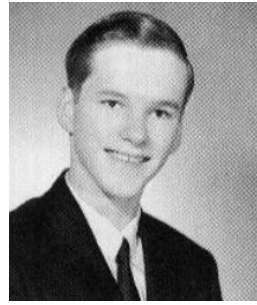
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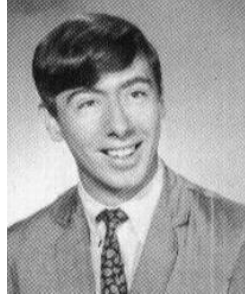
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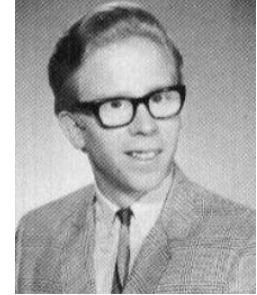
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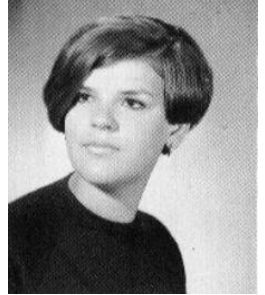
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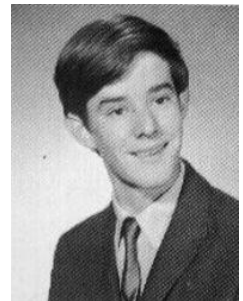
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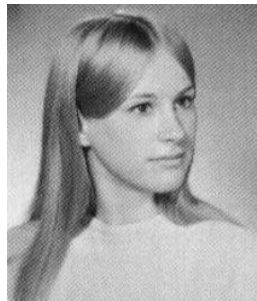
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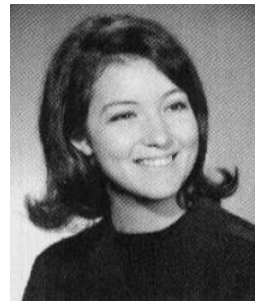
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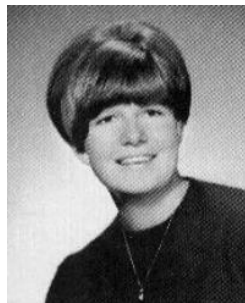
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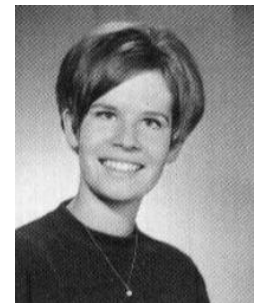
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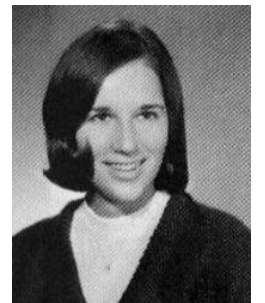
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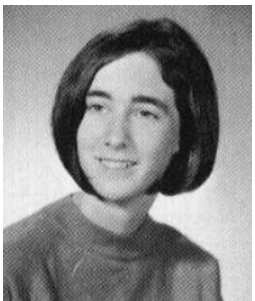
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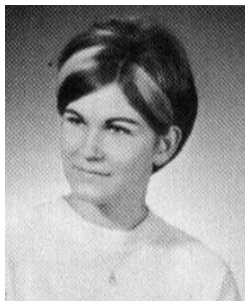
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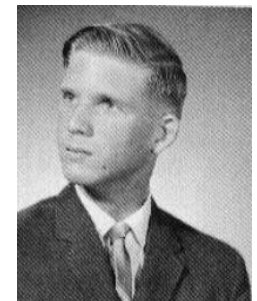
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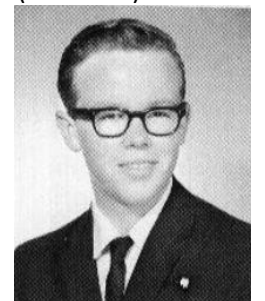
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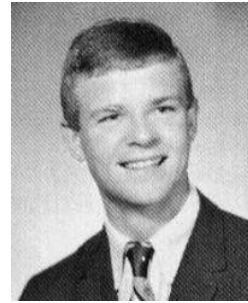
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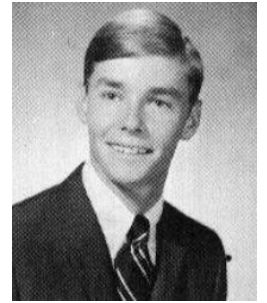
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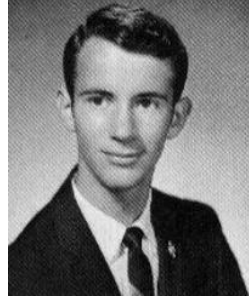
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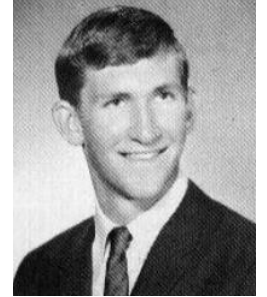
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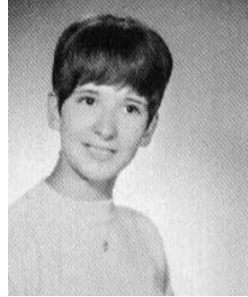
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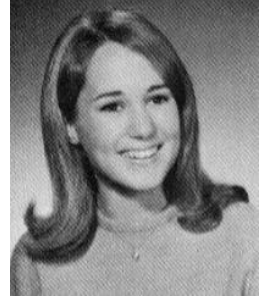
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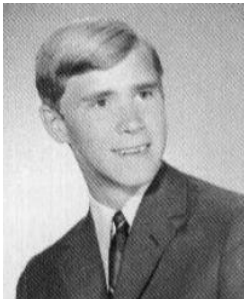
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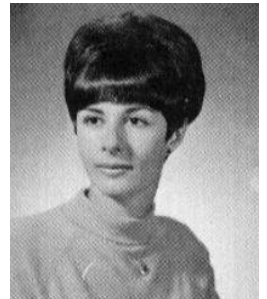
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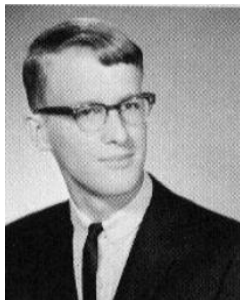
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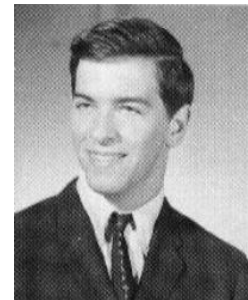
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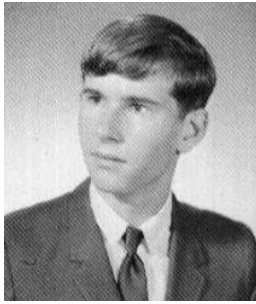
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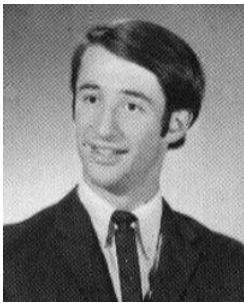
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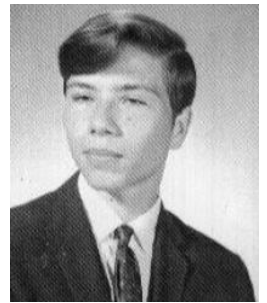
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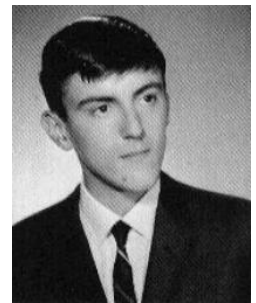
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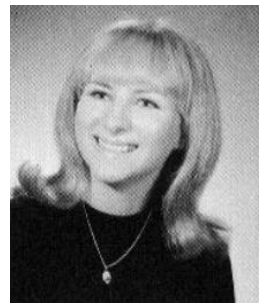
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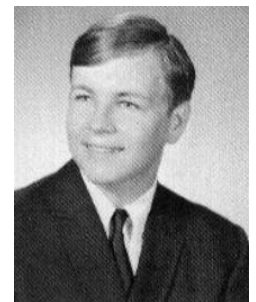
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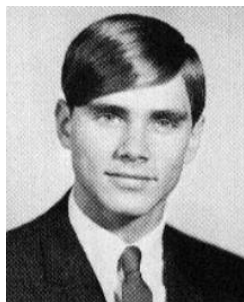
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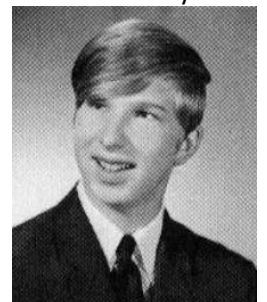
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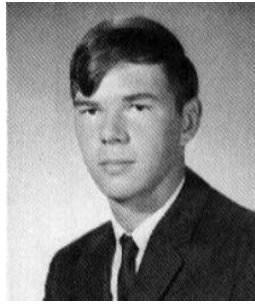
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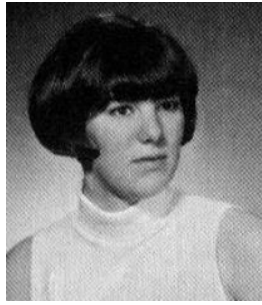
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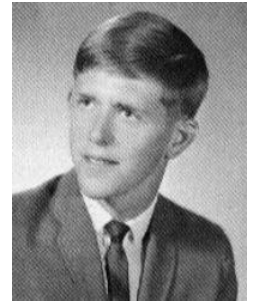
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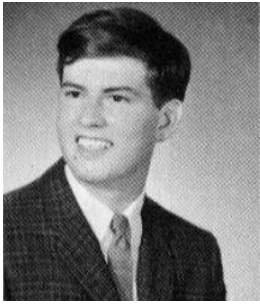
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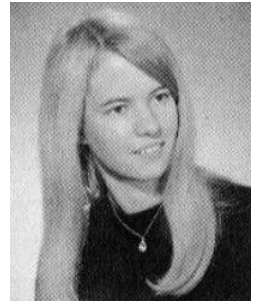
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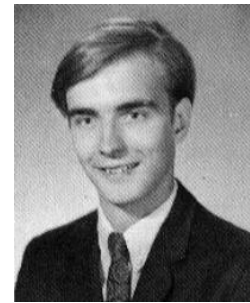
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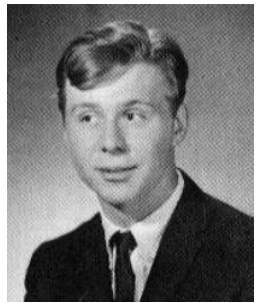
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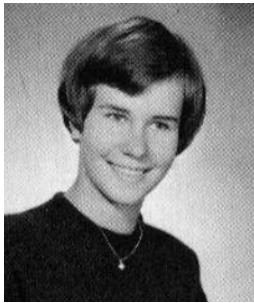
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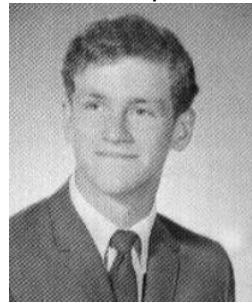
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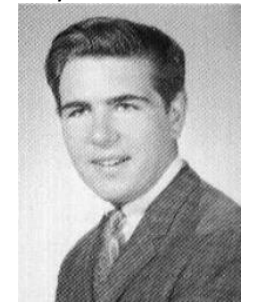
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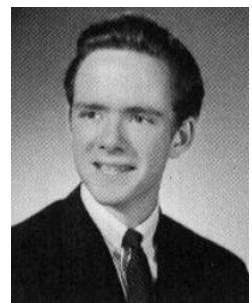
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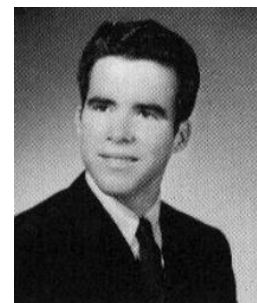
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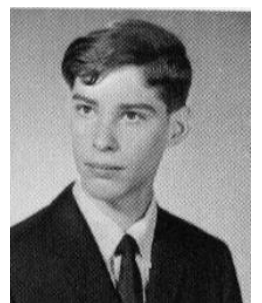
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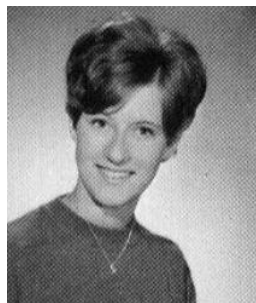
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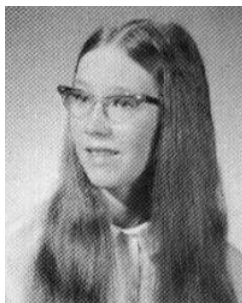
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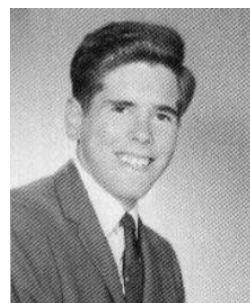
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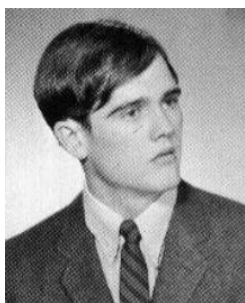
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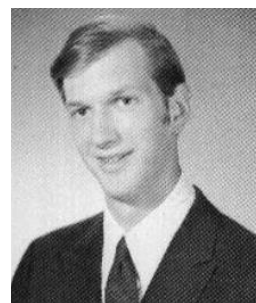
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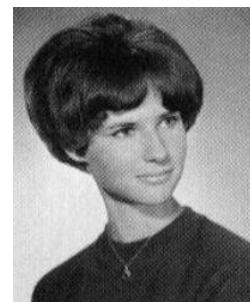
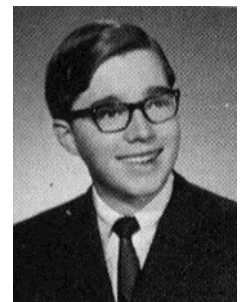
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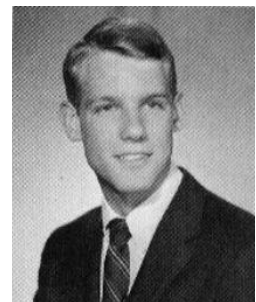
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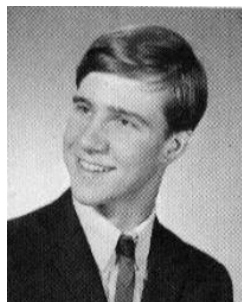
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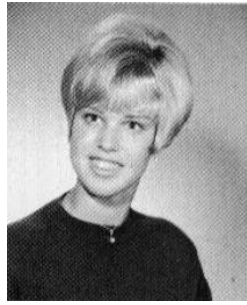


