



**Regina High School
Class of 1970
50 Year Reunion
September 11, 2021**



From your Regina 50-Year Reunion Committee

When we started planning our 50th Reunion for 2020, we had no idea that we would have to postpone celebrating our milestone event to a year later because of a global pandemic.

Planning the reunion was a wonderful experience. We went into this knowing we had a lot of work to do as we hadn't had a reunion in 30 years. The information we did have included out-of-date addresses and phone numbers . . . and, was there even email 30 years ago?

On this one special night, we saw friends who we lost contact with years ago and others still in our circles today. It filled our hearts to recognize faces that matured with the years, and remembered how special our time at Regina was, how special we were, and still are. Hugs, tears and laughter engulfed the room. Small and large groups of old friends having lively conversation and we sang our song. It was magical.

Thanks to all of you who attended and hope to see even more of you at our 55 Year Reunion in 2025.

Of friends and laughter, joy and peace ...

Time it was
and what a time it was
it was,
a time of innocence
a time of confidences.
Long ago it must be,
I have a photograph



Kathleen Killen Klukas, Sharon Johnson Brezina, Marikay Berens Wolf, Lisa Ventura Olson

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<https://digitalcollections.hclib.org/digital/collection/Yearbooks/id/14175/>

Our School Song

Where bluffs push heavenward toward the blue
and old man river lazes by.
Our lakes lie shimmering on the land,
to mirror deep blue skies.

Refrain:

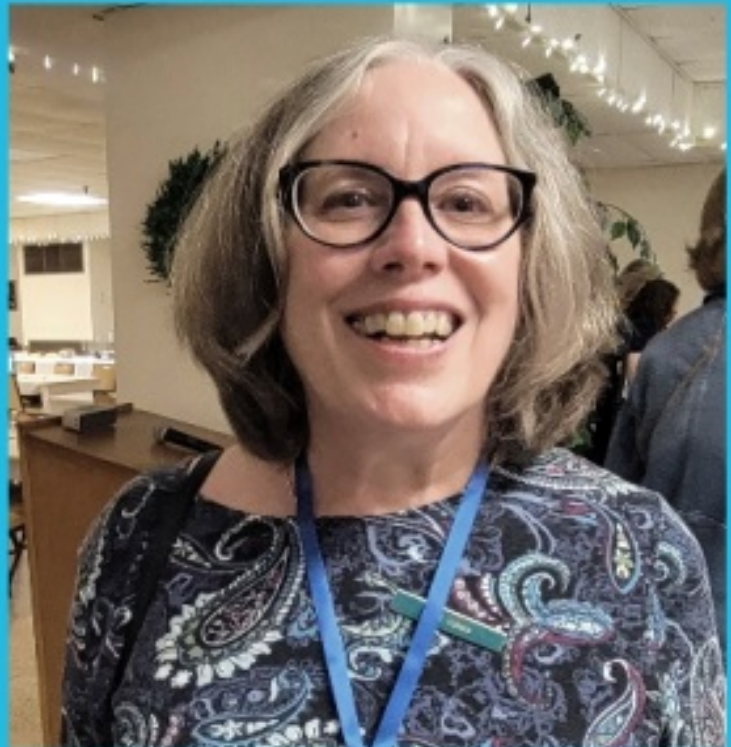
Regina's walls rise strong and firm
a pledge to you and me.
Of friends and laughter
Joy and peace,
Regina hail to thee!

Our northern hills are thick with pine
our plains lie fragrant in the sun.
Our school is rooted in this place,
where hearts and minds are one.
Refrain...

















































Catherine (Cathy) Anderson Kemp

Class of '70



Family: Married 47 years to Dave, 3 sons (2 daughter-in-laws), 5 grandkids

Martyne (Sue) Backman

Class of '70



Occupation: Reiki Master therapist & teacher

Family: Hugh, my husband/partner of 28 years, died in 2016. No children.

Interests: Love to cook (restaurant owner for 22 years). Metaphysics and energy work.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: In 1970's worked in music business: club booking, concert promotion, booking agency, also performed in folk group. Then 30+ years in restaurants and catering and two upscale billiard clubs (Mpls, Chicago, NJ/NY, San Francisco). Moved to Albuquerque 2005, est. Shanti Wellness Therapies, practitioner and teacher of Reiki and EFT for 25+ years. Travel to 14 countries: most memorably Bali, Thailand, Japan, Italy, France, Germany. Now live in the beautiful mountains outside Albuquerque. I changed my name from 'Susan' to 'Martyne' 20 years ago. I visit my sister and brother in Mpls every November.

Barbara Baker Walker

Class of '70



Occupation: High School Counselor

Family: Daughter Maria and son-in-law Sam, 3 sisters here in Minn and all their families

Interests: family fun, outdoors and nature, Pilates and dance, biking and walking, health

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I am blessed with a daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Sam, in Denver and I have continued to live in beautiful Minneapolis since high school. I love being active outdoors and spending time with my 3 sisters and their families. I have worked for many years in Catholic schools, and I continue to work as a high school counselor and Hispanic liaison in Farmington, a job I truly love. I have so many fond memories of Regina and friends from that era...y'all got me through a lot! God bless you all...Barbara Mary Baker (Walker), class of 1970

Mary (Mary Beth) Bangasser Millner

Class of '70



Occupation: Independent Piano Teacher

Family: Gottfried Millner, husband. Children: Toni(1979) Angie(1980) and Nicole(1984)

Interests: Family & friends(here and abroad) travel; gardening; crafts (sew knit & crochet)

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Piano study during college in Vienna prompted a relationship which blossomed into marriage. Gottfried overcame lots of challenges to make life in MN work but we have returned regularly (until Covid). Our 3 children also pursued music which meant living far from home but they are happily pursuing their passion in Innsbruck, Denver and MN. We enjoy visiting 2 grandchildren in Tirol and 3 in Denver (but wish they were closer). We are fortunate to have lots of family in town, including my 94 year old father. who we see regularly. I also value long time relationships with students & friends

Teresa Barrett Cari

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Teacher

Family: Husband, Sam, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 1 son in law, 3 daughters in law, 14 grandkids

Interests: Boating, golf, travel, taking care of Grandchildren.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived in Hudson, WI all my married life (45 Yrs). I taught 2nd grade most of my teaching career, the last 12 years I have been taking care of my grandchildren while their parents were working.

Mary Bednarski Erbs

Class of '70



Occupation: Computer programmer/analyst

Family: One living son Matthew (Jamie) and two grandchildren (Jack & Charlie).

Interests: Pets (dogs & cats), needlework, gardening, reading. Bowled & played volleyball

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended UW Madison and stayed in the area. Married Dennis Erbs (1974), & had 2 sons, Jeffrey (1979) & Matthew (1983). Graduated in 1981 with Business degree in Info Systems. Husband & older son were killed in car accident in 1985, right after we built a house in Oregon, WI & been here ever since. Worked as programmer/analyst in Madison area until retired in 2014.

Marikay Berens Wolf

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Special Ed Paraprofessional

Family: Married to Mike for 47 years. 2 children, Tom and Becky and 3 grandchildren

Interests: Spending time with family, reading, singing in my church choir, volunteer work.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have been fortunate to travel to some awesome places but still, my favorite place is with my family.

