Cathy Ivan put together a great party for all of us WHS Class of ‘79 grads. She had help at the check in table from Kim Ferrio Lovely (left) and Cindy Schram Pointe (right).
35 Year Class Reunion

Class of 1979:

Charlene Sequin Helmreich, Deb Reno Lupo, Michelle Schwerin Sequin & Carol (Sam) Leske Dutton

Bob Sciba and spouse

Kelley Knight Madden & Beth Sturm Polzin

Kim Ferrio Lovely, Steve Datte, & Cathy Ivan

Todd Gray and spouse

Cindy Schram Pointe and Dan Black

Kala Kehrer, Brenda Walter Vogel & Julia Koch
35 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Catching up with old friends

Carol (Sam) Leske Dutton & Deb Losinski Turner

Fred Schwab & Bruce Berger

Maria Putt & guest

Beth Sturm Polzin and spouse

Jennifer DeLorge, Judy Reder Kram & Barbara Neering Hunt

Kala Kehrer, Julia Koch, Brenda Walter Vogel, Craig Snyder & MaryEllen Kelley
35 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Bob Sciba & Fred Schwab and spouse

Kim Ferrio Lovely & Brenda Walter Vogel

Carol (Sam) Leske Dutton & spouse

Janet Warner McBride, Dan Black (center) & spouses

Jennifer DeLorge & spouse

Charlene Sequin Helmreich & Andi Baker

Sandra Feinauer Satkowiak & spouse

Bob Sciba & Fred Schwab and spouse
35 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Bob Sciba and spouse

Todd Gray and spouse

Dan Black & spouse

Michelle Schwerin Sequin

Annette Dore Carbary & spouse

Delicious Dinner

Richard Raetz

Dan Dennis & Michelle Schwerin Sequin

Annette Dore Carbary & spouse

Bob Sciba and spouse
35 YEAR CLASS REUNION

CLASS of 1979

Michelle Schwerin Sequin & spouse

Richard Raetz & spouse

Janet Warner McBride & spouse
35 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Group photo of the 45 graduates who attended.
Dancing to a great selection of songs from DJ Richard Sniecinski—also a WHS grad.

The Class of ’79 Knows How To Have A Good Time!

Kelly Pashak Ayotte, Carol (Sam) Leske Dutton & spouse, Bob Sciba & spouse

Judy Reder Kram, Julia Koch, Jennifer DeLorge

Bill Kohn (center)
Andrea (Andi) Baker
Class of '79

**Occupation:** ASL Interpreter
**Family:** I have three children, and four grandchildren
**Interests:** Interpreting Concerts, Singing, Art, Writing

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I was an Actress/Singer with the Covenant Players. I've interpreted concerts for Donna Summer, Wynonna, the Nashville Symphony and others at the Ryman, Tennessee Performing Arts Center, and other famous venues. I recently set a world record with the Sign Club Co (worlds longest paper doll chain), and also recently lost 155 lbs!! I'm single, and love being a mom/grandmother. Sadly, my oldest daughter passed away in 2013. I have raised her son, and he's my joy. I never could have made it without God, and the love and prayers of friends and family.

Catherine Conway Buck
Class of '79

**Occupation:** City Clerk
**Family:** Two daughters, Kristen and Sarah; one son-in-law, Eric
**Interests:** Family, baking, walking

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Been with Chrysler for 31 years with a majority of my career in Automatic Transmission Engineering. Currently manage a department of 65 engineers and am responsible for design and development for all Chrysler Automatic Transmissions. Graduated with a BSME, MSME and MBA from U of M Ann Arbor. Have 2 daughters of which oldest is a nurse at Beaumont Hospital and youngest daughter is pursuing a Phd in Tissue Engineering and Organ Regeneration at Harvard University. Youngest daughter was ranked the Michigan Top Female and US Presidential Scholar upon graduation from High School in 2010.