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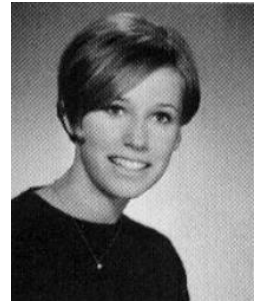
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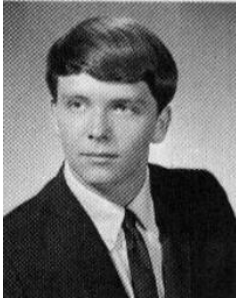
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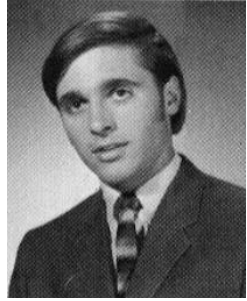
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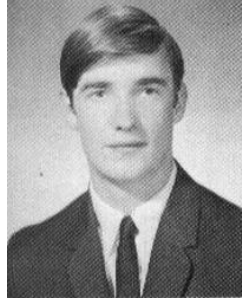
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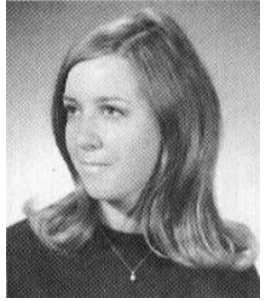
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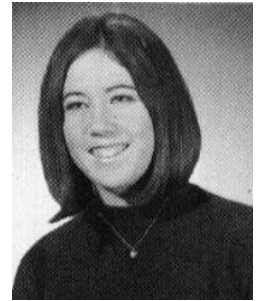
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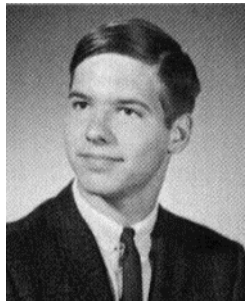
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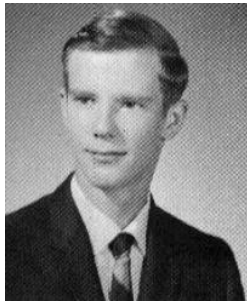
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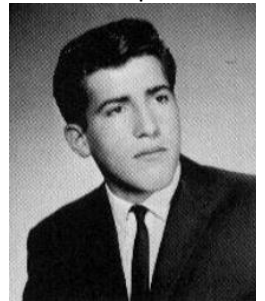
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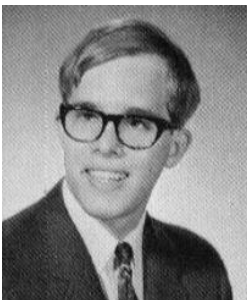
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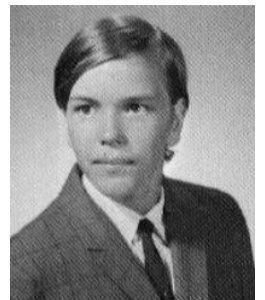
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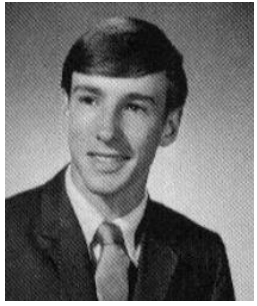
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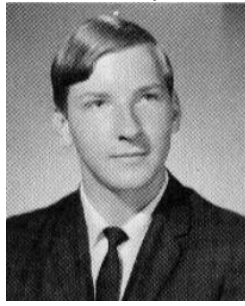
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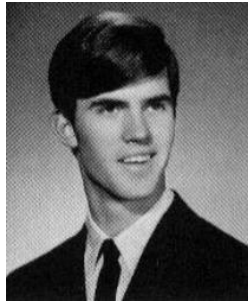
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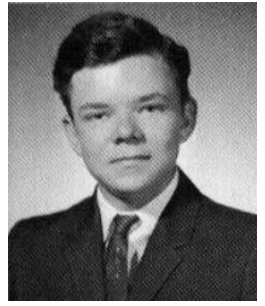
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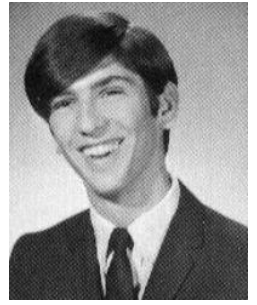
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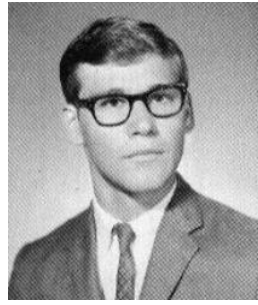
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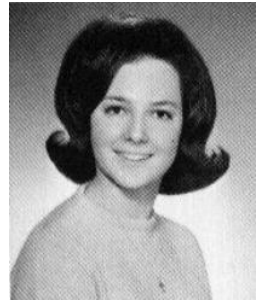
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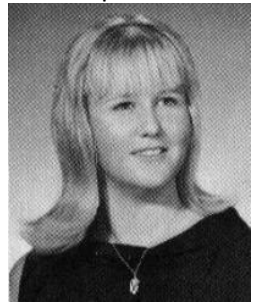
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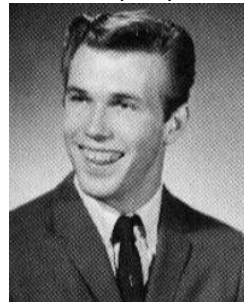
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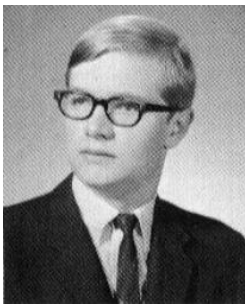
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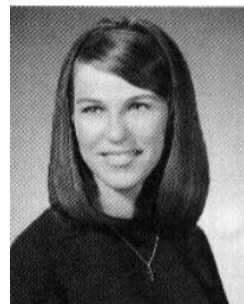
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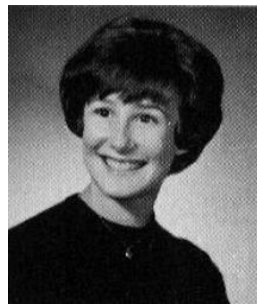
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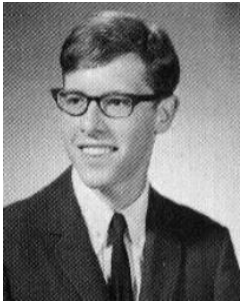
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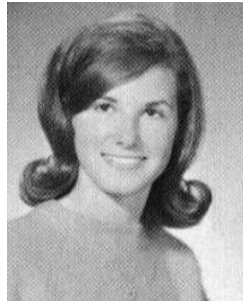
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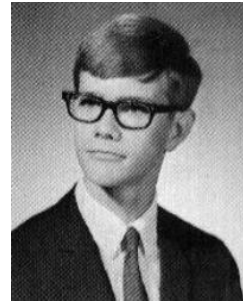
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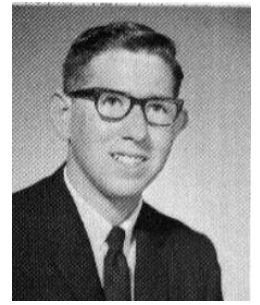
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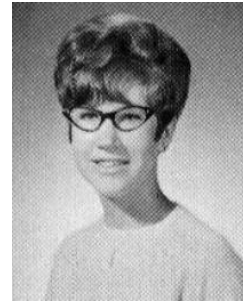
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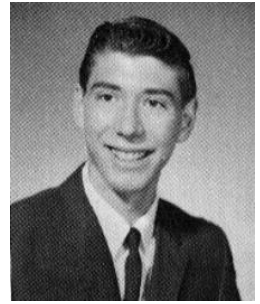
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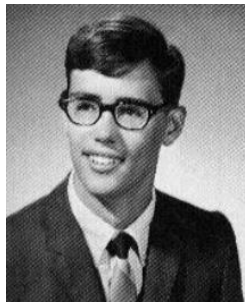
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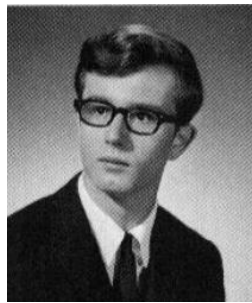
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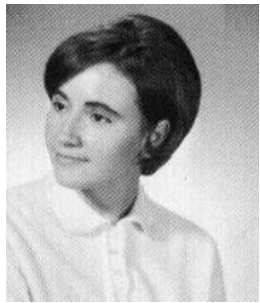
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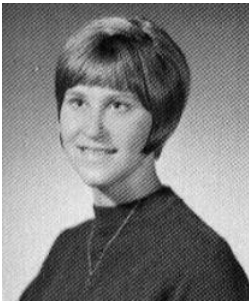
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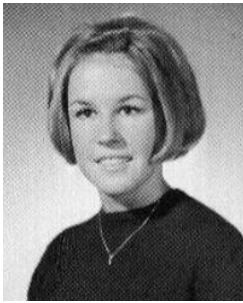
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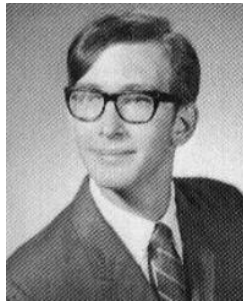
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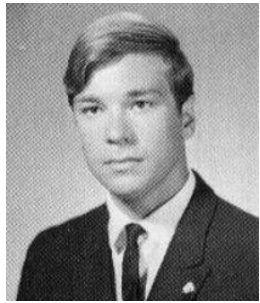
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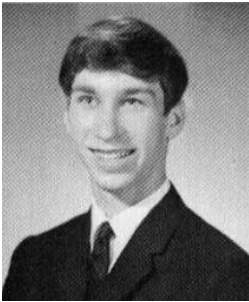
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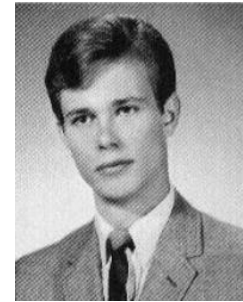
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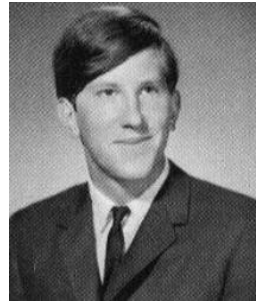
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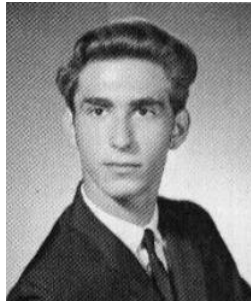
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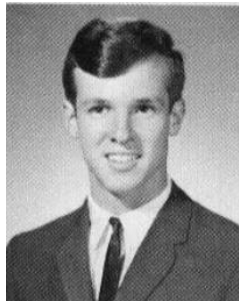
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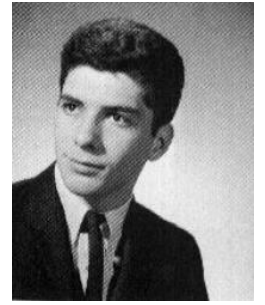
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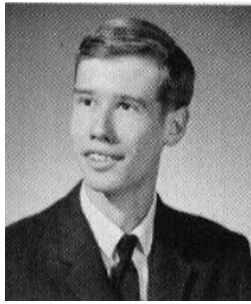
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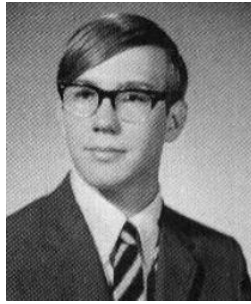
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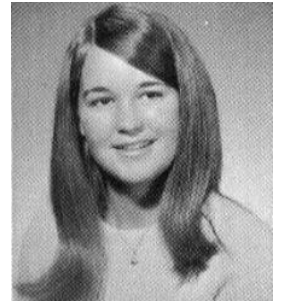
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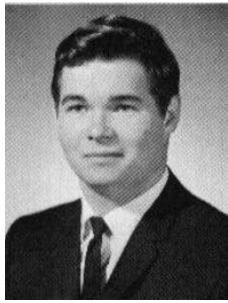
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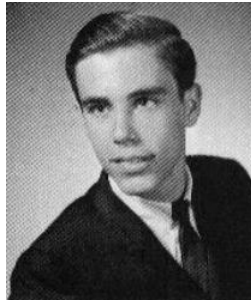
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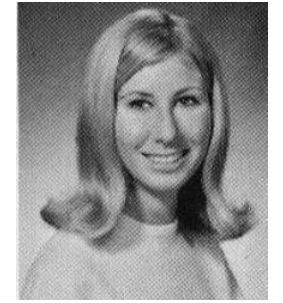
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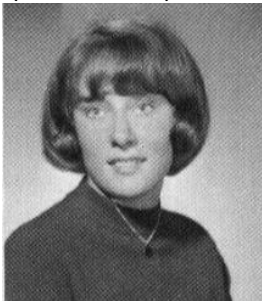
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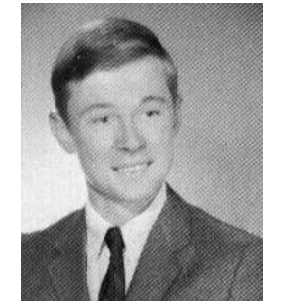
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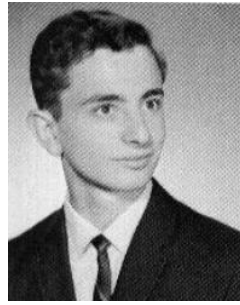
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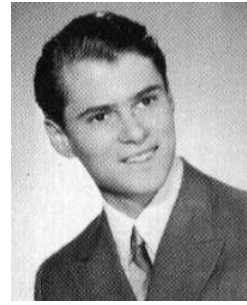
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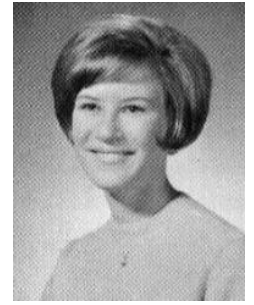
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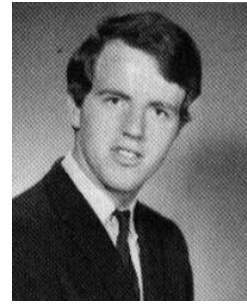
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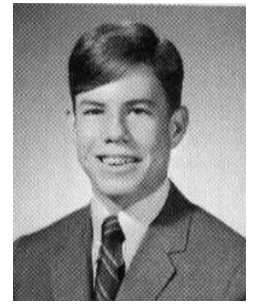
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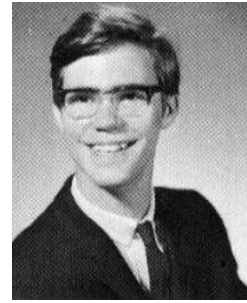
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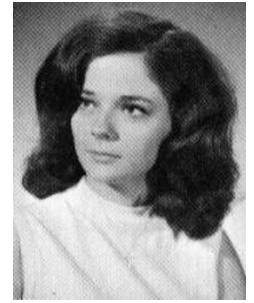
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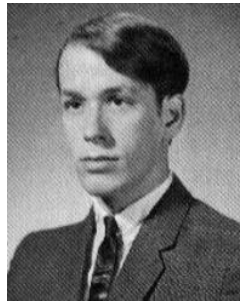
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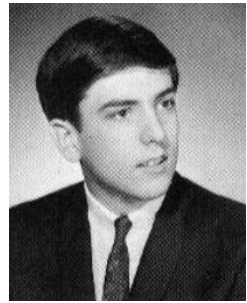
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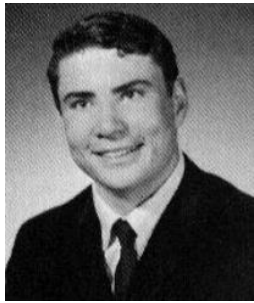
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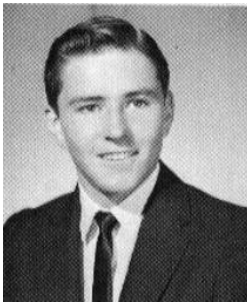
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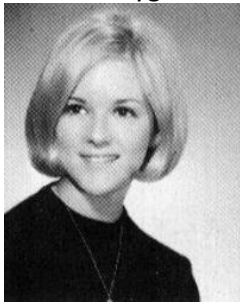
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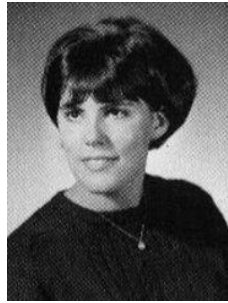
