

Memory Book



**WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF '66**

50-YEAR REUNION

2016



Westside High School Class of '66 50-Year Reunion



Join a Saturday
Tour of Westside
High School at 10 am
(Meet at WHS
Main Entrance)

Friday, July 22, 2016
Regency Lake & Tennis Club
606 Regency Parkway
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Wine, Beer, and Snacks

7:45 p.m. Welcome
John McCollister, Class of '66



Pick up your Alumni
Commemorative
T-Shirt Saturday
Evening!

Saturday, July 23, 2016
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo – African Lodge
3701 South 10th Street
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

When you arrive at the main gate, a tram will take you to the African Lodge. Two trams will be looping from Stingray Fountain at the main gate to the African Lodge. The trams will run from 6:30 p.m. until all guests have departed for the evening. You are welcome to ride the loop around the Zoo, but the tram will only stop at the Elephant Family Quarters and the African Lodge.

Welcome and Comments

7:45 p.m. Dennis Pate, Executive Director/CEO
of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
8:00 p.m. Ken Hermsen, Class of '66

Casual dress for both nights
SAFE TRAVELS HOME

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Westside High School
Class of '66

50-Year Reunion (Committee Members: Ken Bird, Dave DeBuse, Ken Hermsen, Dorothy Howard Goldfaden, John McCollister, Don Nelsen, and Bob Urosevich)

July 22 and July 23, 2016, the alums of the Class of 1966, held their 50-Year class reunion. There was great attendance from all over the United States, which really solidified the camaraderie among this class and also gave time to catch up on 50 years of life experiences.

Both Friday and Saturday evening were fabulous, and alums even managed a tour Saturday morning of the high school.

Saturday evening turned out to be so special at the newly opened Zoo Grasslands Exhibit. The exotic Elephants as well as Omaha Zoo CEO, Dennis Pate, were special guests to appreciate. Alums were even treated to a short tram tour to and from the front gate.



Following are a few comments from guests:

"The WHS 50th was fabulous - - great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and get acquainted with new - - a shout out to the 50-Year Reunion Committee - - Thank you so much! Jim Killerlain, Karl Kehm, Jim Estey and Don Albon - -"



"Ruth and Jim Woodland, Nancy Wood Kracke and Al Kracke. It was wonderful to see so many friends at the reunion! Thanks to the committee for a great job!"





Donald (Don) Albon

Class of '66



Occupation: Happily Retired

Family: Sheila is my wife. Son Cole, Heidi and Heather, their spouses and 7 grandkids

Interests: Golf, Photography, Travel, Hiking and Biking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After Army, Graduate School at KU and Carpentry in AZ, moved back to Omaha as a single parent following the great blizzard of '75. Served time at Mutual of Omaha, then a stint in Public Relations at Immanuel Medical Centre. Moved into the Energy Industry in 1978 in remained entrenched there until retirement in late 2009. Had moved to Canada in 1996, met and married Sheila. Now hold dual citizenship and plan to split time between Scottsdale and somewhere in Canada following Sheila's retirement - SOON!

Ronna Allen Elmborg

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: 3 grown children who graduated from Westside. 7 Grandchildren

Interests: Active member of ONPHC for 18 yrs. Oil painting

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Happily married to Stuart Elmborg for 45 years. We raised 3 children and have 7 Grand children. Have traveled and cruised to Many countries. Since Stuart passed away in 2012 I travel to our Favorite place Florida Keys annually.

Darwin (Bud) Anderson

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Wife - Stephanie, Son - Matthew

Interests: Opera, Cooking, Francophile, UUA, Celtic Music

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Marriage to Stephanie; trips to Ireland and Paris; near death experience and recovery; volunteering at UUMAC (Trustee, Treasurer, Registrar)

Gail Anderson

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired and Loving It!!!

Interests: Walking, Traveling, Yoga, Zumba, Hiking, Snowshoeing, Quilting, Reading

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I've been living in Denver, Colorado since graduation from Iowa State University. Recently built a mountain retreat in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and spend time hiking, exploring, and snowshoeing in the mountains with my favorite West Highland Terrier, Pearl.

Harlan Anderson

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired. Architect for 37 years.

Family: Married to Jan for 42 years. One son, college graduate, Advertising Executive.

Interests: Exercise, travel, gardening, reading, architectural consultant.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated 1972 from Cal Poly Univ in Calif majoring in Architecture, worked 2 yrs in Beverly Hills for architect, married in 1974, returned to Cal Poly for Master's in Arch. After grad, moved to Santa Barbara where we have remained and love it. Received Architect's License in 1976. Worked at various architectural firms. Built 2 new homes for us moving into latest one in 2015. Traveled extensively: Australia, all countries of Europe, Venezuela, Tahiti, Mexico, New Zealand, Fiji, 12 Caribbean countries, & half of USA. Now doing volunteer work for Dream Fdn receiving awards twice. Life is great!

Roger Anderson

Class of '66



Pennie Anderson Young

Class of '66



Occupation: Elem/Sec/ Bilingual-Multicultural Teacher

Family: Married to Rich Young ('65), 3 kids, 2 1/2 grandkids

Interests: Following gymnastics, tennis, wildlife, and therapy dogs, Peaches & Cream

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: *Enjoying family adventures, world-wide, teaching in underserved schools, writing and coordinating grant creating mentoring resource center, working on "Family as First Teacher" project, sponsoring my son's STARS Tennis, a community program for kids...Meeting President Barack Obama, and getting a hug from his beautiful wife, Michelle, are moments I'll never forget.

Lynn Antonson Vancoevern

Class of '66



Occupation: Tax Practice/Planning

Family: Spouse: Jeff. 4 (2 boys, 2 girls) children in UT, KS, and GA. 4 grandsons.

Interests: walking/hiking, reading, gardening, sailing, visiting our grandchildren.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated Whitman College in 1970 (political science) and University of West Florida in 1973 (finance and accounting). Married Ralston HS/USNA grad and Navy pilot Mike Martin in 1971. Widowed 1979. Married former Ralston boy Jeff VanCoevern in 1998. Have lived in MD, FL, CA, WA, AR and TX, with WA being the best. My work career has included positions with the U.S. Senate and Department of the Treasury in addition to having my tax practice for 35 years.

Sandra (Sandy) Arthur-Abu-Bakr

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired English teacher of 45 years

Family: Married to Mohammed Abu-Bakr (1976) with two children and one granddaughter.

Interests: Writing poetry and adolescent literature. Published Tales of Lovable Spike 2008.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Travels through Caribbean, parts of Europe, Mexico, and Brazil where son lives in Rio de Janeiro. Saw the view from a couple of Colorado's 14'ers but prefer hiking at lower levels with more beauty. Outside of immediate family, I always got the biggest thrill connecting with poor, disadvantaged kids, often disengaged teens. They can be reached! They can learn to love learning.

Jan Bachrach Deer

Class of '66



Occupation: Teacher (retired)

Family: Married to Montie; 1 daughter, 1 son

Interests: Learning new games, reading new books, keeping in touch with friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from the University of Kansas in 1970; married Montie in 1970. We've lived in Topeka, KS, Rockville, MD, Wichita, KS, Hurst, TX, Okmulgee, OK, and Tucson, AZ. I taught high school biology and middle school science, and most recently worked as a research assistant at KU. We moved to Saddlebrooke, north of Tucson, in 2014, to enjoy the weather, bridge, golf, reading, volunteer work and mountain views.

Lloyd Benner

Class of '66



Occupation: Lawyer

Family: Married Cheri of Virginia in 2007. Two successful step children.

Interests: Running, skiing domestic and Europe, travel the world. Seven Corvettes.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: BSBA UNO 1970, JD Creighton 1973. Bar exams Nebraska and Arizona. Practiced law Phoenix 37 years. Primarily personal injury litigation and trials for plaintiffs, domestic and foreign insurers, insureds and the State of Arizona. Happily retired 2011. Return Omaha periodically for friends, Bronco's and Big Fred's.

Kenneth (Ken) Bird

Class of '66



Occupation: President/CEO Avenue Scholars Foundation

Family: Wife: Annie (35 yrs); Three sons and daughters-in-law; Six grandchildren

Interests: Thanks to so many Warriors for all of your support through the years!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: What a ride the last 50 years has been. After high school, I began working as a welder and taking a few classes at Omaha University. My welding career was ended by an industrial accident. A year after the accident, I returned to Westside High working as Hall Monitor and Teacher Aide. After 22 years and 11 job titles later, I became Superintendent of the Westside Community Schools, a position I held for 16 years, until retiring in 2008 and beginning the Avenue Scholars Foundation. Who would have thought one of Dick Lane's "shop kids" would be Superintendent?

Fran Bladt Heitz

Class of '66



Sheila Bloom Moravec

Class of '66



Occupation: Dental Management Consultant

Family: Married to Walt for 44 years...wa hoo! Dog...Joey, greatest guy in the world!!!