Cheryl Bowns Behmlander
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Supply Chain Planner
**Family:** Husband Rick (33 years), Children John 22 and Julia 19
**Interests:** Cut flower growing, Rotary, and work-work-work

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** My husband and I have stayed within a couple miles of where we grew up. We own a hobby farm and grow heirloom vegetables and cut flowers. Our kids are both in college (so we are broke!). John is a Pre-Seminary Senior at Concordia Ann Arbor and Julia is a Sophomore dual majoring in Spanish and Psych at MSU (Go Green!). My passion is humanitarian work in the Dominican Republic to bring clean water to families living without. Light Up Rotary!

Daniel (Dan) Black
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Senior Manager - Automatic Transmission
**Family:** Debbie - wife, Amanda - oldest daughter and Nicole - youngest daughter
**Interests:** Avid fisherman and hunter. Also enjoy camping and snowmobiling.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Been with Chrysler for 31 years with a majority of my career in Automatic Transmission Engineering. Currently manage a department of 65 engineers and am responsible for design and development for all Chrysler Automatic Transmissions. Graduated with a BSME, MSME and MBA from U of M Ann Arbor. Have 2 daughters of which oldest is a nurse at Beaumont Hospital and youngest daughter is pursuing a Phd in Tissue Engineering and Organ Regeneration at Harvard University. Youngest daughter was ranked the Michigan Top Female and US Presidential Scholar upon graduation from High School in 2010.
Jeffrey Crabtree
Class of '79

Occupation: Paramedic IC
Family: Married to Susan Schmiege Crabtree, 4 children, 3 step children, 5 grand kids
Interests: Family time, camping, hunting and fishing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My wife Cyndi passed away in May of 2010 after a long and tough battle with Cancer. I was lucky enough to meet and marry a wonderful woman who was also a widow. We share many interests and enjoy spending time together and enjoying our Children and Grand Children, I now reside in Saginaw Twp. I have been a Paramedic in the Port Huron area for the past 28yrs and my current wife is a Recovery room nurse at Covenant.

Jennifer Delorge
Class of '79

Occupation: Nail Tech
Family: Married to Mike Duranczyk We have a 2 year old puppy named Duke
Interests: Reading, sewing, wood working


Robin Dasky Moyer
Class of '79

Occupation: Chief cook and holder of the fort
Family: Married to Chris Moyer. Two daughters, Taylor and Shelby
Interests: Travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Updated in Chris' biography.

Daniel Dennis
Class of '79

Occupation: robot operator
Family: single with no children
Interests: boating fishing bow hunting golfing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Spent 23 traveling the country for work and have been to every state except for Washington Oregon Alaska and Hawaii. Now to happy to finally be home to spend time with my dad sister and friends.
Annette Dore Carbary
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Preschool teacher

**Family:** Married to Larry Carbary. We have two children, Donald (23)and Colleen (21)

**Interests:** cooking, going to our cabin, going to brewpubs, traveling

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After Larry and I married in 1984 we moved to California and enjoyed the coast from Vancouver, Canada to Baja California and several western states. We moved back to Michigan, had our children and then moved with Dow Corning to Seoul South Korea where we enjoyed trips in Asia, China, Thailand and Australia. We have since moved back to Michigan but have continued to travel with a couple of trips to Alaska, salmon and halibut fishing. We have had to opportunity to explore several states. This past summer we traveled to Ireland to celebrate 30 years of marriage.

Fredrick (Fritz) Dore
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Business

**Family:** Married with children.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Simply Fritz.

Arthur Dore
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Demolition Contracter

**Family:** Wife: Colleen 4 Sons: Art 26, Chase 23, Dakota 20, Robbie Deceased

**Interests:**

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:**

Brenda Eisenman Birkenheier
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Credit Manager

**Family:** My husband, Kirk, and I have two dogs named Frankie and Mack.

**Interests:** We spend most of our spare time with family or working on our house and yard.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:**

After graduation from MSU, I moved 11 times, mainly living in the Lansing, Detroit and Chicago suburbs. Most of my career has been spent in accounting, but I did take a 3 year hiatus, after getting my pastry chef degree and worked in bakeries, making cookies, pies and cakes. I am back in accounting, but still make specialty cakes on the side. Shortly after being transferred to Chicago, I met Kirk. We celebrated our 5 year anniversary this past August.
Kimberly (Kim) Ferrio Lovely  
*Class of '79*

