



Fabulous 40th Reunion!!

Beatrice High School Classes of 1975, 76 & 77 Reunion Wrap-up

Thursday, July 7, 2016

The late Jiggs Dusenbery's home

The Final Reunion Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Fabulous 40th Reunion Committee held their last in-person meeting the night before the big events were to start. We reviewed the many tasks done before the festivities were to start. This is listed as the beginning of reunion weekend because we need to say one more big “thank you” to the committee:

Class of 75: Brenda Chapman Reckewey, Lee Johnson Benash, Rich Hovendick

Class of 76: Diane Davison Weldon, Lynne Johnson Cobb, Keith Knabe, Monte Lofing, Kathy Pinkerton

Class of 77: Jan Dalke Anderson, Steve Hovendick, Kathy Lutz Dusenbery, Julie Meyer Hash, Beth Pinkerton Schuster

Although it was rumored that there were some pre-functions during the day, such as at nail salons and Risky's for dinner for some of the Class of 75, the first official function was:

Friday, July 8, 2016

Steve Hovendick's home

7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

It was a gorgeous night, not too hot, so tables & chairs were set on the large driveway/garage area and also in the backyard. A curated selection of 70's hits was provided by Keith Knabe. A generous variety of beers and other libations was available. The mosquitoes stayed away for the most part. We talked all night.

In attendance:

Class of '75

Cindy Barnard Cox
John Busboom & Marcia
Lori Carstens Depue'
Doug Casey
Brenda Chapman Reckewey
Mike Dando
Kimberly Dewitt Baker
Eldene Doyle
Alan Folkerts & Kim
Tony Fuller

Class of '76

Mary Bargman Crawford
Mark Bauer & Antje
Sally Brashears
Patti Carstens Ideus
Kelly Casey & Lynn
Al Buss
Rich Cornelius
Diane Davison Weldon
Julie Elias Hawley
Randy Essex & Angye

Class of '77

Tammy Allemang Kraft & Jon
Russ Ankerson
Monty Barnard & Kathy
Mike Busboom & Doreen
Sue Calhoon Ankerson
Jan Dalke Anderson
Larry Diller & Donna
Doug Dodge
David Doering
John Doyle

Class of '75

Kevin Hays
 Steve Garton & Pam
 Marcia Gates
 Don Greer
 Lori Hoadley Pendergast & Don
 Rich Hovendick & Linda
 Wayne Ideus
 Lee Johnson Benash
 Kenny Jurgens
 George Kilpatrick & Sherril
 Lori Klippenstein Stecker & Jim
 Al Martin
 Steve Martin & Lisa
 Jim Meyer & Julie
 Rosemarie Milke
 John Noojin & Tammy
 Marta Norris Jorgensen
 Kathy Penner Casey
 Jim Probst
 Debra Rademacher Thompson
 Sandra Rains Freese
 Jim Reinert
 Kent Ruigh
 Donna Sander
 Cliff Sieck
 Sandy Simmons Hays
 Terri Umphenour Johnson & Tim
 Ron Wallman & Annette

Class of '76

Deanna Fischer Thaut
 Kathy Fritzen Zimmerman & Chuck
 Mark Fuller & Jamie
 Leann Gronenthal Umphenour
 Rita Hill Richardson
 Brad Horky
 Lynette Jobman Jurgens
 Lynne Johnson Cobb
 Dayle Jones Schutte
 Brian Kent & Toni
 Cookie Kipf Parde
 Keith Knabe
 Kent Knabe
 Monte Lofing
 Jerry Martin & Kylee
 Greg Medina
 Deb Parde Wells & Clayton
 John Parks
 Jerry Philippi & Connie
 Kathy Pinkerton
 Mike Pyle
 Ron Reedy
 Jim Schonewise & Amy
 Sharon Schuster
 Melissa Stahl Searcy
 Tammie Trauernicht Kutina
 Carol Walker Overbeck

Class of '77

Brad Dusenbery
 Mark Fletcher
 Joe Fritz
 Dan Hakes
 Jay Holle
 Steven Hovendick & Carolyn
 Cheryl Jurgens Kimmerling & Paul
 Diane Kleveland Mickey
 Kathy Lutz Dusenbery
 Denise McKee Thornburg
 Doug Meyer
 Julie Meyer Hash & Jay
 Bonnie Munstermann Riekenberg
 & Kevin
 Beth Pinkerton Schuster & Terry
 Farley Repkogle
 Steve Rohr & Kristy
 Bob Saathoff & Amy
 Rick Schaffer
 Dave Schoneweis
 Scott Spilker
 Russ Trauernicht & Teresa

Saturday, July 9
Beatrice High School
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

About 15 of us toured the new high school, including the areas outside, i.e. the new football field. The school even had some coffee for us. They also gave us brochures about the Educational Foundation and explained where our money would go if we made a class donation.

Saturday, July 9
Beatrice Junior High (Middle School)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

By the time we got to the old high school we were more like 20-25. We covered all the floors and most rooms that folks wanted to go into. Many memories were revived!

About 12 of us headed over to Val's for lunch after this second tour.

Saturday July 9
Classic's at the Beatrice Country Club
6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

The main event! After initial social time we headed outside for a memorial moment. The Rev. Don Greer said a prayer, Brad Henderson read all the names of the deceased (which you will find at the end of this book), Jan Greer DeHaven sang a song specially written for the occasion (also at the end of this book), then Diane Davison Weldon and Kathy Lutz Dusenbery let three dozen butterflies out into the air. It was a nice moment.

We stopped on the steps for Class photos before going back inside for dinner. After dinner, Jan Dalke Anderson as our master of ceremonies took us down memory lane a bit, and then introduced our speaker Randy Essex. Randy reminded us that you don't need a gold-plated education to succeed in life, that you get what you pay for in terms of putting in the hard work. He also reminded us that it's quite likely that the best is yet in front of us.

We then adjourned to the photo booth for the next several hours to see how many people could fit inside at any one time. We also enjoyed more of the hits of the 70's provided by Keith Knabe. Mark Bauer had brought several hundred pictures from the early- to mid-70's and we all spent time looking at those also. Both nights we had sold raffle tickets for a signed volleyball from the national champion Cornhuskers team. We announced the winner at the end of the evening, raising \$1,400 for the Beatrice Educational Foundation as a gift from the three classes. Diane Davison Weldon, volleyball season ticket holder, won the volleyball.

Additional attendees on Saturday night:

Class of '75

Betty Baehr Friedrichs & Dave
Renee Brannan Philips & Bill
Mary Anne Buller Triller
Linda Calhoon McGuire & Rick
Deborah Eden Roelfs
Mike Goossen & Deb
Ann Haberman Andrews
Janet Joyce Vitosh & Mark
Sherry Ostrander Bittfield
Lloyd Rabel
Lori Schwisow Larson & Frank
Deb Stevens Lewis
John Weber & Sherry

Class of '76

Teri Anderson Barnard & Duane
Dennis Bodtke & Sally
Jan Greer DeHaven
Les Lieneman & Cindy
Joanie Miller
Duane Remmers & Barb
Debbie Rickers Grunski & Chris
Lynn Schlake & Nancy
Sue Schwandt Kaldahl & Bruce
Vicky Steinmeyer Barber & Dale
Rick Stewart
Renee Vrtiska Vogel

Class of '77

Loraine Bellamy Hartig
Paul Billesbach
Matt Elmborg & Aleka
Jeff Hartig
Brad Henderson
Kate Hiesterman Patton
Greg Johnson
Dan Marvin & Donna
Lori Melcher Hunter
Scott Keefover & Jane
Ken Pinkerton
Jody Smith Cotton

I heard there was one small after-party, but we're much too old for that, so that is all I'm going to say about that!

We took many pictures both nights and you can see many of them at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhs757677reunion>. Please ask to join this group and we'll approve your request!

A complete list of our deceased classmates and the obituary information that we were able to obtain follows the memory book information. If you have any other information on any of our deceased classmates that you would like us to include next time, please send it to bhs76er@comcast.net and it will get included.

Tammy Allemang Kraft

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Tamara Andersen Unterseher

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Occupation: Speech Language Pathologist

Family: My husband and I have been married 2 years, have 7 children and 4 grandchildren!

Interests: Enjoy travel.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: When we meet new people, the script reads like this: Tamara: "We have been married over 50 years." Husband: "I was married 38. She was married 10. We have been married 2 and a half years." Tamara: "We have seven children..." Husband: "I have 5. She has 2." Tamara: "... and 4 grandchildren." Husband: "3 girls and a boy."

Teri Anderson Barnard

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Occupation: McCook Community Hospital-Dietary

Family: Duane Barnard

Interests: I enjoy going to concerts, anything warm weather, friends, family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My memorable moments have been watching nieces, nephews, friends kids grow up and start families of their own. We don't have kids but have a lot of extended kids that are like our own. We've lived a great life so far!!

Russ Ankersen

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Occupation: Quality Coordinator

Family: Sue Ankersen, Stephanie Starnes, Melissa Brill, Ryan Ankersen, 5 grandchildren

Interests: Family, playing music, riding my motorcycle, Church

Betty Baehr Friedrichs

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Occupation: Tax Preparation

Family: Husband David, Children: Kevin, Ryan & Kari. 3 grandchildren and 1 on the way

Interests: Love antiquing and repurposing, traveling, spending time with family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married in November 1980. Live near Marysville, KS on a farm. Have spent the last 28 years working for people doing taxes. Bought my own business in 2009. My children each got married a year apart and enjoyed making decorations, etc. for each wedding. Now the best part - grandchildren!

Debra (Deb) Baehr Caudill

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Occupation: Advanced Practice Nurse

Family: Husband Chris, 2 daughters, Erin & Kaci

Interests: tennis, travel, golf, volunteering

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have worked as a RN in critical care at Bryan Medical Center and as a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner with the cardiology groups in Lincoln. Currently I work part time and volunteer at a free medical clinic in Lincoln, Clinic with a Heart. I enjoy traveling with my husband and visiting our family around the country and stay active with tennis and golf. We enjoy Husker volleyball.

Marybeth Bargman Crawford

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Occupation: Communications/agriculture

Family: Wayne and I married in 1988; family ranch 20 miles west of Alliance

Interests: Music ministry, Wayne, family, college pals, ag advocacy, work outdoors, sunsets

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated UNL in animal science/journalism; Career in 4-H Extension, newspapers in Cozad, North Platte, Scottsbluff; Nebraska Farmer magazine; Public policy in congressional offices Sen. Chuck Hagel, Rep. Adrian Smith; College P.R at NCTA. Fun trips with UNL housemates to a few Husker playoff/bowl games and Moab, Utah; love my animals, special ranch dogs ; Daisy Fay 12-yr-old donkey! Most treasured vacation celebrating 25th anniversary w/Wayne at national parks CA, NV, AZ, esp. awed by Grand Canyon. Many career travels, even election monitor in Croatia! Favorite: Home at the ranch.

Brenda Barnard Sheeder

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Occupation: Billing Clerk

Family: Husband Kerry, son Richard (19), Daughter Cassandra (17)

Interests: Sewing, baking and spending time with my family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked for Nebraska Department of Health after business school for 10 years. Married in May 1990. Moved to Fresno, California in January 1991 for 5 months for my husband's job, then to Wichita, Kansas for a short period then back to Iowa so he could farm fulltime.

Cindy Barnard Cox

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Monty Barnard

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Lori Batty Rohling

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Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband, Fred Siblings Pam, Sam, & Dave, plus a large extended family.

Interests: Community volunteer, garden, water ski, boat, travel, read, genealogy.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have so many wonderful memories that I always say, "My favorite memory is the one I'm experiencing right now!" Federal Civil Service for 37 years provided the opportunity to experience all this great country offers. I enjoyed living in the Midwest, West, Eastern Seaboard, and the Deep South. Along the way I earned 2 Graduate degrees and made lasting friendships. But I'm a Midwest girl at heart, so Fred and I live on several acres in rural Illinois where we enjoy a large extended family and community involvement. We love to travel, especially to visit my siblings and their families.

Mark Bauer

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Occupation: Professor of Electrical Engineering UNL

Family: Married to Antje Anderson just last year.

Interests: Designing and building things, back into photography, travel, helping others.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Was married for almost 20 years, sad ending in 2010. Spent 25 years working at a manufacturing company in Lincoln, quit 10 years ago and started teaching. In 2011, I met Antje online, got married last year. Our adventures over the summers with both domestic and international travel have been incredible. Went to Madagascar in 2013 as part of the Engineers without Borders Student chapter to install solar panels on schools.

Debra Behrens Houseman

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Occupation: Self employed Dry cleaners

Family: Bob, children Steph(Mike), Chad, Kirk(Kim), 3 Grandkids & Jack family dog

Interests: Classic movies, religion, counted crosstitch, Grandkids activities, dog walks

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My husband Bob and I were married in July 1975. My most memorable experiences are, raising our three children, spending time with our three grandkids (I get to see them quite often!) and being married for 41 years. Our 12 yr old lab mix dog Jack, is a big part of our family.

Loraine Bellamy Hartig

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Occupation: Program Assistant

Family: Husband Jeff, children Nick and Kristin (Dan).

Paul Billesbach

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Occupation: Jeweler @ Leo's Jewelers

Family: Wife: Pam, (daughter) Emily, (son) Jack and (granddaughters) Lily and Lucy

Interests: Husker sports, firearms and shooting sports, music

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I moved to Lincoln in 1979 to work as an apprentice to a jeweler, I got married in 1982 and came back to Beatrice in 1984 to work with my father at Leo's Jewelry. That's as much as you need to know, Life is good.

Dennis Bodtke

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Jan Borzekofski Harris

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Coleen Brandt Maynard

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Occupation: Program Analyst

Family: Three children and five grandchildren

Interests: Travel, Latin dance, reading

Renee Brannan Phillips

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Occupation: Medical Insurance Biller

Family: Husband-Bill Daughter-Ami and Fidel Grandkids-Fidel (Fuzz), Cede, Max

Interests: Needlepoint; Facebook; grandkids events; sports--Go Pokes! and UT Longhorns!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Resigned from coaching/teaching after 20 years for career change (and a know-it-all superintendent-lol) and now drive 100 mile round trip to Amarillo. Bill and I love to travel the US-we have been to all but 14 of the D-1 football stadiums- (once a coach, always a coach-ha), or just the TX Panhandle, and spend time together. No longer having the summers or breaks off has slowed our trips down. Grands live 6 hours away which usually takes up any long weekends. Dad passed away 7 years ago, and Mom lives alone in Fritch, too, and we try to keep an eye on her. Can't believe it's been 41 years!