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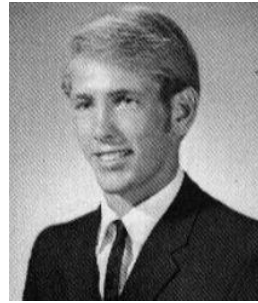
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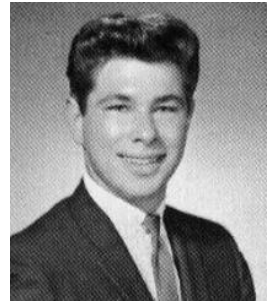
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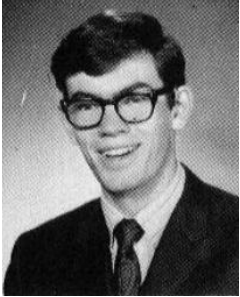
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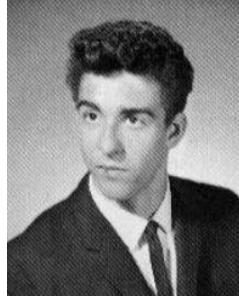
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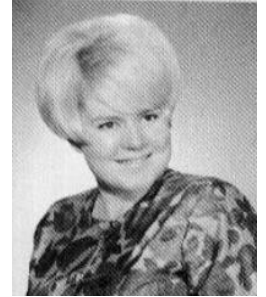
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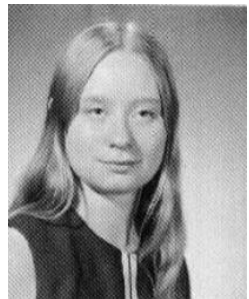
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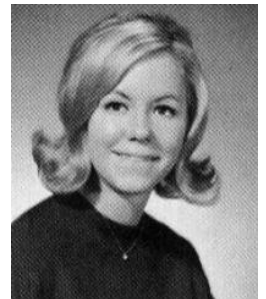
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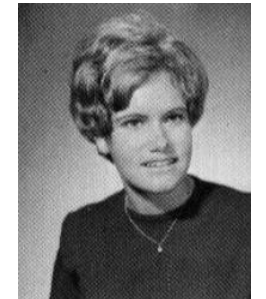
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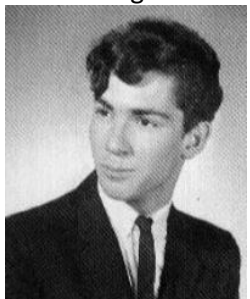
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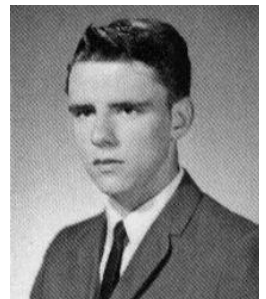
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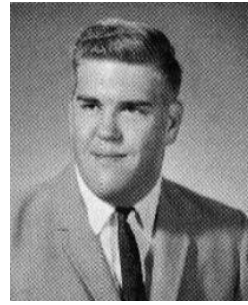
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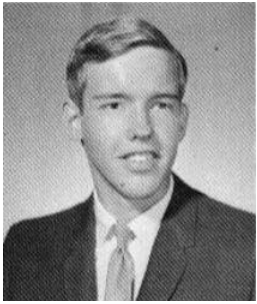
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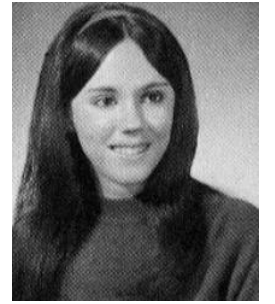
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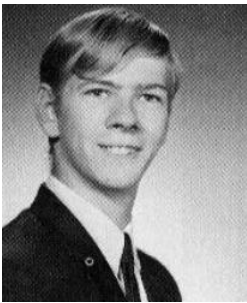
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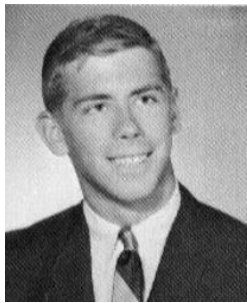
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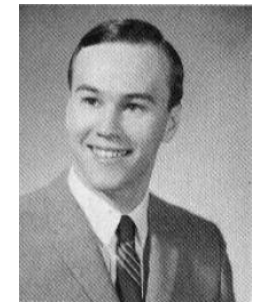
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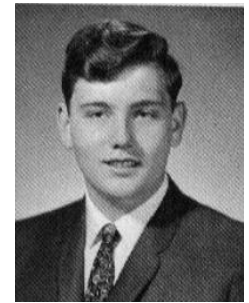
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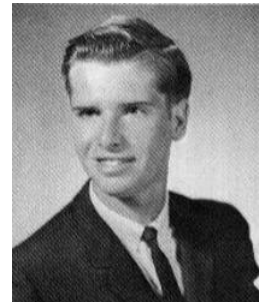
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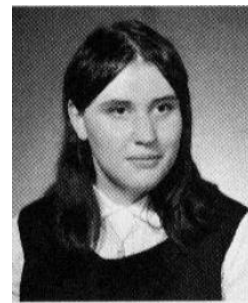
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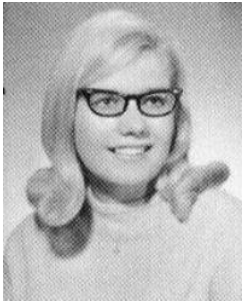
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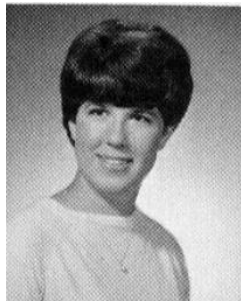
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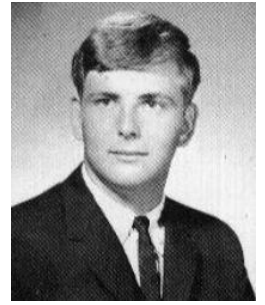
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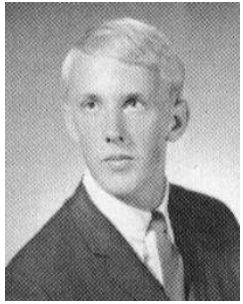
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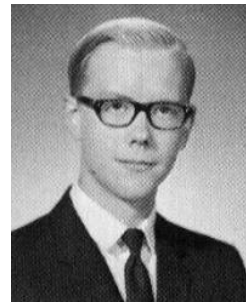
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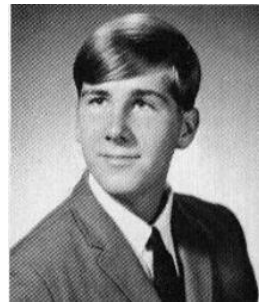
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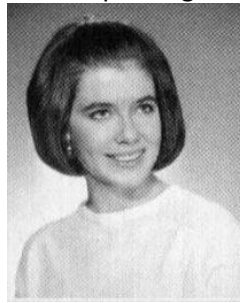
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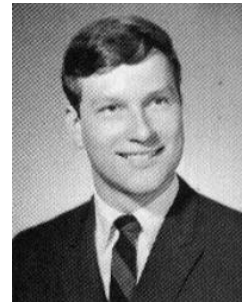
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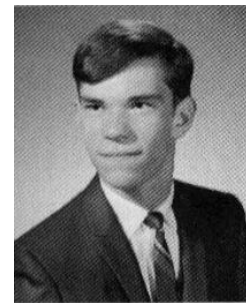
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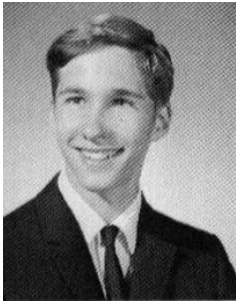
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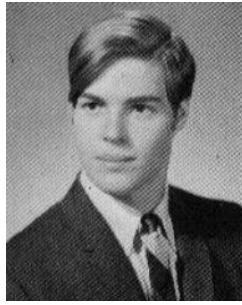
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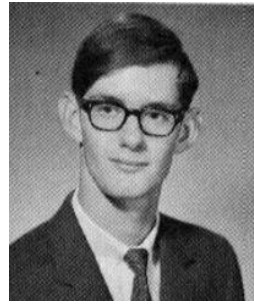
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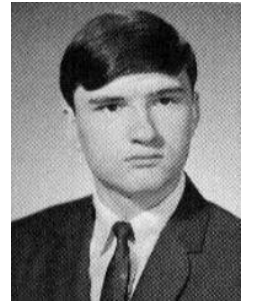
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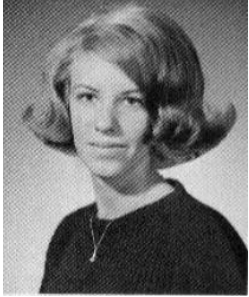
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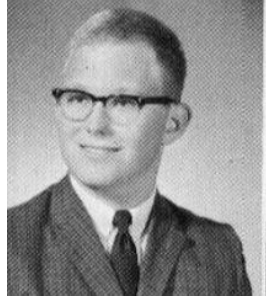
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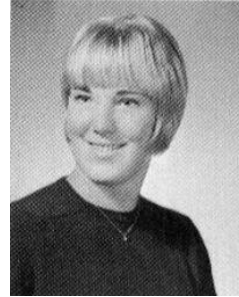
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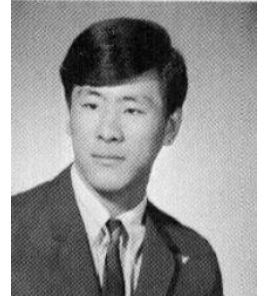
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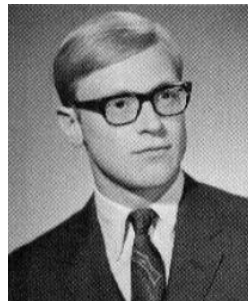
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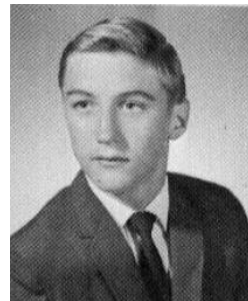
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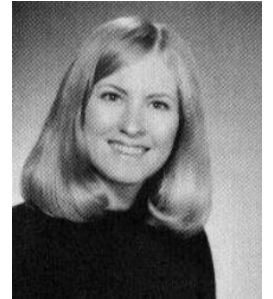
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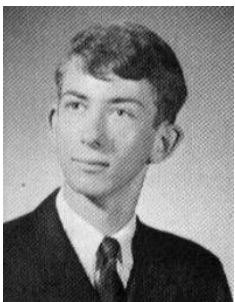
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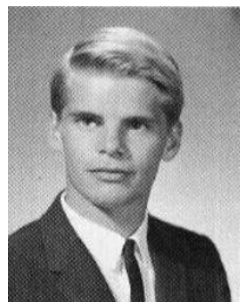
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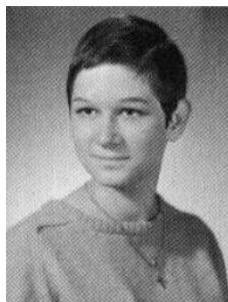
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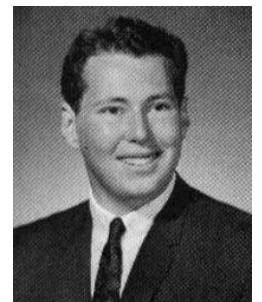
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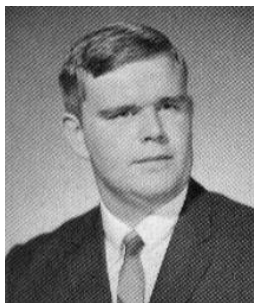
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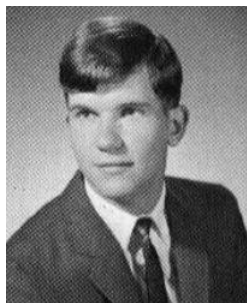
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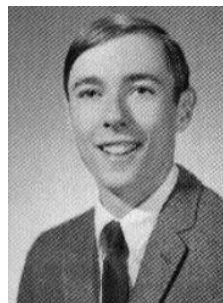
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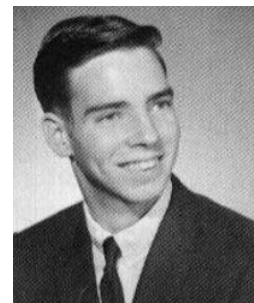
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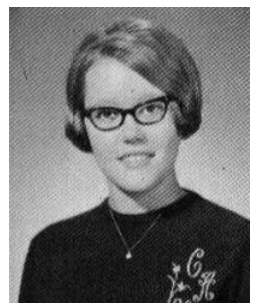
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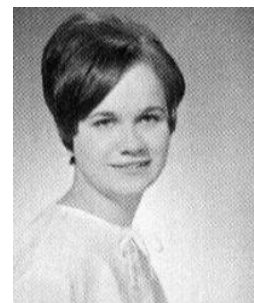
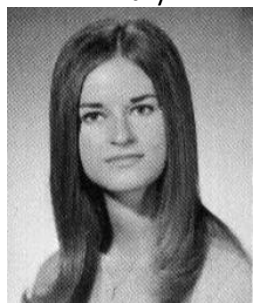
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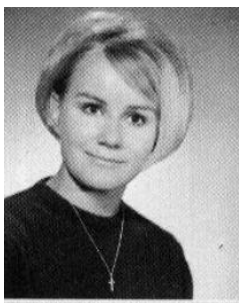
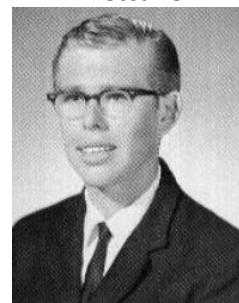
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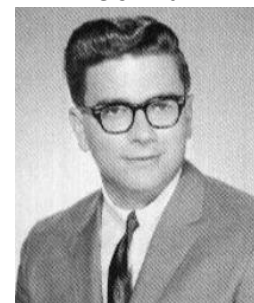
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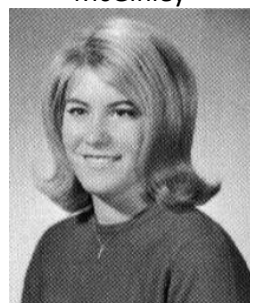
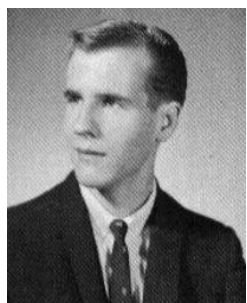
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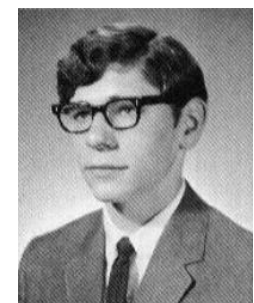
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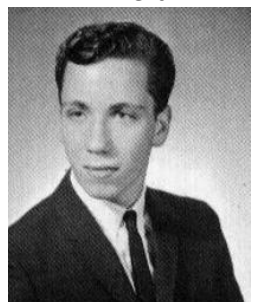
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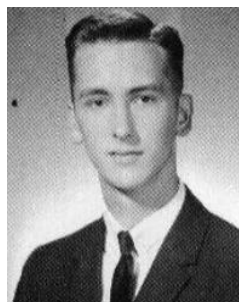
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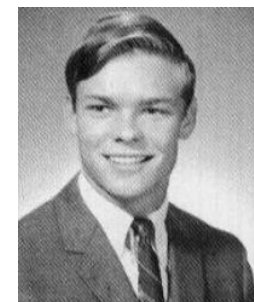
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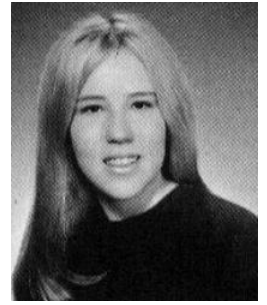
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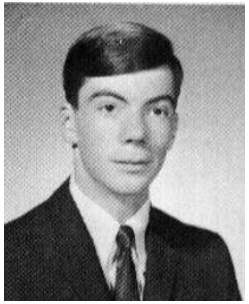
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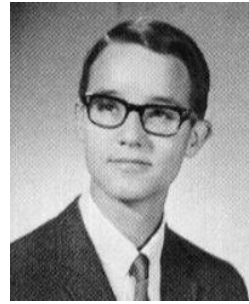
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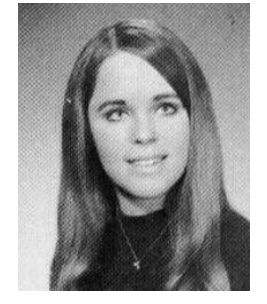
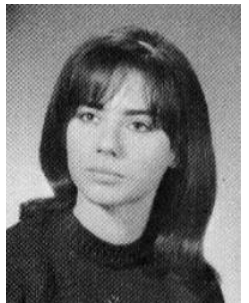
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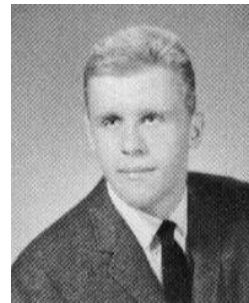
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Pinkney