**Occupation:** Respiratory Therapist  
**Family:** Husband David married 32 years two grown sons Matthew 31 Michael 28  
**Interests:** Love to golf love to do flower and vegetable gardens bike ride occ. 5k runner  
**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Getting to travel with our older son to Hawaii seeing all the beautiful sites travel to Chicago this year to run a biggest loser 5k also traveling to Florida the last few winters for a nice winter get away . Also seeing my sons graduate and become fine upstanding young men

Carol Ellison Michalski  
*Class of '79*

**Occupation:** Florist/ owner of Flowers From the Heart  
**Family:** Husband Dan, sons Jason Michalski and Nathan Milkowski,  
**Interests:** Love to read, bake , gardening and canning with my hubby.  
**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married Jim Milkowski. Was married for 9 years when he died of cancer. After he died I opened my flowers shop up and raised our son. Married Dan Michalski whom I adore and we raised our boys. We live in Linwood and my flower shop(Flowers From the Heart) is across from Western High School. Owned it for the last 23 years. Have 2 adorable granddaughters, Lily and Piper.

Ricky (Rick) Gonder  
*Class of '79*

**Occupation:** Boeing Senior Engineering Manager  
**Family:** Married to Trilene with 2 daughters, Kristina and Sarah.  
**Interests:** Avid sports fan football, baseball, hockey. Enjoy downhill skiing and poker.  
**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have lived in several places in the United States (California, Arizona, Georgia, Texas, Pennsylvania, Kansas) working as a flight test engineer for the Boeing Company. I lived and worked in England for 2 years. I have really enjoyed traveling and meeting wonderful people around the world. I earned a BSEE from Michigan Tech, MSEE degree from Georgia Tech and a MBA from Pepperdine. I look forward to retirement in 1.5 years and plan to move to the Lake Tahoe area.

Harold Gatza  
*Class of '79*

**Occupation:** Journeyman Toolmaker  
**Family:** Married to Karrie since 1986 and we have three children, Kelsey ,Austin,Logan.  
**Interests:** I hunt ,fish ride bikes, shoot skeet , family vacations, time at our U.P. cabin  
**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have worked for GM as a toolmaker for the last 30 years. I went Saskatchewhan hunting and harvested a 150+ whitetail. We vacationed in Jamaica. Karrie and I are truly blessed to have three children that makes us proud. Kelsey is a Valpraisao graduate and is working Chicago, Austin is attending Spring Arbor Univ. and logan is a freshmen at SVSU.
Mike Goulet
Class of '79

Occupation: Technical Strategist (chemist)
Family: Married (Chris) with 3 children: Lauren, Sam, Hannah
Interests: fishing, spending time at our cabin, family vacations, teaching religion, NASCAR

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I spent 10 years after Western High School in college, then the next 25 working in research for Kimberly-Clark in Wisconsin. Happily married for 26 years and have two children in college, one in high school. I return to Bay City area to visit my parents/family about 2x per year. Although I've lived in Wisconsin for 30 years, I'm still a Detroit Lions fan -- but it's not easy.

Christopher Herner
Class of '79

Occupation: Sales
Family: Wife = Debbie Havens
Interests: Bicycling & hockey

Gregory (Greg) Grocholski
Class of '79

Occupation: VP - Chief Audit Executive
Family: Luanne (spouse), two sonsJoshua and Jacob, two grandsons Oliver and Leo

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Following HS I attended Delta College, the University of Michigan (BS Chemistry) and finally Yale University (PhD organic chem). Moved to Westfield, NJ where I was a medicinal chemist at Merck research labs. During this time I married my wife, Joung, and began raising my family of two boys. Our lakehouse in northern NJ has made almost every weekend an adventure of fishing, sailing and wildlife study. In 2004 we moved to Lexington, MA to take a new position in my company's laboratory in Boston. Still enjoying the lake, the Yankees and the NE winters!
Brenda Jammer  
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Data Technologist

**Interests:** Enjoy photography, traveling and gardening

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Worked at Dow Chemical since 1986. The last 20 years in the Epidemiology Department. Been a co-investigator on several published studies. I have travelled to 45 of the 50 states and have plans to go to all 50.

