

**Memory Book**

**MOLINE SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF  
1968**

**50<sup>th</sup>**

**Reunion**

**September 28 - 30th, 2018**



**Past and Present**



# WELCOME

## MHS CLASS OF 1968

Today is a very special day for all our classmates from the Moline High School Class of 1968. For on this day we are gathering in the town of our alma mater for a celebration — our 50-year reunion. And as we ponder this adventure, we are struck again with the realization that half a century has passed. And we say to ourselves, “How could that possibly be?” A 50-year reunion sounds like it’s for old people, and we aren’t. The spirit of our youth is very much alive, despite infirmities of one sort and another.

Thanks to Guy Johnson, we have a gathering place on FaceBook (Class of 68) with a group of 200+ classmates and friends who can get together to share pictures, news and memories, so come and join us if you haven’t already.

We want to heartily thank all those people and businesses that have donated money, prizes, and especially their precious time, so we may enjoy our time together. Please show your support to them as they have supported us.

(Go get some Maid-Rites, and Whitey’s!)

Such memories, and countless more, will be flowing today as we gather to share stories of what binds us forever as the Moline High School Class of 1968 —  
— 50 years later.

Our committee has been meeting for the last several months to plan the grand event. — And each time we meet, the joy of what a nice bunch of kids we graduated with is overwhelming. —

Your 50th Reunion Committee,

Jackie (King) Wessel  
Barb (Gruner) Kimpe  
Barb (Strooband) Lynch  
Gayle (Carson) Stegner  
Jennette (Evans) Sullivan  
Tom Marckese  
Don Smith  
Tim Wessel  
Steve Griffin

Alice (Henderson) Versluis  
Bev (McFarlin) Nidey  
Nancy (Watson) Russell  
MaryAnn (DeClerk) Rose  
Diane (Waeyaert) Garman  
Sharon (Stontz) Schauenberg  
Jan McKenzie  
Gary Allen  
Greg White

Linda (Swanson) Lootens  
Francis (Coberly) McNelly  
Diane (Versluys) Hunter  
Nancy (Binder) Davis  
Debbie (Greer) White  
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# Class of 1968 Gazette

## 50th Reunion Information

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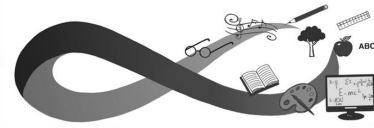
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### Golf ~ Friday

Golfers will tee off starting at 9:00am at Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan, Ill. The cost is \$40.00 each and includes a cart.



September 28, 2018



### Hotel

For those needing a room. Stoney Creek Hotel in Moline has a block of rooms reserved for us.

Block of Rooms , Approx \$114 per night, plus tx

800-659-2220

Block ID# 6281459

Other Hotel downtown,  
Radisson No Block

### Mixer ~ Friday

Cocktails or Coffee at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Moline from 7pm til 11pm. Cash Bar and \$5.00 entry fee Walk-ins Welcomed



September 28, 2018

September 29, 2018

### Dinner ~ Saturday

Cocktails starting at 6:00pm  
Dinner at 7:00pm  
Oakwood Country Club -  
Coal Valley  
Cost is \$30.00 each  
Reservation Required



September 30, 2018

### Picnic/Car Show Sunday ~ Free

This is a Potluck picnic and Car Show at the Ben Butterworth Parkway East Pavillion Starting at 3:00pm



### MHS Tour 10am Saturday ~ Free

For those wanting to see how the old school looks today, and reminisce about days gone by.

[www.moline68.com](http://www.moline68.com)

A big THANK YOU to all that attended the events. Your participation is what makes the reunion fun and successful. It is always a pleasure to socialize and reminisce about days gone by. But, more importantly to actually see one another in person. We hope to see you at the 55th in 2023 (Wow) And again, thank you for coming.



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Alan and Cathy (Strother) Otis

Lindy (Hallquist) Steeves

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Diane Garman (Waeyaert)

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Thank you  
for your support!

# *...Until We Meet Again*

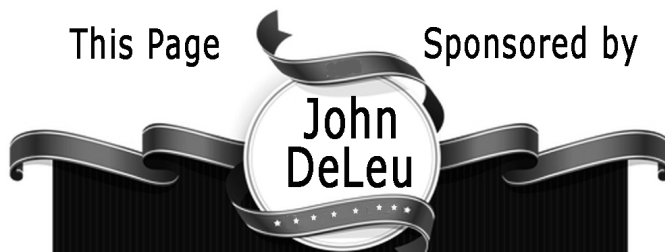
Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only I could have you back  
for just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
you always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again

# In Memoriam

Anderson, Harold	Armstrong, Robert	Arnold, Gary
Bates, Virgil	Berhenke, Daryl	Bjurstrom, Greg
Boquist, Nancy (Nielsen)	Bowden, Daniel	Bowling, Bruce
Brown, Gerry	Brownfield, Steve	Buckrop, Nancy (Roraback)
Carlson, Jan (Melvin)	Cartwright, Max	Close, Dan
Cooke, Debbie	Connelly, Tom	Cox, Lonnie (Thompson)
Davis, Patrick	DeKeyser, Dave	DeWitt, Clarice (Nixon)
Dorland, Diane (Schlotman)	Easter, Wilhelminia	Edwards, Mike
Fischer, Vicki (Tavenier)	Fostervold, Kelly	Garmon, Wesley
Gibson, Dave	Grafton, DeeJay	Greene, Doug
Hammitt, LeRoy	Hedger, Shelly (Avers)	Heeren, John
Hicks, Mark	Holmer, Shari (Lewis)	Holzinger, Steve
Hull, Susan (Whitney)	Howell, Mardee (Trapkus)	Huntoon, Karl
Ingelson, Linda	Johnson, Bruce	Johnson, Deborah (Elliott)
Johnson, Laurie, (Manis)	Johnson, Margo (Geyer)	Jump, Randy
Kernan, Susan K.	King, Lonnie	King, Stanley
Kinney, Dale	Klingbiel, Sheryl (Fuller)	Kowalski, Lydia
Kuberski, Tony	Lambert, Betty (VanBrunt)	Lamp, Susan
Lipke, Raymond	Lance, Janet (Knappen)	Mack, Jeff
Maloney, Becky	Massey, Pam	Massey, Roger
McVey, Louisa	Mellgren, Larry	Miljush, Deborah (Dawson)
Morford, Alan	Morrissey, William	Murphy, Carol (Wilson)
Navarro, Mike	Nicke, Mike	Nissen, Keith
Oaks, Donna (Mohr)	Oberg, Kris	Ough, Linda (Ashpole)
Page, David	Parker, Mike	Peterson, Dave
Peterson, Lynn (Smith)	Piliponis, Andy	Randles, Juna (Douglas)
Reeder, Monte	Ricke, Bill	Rohwer, "Glenn"
Ryser, Scott	Scherschel, Craig	Schimmel, Ken
Schuett, Carol (Mindrup)	Scott, Ashton	Shick, Don
Shiple, Cindy (Meers)	Slavens, Ted	Stablein, Bob
Staelens, Vick	Starkey, Vicki (Burke)	Starr, Greg
Strader, Vicky (McKinley)	Streiff, William	Thompson, Pamela (Oechsner)
Trevor, Patrick	Tribble, Malcolm	
Ueker, Frederick	VanDaele, William	Veiland, Ansis
Vermeire, Bob	Wahlgren, Chuck	Waldron, Barry
Ward, Jo (Kelly)	Warren, Rodger	Webster, Robert
Wells, Lyle	Weybright, Rick	Zuccarello, Carmen (Frantz)

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We've lost track of many classmates over the years  
and although we've tried, we can't locate them.  
If you see your name on this list and you graduated with us,  
please send us a note and tell us you're all right.  
We promise not to bother you or publish your whereabouts  
if you don't want us to, but we'd like to know that you're OK.

If you see the name here of someone that  
you know, and you know where they are,  
please tell them we're looking for them  
and ask them to contact us.

If you'd rather, let us know where they are  
and we can contact them.

You can send a note to us here... [reunion@moline68.com](mailto:reunion@moline68.com)

Robert Anderson  
W. Marcia (Boden) Lewis  
Barbara Bullock  
Deborah (Carlson) Harris  
Lawrence [Sid] Casillas  
Mike Cox  
Larry Crow  
Karl Decker  
Vicki Dooley  
Rita Fisher  
Dennis Freisinger  
Ken Funk  
Robert Garland

Wesley Garmon  
Mike Giovanazzo  
Arnold Glassman  
Susan Gordon  
Michael Healy  
Laura (Hernandez) Hoffman  
Easter Howe  
Drew Huskey  
Allen Jackson  
Mary Jenkins  
Waylan Johnson  
Barbara Johnston  
Margaret Lehman  
Richard McKay  
Larry Moore  
Gary Nelson  
Susan (Powell) Snider  
Bill Quaintance  
Sheryle Ragland  
Victoria Sage  
James Scudder  
Rosemary (Self) Simms  
Bruce Shuey  
Susan (Sipes) Howell  
Debbie Smith  
Sharon Sutton  
Dale Swanger  
Raymond Vallejo  
Robert Zimmerman



## Aitken, Kathy (Depies)

I have been retired for 3 years now and really enjoy it. My husband and I rent a condo in Florida for the winter months. We have been married 47 years and enjoy spending time with our 2 grandsons who are 12 and 9. I still can't believe that it has been 50 years since we graduated!

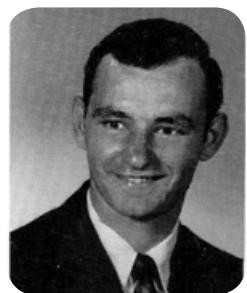


## Allen, Connie (McKeen)

I was employed by Key Auto Mall for 24 years, retiring from there in 2016. I took a career turn and am working at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where I grew up as a member. In the meantime, my children have been multiplying like rabbits. I have 15 grandchildren aging from 24 down to 6 months and 4 great-grandchildren, from 1 year old to 4 yrs. old. In 2015 I lost Bernie, my heart and soul, to cancer. Life has been different, but it continues on, with or without us. I find much joy in my family and my friends and can't imagine life without



either of them. The biggest wonder is, HOW DID WE GET THIS OLD? Wow. From pictures I have seen, we all still look pretty darn good for our ages! Stay happy, stay healthy and love life.

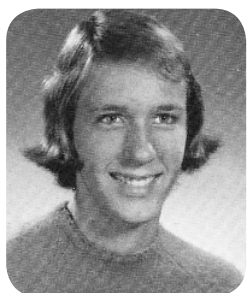


## Allen, Gary

After Highschool I moved to California. Married in 1972 and had a daughter, Heather. Moved to Colorado in 1983 where my wife passed. Remarried in 1993 and she passed in 2003. Married again in 2013 to Debby, my current bride. Spent 5 years in Florida helping raise my granddaughter Annette.

My work career has always been in the service industry. I was a manager and then supervisor for a large restaurant chain in Central California. I had 5 stores from Sacramento to Fresno. I left that job to pursue a partnership adventure

with a good friend. We had 3 restaurants, in Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, and Chico, California. My daughter developed Diabetes which then sent us to Denver to get her the best care. Currently retired and spending most of my free time in the Mountains camping. Living the dream.

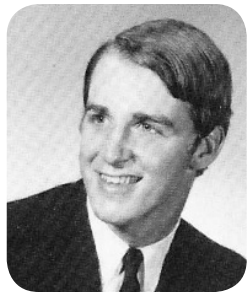


## Anderson, Elizabeth (Severn)

For several years I worked for Rock Island Arsenal or the (then) Weapons Command. After marriage and a couple of weeks before the birth of my son, Lance Foslien, I quit to be a mom. After a divorce, I went back until I married John Severn and moved to Zweibruecken, Germany. Nearly 5 years and 2 daughters (Aimee and Amanda) later, we moved to Huntsville, AL. From there, we went to Dayton, OH, and back to Madison, AL. I worked at bookstores and with Kelly Temporary Services while raising my kids. I also did freelance



editing and ghostwriting once we were back in the States. Now, we've retired to Sierra Vista, AZ, where all of our kids relocated, as well. Between genealogy, being the secretary for our local Westerners International club, an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, editing and publishing my own books, and ghostwriting, I keep plenty busy.



## Anderson, Randy

After MHS, I attended Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois on a football scholarship, graduated and then attended Western Illinois University in Macomb where I received a masters degree. My first job was at Arthur Andersen where I met my wife, Mary Beth. After 2 years at Arthur Andersen, I worked at Honeywell for 2 years and 19 years at Brunswick. I'm currently working at Wilson Sporting Goods in downtown Chicago. I've been at Wilson for 20 years. I primarily have worked in the IT business my entire work career.



I've been married to Mary Beth for 40 years. Mary Beth currently works for the American Dental Association in downtown Chicago. We have 3 children; Sarah, Mark and Ryan and 2 grandchildren; Dorothy and Christopher. Mary Beth and I first lived in an apartment in Evanston and then bought our first house on the Northwest Side. We then moved to a near northwest side suburb where we currently live in Park Ridge. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th year Class Reunion!

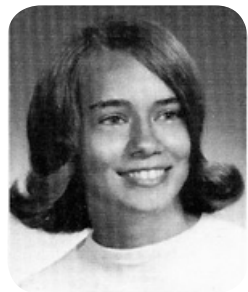


## Atkins, Ruth (Guyer)

I have been married to my husband, Bill, for 41 years. We have 4 children, 7 grand children, and 6 great grand children. I am a 28 year survivor of breast cancer. Praise God! We moved to Fl. from Carbon Cliff in 1981. While in Fl. I worked mostly in the medical field, as a monitor tech. and in billing in a cancer center until 2005, when I retired to take care of my grandchildren. In 2013, Bill retired. We traveled until 2016, when we bought a small cabin in Blue Ridge, Ga, where we now live. I love to travel and we have taken several cruises, but



my happy place is camping. I read a lot and try my hand at different crafts. We enjoy our quiet life with our old cocker spaniel, Ginger, seeing family, and meeting new friends at the different campgrounds around the country. If you are ever in Blue Ridge, look us up.



## Austin, Jeannie (Porter)

Oh my that time again. I never know what to write! So what's new in the last 5 years! We sold our hospice company and I retired! Well sort of. I still occasionally go in to help out we needed. But just about 16 hours a month. That's not too taxing. Stilling enjoying watching my youngest grandson play sports. Happy my daughter lives near me. My other three grandchildren are grown. One in Texas, one in Minneapolis and one in Iowa City. Well at the time of this printing. The one in Iowa City will probably have a job and who



knows where. My son is in Dallas, but thinking of moving back to Iowa. I enjoy keeping up with y'all on Facebook. Looking forward to the reunion..