Interests: Travel and lots of it, walking and exploring, reading, native culture, art.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moving to Arizona...no snow! Starting my own company. Traveling on my own to Europe and finding my mother's place of birth and my family's birth certificates going back to the 1750's in 2011, Germany, Spain, and Portugal as well, health mission to Cuba in 2013, scuba diving in Grand Cayman 1976, Bahamas 1978, Hawaii 1986...fabulous!

Michael Brock

Class of '66



Patrick Brock

Class of '66



Occupation: Attorney retired

Family: married to wife Nancy 43 years; 2 sons Adam and Jordan and granddaughter Joslyn

Interests: golf; spectator sports; physical fitness; Chicago Cubs; Green Bay Packers ;

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended ST. Norbert College and Graduated from Creighton univ. undergrad and law school and practiced law in Central Ne. for 40 years. Saw my son Adam graduate from TCU and son Jordan from Colorado State. Was involved in professional, community and church activities and programs. Married my college sweetheart who just happens to be classmate Ron Thomas younger sister. Been blessed with my first grandchild this past year. In retirement keeping busy playing golf; visiting family and friends; and doing more traveling.

Barbara Brooks Lappe

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Director of Customer Service

Family: Married Donald Lappe 2008. Son, Ronald, 3 stepchildren, 10 grandchildren

Interests: Enjoy travel now that we are retired and spending time with grandchildren

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I worked at Mutual of Omaha for several years. Son Ron was born in 1968, Westside alum (86). Moved on to the Omaha Ntl Bank, then on to Hinky Dinky as Payroll Manager. 1984-97 Mangelsen's Corp office. In 1997 I changed companies one final time and became the Director of Customer Service at Security Equipment Inc. I retired in 2010. In 2007. after many years of being single I was lucky enough to meet Don Lappe , a Deputy Sheriff in Cass County IA. We married in 2008 and have been living in Atlantic IA since. I never thought this city girl would love small town life, but it is terrific!!

Mike Burdic

Class of '66



Nancy Brown Gambrel

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired!

Family: Husband-Steve; Children- Jeff(49) Jennifer(46) Jim(41); 7 Awesome Grandchildren

Interests: Travel; Grandsons' wrestling, baseball, soccer, piano; Granddaughters' dance,art

Rebecca Burling Wolf

Class of '66



Keith Burnham

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Wife, Jan ('66) 2 Sons and 1 Daughter 5 Grandkids

Interests: Waterskiing, Trap Shooting, Sporting Clays, Flying and Family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I attended UNL. After college I remained in Omaha and entered the Electrical Industry enjoying its challenges. I remained there for 44 years touching on management, and ownership. One of my most memorable experiences was a 2000 mile trip around Lake Superior on my Harley. I am a recent retiree and enjoy the extra time with family and friends.

Cindy Cadden Jepsen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Gov't Affairs Business Owner

Family: Partner, Fred Hundt, son David, Cody WY and John, Mpls., grandsons Alex & Britt.

Interests: Gourmet cook and conductor of great dinners & parties, large and small.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Spent 8 yrs. as Dep. Chief of Staff to MN governor. Sons engaged dangerous jobs; David jumping from helicopters to save lives and John lifting and shoring 700 ton buildings. Alex (12) and Britt (6) are the light of my life. Plan to spend this winter cruising the Bahamas living aboard our boat, "Cynsational". Turned from growing wild flowers in MN to growing money by dabbling in the world of finance in FL.

Joann Carlson MacCallum

Class of '66



Deborah Chase

Class of '66



Jerry Cozad

Class of '66



Kyra Craig Poff

Class of '66



Occupation: Senior Accountant, CPA Licensed in NC

Family: Divorced. Married to Rod for 30 years. We have 2 daughters & 2 granddaughters.

Interests: Shag dancing, Zumba, traveling to the beach, family & friends.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Rod was in retail management which took us to Arizona, California, Texas, Illinois, Virginia, & finally to my home in NC. I live in Cramerton which is where my father was raised and I bought a house across the street from my parents where I have lived for the last 30 years. My daughters Tami & Angela live just 5 minutes away from me which I love. Tami has 2 girls 17 & 20, Angela has her 2 little dachshunds. Looking so forward to our reunion. Wish Rod was able to come, but he is in a nursing home in Winston Salem after having a stroke about 10 years go.

Sally Dean Domet

Class of '66



Occupation: Elementary Teacher

Family: My husband Gary and I were married in 1973. We have one daughter, Kate.

Interests: I love gardening. We are traveling more now, Italy is our favorite destination.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from UNO in 1971. I taught 4th graders at Benson West Elementary, in O.P.S., for 28 years, counting a couple of breaks to be home with our daughter, Kate. I was honored to receive the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2006 and then retired. It worked out well!

David (Dave) DeBuse

Class of '66



Occupation: Contractor

Family: Two lovely ex-wives; Two beautiful children; Four wonderful grandchildren

Interests: Family cont'd: Girlfriend, Willa, putting up with me for 13 years. Go Figure!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: In 1967, college politely asked me to leave. I luckily joined the U.S. Marines in 1968 and spent a tour in Vietnam in 1969. As a combat casualty, I was discharged in 1970. In 1971, I started a construction company (mostly residential) and it is still going today.

Andrew (Andy) Denes

Class of '66



Occupation: Media Producer

Family: Married to Chris, two daughters - oldest living in OKC, youngest in Chicago

Interests: Chess, poker, golf, reading, films, photographs, sports

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Dallas in '83 from Omaha. Lived in Bay Area and LA for awhile. Worked for TV Network in Nashville for 5 yrs as producer. Produced and directed many live shows and corporate events all over the US and one in London. Loved the thrill of live shows - "one-shot - no re-do's. Coached my daughter's softball and basketball teams when they were little. Still working but not in media production.

Duane Dudley

Class of '66



Donald (Don) Dibble

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired US Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev.

Family: Married to Janet for 45 years with 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great

Interests: Travel, golf, hunting/target shooting

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from UNO in 1971. After graduation my local draft board provided a secure job for me with the US Army for the next 2 years. After the army I worked at Sunbeam Appliance for 13 years before finishing my working career at HUD. Among some of my volunteer activities I was a Boy Scout leader, a baseball coach and a mentor for the Omaha Public School District. Retirement has been great. It has given us plenty of time to travel with our children and grandchildren.

David (Dave) Duffin

Class of '66



Occupation: Software Engineer

Family: I am living the dream.

Interests: Enjoy skiing, flew privately for three decades, and now enjoying my motor yacht.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I moved to California soon after graduating NU Lincoln. I spent a decade in retail management and went back to school for another BS degree and a MS degree in Software Engineering. I have spent most of my time in robotics, with an exception while I was traveling the country while married. Moved back to California and have spent many years designing military aircraft software. Now involved with military drones. I am blessed with wonderful health, love what I do, and plan on working for some time to come. I spend my spare time at the marina and am working on getting a captain's license.

Deborah Dwyer-Crouse

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired, Mesa Labs, Director of Ops

Family: Husband, daughter and son-in-law, two grandchildren, One son.

Interests: Golf, walking, working on our acerage, going to grandkids games

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I retired about four years ago, the stress of the job and commuting from Glenwood to Omaha got very old. We had purchased twelve acres outside of Glenwood about twelve years ago. My daughter and son-in law had bought property next to ours. I am spending my retirement playing golf, reading, walking daily with our Newfoundland, and Golden Retreiver. Both the grandkids play basketball, soccer and volleyball so our weekends are busy juggling games. My son lives in Shenandoah. We take weekend trips and go to AZ for a couple weeks in the winter. Life is good!

Shirley Eberly

Class of '66



Nancy Eaton Hickok

Class of '66



Occupation: community volunteer

Family: daughter - Wendy Leigh Hickok

Interests: Work with Colonial Williamsburg and William and Mary, photography, and genealogy

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Nancy received a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism from NU and was certified in Publishing Studies at Hofstra University, then as a Training Specialist at Georgetown University. She was an editor for CBS Publishing and Barron's Educational Series. As a consultant she taught group observation skills and facilitated corporate meetings. She and John lived 3 years in England on a diplomatic exchange program. Nancy is very proud of the two companies she started, a music CD she produced/marketed, her volunteer work, and her daughter who is a positive force in the world and a "real" photographer.

Jon Elliott

Class of '66



Occupation: NONE - RETIRED

Family: WIFE -BARBARA, DAUGHTERS- JENNIFER, ALLISON, KIMBERLY AND 5 GRANDKIDS SO FAR

Interests: NO FURTHER DUES TO PAY

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: ABOUT 15 YEARS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, 20 YEARS IN RETAIL AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT AND 9 YEARS IN LIFE INSURANCE MARRIED 46 YEARS TO BARBARA

Dennis Engleman

Class of '66



Occupation: Electrical Engineer

Family: wife: Deborah; children: Nicholas, Lily, Victoria

Interests: Changing over time, but oriented toward happiness with life

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Author of seven traditionally published books and over 100 magazine articles.