Georgann Betzler Francisco

Class of '70



Jean Beyer

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired as of Feb 2019

Family: Single; three siblings and extended family mostly in the Twin Cities area

Interests: Reading, birding, conservation, music (esp classical), travel, companion parrots

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated Iowa State Univ 1974 with a degree in Spanish; taught for one year in Columbia Heights. That was a memorable experience, all right, but not a very good one. After a few years working at the Curtis Hotel in Mpls, I went to Honeywell, retiring after 38 years there. I've had the good fortune to enjoy six weeks in Spain with the Experiment in International Living (1973), learn to play the oboe and perform with community orchestras/community theater, become an avid birder and travel the back roads of Minnesota and beyond, and live with two amazing companion parrots!

Paula Bianski Kilmer

Class of '70



Michelle Biros

Class of '70



Occupation: Emergency Physician

Family: tons of extended family

Interests: travel, reading, family school events, Viking football, college basketball

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from U of Mn Medical School in 1982 and completed a residency in Emergency Medicine in 1986 at the U of Cincinnati. I practiced in the Emergency Department at Hennepin County Medical Center for 28 years. Since 2014 I have been at the University of Minnesota Medical School serving as department chair from 2014-2019, and where I remain involved in acute care research. I travel as much as I can, love to read, and am trying to teach myself how to play the piano. At least once a year I meet with my Regina Chums to catch up and share our many fond memories of Regina!

Ann Boedigheimer Rankin

Class of '70



Occupation: happily retired sewer and waterskier

Family: Blended family of 4 and 5 grandkids!

Interests: I'm still a "nerd" sewer and water lover. Love to hike in Arizona.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Originally a home ec teacher, so sad that became obsolete. Got my masters in special ed after my girls were raised and taught for 12 years. Moved to Arizona in 2009 for the winter season. Happy to go back to MN to our cabin for the summer months. We have the best of both worlds and are enjoying retirement. Can't believe its been 50 years!

Evaline (Elfie) Boersma

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired from Oil & Gas Industry

Family: Bill Adams, life-long partner from White Bear Lake; married 2005

Interests: Bicycling, boating, travel, reading

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Houston, TX in 1976 and worked for Conoco/ConocoPhillips in a variety of interesting jobs. We spent most of our lives in Houston except for a 6-year break aboard our 40' sailboat exploring the Gulf of Mexico, Eastern Seaboard and Bahamas, and a 5-year break in Denver, CO. Retired in 2009. We trailer our 26' power catamaran to cooler climes in summer, and enjoy other travels and bicycling the rest of the year.

Gail Bowar Hyster

Class of '70



Occupation: Dir. of Showroom Operations-DNA Sales

Family: Husband Larry, children Lisa and JP (sp. Audra), and eight awesome grandchildren

Interests: Biking, cooking, travel, and most importantly spending time with my grandkids.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to Jim Charlebois in 1973, divorced in 1985. Married to Larry Hyster in 1990 and celebrated 30 years of marriage in October 2020. Was a Procurement Specialist for a headwear company for many years. In 2008 I was offered a job helping out at a trade show at the Minneapolis Gift Mart. A few months later I was offered the job of Showroom Manager for DNA Sales. The job gave me a lot of freedom to spend time with my elderly mother as well as my growing tribe of grandchildren (8!) and travel with my husband. Soon to start yet another career as a baker at Angel Food Bakery!

Norma Brambilla

Class of '70



Occupation: Healthcare Executive - retired

Family: Married to Chuck Davis since 1984. We have 2 married children and one grandchild

Interests: All things on the water, in the water, and under the water - Travel - Cooking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Santa Barbara, Ca. in 1975 and met Chuck, an underwater cameraman working with Jacques Cousteau. Received my Masters in Public Health at UCLA and moved to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula where I worked in Senior Living. I have family and dear friends in the area to keep me smiling. My kids live within 3 miles and, by all measure, are good people and have promising futures. Still try to get to Mpls. annually to see my extensive family and Regina friends!

Margaret Braun Radke

Class of '70



Occupation: President & Executive Coach, Think&learn

Family: Spouse: Tom, recently retired. Daughter: Andrea, 29, Investment Banking

Evelyn (Evey) Brom

Class of '70



Occupation: Ret., Casey Family Programs Foundation

Family: Proud Mother of Identical Twins, now Wonderful Men.
Legacy of 6 Sister Alums

Interests: Climb mountains, inc. Rainier, Nepal's 21,247' Mera Pk;
scuba-diving; gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Masters in Public Administration. Strategic planner, advocate, and leader in the field of violence against women. Worked in government institutions, nonprofit organizations, and philanthropy. Experience includes: co-designed educational program for children who will testify in court, replicated worldwide; coordinated a Sexual Exploitation of Children assessment project, with comprehensive legal and social service recommendations for systems' improvements; and lead lobbyist for the WA state Victims of Sexual Assault Act. Profiled in Transformation Public Service: Portraits of Theory in Practice

Mary Burton Petersdorf

Class of '70



Marilee Cahill Hoch

Class of '70



Occupation: Public School Elementary Principal

Family: Immediate family includes a spouse, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Interests: Lots of time with grandchildren, reading, golfing, walking and gardening.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I still have flashbacks...sitting on those cold hallway floors in a skirt and walking in those saddle shoes with the broken down heels. I began teaching in Hopkins, St.John. Three years later moved to Eden Prairie Schools, taught elementary. I received my MA from the U of M and ED.S from St.Thomas. Then retired ten years ago from my dream job, Elementary Principal Eden Prairie.

Nancy Caputa Sissi

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: 2 kids and 4 grandkids

Interests: Cooking, baking, gardening and exercise classes.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have had a great life. I divorced young and never remarried. Smartest decision I ever made. I have watched my son and daughter grow into fabulous parents. And now I have the great joy of being involved in their lives. I retired at age 64 and am loving life!

Patricia (Pat) Carney Larson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married to Larry: children Mark & Kristi, 5 grandchildren all in Denver area

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Larry Larson (Benilde '70) in 1973, we lived in Twin Cities until 1993 and lived briefly in Omaha before settling in Denver CO in 1995. I have enjoyed several careers: banking with Norwest, a Wells Fargo predecessor, and mortgage banking in several capacities. In Denver I joined a young Frontier airlines and worked in a sales support function before retiring.

Cecelia Carr Kirihara

Class of '70



Occupation: Taught ESL in Mpls

Family: Married with 4 kids. 3 grandchildren. 7 sisters, in MN

Interests: sewing/quilting, opera/classical music

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Becoming a Grandparent. Memorable trip- Tanzania! Taught ESL in Mpls for 10 yrs. Subbed in Bloomington for 10 yrs.



Cathleen Caruso Smith

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired parent educator preS teacher

Family: Widowed, three sons, three granddaughters

Interests: Reading and would like to do more traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: College in Mankato and earned a degree in Family Life/Child Development. My most rewarding work was with challenging families in atypical settings: ie home, shelters and jail. My favorite trip was taking my sons and their significant others to Paris for 10 days. In 2019 I moved back to the Twin City area to be closer to my family.