## Bailey, Pam

Pounded paper for about 27 years in the command legal office at Rock Island Arsenal. With credit for my post office time (during school years), I was able to retire in 2006. Since then, I've accomplished nothing. Still not achieving up to potential. Ultra liberal. During the 90s, I served 2 terms as president of the QC chapter of NOW, the National Organization for Women, & 1 as an officer in the NOW state council for Illinois. Married in 2013, just 3 weeks after the Supreme Court ruled in US v Windsor, a case that made my bride eligible for federal



group insurance. Sounds sudden, but it followed an 18-year engagement. Belong to a gang of 20 smart, funny women, ages 45-75, determined to age disgracefully. We eat, drink, swim, play games & sometimes travel. On the road, we wear matching T-shirts. We do NOT wear hats. It's good to be in a gang. Still think we should do some unnecessary repetitive driving this weekend.



## Baxter, Kirt



After high school, I went to Iowa State for two years and then transferred to University of Illinois. In 1971, I married Deb Collison (MHS '69). We graduated from UI in 1974. For the next six years, I worked as a construction engineer on chemical and petrochemical facilities in Louisiana, Texas, and California. I then went to law school at the University of Houston and graduated from there in 1983. In 1982, we had a daughter, named Sarah, and in 1984, we had a son

named David. After graduation from law school, I worked for construction and engineering companies in Dallas, Texas, Charleston, West Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia. I semi-retired in 2016. We have three granddaughters – ages 7, 3, and 1. Sarah is now an oncology surgeon in Houston at M.D. Anderson Hospital and claims two of the little sweethearts. David is an architect in Atlanta and claims the other little sweetheart. Both are married to physicians. Deb and I have moved about 20 times since we were married but plan to settle down when we grow up. We currently live outside Atlanta. Deb and I balance our time between the grands and traveling.



## Bealer, Mike



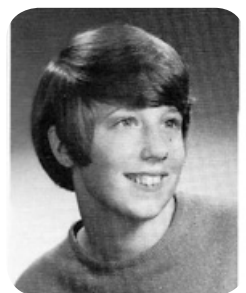
What to say about 5 decades since leaving MHS? The first decade began with college at Illinois State. Then work selling shoes and marriage(1973). Moved from retail shoe sales to Deere(1976). First child(Kelly 1978). Decade number 2 saw the birth of our second daughter Kristen(1982). It also brought the completion of college with BA from WIU(1981). The third ten years saw me complete the requirements for my MBA at St. Ambrose(1990). The fourth decade was somewhat fuller. Picked up an “adopted” daughter Jessica(2000).

Three “adopted” grandkids, Charlee(2004) , Vincent(2006) and Joe(2008). Retired from John Deere(2006). The last ten years has been spent traveling in our RV. South for the winter and seeing the US in the summer. Also cruising and trips to Alaska and Hawaii. Life is good.



## Becka, Karla (Bateman)

After high school I married Alan Cook and had 2 daughters..Divorced after 5 years..Married Ronnie Myers and raised his 4 and mine....Bowled and vacationed for 17 years...He died in 1989....In 1992 I married my soul-mate Doug Bateman...We both were at Town and Country Lanes in Rock Island....In 2004 we bought our own business. The Village Pub and Grill in Milan....To the present...Hoping to retire next year to enjoy our home in Scottsdale AZ...And be a snowbird...

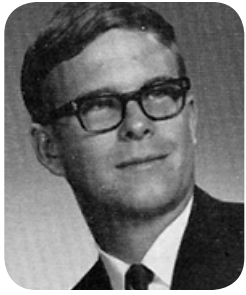


## Beresford, Jeanine (Allen)



After graduation, I went to Trinity College in Deerfield, IL and got a B.A. in Music. Then I married Wayne Allen (MHS Class of '69). We lived in Chicago for 3 years while he attended Moody Bible Institute. While in Chicago our two daughters were born, Hannah and Sarah. After Wayne graduated from Moody, we returned to Moline for a few years, then moved to Dallas, Texas for more training, and back to Moline. In 1989 we went to Manila, Philippines as missionaries and lived there until 1993. In 1995 we founded Freedom

Ministries, a Biblical Counseling Ministry here in Moline. We are still ministering to people struggling with spiritual and emotional issues. God has provided us with the strength and love needed to care for people.



## Beitel, Ashley



Just read a research study that showed a means to improve memory for people our age, but I can't remember where I read it. Senior moments are all too frequent. But, forgetfulness does improve your golf score.

Joyce retired and has never been happier. I'm still "working" hard two-days-a-week. She thinks I go to work to avoid "honey do's". Totally not true. Both of our kids are determined to be part of the go-go software world of the Bay

Area. I've told them, "No kids, no move". Besides, we like our home in Champaign: big garden, park in the back yard, five minutes to work, and ten minutes to everything else. We've caught the travel bug since Joyce retired. Just got back from the Galapagos Islands. I think we have a bucket list of places to go, but I swear the bucket has a hole in it. Joyce plans the trips. I do some heavy background research, like watching pertinent movies or finding relevant novels. Traveling is a nice break from checking the news of what's breaking. Plus, I'm eating my way to fluency in several new languages. My sister, Susie, passed away last year; my sister, Pat, is moving to Pennsylvania; and my brother-in-law, Chris, is probably headed back to North Carolina. It would be hard to part with the family home, however.



## Binder, Nancy (Davis)



At the commencement ceremony at Wharton Field House in 1968, I read "The Road Less Traveled" by Robert Frost. Little did I realize that 50 years later I personally would be taking an unexpected road less traveled as I faced the death of my beloved husband, Lee, of 44 years in 2016. Today I continue to work on my new normal. I am blessed with 2 wonderful sons. Bryce and Chris live nearby with their children: Tyler, 15; and Ella, 13. Kyle and Christi live in The Woodlands, Texas, with their children: Kate, 5; Alex 2-1/2; and Jonathan,

5 months. Traveling seems to agree with me, as I enjoy going to Texas often to visit the little ones. I am kept quite busy here with Tyler's and Ella's baseball and softball games. My winters are spent in Naples, Florida, where I play canasta, bocce, bowl and try to walk every day. I am happy and feel blessed, surrounded by great friends and family. I am equally blessed with a wonderful mother, who is 98! She is a source of strength to me and continues her life with an alert mind. How lucky I am! My closing thoughts....Be thankful for today because in one moment your life can change...forever!



## Bingham, Vicki (Grudzinski)



Since Graduation, I've been married to Doug for 48 years. God has blessed us with a companionable, loving relationship; and He has seen us thru good and hard times. We have 2 children and 1 grandson, who will graduate from MHS next year. I am still employed part time at Teske Pet and Garden. Our hobbies include horseback riding, hiking, and camping when the weather permits! And of course I love bird watching. In the winter we go to AZ. and haul our horses and dogs, where the weather does more readily permit outdoor activity.

My family is thankful to know Jesus Christ as our savior, and know where we will spend eternity. Wishing blessings to my fellow classmates!



## Black, Larry

After graduation in the fall of 68 I enlisted in the Air Force and served my last service at Eglin AFB in Pensacola, Florida. On August 1, 1970 I married Karen Miller (MHS class of 70) who I started dating during my senior year.

I worked at George Evans Corp. and J. I. Case in Bettendorf, Iowa while living in Coal Valley. We moved to Arkansas in 1974 and I worked at Arkansas Kraft Corporation (a paper mill) through 1979. That year I felt the call of the Lord into the ministry and we moved to Peoria, Illinois where I attended Bible

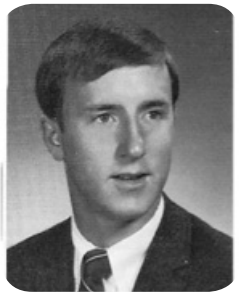
College. I have served as Assistant Pastor in Marion, Iowa and in Morrilton Ar. My first Senior Pastor position was in Sherwood, Ar., a suburb of Little Rock, Ar. After 5 years we moved to Great Falls, Mt, where I was Associate Pastor for 5 years and then we started a new church in Helen, Mt. After serving there for 5 years we moved back to Morrilton, Ar. where I have served as senior pastor at Morrilton Baptist Temple (breaking the five year cycle) for 16 years. Karen and I have three children. Two in our town and one in California, and seven grandchildren.



## Blomberg, John

1968 Iowa State; 1969-73 USN, CTI-Russian Linguist; 1974 UIUC; 1979 married to Dr. Mary E Theis from Dubuque (also my first instructor at UIUC), 1985 Annika born, 1986 Christina born; 1989 graduated Eastern Ill Univ; 1990 moved to Fleetwood, PA for Mary as Professor of Russian and French at Kutztown University; have worked as computer store manager, restaurant manager, asst golf pro, banking, mortgage broker, self-employed twice, with VA since 2010, currently as a Field Examiner. Mary will retire next year, maybe 2

more for me. Family trip to Sweden 6/19/2018 to see my relatives cut short 6/27/2018 by kitchen flood which ruined our 1st floor and finished basement so I am writing this at my neighbor's kitchen table. Life is like that. Thinking of retiring to another country. France, Sweden and Canada look good. Political climate untenable in US of A. No grandkids, yet. Girls taking after their parents. Not sure if I can make the reunion. Have a great time if I don't see you. Hope Ashley gets the date right this time. So sad to see how many good people are already gone. Every day is a gift. Don't worry, be happy, so they sing. I prefer "Hello Goodbye." Says it all. Beatles forever. See you on FB or Instagram.



## Bozeman, Virgil III

Left Moline in June of '68 and never really came back. Went off to Annapolis, got commissioned in the Navy, chose to serve on warships, and served on a bunch of them and got to see a whole lot of the world in the process. I retired in the rank of Commander in '93. Along the way, I had a couple of failed marriages, but even though the marriages didn't last, they produced three fabulous offspring of whom I am quite proud: Virgil IV, 43 years old, is a high school music teacher in Maine and a really talented choir director, and tenor.

Benjamin, 31 years old, is an aspiring chef in New York City. Kate, 28 years old, is an Assistant District Attorney in central Maine (the only one of my father's progeny to practice law) After the Navy, I worked for a while as a legislative aide for democrats in the Maine State legislature; I directed facilities management for a large public utility, and I finished my working life as the Interim Minister at a Congregational Church in Augusta, Maine. I met and married Rachel, my soulmate, and the great love of my life, in '96 and we've been together ever since. We spent the first 15 years of our marriage in Maine, but when my church job came to an end, we decided to go on an adventure. We sold our home in Maine and drove off to Merida, Mexico where we lived for six years. We had a great time there, met many wonderful new friends, and did a lot of globe trotting, but, we realized that we were too far away from the kids, and that we really did enjoy living somewhere with four distinct seasons. We moved back to Maine in December of last year and are renting a home in Portland while we build our dream home in Freeport. I like to golf, cook, entertain, and play with our dogs. No grand children yet, but hope springs eternal. I like to golf, cook, entertain, and play with our dogs. No grand children yet, but hope springs eternal.





## Brainard, Nancy (Lackey)

Well, happy 50th everyone! Doesn't seem possible. We still live in Moline and love to visit our grandchildren. Paul and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in May of 2017. We enjoyed a lovely dinner at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse. Since the last reunion, we have increased our family to 19 grandchildren. We now have 10 girls and 9 boys. Some are graduating from college, others will be graduating from high school and many are learning how to drive or already do. For me to be able to see each of these 19 grandchildren

graduate from high school is on my bucket list. Dylan Nicole is 3 years old and the youngest so you do the math! We decided to give up our boat this year but Paul still has his horse and does a lot of trail riding. I do a lot of volunteering at my church. We still enjoy traveling to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina each year. I love to keep in touch with everyone on Facebook. Thanks to the reunion committee for organizing a great 50th celebration!



## Brasmer, Lynn (Stockley)

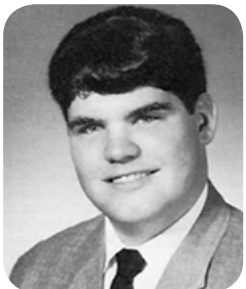
I moved to Tulsa to attend college and have been here ever since. My husband, Steve, and I have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren. We are a family of educators. I retired after 43 years as an educator, the last four of which I was president of our teacher's association (union) in Tulsa. My husband is also a retired educator. My son, Joshua, teaches political science at the University of Louisiana Monroe. His wife, April, is an English teacher and they have 2 children, Jacob 15 and Emma 13. My daughter, Rachel, teaches 5th grade at

Nettelhorst Elementary in Chicago. Her daughter, Edith, will be 9 in March. My mother will be 90 this year and lives in East Moline so I still get there to see her. I love retirement and the opportunities it allows for me to do. I am actively involved with the retired educators and serve on the state board as well as am president of the local association. My volunteer activities are mostly with education entities. I love to travel and look forward to a trip to Alaska in August.



## Breshears, Pat (Bowman)

I married right out of high school. Have 3 wonderful children and 7 of the best grandkids in the world. Became a nurse but decided that wasn't what I wanted to do when I grew up. Back to school got my masters. Have been a therapist working in behavioral health for the past 30 years. I also travel world wide doing interventions. Life is good.



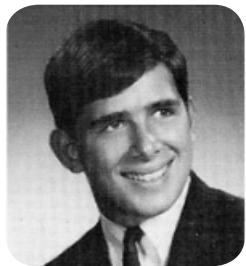
## Breshears, Robert

I married Pat Bowman and had Melissa, Bobby and Billie Ann. In 1991 I married Marlena Hays and have 3 stepson: Danny, Donny, Darin. Together we have 14 grandkids and 12 great grands.

I got my associate degree in HVAC from Scott Community College after spending 20 years over the road trucking. Worked in housing management in FL for a number of years then owned an 8 bed senior housing in Sherrard, IL for 12 yrs. Later headed up maintenance at a church/school in Jesup, IA for 6

years. I am currently retired and spend much of my time at the cabin, on the Wapsi river, in Littleton, IA. My wife and I like to attend all graduations of all of the grand kids who live in multiple states.





## Briesch, Bill



After graduation I served in the Marine Corp for two years. Upon returning to the Quad Cities, I went to Black Hawk College and then transferred to Illinois State earning my under graduate degree in business administration.