Sally Brashears

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Larry Bruns

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Occupation: Truck Driver

Family: Wife-Diane 2 Sons, Justin & Troy

Interests: Hunting

Mary Anne Buller Triller

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John Busboom

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Mike Busboom

Class of '77



Allen Buss

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Linda Calhoon McGuire

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Occupation: Nurse

Family: Husband Rick; Son Rick and daughter Andrea

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Retired from USAF in 2006 at Scott AFB, IL and currently work at the VA Hospital in Columbia, MO

Sue Calhoon Ankersen

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Occupation: Receptionist at a dental office

Family: Russ Ankersen, Stephanie Starnes, Melissa Brill, Ryan Ankersen 5 grandchildren

Interests: Spending time with my children and their families, Church, work, music, friends

Chris Carpenter

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Lori Carstens Depue'

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Occupation: retired teacher

Family: husband Ron, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 1 grand (2 on the way) & Mini schnauzer.

Interests: traveling , scrapbooking, walking/hiking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I went to UNL after high school and got a BS in elementary education. I married Ron in 1979. I taught elementary school 3 years in Central City, NE. then started a family and stayed home with my kids. I went back to teaching after kids were in school and taught first grade for 15 years in Grand Island. I've been retired 5 years and have enjoyed traveling and volunteering at our local Literacy Council where I teach adults, new to the US, reading, writing and speaking skills.

Patti Carstens Ideus

Class of '76



Occupation: pharmaceutical consultant

Family: Married to Wayne Ideus Class of 75 3 sons Aaron 28, Nathan 26, Joshua 22

Interests: traveling; gardening; camping; scrapbooking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Wayne and I have been married for 35 years. We lived in Iowa, NC and for the past 21 years in the Kansas City area. I've worked as a physician's assistant and do consulting for pharmaceutical companies, reviewing clinical data. Wayne works for Malenkrodt Pharmaceuticals as a regional salesman.

Doug Casey

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Occupation: Engineering Tech

Kelly Casey

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Occupation: Engineering Director

Family: Married to Lynn. Two great sons, terrific daughter-in-law and grandson.

Interests: Still playing trumpet in two local orchestras. Grandson Owen is the best!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Lynn and I have been together for over 36 years. Surprisingly, I have lived most of my life south of the Mason-Dixon line - the last 21 years in Texas. A few years ago we were asked to move to California, but we just couldn't imagine leaving our neighbors, church, friends and family. (Some of them are from Nebraska too!) I have enjoyed traveling the world on business (and for fun!) - making friends all over. As geeky as my job is, the people I get to work with are what really makes it rewarding. I have learned that genuine relationships are the most important assets to accumulate...

Nathan Claassen

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Occupation: Design/Engineer CNC programmer

Family: Wife Nancy, Son Aaron, and Daughter Emily

Interests: Bicycling, camping, Jeeping, music, travel, and dirt track racing.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I worked in the engineering dept. at Store Kraft for 30 years before moving to Lincoln and working for Springer Custom Woodworking. Memorable experiences would be; Spent a month in Guatemala building houses for homeless after an earthquake. Singing with a group at the Lincoln Memorial in DC. Nothing really exciting but I've lived a good life with family and friends. What more does a person need.

Brenda Chapman Reckewey

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Occupation: Advisor Assistant at Waddell & Reed

Family: Husband: Russ; Daughter: Alison; Dog: Tucker

Interests: Family & friends, knitting, travel, completing 10 World Beer Tours at OC.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived in Lincoln since 1980. Russ and I were married in 1983. Our beautiful daughter, Alison, was born in 1993. We also have a miniature schnauzer named Tucker who is 11. I have worked at Waddell & Reed for 23 years. I have also worked at Pinnacle Bank Arena as event staff since it opened so I wouldn't spend our entire life savings buying concert tickets. I enjoy social media because it allows me to connect with people I would not have been able to get in touch with otherwise. Russ retired last summer and I am looking forward to retirement!!

Mary Clark

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Occupation: Med Tech at Beatrice Hospital Lab

Family: No human children, but currently have 2 large 4 legged dog girls.

Interests: Love my animals, have had quite a menagerie over the years. Also new tech stuff

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from Univ of Nebr Med Center in 1979 in Medical Technology which means I work in hospital or clinic labs drawing blood and running tests. I worked at UNMC for 15 years and then moved back to Beatrice when the opportunity to run the hospital lab here came about. Somewhere in all that time I was married for about a minute and although I never had children I have always had my 4 legged kids. Sometime those kids have been goats, pigs, and even a raccoon. I think my most memorable life experiences have been being back close to home and seeing my nieces and nephews as they grow up.

Annette Cornelius Slaven

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Rich Cornelius

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Occupation: Federal Government (Your tax dollars)

Family: Widower, Two grown daughters in Colorado.

Interests: Retirement, Travel, Backpacking, Exploring, having fun!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Just would like to say it was nice seeing you all, wishing everyone the best!! Take care

Jan Dalke Anderson

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Donnet Dando Knapp

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Occupation: Microbiologist

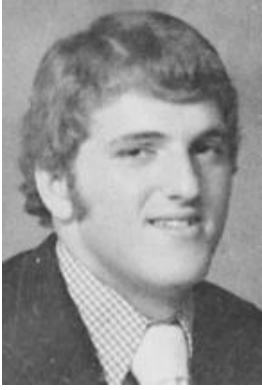
Family: Husband- Steven Knapp Daughters Katie, Jenna and Monica.

Interests: Spending time with my children and grandchildren Spending time with friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Our life is centered around our three children and grandchildren Career: head of Microbiology at Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha.

Mike Dando

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Occupation: Sr. Fin Analyst / Security Sales (FDIC)

Family: My wife's name is Lisa, and our terrific 11 year old daughter's name is Lanie.

Interests: Photography, videography, Husker football, investing, data analysis, politics.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My greatest memory was the birth of my daughter, and every day since she enriches our lives. Have done some decent travel. Drank many beers in the pubs of London; been to the Passion Play in Germany with my Father; toured Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Israel, Egypt and Estonia. Rode a camel on the Giza Plateau outside Cairo, just after having been inside one of the Great Pyramids, and belly danced on a Nile River cruise. Went to Alaska for my 40th birthday. Got engaged in Westminster Abbey in London. Was an athlete in college at UNL. Mostly I've made very good friends along the way.

Diane Davison Weldon

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Occupation: Homemaker

Family: Married to Dr. Don. 1 son, Drew (Andrew: Senior game designer at Bungie.)

Interests: Music, birds and wildlife, Beatrice and Husker Football, Women's Volleyball.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Met my future husband on the Nebraska rowing crew. Was recruited as a coxswain my freshman year because of small size. Graduated 1980 with degree in Instrumental music. Taught 2 years at Lewis Central Schools in Iowa. Started my third year when diagnosed with MS in 1982. Husband practices Internal Medicine in Beatrice, employed by the hospital. Son lives in Bellevue, WA. He is married with 1 son, born in 2005.

Martha (Marty) Daniel Gill

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Occupation: Controller

Family: Husband Greg 37y, Sons Trevor (Ginny) 33 & Ty (Amber) 30, 6 grandkids

Interests: Archery, reading, yoga, walking, cats

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Greg and I became involved in archery back in the late 80's early 90's. We competed and did well in national tournaments and owned an archery shop. We dropped out of archery when the boys were in junior high/high school and returned to competing about nine years ago. We currently own an archery store in Fairbury. I work as a controller at a large Swine Corporation here in Fairbury as well as at the store. Greg works solely at the store and processes deer in the fall. Our two sons live in Fairbury as well. Trevor is an accountant at the local newspaper/print business and Ty works for Norris.

Kimberly Dewitt Baker

Class of '75 kim_baker@travelctm.com



Occupation: Travel Agent/ Hospice Counseling

Family: Keaton Baker-son, Lori Elliott-Step daughter, Mark Williams-partner

Interests: Dancing, enjoy New Orleans Festivals, music, gardening, cooking, and traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from University of Nebraska - 1980 Graduated Our Lady of Holy Cross - 2013 -Master's in Counseling Mother to a wonderful son and step daughter. Traveled most of the US, Europe, Australia and Mexico

Dinah Dike Ethington

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Occupation: Working at Production Creek.

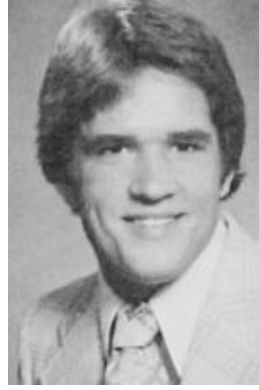
Family: Husband David Living son Christopher Deceased son Joshua

Interests: Quilting, crocheting, knitting, and any old time needlework.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Working at Production Creek. Married David Ethington Jr. On Aug. 29, 1987. I have one living son Christopher. One son who is deceased, he was born Dec. 27, 2000 with a A-V Cannel and down we lost him April 27, 2001. We survived the tornado on May 8, 1996, we lost are house and all of our vehicles, but we still had our lives. We both have lost our jobs due to factories closing. My husband. Now works for BNSF. We live in Beatrice.

Larry Diller

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David Doering

Class of '77



Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: If you are interested in a book for inspiration, check out the "Urantia Book"
<http://truthbook.com/urantia-book/urantia-book-introduction>
<http://www.urantiabook.org/introductions/urantia-book-introduction.htm>

Eldene Doyle

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Occupation: International Investment Analyst (CFA)

Family: Don Greer (husband - married in 2003)

Interests: Travel, Reading, Theater, Beading

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Don Greer and I were married in 2003, and we live in a condo in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I work for Manulife Financial Services as an International Investment Analyst, and manage a health care investment fund based in China with a team of three colleagues in Boston, Chicago and London. I am fortunate to be able to travel internationally for my work. I also enjoy traveling to Virginia and California to visit the children and grandchildren I now have by marriage to Don.

John Doyle

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Brad Dusenbery

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Deborah (Deb) Eden Roelfs

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Occupation: Disabled

Family: Husband Gale, 2 sons, daughter, daughter-in-law, 6 grandkids

Interests: Family, cats, cross stitching, reading, scouting

Lane Ehlers

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Occupation: Self Employed-

Family: 1 Daughter-Tessa 36yrs. old- Wichita, 1 son- Christopher 33 yrs. old-Newton-ks

Interests: Spending time with family, Playing pool, putting my camper to use, Car shows,

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Ive been self employed most of my life(flooring installer),i'm working towards retiring,at which time I intend to take off on a road trip to beat all road trips with the camper to see the sights I haven't seen yet! Been married twice, i have 2 wonderful children from the 1st. I've been to both coasts and quite a few states inbetween. I've lost most of the friends I ran with in school, but I make Damn sure to keep in contact with the ones that are still with me. I cant even begin to tell you of all the memorable experiences I've been given, But I'm Thankful for them all !!!!

Matt Elmborg

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Occupation: Sales

Family: Wife - Aleka Daughter - Leksi 20 Son - Lukas 16

Julie Elias Hawley

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Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Hi All,Looking forward to the reunion and catching up with folks! We moved to Virginia in 1996, the last time I saw many of you. Since then our kiddos have grown up, my husband (and us sometimes) have traveled the world, and I just finished my Masters in Sustainable Landscape Design. Currently, I teach at G Washington University and try to keep clients happy in the garden. We feel incredibly blessed. Best to all, Julie

Randy Essex

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Occupation: Editor/publisher

Family: Wife, Angelyn Frankenberg; son, Dustin, age 28

Interests: Running, biking, hiking, Cubs and Tigers baseball, Husker sports.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I've seen much of the U.S. working at newspapers in Abilene, Texas; Boise; Des Moines; Detroit; Cincinnati; and now Glenwood Springs, Colo. I've been editor of this little 7-day paper for two years; this summer, I add the title of publisher. At age 32, I quit smoking and drinking, started running and have run 26 full marathons. I've climbed three of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks. In Detroit, I led coverage of the GM and Chrysler bankruptcies, went to World Series games and saw a no-hitter. This year, I won the American Society of News Editors national editorial writing award. It's a good life!

Carolyn Faulder Bixenmann

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Occupation: Retired Speech-Language Pathologist

Family: Husband, Mark Bixenmann, 36 yrs. Daughters, Jessica, 32 & Michelle 27

Interests: Watercolor painting, Photography, Traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Mark and I married in 1980. I graduated with my MS in 1982 from Kearney. After working in Gering, NE for 5 years, we moved to Grand Island to be closer to family. I worked for ESU9 in Hastings as a SLP for 25 years & retired in 2013. I really love working with speech and language disordered adults & children so as a retiree I have taken a few positions doing long term subbing for various organizations. Our daughters, Jessica & Michelle are married, but no children yet. Mark, retired in 2010. We enjoy traveling & photography & I took up watercolor painting in March this year-Love it!

Deanna Fischer Thaut

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Occupation: Deputy Treasurer

Family: Just me!!

Interests: Travel, cruising, crosswords, gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduation in 76, I moved to Kansas for a brief period. In 1977, I moved to Hastings. I married my husband, Tim, in 1979. In 1994, Tim and I moved to Mesa, Arizona. Tim passed away in 2005, and I moved back to Hastings in 2007. My career has been office/administrative. Not much has changed since the last reunion, except I'm older and have MUCH more gray hair!! I am loving the Nebraska life, but I do miss the Arizona winters and the gazillion restaurant choices!

Dave (David) Faulder

Class of '75 ddfaulder@earthlink.net



Occupation: Reservoir Engineering Manager

Family: Married with 4 children, 3 daughters 1 son, and 1 granddaughter.

Interests: Hiking with dogs, the farm, shooting, teaching, economics, jazz, bird watching

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: BS Wyoming, MS & PhD CSM, all petroleum engineering. worked in geothermal and O&G, live in Littleton, Co manage the family farm where Anna & I have purchased the farm house. Worked for a number of companies with a non-traditional career. Working to improve the family farm for eventual retirement.