Jim Estey

Class of '66



Occupation: Senior Director Ciena Communications

Family: Married Karla Busskohl, also a Westside graduate. We have 3 sons, all now marrie

Interests: Interests include anything Family related, spending time at our cabin in the mtn

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduating from Westside, attended UNO for 3 years. Was "drafted" into the Army and spent 15 months in Vietnam. Returned and married Karla Busskohl, had 3 sons who now each have 2 children giving us 6 awesome grandchildren. We moved to Mpls for 8 years and have lived in Denver for 20 years. Worked for AT&T for almost 34 years, now with Ciena Communicatios, enjoying my work life. We spend about 5 months a year at our Phoenix home trying to stay warm. Life is good!!

Larry Fauquier

Class of '66



Occupation: Exec Sales Representative, Medtronic

Interests: World Travel, Wine Collecting, Politics

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from Baylor University, 1970, 1973 Lived in Dallas, TX 1974-1985 Lived in Ridgefield, CT 1985-present Work in Manhattan for Medtronic

Janice (Jan) Felker Kruse

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired School Library Media Specialist

Family: Married -Jym Kruse (1969) 2 Sons, 2 D-I-Ls and Two Grandchildren

Interests: Reading, Travel, Volunteer-Habitat for Humanity/Keene Library Fremont, NE

Nancy Filkins Davis

Class of '66



Occupation: retired psychologist- child and family

Family: Four children, 5 grandchildren

Interests: family, travel, music, collection of rare beads.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to Dennis K Davis, PhD for 44 years. Degrees in Health, Rec and Phys Ed (BS) St Olaf College Educ Psychology (MS Ed) SIU School Psychology (PhD/abd) SIU Child and Family Therapy and Counseling Psychology (PhD/abd) UND I worked in psych for 15 years, retired in 1996. Dennis was Professor of Communication, authored text books, academic research and theory at: U of Minn, U of Saskatchewan, (Canada), Cleveland State U., U of Amsterdam , U. Louvain la Nueve (Belgium), Southern Ill U (Carbondale), U of North Dakota (Grand Forks), Penn State U, State College

Vicki Gibson Searcy

Class of '66



Gary Garvey

Class of '66



Occupation: Pastor

Family: My wife Dianne, my 3-sons, Zachary (32), Luke (30), & Ben (23) in Stillwater MN.

Interests: God, country, education, different cultures and travel here and abroad.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I'm a 40 yr retired Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Pastor and working again where we winter at American Lutheran Church, Sun City AZ. In the summer here on the MN lakes I'm invited to lead worship and preach. I served 34 years military first with the USMC (1968-74) in the US, Vietnam, and Okinawa then as an USAF Chaplain Corps (1982-2009) in the US, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt, Germany. I was a 9/11 first responder at the Pentagon. After Vietnam I went to 12 years college, seminary, and accomplished professional military education, also annual theological continuing education

Cynthia Gillham Vincent

Class of '66



Occupation: Pastor's wife/retired administrator

Family: Married, two kids, one adult granddaughter, two grandsons, four dogs.

Interests: Church, family, friends, travel, camping, sewing, music, dog rescue.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho-both kids born. Opened a camera store, Scout leader, volunteer counselor youth probation; divorced. To California, retired as a manager in contracts administration after 27 years with County of Orange; 4H, Boy and Girl Scout leader. Daughter BA, married-businesswoman and photographer. Son BA, married, 20 yr. Navy veteran-3 beautiful children. Husband, Jonathan, pastors a Lutheran church where I work with the youth and perform other duties as assigned. Being chased with my Rottweiler up the river and through the Arizona woods by a pack of coyotes-memorable!

Margie Gordon Holley

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband, Jim. 2 sons, Michael & James, 1 grandbaby, Olivia.

Interests: Avid weaver, motorcyclist and Jumble worker

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Degree in Art History and worked at Joslyn. Have lived in Ogallala, NE and Loveland, CO, but are now in Elkhorn, NE. Very active in the Omaha Weavers & Spinner Guild, spend the summers in Wyoming at 9000 feet, feeding moose. Jim & I seem to be busier than when we were working!!! Life is Great!

Steven Gottlieb

Class of '66



Robert Hall

Class of '66



Occupation: Co-Founder of Orenda International

Family: Married 16 years to Marcia Busching (WHS '68)(attorney).

Interests: Hiking, travel, photography, and flying our small airplane.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: U.S. Navy as an airborne Anti-Submarine crew member; graduated from UNO with a BS in Business in 1975. After 25 years in corporate sales and sales management positions in Omaha and Kansas City, moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 2000 and thereafter started Orenda. Marcia and I have three children between us (in Phoenix, Baltimore and San Francisco), two grandchildren, and enjoy an active social/philanthropic life in the Phoenix area. I remain active in my business nearly full time.

Mack Harbour

Class of '66



Occupation: Vice President/Reynolds & Reynolds, Inc.

Family: Wife, Carol..12 Grandchildren

Interests: Golf. Iowa Hawkeyes. Watching grandsons wrestle, baseball, football, soccer.

Connie Harden Harden

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Attorney

Family: Husband, Chuck O'Neill, is a software engineer with a Ph.D in music composition.

Interests: Travel, politics, photography, music, friends, hiking, reading.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I received my JD degree from U.C. Berkeley in 1983, then worked for two large law firms before moving to consulting in 1991. I retired in 2013 as a partner at Mercer, a global consulting firm specializing in employee benefits and related management consulting. At Mercer, I led the legal consulting group for the Western U.S. My husband, Chuck, has two grown children, Adam (an assistant professor of cryptography at Georgetown) and Katie (a physical therapist and soon-to-be mom). I wish all of my former classmates well and hope you have fun at the reunion.

Mike Harris

Class of '66



Occupation: Construction and development

Family: Married to Marilyn for 32 years; three children, Jeff, Andrew and Julia.

Interests: Active life; cabin in the mountains, hike and ski. Read and local politics.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: SMU for undergraduate and Michigan for graduate degree, history for both. Ranch life and mine work in southwest New Mexico, married first time. Brought Midwestern work ethic to Santa Fe in 1976, partnered with my brother, Brett (1968) in 3 businesses and just completed our last project for The Santa Fe Opera as construction managers. Remained close to family members over the years, Mom is in Omaha. Planning Commissioner, including chair, for Santa Fe from 2012-2016; elected to City Council in March 2016, uncontested for an open seat. Our political class thinks that is memorable.

Kenneth (Ken) Hermsen

Class of '66



Occupation: Dentist/College Professor

Family: Married for almost 46 years to my wife, Linda. We have 2 sons, 4 grandchildren.

Interests: Family activities, travel, reading, fishing, music, my Harley

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I am a dentist in Omaha and teach at the dental school at Creighton University. I am also a forensic dentist, working with the Douglas and Sarpy County Coroner's Offices and serving on a Federal Disaster Response Team where I assisted in the identification of the victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept 11, 2001, Hurricane Katrina in 2004, Hurricane Ike in 2008 and the crash of American Airlines flight #5966. I serve as State Team Leader of the Nebraska Forensic Dental ID Team and have served as President of both the Omaha District and Nebraska Dental Associations.

Roger Herring

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Secondary School Administrator

Family: Wife- Sharon; sons Scott (37) & Matt (33), daughter Jill (28); 5 grandkids

Interests: Golf, Hunt, Fish, spectator sports

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: 39 years in education (19 years at Westside High School, 20 years at Atlantic High School as Principal); early retired from education in 2010 and have been Parks and Recreation Director for the city of Atlantic, Iowa the last 5 years; retired July 1, 2016; married to Sharon Wheeler (class of 67) for 47 years and plan to watch our grandkids grow up and travel.

Gini Highfield

Class of '66



Occupation: Chief of Juvenile Probation

Family: Single, never met a soul mate; dad and mom are deceased; sister in Omaha, brother in Fredricksburg, VA; lots of nieces and

Interests: Travel, friends, theater, concerts, Utah Jazz, tennis, watching all sports.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended Iowa State for two years and then transferred to the University of Utah after working at Zion National Park during the summers, falling in love with the Utah mountains. Graduated from the U of U; immediately went to work for the UT Juvenile Court as a probation officer. Thanks to Mr. McCormick, WHS; he initiated my passion in human services. Held several state level and administrative positions in Utah juvenile justice for 46 years; served on committees at the national level, met amazing people throughout my career. My passion is to give our youth who are struggling hope in a future.

Brad Hill

Class of '66



Steve Hill

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired, 42 years with the phone company

Family: 1 wife, 4 kids, and 5 Grandkids.

Interests: Woodworking and building custom cabinets and furniture.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: In addition to a long career in the communications business, I owned and operated a Home Remodeling business for 15 years. Karen (wife) and I built a new home in the Kansas City area and moved down here from Omaha in 2014. Karen is a professional quilter and teaches at the local quilt store here in Kansas. My most memorable experience; building and owning a log home Ski cabin at nearly 11,000 feet in the Breckenridge, CO area. The view of the 14,000 peaks from the front window and deck was amazing.

Scott Hinckley

Class of '66



Occupation: retired railroader

Interests: family history, jogging and traveling

Mike Hlavecek

Class of '66



Occupation: Self Employed

Family: Significant Other: Barbara ThomasSon: Robert

Interests: Options Trading, Ocean fishing, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Career in Heavy Truck/Trailer sales, financing, leasing. Now a partner/ manager in Las Vegas timeshare mini-vacation sales business. Also keep busy as an UBER driver on weekends!