I had a long and fulfilling career at Case IH in East Moline and Grand Island, Nebraska. I served in various management positions ending up as the crop harvesting manager. In 2009 I retired and now split my time between Iowa

and Arizona (winter) . I am happily married to my best friend; her name is Kayla. We have three children and six beautiful grandchildren. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, fishing, hiking and gardening. Thanks to all the committe members for their time and efforts



## Briggs, Paula (Peterson)



I worked for Illinois Bell right after high school as a cord-board operator (yikes!). I worked my way up managing to survive all the deregulation “spin offs” and retired as an operations manager with 30 years service in 2001.

I married Tom Peterson (class of 69). He worked for IH, which we all know closed. Fortunately, shortly after, I was offered a promotion in Peoria, so that’s how we ended up here. We have 2 girls, Stephanie and Kimberly, and 3 grandchildren. They all live in this area, which truly is a blessing!

After retirement, we bought a small horseback riding business and named it the Rockin’ P Public Riding Ranch, Inc. We turned the business over to Stephanie (the true horseman in the family!) about 7 years ago. I still help out - I love being around the horses; it’s great therapy! We enjoy riding, camping and being with family as much as possible! To all of you - God Bless!



## Burdick, Sue (Knipe)



In August, LaVerne and I will have been married 42 years. We have 2 daughters; Laura and Rosemary. Rosemary is married to Josh and our granddaughter is Ruthie. I substituted through the 2016-2017 school year after retiring in 2011. Prior to retiring, I did a lot of subbing and had some teaching jobs including part-time positions at Moline. LaVerne retired from the Rock Island Arsenal in 2005. LaVerne has a large red raspberry patch and I have some yellow raspberries. We attend a lot of the class monthly luncheons. I am active at

church and attend a bible study. LaVerne enjoys sign language and attended a deaf bible study for a while, and he is in charge of a group that meets once a month to eat and visit.



## Carlson, Sandy (Quebbeman)



After graduating from Moline High School, Sandy attended Northern Illinois University, where she graduated with an education degree and also met her husband, Robert, to whom she has been married for 47 years. She taught in the Illinois public schools for two years, after which they moved to Michigan while Robert pursued doctoral studies. They lived in North Dakota for ten years, during which time a daughter Amanda and son John were born. Sandy and her family moved to Springfield, MO in 1986, at which time she made a career change to work in the interior design industry and continued raising the children. Amanda is now an associate professor at NIU and John is a computer security specialist for Microsoft in Seattle. At the present time there are three grandchildren. Sandy and Robert lived in London for a semester in 2004, and upon returning designed and built their current home in Springfield. Sandy has been an interior designer for the past 30 years and has her own business called Classic Home by Design. Robert is an emeritus professor, recently retired from being orchestra conductor at Missouri State University. He assists Sandra as she actively continues her design business.



## Carpenter, Judy (Jones)



I continued working for Carson, Pirie, Scott after graduation. I married Don (Buzz) Jones on February 28th 1970 and I joined him in Hanau, Germany where he was stationed in the Army. We returned to Moline and I accepted a department manager position with Carson, Pirie, Scott and Buzz was hired by International Harvester. We bought our first house in Silvis in 1974 and I stopped working so we start our family. We had two daughters, Kimberly (February 1976) and Kristy (June 1977). In 1978 we moved to Illinois City

where we built our 2nd home on 5+ acres. In 1984 I began working for the Operations Center at Rock Island Arsenal and eventually became team leader for the Automation Center for Tank Automotive and Chemical Command, TACOM. We have 4 grand-daughters (Kaila, Ally, Kendra, Maleigha) and one grandson, Lincoln. Buzz retired in 2002 and we moved back to Moline when i retired in 2011. I enjoy golf, reading, gardening, my grandchildren. Buzz is an avid golfer and enjoys fishing and being with our grandkids.



## Carson, Gayle (Stegner)



Married twice and divorced twice. Single life suits me! From those marriages I have 2 children; Jody 50 and Michael 33. They have blessed my life with 3 grandchildren; Jody has Sydney 23 and Samantha 19, and Michael has Carter 5. Being GG (Gramma Gayle) is the prize won for parenting! Worked 30 years in the Teamsters Union at several truck lines (No, I did not drive semis. Poor depth perception would have put others at risk! ) in the QC. After the last one closed unexpectedly in 2000, I finally attended college at Black Hawk

and became a medical transcriptionist, working for Trinity Medical Center for 15 years, and retiring May 31, 2017. Retirement has been GREAT! My new work is straightening out my house, Mom's house and both of our yards. Mom passed on the love of flowers to me; I now plant her yard and mine in the spring. She turned 101 in March and still is sharp as a tack, no dementia at all. What a blessing. I share my house with 4 pets, all of them rescues (they may or may NOT be cheaper than therapy, but they do take its place. They and GREAT friends, that is.) They have many predecessors, all greatly missed and loved. Life is good! I hope you can all say the same.

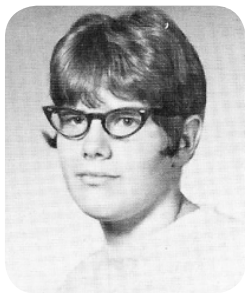


## Chapman, Sharm (Schneck )

After graduating from Moline, I attended Augustana and graduated from there in 1972. I began teaching at Coyne Center School that fall and then married John Shneck in June of 1973 after he returned home from Viet Nam. I continued my education by receiving a master's degree from St. Xavier University. I taught 4th and 5th grades at both Coyne Center School and Sherrard Grade School. After 38 years of teaching, I retired and was a substitute teacher for both Sherrard and Moline schools. John and I have 2



daughters, Anne, 38, and Sarah, 37. Anne and her husband now live in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. They have three children; Grayson, 7, Evie, 5, and Charlie, 3. Sarah and her husband have 2 children; Addy, 5, and Beau, who is a newborn this spring. I have been a full-time "nana" to all 5 grandchildren, babysitting M-F until Anne's family moved to TN in November of 2017. I love being with the grandchildren and participate in as many activities with them as we can fit in daily. I love to read, cook, and do outdoor activities, especially morel mushroom hunting. I am blessed to have so many dear friendships that began in grade school or junior high school and remain strong today.

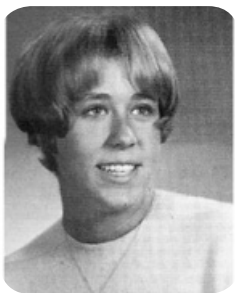


## Coberly, Frances (McNelly)

While working as a secretary, I married in 1969 and had two daughters. I lost my husband in 1977, but the Lord provided a second loving husband (Brent McNelly) in 1979. For years I was a stay at home mom until we opened a Christian bookstore in 1988. After five years at the store, I felt the call to be a teacher, so I went back to college. I retired from teaching middle school English in 2015, but have stayed active in the field by substituting, especially long term sub jobs. My longest stint was an 8 month assignment



as a high school English/Drama teacher. It has truly been a mission field. Our son died in 2014 of liver failure, but both daughters and their families continue to be a blessing. We have three grandchildren in Dublin, Ireland, three in Helena, Montana, and two in the Dayton, Ohio area. Both my husband and I agree that being grandparents is both our greatest blessing and our greatest accomplishment. We love to travel, especially to see grandchildren and have our daily on-going backgammon tournament. Life has truly been very kind to me.



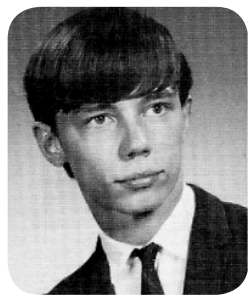
## Copeland, Liz

If you want to find me, I'm probably at Fermilab National Accelerator lab working outside in the 6800 acres of wetlands, woodlands, savannah, and prairies. After completing coursework at the Morton Arboretum and The U of Illinois Extension office, I became a master naturalist and full time volunteer with Fermilab Natural Areas. There, my true learning began.

After 34 years of teaching English, and even some administration, I have begun a second career that pays no monetary value but the learning is immeasurable.



With FNA I have helped with small mammal studies, monitored amphibians, crayfish, dragonflies and yes, snakes. Besides participating in biweekly regular workdays year round, I am also a steward of a 14 acres woodland. My job is to remove invasive species, plant native plugs, conduct surveys of woodland forbs, in hope of increasing our FQI Floristic Quality Index. So far we've gone from a 23-48. Additionally I am the vice-president of our Not for profit FNA board and on 4 committees. In my spare time I lead tours, and do outreach events. I'm loving my new sport of pickle ball, but enjoy working in my yard and just cuddling with my two cats Clancy and Porcha.



## Cobert, Craig

I worked at John Deere for a while, then worked at Cobham Life Support as an Electronics Technician in Engineering doing research and development. I retired from there. I received a Bachelors Degree from St. Ambrose. I am married have two children and four grandchildren. I am now enjoying retirement and doing some traveling. That's it in a nutshell.



## Collins, Deb

Associate Degree Respiratory Therapy Blackhawk College. Husband, Gary, 49 years. Four children (3 girls and 1 son, 9 grandchildren). Worked as Respiratory Therapist 28 years locally and for Blackhawk College 5 years as Clinical Instructor. Major back surgery 12/2012, disabled and automatically retired. Love quilting, time with family and grandchildren, music, church and bible study. Recently moved from the farm after 43 years in the same home.



## Collins, Mike

Graduated and hitchhiked to Berkely California. That was a eye opener. Then I went into the Air Force as a surgical technician. Got out and went to Arizona. Started work as a grunt in the best custom hotrod upholstery shop there. Started to learn the trade and two years later was on my own doing tuck and roll. Moved to Apacheland and started rebuilding buggy's. Started doing gunfights in the streets for tourists. Three years of getting shot off roofs and



rolling down stairs. Couple of commercials and then back to interiors in classics and hotrods. Married Karen in 86 and moved back to Moline. Directed a Music Guild show, and sold real estate for two years. While I did that I did contracting work. Joe was born in 98. Got sick and was hospitalized for two months paralyzed with Gullian Barre' syndrome. Healed enough to start back to school at Blackhawk, got an associates degree. Moved to Bloomington and got a Bachelors in Speech communication, was Twelve hours short of a masters and went back to upholstery. Waited for Joe to graduate high school then moved back to hometown and living in Sherrard. Sorry to have bored you with all this but if you have a couple of hours, I will fill you in with the rest. Oh, I have taken the role of Santa Clause for six years now at Christmas , so it you need my services around Christmas, Ho Ho Ho!



## Cook, Gary

I retired from the Arsenal in 2016 after working there for 32 years as an electrical engineer.





## Cook, Tim

Moved to California in June of 1972. Worked at many varied professions; sawmill, bartender, construction, car sales and retail management. Married in 1978, divorced in 1984. One daughter, Danielle. She has a PHD in Pharmaceutical Research and is doing cancer research near Boston. Retired in April of 2018. Enjoying it immensely. Activities include golf, hot boating, hot rodding, reading and doing nothing.



## Cordell, Mike

After Graduating got an associates at Black Hawk, married Linda Owens from Davenport, had Mike Jr, and worked a few retail jobs, most notably at Best Buy for a total of 25 years. Currently Linda and I live in Bettendorf very near to my son, daughter in law and my two wonderful granddaughters Claire and Charlee. I consider myself semi retired, but work the counter at Batteries Plus Bulbs full time.



## Covemaker, Suzie (Neels)

I married Jerry Neels of East Moline on Jan 2, 1971. We had three children, Lisa (47), Cathy (42 & Tom (39). We have 6 Amazing Grandchildren, Cody (26), Alex (22), Lauren (19), Emma (14), Callee (10) & Piper (8) & 4 Step-Grandchildren, Cameron (18), Chris (15), Carter (12) & Conner (9). Also 2 Beautiful Great-Grandchildren, Palmer (2 1/2) & Riley (1 1/2). My husband & I owned Neels Plumbing for 28 years until he died from an accident at which time our son, Tom, took over the business. I also worked at Handy True Value

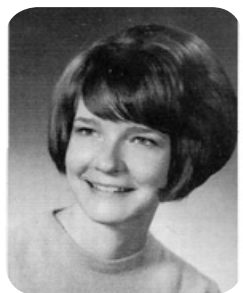


Hardware For 23 years. After retirement I had to stay busy so for the last 4 years I've been with East Moline School District #37 working in the kitchen a couple hours a day at Ridgewood School & Love It! Other than that I just been taking it easy enjoying Grandkids, Great-Grandkids & My Family.



## Cramer, Cindy (Hoste)

I started working at John Deere Harvester in 1969. After 30 yrs there, I transferred to Deere & Co and later retired after 43.6 years. I married in 1970 to my soulmate Lester. We have two children. A son Jeff was born in 1971 and a daughter Jessica was born in 1978. They are both married and each have a son and daughter. Being a grandma is the "best". I went back to college in 1999 and 9 years later graduated with a BA degree. My hobbies include sewing, quilting, golfing, gardening and spending time with friends and family.



## DeBates, Teresa (Schwartz)

Greetings fellow classmates! I've been living in New York for 37 years on my dairy farm with my husband, Carl. Together with my son, Tanner, & his wife, Heather, we milk 120 Holstein cows & raise 120 replacement heifers. I love walking our 700 acres & identifying plants & animals I see. I still also work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, as an Area Biologist. I do Conservation Planning, including fish & wildlife habitat planning, on private land throughout New York state. I'm not retired



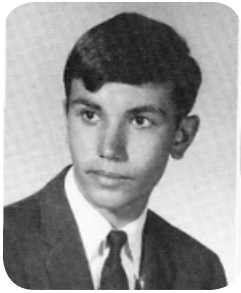
yet!! My husband is still working as a Biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Our daughter, Honor, is an aspiring author and is now married and living in Wisconsin. It's hard to believe it's been 50 years since graduation; the years have passed by quickly!!



## DeClerk, MaryAnn (Rose)

Wow, 50 years. Where has time gone? Not a whole lot has changed in my life. My husband Bill and I will celebrate our 45th anniversary in August and we still live in Coal Valley. We have 2 children. Our daughter Amy lives in Coal Valley with her 2 daughters. Kaitlyn 20 will be a junior at St. Ambrose and Emily 15 will be a sophomore at Alleman. Our son Pat and his wife Jen live in Corona, California and they also have 2 daughters. Khloe is 7 going into second grade and Ella 6 will be in first grade. That makes 4 beautiful granddaughters for us.

In 2015 I retired from HyVee. After a year off I chose to go back part time, 2 days a week. In my spare time I love to golf, work in my yard and of course SHOP.