Cathy Chaplin

Class of '70



Occupation: Life's Pro Fun Tour

Family: Siblings, Nieces and many many Friends, all family and all so dear to my heart!

Interests: Snow Patrol, Skiing, Flower Patrol, Hiking, Music, Dancing, Wanderlust, Travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My life has been all about the wanderlust, which began while playing cribbage with my Dad every night in the cold Minnesota winters. He had been on every continent, between his stories & my fascination with The Sound of Music and South Pacific, the journey began. And not to forget Sister Hermana, yes, she contributed as well. Spring break of Junior year at the U of MN found me on the top of Loveland Pass on the continental divide in Colorado. I took one look and knew that I was home! I traveled professionally for 25 years and although have not hit every continent, have come very close. Ciao!



Jacqueline Christianson Omundson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: I have 3 children and 8 grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Interests: Travel, finally going out with friends again, time with family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Life is good. We go to Arizona in the winter, Nevada in the spring. My daughter lives in Florida so visit there often. The past year has been hard on everyone so glad things are open up to get together with friends and family. I love retired life! I sadly missed the reunion because of a death in the family. Would have loved to see all of you and so glad you had an excellent evening with all our "old" friends. Maybe another reunion one day?

Maureen Christy Houghton

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired from Special Education

Family: Daughter Jenny-Son-In-Law Peter; Son Joe-Daughter-In-Law Kate; 7 Grandsons

Interests: Grandsons!!! 3 in Seattle;4 in Wayzata!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Came from a family of 8 brothers and sisters! Moved a lot so met many future Regina students along the way! It was like coming home when I got to Regina!!!

Susan Combs Kmetz

Class of '70



Occupation: retired

Family: Married to Doug Kmetz for 46 years, 4 sons, (1 deceased) and 4 grandchildren

Interests: Traveling, quilting, reading, dancing

Margaret Costello Turk

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband, livestock

Interests: Singing/ Playing Music/ reading/ line dancing/ hiking/ pickleball

Ann Cottrell Lockyer

Class of '70



Kathleen Crowley Peltier

Class of '70



Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived on the East Coast since 1980 and occasionally get back to Mpls to see my family.

Jennifer De Antoni-Damiani

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired law enforcement

Family: Deceased spouse (2010), 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Interests: Criminal Justice, Probation and parole

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After a career in Corporate Communication for 10 years, I decided to finish college at the age of 45! Graduated from Northern Illinois University with honors. On to Police boot camp at the age of 50 for the State of Florida. Worked as a Senior Probation Officer until 2014 and retired. I lived in Key Largo Florida for 20 years and moved to Apex, North Carolina in 2020. I am enjoying living close to my children and grandchildren and traveling. I really believe Regina gave me a great education and instilled compassion for all types of cultures. I enjoyed the Reunion!

Mary Deblon Conley

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: I am engaged to a wonderful man named Michael Adams.

Interests: Traveling & Golf

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My most important thing is as a mother of two beautiful girls, Meredith Deblon & Elizabeth Mary. My daughters were born with special needs and required total care. Both have passed but remain the loves of my life. I have lived in Honeoye Falls, NY since 1980.

Arlana Dempsey

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired!

Interests: Hiking, baking, volunteering

Christine Farris

Class of '70



Mary Fiedler Zappia

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired from Medical Sales

Family: Blended family of 4 children and seven grandchildren.

Mary Fitzpatrick Flugaur

Class of '70



Occupation: Secretary for City of Minneapolis

Family: My husband, Dave, and I have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Interests: I enjoy going up to Mille Lacs Lake with family in summer.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked for 31 years for the City of Minneapolis. After retirement, I've helped my daughters with babysitting or cleaning a couple times a week. I sometimes drive kids to and from school. I also volunteer once a week at Tandem, a family resource center.

Loretta Frederick

Class of '70



Occupation: Attorney, Battered Women's Justice Proj.

Family: Don Holmquist, my life partner since 1990; two kids, three grandkids

Interests: Cooking and entertaining, gardening, hiking, advocating for progressive causes

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from Macalester College & William Mitchell College of Law in St Paul. 1978 I moved to Winona, MN where I helped open a legal aid office. I LOVED poverty law & helped to found the Women's Resource Center of Winona, beginning my lifelong work to improve the legal system's response to domestic violence. Then in 1983 my sister, Emily (Regina 1974) was shot and killed by a man because she didn't want a relationship with him. Retired in Sept from a national resource center on this issue, having traveled the world doing this work. Have a fab partner 30 years...and his great kids, too!

Kathleen (Kathy) Frost Burke

Class of '70



Occupation: Stay at Home Mom/Grandma

Family: Husband Steve, five kids (Susie, Katie, Elizabeth, Mike, Tom), 10 grandkids

Interests: Catholic faith, family, MN Twins

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduating from the U of M I worked at a small town newspaper on the east coast near where my Marine husband was stationed. We moved back to MN when we started our family and have lived in Chanhassen for 40+ years. My Catholic faith has deepened immensely in the past several years as I've been able to travel to the Holy Land three times and to many shrines and holy places throughout Europe. I'm hoping to get in a couple more pilgrimages once things open up again. Still a Twins fan, although not as avid since they got woke.

Elizabeth (Beth) Frenzel

Class of '70



Occupation: Scientist

Family: Son/daughter-in-law and daughter/son-in-law; 2 granddaughters (ages 4 and 2)

Interests: Family, live theater/concerts, reading, eating out, family cabin, traveling.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have so many fun memories of time with you at Regina! My interest in biology that was sparked at Regina continues to today. I have a B.S. in Biology and a Ph.D. in Cell Biology. I spent 35 years at the U of MN doing basic science and medical research. I now work for Boston Scientific, and I thrive on the daily challenges. For 20 years I ran a weekly religious education program for children with special needs, and for 8 years I ran a monthly support group for moms with children in the military. My treasured times are with family and friends.

Barbara (Barb) Gacek

Class of '70



Occupation: Still an engineer at heart

Family: Spouse, Susan, plus siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends

Interests: Volunteering, instructor at Mathnasium, golf, biking, cooking, baking, camping.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After working as an X-ray Tech for 17 years, I went back to the U of M full-time in 1990 and got BS and MS in mechanical engineering. I then worked as a consulting engineer for Dunham Associates for almost 24 years. I've taken some memorable trips to Alaska, Ireland, England, and France, as well as cruises through the Panama Canal, from Alaska, and to the Caribbean. One of my joys in the summer is operating the streetcar at Lake Harriet and in the winter I'm a volunteer tax preparer. I also volunteer at the U of M Hospital. I don't play the guitar anymore, but I'm relearning to play the piano!

Mary Jo Gapinski Lutz

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband Robert Lutz deceased Aug 2018

Interests: Traveling, hiking, biking, kayaking and games with friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from U of MN. I worked in the Radiology Department at the School of Dentistry for 5 years until moving to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1979. I was self-employed with Orthodontic Cephalometric Analysis for 40 years and happily married to Bob Lutz until his unexpected sudden death while we were on vacation in Aug 2018. I met a man while on a cruise and I am now living on Humboldt Bay in Eureka, CA which is quite a change from HOT and SUNNY Scottsdale.