Stephen (Steve) Honig

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married Linda Schultz (class of 66). We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Interests: Traveling the world and cursing.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After graduating from UNO I went to work for Valmont Industries as a Industrial Engineer in the transmission pole division and later sold transmission poles to utilities. I moved on to Union Pacific as a Corporate Industrial Engineer. Traveled extensively throughout their system. Promoted to UP's Planning & Analysis Department and I was involved in locomotive acquisition. Moved to UP's Marketing & Sales Department and sold transportation contracts to national paper accounts throughout the country. Took a buyout from UP and went to work for Omaha Public Power District as a Account Executive.

Linda Hotz Schutts

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: We have 3 grown children and 3 wonderful grandchildren.

Interests: Fishing, boating, traveling, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Cubs, Nascar, Indy races

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: My family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana the day after we graduated. I met and married the love of my life in Indianapolis. Phil and I have been married 48 years! Due to Phil's job we moved 19 times, lived in 10 states and are now retired. We built our dream home on Lake Gaston on the VA/NC border 3 years ago and are enjoying the good life. We bought a Mustang Convertible and love traveling around visiting old friends and our family. Every year we head to Florida in the winter for a couple of weeks to bask in the warmth! Would love to hear from the group I used to hang around with!

Dorothy Howard Goldfaden

Class of '66



Jim Jansen

Class of '66



Occupation: General Counsel, Creighton University

Family: Married to Patty for 31 years. Four daughters, and two grandsons.

Interests: Family, grandkids, golf, Creighton volleyball and basketball.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have been a practicing attorney in Omaha for 42 years. After serving as Douglas County Attorney for 13 years, I returned to private practice before being named as General Counsel at Creighton University five years ago. After raising four daughters in what could only be described as "hormone heaven", Patty and I are enjoying life as grandparents to our two grandsons.

Mark Jensen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Teacher/coach

Family: Married Leslie and we have 4 children between us and 9 grandchildren.

Interests: Avid sports fan and participant, some travel, spending time with our family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Completed a military commitment and relocated to Washington and have been here since 1973. I spent 10 years working with developmentally delayed adults in a private non-profit agency before returning to education. I retired two years ago and do some minimal subbing and continue to coach boy's golf at the local high school. Three of our children and 7 of our grandchildren live in the area so we see a lot of them and watch their activities. Our 4th child and his family are in eastern Washington so we are able to see them on a regular basis.

Robert Johnson

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Professor

Family: Married to Ilona Wisniewski of Lowell MA for 46 years. One son AJ in Wash. DC

Interests: Kayaking, Bicycling, a number of charitable boards

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Met wife at the University of Michigan and married right after graduation. Got MBA at UC Berkeley and worked for Bristol-Myers and Armour -Dial in marketing management. Received PhD in Business from Stanford University and taught graduate school at Dartmouth (Tuck), William & Mary, and Bentley. Engaged in start-ups in IT and medical data analysis. In retirement manage a tax office for HRB on an Air Force base and became an Enrolled Agent.

Marty Jones

Class of '66



Occupation: Semi retired

Family: Daughters Jessie, Marta, and Carley

Interests: Travel, cars, motorcycles, photography shooting, and gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Trip to Peru, Mexico, Disney world, Ukraine, Africa, travel around the western US. Birth of my children and their children. The death of my wife. Meetin. Building my business.

Linda Jordan Inglis

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Lactation Consultant

Family: Married a very long time...three daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Interests: Quilting, books, kayaking, Florida beaches, family gatherings, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married in 1969. John entered the Air Force in 1971 and became a pilot and the adventure began. We are currently living in our 8th home in Palm Harbor, FL. Our favorite AF assignment was 4 years at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Current location for 18 years - a record. Care-giving my Mother for last 5 years as well as John's Mom since 2001. I am currently working on my 85th quilt and love the meditative qualities of such work. We frequent the lakes and rivers of our area in our kayaks...also enjoy the beautiful beaches that are 20 minutes away.

Ellen Kaplan Wonderlich

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired from Hartford Insurance

Family: Daughter, Tammy

Interests: Dancing, Walking, Reading, Theatre, Travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Wrote a book with my daughter and sisters. Enjoyed living in Las Vegas, and frequent visits to New York City and Disney World. A memorable life experience was sitting on the beach looking at the ocean in Hawaii and Clearwater Beach.

Karl Kehm

Class of '66



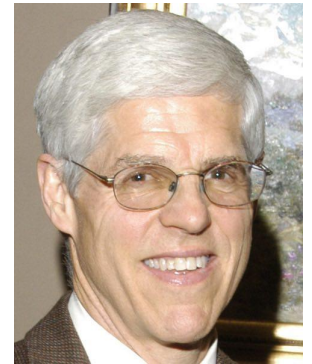
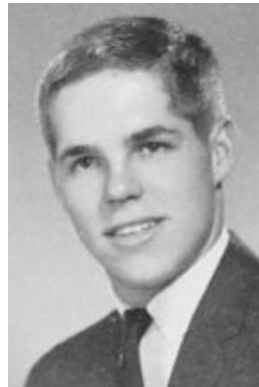
Occupation: Retired - Masonry Contractor

Family: Wife - Suzanne, 3 children and 12 Grandchildren

Interests: Family, grandkids, house remodeling, travel, reading.

James (Jim) Killerlain

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired; 35 years in Energy Industry

Family: Married to Carolyn for 18+ years; Between us 4 children, 10 grands, 1 great

Interests: Exercise, outdoors, travel, KC Royals, Denver Broncos

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended Univ of Colorado, graduated 1970, degree in Marketing & International Business. Married SueAnn (Baker) Crain in 1974, 3 children, all college grads, Educ major, Church Pastor and CPA, SueAnn passed away in 1994. Married Carolyn in 1997. Worked for Cities Service / Williams Companies 1971 - 2002, various positions in Crude Oil Supply, Natural Gas Sales & Supply, Performance Management. In retirement, enjoying visiting family and volunteer work with SCORE and Roman Catholic Diocese of Tulsa.

Julie Klopp Urosevich

Class of '66



Occupation: prof. long arm quilter & Hosp Coord

Family: 3 grown children, 10 grands all loved and adored by Grammy and Papa

Interests: Quilting, reading, knitting , grandkids and people

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: A wonderful, busy and happy life - lived in Texas for 16 years and came home 2 yrs ago. Have spent most of my time volunteering, enjoying family and keeping up with Bob. Being a Mom and a Grammy is the BEST part!

Larae Koppit Zawodny

Class of '66



Occupation: Artist, educator

Family: m. Janusz K. Zawodny (d.2012); Professor, Colonel; son Roman Zawodny, O.E., B.A.

Interests: visual and performing arts, languages, literature, music, dance, nature, travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Summers on a remote island in Ontario Canada, interdisciplinary teaching at Vancouver School of Arts & Academics. I relished the experience of immersion in the academic community with my husband in the U. S. and in Europe. Great memories of fine education and wonderful friends and teachers at Westside. Thanking you all.

L. (Fred) Kreider

Class of '66



Ken Krichbaum

Class of '66



Occupation: Sales/Investment Management

Family: Married my wife Lori in 1973. Have 4 children, 3 boys and a girl. 5 grandsons

Interests: Family and friends.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Was president of the freshman class at Omaha University. Not bad for a guy the counselor at Westside said shouldn't bother to go to college. Transferred to Lincoln my sophomore and graduated in 1970. Since being married I have lived in Omaha, Des Moines, Miami, Atlanta (twice), Indianapolis, San Francisco, Reno, Chicago, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Scottsdale. Currently live in Tahoe in the summer and Scottsdale in the winter.

Jane Krug Chase

Class of '66



Occupation: Controller at mid- sized CPA Firm

Family: Jim Chase class of 65 Jennifer WHS 1988, Jessica WHS 1994, Jason WHS 1996

Interests: Am a foodie so I love to cook/bake anything & spending time with kids & grands

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Pretty much nothing exciting. We still live close to Westside and enjoy our neighborhood. We closed Krug's Men & Boys in 1994 and have spent the last 22 years reinventing ourselves. Have very fond memories of the Village and our time at the store. FYI - my mom, Lois Krug is still with us, sharp as ever and looks about the same. We have 6 fabulous grandchildren- 3 here in Omaha and 3 in Minneapolis- so there is always a soccer, football, baseball or hockey game to attend. I mostly enjoy spending time with my boyfriend/husband of 48 years- Jim- and am so thankful for such a beautiful life!

Mary (Mary Lin) Lankford Hannay

Class of '66



Occupation: Team & Leadership Development

Family: Widowed, 3 kids/3 grandkids (San Diego, CA, Charlotte, NC, and Portland ME)

Interests: Hiking, Biking, Bikram(hot)Yoga, Travel, Adventure, Grandkids, Leadership,T.E.D

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Love living in Portsmouth NH (quaint seacoast town) for 37 years after moving around all of my life. Loved being a mom, biking across Europe w our kids, marathoner, traveler, grandma, friend. Miss my soul mate/husband Bing who died 2015. Have had a great work life (was a teacher, now owner of leadership & team consulting & coaching firm for 35+ years) with great clients. Have had lots of life tragedies but have always been upbeat, energetic, optimistic- and love people. Haven't been back to Omaha since 1966 & look forward to trying to remember people and events--by more than the yearbook

Karl (Chuck) Lambooy

Class of '66



Occupation: AT&T, Lucent Technologies/Avaya, Inc

Family: I lived in Denver, married, and raised a son and daughter and traveled.