## DeLeu, John

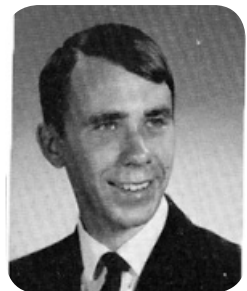
After moving to Florida in 1978 (yes 40 years ago!) I concluded my career with Flowers Foods as President of Flowers Baking Co. of Miami. I am very proud of the growth our company enjoyed during my 38 year tenure. Our company now serves over 90% of the population of the U.S with such National brands of bread such as Nature's Own, Wonder, Dave's Organic Killer Bread and Tastykake. I retired on Dec 31, 2015. I am married to my wonderful wife, Charlotte, with all three of our children close by in South Florida. We have five

grandchildren, enjoy traveling the world and playing golf four times a week. All of the kids enjoy our beach condo about 40 miles from our home. I still see Mike Versluis and Tom Wescott a couple times a year in Las Vegas where we always have an epic time. Thanks to the Reunion Committee for all of their hard work. I know all of the out of towners especially appreciate it.



## Dietsch, Phil

Married since 1971 to Suzy Smarsty. Father of 3 - Phillip, Kimberly and Michael. Grandfather of 7, Zack, Madison, Lydia, Emily, Grant, Ethan and Lauren. Retired, living in the countryside. Loves gardening, cooking and taking one day at a time.



## Dismar, Jerry

Colleges: Augustana, U of Illinois Dental school and masters in public health Navy- 1976-78, private practice 1978-94, Dental Director Lake County Health Department 1979-2012. Wife- Cathy, 2 kids- Lauren and Bill, 5 grandkids- Ari, Sophia, Vince, Elly and Gigi. Moved to Florida in 2016, still have a home in Libertyville, Illinois. Retired to the good life! Still practice part-time.



## DuPont, Carl

50 years! It has all gone too fast! I'm a great grandfather now. I retired 12 years ago, after 34 years at Williams White Co. and have been building and refreshing old cars for about 8 years. Been going to car shows with my '62 Plymouth Valiant and homebuilt Jeep Woody Wagon.

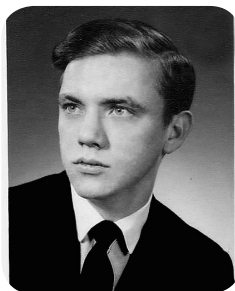




## Dort, Nancy (Crawford)

I went into the accounting field after attending some classes at Black Hawk. I worked at several interesting companies to say the least. I gave life to 3 beautiful girls; Jenell, Michell and Farrah, losing Jenell to a car accident at the age of 4. I moved to Georgia in 1986 where I met and married my wonderful husband, Carlton. Together we have 4 girls, 12 grandchildren and 1 great. In 2002, I was diagnosed and blessed with breast cancer. After my surgery and treatments, I found this new sport for survivors, "Dragon Boat Racing." I fell

in love with it. I am a member of 4 teams, 1 being international. Carlton, my husband, is so understanding; he lets me take off to all these awesome places. I have actually paddled in 14 different countries with side trips to the Great Wall of China, cruises and adjoining countries. I even jumped off a cliff in the Philippines. I am an active member in church where I wear many hats. I sing in the praise band, alter guild and crafting. We do one craft fair yearly with all proceeds going to charities. We have made upwards of \$25,000 at 1 fair.



## Dyer, Guy

Moved to Massachusetts right after graduation. Got married, twice. Divorced twice. Four kids . Two sons, two daughters. Served as a Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne. Got involved with horses and rodeo. A little rough on the bod! Moved back to the Quad Cities in 93. Started my own construction business restoring houses in the Broadway District. Facebook married me to two of our beautiful classmates. Lucky me! Became bionic in 2015 when the VA used me as a test subject. Fun times there!

Spending my retirement fishing, taking photos, and just enjoying the QCA.



## Ekdahl, Karen (Sauer)

I graduated from Iowa State with majors in French and English, lived in France as a nanny, moved to Hannibal to teach French and English, had a blind date, married the guy, and I'm still there. I took 10 years off from teaching to have three kids: Chris, 40; John, 37; and Katie, 35. Chris lives in Ankeny, Iowa; John lives in Atlanta, GA; and Katie lives in St. Louis. I also now have three grandchildren: Braden, 14; Blake, 9; and Clara, 1. I retired from teaching in 2008 and so far haven't done anything to occupy my time except enjoy retire-

ment. I spend 6 months of the year at our home on Torch Lake in Michigan, again doing nothing but enjoying retirement, entertaining kids and grandkids and family and friends. Its been fun connecting with MHS '68 classmates on Facebook!



## Ellett, Jan (Peterson)

Married Dale Peterson in August of 1969  
Graduated from Lutheran Hospital school of nursing in 1970  
Worked at Galesburg hospital, pediatrics after graduation in 1970  
Our first daughter was born in 1971, our son in 1974 and our second daughter in 1975 Our third daughter was born in 1978. I was a stay at home mom until our youngest entered school in 1983. I went back to nursing part time that same fall. I worked at Illini for 16 years. I transitioned into office nursing.

I worked for a family physician until retiring in 2013. My life was forever changed in 2004 when my son went home to be with Jesus. I can't imagine how I would have survived that time in my life without my relationship with Him and my family. My husband joined Paul in April of 2016. I am now back where I started, Moline. My family all live close and I am involved in a wonderful church





## Epplin, Valerie (Brown)

I got married in 1969. Have three children, two boys and one girl. Lost husband in car accident in 1982 so raised my three children on my own. Got them through college and on to good jobs. I'm very proud to say that my daughter wore my wedding gown on her wedding day with only a few alterations. I have two grandsons and one granddaughter and four 4-legged g-kids. I was on the show team of The Just For Kicks Dance Club. We opened the show for Mickey Gilley and Janie Fricke in Sioux St Marie Michigan in 1989. At the

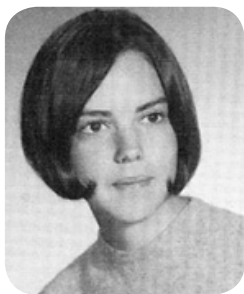


Traverse City Michigan Cherry Festival in 1989 we opened For Doug Stone and Mark Collie. In 1990 we performed in a talent contest and gave lessons on the Holiday cruise Ship. I was a ramp agent/courier for Fed Ex but retired with my years working for an intermediate school district (special needs) as a sub teacher assistant and in transportation. I live in Harbor Springs, Mi where everyone says is Gods country; Tip of the mitt; 35 miles from the Mackinaw Bridge; sign on the way that says Ice Box of the Nation in Pellston Mi.



## Evans, Jennette (Sullivan)

Married to Dennis for 47 years. Live in Geneseo, IL. Have 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. Retired from ORA after 35 years. Love retirement. Enjoy gardening, reading and traveling with great friends. Like to attend MHS class of 68 monthly luncheons. Thanks Guy Johnson for organizing this! If you haven't attended one you should! It's great to see classmates and reminisce. A big "thank you" to Gary Allen, Jackie Wessel and all other committee members for all their time put into this reunion.



## Feuerbach, Jackie (Meyer)

After graduating from University of Iowa, I worked for over 25 years as a Dental Hygienist in Puerto Rico, Houston TX at UNIV of TX MD ANDERSON HOSPITAL, in Geneva, Switzerland and in Saudi Arabia with SAUDI ARAMCO. I've been so blessed to be able to combine my love of traveling and experiencing other cultures through my professional career. After a nine month stint in New Zealand in 1991, I returned Stateside and met my husband of 20 years in Iowa. Cliff Meyer ('62 grad of North Scott HS). Cliff had 2 children and now we are



enjoying our 7 grandchildren -living in Oxnard ,CA and Jacksonville,FL. In 1996 we built a home in Montgomery,TX in a golfing, tennis and boating community after experiencing those mid-west winters for several years. Grandchildren and parent care giving opportunities motivated us to move in 2010 to Ponce Inlet, FL where we currently reside. Cliff and I have both endured health crises over the years , but we enjoy our travels, beach walks , golf and tennis and are thankful to be so close to our grandchildren and participate in their life adventures!! We are looking forward to reconnecting with former MHS classmates and celebrating 50 years !!??



## Fodge, Pam (Gall)

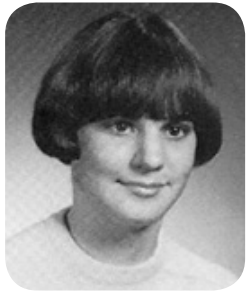
Worked in support of the medical field for over 30 years retiring in 2010 when my spouse was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky. He retired in 2017. We are getting settled into retired life enjoying our family, especially our three grandchildren Kaely, Rebecca and Grant.





## French, Sally (Gordon)

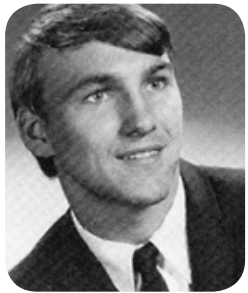
Moved to California for a few years. Returned to Il. in 1972. Started working for the City of Moline in 1974. Worked as an emergency dispatcher for 23 years then took a job in evidence for 11 years. Retired in 2009. Have 3 sons and 10 grandchildren. Short and sweet version!



## Fuller, Nancy (Kasper)

Since retiring from teaching third grade, I've enjoyed having more time for church activities and fellowship with friends as well as my hands-on hobbies and reading. In recent years I've become a political activist centered around my passion for respect for human life and family values. My husband, Hans, and I are members of a local club that owns park-like property on Mercer Island here in the Seattle area where we spend many of our summer days. We both love to

travel so we usually go to Hawaii in November and often Arizona or elsewhere in January and/or February to catch some sunshine, which is non-existent in the Northwest during the winter season. Much to our delight, we have been blessed by a grandson, Soren, who turns two in October. Future plans include a permanent move to a place where the clouds part and the rain stops for the greater part of the year! Wishing you all the best!!!



## Gerard, Jerry

After Highschool, I moved to California and NEVER came back. LOL Married, No children, and living the dream.

I totally miss all my classmates and wish I could make the trip back for the 50th, as I am sure it will be the best one yet. But right now it is 50/50.

I have so many great memories of our class, it would be impossible to list them all. So, if I don't make it to the 'party', I would like to wish everyone good health and happiness.



## Geyssens, Joe

After leaving High School I went to work at a Hyster fork truck dealership. I was a Road Tech for them for 18 years. Then I moved to Cape Girardeau Missouri where I worked up to territory and branch manager for the Hyster dealership. After that I moved in North Carolina, where the Fork trucks are made, and worked in the engineering department till I retired. Then I moved back to Cape Girardeau and live outside Cape Girardeau in a town called Jackson Missouri.





## Gibbons, Barb (Cavanaugh)

Graduated WIU 1972: Married Bob Zelnio 1972 & moved to IC, IA: MA degree U of IA: Son Christopher born 1974. Moved to NC & worked for Belks: Moved to SC, daughter Erin born 1978. Moved back to IC, IA after son lost hearing as a result of spinal meningitis. Moved to PA, got a job teaching at Art Institute of Philadelphia, later professor for Widener Univ. and in 1990 hired by Peirce College in Career Services. Divorced 1987: Obtained a MS in Business 1992: Remarried 2001 to Thomas



Cavanaugh, former Special IRS Agent: Moved in 2002 to Deering, NH: Diagnosed with colon cancer 2008 and again 2010; survivor: Currently Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist of Deering and publicity director for a non-profit organization



## Gillespie, Arlene (Kropp)

Places I've lived since graduation: California, Texas, Arizona, Spain, Mississippi, South Carolina, back to Illinois, finally to Las Vegas in 1985. I went to college part time for 12 years while working and raising my 2 daughters. I have 4 grandchildren ranging from 20 years to 12. I have worked in the casino industry since 1989 and have been a financial analyst since 1995.



## Gisel, Jim

After graduation two failed attempts at college lead to a fall sign up into the Marine Corps with a December 31st, 1968 departure. This was done in partnership with Thomas Marckese and Mike Edwards both 1968 graduates. With this being said I would like to thank those classmates that preceded us with their enlistment in which there were many. Too many to list for this bio. Prior to leaving for overseas I became engaged to fellow classmate Jennifer



Norton. Upon return after 1 year tour of duty overseas we were married in November 1970 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. We then moved to Port Royal South Carolina. Because the rest of my life to date was and has been "guided" and shared with by my partner in life, Jennifer Norton/Gisel. (See her bio for more details)

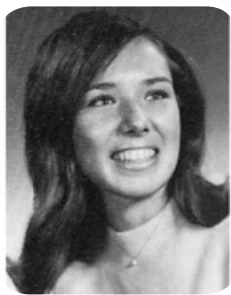


## Grantz, Chris (Sheppard)

(Just a little preface for Gary's benefit... Do you all remember how much we hated that first day of school assignment - "Write 200 words titled 'What I Did On My Summer Vacation'" and how we always waited until the last minute to write it? Yeah. That. At least this time the 200 words aren't required!) After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison with a major in Radio, Television, and Film and minors in Theatre and Journalism, I got married,



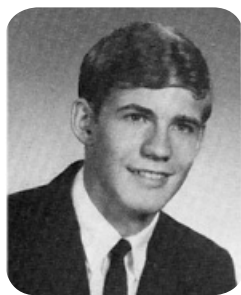
moved to North Dakota, and have spent the last many decades wearing dozens of hats in our family cable television, internet, and computer business. With our children grown and living in Minneapolis, Madison, San Francisco, and Dallas, I partly retired five years ago to rebuild my grandmother's home in Berkeley, California that had been destroyed in a fire. I now split my time between working in the family business in the reddest of red states and acting in the bluest of the blue. My most recent project has been an ongoing role in The Speakeasy in San Francisco, an incredibly challenging immersive theatre experience. So, there you have it!



## Grantz, Tricia (Irish)

After four years of undergrad at the U. of Iowa, I worked as a photographer Iowa City for a year at the Iowa City Press Citizen. Then I was a TA in the graduate Art department, and received my MA. I immediately moved to NYC, my dream since I was a little kid. It was a great eight years....three years at Time Magazine, first as a picture editor, then a photographer. Following that, my old Iowa pal, Mary Tiegreen and I had a book design firm. I eventually got into advertising, and met my husband Bob, who took me kicking and screaming to

Florida. We have two beautiful children, Cameron and Charlie, and recently celebrated 35 wonderful years together. I'm currently designing homes here in Delray, and traveling the world as much as possible. Summers find us in Park City, Utah, hiking and cycling. Life is good.