Mark Fletcher

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Alan Folkerts

Class of '75



Joe Fritz

Class of '77 joe@fritzinsurance.com



Occupation: Farmers Insurance Agent

Family: Wife: Tori (January 2011) Daughter: Tereza Rose Fritz

Interests: Husker Football, traveling, languages

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: B.S. degree from Nebraska. Lived and studied in Europe. Live in Phoenix Arizona (where it NEVER snows!). Have been working with Farmers Insurance Group since 1986. Started my own agency in 1997, and prefer being self-employed.

Kathy Fritzen Zimmerman

Class of '76 zzkjazz@aol.com



Occupation: Jazzercise Franchisee/Instructor

Family: Husband: Chuck ('74 Grad), Derek, (wife Brooke), Tyler and Austin

Interests: Fitness, our Mini Goldendoodle spoiled dog, play golf, and football/basketball.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Memorable experiences...I'm so fortunate to have them! I had brain surgery in July, 2013. Once in a while some short term loss, but I can tell lots of stories from the past! Jazzercise Center fitness center owner/partnership for thirty years was a great way to stay fit, be a wife, be a mom, and own a business. Three years ago, I decided to just teach and am still at it! I have a wonderful husband and family. I really learned and remember every day how special life is...hope you enjoy it all!

Anthony (Tony) Fuller

Class of '75 toneco@aol.com



Mark Fuller

Class of '76 bigredtaz13@yahoo.com



Occupation: Bells Welding Tents

Family: Jamie Best on 13 June 1980 two daughters Jill & Meagan 7 grandchildren

Interests: Golf, Deer Hunting, Fishing, Ice Fishing and watching my grandkids grow

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: US Army 1976-1979 Store Kraft 20 yrs was President of FSK Construction Beatrice Concrete was involved in major accident in 2004 received a TBI plus several other injuries. It has been a long road back and still not 100% never will be

Marcia Gates

Class of '75 alohafun1@yahoo.com



Occupation: Group Leader - Policy, Audit, & Controls

Family: Was married 16 years, divorced now. My sister & her family live in CA too

Interests: Hiking, photography, exploring, travel, Warriors, Sharks, Giants, Huskers

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to California after graduating from the Univ of NE and love it here! Have been fortunate to go to a couple of Warrior basketball playoff games, a Sharks hockey playoff game, and two Giants World Series games ... what a thrill! Lots of alternative & classic rock concerts. Trips to France, Hawaii, Carmel, Laguna Beach, Cancun, Washington DC and the Carribean. Enjoy hiking the many trails in the Bay Area and Lake Tahoe, sailing on the San Francisco Bay, walking on the beach, taking lots of photos, exploring the wine country, and having fun with my amazing family and awesome friends.

Steve Garton

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Occupation: Carpentry / Construction

Family: Married for 33 years, two daughters, one son in-law, and a grandson on the way.

Interests: Family, fishing, boating and camping with friends. Still do some hunting.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After turning 18, I worked at Tote Systems for almost 24 years. I married Pam Wegner in August 1983. Pam is an RN and we have lived in Beatrice for 22 years and then moved a few miles east of town where we enjoy country living. We've raised two great daughters. Jenna who lives in Sterling, NE with her husband Matt, is a kindergarten teacher there. Our second daughter Taylor will soon be starting grad school at Kearney finishing her education in speech language pathology. Pam and I are looking forward to spoiling the grandson!

Gayle George Bekemeyer

Class of '76 gbek1957@gmail.com



Occupation: Husband Greg & I are self-employed.

Family: Greg, Melissa & husband Brock Bruna, Amanda, Matthew & Courtney

Interests: Traveling, decorating, crafts, counted cross stitch, flower gardening, & pets

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduation I went to the Lincoln School of Commerce for 1 year and worked at the University of Nebraska. In 1980 I started working for the Nebraska Department of Social Services. In 1989 I met my husband, Greg. We married in August, 1990. We have 4 children. We are a very active family. The girls played fastpitch softball, they all were in 4-H, and Amanda & Matthew showed cattle at many livestock shows plus many other things. All the kids have or will be attending K-State University. We have a cattle feedlot, farm 3,000 plus acres & do trucking in Washington, KS.

Mike Goossen

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Occupation: Farming

Family: Wife Debra, Son Adam Goossen (& Nicole), daughter, Amber Schroeder (& Tyler)

Donald (Don) Greer

Class of '75 revdgreer@wi.rr.com



Occupation: Clergy, United Methodist Church

Family: Bryan Greer (son), Rebecca Greer (daughter), Eldene Doyle (wife - married 2003)

Interests: Travel, Theater, Music

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Eldene Doyle and I were married in May of 2003 and have lived in Milwaukee for 12 years. I am currently appointed to the Wisconsin Conference Ministry and Outreach Office as Coordinator of Circuit Ministries. My son, Bryan and his wife, Nikki Lamkin, and my two grandchildren Morgan and Elliott live in Virginia; and my daughter, Becky and her husband Joshua Alonzo, live in California. Eldene and I enjoy traveling together, and have recently enjoyed international travel opportunities related to our work (Barcelona, South Korea, London).

Jan Greer Dehaven

Class of '76 j.dehav@hotmail.com



Occupation: Director for Special Ed/Fac TX A&M SA

Family: Kaitlyn Southwestern Univ Georgetown TX Braedon STEM Academy HS San Antonio TX

Interests: Yarn & fabric crafts, Girl/Boy Scouts, writing, reading, being a mom!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: BA Hastings College-1980. Began teaching in North Platte. Received 2 advanced degrees from UNK, 1983 and 1987. Became a principal in NP in 1988. I married Rev. Brad DeHaven, 1990, moved to Texas. I have worked in the TX education system for 25 years landing in North East ISD administration for the past 14 years. Both kids were born in the Rio Grande Valley. I divorced in 2015. Braedon is a Life Scout heading toward Eagle. As a HS sophomore he is endorsing in engineering. Kati is a college senior planning to teach fall 2017. She earned her GS Gold Award & was valedictorian of her HS class.

Leann Gronenthal Umphenour

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Ann Haberman Andrews

Class of '75 ann@andrewsfam.com



Jeanette Hagemeyer Faulder

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Occupation: Teacher/Owner of a painting studio

Family: Sons : Nick and Brett. Granddaughter: Kennedy

Interests: Family, Christian Faith, Art and Art Therapy

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Greatest accomplishment is being a mother and grandmother to two wonderful sons and a granddaughter.

Dan Hakes

Class of '77 coialida@sbcglobal.net



Occupation: Structural Engineer

Family: wife Linda with sons Ian and Connor

Interests: Serving in my church (elementary kids), golf, computer stuff

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Became a believer in Jesus Christ in 1982 and am continuing the journey to know Him better and to relish that relationship throughout the rest of my life. Attended SCC - Milford after HS and became a draftsman at an A/E firm in Omaha. Graduated with my Civil Engr. degree in 1985, and moved to the Kansas City area to work and continue to live in Overland Park, KS. Met my wife Linda at the church we both attended, was married in 1988 and have two sons, Ian and Connor. Have been very fortunate to travel throughout our country and to some places outside our country.

Jacki Hall Rempel

Class of '76 davidrempel@windstream.net



Occupation: Farrower

Family: Husband Dave - Sons Tristan Chad Shaun - 6 grandchildren and one dog.

Interests: I am interested in a lot of things but seem to busy or tired to do any of them.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: 3 years after graduation I attended the Florida School of Dog Grooming in Tampa. Returned to Nebraska and had a successful grooming business for almost 35 years. First working for myself then at two different vet clinics. Now I am a pig "midwife" at LEI and loving it! Went from dogs to hogs! Been married to the same man for 32 years. God has greatly blessed us during the hard times and the good times! Life is special and precious. Hope your lives have been equally blessed.

Jeff Hartig

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Occupation: Terminal Operator

Family: Wife Loraine, children Nick and Kristin (Dan)

Interests: Fishing, hunting and taking motorcycle trips

Debbie (Deb) Hartwig Keyes

Class of '76 dkeyes78@gmail.com



Occupation: Norris PPD - Supr of Consumer Accounting

Family: Husband: Gary ('74 Grad), Mike (wife Angi), Lindsey--2 grandchildren

Interests: Besides work and other volunteer obligations, there isn't a lot of spare time

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have been fortunate to have a career that I enjoy for the past 39 years and hope to have several more years and then think about retirement! I spend my free time enjoying my family, especially our 2-year old grandson, Sawyer and 3-month old granddaughter, Guinevere.

Kevin Hays

Class of '75 shays@lps.org



Jonathan (Jon) Hedges

Class of '75 jon@hedgescompany.com



Occupation: President

Family: Wife Julie (married 1980), sons Paul & Steve (b. 1990), daughter Jenny (b. 2000)

Interests: Golf, music, flyfishing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I met my wife Julie in Lincoln after graduating from UNL. We moved to Ohio in 1987 and live between Cleveland and Akron. Since the Huskers joined the Big Ten we live deep in enemy territory! Our boys ("opposite" twins) graduated from college 3 years ago; Paul from Baldwin Wallace University and Steve from OU (that means Ohio University out here). No grandkids, but we have two dogs to spoil. Our daughter Jenny is a junior in high school and learning to drive. In 2004, Julie and I started a digital marketing agency. I'm playing guitar or drums most Sundays in church.

Brad Henderson

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Kathy (Kate) Hiesterman Patton

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Occupation: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Family: HUSBAND - DAVE OF 36 YRS. CHILDREN - NATE AND KRISTA 5 GRANDSONS

Interests: WORKING ON OUR FARM, COOKING, PLAYING CARDS, ATTENDING OUR GRANDSONS EVENTS

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I MARRIED MY HUSBAND DAVE IN 1979 AND MOVED TO NEBRASKA CITY. WE HAVE 2 ADULT CHILDREN, NATE & KRISTA. BOTH ARE MARRIED AND BLESSED US WITH 5 GRANDSONS. WE LIVE ON AND WORK OUR 4 GENERATION FARM WITH BOTH ROW CROPS AND CATTLE. DAVE ALSO WORKS FOR A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FULL TIME AND I WORK AT BORNS FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC. AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE YEARS HAVE GONE...BUT I DO KNOW I WANT THE TIME TO SLOW DOWN! ENJOY LIFE...BE KIND...BE HUMBLE AND THANK

Rita Hill Richardson

Class of '76 happykatkid@yahoo.com



Occupation: Hardware clerk Scherbarth's in Fairbury

Family: 9 stepchildren, 28 grandchildren and 10 Great-grandchildren Married

Interests: . counted cross stich, crocheting for Orphan Grain Train

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I married my first husband in 2003 and I lost him due to cancer after 24 months of marriage. I married my current husband in 2008.

Lori Hoadley Pendergast

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Occupation: President; Arrowhead West, Inc.

Family: Married to Donald Pendergast. Daughter Lisa and granddaughter Madelin.

Interests: Raising and showing Shiba Inu dogs. Collecting art, traveling and history.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After working at BSDC after high school, I graduated from UNL with a masters degree. Worked at the Lancaster Office of Mental Retardation during college. Moved to Kansas in 1981 and ended up having a career in the Developmental Disabilities field. Don and I enjoy traveling when we can and have been to most of the United States. We took a cruise to Alaska, then Mexico/Caribbean and later the Nordic countries/Russia. We have traveled to Ireland and Italy and would love to go back someday. Don is retired and I am still working at Arrowhead West.

Mike Hodges

Class of '75 mlhodges@windstream.net



Occupation: Video Service Coordinator UNL Athletics

Family: Wife Paula two sons Brian and Matthew

Interests: Travel, fishing and friends

Jay Holle

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Occupation: Engineering Project Manager

Family: Jana (wife - 34 years), son Greg (30 - Olathe), son Nick (26 - Omaha)

Interests: music (rock/alternative/blues), Indian motorcycles, craft beer

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from UNL in '82 and moved to Kansas City. I've worked at the National Security Campus (DOE/Honeywell) for 34 years - retiring later this year. Worked on our nation's nuclear weapon systems and in the US intelligence community. Outside of work, Jana & I have been involved with church, schools, and youth soccer (15+ years as a coach/referee/tournament official). Both sons are happily married (no grandkids yet). Now we spend our time riding our 2014 Indian Chieftain motorcycle, listening to live music, going to Husker football games, & enjoy finding new craft beer breweries.

Brad Horky

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Rich Hovendick

Class of '75 rich@griffithshovendick.com



Occupation: Funeral Director

Family: Wife Linda, and adopted daughters Britney and Ashton Hovendick.

Interests: Community activities, Husker sports, golfing, kids activities,

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended the University of Nebraska and graduated from Dallas Institute of mortuary science in 1981. Return to Beatrice and now I'm part owner of the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapels. I have been in very involved in community activities, school activities as public address announcer for high school sporting events.

Steve Hovendick

Class of '77 steve.hovendick@edwardjones.com



Occupation: Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

Family: Wife Carolyn, daughters Samantha Thompson, Carly Hovendick and son Heath

Interests: basketball still, golf, travel, UNL athletics

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Been married 26 years, both of us still have our parents to enjoy, oldest daughter has come back to Beatrice to help Uncle Rich at the funeral home, other two still in college.

Eddie Hyatt

Class of '76 harleyed57@yahoo.com



Occupation: Disabled

Family: Son, Jason, Daughter, Chandra and 5 grankids

Interests: Camping, fishing as much outdoors as possible

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Not much to say except for the reunions. Enjoying the grankids

Wayne Ideus

Class of '75 wayne.ideus@gmail.com



Occupation: Business Development

Family: Married Patti Carstens Class of 76; 3 sons Aaron 28; Nathan 26; Joshua 22

Interests: woodworking, gardening, fishing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Patti and I have been married for 35 years. We lived in Iowa, NC and for the past 21 years in the Kansas City area. Patti does consulting for pharmaceutical companies, reviewing clinical data. I work for Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals in business development.

Lynette Jobman Jurgens

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Occupation: LPN @ Goldcrest. Korner Pumpkin Patch

Family: Single. Children Aimee (Todd) Semin, Darick (Sarah) grand Seth, Drew, Cooper.

Interests: Dancing, gardening, flowers, Korner Pumpkin Patch, socializing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked @ vise grip factory, went to college @ 50, getting LPN degree. Co-operate Korner Pumpkin Patch @ my residence enjoy socializing with customers. I thought our 40th reunion was great. I have attended every reunion our 76 class has had.