Interests: Always classical music, and my lifelong hobby raising pigeons

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: First, knowing and loving my grandparents who were my best friends. Next the birth of my son Wil, and my daughter Kate. Next would be the birth of (to date) my only grandchild - Lydia - all three redheads and on fire. I had a very long career with the telephone company from Omaha to Denver to Orlando, FL and retiring in Oklahoma City. Out of retirement working as a full time assistant for a university professor. I also manage a small private investment business

David (Dave) Larkin

Class of '66



Occupation: Trial Lawyer for 35 years

Family: Wife, Susan, and son, Wyatt, 25 years old. We live in Chandler, Arizona

Interests: I read, watch sports & walk 2 hr/day. I keep a blog <http://betweentwocities.com>

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have fond memories of Westside & Omaha. It took a few decades to reform my deficient character after I left Westside & problems with alcohol, pot and LSD. I have been clean and sober for 33 years. By the grace of God, I have had a rewarding life. A Christian for 45 years, I was saved reading the Bible while studying philosophy at Yale in 1971 and surprised to suddenly believe. I wrote my spiritual memoir in 2005. Here is a link: <https://betweentwocities.com/spiritual-memoir/> My wife's testimony is here: <https://betweentwocities.com/susan-larkins-testimony/> Jesus saves. May God Bless us all.

Sheldon (Shelly) Lerner

Class of '66



Occupation: Co-Owner family retail store in Omaha

Family: Remarried in 2004

Interests: Exercise, travel, and enjoying life

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Attended University of Nebraska in Lincoln, graduated 1970. I received BS in marketing, and accounting. Opened a retail clothing store in 1971, and still at it. I lost my wife to cancer in 1998, and remarried in 2004. We have four children between us. Going to be grandparents for the first time this coming January. My wife is a Pediatric Dentist. We are still working full-time.

Janet Mankameyer Sherman

Class of '66



Occupation: Preschool Teacher

Family: Bob & I have been married almost 48 years. We have 2 children & 5 grandchildren.

Interests: Traveling, Cruising, wineries, our 2 Yorkies and our 5 grandkids

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Bob & I met at the Crossroads in 1967. I was an UNO student and working and he was Air Force. We were married in 1968 in Cleveland, Ohio. After 6 States, 7 cities later 1984 found us back in the KC area with 2 wonderful children. Bob retired from AT&T after 30 years and I worked in the insurance field for many years. We are now very much enjoying a second career -- Bob as a substitute teacher for the Archdioceses of KCK and I have been a Catholic Preschool teacher for the past 7 years. We love spending time with our grandchildren, traveling, cruising, visiting B&Bs & wineries.

Gwen Lichty Luth

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired teacher: subbing some

Family: We have 1 daughter and 1 son who are married. We have a total of 5 grandchildren

Interests: traveling the world, playing bridge, playing golf and visiting my grandchildren

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After high school I graduated from Kearney State college in Education and taught in Denver, CO. for 4 years. We spent much of our time skiing and enjoying the mountains. We then moved to Kearney to raise our children and be close to family. I was a caregiver for my dad till he passed on at age 97. We have enjoyed life in Kearney and spent time bike riding, playing golf and years of athletic event that the kids were involved in. I wish it had worked out that I could attend but other plans got in the way. I would enjoy talking with any old friends so send me a quick e-mail. gwyluth@aol.com

Robert (Bob) Matejka

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired on rural property in North Texas

Family: Married college sweetheart Carol. (46 years!) Daughter and son and 4 grandkids.

Interests: Working rural property. Knocking around in my shop and barn. Time with grandkids

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Kansas U, USMC, then 38 years with PepsiCo. We moved around USA and had an overseas assignment in Australia. Last 20 years in Dallas area. Our kids and grandkids live close so much of our lives revolve around them - keeps us young! We like Texas but I really enjoy getting back to Omaha occasionally. Still an ardent Jayhawk and Husker fan.

John McCollister

Class of '66



Occupation: State Senator

Family: Wife Deb since 1971, 3 children, 2 grandsons

Interests: Working for my wife in the garden, jogging

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Business owner 1973 - 2006, Think Tank Exec Director 2009 -2012, State Senator 2014 until present

Dan McCormack

Class of '66



Occupation: Truck driver

Family: Married to Chris for 43 years. We have 3 adult sons, all living in Omaha.

Interests: Riding my Harley and traveling all across the U.S.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Chris and I are looking forward to retirement and more traveling.

John McDonald

Class of '66



Greg Miller

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Hi Tech Product Manager, Cruiser

Family: Single, no children

Interests: Blue water cruising & "simply messing about in boats". Biking. Travel. Computers

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from Dartmouth & associated engineering and business schools. Went into computers and later test equipment, introducing one of the first personal computers 5 years before the PC. Built my own 31' sailboat, and cruised from British Columbia to Panama, Caribbean, 8 years in Europe, 4 years in Turkey, then back again to the Caribbean, New York to Lake Michigan and a truck ride home. Currently refitting and repowering in Portland, looking forward to more time in British Columbia. Still living aboard and considering what the next chapter will be.

Jim Musil

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married w two daughters

Interests: Tennis, fly fishing, bow hunting, Mtn biking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from UNO Jan. 1971 then started active duty in USAF Apr. 1971. Flew the F-4 Phantom until 1984 based in Thailand, Philippines, Taiwan, Florida, Arizona and Texas. Hired by American Airlines in 1978 retiring in 2008 flying B-737, B-757, B-767. Currently living in Flower Mound, Tx.

Gordon Nealy

Class of '66



Occupation: Medical Illustrator & Videographer

Family: My wife is Donna - no kids

Interests: Art, video, cycling, swimming, surfing, and "romantic walks on the beach"

Kelly Nash Nash

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Environmental Geologist

Family: I met my wife, Karen Blessen, in 1974 & we've been together ever since.

Interests: Travel, art, meditation, mineral collecting.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I went to UNL for a B.S. & M.S. in Geology. My first college roommates were fellow Westsiders Tony Rose & John Johnson. In 1979, moved to Dallas, TX & still there. Worked for EPA, as Env. Manager for a large steel manufacturer & recycling company (CMC) for 18 yrs. & as a consultant, until retiring in 2013. Karen became the first visual artist to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1989. In 2005 she formed a nonprofit (29 Pieces), which uses art to advance nonviolence - over 40,000 people have participated in its programs. Most of my time now is spent supporting that work & watching the clouds go by.

Don Nelsen

Class of '66



Occupation: International Country Manager

Family: Wife Susan Daughters Blair, 32, Jordan, 29; Grandson Noah, 5

Interests: Family History, Golf, Tennis, Travel

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: BS (Engr), US Military Academy- 1971 Ed. M., Boston University- 1975 MBA- Boston University- 1977 JD- University of Nebraska- 1979 6 1/2 years active duty US Army, 3 yrs Nebr Natl Guard, 7 yrs Army Reserve 34 yrs oil business, Texaco, Conoco, and Noble Energy- International Business Developer, and Overseas Country Manager, resident overseas in Germany, Venezuela, Holland, and Cameroon, travel to 87 countries and 50 states, retired in 2014.

Mike Niemants

Class of '66



Occupation: retired

Family: two children, seven grandchildren

Interests: antique cars, antique guns, gardening

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: USN 1967-1971, married 1969, children 1972, 1974, started business (self employed) 1979, widowed 2008, remarried 2013, retired 2016, currently living on acreage with wife Teri, five dogs, two cats and a dozen chickens.

Marilyn Novak Derrick

Class of '66



Cameron (Cam) Northouse

Class of '66



Occupation: Rare Book Dealer

Family: Married to Donna for 47 years. One child in Washington, DC.

Interests: Books, historical newspapers, movies, theatre, Washington Nationals

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to Donna in 1969. B.A. (history) in 1971, M.A. (English) in 1972, Ph.D. (English) in 1975. First book in 1974. Started rare book company in 1976. Moved to Dallas, Texas in 1976. Started book publishing company in 1977 and published books, broadsides, and two magazines. One son, Clayton, born in 1980, which improbably led to my coaching for 16 seasons of youth soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. In 1987-1988, I taught as a visiting professor of humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas. In 2000, we moved to Baltimore, MD and in 2008 to Shepherdstown, WV.

Paul Olsen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired 38 years Pharmaceutical Industry

Family: Married to Phylis for 31 years; 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

Interests: Travel/cruising, Indy Colts, golf, tennis, photography, cats, bleed Husker red!