Catherine (Cathy) Ivan  
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Plant Controller for automotive supplier

**Family:** Married, 3 children - son 23, daughter 21, son 20; 1st grandchild on the way.

**Interests:** Boating, cooking, running, biking, reading.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have lived in Boston and Chicago, and now SE Michigan. I have traveled to Germany, France, Czech Republic, Poland, Ireland and the Dominican Republic. I was on Long Island on 9/11 and near the finish line at the Boston Marathon in 2013. I started running when I was 48 and have since completed over 2 dozen 1/2 marathons and 3 full marathons. I am blessed to have 3 wonderful children, an adventurous husband and lots of siblings/family to keep life interesting.

Michele (Missy) Kleinsmith  
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Teacher's Aide, Furman UniversityCDC

**Family:** Husband - Russ, Sons - Jason (29) & Tasha, Andrew (26), Daughter - Keshia (23)

**Interests:** Working out, riding motorcycles, and spending time with our children.

Ann Klepser Miletti  
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Certified Dental Assistant

**Family:** 5 boys and 3 girls - 5 grandchildren (3 boys and 2 girls)

**Interests:** Sports, Music, Outdoors (running, biking and hiking) and family time.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Each and every day leaves me with another memory. I enjoy life to the fullest and remember my high school days as if it was yesterday (it was right?). I am grateful for all the friends I have made during and after my high school days. Without these people in my life, I would not be where I am today. God has blessed me with a wonderful family and a great friend base. God bless you all!!!
Kelley Knight Madden
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Scientist

**Family:** Married with 2 sons

**Interests:** gardening, singing, reading

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I graduated from Valparaiso University in 1983 with a B.S. in Biology. The same year I married my husband, Tom and started graduate school at the University of Rochester (Rochester, NY). In 1989 I graduated from the University of Rochester with a PhD in Immunology. I am currently a research assistant professor at the University of Rochester. I study how psychological stress impacts breast cancer. My two boys were born in 1994 (Ethan) and 1998 (Jonathan).

Julia Koch
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Director of Development & Advocacy

**Family:** Single with my parents and most of my siblings still living, one with me (Gail).

**Interests:** I love to ride my bicycle, cross country ski, knit, jewelry bead, and read.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After spending almost 18 years working for Muskegon area State Representatives, I returned to school for my master of art in social justice from Marygrove College. In September 2011 I became the Director of Development & Advocacy for The Hope Project, a faith-based non-profit working on human trafficking issues in Mich. I am a member of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, Muskegon Rotary Club, and Woman's Life Chapter 893. I spent 9 years in the MI Army Natl. Guard.

William Kohn
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Outside Sales - Genesee Tile

**Family:** My wife Kathy and I have collectively 4 sons. Mike, Wes, Bill and Charley G.

**Interests:** Whatever is in my best! Really though music, a good book and life in general!

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have been fortunate to have found a career that I enjoy. I have been to Hawaii and recently Italy. I have been blessed with work, family and friends. Regrets few and fun lots! Of course there's more to this story but who has that kinda time!

Cindy Leonard Plant
Class of '79

**Occupation:** Senior Financial Analyst

**Family:** One son, Kyle

**Interests:** Professional painting/remodeling; shooting sports; gardening/canning;

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Family vacations; winning 9th Place in National Shooting Sport Competition; President of Women's Outdoor Sports Association 5 years; member of GIN-focusing on success training 3 years; 16 year career in healthcare insurance at HealthPlus of Michigan; worked 6 years at CIESIN under leadership of astronaut Jack Lousma;
Larry Lightfoot
Class of '79

Occupation: MANAGER - FREEWAY RV SALES KAWKAWLIN
Family: WIFE - JOANN Sons - TIMOTHY AND THOMAS DAUGHTER - KELLEY

Wendy Martin Winger
Class of '79

Occupation: MANAGER, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Family: Married to Dave for 31 years Two children - Katy and Brian
Interests: volunteering at various community events, reading, going to the beach, traveling