Brenda Johnson Osborne

Class of '77 deanandbrendaosborne478@yahoo.com



Occupation: Disability

Family: married, 3 children, 1 dog and 1 cat

Interests: cross stitching, reading, watching tv

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Was in a car accident in 2010 luck to be typing this. Broke every rib in my body, left femur, and right shoulder and collar bone. Have 2 grandchildren and one on the way. One lives in Co and 1 lives in Ks. Just thankful to be alive and spend the times I can to be with everyone friends and family.

Greg Johnson

Class of '77 sharkduck5@yahoo.com



Occupation: Property Management

Family: Proud Dad to daughter Lydia.

Interests: splitting wood-fishing-cycles-music-grilling-history-archaeology-hiking-people

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Federal service with National Parks & USDA/Soil Conservation Service. Ranch and farmland erosion control, water quality, public education, wildlife habitat improvement, wetland protection, creation & restoration. Lots of tree & grass planting. Partnered with Game & Parks, Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Very much enjoy following World Champion Kansas City Royals. Just bought a motel & restaurant in NW Nebraska. Enjoy: Poland Italy Alaska Arizona Neil Young travel hiking biking eating history - Volunteer fire department/EMT/Red Cross - Visiting Beatrice and seeing friends

Lee Johnson Benash

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Occupation: Retired Ops Supervisor-Black HillsEnergy

Family: Widow, 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren - 5 girls & 7 boys from 1 year to 18 yrs old

Interests: Time with my grandkids, trips with my family and sister, and still love reading

Lynne Johnson Cobb

Class of '76 bhs76er@comcast.net



Occupation: Controller/CPA in Seattle, WA

Family: Husband Jim, married 25 years; Children Cosmo 24 - in L/A, Joanna 20 in Seattle

Interests: Singing, knitting, reading, walking, (sometimes reading & walking), volunteer wk

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Washington in 1980 after college at UNL. Did not marry until 1991 so I guess I had a lot of fun in those years. Went back to school to study accounting, have been a CPA since 1986. I have worked for the same small business for 15 years, allowing me to do those "mom" things more easily. Now in addition to working 40 hours I fill the time with my 4 volunteer gigs: financial advisor to my sorority on the UW campus, treasurer for Mary's Place, a shelter for homeless families, singer/treasurer with the Seattle Choral Company and bd member with the WA Cornhuskers!



Tracy Johnson

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Occupation: Manager/ Self Employed

Family: Married Carol (1989), Sons Matthew (1997), Marcus (2000), Michael (2003)

Interests: Photography, camping, going to the beach and watching sports, Go Ducks.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: In 1985 packing up a Pinto wagon with all my belongings and heading to Oregon, life here has been a non-stop adventure with so many firsts in my life to name.

Dayle Jones Schutte

Class of '76 djschutte@charter.net



Occupation: Middle School PE Teacher and Coach

Family: 30 years of marriage to John. We have 3 children, Kyle (wife Alex), Sara, & Evan

Interests: Our antique business..."Jonesy's Junk" is still going strong.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After 36 years of teaching/coaching in Grand Island I am retiring this year. Looking forward to doing some of the many things I have neglected to keep up with. Memories... Growing up on Sara Road in Davison Village neighborhood how lucky I was! There were families with kids everywhere! (McBride's, Henry's, Johnson's, Casey's, Harbach's, Parde's, Hennerberg's, TeKolste's, Trauernicht's, Fauber's, Doyle's, Boyce's, Bartek's, Wilson's, Lovell's, Martin's, Griffth's) & others that I have forgotten. The women in the neighborhood and the moms of my friends hold a special place in my heart.

Sarah Jorgensen Kuester

Class of '76 sakpfk84@yahoo.com



Occupation: Public health nutritionist

Family: Husband (Paul), married 31 years, 2 college age daughters

Interests: family, neighbors, church choir, gardening, walking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I lived in three parts of the U.S., first in the Midwest, then to college in the Southwest (Arizona) and most of adult life in the Southeast (Georgia), enjoying the unique parts of each place. In high school I especially liked Mr. Tubb's chemistry class and Mr. Nelson's biology class, which shaped my future science interests and work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I'm indebted to their high quality of teaching and care towards students. All around BHS gave us a good education and atmosphere to enjoy being students together. We couldn't have asked for anything more.

Janet Joyce Vitosh

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Cheryl Jurgens Kimmerling

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Occupation: Para for BPS SKILLS program, DSA Mosaic

Family: Married to Paul, 3 children, Alex, Adam and Amanda

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Not much to tell, married stayed in Beatrice, had 3 kids, we have been farming for almost 39 years, along with both working for Beatrice public school. I work in the behavior program for middle school and high school students, and have been there for almost 14 years.

Kenneth Jurgens

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Scott Keefover

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Occupation: Purchasing at Toro/Exmark Manufacturing

Family: Wife Jane Billesbach-Keefover, Children Manalle (Joe), Jordan, Preston, Spencer

Interests: Golfing and Fishing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Employed at Toro/Exmark 34 years...Married 30 years..Have 2 Grandsons..that call me Pappa....It's the BEST!

Brian Kent

Class of '76 paraconbk@gmail.com



Occupation: Fed Ex / Author

Family: Wife:Toni, Daughter:Amber, Son:Jack, Son:Scott, 3 grandchildren

Interests: Music, Writing, Paranormal Investigation & Lectures, Golf, sports

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Spent my 20's pursuing a career in music. In 87', brought my daughter, Amber into the world. In 94', recorded a disc with the band, "Major League". Toured the western half of the United States, opening for "Quite Riot", "Jackyl", & "Wildside". Married my soulmate, Toni, in 1999. Started writing books in 2012. First book was about the "House On Lincoln St.", in Beatrice. Two more followed regarding paranormal occurrences. Latest release, "The Reveal", was a fictional surrounding a paranormal team.

George Kilpatrick

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Occupation: Attorney

Family: Wife - Sherril, Son - Jay

Interests: Golf, travel, writing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelors degree in Business Administration in 1978 and the University of Nebraska School of Law in 1981. Employed by the Nebraska Legislature for 27 years and with the Nebraska Department of Revenue for the last eight.

Loralee (Cookie) Kipf Parde

Class of '76



Diane Kleveland Mickey

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Lori Klippenstein Stecker

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Keith Knabe

Class of '76 koils@hotmail.com



Occupation: Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Family: Single and never been married. My twin brother Kent now lives in Beatrice also

Interests: Music from the 70's to now, hunting, NU football, MN Twins baseball etc.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school I went to Lincoln for schooling and lived in Lincoln 15 years. Got my CPA in the 80's. Then lived in Omaha for 10 years & then moved back to Beatrice to be closer to parents to help with Dr appts etc. Still here in Beatrice & twin brother Kent moved to B-town a couple years ago. Sister Suzanne is in Central City, NE. Dad passed away a couple years ago and mom has dementia and is in a nursing care facility. It was great to see so many of you at the reunion. Hope we can all make it to the next one as well.

Kimberly Knispel Maucher

Class of '75 mauchers@gpcom.net



Occupation: Elementary Teacher

Family: Husband-Gerry; 3 married children-Jacqueline, Susan, Benjamin; 4 grandchildren

Interests: Spending time with family, baking, playing in our church bell choir, Bible study

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduating in 1975, I attended Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating in 1981. I accepted a teaching position in Hayes Center. I met Gerry at a Bible Study and we were married in 1982. Jacqueline(1985) teaches special education in North Platte; Susan & Benjamin(1987 twins) Susan is a registered nurse in Sidney; Benjamin farms/ranches. We live in northwest Hayes County where the sledding is great!! Actually we farm/ranch, with Ben being the 5th generation to have this honor. Branding, harvest, and deer hunting are special times for the Maucher crew.

Kent Knabe

Class of '76 kknabe001@yahoo.com



Occupation: I work for Deines pharmacy

Family: I have 2 children. Patrick 27, lives in Dallas and Monica 24, of Lincoln

Interests: Enjoy deer hunting and cheering on my favorite sports teams. GBR

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: married in 84. after 30 years working for pegler Sysco in Lincoln, I moved back to Beatrice and work for Deines and pinnacle bank arena. Hang out with my brother Keith and John Parks for lots of good times, and talk about the old days.

Kathryn Liebers

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Occupation: Chief Probation Officer, District 7

Family: Franklin, Louise, Stan - Cats. Daphne - Dog

Interests: Gardening, quilting/sewing, reading, animal rescue, community organizations

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After college started working for the State Probation Administration in Alliance, NE. Became Chief in 2007 of a small district - 35 employees and 1200-1500 adult/juvenile offenders at any given time. It has been interesting and fun. I've served on community boards in various capacities, but its getting time for others to step up to the plate. Still a board member for Madison County Extension and the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska. No complaints. Its all been pretty darn good!

Leslie Lieneman

Class of '76 l.lieneman@hoegemeyer.com



Occupation: seed company sales manager

Family: 3 children (4 if you include our German Shepherd Molly), 6 grandsons

Interests: I try to stay active with music performance...trumpet, trombone, and sax.

Monte Lofing

Class of '76 lofing@windstream.net



Occupation: professional truck driver

Family: divorced, 2 children, son Christopher age 25, daughter Kinze age 20.

Interests: Powerlifter for 39 years, national referee, coach, athlete and meet director.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Cruising town, dairy queen and mcdonalds parking lot visits. Road trips to Oketo Kansas. 2 new years eve parties that we can not discuss in writing. Good times as a student manager for football, basketball and track. Best times with friends in 4th hour study hall with mom Penner. A juke box with poor volume control LOL. A turn about/Sadie Hawkins dance that was a blast! 13 people in a Camaro as it drove around the school block! Life was simple and good! No cell phone, computers, emails, text messages, all face to face conversation. OMG how did we survive! HA!

Kathy Lutz Dusenbery

Class of '77 kad@kc.rr.com



Occupation: journalist/retired elected

Family: Married classmate Brad Dusenbery in 1982. 3 adult children, Brad, Chad and Ann.

Interests: Blogger with classmate Tammy Kraft, 2laughinggals.com and travel planner

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: We have lived in Platte County, MO for over 30 years. Got involved in local government as alderman, Mayor of Parkville and ended as Platte County 1st District Commissioner. Owned a local newspaper and wrote a Kid's Guide to Kansas City. Brad & I are just starting to travel and enjoy being empty nesters! We love Beatrice and enjoy coming home!

Alvin (Al) Martin

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Jerry Martin

Class of '76 jerrycharlesmartin@yahoo.com



Steve Martin

Class of '75 sam907@cox.net



Occupation: Court Security Officer

Family: Wife Lisa, daughters Jennifer, Natalie and Amanda, son Derek. 11 grandchildren.

Interests: Shooting/motorcycles/gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduation, I went into the US Army, where I was an 81mm mortar gunner in the Infantry. After receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1978, I moved back to Beatrice. I married Lisa Sevens, (class of '78), in Feb. of 1980. We have three kids together, plus my oldest daughter from an earlier marriage. I also have 11 beautiful grandchildren, ranging from 14 months to 21 years. I was a Beatrice Police Officer for 5 years, as well as the Santee, NE Chief of Police for a time. I have been a Court Security Officer at the Hruska United States Courthouse in Omaha, NE for the past 16 years.

Dan Marvin

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Occupation: Investment Advisor

Family: Wife: Donna, Kids -- Katie (husband Sam), Matt and Emily

Interests: Travel, Biking, Politics, Photography

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Have worked in the financial industry since graduating from UNL. Got involved in Politics with the city of Lincoln as a Planning Commissioner and City Councilman. Ran the West Haymarket / Pinnacle Bank Arena project. Was Executive Director of the State Democratic Party. Have three great kids (basically young adults) and a great life partner (since 1983).

Denise McKee Thornburg

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Occupation: Dental assistant

Family: 2 daughters 2 son-in-laws 2 grandchildren 2 dogs 1 husband.

Interests: Gardening, cooking, reading, running and keeping up with my grand kids.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: One of the most rewarding things I have done is to work at medical mission in Jamaica and hoping to return soon.

Greg Medina

Class of '76



Ron Meints

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Occupation: Bank Vice President

Family: single

Interests: Enjoys taking trips to new places , hiking and spends a lot of time at golf

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Chadron Ne in 1985 to gain a little experience in the work place with plans of moving back to Eastern Nebraska in a few years, Fell in love with the place and people and never left. Do love getting outdoors and vacations are usually plan around visit to the national parks in the western part of the US

Lori Melcher Hunter

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Carol Mencil Bradley

Class of '76 cbradley@beatricedailysun.com



Occupation: Newspaper

Family: Married to Dave Bradley, Daughter Tianna and grandsons Jaron 4 and Lachlan 2

Interests: My daughter and grandsons

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked at the Daily Sun for 40 years now...so many changes, as I'm sure Randy Essex can attest to.

Doug Meyer

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Occupation: Toolmaker

Family: Widower, 2 daughters & 2 granddaughters

Interests: hack golf, outdoor activities, love dogs

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Met my wife at tech. college, daughters caught the horse bug so ended up on a small acreage and did the horse/4H game for several years. Living in a small town and love the peace and quiet. Think back quite often about the good old days and compare to how things are today and feel soo lucky to have grown up in such a worry free time. Met a lot of great people in school and like to hear from people I have grown up with and what is happening with their lives. Feel lucky to be where I'm at now considering some of the stupid stuff that I did back then. Many great memories for sure!

Julie Meyer Hash

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Occupation: Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch

Family: Husband: Jay, Boys: Brian & Justin with G-Kids, Thomas, Alyssa, Alex & Anderson

Interests: Love to spend time with our family, grandchildren & travel with friends.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school, experienced life and finally settled down to married my best friend and we grew our family with 2 wonderful boys then moved to Dallas for my career opportunity with Merrill and Jay landed a position as instructor pilot at Southwest Air. Recently relocated back to Lincoln to be close to kids - Brian & Staci live in KC with Anderson & Thomas. Justin & Christy are in Lincoln with Alyssa & Alex. We enjoy being close to family and reconnecting with great friends. This was the best decision and we are so happy to be home - snow and all.

Jim Meyer

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Rosemarie Milke

Class of '75



Joanie Miller

Class of '76



Occupation: Retired from Federal Service

Family: I have one amazing son that works at an engineering firm in Lincoln Ne.