Joanne (Yokes) Elliott

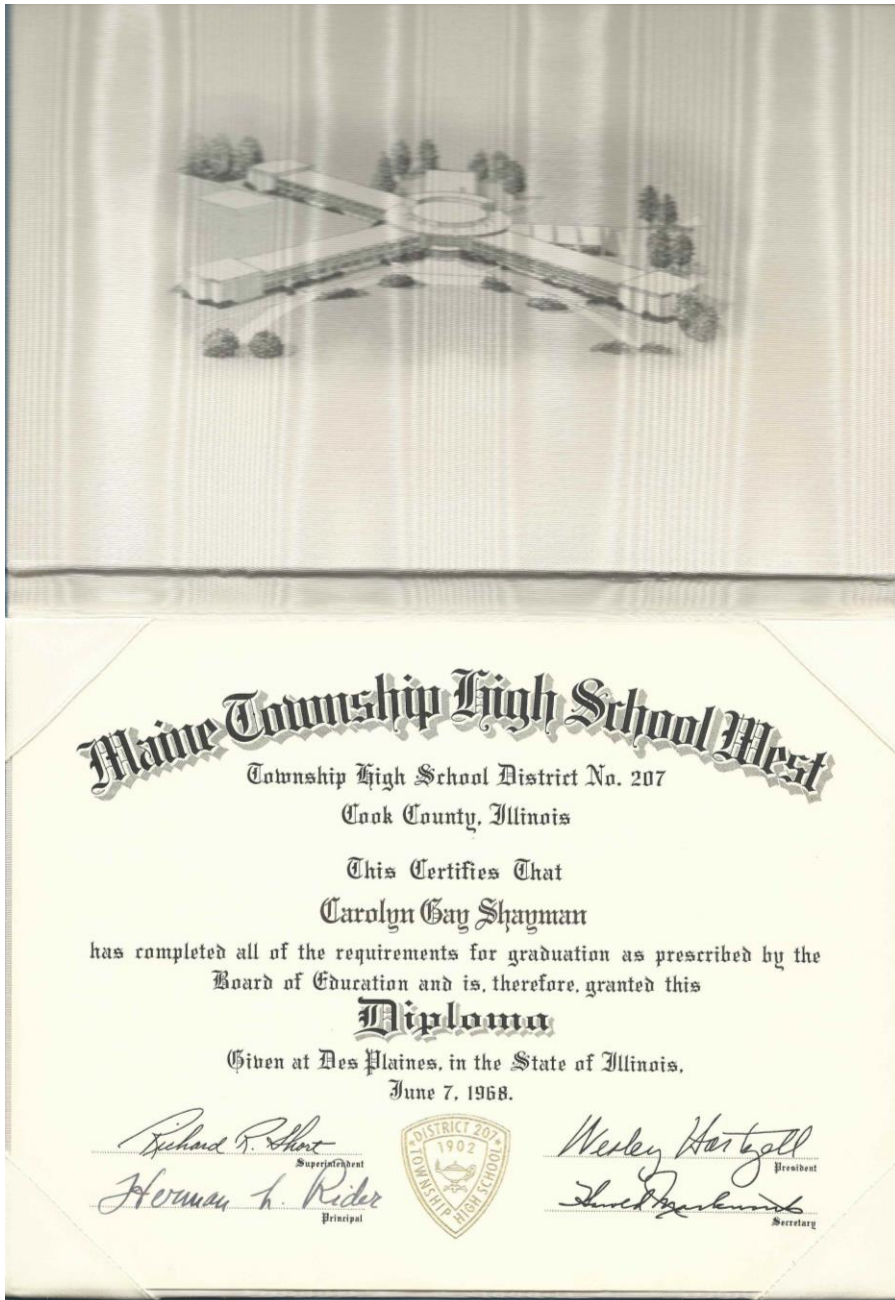
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Seeber

Kenneth Zyrkowski

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John Alford, Nancy Andersen, Carol (Anderson) Hamilton, Donna (Angabright) Smart, Daniel Aylward, Dennis Aylward, Arturo Barrera, Dorothy (Bell) Dwyer, Craig Belstner, Robert Bending, Joseph Bevilacqua, Patricia Bileski, Geraldine (Bokor) Sandford, Susan (Bradtke)Johnson, Connie Branch, Linda (Brasel) Jasmer, Stephen Braunstein, Zachary Bravos, Beverly (Broeker) Viscioni, James, Brosseit, Richard Burke, James Burkhart, David Busher, Benjamin Cambron, Kenneth Canada, Joy (Carley) Eickert, Martin Charo, James Chrisos, Lindsey Clark, Sharon Clark (see Gary Schoefernacker in bios above), George Clement, Dr Delos Clow, Robert Collins, Richard Curran, Shirley (Davis) Arness , Robert Dean, Charles Dennis, Eric Dettmer, Trent Erven, Ted Faught, Nancy (Faust) Wheelwright, Edwin Ferraro, Nancy (Fisiorek) Schneider, John Fogel, Thomas Fries, David Gale, Laura (Garza) Shirling, Loretta (Gates) Miceli, Barbara (Gray) Dumont, Craig Greco, Terrence Green, Andrew Guzaldo, William Haberkamp, Nancy (Hall) Shuts, Philip Halliwell, William Hamilton, Sandra (Hanks) Jordan, Colette (Hanning) Lemaire, Cornel Hausler, Karen (Hendren) Wolf, Sharon Hennek, William Herczeg, Thomas Hermanson, Ronald Hogy, Roger Horn, Judith Jagiel, Patricia (John) Buford, Gwen Jones, Victoria Kanellis, Michael Kieffer, John Kinney, Conda (Kopasz) Takanabe, Kenneth Korn, Paul Koska, Alexander Kouo, Charles Kulig, Margaret (Kurtz) Gould, Stanley Lettrich, Paul Lindquist, Kathy (Lloyd) DiLoreto, Norma Long, Thomas Longley, Janice (Look) Summers, Janine (Lugosi) Cassinelli,

Timothy Lydon, Michael Mahoney, Robert Manning, Cynthia (Mason) Coy, Alan May, William McAndrews, Robert Meador, Lynda, Miedema, Marilyn (Miller) Lewis, Patricia Miller, Linda (Mills) Jackson, Diana (Moore) Schneider, John Moore, Betty (Morgan) Kennedy, James Mueting, Diane Myers, Phyllis (Naegele) Cole, John Nebeck, Paul Nedbalek, Barry Neff, Renee (Neve) Vaughn, Patricia (Noesen) Parchuta, Nancy Ortiz, John Pendrick, Cheryl (Perille) Cottom, Michael Peters, Christina Picardi, Victoria Ploshay, Elizabeth Postal, Florence (Quigley) Jones, Roy Rathbun, Laura (Reed) Roney, Jeanette (Rehfeldt) Lapinsky, Kathleen Reuse, Karen Rodiek, Edward Rohlfes, Roberta Rollings, Robert Sagan, Annette (Schlotthauer) Church, Roy Schmidt, Russell Schumacher, Randall Selig, Richard Senior, Patricia Shall, Sally Socha, Geoffrey Sorensen, Helen (Spiropoulos) Revel, Daniel Stade, David Stayner, Connie (Stecher) Shriver, William Sternberg, Leonard Suski, Judith (Tepper) Meador, John Top, Diane (Uhlhorn) Blackwell, Keith Vosburgh, Robert Wagar, Shirley Wagner, Michael Wahls, Robert Wasmund, David Wassenaar, John Weith, Robert Werner, Janice Wilda, Joseph Wilkinson, Aimee (Woolworth) Isfalt, David Wright, Timothy Wudi, Ronald Ziemann, Thomas Zijewski



Lost Classmates

Please note: for the sake of consistency, only those classmates officially considered “lost” on the Maine West Alumni site are listed, although there likely are others.