Lucy Gerold

Class of '70



Occupation: Artist and Consultant

Family: Husband, his 2 sons and our 3 grandchildren. 6 siblings and 4 nieces/nephews.

Interests: Carving wood spatulas/scoops/spoons. Painting. Workshop moderator. Hiking.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: B.A. U of M, Masters Concordia College. A.A. in Law Enforcement. Began my career with the City of Minneapolis in crime prevention and community engagement. I then became a police officer and served in the MPD as a Precinct Commander and Deputy Chief. In 2014 I left to be E.D. of the non-profit Jeremiah Program in both St. Paul and Mpls for 5 years. I'm now facilitating workshops for Braver Angels, bridging the political divide in America and consulting with police depts. We split our time between St. Paul and western MA where my husband's family lives.



Mary (Jackie) Gleason Helmeke

Class of '70



Lynne Goughnour Carlson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married to Tom Carlson, Two kids, four grandkids so far!

Interests: Swimming, fishing, boating, RV camping, pickle ball, riding our horses, gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: We live in NW Minn on 60 acres with quarter horses. I traveled and competed in Trail riding with the horses and also As a family we raised and raced sled dogs. For many years I owned an Art Gallery, sold it, thought I was retiring ended up managing a Thrivent Financial office until retiring again. Enjoy the reunion! We will be out west in September so I will not make it to MPLS.

Patrice Hall Simonsen

Class of '70



Occupation: Paralegal, retired

Family: Husband, Jerry; Daughter, Mary, 37 yrs; Granddaughter, Bella, 6 yrs

Interests: Golf, Tennis, Skiing; socializing with wonderful friends, family, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Jerry, 1975. Lived in Saginaw and Atlanta before settling for 35 years in San Diego, CA. Adopted our little Bella, and moved back to Minnesota to raise her around our wonderful and supportive family. We've settled in Excelsior (Shorewood). Adjusting to Minnesota living after so many years in CA, and jumping with both feet back into grade school - Ha!

Patricia (Pat) Harris McGinnis

Class of '70



Occupation: Educator/Administrator, retired 2016

Family: Married John, 1974. Had three daughters, then 7 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Interests: Family, traveling, playing piano, pickleball, reading, being a Florida snowbird

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After an Education degree from the U of M, I worked in private and public schools, then opened/operated an early childhood program for twenty years. Later, intrigued by possibilities in conflict resolution, I became a mediator and opened a business serving families in conflict, teaching conflict resolution at SCSU, and training Dept. of Defense administrators/teachers in facilitation and conflict resolution. For fifteen years I coordinated the Alternative Dispute Resolution program at the MN Dept. of Education and authored Change Pain to Gain: The Secrets of Turning Conflict into Opportunity.

Brenda Hennek

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired; State of Mn Human Services

Family: My best bud Charles, daughter Nicole, son-in-law Jim, grands Greta Alice, Ray

Interests: I moved to the lake house & enjoy the sunsets, wildlife, boating & quilting.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Has it been 50+ yrs already? At this age we have all experienced challenges, loves & losses. Some unimaginable. There is so much living to do yet. I want to learn to play the ukulele, dive off the highest board at the community pool, weld a large outdoor sculpture (I have the tools and skill) and visit as many National Parks as I can with my grandchildren. I have fond memories of Regina and the environment a religious education with all girls provided. It allowed us the freedom and strength to do & be what we wanted to be. I'm grateful.

Deborah (Debbie) Hobson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Legal Secretary

Family: Unmarried, no kids. I share in the joys of my sister's kids (3) & grandkids (8)

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Enjoying retirement. God bless you all.

Susan Holker Martyn

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Nurse and Company Administrator

Family: Husband, 3 children, 7 grandchildren

Interests: Travel, golf, gardening

Mary Hughes Kirchhof

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Educator

Family: Family: husband, two sons, one daughter in law, one grandson.

Interests: Family, writing/reading, gardening, volunteering, human rights work, travel.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Have been married for 45 years, a mom for 40 and grandma for three. Retired 7 years ago after 40 years of teaching reading/writing/critical literacy and special education at all levels in public schools and as a university adjunct. Life now is best summed up by Mary Oliver in her poem "Messenger". "Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work, which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished."

Dorothy Jakala Guadiz

Class of '70



Elizabeth Jarosch Kincade

Class of '70



Molly Jeffrey

Class of '70



Linda Johnson

Class of '70



Occupation: Physician

Family: Husband Ray Mirshekari and 2 children, John and Mary

Interests: Traveling, Cooking, Reading, Walking and more recently water aerobics and yoga

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Recently retired after 40 yrs as family physician. Mother of 2 grown children and 2 toddler granddaughters, married x44 yrs this October. Undergraduate at St Mary's University, fellowship at Australian National University , and degree of medicine from University of Minnesota.

Sharon Johnson Brezina

Class of '70



Paulette Joyer

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired attorney

Family: Marilyn Lustig, spouse

Occupation: Retired, ARCH/ENG Illustrator

Family: Married with two sons and a daughter-in-law

Interests: Art, crafts, travel, remodeling, walking and biking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's in Studio Art. After graduating my first career was as a computer operator, operations analyst and scheduler. My second career as a mother of two wonderful boys ran consecutively with my first career. My favorite career was as an Architectural/Engineering Illustrator, of which I retired. In retirement, I enjoy visiting my son and his wife who live in Baltimore and my other son who lives nearby. My husband and I enjoy live music, theater, long walks and travel.

Terri Kennedy Ruter

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Interests: The bible, American history documentaries

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I enjoy my family and extended family members. I spend 2 days each week with my sister-in-law who suffers from Alzheimers disease. I worked for 35 years for a self insured beverage company. Thirty of those years in Human Resources working in risk management. I retired in 2015. I enjoy spending time with my husband of 47 years. I enjoy spending time when possible with our son and his family living in Massachusetts.

Mary Kent Vandrovec

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Spouse: Jerry; three siblings in the Twin Cities.

Interests: Singing, plant-based cooking, travel, houseplants and walking in nature.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I was a late bloomer in my pursuit of an opera career after an operation on my nose made my voice twice as big, twice as beautiful overnight. I moved to NYC to study from a conductor at the Metropolitan Opera. I sang roles with various regional opera companies and eventually decided music would be an avocation. I had a successful career as an executive assistant which allowed me to sing at night and on the weekends. I moved back to Mpls in 2007 to be closer to my family. I met my wonderful husband in the Basilica choir and married for the first time at 59. We are excited to be retired.

Martha Kent Salzman

Class of '70



Occupation: Teacher and literacy coach

Family: Husband of 41 years, Larry. Two married sons, 4 grandchildren.

Interests: Reading, politics, walking the lakes, taking care of grandchildren.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My husband and I live in the same South Mpls home near the lakes where we raised our boys. I became a Montessori teacher and taught grades 4-6 in St. Paul for 10 years before leaving the classroom to do staff development as a literacy coach for 10 years. I retired in 2014 and get my greatest joy now from being with my sons and their families. I also enjoy time with friends, swimming, reading, taking Ollie classes and some travel.