Interests: Travel, cycling, concerts, reading spending time with friends and family.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I'm retired from the Lincoln Social Security Administration. The first year of retirement I traveled to Belize, Colorado, New Mexico, and Florida. But now I am looking for something to occupy my time such as another job. All my friends are still working and I'm bored just staying at home. I'm also wanting to sell my home and buy a townhouse, too much yard work!! have a long-haired Chihuahua named Lucky, we're lucky to have each other, we enjoy going on walks, and he loves going for a car ride. Life is too short, love your family and friends...peace out!!

Brenda Munoz Johnson

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Occupation: Retired..living the dream

Family: Husband Randy of 35 years, 2 sons, Chris and Adam. 9 grandchildren and 2 cats.

Interests: I love my family, animals, fishing with Randy, scrapbooking all of our memories.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have been blessed with a loving husband of 35 years. We have been building a life of memories. We love to travel, have fish fries/grill outs with family, friends and neighbors. Host regular reunions with family. Life is good.

Ralene Mitschler Mitschler

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Occupation: Associate Professor Biology McDaniel Clg

Family: Husband Randall Morrison Professor Biology McDaniel College

Interests: Jacob sheep spinning weaving MD Sheep and Wool Festival Parasitology

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Going to college was not something in my future in 1977. It was a blessing to be able to do so; it led to a few degrees and my moving from Lincoln NE to Manhattan KS to Menlo Park CA then to Westminster MD where I teach biology (parasitology, immunology, epidemiology, biology of aging (grin)) and the first year courses required of all biology majors. Balancing two biologists' professional work (Husband travels to Madagascar summers biology survey/conservation) and a small farm raising Jacob sheep: multi-horned, spotted rare sheep! Menagerie Dog cats --check out blueflowerflock.com

Bonnie Munstermann Riekenberg

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Occupation: Registered Nurse

Family: Kevin and I have two children and three grandchildren.

Interests: Spending time with our grandchildren, long walks, gardening and reading.

John Noojin

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Occupation: Telecommunications

Family: Wife: Tammy, 5 children, Jake, Hannah, John, Trevor, Autumn. 6 grandchildren.

Interests: Golf, Traveling, visiting the children and grandchildren. Hunt & fish when I can

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Tammy and I married in 1990, along with my son Jake, we adopted 4 children Hannah, John, Trevor and Autumn. We moved from Beatrice to Deshler, NE in 1996 to take on a new challenge in the field of telecommunications. The industry allows me to travel all over the US, from the rural back roads to the large metro's. When I'm home, we relax in a rural setting where we dabbled in home renovation, large vegetable and flower gardens, horses, local theater productions and spoiling our dogs.

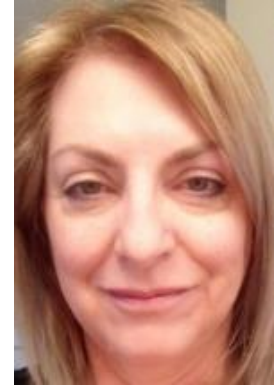
Brad Oltman

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Marta Norris Jorgensen

Class of '75 smartajo@gmail.com



Occupation: Budget Officer for National Park Service

Family: Children: Tiffanie Fordyce, Brett Scheiding & Ash Picache

Interests: sports, dogs, travel, food, wine, music, festivals, art, motorcycle rides, beach

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school, I lived on a farm west of Plymouth and worked as a legal secretary and bookkeeper. My career with the National Park Service started at Homestead National Monument and I later transferred to parks in Colorado, Pennsylvania & California. Then I was employed by an Italian family in their restaurants & wine import business in Colorado. Was a foster parent. Also worked for the Coast Guard at a training center in northern California. Now I'm enjoying retirement and spending time with kids and grandkids. I like to meet new people and learn about other languages and cultures.

Sherry Ostrander Bittfield

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Twila Ottersberg Kuhlman

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Occupation: Farmer

Family: Tom, husband, No Children

Interests: animals, pets, gardening, flowers, antiques, crafts, outdoors, traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Worked at Beatrice Community Hospital for 9 years as Accounting Assistant and Executive Secretary. Worked at various other hospitals in Texas as an Accounting Assistant for another 6 years. Married my husband, Tom in 1994. Live in southern Kansas. We farm and grow wheat, soybeans and milo most years. Have also grown sunflowers, sesame seeds and canola. We raise sheep, have Great Pyrenees dogs, a llama and a donkey. I also work part time as a Rural Mail Carrier for our local Post Office. Love to travel whenever possible. Went on a great Alaska trip summer of 2015.

Debbie Parde Wells

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Margaret Paap Huffman

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John Parks

Class of '76



John Payne

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Kathy Penner Casey

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Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My life's work can be found at this album with my photos and poems and beliefs You can look at this link, even if you are not on facebook.
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Tim Penner

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Occupation: CEO, Harper Industries, Harper, Kansas

Family: My wife is Faith and we have two children, Jessica and Daniel.

Interests: Intl. Economic Development, Small Scale Farming, Golf, NU football games

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I met Faith who grew up in Hesston, Kansas during an international agricultural development job in South America with Mennonite Central Committee. We moved to Harper, Kansas in 1991 and my company (Harper Industries) manufactures agricultural, turf and hydraulic power equipment. One of our acquisitions was Goossen Industries from Beatrice in 2002. We continue to manufacture and market the Goossen products along with our major equipment brands (DewEze, Horsch and Harper). I'm not able to make the reunion this summer but I hope to make it to number 50!

Jerry Philippi

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Occupation: Sales Manager Pepsi Cola Lincoln 37 yrs

Family: 3 Children, 4 Grandchildren, Wife Connie 34 years

Interests: Fishing(And Ice Fishing) Sporting Events, Reading

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Vacation Trips With Family, Grandchildren. Attending Children and Grandchildren's Events.

Elizabeth Pinkerton Schuster

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Occupation: Community Resource Director (Marketing)

Family: Terry and I have four children, one granddaughter and 2 foster grandsons.

Interests: Reading, gardening, traveling, and landscaping.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: University of Nebraska - Lincoln Assisted Living Concepts - Executive Director 1998 - 2015
High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center - 2015 to present
Special Memorable Life Experiences: The birth of my children and watching them grow into fine human beings. The birth of my five year old granddaughter Sophia Adeline who always makes me smile. The blessings of my parents who are the glue of the family. The places I have been and the places I plan to go!

Ken Pinkerton

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Occupation: Systems Analyst

Family: Wife Noreen, two daughters- Johnna and Katia, two granddaughters Maya and Elah

Katherine (Kathy) Pinkerton

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Occupation: Assistant Director, UNL Animal Care

Family: 3 girls, one boy. Christine, Sarah, Mike, Erin.

Interests: Quilting, bow hunting, traveling, photography.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated UNL, Animal Science, 1982. Hillshire Farm Co., 1982 - 1986. Seghers Genetics, 1992 - 1999. Resturaunt industry, 1999 - 2003. University of Wisconsin National Primate Center, 2002 - 2005. University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Animal Care Program, 2005 - Present.

Jim Probst

Class of '75



Mike Pyle

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Occupation: Strategic Risk Management

Family: Wife Judy, kids David 32, Jon 30, Bekah 27 and grandson Alex 5

Interests: Harley's love to ride, time at the lake house, boating, fishing, beach, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Watching my kids grow up and become adults is the best feeling ever! Spending time with my grandson is awesome, I'm Papa, Judy is Juju! I spent most of my adult life working in the corporate world, 28 yrs at RadioShack Corp, and now 10 yrs at Alcon Labs. Judy and I are retiring Oct 2016, we will be moving to St Croix, USVI for a few years, when we return we will call a small lake house in east Texas home. I plan on relaxing, fishing, playing golf, travel (see the USA), motorcycle rides and see what the next chapter has in store!

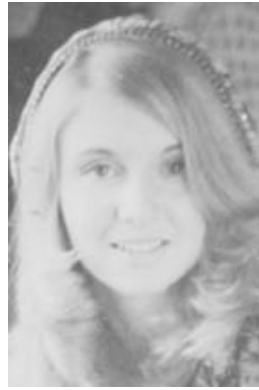
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Susan Pyle Stine

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Occupation: Retired Librarian

Family: Married to Stuart Stine; 3 awesome sons Samuel (wife Jen), Trevor and Zachary

Interests: I love to garden, cook, golf, travel and read. Oh and play with my new grandson!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My husband and I met and both graduated for UT Arlington and moved to Slidell, LA in 1983 where we raised our wonderful family. I worked as a librarian and substitute teacher in the school system until my husband retired from Lockheed Martin in 2011 at which time I retired too! We survived 2005 Katrina and came home to a very wet house but we had our house and family. We have rebuilt and planted over 30 trees to replace the ones we lost. We are also enjoying Sam and Jen's new little one Jeffrey Dillon, our first grandbaby. Our middle son lives in Denver and Zachary is here in Slidell.

Deborah Rademacher Thompson

Class of '75



Sandra Rains Freese

Class of '75



Occupation: School Bus Driver

Family: Children: Sonya Freese and Shawn Freese

Interests: My interests include dogs & horses, golf, travel, antiques, movies & restaurants

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I've lived out in the country west of Plymouth for about 40 years. Mostly I have worked as a school bus driver for Tri-County and Fairbury schools. I managed an antique mall in Fairbury. I also have my own dog boarding & grooming business called Waggin Tails. My children, Sonya & Shawn, live in Lincoln. Sony is a golf pro at Firethorn Golf Club and Shawn is a Captain for the Nebraska Dept of Correctional Services.

Julie Raser Iverson

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Occupation: Optician Ophthalmic Technician

Family: Linda, Dean Bev

Interests: Orchids, avid reader, writer of continuing education for my trade.

Ron Reedy

Class of '76



Jim Reinert

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Occupation: Catholic Pastor

Interests: Travel, watching baseball, high school sporting events, writing and reading.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Lived in NYC for 7 years worked with the UN; then lived in Rome for eight. Traveled a great deal for the Vatican. Happy to be back in the states and in York.

Duane Remmers

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Marvin Remmers

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Occupation: Businessman

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Debbie Rickers Grunski

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Occupation: Executive Administrative Assistant

Family: Husband, Chris, and two boys ages 32 and 30

Interests: Traveling, scrapbooking and paper-crafting, crocheting

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I've lived in Austin, TX since 1981 and have worked for State Farm Insurance for 37 years. I'm very involved in my church and have been traveling to some wonderful, exotic places the last several years. Can't wait for retirement when I can do that more often.

Jan Riggert Troester

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Occupation: CPA working in public accounting

Family: Husband Chris and two grown children, Aaron and Ann

Sandy Robertson

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Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I was in Beatrice from 8th grade through 10th grade. Loved Beatrice and the people in school, at St. Paul youth, and while working at DQ. As an adult I've worked in public accounting my entire adult life, as well as occasional teaching accounting classes at the high school and college level. Enjoy helping my adult kids with house projects (they live close by), and going on regular bike riding adventures and wine tastings with my husband. Still enjoy disco music from the 70s!

Steve Rohr

Class of '77



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Linda Russell Grybko

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Phyllis Russell Lighner

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Occupation: System Implementation Consultant

Family: Bob; Children - Nicole (Brian); Justin (Melissa); Amanda (Ben); 3 step; 5 grands

Interests: Family, grandkids, travel, golf, Huskers, Royals, Chiefs, gardening, crafts

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Raising three great kids; traveling college soccer mom and dad; moving to the Northwest after our youngest graduated from college (but looking forward to moving back closer to home where we can be active in our grandchildren's lives). Working as Director of Adult Ministries at my local church, developing adult education programs to help church members grow spiritually and working with the poor and homeless. Didn't pay much, but was hugely rewarding in many other ways.

Bob Saathoff

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Donna Sander

Class of '75



Ricky (Rick) Schaffer

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Lynn Schlake

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Occupation: Ag Instructor, Women's Basketball Coach

Family: Wife -Nancy, children Brandon (Erin), Jayme(Garrett), Kyle (Courtney) 6 Grand

Interests: Golf, Traveling, Lake of the Ozarks

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Went to Northwest Missouri State for 3 years before graduating from University of Nebraska with a BS in Animal Science. Married, moved to a farm by Cortland, Ne where we still live today. Have 3 children who all attended Freeman High School and 6 granddaughters. Enjoyed following their athletic and 4-H events as they grew up. Farmed before starting to teach at Southeast Community college in 1996. In 2003 added the position of Assistant Men's basketball Coach to my responsibilities. Currently still teach in the Ag Department and just assumed the position of Head Women's Basketball Coach.

Dave Schoneweis

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Occupation: Professional Engineer

Family: I have four daughters, Chantel 31, Madison 30, Samantha 20, Isabelle 14.

Interests: Traveling, snow skiing, scuba diving, going to concerts, flying, skydiving, arts

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school I attended UNL for 1.5 years. I quit and started a construction company. I went through a period of personal growth during this time. I started traveling, skydiving, skiing, many things. Got married and had my first child at 25, two from this first marriage. Got divorced after 5 years, single again at 30. Went back to school for engineering at UNL. Once again great personal and professional growth. Got married at 34, had two more daughters. Graduated from UNL in 1997, 20 years after graduating high school. After 20 years got divorced again. I am currently enjoying life

Jim Schonewise

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Sharon Schuster

Class of '76



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Lori Schwisow Larson

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Doyle Scott

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Elizabeth (Elizabeth (Liz)) Shaw

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Occupation: Special Education Para

Family: Husband JohnSons, John Jr. (our angel in heaven) Clint (our miracle on earth)

Interests: Watching roller derby, taking care of my son, reading, Enjoying life.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Served in the Army, Married John. Been married 39 years. Had John Jr. He passed away at 14 months. Had Clint, he's severely multi-handicapped, trach, vent dependent but a hoot. Worked at McDonalds for many years. I who always tried to ditch school am now a special ed para. Encouraging students to stay in school and finish our program. Love my job it is mentally and can be physically challenging. Have had a couple of concussions from students hitting. We have lived in Lincoln many years and finally paid off the mortgage. Hard to imagine that concept back in high school. Would love to be there.