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: BS, Chemistry-Univ of Nebraska, PhD, Pharmaceutical Chemistry-Univ of Wisconsin. In '75 changed my last name from Olsen (adopted name) to Gesellchen (birth name). In '77 began working at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis where I met my future wife (married in Hawaii) and her two boys; had a daughter in '85. Spent 13 years as a chemist and 16 years in Regulatory Affairs. Retired in '06 to head up the Regulatory Affairs component for a small pharmaceutical company, re-retired in '08 and formed my own 1-man consulting firm. Now focused on traveling, visiting all 7 continents in last 8 years.

David Osborne

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired from the Library of Congress

Family: Single

Interests: Opera, hiking, travel, and college football (an avid Husker fan)

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from UNL in 1970 and received a PhD in Russian from The Ohio State University. I moved to Washington, DC and worked as a research analyst in the Federal Research Division, Library of Congress. In June 2013, I retired as Division Chief. My life partner, Ronald Bachman, from Rulo, NE, whom I met in Russian class at UNL, was killed in a car accident in February 2012. We were together for 43 years. My retirement years are not what I had planned but I am trying to put one foot in front of the other each day. I travel frequently to Europe and throughout the U.S.

Kurt Petersen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Susan Johnson Petersen wife, son Jason and Jeffrey

Interests: Sailing, golf, landscaping and drinking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Consumer products sales life moving the family from Kansas City to Calif to CT to Ohio and finally back to Northern Calif for the last 20 years. A lot of flying and motels rooms for 40 years so now chilling out at the lake up near Yosemite full time.

Tom Pelkner

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married to Vickie for 36 quick years. Two super kids and two joyous grandkids.

Interests: Early on-jogging, hiking, skiing et al. Later- Travel & Being OPA to grandkids.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from UNO with BA + MS. Worked at Metro Area Planning Agency as Transp. Planner as well as Sales & Marketing positions, prior to retirement status. Over 50 years, activity level transitioned from completing a 1/2 marathon and playing city rec league b-ball to walking the dog and an easy swim at the Y. Visited all of Lower 48, most often CO MA FL TX AZ CA. Some Canada/Mexico. A number of Caribbean islands. 4 Jaunts across the "big pond" visiting a dozen countries from Norway to Russia. (Met Vickie @ Munich Oktoberfest). Memorable 1/2 century ride. Baby, let the good times roll on!

Linda Petersen Kneifl

Class of '66



Occupation: Realtor

Family: Single with one golden ret. and two cats. My son/wife live in Wash. DC.

Interests: Work, Work, Work and occasionally go to Europe. I am a professional volunteer.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have been a realtor for 32 years and have seen it all. I really enjoy meeting people from all walks of life helping them find the "home of their dreams". My passion is "Donate Life". My son has had a transplant and I encourage people to donate. I can't think of a better way to make a difference in this world. My goal is to become a "grandmother".

Lynn Petersen Kneifl

Class of '66



Occupation: Realtor

Family: I am single w/two cats and a golden ret. I have a son & daughter-in-law in DC.

Interests: All I do is work, work, work . I am a professional volunteer.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I was married for 43 years, having two sons (Christopher, my sunshine, passed when he was 22). I have been a realtor for 32 years. My passion is Donate Life (my son, Jon, has had a kidney transplant). What better way to make a difference in someone's life. I am a board member for the hospital and United Way, Lex WHO, mentoring..... have served numerous positions on the Dawson Co. Board of Realtors. All I really want in life now is some grandchildren. If you ever hear of someone wanting to give up a child for adoption - email me please.

Candy Pettengill Bates

Class of '66



Family: Son, Andrew, graduated from the University of Arizona,

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1970. Moved to Arizona and entered the savings and loan business. Was a Senior Vice President, Human Resources Director and after 25 years joined husband in residential appraisal business. Currently a substitute teacher in Scottsdale. Sadly missed a great reunion!

Barbara Phalen

Class of '66



Occupation: Delightedly retired!

Family: Phalen

Interests: Many! New things every day. Travel always, reading, art, cultural exploration,

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Social work in schools, all levels for 40 years. Lived omaha, Lincoln, Seattle and Port Angeles, WA., briefly NYC. Loved my job, and fringe benefit of time for international travel. Retired 2014. Ever delighted with old friends and new adventures. Plan for aging? Bring it on!

Douglas (Doug) Pierson

Class of '66



Leon (Lee) Polikov

Class of '66



Occupation: Attorney

Family: Married to Terry Calek (South High '66)

Interests: Work -- Friends -- Home

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: UNL 1970 and UNL-Law 1973. US Army 1LT -- ROTC Commission -- Infantry Basic, Ft. Riley, KS and Intelligence Officer School, Ft. Huachuca, AZ. Oct. 1973 - Chief Deputy and Counsel to Sarpy County Sheriff. Dec. 1999 appointed Sarpy County Attorney to finish 3 years of my predecessor's term and elected 4 times so far. Past President Nebraska County Attorneys Assn. Vice President National District Attorneys Assn. Together 40 years Terry and I have shared great opportunities through work and friends. A retired corporate executive, she now consults for American Gramophone/Mannheim Steamroller.

Mike Pulhamus

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married to Chris for nine years. Between us 7 children and 17 grandchildren

Interests: Classic cars, Denver Bronco fan

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from UNO. Worked in the car business for 50+ years beginning at a service station in high school for Mobil Oil, then as a factory rep for several auto manufacturers. Work also included various retail sales and management positions. Lived in Denver for many years until we moved to Bella Vista, AR three years ago. We enjoy visits from friends and family.

Mary (Mary Catherine) Polito Green

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: I have 4 sons and 3 stepsons. Total of 13 grandkids.

Interests: Family, cooking, shopping, golf, travel, swimming, movies, relaxing.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I live in Arizona full time. Memorable life experiences are too many to mention! Its a great life!

Julie Reed Kinney

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Son Steve Kinney, 32 Leawood Kansas Daughter Karen Wendt , 40, Rapid City, SD

Interests: Travel, music, golf, family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: After 35 years with Gregg Kinney in Colorado to raise our family, I moved to the Kansas City area after Gregg passed away.

Sherry Richard Berendse

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired since Jan 2016

Family: Have 1 daughter, 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren.

Interests: I've rediscovered reading since retiring. Like to play golf & watch other sports

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Spent 1 year at UNL, then transferred to Kansas University. Graduated with a degree in advertising, but worked primarily in banking & some customer service. Lived in Boston for 3 years after college, & then moved to Oklahoma City for 2 years. Cheyenne was the next stop. Spent 10 years there. Rapid City was home for 23 years. In 2009 I moved back to Omaha due to my parents' declining health. Retirement gives me more time to visit my kids & grandkids in Billings, Tampa & Denver.

Rich Roccaforte

Class of '66



Occupation: Electrical contractor

Family: Wife Laura

Interests: Laura and I enjoy traveling, bicycling, movies, sports, friends and family.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I attended Omaha University for a short period of time, worked at Western Electric for 5 years later got into building trades in 1975. In 1977 I started doing electrical work and in 1991 started a small electrical company. I met Laura while on a snow skiing trip in 1990 and we married in 1991. Although I wasn't the best student in high school I really appreciate the education that I received and all of the people that I met while at Westside High School.

Barbara Robbie Elliott

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired teacher and preschool director

Family: Husband: Jon Elliott, Three daughters and five granddaughters.

Interests: Educa Avid reader, golfer, bridge player and love zumba in the water at the YMCA

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Met Jon in econ class senior year and went to prom together! Married in 1970. Blessed with three daughters, two graduating from WHS and one went to Central to play tennis. We have 5 grandchildren ages 15 to 5 who all live in town. Best times babysitting and going to games! Loved watching Royals and Huskers never leaving our TV room. Education: UNL and grad work at UNO

Vicki Roggy Showell

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired from JCPenney after 35 years

Family: Husband-Don married 48 years Children-Doug and Wendi GChildren-Davis and Teah

Interests: Grandkids, traveling and volunteering. Please sign up to be a Registered Donor

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to Don and have two children Doug and Wendi. Doug teaches Chemistry and Astronomy at Papillion Lavista HS our daughter in law Vern is a Educational Physiologist at the same HS. We have two Grandchildren. Davis a Junior at Papillion and Teah is in the 7th grade at Papillion Middle School. Daughter Wendi is a Customer Service rep for Hayeedle here in Omaha. I love spending as much time as I can with my gandkids. I retired 3 years ago from JCPenneys and am loving every minute of it. I have been doing volunteer work for Donate Life Nebraska as Wendi had a Kidney Pancreas transplant 8 yrs.

Paula Rosen Van Andel

Class of '66



Occupation: CPA

Family: Married to Wayne. We have 2 children & 4 grandchildren in Milwaukee & Chicago.

Interests: Traveling, reading, knitting, visiting the kids and grandkids

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Wayne in 1973. We raised our son and daughter in Wichita and enjoy visiting them and their children as often as possible. I still enjoy working as a CPA (though not as many hours as I used to). Wayne retired from IBM and is now enjoying his hobby job as IT manager at Wichita's science museum, Exploration Place.