Kathleen Killen Klukas

Class of '70



Occupation: Wife, Mom and Grandma

Family: Yes

Interests: Family, Friends, Community, Spirituality, Exercise, Books

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Bob on my last day of classes at the U of M. Have three lovely children, the youngest are twins. Being a grandma is currently the best. Enjoyed fabulous careers in Community Organizing, Science and working with nonprofits to address hunger and promote fitness for disadvantaged children. Taught skiing and snowboarding for Afton Alps and Como ski schools. Farthest foreign travel is Thailand, most frequent trips are to Trout Lake in MN. Was privileged to work the organizing committee to find and facilitate our wonder filled night celebrating amazing Regina women.



Barbara Kroth Welch

Class of '70



Occupation: BS in Nursing

Family: Married, proud mom of 3 sons and grandmother of 3 1/2 grandchildren.

Interests: Reading, gardening, quilting, cooking and getting together with friends.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from Purdue University in nursing. Have worked in an Adult Burn ICU and a Thoracic ICU in Dallas and an Infection Control Nurse in Lafayette IN. My husband and I have been married 43yrs and are looking forward to traveling and spending the winters in sunny Arizona.

Mary Kulla Dvorak

Class of '70



Occupation: Elementary School Teacher

Family: Husband Jim, 3 children and 3 grandsons

Interests: I enjoy being with my family and friends, traveling, gardening, and having fun!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My husband and I have been lucky. Our family is close and we love being around our kids. I still haven't found anything better than being a grandma to 3 "exceptional" and very busy grandsons. I enjoyed teaching school but have to admit this retirement job is pretty nice, too! We travel with friends, especially during the winter months, and Hilton Head seems to be one of our favorite spots. All in all life has been good!



Elizabeth Lais Birk

Class of '70



Occupation: retired market research analyst

Family: husband-Don, daughter-Erin, son-in-law Jim, granddaughter Lily

Interests: TV Politics Family-granddaughter Lily

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: trip to france



Cynthia Larson Clarkson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retail manager

Family: 3 children, married to a De La Salle man, Bob Clarkson and two grandchildren

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from the University of Minnesota in Humanities Cum Laude. I taught many years of dance. I was a community education coordinator for about ten years. I moved to Sioux Falls SD for 15 years and started at Scheels as Department Manager. I still work part time at the Eden Prairie store. I married Bob Clarkson who went to De La Salle and we have three children who are all married. We have two lovely grandchildren.



Mary Linn De Rosa Linn

Class of '70



Occupation: Personnel / Human Resources

Family: Step-daughter, husband, two grandsons, Son, wife, grandson, granddaughter

Interests: reading, visiting family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I lived for several years in Texas and Germany. I completed my B.A. from UMTC. I've worked in the Personnel and Human Resources areas of the fast food business since 1976. My B.A. in Child Psychology has been very helpful on a near-daily basis! I lived in Wisconsin for 20 years, returned to Minneapolis in 2003 and took up residence in my childhood home. My children and grandchildren live in the Los Angeles area where I visit them frequently.

Marypat Long Case

Class of '70



Occupation: Executive Director

Family: Proud mother of 3 sons. Have 3 wonderful grandsons and 1 granddaughter

Interests: Getting together with friends and spending time with kids and grandkids

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have fond memories of attending Regina HS, being in the choir and working as a car hop at Curran's Drive-In where everyone hung out. I moved to California after graduating from St. Ben's. I received my Masters Degree in Social Work and went on to have a long and successful career as an executive in non-profit organizations serving the homeless and women and children survivors of domestic violence. I'm hoping to retire in the near future and travel and read more. I look forward to attending my first high school reunion and connecting with old friends.



Margaret (Margy) Loye Eroh

Class of '70



Occupation: Administrative Assistant

Family: I am married to Bob. I have 3 daughters, 5 grandkids.

Interests: Biking, Pickleball, Baking, Wine enthusiast- we love traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduation, I married in 1975 moved to Yuma, AZ for 3 years & then back to MN. I have 3 daughters- Alissa, Emily & Suzanne. Very blessed to have 5 grandkids. I remarried in 2006 after meeting my husband on CatholicSingles.com and moved back to Arizona. My husband Bob & I love to travel- I would have to say our favorite place is Italy. I am starting my 30th year in Catholic Schools as an Admin. Asst.- love my job but I am looking forward to retiring in the next year or so. Life is Good!



Celine Lyman

Class of '70



Occupation: Environmental Specialist

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: It was wonderful to see everyone at the reunion. I'm still living in South Minneapolis and working for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.



Patricia (Pat) Mahoney Hertenberg

Class of '70



Occupation: Project manager in Construction industry

Family: Married to Bruce Hertenberg . Have a 33 year old son Billy.

Interests: Love to garden

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I met Bruce and found a second chance at love after being widowed at 41. We will be married 25 years in 2021. Still working. Love my job and the unique challenges it presents everyday. Living in Plymouth MN. Hoping to someday head south to get out of the Minnesota winters

Mary Ellen Manning

Class of '70



Occupation: Currently EA with Rdale Adventure Club

Family: 2 great brothers, 3 nephews+ 2 spouses and 4 wonderful great neices

Interests: Fine Crafts, gardening, reading, keeping in touch w/ friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Currently working with kids in before/after school program Worked with fibers in studio.Had a booth at the Renn Fest for 10yrs selling my work. Have taught you basketry but now work with elementary kids with simpler crafts hoping to help find their own way of creating. Still write but not as often. Still working. Love reading r cookbooks but not necessarily cooking. My constant companion is 4 footed rascal named Lily. She has kept me sane during covid. A dog's love is constant even now.

Laura Markos Schnell

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: husband John, of 43 years. two children 4 grandkids

Interests: crafting, outdoor activities, shopping for antiques,

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school I went to the U of MN and graduated with a BA in Theatre Arts. I married in 1977. Had our son Matt in 1980, Karen in 1982, she died in 1983 during a bad storm, Liz came in 1984. I have had many "careers" but my favorite was Massage Therapy. My husband is also retired. We live on Briggs Lake in a township not far from Clear Lake, MN.

Mary McKay

Class of '70



Occupation: Taught International Students English

Family: Married at 50.....4 siblings still regularly in my life....friends/cousins/

Interests: History and people's stories interest me.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I am the luckiest person I have ever known, beginning with my family and life experiences. I am ever grateful. Fortunate to work with international students for over 35 years both in Chicago and St. Paul. Have been able to travel many places to build on the friendships. Converted to St. Paul in the late 70s and am still nuts about the place. Met Tom Burdeski in St. Paul at 46 and settled in to learn about marriage. Haven't graduated yet! Have been fortunate also to have friends from childhood, from Annunciation, from Regina and Mundelein College, as well as very fine co-workers and neighbors.

Margaret (Marg) McKenna Herrmann

Class of '70



Occupation: Respiratory Therapist

Family: I have 3 boys, Tony, Jack and Casey. I have 8 Grandchildren 4-19 years old.

Interests: Kayaking, yoga, walking, going to flea markets and estate sales.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I went to St. Cloud State for 2 years and then graduated from the University of MN. I was a Special Education teacher for 20 years before I went back to school at 39 years old to become a Respiratory Therapist. Excited to say I'm a Katie now. I've worked as a therapist for 26 years at several different hospitals. I'm working at the VA for now and will retire soon. I hope to travel a lot, my first trip is to Washington DC and Virginia for Thanksgiving with my brothers.