Sandra (Sandy) Simmons Hays

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Occupation: Lincoln Southwest High School

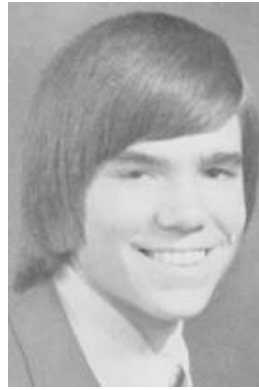
Family: Married to Kevin ('75 grad) Jenna (husband Grant) and Ryan

Interests: Spending time with our 2 granddaughters, golfing, gardening and wine tasting

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Kevin and I have been married for 38 years and have always resided in Lincoln. We have a close circle of family and friends that we share alot of our time with. The highlight of the last year and a half was the birth of our two granddaughters Corinne and Meredith. We have been blessed with good health and a wonderful life.

Clifford (Cliff) Sieck

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Occupation: Senior Project Manager for CBRE

Family: Daughters - Mikayla, 19, Amanda, 17,

Interests: Doing things w/my daughters, Golf, Biking, Roller coasters, Flying, Woodworking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated UNL 1980, BSCE - Civil Engineering; Worked for: Morrison-Knudsen, Boise, ID - 1980 thru 1995 - multiple locations - Alaska to Georgia, New Jersey to California; Hewlett-Packard, Vancouver, WA 1995 thru 2013; CBRE, Vancouver, WA - 2013 to present - assigned to HP at various locations in WA, OR, HI. Licensed Commercial Pilot - (non-current) & flight instructor (expired) for several years. Married 1990, Divorced 2012; Daughters Mikayla and Amanda born in 1996 and 1998. Memorable moments - Watching my girls grow from "football size" babies to wonderful full grown young women

Jody Smith Cotton

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Occupation: Registered Nurse, Clinical Liaison

Family: Husband Dwayne of 21 years, 3 sons Stephen Hooi, Adam Hooi, and Dwayne Cotton Jr

Interests: Love the outdoors. Try to be active so enjoy walking my dog and workouts at gym

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My dad was a Soil Conservationist so our family moved every 1-3 years from 1 town to another in Nebraska. I myself only lived in Beatrice 3 years. I enjoyed the time I was there welcomed by the Nitz Dairy Queen softball team. Since my parents left Beatrice in 1979, I felt like a stranger not being able to go back to my hometown. I established my own hometown in Omaha for my own family. I wanted my own children to be able to establish a strong foundation of friends that could be lifelong and sense of belonging. My life is very simple keeping God and family at the top.

Scott Spilker

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Melissa Stahl Searcy

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Vicky Steinmeyer Barber

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Occupation: LPN

Family: I have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Interests: I am learning to golf. Spending time with my family. Gardening and grilling.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My greatest achievement was raising my children whom I am very proud of. After raising them I decided to go to school and become a Nurse. I love my profession. The satisfaction of being there for my patients is the most rewarding. I have learned life is not guaranteed enjoy every moment you have.

Debbie (Deb) Stevens Lewis

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Occupation: Bank Regional Manager

Family: Husband: Marty-Implement Dealership Owner. Daughter: Alexis (23) Son: Lance (20)

Interests: My children, Banking, The study of Autism, Traveling, Our Golden Retriever & 2 cats.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: The birth of twins at 3 and 1 lb. The loss of one of those twins. Being the mother of a child with autism, the learning and acceptance of the condition, and challenges through the years. Annual family vacations, to bring the family in one place for a week or two. Working in banking for 30 years helping people to achieve their financial goals, and challenges and rewards of agricultural communities.

Rick Stewart

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Occupation: Financial Advisor - MassMutual, Omaha NE

Family: Wife, Debbie Daughters Sarah M. Stewart PharmD and Reileigh

Interests: I enjoy work, archery, walking, biking and watching hockey.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I'm living a very simple and quiet life, enjoying my families company.

Pam Tekolste Cassel

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Occupation: Elementary School Librarian - LPS

Family: Jim - husband, Daughter - Laura, Son - Jeff, Granddaughter- Margaret

Julie Thompson Swaney

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Occupation: Speech Language Pathologist

Family: Jonathan Swaney, Madi Swaney-granddaughter, Sarah (Skip) Bourgeois, Alli Swaney

Interests: biking, spending time with family especially our granddaughter

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Happily married to Dave for 35 years this year. Early in our marriage we enjoyed living 5 years in Southern California and 3 years in Japan. We reside in southern Indiana. Dave retired in 2010 after serving 28 years in the military. I continue to work as a school speech therapist in Seymour. The highlight in our lives has been our precious granddaughter Madi. She lived with us through CPS for 1.5 years. Fortunately for her and us, we are back to grandparenting and love spending time with her every week. Anticipating our daughters wedding summer 2017. God Bless!!

Russ Trauernicht

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Sandi Trauernicht Waldron

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Occupation: Social worker at Lincoln Region Center

Family: Married 25 years. One son, Mickey, who is 19 years old.

Interests: Watch and go to most Husker sports. I make beads & jewelry. BINGO

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I am just going through empty nest syndrome after years of ball games and kid events but this first year has been fun connecting with old and exploring new hobbies and reconnecting with friends. I have worked for the state for 35 years (who would have ever guessed) and I am passionate about the services and programs provided for those with mental illness. I may not make it to the reunion due to an out of town wedding but I think of you all fondly and best wishes to everyone!

Tammie Trauernicht Kutina

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Terri Umphenour Johnson

Class of '75 cranefarm@yahoo.com



Occupation: Library Computer Technology Assistant

Family: Husband Tim, two married children in Omaha and Massachusetts; 3 grandchildren

Interests: Travel, photography, home brewing, baking bread, reading, of course.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Tim and I met in college and have now been married for 36 years. We live on his family farm with 4 generations working and playing together over the years and have been host to exchangees from multiple countries and made return visits to Japan, Sweden, and Germany. I had a short local TV cooking show for 12 years before starting my current work at a public library. Now I teach beginning computer skills instead of food preparation. We love to travel and explore National Parks, microbreweries and wineries and brew our own beer at home.

Rod Van Laningham

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Occupation: Installer

Family: Wife Sherri , children Jared, Kylee, & Alyssa and 4 grandchildren

Interests: Golf, fishing, travel and enjoying grandchildren

Janelle Vrtiska Keller

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Occupation: Registered Nurse with State of Kansas

Family: Married to Rick for 6+ years. One daughter, Blythe pregnant with 6th grandchild.

Interests: Grandchildren! Antiques, travel, family activities.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I travel KS licensing mental health and substance use facilities; so I have lots of windshield time and visit up to 100 facilities a year. I enjoy time with family whenever I can. My husband restores vehicles so we attend car shows. We both look forward to retirement! I have so many life memories, it's hard to sum them up. I've been blessed with a wonderful family and many friends to help me on the path of life.

Joni Vrtiska Hall

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Occupation: LPN Treatment nurse

Family: I am married to Lonny Hall. I have one daughter, and a 4 year old grandson.

Interests: I love animals and the outdoors, camping, traveling, and going to antique stores

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I went to SCC in Fairbury and Beatrice, and then to Peru State College. I have a BS in Education and a nursing diploma. I've worked for LPS collectively for 19 years as a treatment nurse. I've lived in Missouri, CA, and Idaho, and returned to NE since 2006. I'm enjoying my grandson and trying to grow a garden. I still like to shop at antique stores and travel.

Renee Vrtiska Vogel

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Carol Walker Overbeck

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Occupation: Retail Manager/Buyer

Family: Bill Overbeck (husband) Cat, dog, birds

Interests: At this moment it is sewing, cookie decorating & camping. Is it nerdy?!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I live in Colorado Springs, and have for 18 years. I feel like I am in a postcard when I drive to work everyday at the Pikes Peak Cog Railway in Manitou Springs, Colorado. I am the retail buyer and manager. No children, but have the dog, cat and bird departments covered. Love to camp in my little travel trailer and see the USA. I am trying to hone my skills at beautiful cookie decorating and I do the Denver and local art show circuit with "fun little bags" I sew. I enjoy getting to know the other artists. Check out my life on FB as Carol Love or on IG #carolovebags.

Ron Wallman

Class of '75 ronald.wallman@gmail.com



Occupation: Veterinarian

Family: Spouse Annette Davison, BHS 1974. Daughter Lindsey and husband Evan

Interests: Golf, Hunting, Gardening, Wood working, college sports, traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After attending UNL for undergrad and Iowa State for Veterinary School Annette and I settled in Seward, Nebraska where we have lived since. I am the senior partner at the Seward Animal Hospital a 3 veterinarian practice. Annette is an academic advisor at Concordia University and our daughter Lindsey is a veterinarian. In addition to being active in professional organizations I am involved in numerous civic organizations and our church. We have two German Wirehair Pointers, Mac and Walle that love to hunt and are very affectionate.

John Weber

Class of '75 jsjni@yahoo.com



Occupation: Title Agent - Nebraska Title Company

Family: Wife: Sherry Children: Jon, Nate (& Ashley) and Isabelle

Interests: I enjoy traveling, photography and Husker football and volleyball.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I worked at T.O. Haas/Oldfathers for 23 years after high school. I have worked for Nebraska Title Company for the last 13 years. I have been blessed to travel to India with my wife, drilled a well in El Salvador and had the opportunity to teach our middle school youth group at church. Scary to have me teaching kids.

Larry Warkentin

Class of '75 warkentinelectric@gmail.com



Occupation: ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Family: Susan, wife of 32 years, Tiffany, 27 years old, Ashley 23 years old, Jaxyn 6 mo.

Interests: Golf, scuba diving, cruising

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived in Colo. for 31 years now, and have owned my own business for 28 of those years. Married to Susan for 32 years and have 2 beautiful daughters and a 6 month old grandson. Going to SCC Milford for electrical after graduation set me on my career path of Electrical work. I have enjoyed the freedom of owning my own business for many years now. We love to travel and spend time with family. I miss my home town, but mainly the people and memories I grew up with.

Julie Westphal Urquhart

Class of '77 jurquharts@aol.com



Occupation: Owner of Carriage House Floral

Family: Husband, John, 2 children, Jill and J.R. We have three grandchildren.

Interests: Not much time for anything but the business!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: John's job with the FDIC took us from Beatrice to Omaha, Kansas City, Boston, Atlanta and finally landing in Dallas for the last 18 years. He has retired and I have owned the flower shop for the last 16 years!

Lois Wilson Baehr

Class of '75 loisbaehr@juno.com



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband Bill, Jennifer and Jared, dogs and cats.

Interests: Photography, crafts, flowers, reading and travel.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Bill in 1975. Have worked as a medical transcriptionist for years. Learned to do silversmithing and love to work with stones/gems and beads in different metals and materials. Have done several craft shows in the area. Daughter sent us to Italy for my 50th birthday. Otherwise my life is pretty laid-back and uneventful.

Dan Witulski

Class of '77 dwitulski@charter.net



Occupation: Fire Alarm Inspector, Alarm Technician

Family: Wife, Mary Retchless(BHS 79). Daughter, Amanda. Grandkids, David, Eli & Ella

Interests: Photography, Ham radio & electronics, Trails and travelling Nebraska.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I went to UNL in EE to find that my true interest was hands on electronics. Worked in two way radio, consumer electronics (VCR's), fire and security systems. I suffered from seizures from abt age 30 to 50, when I had brain surgery which controlled my seizures and renewed my life. One of my main interests has been the trail system in and around Beatrice. I am a board member of the Homestead Conservation and Trails Association, where we purchased and developed the trails on the old UPRR. Chief Standing Bear trail is open now, although we are still working with the city of Beatrice to complete.

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Dave Carlson



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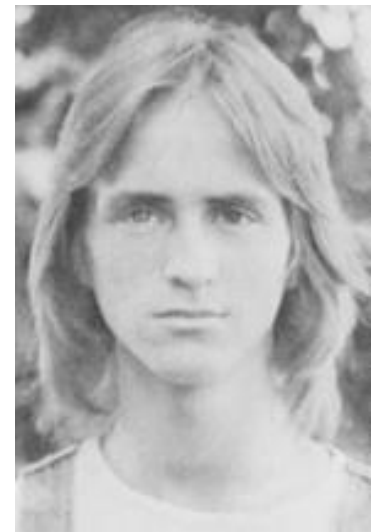
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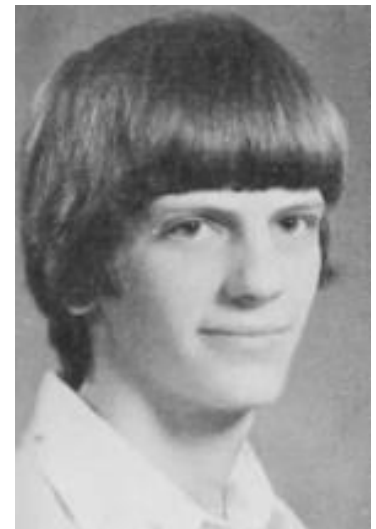
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Avery Dean Belding

1/15/57 – 1/26/16

Avery Dean Belding, 59, Beatrice, formerly of rural Odell, died Jan. 26, 2016 at Beatrice Health and Rehab. He was born Jan. 15, 1957 in Steele City, and grew up in the Jansen area before moving to Beatrice and attending Beatrice High School. Dean married Sharon Kresl on Nov. 20, 1982 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. At 15 he started a band with his brothers, before going on tour with Spike and the Sputniks band in 1977. In 1979, he played with his brothers Kevin and Colin in the Joker Band and this band opened for many big bands over the years. Dean also played in several other bands over the years. He worked for his brother Kevin at K & B Construction. Dean enjoyed his music, fishing, hunting, being outdoors, building buggies, his horses and dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon of Beatrice; sisters, Deb Baldrige and husband Art of Oklahoma, and Cindy Arnold and special friend John of Parker, Colo.; brothers, Doug Belding of Beatrice, Bruce Belding of Pawnee City, Kevin Belding and wife Diana of Jansen, and Myron Belding and wife Joyce of Beatrice; uncle, Roy Barnts of Diller; aunt, Janet Walburn of Fairbury; mother-in-law, Barb J. Kresl of Weston, Neb.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Barb and Charlie Johnston of Illinois, Michelle Grief of Mitchellville, Iowa, Jodi and Ross Devik of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Donald Kresl of Weston, Neb.; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by parents, Gerald D. and Gwendolyn (Fanders) Belding; brother, Colin Belding.