Beth Macleod Pacholka
Class of '79

Occupation: Receptionist at Ferris State University
Family: Married to Brian Pacholka one daughter, Bridgette, and one son, Brett.
Interests: Kayaking, art - potter's wheel -oil and acrylic painting- wood carving.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: In March of 1980 I married Brian Pacholka. He was in the Navy and we traveled overseas together with our children. We lived in Iceland for 4 years. Loved it and would go back in a minute! Lived in Sicily for 4 years. Great food! In 1999 we moved back to MI. and now live in Big Rapids. Both of our children have graduated from Ferris State University. Currently I work as a receptionist/customer service rep. at Ferris State University dining services. We host an art night once a week at our home for the students. Brian has a saying, you never fail as long as you try. Words to live by.
Chris Moyer
Class of '79

Occupation: CTO HP Enterprise Services

Family: Married to Robin Dasky, two daughters, Taylor and Shelby

Interests: Technology, travel, golf and tennis

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Robin Dasky, BCW class of '79 in 1984. Lived in Ohio, then back to Michigan. Taylor born in 1989. Moved to Japan then Washington DC. Relocated to Texas in 1993 and then to Shrewsbury England in 1994. Shelby born in 1994. We have been lucky enough to travel to many parts of the world, live and experience different cultures but still get to come back to Auburn to friends and family regularly. Taylor recently got engaged to Joshua Small, who she met while working in Japan. Shelby is enjoying Exeter University.

Kellie Rezler Bourcier
Class of '79

Occupation: Automotive Deal Clerk Graff Chevrolet

Family: Husband Tim Bourcier, Son Tim Bourcier Jr and Daughter-In-Law Elysabeth

Interests: Spending time with family and friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I married the love of my life, Tim Bourcier, 31 years ago. We have a wonderful son, Tim Bourcier Jr (28 years old). Our son recently married his wife, Elysabeth in June of 2014. My husband Tim has worked for Garber Buick for 30+ years. Tim Jr is a graduate of both Delta College and SVSU receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Science from SVSU. After graduation, Tim Jr taught Chemistry at SVSU. He is currently working on behalf of the Dow Chemical Company as a Cross Business Representative. His wife, Elysabeth, is a Domestic Violence Case Manager at the Bay Area Women's Center.

Maria Putt
Class of '79

Occupation: Assistant Director for CJ at Ferris State

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have worked as a RN for 31 years. My first year at BMC then went to Saginaw General Hospital which is now Covenant, 30 years seniority. I worked in Med-surg., Ortho., Hemodialysis & the past 14 years in Ambulatory Surgery, pre & post-op @ Covenant Healthcare, Saginaw. Married for 28 years to Larry, and we have two wonderful sons, Larry R. and Tom. We enjoy spending time with our boys and their girlfriends. We enjoy boating on the Saginaw River, in the Saginaw Bay, and going to Caseville.

Sally Rezler Duchane
Class of '79

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Family: Husband Larry V. Duchane, Son, Larry R. Duchane age 26 Son, Tom Duchane age 23

Interests: Boating & vacationing with family. We have been on 12 cruises & to Hawaii.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have worked as a RN for 31 years. My first year at BMC then went to Saginaw General Hospital which is now Covenant, 30 years seniority. I worked in Med-surg., Ortho., Hemodialysis & the past 14 years in Ambulatory Surgery, pre & post-op @ Covenant Healthcare, Saginaw. Married for 28 years to Larry, and we have two wonderful sons, Larry R. and Tom. We enjoy spending time with our boys and their girlfriends. We enjoy boating on the Saginaw River, in the Saginaw Bay, and going to Caseville.
Gail Rinas Sprunger  
Class of '79

Occupation: EMR Application Specialist at Covenant  
Family: Husband Paul, 5 children and 4 grandchildren

Interests: Spending time with family/grandchildren, camping, sewing, cross stitch, reading.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married July 7, 1979. I was very fortunate to be a stay at home mom for 15 years. During that time, I returned to school and received 2 Associate Degrees. I returned to work in 1999 at Covenant Healthcare as a medical transcriptionist, then medical assistant in neurosurgery and currently work as an electronic medical records software trainer/support/builder in the IT department.