Carol Sachse Meduna

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married to Robert (Bob) for 48 years, 3 children and 11 grandchildren

Interests: Following the grandkids activities, sports, travel, time with family and friends

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Spent 17 years in the education field beginning in a one room school house, Catholic grade school, Public Middle school and finally Director of a School to Work Grant funded program. Then went in to the business sector working in insurance and then as a project manager for sports lighting at Valmont Industries. Did volunteer work for the ED department of the hospital in Fremont and for the 4-H program. My greatest accomplishment was completing my degree at Doane College at the same time I had my 3 children in college and while working full time. I now LOVE being the grandma of 11!

Mike Ryan

Class of '66



Occupation: All around make it fix it projectionists

Family: 3 wonderful daughters 1 wonderful son homespun Canadians

Interests: Love of accomplishing an artfull LIFE structured in the Infinite with balance

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I'm a little amazed with the comings and goings of the Human experience, so much betting on the odds for the correct way to live , it does bring a delirious outcome few would get an Ahh with . A Joseph Campbell in the midst here ! So not to outdo anyone's reasoning , my likening for sincerity right now is to let the classmates who grew on a level that became with me , the right the wrong , the visible , the not so visible , you played a perfect part to the opera. Wishing I had made the grade to experience the moment with the reunion and help prevent a prank to materialize . m.d.r.

Pamela (Pam) Schaap Hemann

Class of '66



Occupation: Association & Nonprofit Management

Family: Blended family of six children and 12 grandchildren; Lost Ray in 2012; Two Cats

Interests: Travel, Music & Fine Arts, History, Politics & Advocacy, Family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Pam founded Association Management Services, Inc., a company serving associations (1988). Prior to AMS, she held positions with associations in Wash, DC. She is active in the American Society of Association Executives: 2007 Chairman; 2014 Key Award. Education in Music: University of Denver Masters; UNL Bachelors. She remains active with UNL: Alumni Association Advisory Board; Hixson-Lied Board, College of Fine & Performing Arts. Volunteer leadership: Pasadena Pops Orchestra; Pasadena Center Operating Company; Caltech Y; Methodist Hospital Cardiac Council; Huntington Library Fellows Society.

Robert (Bob) Schissler

Class of '66



Occupation: semi retired

Family: Married 1976 two sons 37 and 30

Interests: Family Good Friends Golf Netflix

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Served in military 6 active 3 years reserves 4 years with government 35 years in News Paper industry working all over the US and parts of UK and Denmark. My wife made me the person I always wanted to be!

Paul Schlegel

Class of '66



Occupation: sprinkler contractor

Family: two sons in Omaha

Interests: motorcycle trips car and motorcycle shows, wildlife viewing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from ECPI in 1967, took some courses at Bellevue College. Married Jeannie Taureti and raised two outstanding sons. Married for 45 years until Jeannie's passing. Worked for UP railroad, moved to Phoenix, worked for Engine Supply. Moved back to Omaha, was shop foreman for Ditch Witch of Omaha. Started selling and servicing lawn sprinklers in 1976 and still own and work the sprinkler company today.

Gary Schroeder

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired...US Postal Service

Family: Married, 43 years, 2 sons, Dan, Rob

Interests: Golf, Bowling, Diecast collecting

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: 4 years....67-71 United States Coast Guard 10 years....Stromberg Carlson...Rochester, NY 4 years....General Railway Signal...Rochester, NY 26 years...U S Postal Service...Letter Carrier 2010.....Retired Present....School Crossing Guard

Linda Schultz Honig

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired:Nebraska Furniture Mart 43 yrs.

Family: Married to Steve Honig (class of '66) for 45 yrs. 2 children and 3 grandchildren

Interests: Traveling abroad, cruising, and enjoying family and friends.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I married Steve Honig ('66) in 1971. We have 2 children Brett and Stephanie. I worked for Mrs B at Nebraska Furniture Mart for 43 yrs. I was manager of purchasing (flooring) for all 3 stores. Steve worked for Valmont Ind. (industrial engineer and transmission pole sales), Union Pacific (corporate industrial engineer and national acct. sales), and OPPD (national acct. sales) before retiring. We now have 3 grandchildren and we enjoy them very much. We have been traveling the world and cruising since we retired. When we are in town we enjoy our wine tasting group with our friends.

Nancy Silverman Limprecht

Class of '66



Occupation: software developer

Family: husband Rick, two daughters and sons-in-law, two step daughters, four grandkids

Interests: Staying in shape (Zumba, biking, walking), volunteer work, reading, travelling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married Joe Limprecht (WHS 1964). Earned PhD (English) from UC Berkeley. Travelled the world while Joe was posted as a Foreign Service Officer to Germany, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Albania and as I worked in all those posts as a teacher, trainer, and software developer and later travelled on my own for the US Department of Commerce. When Joe died in 2002 (US Ambassador to Albania), I returned to the US and began work for the Department of State developing expertise in Business Process Management software. Married Rick in 2008. Retired from federal service in 2012 though I still work pt.

Sue Sinovich Tricker

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Ed, Jenny & John, Scott & Jennifer & granddaughters Lauren & Harper

Interests: Golf, travel, volunteering

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Retired from Lincoln Public Schools Foundation as Director of Finance. Have been involved over the years volunteering in a variety of organizations and serving on their boards. We love to travel, play golf at courses around the country and most especially spending time with our family including our two granddaughters Lauren & Harper. Most recent memorable experience was spending a month traveling Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand.

Carol Slack Quandt

Class of '66



Occupation: Administrative Assistant/Accounting

Family: Married to Dave for 42 years with two grown sons, one daughter and 11 grand-kids

Interests: Gardening, exercising, camping, sewing and raising chickens

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from college at the age of 62, a huge personal challenge. I love being a grandmother to 11 beautiful children which includes two sets of twins. They range in age from 17 years to 7 months.

Donna Slatin Nickels

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired from Bloomington Housing Auth

Family: Husband Martin, daughter Deborah, son Matthew, two grandsons, Havanese dog

Interests: Travel, grandkids, gardening, walking, reading, winters in Florida, volunteer

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Met husband on archaeological dig in North Dakota in 1969. BA from Northwestern in Anthropology 1970. Moved to Lawrence, KS where Marty got PhD in Anthropology. Moved to Normal IL where Marty taught at Illinois State University for 30 years. I got MS in Counselor Education at Illinois State University in 1979. Worked in social services for over 40 years. Retired as Assistant Director of the Bloomington IL Housing Authority in 2013. Went to Florida the next day to escape the Illinois winter and continue to spend each winter there.

Cynthia (Cindi) Sokol Herd

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Educator

Family: Denny and I have been married 46 years. We have 3 children & 6 grandchildren.

Interests: I like to spend time with family, travel, read, scrapbook, and do crafts.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I have lived in Omaha since graduating from Westside. I received my undergrad degree in Elementary Education from UNL and my masters degree in Instructional Technology from Peru State. I retired from the Papillion LaVista School District after teaching there for 38 years. I also taught at Iowa Western Community College. I still enjoy doing some occasional substitute teaching and I am actively involved in church activities. We feel blessed to have our children and grandchildren all in the Omaha area. We love to spend time vacationing with family and especially going on cruises.

Stuart (Stu) Sorensen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Actuary

Family: Spouse Debbie - no children

Interests: Golf, fitness, bridge, travel, friends & family

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduate of the University of Nebraska. My wife and I spent 35 years in Minneapolis, finally retiring to our lake home north of Brainard. Two long winters convinced us to move south to Arkansas! The last eleven years in Bella Vista have been fun-filled with lots of friends, lots of travel, lots of (average) golf, and lots of fun. Happy to be here!!!!

Frank Soukup

Class of '66



Occupation: Plumber, semi retired

Family: Married 48 years, 3 sons, 9 grandsons and 3 granddaughters

Interests: Fishing, hunting, canoeing, scuba diving, zip lining, bike riding and walking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married to my wife Barb for 48 years and still counting....still living in Northern Minnesota, enjoying the peace and quiet of country life.

Chip Spielhagen

Class of '66



Occupation: Courtesy Clerk

Family: Never married; no children. Sister, Trudy (Class of 1959)

Interests: Civil Air Patrol, movies, music, photography, traveling.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Memorable Life Experiences: Graduating from Westside, going to football games. Senior year football game when Westside beat Prep. When the announcer said "No one on the field after the game" which was the wrong thing to say. Everyone ran on the field after the game. Currently working at Hy-Vee at 90th and Center. Usher at Christ the King at 8 a.m. mass. Member CAP and Knights of Columbus.

Lance Stark

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired Chief USAF

Laura Staszko Wilburn

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired from University of Arizona PTS

Family: I married Bart Wilburn in 1969 & we have 3 children & 3 grandchildren.

Interests: Riding my motorcycle, yoga, & visiting & babysitting our grandchildren

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: We moved to Sierra Vista, AZ in 1972, then to Maryland in 1983 where we sailed our sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay, and back to Tucson in 1993. I have worked at banks, taught piano lessons to all ages and retired from the University of Arizona as a Senior Manager in 2010. Now we ride our Harley Davidson Triglides around the country. We rode our bikes last year from AZ to Chicago to see our grandchildren, pausing to cruise the Illinois River on a paddle boat. We stopped in Milwaukee, then across WI to the legendary city of Sturgis in the Black Hills of SD, Yellowstone and Jackson Hole.