Mike (Dave) Carlson

8/17/57 – 10/13/02

LARKSPUR, Colo. - Mike Carlson, 45, Larkspur, Colo., died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, in Castle Rock, Colo. He was born Aug. 17, 1957, in Lawton, Okla., the son of David Oscar and Sara Loretta (McCoy) Carlson. He graduated from Beatrice High School in Beatrice, Neb., and attended Northwest Missouri State University. He married Vail Marie Green on Sept. 23, 1995, in Hot Springs, Ark. The family moved to Douglas County seven years ago, where he owned and operated the Lawn Doctor of Douglas and Elbert counties.

Survivors: wife, Vail; sons, Aaron, Dillon, Jacob and Joshua, all of Larkspur; parents, David and Sarah Carlson of Beatrice, Neb.; brothers, Rodney Carlson and wife Eve of Colorado Springs, Steven Carlson and wife Paulette of Casper, Wyo., Scott Carlson and wife Jara of Beatrice, Neb.; mother-in-law, Tomi Feathers Green of Fayetteville, Ark.; brothers-in-law, Wally Green of Abilene, Texas, Tom Green of Seattle, Wash.; sister-in-law, Lizette Green of Nashville, Tenn.; one niece.

Sharon Cook Pofahl

7/10/57 – 11/14/10

Shari Pofahl, Shari ended her courageous battle with cancer on November 14, 2010. Born July 10, 1957 in St. Helena, Calif. Attended grade school at St. Apollinaris in Napa, Calif. and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1975. A wife and homemaker, she was a member of North American Martyrs Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Alan Pofahl of Lincoln; children, Angela, Jennifer and Michael Pofahl of Lincoln; grandchildren, Bailey and Emma Pofahl and Keziah Reckling of Lincoln; mother, Phyllis Cook of Lincoln; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Marilee Cook of West Jordan, Utah; sister, Janice Cook of Lincoln; brothers and sisters-in-law, Rodney and Betty Cummings of Lincoln, Dave and Lorraine Catlin, Ida Pofahl, all of Beatrice, Marilyn Jeffers of California, Byron and Dianne Pofahl of Valpariso, Ind., and Artis Weinman of Hastings; several cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her father, John C. Cook; brother, Russell L. Cook.

Douglas Dean Dalke

9/19/57 – 9/22/14

Doug Dalke was born in Lincoln, NE at Bryan Memorial Hospital to Dean and Ruth Dalke. Fifty-seven years and 6 days later he was tragically killed by a drunk driver, while riding his bicycle in Lincoln, NE.

Doug graduated from Beatrice High School in 1975 and went on to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Nebraska Wesleyan University. In 1982, Doug graduated from the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He furthered his education by completing internal medicine and gastroenterology residencies, followed by a hepatology research fellowship all at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Dr. Dalke touched many lives throughout his career as a doctor while working at the Lincoln Endoscopy Center and with Gastroenterology Specialists Physician group practice. He also was a member of St. Marks Methodist church.

Doug was very proud of his 2 sons and 1 daughter and was a loving husband to his wife.

Ronald E. Hausman

11/2/56 – 7/13/14

Ronald E. Hausman, 57, of Pickrell, died in a Lincoln hospital on Sunday, July 13, 2014. He was born on Nov. 2, 1956, in Beatrice, and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1975.

Ronald worked at Beatrice Super Market and Gibsons, and when his parents purchased the Pickrell Locker, he worked with them. He purchased the Locker in 1999. He married Pam Valentine on April 30, 1976 at St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice. He served on Pickrell Volunteer Fire and Rescue for more than 15 years and had been the chief and assistant chief. He had also been a member of the Pickrell Town Board for more than 30 years. He is a former member of St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice where he was baptized and confirmed. He was currently a member of the Pickrell United Methodist Church. He loved his family and socializing with his close friends during his daily deliveries. He also liked to cook, cater, coach his grandson's baseball team, hunt, watch Husker football and especially help other people in the Pickrell community.

Survivors include his wife, Pam, of Pickrell; two daughters, Jennifer Miller and special friend Dan Bohlmeier, and Amy Hausman, all of Pickrell; one son, Adam Hausman and wife Amanda, of Beatrice; special other daughter, Crystal Harris, of Omaha; six grandchildren, Drew, Bryce and Elodie Hausman, Alexis Miller, Kaylah Jackson, and Chase Woltemath; two sisters, Sherri Carnes and husband Bob, and Teresa Hausman, all of Beatrice; one brother, Terry Hausman and wife Gayla, of Beatrice; one brother-in-law, Paul Valentine and special friend Diane Borgman, both of Beatrice; parents-in-law Ralph and Lyla Valentine, of Beatrice; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Martha Neal Hausman.

Timothy Humphrey

1957 – 3/24/15

Timothy John (TJ) Humphrey, 58, of Lincoln, passed away March 24, 2015.

Family members include his brother, Paul (Joan) Humphrey, Lincoln; nephews, Nathan (Shari) and Devin (Christine) Humphrey, Kansas City, Mo.; great niece and nephew, Kaley and Colin Humphrey. Preceded in death by parents.

Wesley Morris

4/17/57 – 10/16/11

Wesley K. "Wes" Morris Sr., 54 years of age, of Cornelius, Oregon, passed away unexpectedly at his home Sunday night, October 16, 2011. He was born on April 17, 1957 in Beatrice, Nebraska to M.H. "Mike" and Betty Morris. Wes was a 1975 graduate of Beatrice High School and had attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Wes was united in marriage to Cynthia A. McAfee on May 21, 2002 in Las Vegas. He had worked for Consolidated Freightways as Driver and Safety Coordinator for 17 years. His saying was "Safety is no accident". Following their closing, Wes was employed by Elite Truck School as Manager of Training for the past eight years. Wes enjoyed touring in the family R.V., serving as the neighborhood "Grandpa", was a member of the Corvette Car Club and enjoyed attending road rallies with his 1977 black Corvette.

Survivors include his wife Cynthia A. "Cyn" Morris of Cornelius, Oregon; children Michelle James, Wesley Kent Morris Jr., and Emily Gordon, all of Lincoln, Nebraska; 7 grandchildren; father M.H. "Mike" Morris and special friend Donna Acton of Beatrice; 2 brothers Doug Morris and wife Carol of Lincoln, and Michael Morris and wife Beverly of Topeka, KS.; and step daughter Amanda Brewer from Texas. He was preceded in death by his mother Betty Morris.

James Wesley Porter

8/12/57 – 1/2/14

James Wesley Porter, 56, of Littleton, Colo., died in the Fiji Islands on Jan. 2, 2014. He was born Aug. 12, 1957 to Dr. John Porter and Doris (Westfall) Porter. Jim grew up in Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice High School. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan, UNL, and Creighton Dental School. Jim was a dentist in Littleton, Colo., and was selected as one of the Top 10 dentists in Colorado. He was an accomplished photographer, which he combined with his love of travel and adventure.

Jim is survived by his wife, Leslie; sons, Michael James and Matthew John; stepchildren, Becky (Todd) Cruise and children; David (Jodi) Hyde and children; mother, Doris Porter; and sister, Carol (Dan) Klaus. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. John Porter and a brother, John Radford Porter.

Rondene Stover Rhoden

9/10/15 – 11/1/04

Rondene K. Rhoden, 47, Beatrice, died Monday evening, Nov. 1, 2004, at Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center. She was born Sept. 10, 1957, at Beatrice, and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1975. She was employed at the Beatrice State Developmental Center in the food service department for 12 years until ill health forced her to retire. She was a member of the Beatrice Mennonite Church and was involved in the Women's Bible Study of the church. She enjoyed playing the accordion, camping, and motorcycle rides.

Survivors: son, Kyle Rhoden and fiancé Cassandra Clift both of Beatrice; daughter, Crystal VanWinkle and husband Jay of Beatrice; grandchildren, Austin Rhoden, Kevin VanWinkle and Blake VanWinkle; parents, Gerald and Donna Stover of Beatrice; brother, Rick Stover and wife Angie of Hastings, Mich.; sister, Cathy Blaha and husband Greg of Wilber; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Marie Stover; and her grandparents.

DAVID ALVORD

February 15, 1958 – June 30, 1984

Dave's mother told me that, while attending the University of Nebraska, he worked at the Nebraska Club and the Hilton, and eventually dropped out of school because his work schedule was so heavy. He had found his vocation, however, and so eventually Dave graduated from the Culinary School of America in Poughkeepsie, New York. From there he got his dream job working as a Sous Chef for the Intercontinental Hotel in San Antonio, TX. He had been married just 10 months at the time of his passing.

Rich Cornelius still has Dave's old green panel wagon. Remember it? I'm sure many of you have remembrances of Dave, but since I had one I didn't call anyone else. I remember in High School at some point Dave had a hernia operation, and Beth McBride and I went to Mennonite Hospital to visit him. He scared us to death by threatening to show us his incision several times. We did not want to see this! We got him back by threatening to tell him jokes and make him laugh.

In high school, Dave played the trumpet in the band, and was on both the Homesteader and Pioneer staff, his senior year as a photographer.

WADE BISCHOFF

May 8, 1958 – July 5, 2009

Wade was born in Beatrice and of course graduated with us in 1976. He was a member of the golf team and the varsity cheer squad, the first ever squad to have men in it as far as I know. He worked at several business in Beatrice, including Electric Fixture Supply and before his retirement due to ill health was a department manager at Wal-Mart. He was a former member of Centenary United Methodist Church and had attended Holy Cross Lutheran Church also of Beatrice. He was a member of Optimists Club of Beatrice. He enjoyed bowling, Royals baseball, Nebraska football, and most athletic events. Survivors include his daughter, Beth Bischoff of Lincoln, his son, Jacob Bischoff of Lincoln and his step-daughter Holly Pettlong and husband Jonathon of Wellington, Colo. He passed away just three days after his mother, Marlene Bischoff, did. His brother Clayton lives in Lake, Mississippi.

KATHY BRAUN BARTEK

November 18, 1957 – June 23, 2013

Kathy was raised in Beatrice and of course graduated with us in 1976. She was very active in high school, went to UNL and became a registered nurse in 1978. That September she married Tom Bartek, our classmate, and began her family. She had 4 children: Amanda, Laura, Jacob and Clinton. She now has 5 grandchildren although she only met 3 of them. After several moves, she and Tom settled in Falls City where she worked at the hospital and served on the school board for 25 years. After she was diagnosed with ALS, she only had one year with us. Keeping up with her the last year of her life, I have learned two things: 1) We all know there are good things and bad things about living in a small town, but when you are sick and/or might need some help there is literally no better place. Kathy's town of Falls City took her into their arms in many ways, including fundraisers, awards, teams for the ALS walk, and t-shirts for her that have traveled the globe. I now have one myself. 2) Kathy made friends with everyone, and there was never a friend she made that she didn't keep. Over her last year through Facebook and via her town (see above) she really got to learn how much she was loved and cherished, and just how many people her life had touched. Not many of us will ever get to experience that. She expressed how amazed and touched she was by that more than once, and yet again in her final message to everyone.

LARRY HAWKINS

February 19, 1958 – January 17, 2007

Larry passed away at his home in Topeka Kansas. He worked for 18 years at Hallmark in Topeka. Survivors include his daughter, Alicia Hawkins and son Cody Hawkins, both of Hillsboro, MO. His brother Mark still lives in Beatrice. Larry played football for two years in high school. Nate Claassen remembers Larry Hawkins using colorful quips like “he looks like he got beat by an ugly stick”.

STEPHEN HENNING

Alan Pofahl sent me the following, which is perfect without any editing:

Stephen was my friend. He was quiet and shy man. He easily went unnoticed by many in our class. After we graduated from high school I went into the Air Force and Stephen when into the Army. Stephen was assigned to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC for 4 years I believe. His duty was an honorable one indeed. He was on the elite Honor Guard. They are the ones who perform the Military Ceremony for our country's honored Soldiers and Sailors. He then return to Beatrice in the early 80's.

He was killed in an automobile accident in 1984 or 1985 time frame. He was killed on Highway 77 near the 14 mile corner. Near the Wilber turn off. He was walking along the Highway heading back to Beatrice after having car problems along the highway. He was hit by a car and kill instantly (I was told). Stephen's family decided not to have a Memorial service. He was buried quietly without fanfare or farewell from friends. Stephen had a younger brother (Sean I believe) that might be able to shed more light on his death. His father was the Junior High shop teacher.

Stephen was on the track team his senior year.

STAN HOFELING

September 28, 1958 – May 7, 1977

Stan was a member of the Industrial Arts Club his junior year. He also participated in Deca, as mentioned below. After high school, he was a student at Southeast Community College – Milford Campus. Riding his motorcycle back to Beatrice from campus one night, he was struck and killed by a hit and run driver.

His cousin Phyllis Hofeling Schoen reports that he was very mechanically inclined, and was studying “something mechanical” at the community college. When he was much younger, he used to take the clocks in their house apart and not be able to get them back together.

DALE HYBERGER

March 30, 1958 – July 16 (or 18), 1976

According to his brother, Bob, Dale was just bumming around in the summer after high school, having just got a cast off his leg after breaking it in a motorcycle accident. He loved the outdoors and was a good water-skier. He was seeing Amos Giannangelo and had been for some time. He was killed with his good friend Ross Rieckenberg at the South '77 viaduct. I note that they finally widened the road there, after many bad accidents.

Dale was a debater his sophomore year. He also participated in Deca his senior year. He worked with Kent and Keith Knabe out at the Country Club for a period of time in high school.

ROBERT LENERS

March 11, 1957 – July 18, 2013

Robert was adopted by Menne & Thelva Leners in 1961. (Who knew he was adopted?) He lived on a farm north of Filley, NE and went to Cedar Bend School to the age of 8, then moved to Beatrice, graduating with us in 1976. He worked at Artic Cicle, Pamida and Walmart in Fremont. He got married and moved to Las Vegas and worked as a security guard. He later divorced and moved back to Beatrice. He worked for Newell Rubbermaid until it closed, then went to work for Silver Hawk Securities as a security guard until he became ill. Robert was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 and moved to the Sumner Jouse in Lincoln. He enjoyed fishing, going to the races and movies, video games and spending time with his family and friends.

MICHAEL LUEHRS

May 31, 1958 – August 28, 1986

Mike was working at Shottler's in Beatrice at the time of his death.