Maryanne Ballenger
Sharon Bartlett
Terry Bayne
Sol Beauchamp
Rita Bistry
Diana Blazek
Efthimia Borovilos
Pamela Bradley
David Brown
Paul Carter
Phillip Christensen
Thomas Clausen
Susan Cook
Shirley Crawford
Richard Cwynar
Jerry Davis
Michael Dowling
Helga Fiege
JoAnne Foley
Allene Franks
Sandra Gerstung
Carol Goode
Linda Gross
Patricia Gross
Donna Hansen
David Hill
Sandra Hudson
Donna Jackson
Marc Jarrett
Elizabeth Jellen
Linda Johnson
Rick Johnson

Janice LaRue
Linda LaBelle
Donald LaVergne
Michael Lawler
Timothy Leahy
Simone Leetsch
Ruth Luehring
Michael MacWilliams
George Mandel
Marie Marrese
Thomas Martin
Rose Mata
Mary McGee
Karen Muchia
Stephen Mueller
Gerry Noesen
Mark Olson
Lydia Orloff
Deborah Patton
George Rice
Thomas Rice
Michael Ridges
Marilyn Roberts
Deborah Roeder
Bryan Rose
Cecilia Seller
Jackie Sweetland
Maria Vega
Jack Ward
Jack Watson
Charles Weber
Louis Welch
Gregory Wingfield

Deceased Classmates

This list may be incomplete, but it is the official list of the Alumni website.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering our Deceased Classmates

- ❖ Greta (Agness) Dudczak
December 27, 2006
- ❖ James Arndt
April 8, 2001
- ❖ Mark Baas
January 19, 2007
- ❖ Robert Banger
February 28, 2012
- ❖ John Bauer
March 29, 2018
- ❖ Alan Bingel
February 18, 2006
- ❖ Marianne Blaha
September 8, 1968
- ❖ James Blenner
February 10, 2010
- ❖ Lynn (Boufford) Brookside
August 15, 2012
- ❖ Robert Brach
November 6, 2017
- ❖ Teresa (Brackmann) Bruntz
July 15, 1995
- ❖ Gail (Branda) Dillon Bieschke
April 30, 2009
- ❖ Daniel Brinkman
December 18, 2012
- ❖ Robert Briskey
February 26, 1990
- ❖ Kathryn (Bush) Lichkay
November 21, 1999
- ❖ Georgia (Campbell) Dougherty
December 22, 2016
- ❖ Terry Carberry
March 29, 2006
- ❖ Christine (Carucio) Bauer
February 21, 2015
- ❖ Bruce Chalupnik
September 8, 1969
- ❖ Kay (Christensen) Sumerwell
April 27, 2018
- ❖ Kurt Christensen
October 22, 2013
- ❖ Larry Cillo
June 24, 2002
- ❖ Robert Clark – unknown
- ❖ Robert Connelly
September 8, 2017
- ❖ Brian Copeland
August 13, 2016
- ❖ William Deuser
January 25, 1972
- ❖ MaryAnn (DiCaro) Parsons
February 21, 2012

Deceased Classmates (continued)

- ❖ James Dillon
September 1981
- ❖ John Doering
August 9, 2011
- ❖ George Dolan
May 8, 2011
- ❖ Susan Drager
January 21, 1996
- ❖ Christopher Eckl
July 1998
- ❖ Scott Eismann
November 26, 2011
- ❖ Martin Emling
May 11, 1988
- ❖ Penelope Feltz
October 7, 2004
- ❖ Theodore Fess
March 2, 2015
- ❖ Barbara Fitzgerald
January 2, 2017
- ❖ Steven Fox
March 30, 2007
- ❖ Linda (Fredrickson) Rowe
August 5, 2013
- ❖ Michael Garcia
January 5, 2001
- ❖ James Gaul
May 26, 2015
- ❖ Harold Gleason
November 27, 2009
- ❖ Barbara (Goode)y Workman
September 28, 2012
- ❖ Sandra Gorgolione
1964
- ❖ Frank Grange
October 8, 2015
- ❖ Scott Graser
September 11, 2003
- ❖ James Greenwald
November 17, 2002
- ❖ Gayle (Hammer) Grimes
December 2, 2012
- ❖ Kenneth Hartigan
August 14, 2008
- ❖ Michael Hayes
February 1, 1975
- ❖ William Hensch
October 14, 2016
- ❖ Joyce (Hettgar) Holderness Setmeyer
May 31, 2016
- ❖ Therese (Howard) Ormond
January 24, 2010
- ❖ Drew Johanson
May 1992
- ❖ William Johnson
January 2, 2003
- ❖ Karen Karner
June 16, 1993
- ❖ Janet Kelleher
July 13, 1971

Deceased Classmates (continued)

- ❖ Barbara (Keller) Saletnik
August 31, 2008
- ❖ Michael Kennedy
September 26, 2009
- ❖ Glen Koehler
March 28, 2002
- ❖ Karl Kohl
November 2, 1984
- ❖ Peter Kovar
August 22, 2004
- ❖ Kimberley (Kozak) Kelly
May 5, 2011
- ❖ David Larson
October 26, 2014
- ❖ Susan Lau Jones
November 6, 1988
- ❖ Kathleen Lepinski
December 25, 2005
- ❖ Glenn Liss
April 11, 2012
- ❖ Richard Lowe
June 12, 2011
- ❖ Joseph Lucas
November 19, 1998
- ❖ Thomas McKenna – unknown
- ❖ Edward Menshouse
January 10, 1985
- ❖ Nicolette (Mosca) Spizzirri
November 4, 2011
- ❖ Marcia (Moulton) Jones
August 27, 2017
- ❖ Ronald Mueller
October 4, 2008
- ❖ Stephanie (Muller) Nuzzo
April 14, 1998
- ❖ Deborah (Mynaugh) Eichelberg
October 23, 2011
- ❖ Lori (Nave) Hartley
March 6, 2015
- ❖ K. Larry Nelson
December 13, 2007
- ❖ Charmaine (Olivero) Cody
January 12, 2001
- ❖ Myrna (Oppenlander) Schimka
June 28, 2012
- ❖ Christine (Orton) Brunn
April 15, 2003
- ❖ Margaret Parker
1969
- ❖ Robert Pelinski
July 3, 1995
- ❖ Donald Pfeiffer
April 6, 1986
- ❖ Richard Phelan
December 6, 2016
- ❖ James Pier
June 10, 1983
- ❖ Kevin Postema
December 7, 2012

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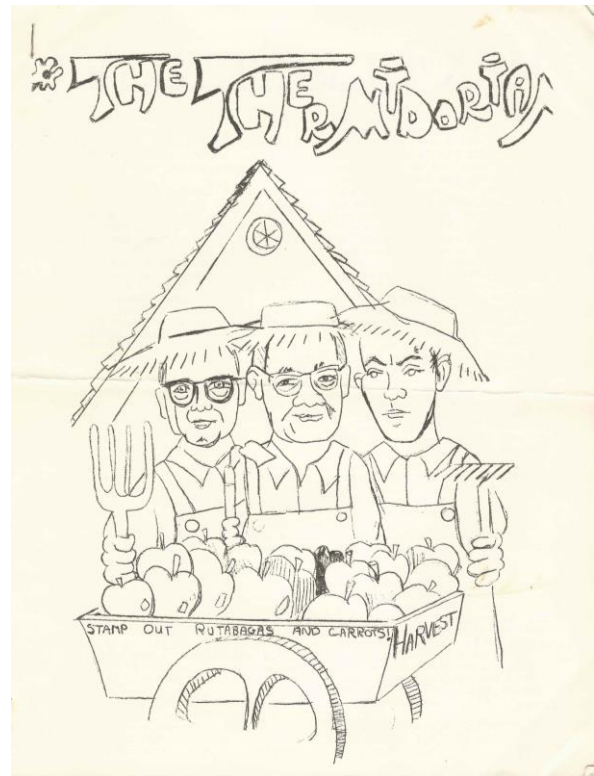
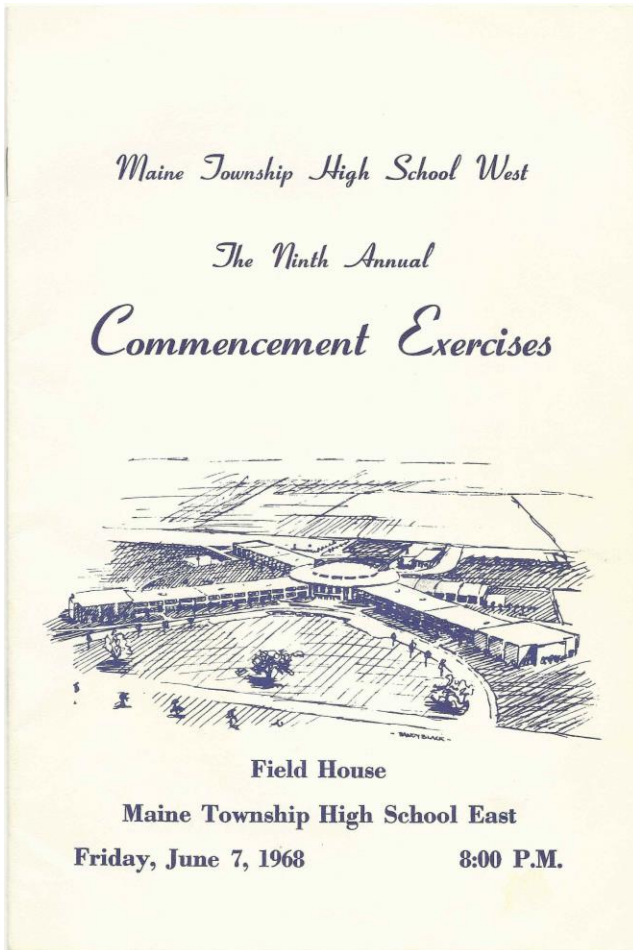
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October 5, 2017
- ❖ Rosalind Pracht
May 2, 1994
- ❖ Robert Rannfeldt
April 24, 2007
-  Patrick Riordan
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- ❖ Janice (Rowan) Goff
November 15, 1987
- ❖ Michael St Germain
July 26, 1996
- ❖ Roger Schalk
January 10, 2017
- ❖ William Schultz
February 9, 1975
- ❖ Michael Schupp
August 22, 2006
- ❖ Robert Seeber
October 30, 1992
- ❖ Robert Selander
March 18, 2006
- ❖ Robert Shanahan
May 1, 1974
- ❖ C. Michael Smith
March 1, 2015
- ❖ Ronald Smith
April 7, 1982
- ❖ Steve Sogar
December 7, 2016
- ❖ JoAnne (Staffa)Sorensen
February 3, 2014
- ❖ Carol (Sterkowitz) Witkowski
March 10, 2018
- ❖ John Szaltis
March 3, 2017
- ❖ Mary (Tarantino) Vasilinda
November 18, 1973
- ❖ Sharon (Twardzik) Michener
July 30, 1990
-  Robert Utecht
July 3, 1970
- ❖ Laurel (Vogtritter) Bravos
April 22, 1994
- ❖ Louis Volberding
September 24, 2008
- ❖ Gerald Warnke
April 3, 2014
- ❖ Paul Watry
February 17, 2004
- ❖ Susan Weeks
October 24, 1990
- ❖ Frank West
March 20, 2009
- ❖ Jennifer (Widell) Bray
October 23, 2017
- ❖ James Wieser
April 30, 2018
- ❖ Steve Wolfgram
September 17, 1987

Deceased Classmates (continued)

- ❖ David Woodward
April 23, 1987
- ❖ Dolores (Zetlmeier) Ross
March 17, 2001
- ❖ Lee J. Zimney
November 1981
- ❖ William Zografos
January 27, 1991

May the souls of all those listed, as well as any others who are deceased but not listed, rest in peace.

Miscellaneous Nostalgia...



G.A.A. Volleyball Team, 1966-67

Back Row: Miss Judith Coddington, Barbara Fitzgerald '68,
Joyce Hettgar '68, June Hettgar '68, Carolyn Shayman '68
Front Row: Mary Joswiak '68, Kathryn Gross '67, Carol Sterkowitz '68

The Maine Township High School West

"PAR" Program

DEFINITION OF "PAR": Privileges Accentuate Responsibility

PURPOSE OF THE "PAR" PROGRAM: Provide seniors at Maine West with the opportunity to:

1. Use study time in a relaxed manner.
2. Accept the responsibility of planning their study time with a minimum of supervision.
3. Meet with faculty members on an informal basis.
4. Prove their ability to accept privileges without abusing them.

AREAS AVAILABLE TO "PAR" PARTICIPANTS

1. Commons--the cafeteria will be open periods 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9 for seniors who would like to study, meet with faculty members, talk with other students, relax.
2. Library--available as usual.
3. Classrooms--seniors may arrange for passes to classrooms where teachers have sufficient space to accommodate them and feel that the persons involved will not be detrimental to the class.
4. Study Halls--regular assigned seats in study hall.