Julie Schlicker Begick  
Class of '79

Occupation: Owner/stylist at Shear Styling in Auburn  
Family: Married for 32 years to Doug. We have 3 sons Nick 28, Ben 24 and Chris 20.

Interests: Jogging, bike riding, skiing, camping, baking, cooking and beer & wine tasting!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Doug and I got married in 1982 and have lived in the Bay City area our whole lives. We have done a couple of Caribbean Cruises and have been to Hawaii, New York City, Texas and California a few times. But, our most memorable times have been spent at our cabin in northern Michigan simply enjoying nature and having fun with our family and friends!

Kathleen (Kathy) Sauer Bazany  
Class of '79

Occupation: Sr. Logistics Tech at Styron (Dow)  
Family: Son - Nathan, 24; Daughter - Kiley, 17

Interests: Love being outside, working in my yard, family & friend

Cynthia (Cindy) Schram Pointe  
Class of '79

Occupation: Advertising Account Executive  
Family: Husband Tom and bulldog Gus

Interests: art, bulldogs, outdoors, reading

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I've been married for 31 years to Tom and we have been pet parents to four English bulldogs. In the newspaper advertising business for over 30 years, I've worked in Mt. Pleasant, Southgate and now Gaylord Michigan. Eleven years ago we moved into our vacation home and became permanent "up north" residents in a resort community. Our home is on a private lake and in the summer you'll find us in the woods and/or in the water. In the winter we are on the snowmobile trails. I am very involved in my art--teaching, designing, selling and blogging.
Michelle Schwerin Sequin  
Class of '79  

**Occupation:** Phlebotomist  

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Traveling to Alaska for Dave's parents 50th anniversary in 2008. Celebrated our 30th anniversary 2010 in St. Thomas, Bolongo Bay. Grandson-Matthew in Clayton NC, born October 16, 2013 - traveled 4 times in 2014 to see him. Married to Dave for 34 years - fishing for Walleye and Salmon is Our ultimate passion. Worked for an Independent Insurance Agency for 20 years as an Account Manager. Enjoying our retirement and looking forward to traveling to see all of the National Parks in the next few years.

Charlene Sequin Helmreich  
Class of '79  

**Occupation:** House wife  

**Family:** I have four children and my husband has three. We have thirteen grandchildren.  

**Interests:** We enjoy hunting, fishing, playing cards, camping, traveling and family.  

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Celebrating our grandchildren and watching them grow into adults. Hiking the Porcupine Mountains, hiking in Hawaii, snorkeling in Hawaii. I enjoyed watching my four children grow up and go to Western High School and graduate from there as well as myself.

Lynette Spyker Foote  
Class of '79  

**Occupation:** Retired from Insurance Industry 2013  

**Family:** Four children, Josh 33, Jennifer 32, Nathan 29 and Emily 25. Two grandchildren.  

**Interests:** Fishing, camping, gardening and traveling.  

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Traveling to Alaska for Dave's parents 50th anniversary in 2008. Celebrated our 30th anniversary 2010 in St. Thomas, Bolongo Bay. Grandson-Matthew in Clayton NC, born October 16, 2013 - traveled 4 times in 2014 to see him. Married to Dave for 34 years - fishing for Walleye and Salmon is Our ultimate passion. Worked for an Independent Insurance Agency for 20 years as an Account Manager. Enjoying our retirement and looking forward to traveling to see all of the National Parks in the next few years.