## Griffin, Steve

After Graduation I attended Black Hawk College majoring in Euchre. There I met my first wife Lisa Christensen (Class of 69). We will be celebrating our 47th anniversary in July. Our 3 children Mike, Katie and Chris reside in the QC. We have been blessed with 3 grandchildren Nolan (18), Calvin (16) and Olivia (5). The boys are active in MHS sports so Grandma and Papa spend a lot of time in the bleachers. Lisa retired from the Moline School District in 2016. I'm semi retired from Floorcrafters after 41 years. Our son Michael will be taking over

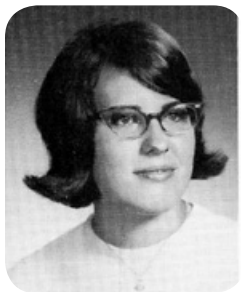
the helm. Planning to spend some good times at our River Cottage near Thomson, IL.



## Gruner, Barb (Kimpe)

For all the years I wanted to move away, I am glad I stayed...well, ok I moved across the river. Thank you Class of '68 for giving me the best friends, many laughs, memories of dances, football and basketball games and teaching me life lessons. I think I might have even learned something along the way. My life has had highs and lows, but friends have been there to pick me up during the lows and get me going again.

Retirement has allowed me and husband, Joe, to spend time with children and grandkids, bicker more and enjoy traveling. Thankfully, GPS has saved our marriage on travels. Sorry, no hobbies to mention, because that would require me to sit still. I wish all classmates health and happiness in life's 4th quarter. Game on.



## Hall, Pam (Thonn)

Married Mike Thonn (MHS Class of 65) in Dec 1968. Two kids...Jen (Class of 93) and Andy (Class of 2000). Jen & her boyfriend, John, live in Davenport and he has one son, Johnny, who is 7. Andy & Amber (Class of 2001) live in Columbia, SC. Taylor, 16 (Class of 2019), Seth is 13, and Lauren is 12. Mike & I both retired from John Deere. We volunteer with the Davenport Elks and local Veterans events. I volunteer with the RI Arsenal USO. We spend most of the summer at our permanent campsite at Sunset Lakes Resort (formerly Landuit's Lake).

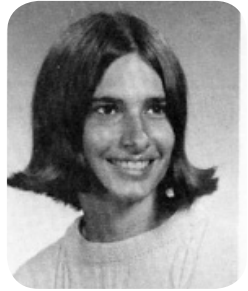




## Hallberg, Judy (Wolf)

I retired in August 2008 from Rock Island Arsenal! I'm glad to be retired and manage to keep busy during the spring and summer months in Iowa! From 2009 to Present my husband, Virgil, and I spend 4-5 months during the winters volunteering in a group known as RV MAPS. We travel in our motor home to various southern locations working projects at Churches, Campgrounds, and drug rehab facilities! We do remodeling work, such as: painting, various handyman jobs, and have laid ceramic tile.

Virgil and I enjoy keeping up with our 10 grandkids and 1 great-grandson as much as we can.



## Hallquist, Lindy (Steeves)

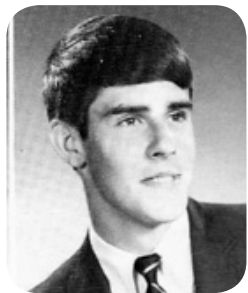
After graduating from Western Illinois University in 1972, I married John Steeves and taught low incidence special needs students for 11 years before retiring from that job to have our two daughters, Kelly and Molly. When our girls were in elementary school, I went back to work as the assistant principal of a southwestern suburban public high school that housed approximately 2200 students. I loved the job, which I had for nearly twenty years, but retired from it in 2011. Now we are free to volunteer, travel, visit friends and our

family. Our girls are married, living in southwest Michigan and each have two children, so we spend time enjoying our four grandchildren: Brady (5), Lily (4), Anna (3) and Brynn (2). After all these years, I've come to realize the Moline community was a great place to grow up, and all the very special people who lived there had an enormous influence on my life.



## Harkey, Gail (Lavinn)

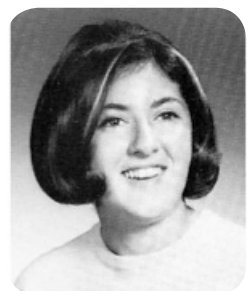
I graduated from Hurley School of Beauty and later moved to Naperville, IL. I got my real estate license and later in life decided to move to Florida where I reside now and have for several years. We love it here and plan to stay where we are now.



## Harper, Tom

Welcome to all as we celebrate again. I'm still located in the Quad-City area though completed a recent downsizing, not to Friendship Manor....yet,.... but to a small renovated house located upstream on the banks of our popular Mississippi River. While retired a number of years ago I remain active with travel, life on the river, and biking. Still single (for 20 years) but father to Elizabeth Fox (30 years old) working as a barrister in London, and Tom (37 years old,) who is in the area working for Deere. I still maintain periodic

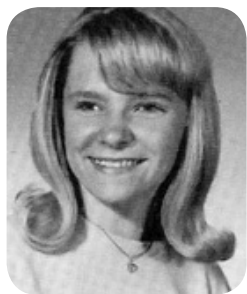
contact with our senior year exchange student, Georg (Jurg) Lang and his wife, Margret who are living in Switzerland.



## Harrah, Diana (Clemenson)

I am presently living in Smith Center, KS. I am married to Dennis Clemenson. I have 2 children, Jeremy J who has 5 children. One is in the Marines. And Jessica Nettles who has 3 children. Both my children live in the Tampa Bay, FL area. My husband and I spend the winters in our 39' Fifth Wheel in Florida and Apache Junction, AZ which we love getting out of the winters. My husband is a John Deere tractor collector and I love crafts and gardening.



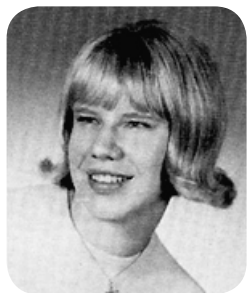


## Henderson, Alice (Versluis)



It finally hit me that we've been out of school 50 years when our grandson Collin walked through the "M" on May 25, 2018. 50 years after me, yikes! Our two daughters and 4 grandchildren also graduated from MHS making it 3 generations including my husband Pat and myself! We will celebrate our 50 anniversary on March 29, 2019. We are planning a big trip somewhere hopefully. With Pat having Multiple Sclerosis we are somewhat limited. Thanks to Guy Johnson for organizing the class of 68' monthly luncheons. It's great reconnect-

ing with our classmates. It has been fun working on the reunion committee again. A big shout out to Gary Allen for our awesome memory book and his computer expertise too!!

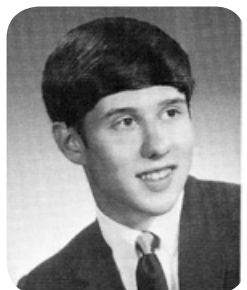


## Hertz, Sonja (Dutcher)



I retired from the "Phone Company" in 2010 after 32 years. Life has been good to me. I met my husband while in the Air Force at KI Sawyer AFB, in the Upper Peninsula of MI and we have been married 39 years come July. We have three children, 2 grandchildren and should have one more by the time of the reunion. I have a Masters degree in History from Northern Michigan University. I did not really think about what I would do with a History degree when I got done. So.. when we moved to Minnesota in 1980, I went back to

Ma Bell. I worked in a variety of clerical positions from Directory Assistance to Line Tester. My husband is a CFO for a local crane company, Vic's Crane and Heavy Haul. I still get back to Moline to see some friends and relatives. And to eat at Adolph's Taco house and Country Style for an ice cream. Definitely the best tacos and soft serve ice cream I've ever had. (Sorry Whitey's). Hope to be at the reunion.



## Hessler, Curt



Married to Kerrie DeVrieze (class of 69) in 1974

Worked at John Deere retiring in 2003.

We have 3 boys, Pat, Nick and Shaun. Pat and Shaun and their families both live in the area. Pat has 2 children and Shaun has 5.

Nick is in Montana. By reunion time they will have 5 children too.

Besides spending time with our grandchildren I enjoy duck and goose hunting in the Fall



## Hingtgen, John



My wife and I started in business in 1992 when we bought our funeral home in Urbana, Il. Over the years, we added another funeral home, started a livery service, built a crematory, and bought a farm property. In 2000, we purchased a vacation home in Port Isabel, Texas.

In 2012, we retired and sold our three companies and the farmland in Urbana.

Between 1992 and our retirement we often traveled. Often we would take a

month or two at a time traveling. We have been fortunate to have to spend time in France, Germany,

Italy, Ireland, England, Switzerland, Netherlands, Central America, South America, Africa, Seychelles, Australia, and the Greek and Hawaiian Islands. In 2016 we purchased ranch land outside the small town of Carmine, Texas, which is located midway between Houston and Austin. We have spent the last several years developing the property, raising cattle and establishing a Cottage rental business with 2 cottages, MJT Cedar Creek Ranch, [www.ccrtxrental.com](http://www.ccrtxrental.com).

We often travel from Texas to see our 4 kids and 6 grandkids living in Champaign. We recently sold our home in Champaign to make Texas our home and will be unable attend the reunion. Party On, John



## Houchin, Susan (Lillybeck)

Life is good. Still managing my Moline business, Donut Delite, but starting to spend winters in South Palm Beach, FL. I'm not ready to retire but certainly don't mind working less. Love being a grandmother and mother. Still happily married to Steve and celebrating 31 years of "wedded bliss". We share a love for travel, especially via an automobile headed west.



## Hook, Judy (Nyquist)

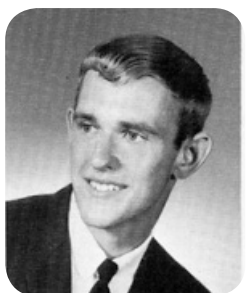


## Ingelson, Gary

Still living in Moline, enjoying life with family: wife Nancy Efflandt, class of 69, our two kids married, with four grandkids (ages from 6 to 2 ) very fun. Ben & Rakel live in Joliet, Jenna & Chris in Seattle. We do wish they all lived closer, but the grands do pick Moline as their favorite town of all!

Retired in January after 36 years in the election business, working with County Clerks in Illinois. It was a good gig working with Counties to program elections, print ballots, test/certify the voting equipment, professional support

& counting those votes. Also looking forward to spending more time on the golf course, some good travel time, figuring out what it means to be retired! Nancy & I have found outlets for volunteering in the community with a local school food pantry. Enjoy life

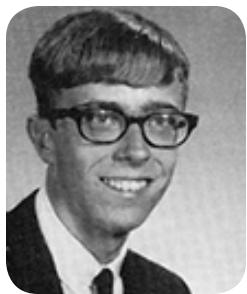


## Johnson, Guy

I retired on January 1st, 2012 from the Illinois Dept of Corrections as a Lieutenant and Relief Shift Commander at the East Moline Correctional Center. It was an interesting career watching over 1200 inmates and 250 staff members. Seldom a dull moment. Over my adult years I have worked at J.I. Case, Construction, Rock Island Police Dept, owned seventeen rental properties and also owned/operated Moline Munitions, a sporting goods store. During those

years I have been a competitive shooter and served as a Sniper/Observer and Tactical Team member while with the Illinois Dept of Corrections. With my wife, Syndee we enjoy scuba diving, shooting, car shows, muscle cars and racing. Travel is still my biggest weakness, having twice been to Europe since my retirement. Most recently a six week self guided tour that ranged from Normandy in France and deep into Poland. Just rented a car and went, compass, maps, GPS and notebook in hand. Syndee is an avid motor sports kind of girl..She races her motorcycle at tracks throughout the Midwest and at the Bonneville Salts Flats in Utah. In 2017 she was named the "Fastest Woman on Salt" hitting 192 miles per hour! A real adrenaline junkie! Syndee also loves her snowmobiles, you may have seen photos of her doing a "Bikini Run" back in January. We currently build and restore classic muscle cars at our shop... owning a 1968 AMX, 1979 Corvette and my favorite, a 1965 Chevelle Pro-Street Racer. I have a wonderful daughter, Ronda and two lovely grand daughters. In my spare time I Admin two Facebook sites, one for the Class of 68 (we meet for lunch once every month) and the other for my EMCC retirees. I've lived in Coal Valley now for nearly 20 years and love it... having the only real view in the Village. We enjoy entertaining with bonfire and pool parties at our home with Sneakers, our dog, who loves everyone.





## Johnson, John



I've enjoyed living on the North Shore of Boston for over 40 years now! I love our little town of Marblehead, which humbly calls itself "The Yachting Capital of the World" (NOT)! It is quaint and historic, though, and is home of Vice President of the US in the 1800's Eldridge Gerry, who gave the world the term "Gerrymandering"! I've only had 3 jobs since graduating from college, which might be a longevity record, and am soon wrapping up my career as an Energy Engineer. I have enjoyed helping our commercial and industrial clients save

energy and become "green" for over 40 years! I have two great children - twins William (web designer) and Lauren (physical trainer) - who both live nearby. I am re-married to Wendy Zimmer, a nearly-retired Speech Pathologist in the Marblehead Schools. We are looking forward to an active retirement starting next year and we ski, jog, and travel a lot! Give me a call when you come out Boston way and we'll get together! I have to warn you that I may not recognize you, but I haven't changed a bit from high school - I look in the mirror daily and have seen no changes whatsoever! ;-)  
Best wishes, John



## Johnson, Linda



Shortly after high school I moved to Southern California. I worked for a major airline (TWA) for 10 years. TWA went out of business so I went to work for a major aerospace company here in SoCal. During the time I worked there I decided to do what I was really passionate about, acting. I trained and worked hard while also doing my day job. Now, I am a SAG (member of Screen Actors Guild) actor with films, commercials, theatre, and TV added to my credits. I'm retired from the day job so I now concentrate only on acting which I LOVE. I have one son and lots of pets! LIFE IS GOOD!



## Kay, Kathy (Polito)



I'm 68 years old :)! My birthday is in June, so right in the middle of our group, not the oldest and not the youngest! I've been divorced for 30 years and with Mark Runge for 30 years. It just all happened but the divorce came first! I have 3 wonderful children: Andy (Shelly McConaghy) is 42, Tony (Rachael Carlin) is 41 and Angela is 38. Andy has Andrea 18, Madelynn 14, Sophia 9. Tony has Calvin 9, Neva 6. Kids are all very busy and keep Grandma busy.