REGULATIONS FOR THE "PAR" PROGRAM:

1. Although seniors will not be assigned to a specific area, they must be out of the halls before the tardy bell rings.
2. All school rules and regulations must be abided by. Students are subject to the rules of the area they are in.
3. Seniors will stay in the area selected for the full period between bells. Wandering in the halls is not permitted.
4. The commons area must be kept clean.

1. Students reported for abusing the privileges extended to them will be reported to the dean in major incidents or in the case of minor problems will be reported to a "PAR" senate.
2. Students found guilty of breaking a rule will be removed from the program, subject to regular school discipline and returned to an assigned study hall seat.

Students may petition the "PAR" senate for a return of privileges by submitting a written statement showing cause for the return.

"PAR" SENATE:

1. The senate will be composed of five (5) seniors and two (2) faculty members.
2. Interested parties (students and faculty) will submit an application to the "PAR" Program committee who will then hold interviews with the applicants. (Members of the committee are not eligible for membership in the senate.)
3. The senate members will select the succeeding year's senate as stated above.

OKAY

A few HS activity remembrances:

Aquiana Swim Club - We sure had some good laughs trying to do ballet legs among other stunts while holding our breaths underwater with nose plugs on. We practiced hard after school for many weeks in preparation for our big show. Those of us from Thacker Jr. High had a "leg up" on others, since we had a pool (from when it had been the original Maine Twp. H.S.) and a P.E. Teacher, Miss Bennett, willing to teach us synchronized swimming. I still have friendships created from that wholesome activity. Also, who knew Synchronized Swimming would become an official Olympics event!

Student Council and Class government- Many leadership skills developed here, as well as the opportunity to meet new friends from other junior highs. Many hours were spent planning all-school events , including building Homecoming floats at someone's house. I remember spending hours making campaign posters, having fun at fall football games and winter basketball games. And ending up at Romano's for pizza. We former students owe many thanks to the teachers and parents who spent so much time helping us develop those skills.

Junior & Senior Leaders and Girls Athletic Association (GAA) - For some reason I always enjoyed participating in sports, which helped me choose my minor in Physical Education. In fact, my first job was teaching PE. Those clubs provided exercise and a way to make friends in other grades. Girls couldn't compete in HS sports until Title Nine came along in the 1970s, I believe. We also had one-piece gym suits unless you were a Junior/Senior Leader.

The girls couldn't wear slacks to school, let alone jeans. I recall wearing them under my skirt during winter on the way to school and quickly putting them into my locker upon arrival... along with my boots and taking my shoes out of the "shoe tote bag" we used to carry.

Don't we all have our stories about the snow storm of '67! Wow! Plus I recall a few ice storms where our homes lost power. BUT, I don't recall school ever being cancelled... do you?

I remember joining Ski Club and "skiing" at Wilmot, Majestic Mountain, and Villa Olivia. I think getting to wear ski pants and a matching sweater was a highlight of Ski Club. I remember the bus seemed to take us so far away.

Linda Wells McNelley

Tidbits from Lorrie (Perrone) Ware

*A LEGEND Sr. year book cost \$4.00 in 1968. Now you can order a reprint of some else's used LEGEND for \$99.95

*There were 872 listed as members of our class in the alumni database but only 622 listed in the Graduation Program.

*The 180 pound "Spirit of Maine West" (the statue of a Warrior holding a lamp of knowledge) was made by student Todd Riddell '64 and finished in the summer of' 1964.

* In response to this: " The Cherokee Nation did not endorse Maine Township High School West's warrior mascot 20 years ago, and certainly does not approve of its use today," said Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. April 2018.

Principal Audrey Haugan's letter to parents of Maine West's students assures: Maine West High School will continue its rich tradition and spirit by retaining the Maine West Warrior name but will focus on the key elements of what it means to be a warrior: leadership, integrity, responsibility, respect, and empathy. Moving forward, there will be no student or adult in costume representing a Native American Warrior of any kind.

* Des Plaines was the site of [Ray Kroc's first McDonald's franchise](#), which opened in 1955. The restaurant was demolished in 1984, and a replica was built on the site as a museum dedicated to McDonald's history. In 2017, McDonald's announced plans to demolish the building due to repeated flooding.

* History

In 1957, with the population of the district , 207, predicted to rise, the school district 's leadership purchased 73 acres (300,000 m2) of land which had been the location of two truck farms.

While the school was designed to be home to 3,000 students, there was concern about the environment being too large. Thus, the school's design was made with a central core, and three classroom wings, each of which would be its own separate school.

While it opened in time for the start of the 1959–60 school year, the school was formally dedicated on November 8, 1959.

Teachers (copied from yearbook)



Mr. Herman L. Rider, Principal, takes time out from his many duties.

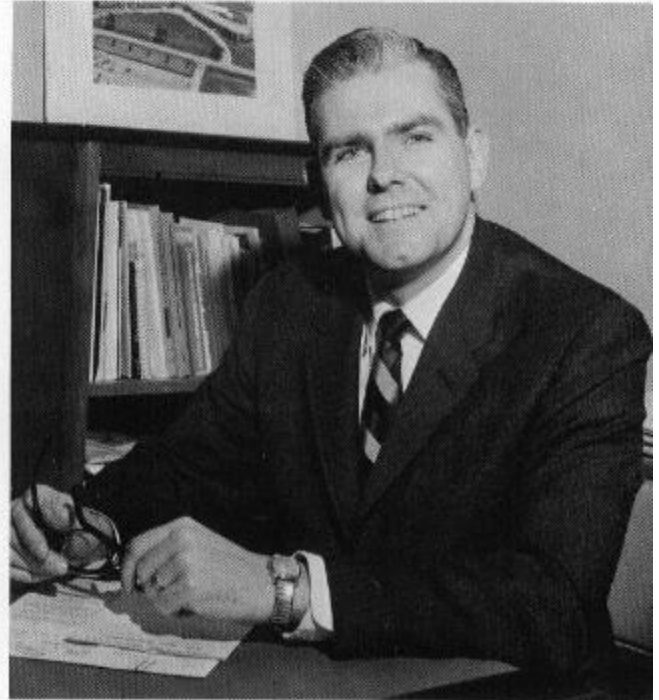
Growth is the key word at Maine this year. September saw the expansion of the administration. The position of assistant principal was split with Mr. Coburn placed in charge of staff and Mr. Cochrane in charge of students. Mr. Coburn came to us from South, where he was head of the Guidance Department.

Another noticeable sign of growth was the fall remodeling of the main office to make room for the new personnel.

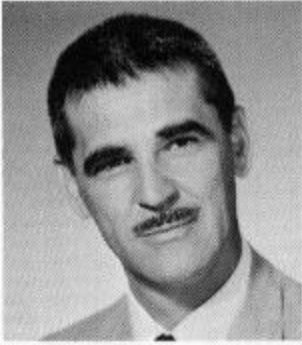
School Administration Expands



Mr. A.K.H. Cochrane is in charge of students.



Mr. James L. Coburn is in charge of staff.



Mr. Fred Benciscutto
Dean of Students



Mr. Eldon Burk
Dean of Boys



Miss Mae Jean Engen
Dean of Girls



Mr. Wayne Rosenquist
Director of Guidance

Deans, Guidance Department Counsel Students



Miss Mary Dueland
Counselor



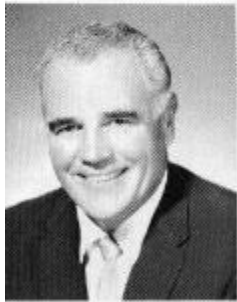
Mr. Bruce Erickson
Counselor



Mr. James Gary
Counselor



Mr. James Killam
Career Counselor



Mr. Paul McKinnis
Counselor



Mrs. Marian Pedersen
Counselor



Miss Dorothy Riddle
Counselor



Mr. Robert Manusos
Counselor



Mr. Randall Rayborn
Counselor



Miss Patricia Wernick
Counselor



Mrs. Frances Ringl
Head Nurse



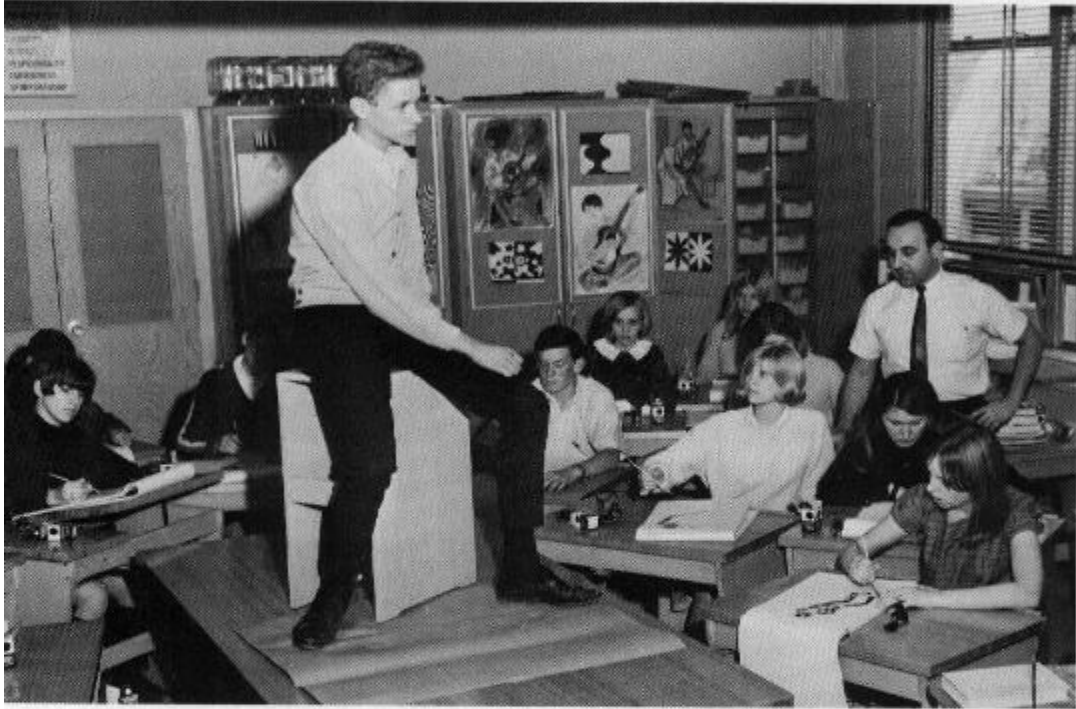
Mrs. Barnice Gundelach
Nurse



Miss Fannie Krevitsky
Social Worker

Art Stimulates Imaginative Thinking

The Art Department offers a variety of different courses at various levels to meet the needs of all students interested in this field. All courses, though, strive to instill in every student a better understanding and appreciation of the beauty in our world. Students gain experience in expressing their own moods and feelings through good design and craftsmanship and learn to see things with more depth and imagination.

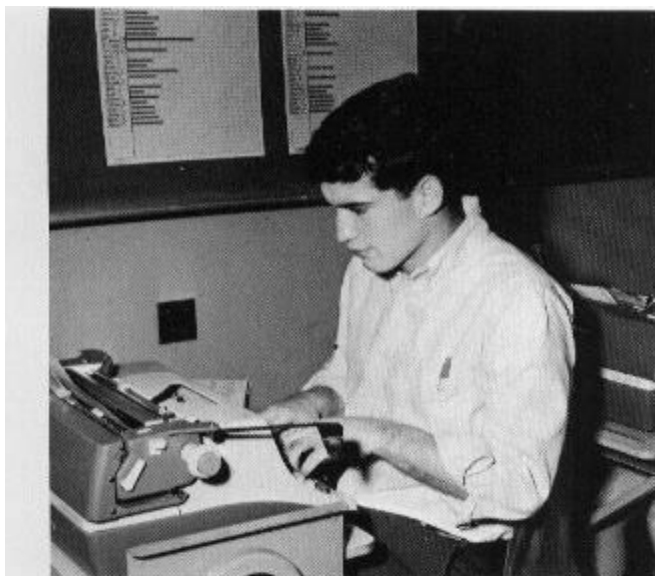


Mr. George C. Blanas, Chairman
Mr. Mark E. Mattson
Mr. Earl W. Meitzner



Mr. Eugene J. Patrizi, V-Show Costumer
Mrs. Joan Sambo





Business Courses Prepare Students For Careers

The main goal of the Business Education Department is to give students a good background in certain areas of the business field. The courses offered are numerous and enable all students to learn and improve their business skills for their own personal use or as preparation for a career in the business world of today. Many opportunities await those students who have some ability in this area of work.



Mr. Raymond J. Ross, Chairman
Mr. Curtis O. Arvold
Mr. Darrell W. DeGeeter
Mrs. Patricia L. DeGeeter, Girls' Business Club
Co-sponsor

Mr. Sidney C. Drain, Gymnastics Coach
Miss Stephanie A. Hays
Mr. Elwood Hughes, Distributive Education
Coordinator
Mrs. Nancy W. Kerby, Pom-Pom Squad Sponsor

Mr. John T. Lord
Mr. Vinn A. McElwain, Pegasus Club Sponsor
Miss Jeanne Nasca
Mr. Robert E. Nelson

Mrs. Dolores B. Rowlee, Girls' Business Club
Co-sponsor
Mrs. Annabel J. Sorfal
Miss Marcia J. Storey, Cheerleading Sponsor

Mr. Victor A. Giovannini, Chairman, Director of Safety
 Mr. Wayne S. Ambrose
 Mr. Richard D. Fulk, Football, Golf Coach

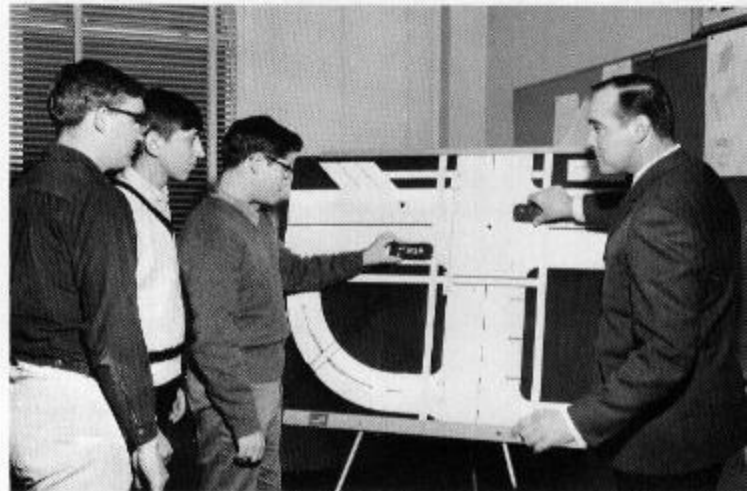


Mr. Anton J. Soucek, Gymnastics Coach
 Mr. Eugene L. Zuccarini, Football, Basketball, Golf Coach



Safety education, a required course, gives students a good background and working knowledge of the car itself and of proper driving attitudes. After a student has successfully completed this course, he is eligible to take driver education in either summer school or during the regular school year. Through driver education students can learn to drive under the supervision of a well-trained instructor who is more than capable of developing in every student good driving practices and respect for the rights of others, not only on the road but in everyday experiences and activities.