Jeanne McRaith Sheriff

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband: Dave, Two Daughters - Amy and Katy and 5 grandchildren ages 10-19

Interests: Travel, camping, skiing, golf, volunteering and spending time with family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated with an MS in Speech Pathology from St. Cloud State University. I moved to Glenwood Springs in the mountains of Colorado after graduation. We moved around a bit for the next 15 years and I taught at Colorado State Univ, the University of Denver, and Northern Arizona Univ before moving to England in 1988. We spent 4 years there and moved back to Glenwood Springs, where Dave and I started a business selling exercise equipment throughout Colorado. We sold the company 2014 after 22 years and I am happily retired in Glenwood Springs with our two daughters and 5 grandchildren close by.

Catherine McMullen Plessner

Class of '70



Occupation: "Small things with great love" M Teresa

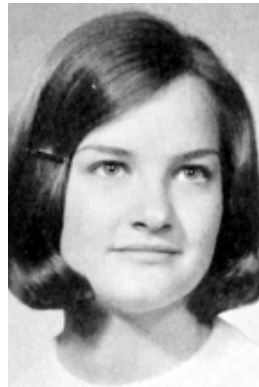
Family: Rick 49 yrs= Son Fred (4 girls, 1 boy) - Daughter Marie (2 girls, 4 boys)

Interests: I'm interested in people. I smiled as I read every name on our class list.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: "What does it mean to love myself and others knowing that whatever I do for one, is something I'm not doing for another?" That is my existential question. Surviving Polio was an early lesson that my infinite Spirit is contained in a finite vessel. I chose to remove my Covid protection mask with women I love. When POSITIVE appeared on my Covid test I felt mortified that I endangered my family. It was a "Come to Jesus" moment of self acceptance. I love with mindless zeal. Our reunion events illustrate that Regina women have courage to resurrect with love for our authentic selves. How meaningful!

Mary Meyer

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: I'm blessed with 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, and 2 grandchildren -- all joys.

Interests: God, His Church, health and continued healing, kids, grandkids, and movies.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: God has healed me from several disorders -- a distorted body image, an eating disorder (bulimarexia), a Cinderella complex, promiscuity, over-exercising, hoarding, anxiety, and depression. I began to develop those problems as I bought into the distorted romantic and sexual notions I saw on TV and movies as a child. Rather than taking to heart the truths from my first catechism, I searched for love and happiness "in all the wrong places." God's grace has always been working in me, and I came back to the Church in Oct. 2005. God continues to heal me, and my life is full of joy and real love.

Christine Miles

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Painter/Sign Maker

Family: Husband, Carl 2 kids, 4 grandkids

Interests: Art-watercolor, acrylics, stained glass, wood carving, photography

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married 45 years. We spend our winters in Baffin Bay, Texas and summers at the lake near Danbury, Wisc. and an apartment in Roseville to stay close to the grandkids.

Jane Montague Sandau

Class of '70



Occupation: Co-Owner Of Sandau Construction, Inc

Family: Husband, Wayne of 47 yrs, Son Kevin, 1 son, daughter Kristin, 2 daughters

Interests: I design floral arrangements, Golfing, Volunteering at St Francis Hospital.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Building our business, I was able to take advantage of my marketing knowledge from St Thomas College. Raising our children (and their wedding's) and taking care of the grandchildren. We were very heavily involved with our son's hockey and now our Daughter's horse ranch. Since we are semi-retired (our son is taking over business), we have been doing a lot of traveling. We spend our winters in Florida. We recently bought a house in Bradenton, Fl

Patricia (Trisha) Moore Dow

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired Teacher

Family: husband-Melvin, sons- Matthew (Mpls.) and Adam (Sparta, WI)

Interests: I love gardening, helping at our local pantry and Bible studies.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I taught learning disabilities and regular education (2nd grade) in the Stevens Point Public Schools (WI) for 34 years. I loved my years teaching reading and Language arts to 2nd graders. I am married to my husband Mel for 45 years. He also taught. We have two boys- Matt and Adam. Now I work at the pantry to help recipients who are food insecure. It is very rewarding. I also have loved learning zoom to participate in my Bible Studies during the pandemic. In my spare time I make/send out cards to members of our church who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Pamela Morris Miner

Class of '70



Susan Muller Amon

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired, medical transcriptionist

Family: Husband, Rodger, 3 daughter's, Erin, Alicia, Madeline, 5 Grandchildren

Interests: Reading, having lunch with friends, boating, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Looking back since leaving the halls of Regina fifty years ago I can say that my favorite memories and accomplishments are those of raising my three daughters. I have traveled most of the United States and look forward to more travel. Settled in Kentucky for twenty-seven years plus five years in Florida. We are now dividing our time equally between Kentucky and Lake Pulaski in Minnesota. Our grandchildren live in Kentucky and Colorado, so lots of trips out west!

Patricia Niedenfuer Brodeen

Class of '70



Occupation: RN for 43 years

Family: I have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson

Interests: Love to garden

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Retired in 2016 . My husband and I moved to our lake place. We enjoy boating on the pontoon and having our children and grand kids visit. We have had lots of family that also visited, especially this summer!

Rosemary Nunberg Mueller

Class of '70



Occupation: Senior Director New Business Development

Family: Celebrating 50 happy years of Marriage with 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Interests: Pickleball 5 days a week, winter in Puerto Vallarta, travel and time with family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I married my high school boyfriend and we will be celebrating 50 happy years of Marriage this April. We have thoroughly enjoyed our family life with two wonderful daughters, their great husbands and 5 active grandchildren. For the first 25 years of my career, I had my own sales repping business with 25 vendors selling to major department and specialty retailers. I transitioned into a National Accounts Manager and then Senior Director of New Business Development position from which I retired. Loving every minute of retirement with family, winters in Puerto Vallarta & pickleball 5 days a week

Irene O'Brien Poquette

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired/Hennepin County Library

Family: Husband Mike, 3 sons, 1 wonderful daughter-in-law, one grandson.

Interests: Traveling, reading, music, taking care of my 5 year-old grandson.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked at Hennepin County Library/Southdale 42 years, which I loved. Lots of trips, especially foreign ones with all the offspring. Love listening to live music, especially my son's bluegrass band---before the pandemic!

Mary Pat O'Brien Takacs

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired college librarian

Family: New grandparent

Interests: Volunteer usher with the Minnesota Orchestra

Nola Paquette Smith

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband Bobby, Sons: Charles 51, Clint 41. Grandson Ian 20, Granddaughter Ava 14

Interests: Music, camping, biking, travel, cooking with Ava

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Bobby & I have been married 47 years. Farmed and raised hogs for 25 years. Son Charles & husband Jae live in Los Angeles, CA, grandson Ian in Waconia, MN. Son Clint & wife Jen live near us with granddaughter Ava. Retired Certified Professional Secretary. Earned Child Development Certificate in 2001 to become Teacher/Director of Salem Lutheran Preschool. Earned CNA/HHA certification 2012 to continue doing activities and spiritual care for residents in a LTC facility. I am fully recovered from 2015 stroke. Fully retired in 2018 all jobs! Still visit residents as volunteer.