This is pretty much my life. :0) I retired from Jewel-Osco June 30, 2017, after 51 years. It was a WONDERFUL journey. I loved my job and worked with great people & great customers. I was a meat wrapper; my hands are still cold ;0. So far, so good. I thought I would have a hard time with retirement but I've transitioned into the calmer life just fine. I'm not looking for a job! Summer will be busy with grandkids' ballgames and swimming. We will enjoy summer. I'm not a winter person! Mark & I get together with friends quite often. We have dinner club on Wednesdays; eating is always good! I pretty much live the very simple life. LIFE IS GOOD!



## Kelley, Marietta (Pearson)



My name is Marietta Kelley I graduated in class of 68. I got married in 69. I have 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. I live in Tn. And have been here since 1986 on the outskirts of Nashville. I am a retired housewife, but I do babysit my last grandchild until school starts up again. We will be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary this Oct. All our children live close so we see each other often. Favorite things are laughter, arts & crafts, hanging with our

young ones, pranks, music, pets, and my family. That's about it.



## Knaack, John



After graduation, I took classes at Blackhawk College, but mostly learned to play Euchre. In February 1970, I asked Trudy Greene to marry me. We were married on June 20, 1970. I worked in a metal fab shop in Rock Island and then on to a chrome shop in Hampton. In February 1974, I began my career as a pattern maker. I worked there for 9 years before my business partner and I bought out the business in 1992. I was asked to run for 1st ward alderman of Moline.

I won the election and was reelected for a second term that included the new responsibility as mayor pro tem. I really enjoyed helping the city I truly love. In 2010, I fulfilled my dream and raced on the Bonneville Salt Flats. It was quite an experience. Today, I am a proud grandfather of Brecken (14), Lauren (6), Natalie (4), and Archer (9 months). I am building a 1932 three-window coupe with a 392 hemi five speed. I also have a brand new engine ready to go back to Bonneville on a moments notice. I am most proud of the family Trudy and I have built, being in business for 26 years, and the few cars I have built and worked on. I am still involved with the city of Moline Park Board.



## King, Jackie (Wessel)



If you didn't hear, Tim Wessel and I married in 1970. We have been blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We have had many "rescue" dogs over the years and currently are enjoying our first small dog! We have lived in Jacksonville, FL, Geneseo, IL, San Diego, CA and, of course, MOLINE. Where we have stayed the past 20 years. Tim and I are somewhat semi-retired. However, we do have a Home Inspection and Radon Testing Business to keep us active! He likes to say I am his BOSS, since he does most of the work, LOL.

We enjoy golfing, travelling and watching our Grandchildren in their sports. Many of you will remember my twin, Lonnie King, we lost him in 2001. RIP May you all be blessed with health and happiness as we are in our Golden Years. Remember, Faith and Hope will carry you through anything..



## Krulik, Susan (Schroeder)



We have lived in Arizona for the last 39 years and Love it! There are so many great places to see in this state. We do lots of camping, jeep trips and head to the beaches in Mexico. We also have done a jeep trip down the Baja of Mexico that was great! We have 4 1/2 acres in the mountains of New Mexico that we plan to spend lots of time in the summers. I work at Valley of the Sun Dermatology and love it. Lots of skin cancer in sunny az we have to take care of. Please use sunscreen! Norm is retired and enjoying it and I think I will be soon also. Our son and daughter

both live in Az which is great for family get togethers. We just became Grandparents to a beautiful baby girl and are loving it. We would love to make it back for the reunion but not sure that will happen. If we don't hope everyone has a great time and enjoy life!



## LeMaster, Becky (Witherby)

Married, one daughter, one step son, 3 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren and 2 great step grandsons. Since graduation, I have lived in Southern Illinois, Western and Eastern Missouri, Oklahoma and now Florida (since Jan, 2013). In 2012, after 45 years in the banking industry, I retired from Wood and Huston Bank in Cape Girardeau, Missouri as Vice President and Compliance Officer. The only thing better than grandchildren is retirement.

I play lots of golf, love to swim, read, volunteer at Church and celebrate

happy hour every day at 5:00!! Doesn't get much better than this.

P.S. I don't miss your long cold winters at all.



## Lemon, Dave

I attended the University of Illinois in Champaign and the University of Illinois Dental School in Chicago, graduating in 1975. I then spent two years in the US Navy in California and Okinawa, Japan. After returning from overseas, I practiced in the Chicago Suburbs for two years. In 1979, I married my wife, Pam, and we moved back to Moline and I set up my dental practice. We have one son, Tom, who got married just last November and lives with his wife, Mariel, in St. Louis. This past March I retired after 42 years of dentistry. I loved

my career but retirement isn't so bad either! I enjoy playing golf, spending time with family and friends and traveling. Pam and I have a cabin on Lake Superior in northern Minnesota, our little chunk of paradise, where we enjoy spending time and look forward to many years of joy.



## Lind, Chris (Bondu)

After High School, I attended Drake University graduating in 1972 with a degree in Art Education. Four other art teachers and myself started The Landmark Gallery in Longmont. It was an old, unused church which we refinished and painted and held art shows and I painted and painted!!! It was an incredible, creative time in my life! Got married, then moved to Calgary but when the marriage fell apart, I moved to British Columbia. I met a man from France. I

soon became a camp cook when the former cook moved on. Such was a carefree, gypsy-like life. I wrote a book about my experiences called A BEAR IN MY KITCHEN. I graduated in the spring of 1991 with a Masters in Marriage, Family and Child Counselling specializing in Art Therapy. I was offered a job in Long Beach, but I chose to return to Penticton where I opened a private practice. Erick and I built a log home in Naramata, BC, overlooking Lake Okanagan. In 2013, I met Alex, the man I currently live with in Penticton. We now own a 28' O'Day keel sailboat which we take up and down Lake Okanagan. We are members at the Summerland Yacht Club. I am content, my life is full of wonderful friends. I wish I could have been there to see each and every one of you in person at this reunion, but time and finances did not come together to make it happen. May peace and love continue to guide your steps! Namaste!





## Lehnherr, Mari (McCuistion)



Life has been good to me since graduation - along with life's speed bumps to slow me down and change a few directions! The 70's had me moving around a bit. Chicago, Colorado, England, Australia and then back to Colorado. The 80's had me settling down in the Fort Worth Texas area where I have been ever since. Married a Air Force/commercial pilot now retired. I taught high school computer science for 25 yrs and retired full time 8 years ago. However, I still teach as an Adjunct Instructor at a local college in Ft Worth. I have one daughter and 3 step-children. All are grown, married and living in various parts of the country. I make it back to the Quad Cities every fall to visit my parents' graves. My brother still lives in the area. It always does my heart good to come back to my roots and drive around the area and visit good friends. I'm looking forward to our 50th.



## Mallek, Priscilla (Bacus)



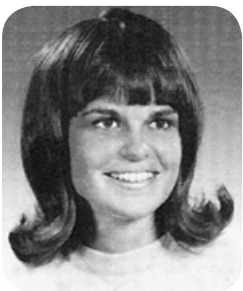
Rick and I have been together 53 years and married 49. Two daughters: Brandy, grandsons, Dalton, great grand daughter, Makenzie, and grandson, Garrett. Jessica, two grandchildren, Alixandra and Jaxon. Retired five years ago as a Preschool teacher at The Learning Tree in Silvis. Rick and I have a goal to see all the state fairs in the U.S. So far, we have been to nine, with plans for Texas to be the tenth this year. I spend a lot of time reading, lunching with friends, and enjoying quality time with my family. Life is good.



## Malmstrom, Lora (Brandt)



I attended and graduated from Marycrest College in 1974 and began working at Deere & Company in the Tax Department right after graduation. In 1976, I married my husband, Warren Brandt. Together, we raised two wonderful children. Our daughter, Annelore, is a Revenue Agent with the IRS out in Connecticut. Our son, Ashley, is an attorney in Chicago. His wife, Sarah, is a law professor at Northwestern University and they are raising our two adorable grandsons-Finnigan-6 yrs. old and August-2 yrs. old. I spent 35 years working for Deere & Company before retiring and my husband spent 35 years working as a school teacher and retired from the Moline School District. We then began traveling the world together. We have been blessed to be able to travel to numerous destinations including South Africa, France, Ireland, Spain, Italy, and the Baltics. We also enjoy fishing in Minnesota, spending time with our grandchildren, and just enjoying life.



## Manus, Lucy



I graduated from Drake University in '72 and took off to Stowe Vermont to be a ski bum and waitress for one season before settling down and ended up being a ski bum for 7 more years. I turned 30, did some teaching in Stowe, Vermont but not my calling so got into the ski industry as manager of ski shop and then a buyer in Connecticut. I lost my job during the recession of late 80's and moved back to Stowe, became a waitress again and after much soul searching went back to school for my master's degree in Counseling Psychology. I have been happily engaged in the counseling field for over 20 years, first in Burlington, Vt and then moving back here in 2003 to be closer to family. I am presently working part time at Unity Point Health in Rock Island. Not ready to retire fully and give it up. I love being back in the Midwest and the old adage "you can never go home again" was not true in my case!



## Marckese Jr. , Tom

Went into military late 68, discharged late 1971. Worked at John Deere for 31 years, retiring in December of 2003. Married, widowed, remarried. Son and a Daughter. Lived near Geneseo since March of 1976....still here! I've been a member of Moline American Post 246 Honor Guard for 11 years. Spent some time with Patriot Guard Riders, and VVA.



## McFarlin, Beverly (Nidey)

Married, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.  
Retired from Rock Island Arsenal.  
Love traveling, quilting and many other crafts.

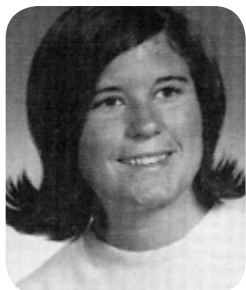


## McHenry, Mike

Since MHS the road is less by design than journeyed. During HS I took auto mechanics and shop. My academics were substandard and no plan for college. I skipped the 68 semesters and enlisted. My recruiter ignored my interest in mechanics. This was most suitable for my MOS. He gave a higher risk MOS driving. After serving, unemployment placed me according to experience. They saw I had driven. Driving chose me to my chagrin. Interest in college grew. While

serving, I completed a GED. Afterward I got a BA. Met my wife. Married at 29 and had 2 years of graduate. Then ended up driving again at 34. We started a family. I even came to realize in my 40s, I did not enjoy mechanics.

In 2009 I started a YouTube channel featuring friends' videos whom I respected. The circles I run in now because of YouTube are at the top of academia worldwide. Strange how life turns out. My accomplishments are not my own, I am but a conduit connecting people of similar interests. Content. I am filled with gratitude to MHS teachers such as the late Gene Shipley who taught me how to think through complex issues



## McKenzie, Jan

I moved back to Moline in 2006 after retiring from the HQ, Army Materiel Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. I've really enjoyed being close to long time friends and family again. Shortly after our last reunion, I traveled to NC with 18 friends from around the country - all members of an internet book club I joined. Visiting the Biltmore and riding a segway were highlights of the trip. I went to Salt Lake City two years in a row to do genealogy research and attend RootsTech, an enormous genealogy/technology convention. I got my DNA test-

ed, which was exciting, and proved that at least my direct line research is correct. (No surprises.) I became Regent of my Daughters of the Union chapter and represented them at our 2017 National Convention in Michigan. I fought City Hall - and won!! I'm still volunteering for several organizations and belong to several lineage societies. I'm still building web pages and enjoying my clubs.



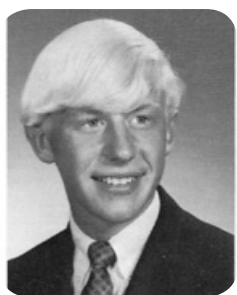


## McWhirter, Sue (Sellers)



Navy ports were our home for many years: San Diego, Hawaii, Georgia, Virginia Beach, Great Lakes & Washington state. The last tour of duty in 1995 was here in Louisville, Ky., where we chose to retire. Pat's second career was with Brown Forman, since retirement by the government is a misnomer with 4 kids at college age. He retired (again) in 2008. Pat's other endeavors have been philanthropy companies in Guatemala and Mexico. His third occupation is as a Handyman. I call upon his many talents and skill sets continuously. Sue entered

the work force teaching when our youngest was old enough to be a "latch key" kid and taught full time in a private school for 7 years. I substitute regularly, grades K through 8th grade, at a Catholic School to this day. We enjoy traveling to see the Grands (5 in total now). Our oldest son and youngest daughter reside in Ky. The two middle daughters are at least now on the same coast... one in San Diego and the other in Venice Beach, Ca. We are celebrating our 47th Anniversary February 20th with another trip. And are looking forward to the 50th MHS Class of '68 Reunion celebration. Please keep in touch. Pat & Sue Sellers



## Mellish, Bill



Hey 68ers!! Elmhurst College grad BA Psych (minor in hippy culture) then alternate service at a St. Louis area hospital for two years to fulfill my Conscientious Objector status. Lots of different sales jobs before settling in with AT&T... retired in 2003...not a misprint :-). Met my wonderful wife Mary Lou (she is one of ten so an adjustment for an only child) and have 38 great years of marriage so far. Two children Merissa and James who are quite special if I do say so. Still sing in the church choir, play guitar, and from time to time in a band

(lots of drama these bands). Have had two cancer battles but daily yoga, good eats, and communing with the universe are keeping me going just fine. Try to look for the best in others and yourself.



## Moen, Chris



SMU Dallas, Texas 72; Rush Medical College Chicago 76; Children's Memorial Hospital Chicago 79; I practiced pediatrics in Chicago for one year before returning to Moline in 1980. I retired in December 2017. I've been married to Leanna (RI class of 69) for 46 years. We have 3 children: Todd who is married to Carey is an orthopedic surgeon and lives in Dallas. Britt who is married to Brett lives in Wellesley Massachusetts. She's a stay at home mom with 3 children. Lars who is married to Marisa works for Optum and lives in

Greenville, SC. Both Todd and Carey, and Lars and Marisa, have one child. We are enjoying retirement. We spend much of the winter and spring in Sarasota, Florida. During the summer we visit Ely, Minnesota. Many of my close friends are fellow members of the class of 68. We enjoy golfing, boating, skiing and traveling. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!



## Morrison, Marilyn (Sellers)



Russ and I dated for 3 1/2 years before getting married in June. (That will be 46 years.) We have 2 daughters Emily and Teresa. We have a grandson Caden who lives in Texas and a granddaughter Luna who lives in Arizona.