**Driver
 Education
 Establishes
 Proper Driving
 Attitudes**





Mr. Daniel T. Holbrook, Chairman
 Mr. William G. Barringer, Wrestling Coach, Cross Country Coach
 Miss Joan A. Bittner French Club Sponsor
 Mr. Robert J. Curtis



Mrs. Marsha Davidson
 Mrs. Sandra Haggart
 Mrs. Judith Lockett
 Mrs. Refola Malina



Miss Heidemarie Rupp
 Mrs. Marcia J. Ryberg
 Mr. Don D. Smith
 Miss Rosalie Streng, Sophomore Class Co-sponsor, German Club Sponsor



The study of a foreign language enables students to become familiar with the customs and traditions of a country other than the United States. Students learn about the political, economic, and social developments of each country that they study in relation to American development. The language courses also help students to gain skills in conversation and knowledge in grammar and literature.

**Language Department
 Stimulates
 International
 Understandings**

Understanding among individuals, groups, or nations depends greatly upon the ability to express views and communicate with one another. The English Department gives students a chance to read and listen to the works and beliefs of well-known authors and then to formulate their own ideas and opinions concerning the concepts presented. Class discussions, oral presentations, theme writing, and reading all types of literary works stimulate the development of both character and mind.

English Students Broaden Their Knowledge . . .



Mr. William T. Ludolph, Chairman
Mr. Garth A. Boyer, Asst. Chairman, Drama Coach, Speech-Activities Asst. Coach, National Thespian Society Sponsor, Musical Show Makeup Supervisor
Miss Ruth L. Basenbach, Freshman Class Co-sponsor
Mr. Douglas G. Blett, Debate, Speech-Activities Asst. Coach, V-Show Makeup Supervisor

Mrs. Susan W. Bruce
Mr. Dean E. Buckingham
Mr. John E. Cooper, Creative Writing Club Co-sponsor
Mrs. Elsie B. Gass

Mr. John G. Graef, V-Show Director
Mrs. Marthe Hanson
Mr. Frederick S. Hillman
Mrs. Margery G. Hunter

Mr. Phillip G. Kardasz, Baseball Coach
Miss Anne E. Lauterbach, National Honor Society Sponsor
Mrs. Virginia Lovell
Miss Suzanne Lutz

Mr. Meral K. Marine, Debate Coach
Mr. Harold S. Martin
Mr. Donald A. May
Mr. Joseph A. McGill's

In Both Literature, Grammar



Mrs. June M. Muckle, Junior Class Co-sponsor
Miss Ruth M. Nickelson, Theater Club Sponsor
Mr. Robert E. Norris, Speech-Activities Coach, Stage Activities,
All School Play Supervisor
Mrs. Joan Plock



Mr. Peter G. Potamianos
Miss Jean C. Powell
Miss Nancy R. Roha
Mr. Robert R. Rugar, Publicity Director



Mr. Harold E. Todd
Mr. George J. Walker, Legend Sponsor, Westerner Sponsor,
Quill and Scroll Sponsor
Mrs. Wendy J. Wenner



Mr. Norris D. Wike



Not Pictured: Miss Karen Pflederer, Mrs. Joeann Ryan

Home Economics Better Personal and Family Living



Mrs. Lucille W. Stiles, Chairman
Miss Norma L. Banner
Mrs. Elizabeth F. Bryant



Mrs. Gertrude E. Gillette
Miss Katherine S. Gore, Home Ec. Club Sponsor
Mrs. Katherine M. Hofmann



Miss Suzanne J. Horgen
Miss Patricia A. Olson, Foods Occupations Coordinator

The main purpose of the Home Economics Department is to prepare students for the future as efficient and responsible adults. Such courses as home economics, clothing, foods, family living, and home management strive to equip students with knowledge that will make them feel more secure and confident in themselves and help them to lead more enjoyable and prosperous lives.





Industrial Arts Teaches Students Applied Skills

Maine West includes the Industrial Arts Department in its curriculum in order to acquaint students with the fields of mechanics, electricity, electronics, metals, mechanical, and machine drawing, printing, and woodworking. These courses allow the student to become skilled in one specific area of industry or to get a basic background and general knowledge of many areas for their personal use.

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Mr. Rolland C. Wolfe, Vocational-Industrial Club of America
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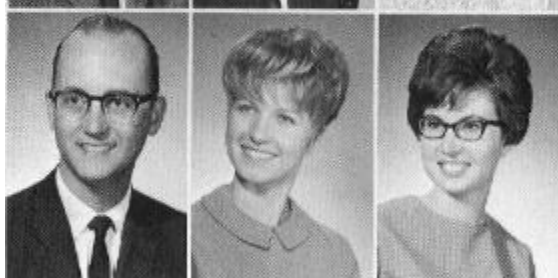
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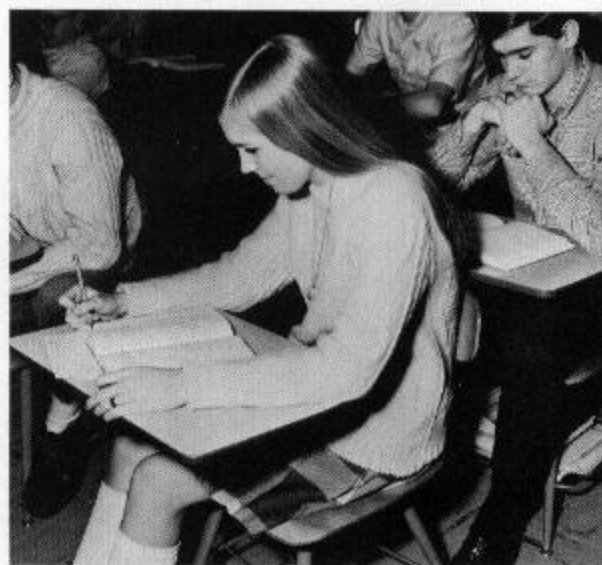


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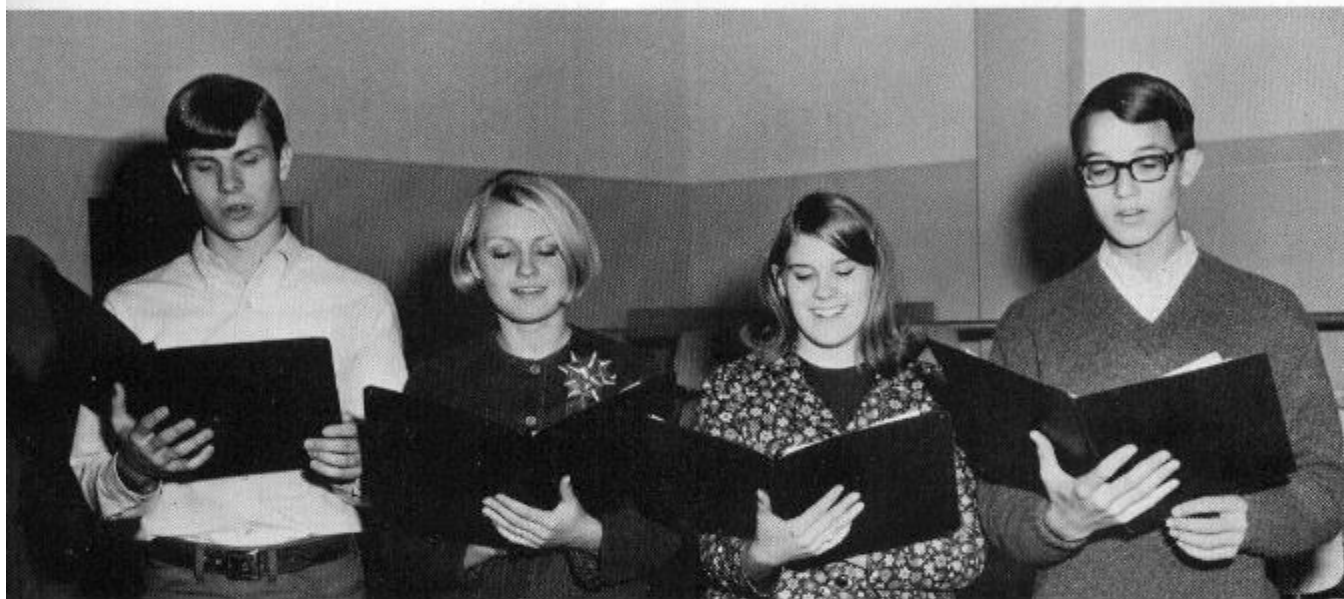
Not pictured: Mr. Bruce D. Campbell

Math Students Seek Logical Answers

The Maine West Mathematics Department enables students to think clearly and with precision when dealing with problems they might encounter in the future. The abilities that a student obtains through the math program will be necessary in both cultural and specialized fields. The department offers courses on three different levels to accommodate the learning capacities of all the students.



Mr. Robert D. Kuite, Chairman, V-Show Music Director, Musical Show Director, Marching Band Asst. Director
 Mr. Michael A. Cuthbert, Show Band Sponsor, Musical Show Asst. Director, Marching Band Director
 Mrs. Mildred Heidorn, Modern Music Masters Sponsor, String Quartet Director, Musical Show Asst. Sponsor
 Mr. Wilbur F. Schafer, Choraliers Sponsor, Vocal and Musical Show Director



Music Fosters Self-Expression Development

The Music Department hopes to develop in every student a feeling of self-discipline and pride in the music he performs, whether it be playing an instrument or singing. Through the music courses at Maine West students are given the opportunity to take part in groups, such as the band, orchestra, and chorus. Each of these courses requires a great deal of hard work, but at the same time offers much enjoyment for each individual.



Mr. Kenneth E. Olson, Chairman, Football Coach, Supervisor of Interscholastic Athletics
 Mr. Peter A. Andersen, Swimming Coach
 Mr. Ronald G. Brown, Track Coach
 Mr. Richard E. Carlini, Football Coach, Wrestling Coach



Mr. Albert J. Carstens, Football Coach, Baseball Coach
 Mr. Miley E. Hotchkiss, Adult Evening School Supervisor, Director of Boys' Intramurals, Student Activities Supervisor
 Mr. George Jorndt, Football Coach, Swimming Coach, M-Club Sponsor
 Mr. David Kennedy, Football Coach, Baseball Coach, Intramurals Director



Mr. Roger C. King, Tennis Coach, Intramural Director, Asst. M-Club Sponsor
 Mr. Donald M. Olson, Baseball Coach
 Mr. Robert E. Retel, Swimming Coach, Baseball Coach

Boys are able to participate in a variety of different sports within the Physical Education Department. They are taught the rules and regulations of each sport they play and gain a basic understanding of the skills involved. Many of the boys are able to join the "500 Club" by scoring higher than 500 points on the physical fitness tests that are given each year. They also may become involved in competitive sports through the intramural and interscholastic programs.



**Physical
 Education
 Develops . . .**

Mrs. Helen W. Clouser, Chairman, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor
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 Miss Judith E. Coddington, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor,
 G.A.A. Cabinet
 Miss Beatrice M. Dorchek, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor



Mrs. Kathleen J. Lawyer, Dance Club Sponsor, Girls' Intramurals
 Sponsor, V-Show, Musical Show Choreographer
 Miss Irene Loebbaka
 Mrs. Margaret W. McCaw, Aquiana Swim Show Director,
 Girls' Badminton Team Coach
 Miss Mildred K. McManus, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor,
 Bowling Club Sponsor



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 Miss June M. Thompson, Pep Club Sponsor, Girls' Tennis Team
 Coach, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor
 Miss Royleen M. Tipton, Girls' Intramurals Sponsor



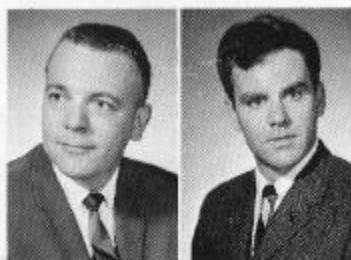
The Girls' Physical Education Department enables every girl at Maine West to keep physically fit. Through participation in team sports, the girls learn good sportsmanship, responsibility, and how to get along better with fellow classmates. Students are also given the opportunity to work individually in such fields as gymnastics, modern dance, and swimming. Other qualities, such as self-confidence, poise, and leadership, are developed in the junior and senior leader programs.



**Strong
 Bodies,
 Minds**

Science Study Encourages Experimentation

The Science Department teaches students about scientific processes and developments. This knowledge encourages greater appreciation for nature and for man's progress in the field of science.