Paul Steih  
Class of '79  

**Occupation:** CPA, Audit Partner with Ernst & Young  

**Family:** Married to Gail Hammerbacher. Two daughters: Kathryn and Meredith.  

**Interests:** Family time in Traverse City, U of M Sports, running, biking, and swimming  

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from WHS, I attended Delta College and the University of Michigan. I married Gail in 1984 and we have two daughters, Kathryn (23) and Meredith (20), both of whom attend the University of Michigan. Gail and I now live in Ann Arbor and have also lived in Chicago, Novi, and Frankfurt, Germany. I am a CPA and have worked with Ernst & Young since 1983. I enjoy spending time with my family at our cottage in Traverse City, following U of M sports, and participating in various sporting events including running a marathon in 2014.
Amy Szeszulski Dore
Class of ’79

Occupation: Nurse
Family: Fritz and I have been married for 32 years. Life is good!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Our children are Sara and Ben Wasek, Fred and Becky Dore, Amanda and Ryan Metzler, Alan Dore and Jen Dore. We have one grandson, Wyatt Metzler.

Bethany (Beth) Sturm Polzin
Class of ’79

Occupation: Dow Corning Logistics Whse Specialist
Family: Daughter, Kyleigh, is a Junior at Ferris State University College.
Interests: Hiking, camping, traveling, volunteering American Heart Association/United Way

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: May, 2014 was our 30th year Wedding Anniversary. 2014 received 30 years service award at Dow Corning. Some of our long traveling trips were to Washington D.C., Florida and Mexico. Lasting memories are our family visits in Utah and Arizona with family hikes down the Grand Canyon. Daughter and Mom trips to California starting at San Francisco adventuring and sightseeing on the way to San Diego. Daughter and Mom trip to Chicago and a 10 day VLHS mission trip to Puerto Rico, a great experience. Great summer times in Michigan on Lake Michigan at the Homestead Resort for many family reunions.

Craig Vennix
Class of ’79

Occupation: Sequin Lumber
Family: Married to Gayle Bragiel for 32 years. Have 4 wonderful children an 9 grandkids
Interests: Spending time with family and friends. Having fun with all the grandchildren.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Currently work at Sequin Lumber and also own a gutter company with my brother.

Brenda Walter Vogel
Class of ’79

Occupation: CMSRN - Oncology Unit
Family: Kelvin - husbandKenton - sonAllison - daughter
Interests: Camping, traveling to Ireland in May 2015

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Kelvin Vogel (Western Class 1975) in 1985. Two children - Kenton (25) at Western Michigan University and Allison (20) French Pastry School - Chicago. Both are also alumni of Western High School. I was widowed in 2002, went back to school and graduated as a Registered Nurse. I have worked at Midland hospital since 2000, and at Bay Regional for 18 years before that.
Edward Wishowski
Class of '79

Occupation: Manufacturing Engineer
Family: Wife Kathleen, daughters Anna & Marea

Karen Zondlak Saia
Class of '79

Occupation: Bookkeeper
Family: Married to Matthew Saia for 34 yrs we have 2 kids Kristine 32 & Stephen 29.

Interests: I love to go horseback riding, going on vacation & be with my kids and grandkids

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I loved caring for our children and watching them grow up into wonderful individuals. My daughter Kristine is a licensed Surveyor and my son Stephen is a certified welder & works in Houston Tx. I have 4 grandboys...Treton, Corbyn, Anthony, and Skylar who I dearly love and I enjoy spending as much time as I can. I'm self employed and part owner in a steel fabricating business with my husband. We have lived in Sumner for 24 years, an own a 40 acre farm. We have 6 horses and I'm a member of the Michigan Trail Riders Association and I have crossed the State of Michigan on horseback 6 times.
In Memoriam

Bay City Western High - Class of 1979

Steven Balwinski
Kathy Behmlander
Richard Brandt

Robert Burt
Anita Carmona
Marie Erwin
In Memoriam

Bay City Western High - Class of 1979

Douglas Gray
Ralph Greer
Daniel Gunther

Kenneth Kleinert
Gregory Lepeak
Jeffrey McNeil
In Memoriam

Bay City Western High - Class of 1979

Brian Stieve  Paul Tasior
Bay City Western High - Class of 1979

Steven Balwinski, Kathy Behmlander, Richard Brandt
Robert Burt, Anita Carmona, Marie Erwin
Douglas Gray, Ralph Greer, Daniel Gunther
Kenneth Kleinert, Gregory Lepeak, Jeffrey McNeil
Brian Stieve, Paul Tasior