I worked in the hotel business for 34 years, starting as a room attendant then as the Director of Housekeeping. I now work on the Rock Island Arsenal in the janitorial department and have been there for 13 years. I enjoy my garden making and canning salsa from the bounty of veggies. Me, my sister, and sister-

in-law make and sell homemade pumpkin pies from some of the pumpkins in my garden. Last year we made 110 pies.



## Mortier, Sandra (Cartee)

I got married shortly after graduation. Worked at Moline Public Hospital as a switchboard operator, and in medical records. When my first daughter was born I became a stay at home Mom. Then my second daughter was born and eleven yrs later my third daughter was born. I finally went back to college, took some classes at Black Hawk, transferred to Scott Community College and graduated with a degree in nursing. I worked in several nursing homes, did private duty, and home care. I am now retired. I have 3 daughters, and 4 grandchildren. And a fur family of



1 dog and 2 cats. In 1999 I moved to Coal Valley and lived there for 15 years. I then down-sized and moved back to Moline where I live now. In my leisure time I enjoy going to craft shows, antiques, going to car shows, and gardening. I have mostly flowers with a few vegetables. Last year I bought a new old car-- a 1994 Mustang convertible. Guess I am trying to recapture my youth! We will slowly be restoring the car. I am saddened to see how many classmates we have lost. I feel really blessed to be able to enjoy my retirement, it is a privilege so many are not offered.



## Nelson, Shellie (Lackey)

What have I been doing the last 50 years? Married for 49 years to Dean Lackey (MHS class of 63). We have two daughter and two grandchildren.

I worked for 30 years as a pediatric nurse with my last job being the Clinical Nurse Coordination for the Spina Bifida Clinic at St Louis Children's Hospital and Clinical Research Nurse for Washington University School of Medicine. I retired in 2016 and have enjoyed traveling with my husband. We also enjoy volunteering at camps for Lutheran Outdoors South Dakota and we volunteer



as drivers for the US Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament held each year in St Louis. We get to see some world class tennis matches by International and Olympic tennis player. One of our goals is to visit all 50 states and we have 14 left and will be leaving after the reunion to visit the next 7 on our list.



## Nelson, Steve

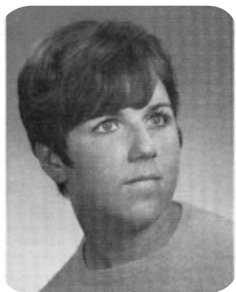


## Norlin, Tim

After graduation from MHS, I attended Western Illinois University graduating with a degree in History and Political Science focused on Education. In 1972 I joined Service Automotive Warehouse in Rock Island as a Territory Sales Manager and married my fiancée from college Judy. During the next 23 years we had three boys, Dave, Jim and Tom and I went on to be VP of Sales and Marketing. In 1995 I joined the Automotive Warehouse Distributors Association University in Kansas City as Director of Education creating and



presenting business management education to it's membership in the US and overseas. Had the opportunity to teach members in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Central and South America, and Asia Pacific. In 2001, I joined Parts Plus University as Executive Vice President following the same path as at AWDA. In 2009 we moved to Wisconsin as Judy was transferred by her company to its North American HQ. I accepted a position as Commercial Sales Manager at Autozone in the Janesville, WI area. Our three boys still live in the Kansas City area with there families and combined we have seven grandchildren. In our free time we attend car shows with our 1973 Corvette and I work on family genealogy.



## Norton, Jenny (Gisel)



After graduation I worked for Abrahams Clothing in Davenport Iowa. In November 1970 I married Jim Gisel immediately moving to Port Royal South Carolina working hard at being a military wife (not easy). Upon Jim's discharge while at Paris Island we returned to Moline where I returned to work at Abrahams supporting Jim while he worked various part time jobs while going to college. While working as manager at Abrahams, Jim became a Moline Police officer working with other classmates Arnie Ibsen and Al Heald. During Jim's

tenure at the police department he graduated from St. Ambrose. Jim worked approximately 5 years at the police department after which we moved to Sherrard IL where our third child was born. I then worked with Jim to raise our one son and two daughters. In 1978 Jim started his employment with John Deere for the next 33 years until his retirement in 2011. My work during this period consisted of supervising 5 moves made while Jim worked with Deere. We lived in Atlanta for 10 years where during this period I worked at Macy's in Lithonia Georgia. We then moved to Bloomington MN for 3 years where I worked as a personal shopper for Nordstrom's at the Mall of America. After Bloomington we moved to Olathe (Kansas City) KS and lived there 3 years before moving back to Coal Valley. After 2 years we then moved to Indianapolis IN where we live today. During the last two moves I devoted my time as a full time housewife and guidance counselor to my other half. In 2012 we purchase a second home in Palm Coast FL moving between the two locations spending time with our 11 grandchildren.



## Olson, Sarah (Elliott)



Continuing enjoying retirement life with my husband Mike. Loving our two grandchildren Bryce and Kylar. Attending their sporting events and school functions. Mike and I also enjoy cruising around in our 55 Chevy Belair and attending car shows with friends during the summer. We also like to travel when possible. Anticipating reuniting with my high school friends at this reunion. Happy 50th Class of "68"!!!



## Parker, Sandra



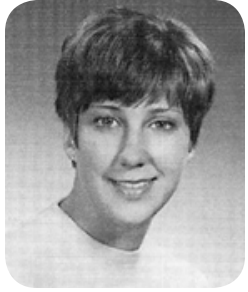
After 42 years of teaching I retired in 2014.. I still do some subbing and am involved with students in different activities. During the year I also do some volunteering. Traveling is something I have more time for. So far I have taken a cruise to Alaska and a cruise to Hawaii. I play Mah Jongg with some friends and we have taken little mini vacations together. My sister and I took my niece to Disney World. My goal is to go on vacation at least once a year. The freedom to do this is awesome. I have had some renovations done to my house and have a patio that is a

nice place to chill out and be with family and friends. My sister, her children and grandchild and my mom are all here. In fact, my sister, her daughter and child and my mom all live with me. I definitely have a full house. I wasn't able to make the last class reunion and am excited that I will be celebrating the '50th' with my classmates.



## Payden, Betty (Herzfeldt)

50 years have passed in the blink of an eye. Our 2 kids are grown and have their own kids. Have to say this Grammie gig is great! Just started my 27th year of teaching water exercise classes in the warm therapy pool at Two Rivers YMCA. Life is good.



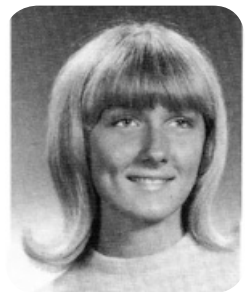
## Pearson, Karin (Martin)

I have 2 great sons and a daughter in law. I also have a very sweet granddaughter who turned 2 in March. I worked for both Moline and South Moline Township Assessors' offices. I retired last summer from South Moline Township as the Assessor. I am currently enjoying my retirement doing some volunteer work and traveling to see my granddaughter.



## Peck, Connie (Speerly)

Since graduation I attended Drake university and Black Hawk. Moved to Bloomington Il in 1972. Hired on with General Telephone shortly after holding various positions from training coordinator to manager, moving many times throughout the state. During that time I birthed my son in 1978 and daughter in 1980 I retired in 2005 moved to Florida for a few years and now settled in Morton with both of my children within 10 miles. I am lucky to have 6 grandchildren whom I'm very close to.



## Peterson, Carolyn (Carlson)

1966-67, Carolyn Peterson Carlstrom & Doug Carlstrom were Moline High School Sweethearts! After seeing each other at several class reunions and between separate Life situations through 38 years, in 2006 we came full circle! We will be married 12 years on Dec. 6, 2018 ! We came together as a blended family, Doug with a son, & me with two daughters & two Grandchildren!

Since Doug's retirement in 2011 from the Dept. Of Defense (HQ. TACOM) R.I. Arsenal, with 34 years of Government Service as a Small Caliber Weapons Specialist (Thank you for your Service, Honey)...we have been going to Florida for the winter, and return to our home in Milan for Summer/Fall. 2013 we acquired a home in a small town (Okeechobee) Florida. Doug & I along with my Dad (90 yrs old now, Class of MHS '45), we enjoy fishing, boating, sunshine, and relaxing....We are Very Blessed! At the 45th Class Reunion, our Late Beloved Classmate, Mark Hicks stated..."At our 50th Reunion, the Class of 68 will be: 68 years young"! God Bless us ALL .





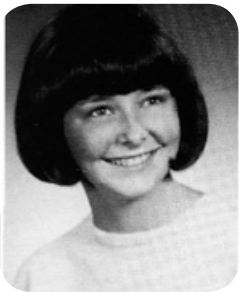
## Peterson, Chris (McKenzie)

I have remained in the Quad Cities since I married Greg McKenzie in 1971. I'm an Augustana graduate, 1972. We have four children. I became an educational interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Moline School District, working at Roosevelt Elementary. In 1996, after 25 years of marriage, Greg passed away. I retired in 2013. My kids, who are all still in the area, have blessed me with 8 grandchildren and 1 great!! They are my life!!!! I am so thankful for my family and friends who have enriched my life and have always been there for me!! I WISH EVERYONE GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS ! HAPPY 50TH TO US ALL!



## Peterson, Rick

Nothing much new. In my 10th year of retirement from teaching. Still playing my tuba with the DeKalb Footstompers. (45 years together.) Also play part time with 4 other bands around Chicago. Also manage to get down to New Orleans 3 or 4 times a year and play Trad Jazz music. I truly hope all is well with all of you as we go kicking and screaming into our golden years. Health and happiness to one and all!!!



## Peterson, Sandy (Boone)

In 1971 I moved to Honolulu where I had 2 children (who now live in California). I have lived in Arizona since 1980 where I worked and retired as a Commercial Property Manager. I have been happily married to my husband, Dennis, for 20 years. Between the two of us, we have 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Since retiring in 2013, we do a lot of traveling and spend our winters in an RV park in Apache Junction, AZ in our 5th wheel trailer and our summers in our cabin in Show Low, AZ. We love to dance and have been teaching country dancing at several RV parks in our area.



## Petrovich, Beth (Wilkerson)

Guess things with me haven't changed much since the last reunion. Still in Florida working at the same non-profit. I have no plans to retire--afraid I'll be bored plus it's a really great job with nice people. My daughter and 2 grandsons live in Leamington Spa England. I usually visit twice a year and Skype visits help. My son lives in Palm Beach Gardens. I have a great companion, Tom, who keeps me happy and traveling. Still doing strength exercises, walking, and yoga, to try and keep my back strong. Trying to be a farmer with blueberry bushes, 2 avocado trees, and tomato plants. Just hoping we all stay healthy. Best wishes to all, Beth.





## Ramirez, Linda (Cale)

I'm now retired, after 41 yrs. at Heartland Healthcare. I'm enjoying retirement to the fullest. I have 3 grandchildren. Mitchell 18 who is in his first yr. of college, Allison 13, who is in gymnastic, we go to a lot of her competitions, which will be starting in January, and then Addison who will be 3 in June. We have her at least 3 days a week, and I love it. Larry and I will celebrate 42 yrs. of marriage in August, He is also retired, and we haven't drove each other crazy yet. We still live in Bettendorf and probably will never move, if Larry has his way. Looking forward to the reunion!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Ramsdell, DeAnne (Kremer)

Retired from Davenport Community Schools in 2012 after 38 years of teaching Special Education (Pre-3rd). Married to Tim Kremer for 25 years. Tim is the Director of Financial Aid and Planning at the University of Dubuque. We have a blended family of 9 children, 20 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. We enjoy camping, traveling, fishing, gardening and spending lots of time with family. Between watching the grandchildren, helping with transportation to and

from school, music lessons, concerts and sports activities, there is never a dull moment in our lives. I've had two knee replacements which helps me to be able to keep up with the grandchildren. I continue to meet regularly with fellow retired teachers on a weekly basis. We are blessed with a wonderful life.



## Rogula, Nancy (Gleize)

In Oct 69 Rick enlisted in the Navy and after training was assigned to the USS Duluth LPD-6 where he served for 3 1/2 years, making several overseas deployments. Nancy Rogula and I were married in July 1970 and celebrated our 48th Anniversary this summer. After discharge I went to work for Kinney Shoe Corp, and later Northern Tool and Equipment as a manager trainer.

Managing several stores in Iowa and Minnesota, and finishing out my work life doing quality control in light manufacturing. Nancy worked several years in retail management

and later retired from Micheal Foods Inc. We have two beautiful successful daughters, sons in law, and three precious grandchildren. Two in Cary, N.C. and one in nearby St Paul. Over the years we've enjoyed tent camping but the ground keeps getting harder, and further away, so this summer we took delivery of our new trailer and look forward to happy camping for many years to come. Other hobbies over the years have included several 50s and 60s classic cars and of course our motorcycle a.k.a. bar hopper. Metro Twin Cities has been our home for 30 years so guess you could say we're dug in, but warmer weather gets more appealing every year when we break out the snow blower. Bumps in the road include intimate knowledge of Multiple Sclerosis, Prostate Cancer, and Melanoma, but life is good!!





## Roher, Steve

I retired from John Deere Harvester after 31 years. Took a year off then went to work at Avis/Budget car rental at the Moline Airport, driving cars both over the road to other locations and between the airport and the service department. I finely left that job in December of 2017. Our son Aaron, and daughter Aimee live here in the Quad Cities, so we see them a lot. Aimee has four beautiful daughters from two marriages so its fun watching them grow up. Cindy and I enjoy vacations to Branson in the summer And Door County, Wisconsin in the

fall. We also like touring craft breweries with our son, Aaron. Life is pretty good and we're having fun.



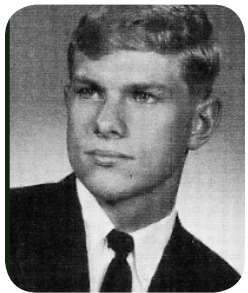
## Salzmann, Larry

Graduated Rockford College with a BA in biology.

Graduated Northwestern University Dental School.