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Mr. John W. Amason, Basketball Coach



Mr. Louis A. Bergdolt
Mr. Eldon E. Burk, Student Council Co-sponsor
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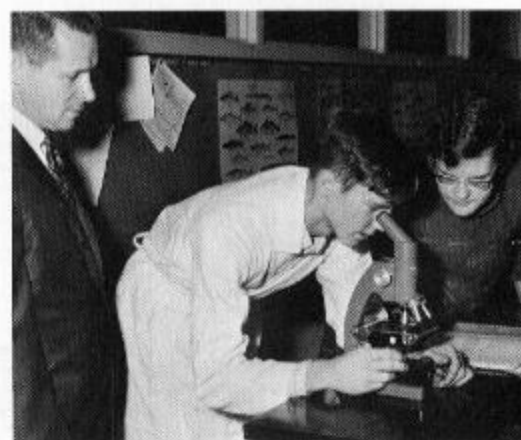
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Mr. Karl E. Miller, Science Club Sponsor

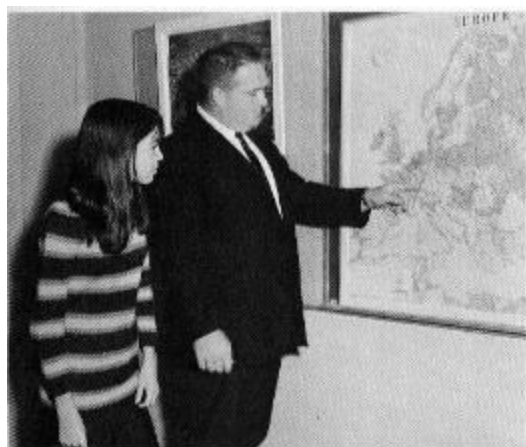


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Mr. Chester B. Rideout, Tennis Coach



Mr. James W. Scofield
Mr. Frank A. Skronski
Mr. Vernon S. Stenoien
Mr. Earl M. Swearingen





Social Science Courses Create World Interest

In a world that is constantly changing it is of great importance for any person to be well informed on the current events in his own country as well as those in other countries. The Social Science Department strives to do this, as well as to encourage students to become more responsible and intelligent adults and to appreciate the democratic principles and freedoms that they may otherwise take for granted.

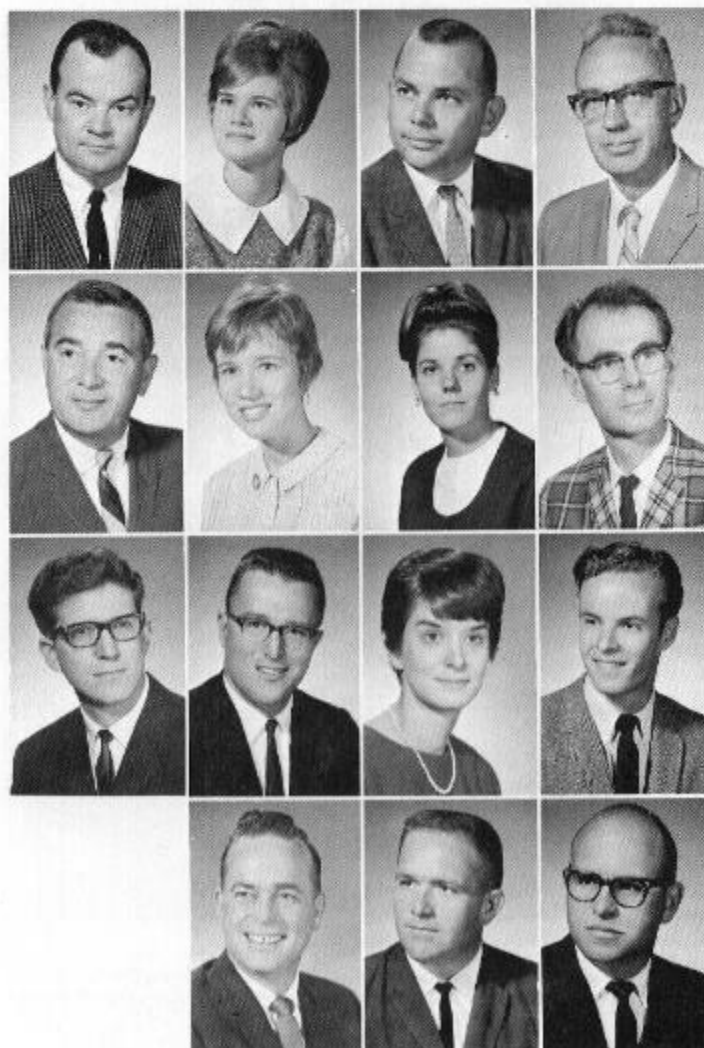
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Mr. Kenneth D. Lindquist, Tri-S Co-sponsor
Mr. Donald E. Magsamen, Football Coach, Wrestling Coach
Mr. Harlan W. Suffield, Football Coach, Wrestling Coach,
Intramurals Coach

Not pictured: Mr. Charles E. Powers, Mr. H. Edmond Quinn





Adult Education: Mrs. L. Faulner, Secretary: Mr. Miley Hotchkiss, Director.



Reading Clinic:
Miss Marjory Johnston
Sigma Chi Sigma, Folk Sounds
Sponsor



Special Education:
Mrs. Patricia Slevick

Maine West offers many special services to its students. The librarians offer a wide array of reference materials to students. The Reading Clinic offers tests and help to students with study problems and awards to exceptional readers, who may join Sigma Chi Sigma. The Adult Education Department offer courses to adults, and the Special Education Department also has an important function.

Maine Offers Special Services To Students, Community



Mrs. Olga Stetsuk
Librarian



Mr. Willis Lindeman
Head Librarian



Miss Florence Kuhn
Librarian

More Nostalgia...

From JD Carlson....Lee LaBadie was amazing!!!
So great reading about his accomplishments!

I was on the cross country and track teams during my junior and senior years. While I wasn't very good, it was fun for the most part and I enjoyed the camaraderie on the teams, especially on the cross-country team. I remember Head Coach Bill Barringer as one of the kindest men I knew, treating everyone equally whether you had fast or slow times. I also remember the gruesome practices we had under Assistant Coach Ross Blake. We were also privileged to have on our cross-country team one of the best runners ever in Maine West history, Lee LaBadie, a member of the class of 68, who is now head cross country coach at the University of Akron. Lee was the Illinois high school state cross country champion our senior year (see list of champions below), running the 2 miles in 9 minutes 54 seconds.

1964-65	Bruce Bowman	Hillside (Proviso West)	9:36.8
1965-66	Mike Collins	Winnetka (New Trier)	9:53.4
1966-67	Jim Press	Riverside (R.-Brookfield)	9:45.4
1967-68	Lee LaBadie	Des Plaines (Maine West)	9:54.4

At the University of Illinois in 1971, he later became the first Big Ten undergraduate to break the 4-minute mile (3:58.8). Lee was a product of the Class of 1968 and one of our many graduates of whom we can be proud.

LaBadie Runs 3:58.8 Mile

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES · MAY 13, 1971

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., May 12 (UPI)—Lee LaBadie, an Illinois junior, ran the mile in 3 minutes 58.8 seconds last night in a dual meet with Southern Illinois. He is the first Big Ten undergraduate to break the four-minute barrier.

If These Hallways Could Talk...

It's been 50 years since we walked the halls of Maine West and if the hallways could talk, what stories they would tell!

The memories are so vivid. In between classes, we were running from upstairs B-Wing, down the stairs, around the rotunda and out the doors to D-Wing. We'd breathe a sigh of relief that we made it, but then realize we hadn't stopped at our locker for our assignment!

Changing classes was our brief social time, crammed into minutes. Passing notes, yelling messages to each other, stopping at our locker, the restroom and, if there was no line at the drinking fountain, gulping a few mouthfuls of water to hold us over until lunch.

Our teachers were as varied as the classes they taught. Some never smiled, others very serious and stern. And then, many were humorous and made us laugh. With all their differences, they all had one vision in common, to give us the best education for our future. We were very fortunate to be taught by the best!

We have 50 years of stories to share, careers, family, travel and everything in between.

If the hallways could talk, I'm sure they would say, "The Class of '68 is the greatest and I'm very proud of each and every one of you!"

Cheers to all you!

Susan D

Those Were the Days

A Nostalgic Look Back at Maine West From Chuck Chamberlain

Football—I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to play 4 years of football at Maine West. Overall, as a class we were very competitive and successful with the single wing formation program of Head Coach and Athletic Director Kenny Olson. As freshmen and a member of the A team, we went undefeated. During our sophomore year, the sophomore team was split as the 11 sophomore starters were moved up by Coach Olson to play with the JV & Varsity squads at the very beginning of the season. A true indication of success was not an accurate indicator for our class during the sophomore year. As juniors, the Varsity Football Squad went 6-1-1 losing a non-conference game to our district rivals, the Maine South Hawks. That loss resulted in us having to turn our practice jerseys inside out as to not display the team name of the “Warriors.” The coaches were very upset with the loss to Maine South, and they wanted to make a statement to the players. The season record in our junior year was good enough, however, to be co-champs for the Mid-Suburban League Conference Championship with the Arlington Cardinals--- a team that we tied in head-to-head competition during the regular season. In our senior year, we moved to the Central Suburban League Conference and got off to a slow start, going 1-2-1 for the first four games. We then proceeded to run off the final part of the season with 4 consecutive wins, culminating with an overall record of 5-2-1. Again, senior year we lost to our district rivals, the Maine South Hawks, who were the eventual Conference Champs. Not good in the eyes of the coaches to lose to the Hawks two years in a row! During this era, games that were tied at the end of regulation time stayed as ties, and of course there were no post-season playoff games or state championship series in high school football. While times have changed for the better, we literally practiced with no water on the field and were instructed to take handfuls of salt tablets. It truly was amazing that no one died on the practice field!! Having the Athletic Director as the Head Football Coach allowed the Varsity squad the perk of having two sets of football helmets - one helmet for practice and one for games. To this day (and having coached myself for 23 years in a large local suburban high school), it is unheard of for a high school team to have two helmets for each of its Varsity players.

Football Games under the Lights—During our junior year we played only one night game at Arlington High School. To prepare for this one and only night game, we did have an evening practice under the lights at Maine East in order to get accustomed for our one and only night football game. In our senior year, we played all of our home games under the newly installed lights in the Maine West stadium courtesy of funds generated by the parent Booster Club.

Study Halls---I remember certain study hall teachers being terrorized by students in those large study halls at the end of A-wing and B-wing. A few students would throw pennies against the metal window blinds in a quiet study hall trying to push some teachers to their limits.

Freshman Float---Geoff Sorenson and the student council were looking for someone’s home to be able to house the Freshman Homecoming Float. I graciously volunteered our home before asking my parents. We ended up having a week of freshmen running around our house trying to build a float for the annual homecoming parade. It was completed, but needless to say came in last place for design and originality. In

fact, the Homecoming Float was truly pathetic. Float building is another disappearing activity that has gone by the wayside for most local high schools.

Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies---In June 1968 we had two ceremonies that were still fairly common during this time. Baccalaureate was formally defined as a religious service to honor the graduating class conducted by many local clergy of various religious beliefs. This ceremony at the high school level has now become a thing of the past. Our second evening ceremony was for the traditional commencement with the walk across the stage and the distribution of diplomas. In our case, both ceremonies were held off campus at the Maine East Fieldhouse. Maine West at that time did not have a spectator gym or auditorium large enough to accommodate either of these traditional ceremonies.

Pep Assemblies---never held in a gym at Maine West as there was no gymnasium large enough to accommodate large crowds. Pep Assemblies in the auditorium---that was surely different.

Home Basketball Games---again, all of the home Maine West Basketball games were held in the Maine East Fieldhouse. The large spectator gym for Maine West became a reality after we graduated in 1968. A wing, B wing, and C wing gyms were far too small to accommodate any large spectator events.

Driver's Education---taken by many during the summer where the Secretary of State officials actually came to the campus to give the behind-the-wheel exam on the campus of Maine West in one of the school Driver Education vehicles. Another thing of the past.

Letterman's Club---the days of approved hazing! As an initiate, you hated what might be in store for you during initiation week. But when you became a member, you now had the opportunity to retaliate and take it out on the new group of incoming initiates. Another event of the past.

Telephones in the Classroom---All the classrooms at Maine West had land line telephones installed so teachers could reach office personnel in the event of an emergency. That was pretty impressive for the time. Having taught in a large high school district for 35 years, we never had phones in the classroom. Pretty progressive for the time! While the phones were intended for "official use," I had Mr. John Graef for senior English and vividly remember him taking calls (during class) from an English teacher and football coach Phil Kardasz. The purpose of their calls---to make their weekly bets on how their respective football teams would perform that weekend. Northwestern (John Graef alumnus) and Purdue (Phil Kardasz alumnus) were regulars in making their bets on each of their Big Ten football teams.

A Relative on the Teaching Staff---during my junior year, my first cousin, Marcia Storey Born, was assigned to do her student teaching from the University of Illinois in the Business Education Department. Not too cool to have someone who can keep an eye on you in high school! Little did I know that my cousin would be offered a teaching contract. She ultimately was hired as a full-time teacher in the Business Education Department during my senior year. I personally had to walk the straight and narrow to prevent any information prematurely getting home to my parents about behavior, grades, academic eligibility, etc., etc.

Homerooms---spending the first 15-20 minutes of each day with the same group of students in your part of the alphabet for 4 years. While the homeroom teachers for many changed during the 4 years, the familiar student faces stayed fairly constant. Many good friendships developed out of being with the same group of students at the start of each day!

D-Wing---all the shop classes. I personally loved my time with all of the Industrial Education classes that I took at Maine West, particularly since I was planning to major in Industrial Education at Northern Illinois University. My goal was to become a certified secondary education teacher and coach. Mission accomplished! I have a lot of great memories and experiences that I received while a student at Maine West, thanks to the many quality teachers and coaches! I would do it all over again in a heartbeat!! (But oh, how times have changed from those wonderful years of 1964-1968!)

Here's to another 50 years!

(Well, at least 20 or so)!