Mike participated in the youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There were quite a few of us who had some fun outings and camping trips, particularly when we were still in Junior High. He and Al Buss remained close friends, and spent time hunting and fishing together. Mike loved outdoor activities.

Dale, Stan and Mike all participated in Deca, Distributive Educational Clubs of America, their senior year. In fact, they are pictured together in the Deca club picture on Page 95 of the 1976 Homesteader.

LOWELL MILLER

January 9, 1958 – April 8 2013

Lowell "Lou" Miller, 55, of Lincoln, died April 8, 2013. Born Jan. 9, 1958 to Alfred and Esther (Collins) Miller in Neligh. Member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux and Oglala Sioux Nation.

Survivors include his mother, Esther Miller; sisters, Lisa (Michael) Courtney, Linda (Tim) Engel and Luana McPherson, Chris (Mark) Legband; nieces and nephews.

JANE MEINTS HOYLE

February 10, 1958 – July 18 2002

Jane was born in Beatrice and graduated with us in 1976. She was employed as an antique dealer at the time of her death. Survivors include her son, Steven Hoyle of Lincoln, her daughters, Leslie and Lindsey Hoyle, also of Lincoln, a grandson, Taylor Shafer of Lincoln. Jane has a brother, Donald, and sisters, Carolyn, Verneda, and Juliana, and also a stepbrother Eugene Dorn and stepsister Janiece. I had not known she had such a big family. Jane was a very quiet girl in high school.

SAMUEL ORWEN

December 31, 1957 – February 16, 2001

The circumstances of Sam's death are as yet unknown to us. Bonnie Hofeling Mayer remembers what a special guy he was after last seeing Sam on her 40th birthday after not running into him in over 20 years. She got back to her office and he had sent her flowers. Beth McBride-Andersen saw Sam in a fabric store in Omaha in the early to mid 90's. I think most of us remember Sam the artist. Bonnie recalls: I had wonderful times with Sam in the Art Room - Sam was an awesome artist. Beth recalls: He was working as a designer which is so appropriate as he was a very talented artist. I will always remember his underwater watercolors, and his ability to paint the most convincing bubbles. She also remembers getting in a lot of trouble in Mr. Cotter's class with Sam...they usually just couldn't stop laughing.

Sam was in the Art Guild of course, although he must not have liked to have his picture taken as he is only in the picture senior year. He was a student assistant senior year and in the Drama Club sophomore year.

His legacy lives on in his art, some of which is available for you to view on the internet. I encourage you to remember Sam & his art by googling "Sam Orwen". That is the best way to get his art to come up on a couple of gallery websites.

CINDY PACHA KRAMER

1958 – March 11, 2015

Cindy lived in Mt. Pleasant, TX with her mother at the time of her death. She loved crafts and quilting and almost always had a smile on her face. She is survived by her mother Geneva, her daughters Jessica & Melissa and son Charles, three sisters, two brothers and six grandchildren.

TERESA WESTER COLLIER

November 3, 1957 – September 24, 2014

Terry raised her children in Texas City, TX where she worked as a custodian at TCISD. She was a member of the Presbyterian church where she loved singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school. She loved playing with her grandchildren, being with family, planting flowers and sewing with her sister Patty. She moved back to Beatrice three years before her death and went to work as a custodian at the high school. She loved working with her brother Anthony. They liked sneaking up and scaring one another. She is survived by her three daughters, her mother JoAnne, 5 grandchildren and her siblings.

Joni Erikson

1959 – December, 1977

Joni passed away in December of 1977 as a result of her epilepsy. She was survived by her mother.

Brian Lee Hoyle

6/29/59 – 4/4/05

Brian Lee Hoyle, 45, Beatrice, died Friday night, Feb. 4, 2005, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln. He was born June 29, 1959, in Beatrice, was a 1977 graduate of Beatrice High School, and lived in the Beatrice area his entire life. He had worked at various jobs, including at Coastal Mart, Gas 'N Shop, and for Renzenberger's. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice, and enjoyed computer games, music and doing crossword puzzles.

Survivors: mother, Elaine Hoyle of Beatrice; brothers, Walter Hoyle and wife Shirley, David Hoyle and John Hoyle, all of Beatrice, Mike Hoyle of Omaha, Gary Hoyle and wife Ruth of Churchville, N.Y.; sister, Linda Stewart and husband Tom of Omaha; one niece and two nephews; one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Hoyle; two infant brothers; and a nephew, Clinton Hoyle.

Ron Lineweber

9/23/58 – 7/2/10

Ronald W. Lineweber, 51, of Rapid City, S.D., passed away Friday July 2, 2010, in Rapid City, S.D. Ron was born Sept. 23, 1958, in Bethesda, Md., to Charles H. and Imojean Lineweber. He married Doretta A. Fritch on Dec. 22, 1984, in Beatrice. Ron attended Beatrice High School in Beatrice. He worked for Anderson Heating and Air in Beatrice which led him to follow his work to Rapid City, S.D., in 1983. He had been employed with Tessier's Inc. of Rapid City for the past 15 years. Ron always enjoyed spending time with family, friends and riding his motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife, Doretta (Fritch) Lineweber, Rapid City; daughter, Brienne Lineweber of Lincoln; son, Kyle Lineweber and wife Michelle of Oahu, Hawaii; parents, Charles H. and Imojean Lineweber of Beatrice; twin brother, Donald Lineweber and partner Ernie Markowitz of Kingman, Ariz.; brothers, Jerry Lineweber and wife Roberta, Jack Lineweber and wife Stacy; sister, Patti Jacobson and husband J., all of Beatrice; father and mother-in-law, Arnold and

Dorothy Fritch, Virginia, Neb.; sister-in-law, Melody Lunsford of Cameron, Mo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Connie R. Mentgen Robertson

4/14/59 – 11/26/06

Connie R. Robertson, 47, of Beatrice, died at her home on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006. She was born on April 14, 1959, at Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1977. She was married to Rob Robertson on July 29, 1995. She had worked at Alco for a total of 19 years and American Tool for eight years. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Beatrice and had taught Sunday school for three years. She enjoyed reading, decorating for holidays, animals and watching movies.

Survivors include her husband, Rob of Beatrice; one son, Kyler of Beatrice; her father, George Mentgen Jr. of Beatrice; one brother, Al Mentgen and wife Candy of Beatrice; one sister, Debbie Seitz and husband Arlo of Columbus; her mother-in-law, Eldean Robertson of Beatrice; three sisters-in-law, Darla Ramsey and husband Pat of Beatrice, Joni Arrants and husband Ed of DeWitt and Marla Jirkovsky and husband Randy of Deshler; one brother-in-law, Rick Robertson and wife Shannon of Fairbury; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Novotny Mentgen; and her father-in-law, Marvin Robertson.

Steven L. Probst

11/25/58 – 7/16/06

Steven L. Probst, 47, Wakefield, Mass., died Sunday afternoon, July 16, 2006, at the Mel Rose Wakefield Hospital in Mel Rose, Mass. Born Nov. 25, 1958, at Beatrice. Worked in various grocery stores in Beatrice and Wakefield, for more than 20 years.

Survivors: father, Larry Probst of Beatrice; mother, Sharon Albert of Beatrice; brother, James Probst of Wakefield, Mass.; sisters, Sheryl Probst of Marysville, Kan., Rhonda Lopez of Beatrice, Angela Klepper of Pawnee City; grandmother, Pearl Herring of Marysville, Kan. Preceded in death by, grandparents, John Volesky, Frank Probst and Hattie Harris.

Nancy Lee Rademacher Cummins

2/9/59 – 3/18/15

Nancy Lee (Rademacher) Cummins, 56, of Yutan, Neb., passed away unexpectedly on March 18, 2015. She was born Feb. 9, 1959, in Beatrice, to Renke and Ella Rademacher. Nancy went to Beatrice schools, lived in Ellis as a child and moved to Beatrice as a teenager.

Survivors include mother, Ella Rademacher of Beatrice; sons, James Cummins, Andrew Cummins, Kipp Cummins, all of Yutan; daughter, Desiree of Yutan; sister, Bridget Rademacher of Beatrice; niece, Marsha Tucker of Beatrice.

Nancy was preceded in death by her father, Renke Rademacher.

Geri Rumpeltes Bowhay

9/19/59 – 11/3/00

Daughter of W. Gale & Lyn Rumpeltes, Sister of Gale Anne Miller, Ronni Dawn Dunn, Teri Lee Zimmerman, Wife of David Bowhay, Mother of Jacoby Gale Rumpeltes Bowhay, Jace David Rumpeltes Bowhay. "Beautiful Daughter, Sister and Mother"

Michael E. Theye

9/24/59 – 7/1/06

Michael E. Theye, 46 years of age, of Beatrice, Neb., died Saturday morning, July 1, 2006, at the Beatrice Community Hospital. He was born on September 24, 1959, at Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice High School. After serving in the U.S. Marines from 1977-1979, he worked for Dempsters as a truck driver, Kees Manufacturing in the crating department, and then the Goodyear Global Distribution Center in Lincoln from 1992 until 2004. He married Shari Rea on November 25, 1986, in Beatrice. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, raising roses, video games, the Minnesota Vikings football team and the 4th of July holiday.

Survivors include his wife, Shari Theye of Beatrice; two stepdaughters, Heidi Bouwens and husband Larry of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Katrina Johnsen and husband Jeremy of Beatrice; three stepgrandchildren; mother, Ruth Theye; and one brother, Tim Theye and his wife Marla, all

of Beatrice; brother-in-law, Mike Rea and his wife Kathy of Tuscon, Ariz.; several aunts, uncles, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Louie Theye.

James Thimm

7/10/59 – April 85

James was born to "Junior" Thimm and his wife on July 10, 1959. Shortly after birth, his mother became too ill to care for him. She went to a hospital, and passed away several years later. Carl and Hilda Schmidt welcomed James into their home and their hearts, and raised him.

During his childhood, he attended the Beatrice Mennonite Church with his foster parents and his father. His parents and father were active, friendly members of the church, and James was a part of this.

However, sometime in his late teens, James became friends with other people, and finally left the Beatrice area to join a survivalist, anti-Semitic cult.

In Spring of 1985, James decided to turn away from the cult, and leave their Rulo, Nebraska farm hideout. The cult murdered him cruelly for that courageous decision. The inscription "Schmidt-Thimm" on his stone honors the Schimidt family, who cared for him as a son during and after his earthly life.

Mike Turner

11/13/57 – 4/3/12

Michael J. Turner, 54, of Baird, Texas, formerly of Beatrice, Neb., passed away at the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas, on April 3, 2012.

Michael was born on Nov. 13, 1957, and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1977. He then joined the Marines and served for four years. After his military service, he worked as a police officer in Beatrice for a time, and also did some acting, modeling, and security work when he moved to California. He moved to Texas in 2009.

Survivors include three children, John Turner, Ashely Turner, and Nichole Turner; three grandchildren; two sisters, Beverly Gray of Mountain Home, Ark., and Patricia Crone of Baytown, Texas; and two brothers, Steven Turner and David Turner of Baird, Texas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, John and Dixie Turner; and two brothers, John W. "Bill" Turner of Beatrice, and Robert E. Turner of Mountain Home, Ark.

Tim Ullman

7/6/59 – 9/13/81

Mike Wilhelm

3/31/59 – 3/4/16

Michael was born on March 31, 1959 and passed away on Friday, March 4, 2016. Michael was a resident of Crete, Nebraska at the time of his passing. He graduated from Beatrice High School. He joined the Marines. He served overseas in Platoon 3059. He was married to Marci.

James Wymore

2/3/59 – 9/6/04

James D. "Jim" Wymore, 45, Beatrice, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at his home. He was born Feb. 3, 1959, in Beatrice, the son of Donald and Elda E. (Munsterman) Wymore, attended elementary and junior high school, and graduated from Beatrice High School in 1977. He worked 10 years for J.B. Construction and Roofing of Plymouth; then at Beatrice Machine as a C & C programmer for tool and die for 13 years until his health failed in March 2004. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from June 1977 to June 1981, and was an Air Support Operations Operator for over three years. He attended Communications Electronics School and Biological Chemical Defense School, attaining the rank of Corporal. He enjoyed landscaping, vegetable and flower gardening and feeding birds. He was an avid reader, enjoyed the History Channel and vacationing in national parks.

Survivors: mother, Elda E. (Munsterman) Wymore of Beatrice; brother, Randy Wymore and wife Susan of Beatrice; nieces and nephew, Jessica Wymore, April Saathoff, and Nic Saathoff, all of Beatrice; aunts and uncles, Robert and Kathie Warren of Wymore, Ron and Irma Hellsbusch of Westminster, Colo., Elmer and Phyllis Munsterman of Omaha, Marcella Porter of Beatrice, Betty Munsterman of Lincoln; cousins; special friend, Patricia Cutting and son of Indianapolis, Ind. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Wymore; grandparents, William and Mary (Lohse) Munsterman, Ira and Dorothy (Hiatt) Wymore; brother, Ricky Lee; sister, Lori Lynne.

Prairie Proclamation

by Janice Greer DeHaven

Pioneering generation
Homestead spirit's proclamation
finding strength in one another
as a gift from God our Father.

In our freedom,
yet, we're tethered;
Memories bring us together.
In our joy and in our sorrow
We prepared to face tomorrow.

Life's been given;
Life's been taken;
On some days we feel forsaken
Yet at sunrise we discover
In God's grace we can recover.

In flight at sunset, here unbounded
honoring friends, no longer grounded
colored wings will them now carry
to eternal sanctuary.

It's become our proclamation
For each future generation:
Stand united,
let them hear it
on the breezes of the spirit.

Our generation pioneered many new paths in an ever changing world. In that endeavor we are united and have left a powerful legacy for the future of not only our common home of Beatrice, but for the extended homes we have made with our families.

This poem is written and dedicated to the memory of the members of the classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977 who passed from this world before the time of the 40th anniversary of our graduation. References to the memorial butterfly release are mentioned in the fourth stanza.

This poem may be sung to the tune of the Swedish Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" which was originally written by Karolina W. Sandell-Berg in 1858, a daughter who had lost her cherished father in a tragic accident. The tune is: Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara, Swedish melody, arranged by Oskar Ahnfelt (1813-1882)