Elizabeth O'Rourke Staples

Class of '70



Occupation: RN

Family: Widowed. Mother of 4 wonderful children and 8 crazy grandchildren!

Interests: Church, volunteering, grand-parenting, traveling, and lots of walking!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I finished my career as an RN after 45 years and thoroughly enjoyed working in the ER/Oncology units in Alexandria, MN. Although retired, I continue to mentor student nurses, volunteer my services, and do missionary work. Most of my time is spent traveling to grandparent my eight little munchkins, as they live in the four quadrants of the US. I have also travelled to Ireland, Italy, Hawii, Budapest and Guatemala. After 43 years of marriage, Mike died unexpectedly in 2016, and now I find myself being a "DIY'er!" As a cancer survivor, I treat each day as a blessing and an adventure!

Paula Paterson Carow

Class of '70



Occupation: Wisc. Forester; Conservationist, Rusk Co

Family: Husband: Jerry Children: Andy, Dan, Jeana

Interests: I have been riding my motorcycle, legally, for 53 years. Lots of fun trips.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: For 4 years I worked as an undercover Game Warden purchasing illegally harvested game and fish. Lots of good stories.

Eileen Porter Zierdt

Class of '70



Occupation: retired Dental Hygienist

Family: Son, daughter, grandson

Interests: Golf, biking, disc golf, snowshoeing, cards and my favorite: pickleball

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I became a dental hygienist and started my career at the same office in NE Minneapolis that I retired from 42 years later. I went back for a degree in Health Care Administration and worked at the Oral Health Research Center at the U of M also. In 2014 my husband and I retired and moved to Florida to help home school our grandson. We are back in Minnesota for the schools now and it seems alot like homeschooling this past year! I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone!

Eleanor (Ellie) Raidt Singer

Class of '70



Occupation: Part Time Administrative

Family: Husband, Gary, Sons Eric & Kyle, grandchildren Owen, Gavin & Meghan

Interests: Volunteering, golf, walking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: AA Degree from Bemidji State, 20 years of volunteer and paid work with soccer locally, regionally & nationally. Currently co-lead of women's department at ReSale Select, a boutique thrift store that is part of Interfaith Outreach.

Judith (Judy) Rasmussen Landucci

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired medical transcriptionist

Family: Husband - Steven. Children: Sara 42, Eric 39, Anne 34, Rachel 29. Grandkids 6.

Interests: Medicine, history, travel, politics (election judge for 10 years), gardening.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Going to Italy last year (thank goodness before Coronavirus) to find husband's family roots in Lucca. Going with my children to Poland next year to trace my family roots in Krakow.

Patty Reynolds

Class of '70



Mary Roland

Class of '70



Occupation: Business Partner

Family: Lots of People.

Interests: Skiing, hiking, hanging out with friends in the beautiful surrounding nature.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: A founding partner of Vintage Ski World, a large online & Amazon store since 2002, the last 18 yrs have been a lot about skiing & all things related to the history of skiing. The business is called the largest privately owned collection of vintage ski equipment, clothing, decor, posters, photos & memorabilia, where everything is for sale. Although we used to have a store in Aspen (down the block from Carbondale) & another store in Frisco CO, which we just closed; we are really busy with Amazon, our website & the flow of traffic thru our Carbondale Showroom. I love living in the mountains!

Monica Sampson

Class of '70



Theresa Scheurer Halverson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired/ Social Worker

Family: I'm married with 2 adult sons, recently married. 7 siblings and extended family.

Interests: Music, still playing piano, and more recently Viola. Sailing/kayaking, quilting.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Raised two sons. I have a psych ed masters, career spent working for Arc and last 20 years as a social worker, later coordinator, for Dakota County social services as advocate and family consultant/coord for person centered planning programs for people with developmental disabilities. Totally enjoying recent retirement ! Looking forward to travel after Covid. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Sept. After 38 yrs would still love a cigarette! Susan Mueller are you out there? heheh. Hoping for grandkids. Missing getting out there and hearing great local music especially Jazz and Blues.

Teresa Schneider

Class of '70



Lisa Schoenecker Anderson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Family: Rich, husband of 45 years and 2 daughters

Interests: Reading, fitness, cooking/baking, painting, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My most memorable experiences were getting married, giving birth to my older daughter and adopting my younger daughter from Korea. I have also been a teacher, in real estate and currently am a private investor. Being involved in a number of nonprofits has also been important to me and one of my most interesting volunteer positions is being on the Board of Trustees at the University of St. Thomas where I am learning far more than I contribute, but am continuing an important family legacy. I most enjoy spending time with family and close friends doing absolutely anything!

Ann Simonds Pierce

Class of '70



Occupation: former special ed tchr/ attorney

Family: Kim Syma, Erin Salomon, Stella Syma & Julia & Eleanor Salomon

Interests: Travel, reading, fitness activities

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: The opportunity to live and be educated in several different places: Tuscon (Univ. of Arizona BS 1975) the Bay Area, Nashville (Vanderbilt JD 1982) Arkansas, Houston, Savannah. Raising 2 daughters, traveling the world and having 3 grandgirls.

Rosemary Schubert Madonna

Class of '70



Occupation: Dog grooming

Family: I have two awesome sons and two wonderful grandsons.

Interests: Horseback riding, photography, Jamaica Reggae music

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I'm still working. Been grooming for 40 years. I have been traveling to Jamaica since 1988. Lost my horse of 36 years in 2021 but now have a new mare. Ride to live! I have a Doberman, Arya. She's my partner. My family and friends are my life. My best friend is Mary Vasaly. Can't ask for a truer friend. Also a great friend for life is Maureen Benson both have been there for me through happy and unhappy times as have my siblings Life is good

Suzanne (Sue) Sitek Davies

Class of '70



Occupation: Happily Retired

Family: A beautiful blended family of 6 kids and 15 grandchildren.....ages 1-21

Interests: Hiking, camping, winter skiing, golfing, traveling, gardening and volunteering

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived on the North Shore in Lutsen for 46 years. We currently live on a small inland lake on a forest service road. Now that we are retired, my husband and I try and enjoy all the activities the North Shore has to offer. When winter seems a bit long we chase down a sunny spot for some weeks. We feel blessed to be in such wilderness beauty every day. We are strong opponents of the plan to mine copper and nickel in our pristine watershed of the BWCA and Lake Superior. Support Friends of the Boundary Waters or Water Legacy if you are like minded please

Nancy Sorman Meldahl

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired

Maureen Stangler Skramstad

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired elementary school teacher

Family: Husband Steve, Son Erik

Interests: Quilting, wool appliqué, birding, reading, traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduating from the College of St. Benedict taught elementary school for 39 years in the Anoka-Hennepin school district. Five of those years I worked as an instructional coach, providing staff development and classroom support. My husband and I have one son, Erik, who works in the film industry in New Orleans. We love to travel and have enjoyed visiting our son as well as taking road trips across the country. Together we like to go hiking and birding, including trips to the Sax-Zim bog in northern Minnesota during the winter to look for owls. On my own, I enjoy many fiber arts.