Barbara Stein Nelson

Class of '66



Occupation: Flight Attendant, Teacher, Sales, Realtor

Family: Married and divorced. (My father was born with the last name Nelson.)

Interests: "Purpose Driven Life" activities, mostly serving veterans. Honor Flight.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: U of N in Lincoln, French major, Delta Gamma. Lived in France 1968, "stew" in summer 1969, NYC, and after graduation, 1970. Off to KS to teach French, then to work for Revlon, based in Denver. Married, lived in Madison, WI, divorced and returned to Omaha. Exec. Assistant to Chrm., Pres. & CEO, Firstier Financial, Inc. Back to Colorado, where I was a Realtor for 13 years and skied often. I live in northern Idaho now and am so happy here. I love being "retired," so I can pursue veterans activities. Linus, my sweet cockatiel, is 22 years old.

John Thomas

Class of '66



Occupation: Owner -- Direct Marketing Business

Family: Wife of 45 years, two sons, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren

Interests: Travel, boating, skiing

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from University of Nebraska Lincoln. Embarked on a career in insurance marketing and communications. Founded a specialized direct marketing company with my sons in 2004. Still enjoy working, but looking forward to spending more and more time at our lake house with my wife and our sonj, their children and grandchildren.

Ron Thomas

Class of '66



Occupation: Travel Agent-Semi Retired

Family: Bachelor

Interests: Travel-Sports-Photography, Photoshop

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Birth of all my nephews and nieces, and watching them grow-and become great adultsTraveling all over the world three times, and experiencing other culturesCrawling inside the great pyramid of EgyptStanding at Victoria Peak in Hong KongLiving in Hawaii for 2 years and witnessing the eruption of the volcano Manau Ula.Coming back to the US aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Oriskany CVA-34 after my first combat tour during Vietnam. I made two combat cruises!!! Helping my aging parent!!!

Jane Thompson

Class of '66



Occupation: Librarian

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Following college, I moved to Minneapolis, then in 1988 I went back to graduate school for a Masters in Library Science at the University of Wisconsin. Since that time, I've been a public library director outside of Chicago, the Center for the Book coordinator at the Arkansas State Library, and the paper conservator for the Arkansas History Commission. At this point, I'm working on the next chapter of my life which I'm sure will surprise me once I figure it out. I've been in Little Rock since 1998 and love it here. The school situation is nuts though; we should all be glad for District 66.

Charlie Toy

Class of '66



Pete Trapolino

Class of '66



Linda Tway Olig

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired journalist

Family: Married 45-plus years. Two sons, three grandsons; another expected in February.

Interests: Reading, needlework, travel, wine tasting.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Graduated from University of Nebraska in 1970. Worked at Lincoln Star/Lincoln Journal Star for 40-plus years as reporter, feature editor, city editor, weekend managing editor. Sections were named best Sunday and best entertainment sections in country--in the same year. Sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren live in San Francisco and Tulsa. Co-founder and past president of Lincoln Children's Museum. Co-founder and past co-chair of YWCA Tribute to Women. Have traveled extensively, from the camping in the Grand Canyon and canoeing the Boundary Waters to Paris, London, Belize and St. Andrews.

Bob Urosevich

Class of '66



Occupation: Papa to 10

Family: Wife Julie, 3 grown children and 10 Grands.

Interests: Sports, fishing, grandchildren, Aphasia Recovery, travel & volunteering

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Through election businesses have met many interesting people - all over the country. Retirement began suddenly July 4, 2009 following a massive stroke. Recovery has been a full time job and great gains still made daily. Being a gritty 'pint sized athlete' has proven to be an advantage to my determination in stroke recovery!

Janet Underwood Burnham

Class of '66



Occupation: Happily Retired

Family: Married to Keith ('66) 2 Sons and 1 Daughter, 5 busy grandchildren

Interests: Walking, bicycling, boating, event planning and grandkids activities

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I remained in Omaha after graduation. After attending UNO and Art School I worked as a Freelance Graphic Designer for 35 years. With a love of the outdoors and water my husband and I chose to retire on a lake south of Omaha where we enjoy family and are on vacation every day.

Barbara Veach Weitz

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired UNO Social Work faculty

Family: Husband, Wally, children: Katie, Roger & Drew. Grandchildren 6 ages 3-14

Interests: Travel, reading, golf, and community volunteering

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Married after BA, moved to NYC, completed MPA at NYU, moved to Omaha in 1974. Volunteered and worked until 1989, completed MSW in 1991, taught social work, attended Case Western Reserve for doctoral studies 1993-99. Retired in 2007. Have travelled to France, Italy, Ireland, England, played many rounds of golf in Scotland, and toured the Baltic. Chaperoned high school trips to Spain, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. I went to Egypt months after the Arab Spring Revolution. Spend many days on Amelia Island off the coast of Jacksonville Florida.

Karen Wall Whitenack

Class of '66



Occupation: teacher/retired

Family: Husband, Pat, 3 children: Keli, Alan, and Juli 5 grandchildren

Interests: reading, traveling, Swedish afghans, photo books

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: When I was growing up, my mother told me I could select from three careers: librarian, hairdresser, and teacher. These were the basic choices in the 60's. I chose teaching and was the first one to go to college in my family. It became a rewarding career that I was able to pursue for 39 years. I enjoyed the experiences of teaching 5th and 6th graders at Eagle Elementary in Nebraska. As our children were growing up, we tended to visit relatives in Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, and Arizona. Now, we are visiting places such as Branson, Hannibal, Yellowstone, Grand Haven, and South Padre Island.

Jackie Watts Gautreau

Class of '66



Occupation: retired

Family: Married to Joe Gautreau for 29 years. Have two sons and one granddaughter.

Interests: spending time with family, reading , music, custom cars.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Had a fun career working in property management for 29 years and then went to a new career working for Clinique cosmetics. Now I love being retired. Have travelled to many car shows all over the country with our custom cars. Have been to many,many music concerts including the Deadwood Jam for 17 years in a row. My favorite thing to do now is enjoy as much time as possible with my 4 year old granddaughter.

Barbara Wille Simonsen

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: My loving husband, Roger Simonsen (Benson '64) and daughter, Lindy.

Interests: My 3 y/o granddaughter, Brynn, lights up my life & expecting another in the Fall

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Started out really slow on what's important...but it was truly worth the wait. Married at 30, daughter at 35, first granddaughter at 65, second expected at 69. Life gets better all the time! Daughter and son-in-law live in Rochester, MN where he is a doctor on staff at MAYO. We happily get to visit often. Ended my working career by owning AKSARBEN Roofing for 26 years, which we sold in 2013. I had a "bump in the road" in 2006 when I had an aneurysm in my head rupture. With only some memory issues, my recovery is unusually lucky and blessed. Life is Good !

Betty Wood Thomas

Class of '66



Nancy Wood Kracke

Class of '66



Occupation: School Public Relations (Retired)

Family: Married 47 years to Al Kracke, college sweetheart. Two sons, 4 grandchildren.

Interests: Traveling, sailing, power boating, gardening, reading, spoiling grandchildren.

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: I graduated from UNL with a Journalism degree and went to work for Westside Community Schools in their PR department. We moved to the Twin Cities in 1975 where I continued working in school PR until retirement in 2011. We enjoy boating on the Mississippi and Minnesota's many lakes. I reconnected with fellow '66 grad Ken Bird when we both served on a national school PR association board. That was unexpected and really great. Also still happily connected with BFF Kathy Metz Wobig.

James (Jim) Woodland

Class of '66



Occupation: Retired

Family: Married (Ruth) 35 yrs., 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren

Interests: Playing trumpet, singing, hiking, biking

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: For 13 yrs I taught science at Fremont HS, was an instructor at UNL for 3 yrs, and for 27 years was the Dir. of Science for the NE Dept. of Ed.

Paul Wyant

Class of '66



Occupation: Real Estate Development

Family: Original Wife, two daughters

Interests: Boating, traveling

Biography / Memorable Life Experiences: Vietnam, built a lot of buildings, moved to Florida, live on beach, go to Church on Sunday

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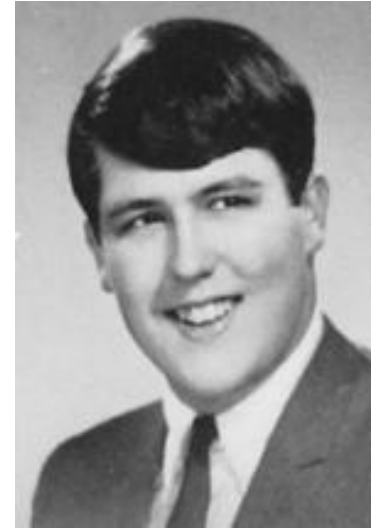
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*It was great seeing all of you at our
reunion. Thanks for sharing your pictures
and experiences.*

Farewell until we meet again

*Westside Class of '66
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*(Committee Members: Ken Bird, Dave DeBuse,
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