Joanne Swadner Johnson

Class of '70



Occupation: Admin Asst/Ops Coordinator

Family: Widowed. Children - Michael & Cynthia. 1 grandchild 12 yrs old

Interests: Reading, walks with my dog, crafts, enjoy family cabin in northern MN

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Currently living in Shakopee MN. Met my husband while on vacation in Hawaii. Lived in KY, TX, OH and MN. I have worked at Dairy Queen corporate headquarters in Minneapolis for 34 years. Yes, we do get to taste test new products. Involved in the International Association of Administrative Professionals in various positions at the local level. Current president of our town home association. Love to visit my grandson in NC. My twin sister, Joyce, and I are very close even though she lives in Alaska. Looking forward to retiring soon and spending more time at the family cabin up north.

Joyce Swadner Anderson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired: City Mpls 1999; Alaska 2015

Family: Husband: James; Daughter Stacey; 6 Grandkids-ages 4-26; 2 Great-ages 1 & 5

Interests: Traveling, gardening, reading, fishing, hunting, and camping.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated Hamline Univ with Masters in Public Administration. Worked for City of Mpls for 30 yrs with the last 14 as Dir of Elections. Married James in 1999 & moved to Anchorage, AK. Worked 14 yrs as Exec Dir of Alaska Legislative Ethics. We enjoy many outdoor activities with family & friends-clamming, fishing for salmon/halibut, hunting caribou/moose, 4-wheeling, snowmachining and camping. We have a lake home where we can see Mt. Denali out our front windows. I love to garden. The flowers are beautiful with our 20 hrs of daylight! We love living in Alaska!

Deborah (Deb) Thompson Francis

Class of '70



Occupation: EMT-IV, full time ambulance

Family: Husband: David Children: Terra, Phillip, Jacob, Stephanie, Melinda, 12 Gchldrn

Interests: wilderness medicine, singing, playing guitar, hiking/backpacking, horses

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Favorite job ever: camp counselor/wrangler/hike staff for Camp St. Malo, Allenspark, COMember of a Catholic Christian Band - recorded an album in a studio, DenverPraise and worship leader at church for preschool, grade school, Jr High and the Adult Singles group, LovelandVisit to Israel in 2003, unforgettable!!Member of Larimer County Search and Rescue, Fort CollinsTrauma recovery work through Heart 2 Heart Ministries in Colorado Springs - experiencing women recovering from trauma is very rewarding

Jane Totzke Flake

Class of '70



Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I worked as a nurse for over 25 years and traveled extensively for before I got married. My husband is an orthopedic surgeon and just recently retired. We have 4 sons (27-30). We reside in the St. Paul area. I have been a master gardener for quite a few years and spend my winter months designing gardens for my clients. I also have a small business as a private chef that keeps me quite busy. Maybe one of these years I will slow down!

Mary Vasaly

Class of '70



Occupation: Hennepin County District Court Judge

Family: Children: Laura Wisneski, Thomas Wisneski, Michael Wisneski

Interests: Dance, tennis, horses, bridge, backgammon, Ukrainian Easter eggs, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduation I became a registered nurse, and worked at HCMC, but then I went to law school and worked as a civil trial lawyer for more than 25 years. 10 years ago I was appointed to be a Henn. Cty. judge. During this time I was married to my wonderful husband, Mike (who passed away last year), and we had 3 great children, who are now grown and live here in the Twin Cities. I can't wait to see everyone again!

Lisa Ventura Olson

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired: careers in banking & literacy

Family: Husband Greg, daughters Gina & Marie, SIL Steve & granddaughters 2 & 4 yrs

Interests: We love to travel & family trips are the best! Pre Covid I volunteered 3 X w

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My husband of 41 years saved my life with CPR in 2010 when I suffered a sudden cardiac arrest - not a heart attack but an unexplained electrical problem. EMTs came fast & zapped me many times but my stubborn Italian heart would not restart so my brain was deprived of enough oxygen for 30 minutes. I have an anoxic brain injury. I literally relearned everything with 18 months of therapies & the support of my wonderful family & a few dear friends. I still have many deficits including I can't see well enough to drive but I love LIFE & feel blessed beyond measure!

Joyce Volkenant Gutkowski

Class of '70



Occupation: Retired as of June 2018

Family: Spouse, Paul; one son and 2 daughters, all married; 3 grandchildren.

Interests: Family, volunteering and travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My favorite memories of Regina HS were the choir concerts. After graduating from the College of St. Benedict with a math degree, I worked at NSP/Xcel Energy in the Twin Cities for 44 yrs. I held many challenging positions and ended my career thoroughly enjoying managing a group of employees in billing and payment operations. I finally retired at the birth of my first grandchild. Traveling to visit grandkids in TX and KS has kept me active in retirement.

Mary Waldoch Stultz

Class of '70



Occupation: Executive Coach

Family: Life partner, William-Thomas Wegner

Interests: Crafting, reading, walking, and pickleball

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from the University of MN with a BA in Speech-Communication and then received a MA degree from the University of St. Thomas in Human Resource Development. I am a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach and have made my living for the last 20 years as an executive coach, first employed by Fairview Health Services (now MHealth) and for the last 10 years working as an independent consultant/coach. I purchased my childhood home from my father in 2008 and live there happily with my life partner, William-Thomas and our newly-adopted dog, Gwen.

Laure Weber

Class of '70



Margaret White Rogers

Class of '70



Mary Widell Reinsmoen

Class of '70



Patricia Winchell Dahl

Class of '70



Occupation: Elderly Services Program Director

Family: 3 adult step kids. 8 grandkids & 1 great granddaughter & 1 great grandson.

Interests: My community. camping, gardening, watching movies, music, travel.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Have lived & worked on the Grand Portage Reservation for the past 44 years. I have been married for 34 years to Arvid Dahl. I raised 3 step kids who have given me joy, grey hair & wonderful grandkids & 2 sweet great grandchildren. We built our home on Lake Superior & have enjoyed all the beauty & challenges that has provided. I have had many opportunities to travel. They have all been wonderful. My favorite was my dream trip to Africa to go on safari. It was eye opening & the chance to see all the animals in their own habitat. Life has been Good, interesting, challenging & a blast. I am Grateful

Harriet Young Villalpando

Class of '70



Occupation: Assistant Superintendent for Finance Aid

Family: Husband ; Sons Carlos and Alberto, Jr. Daughter in law Andrea

Interests: Active at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elsa TX. Various community activities

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to Alberto a college student and migrant farm worker. I learned Spanish and speak it fluently .He was drafted and served at Army Intelligence. I went to school part time and worked as an elementary school secretary. Both of us received degrees in accounting. Worked my way up and retired as Asst Sup for finance at Edinburg CISD as did my husband from Mission CISD. Was 1st women president of RGV chapter and life member of Texas Ass of School Business officials. Trained school business officials. Taught RCIA for 11 years and over half of my students became very active at our parish.

In Memoriam
Regina - Class of 1970



Anne Anderson
1972



Anne Berke
2004



Keyna Blackwell
2014



Barbara Bretzke
2011



Mary Carr



**Suzanne
Dickhausen**
2015

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Mary Halter
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Linda Hoffman
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Marcia Keller
2019



Patricia Koch
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**Cheryl
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**Cindy McGraw
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**Maureen Stewart
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**Kathleen Teefy
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**Susan Vales
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