Earned my Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from PCMC in Salt Lake City, UT (learned to ski, too). Began a 36+ career in dental education, first at Northwestern University Dental School (1982-2001, Professor Emeritus), then joined the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry as Director of the PreDoctoral Program in Pediatric Dentistry (2001-2016,

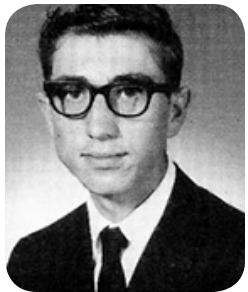
Clinical Professor) and now, for my third act, I'm PreDoctoral Director & Clinical Director in the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor. Still going strong - it's all about the students and kids. I spend my time between a flat in Ann Arbor, the condo in Chicago and our cottage in southwest Michigan. Two marriages, no kids, a couple dogs and, after all that time in Chicago being without a car, finally bought one -that's what happens when you trade urban living for the commuter's life. Life is good.



## Sellers, Pat

Navy ports were our home for many years: San Diego, Hawaii, Georgia, Virginia Beach, Great Lakes & Washington state. The last tour of duty in 1995 was here in Louisville, Ky., where we chose to retire. Pat's second career was with Brown Forman, since retirement by the government is a misnomer with 4 kids at college age. He retired (again) in 2008. Pat's other endeavors have been philanthropy companies in Guatemala and Mexico. His third occupation is as a Handyman. I call upon his many talents and skill sets continuously. Sue

entered the work force teaching when our youngest was old enough to be a "latch key" kid and taught full time in a private school for 7 years. I substitute regularly, grades K through 8th grade, at a Catholic School to this day. We enjoy traveling to see the Grands (5 in total now). Our oldest son and youngest daughter reside in Ky. The two middle daughters are at least now on the same coast... one in San Diego and the other in Venice Beach, Ca. We are celebrating our 47th Anniversary February 20th with another trip.



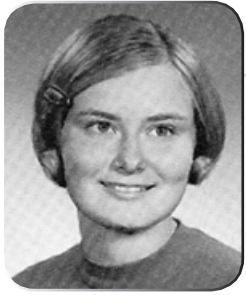
## Sellers, Russ

From Wife... Marilyn Morrison:

Russ had his own water conditioning business for many years(Empire Water Conditioning) before needing a liver transplant. Because of a birth defect correcting operation that did not screen the blood he contracted hepatitis C .He later needed two more transplants (three total). The last one was in 2003. He is amazing and the love of my life. A real life miracle from God. Russ enjoys going

out to breakfast with his friends, and keeps himself busy with doing odd jobs. He just completed redoing a friends deck. Replacing all the boards with new ones. He also still keeps up to date on the water conditioning business. He also tries to get to most of the Class of 68 luncheons. His dog Rocky also brings him joy



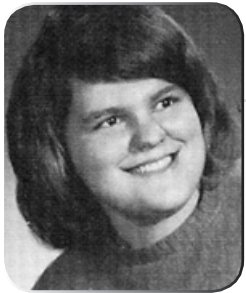


## Skantz, Jane (Minnick)



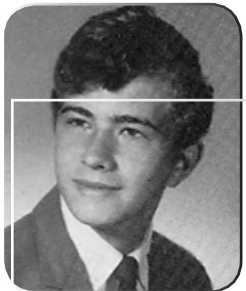
## Slater, Michael

Still married to Bonnie , 49 years. Both of us are retired now and kept busy caring for our mothers who both still live at their homes. Our son lives near Chicago and works at a Pharma Co. No grandchildren to spoil so our golden retriever "Maggie" fills that void. As Frankie Valli once sang "See you in September".



## Scavuzzo, Marlena

After graduating from Western Illinois University in 1972, I taught English, Ancient World History and Journalism at Orion High School for 34 years. After I retired, I substituted at United Township High School, wearing many hats for the next ten years. In February, I officially retired from education. Traveling has always been my passion, and I've visited four continents so far, though I've spent most of my travel days in Europe.



## Simmons, Stephen E.

After graduating high school I went to Black Hawk and then Northern Illinois University. I dropped out after my junior year and went to work at John Deere's East Moline Parts Distribution Center. In 1973 I married Colleen Connell (class of 1969). In 1987 our daughter Alicia was born.

I took a transfer to the Atlanta Parts Distribution Center in 1987 and worked there until I retired in 2002. I then went to work for John Deere Credit as a

contract employee helping dealers all over the country with parts problems. At the same time I also went to work at Advance Auto Parts and became a Parts Pro. I retired for the last time in 2016 and have been doing work around the house, traveling and working on my 1967 Plymouth.





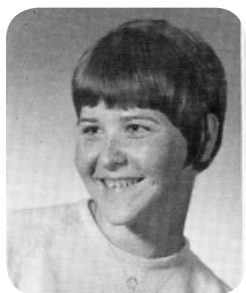
## Smarsty, Suzy (Dietsch)

Married since 1971 to Phil. Mother of 3 - Phillip, Kimberly and Michael. Grandmother of 7, Zack, Madison, Lydia, Emily, Grant, Ethan and Lauren. Retired, living in the countryside. Love gardening. Occasionally teach shell art mosaic classes at the Nantucket Historical Association's 1800 House and exhibit / win awards at national shell art shows. [www.seashellvalentines.com](http://www.seashellvalentines.com)



## Smith, Kent

This is my 4th year of retirement after 35 years of teaching science at Glenview Middle School in East Moline. My wife, Betsy (Stevens) MHS '74' also retired from teaching. We have 3 children. Diane, a teacher in the Chicago area, Ryan, a financial consultant in the Dallas area and Kylie, a project manager for Ace Hardware in Oak Brook IL. We have 5 granddaughters. My wife and I play golf, fish, garden, attend MHS sporting events and travel.



## Smith, Linda (Waddel)

After graduation, I got married and moved to Columbia, South Carolina, for 1-1/2 years. I then moved back to Moline, Illinois. I have 3 daughters, 4 grandsons, 3 granddaughters and 3 great grandsons. My husband passed away in 1995. In 1996, found out I had cancer (Hodgkin) and took chemo for 9 months. I am now cancer free! In June 1997, I met a wonderful guy, Mike Seibert. He has 1 daughter and 3 grandsons. We moved to Conway, South

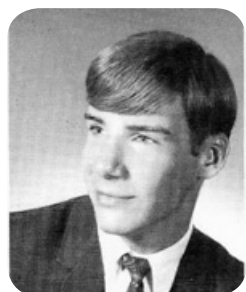


Carolina, about 3 miles from Myrtle Beach. We love it here. We belong to a classic car club. We go to car shows almost every weekend. We are both retired and love going to the beach and the golf course. We try to keep busy.



## Smith, Steve

Graduated from Northern Illinois University with a B.S. in Business Management. Worked in the steel industry in sales for 38 years and retired 4/1/11 and loving every bit of it. Married to my lovely wife, Mary for 44 years. We have 2 children and 3 grandkids all living close by here in the Q.C. We enjoy spending time with them as much as we can. Spend part of the winters in South Florida and rest of the year around here. Enjoy golf and traveling as much as we can.



## Sovey, Randy

After attending college in Montana, I worked at Deere for 13 years before practicing as a CPA, starting with McGladrey & Pullen in 1988 (which seems crazy, since I hated math and numbers. I remember copying Sharon Stontzs' algebra homework all the time because I never did it.) I have been a partner at Huckfeldt & Smith (a CPA firm in Bettendorf) for the past 20 years. My wife and I enjoy travelling and spending time with our kids and grandkids. I also enjoy playing golf, even though I never got any good at it. Maybe I'll improve if and when I retire.





## Stephens, Janice (Wilts)

Hi everyone! George and I are enjoying the retired life. He from farming, 3 years now; me from being a homemaker. Things really haven't changed much for me, but I do make myself available to fly places for breakfast/lunch when he asks. George is a pilot/instructor; builder of vintage aircraft--a J-3 Cub is in the works currently. We also have an anniversary T-Bird for ground traveling. At least once a month we go somewhere to enjoy the opportunity of going. Health is good for us both. Our grandchildren are all teenagers and have little time for us. We still live in the country and life is nice, quiet and to our liking.



## Stille, Kent

Donna and I are still living in our cabin down in southwest MO on Table Rock Lake, enjoying our retirement. I always thought southern MO would be warm enough for the winters, but we started going to Florida on vacations. Finally we got a condo in Lake Suzy, FL where we now live about four months each year. We are really getting to love the easy life of condo living. Of course we often go back to Iowa to visit the kids and grandkids. Its been a long time since we were back in Moline, so we're really looking forward to reconnecting with friends and classmates.



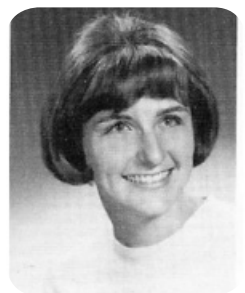
## Strandgard, Marj (Sparrow)

Congratulations fellow MHS 68 classmates on 68/69 years of life well lived. The first few years after high school found me at college trying to learn who I was and what I wanted to do with my life. Started in banking in '71. Been married to Sam (Springfield Ohio North '62) for nearly 40 years. Together we have weathered job losses (Sam-IH) and (Marj-Community Savings and Metrobank), and both survived MAJOR health issues along the way. We've successfully raised 4 happy kids, who are now raising our 12 awesome grandkids



and 2 fantastic great grandkids. We travel frequently to visit family in Iowa, Ohio and Florida.

I retired due to disability quite some time ago. and enjoy building our family trees and reading historical fiction. Sam is one of those driven individuals so I don't think he will ever completely retire. Glad to see you now and hope to see you again at each and every future reunion!



## Strandlund, Gloria (Vana)

After graduating from Augustana and marrying John Vana in 1972, I taught in the Moline School District for 35 years, and retired in 2012. I started teaching P.E. and health, and coached volleyball and track at John Deere. In 1980 our son Craig was born, followed by Kristin in 1983, and I subbed and tutored in Moline until they started school.



I worked in the Media Center at MHS for 2 years, and then simultaneously got my Elementary Education Certificate and Masters in Library Science and Media

in 1990. At that time I switched to El Ed and became a Learning Center Professional who traveled to teach in three grade schools each year and run their libraries.

Since retiring, John and I have done lots of traveling, and have especially enjoyed seeing other parts of the world.

I am lucky enough to still have both of my parents (both 97 and still in their own home), and I love being a grandmother to Natalie 2 ½, and look forward to another granddaughter who will arrive in early September.



## Strooband, Barb (Lynch)

My husband, Terry, and I are retired in Moline. We enjoy our twelve grandchildren. Their ages range from one to nine! We bike, travel, and volunteer at a food pantry. My 94 year old mother is still with us. With the assistance of 1968 classmates, her home was recently sold. Thanks to Jackie and Tim Wessel (home inspector), their daughter, Cris Ryder (EXIT Realty), Deb White (realtor) and last but not least Wayne Miles' relatives who own Kymbal Complete Kare. They kept the snow shoveled and my parents' lawn looking nice. All's well that ends well.

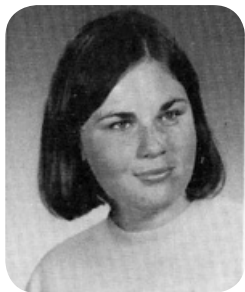


## Studley, Barb (Laing)

Greetings from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida! Several family units of ours relocated to Florida during the 1980's. We continue to live joyful lives in a semi-tropical climate. (I miss the annual blooming of lilac bushes, but have settled for a patio full of orchids.) My lifetime love of learning inspired me to complete a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from St. Ambrose University (Davenport) and later a Master of Business Administration Degree from Nova Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale). While I continue to enjoy full-time corporate life as



a Director of Human Resources & Safety, I look forward to retiring in a year or two to focus on my own Meridian Business Solutions consultancy. My greatest happiness, however, are the years I am spending with son Andrew, daughter-in-law Leslie, seven-year-old granddaughter Abigail, and daughter Amanda. All are Florida residents. My sister, Susan, who is also my best friend (MSHS Class of 1970) lives a five-minute walk away from my front door. When not reminiscing about days growing up on a northern Illinois farm and later living in Moline, we relish conversations about our grandchildren and taking as many Caribbean cruises annually as time and budget will allow. Best wishes, Classmates, for a wonderful time at the reunion. May God bless you and yours!



## Suman, Trish (Mille)

After graduating in 1972 with a major in Political Science and a minor in History from Western Illinois, I had hoped to teach high school, but that was not a good time to be trying to get a teaching job. In early 1974 I was hired by John Deere's Group Claims Department. I knew nothing about health insurance, but I learned quickly, and was moved into most areas of the claims processing during my ten years with the company. In 1975, I married Dan. (A good friend



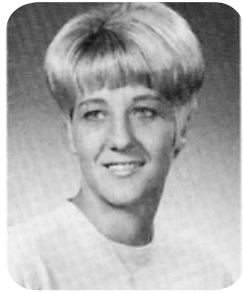
since we met at a sorority/fraternity function in our junior year.) We are parents to Adam (1981) and Kate (1984) and currently have four grand babies. After Dan's transfers with The Hartford, we landed in Charlotte, NC and have lived here since 1994--it's home. My background in health insurance provided me with access to a job wherever we moved. After working in the insurance department, of a ten-physician pediatric practice for 17 years, I joined Dan in retirement in 2015.



## Sutton, Roger



I married JoAnn Berhenke July 4, 1969. We have 3 children: Roger Jr. 47, Tammi 45, and Shane 35. Our youngest son, Shane, is a martial artist in TKD. He is a 3rd degree black belt. We have 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. I got a job at McLaughlin Body in 1969 and worked there until 2011, retiring after 42 years. We have owned 2 homes, 1 in Moline and 1 in Lyndon, IL. We lived there for 28 years, then we sold it to our youngest son, Shane. He has owned it since 2009. We now live in Morrison in a 2 bedroom apartment, downsizing from a large 4 bedroom house. JoAnn and I have gone on 5 cruises and traveled all over the United States except 6 states. We also traveled to Germany. We have hosted 8 exchange students, each for 10 months: Hong Kong, Slovakia, 2 from Japan, 2 from Germany, Vietnam and Korea. Two of our students came back and went to college in the US. The 1 from Vietnam still lives in America in Seattle and is getting married in March. We are still in contact with all our students and their families except 1 from Germany and the Korean.



## Swanson, Linda (Lootens)



Heart issue, great grandson born, total knee replacement, great granddaughter born. Bought a house in Tennessee. Another great granddaughter born. Moved to Ooltewah, Tennessee in August. Still not fully unpacked. Downsizing isn't so easy when you move 34 years of memories from a three story to a one story without a basement or shed and you lose wall space for all those pictures! I had a fence and shed built and my dear brother came here and built shelves in the garage. Trying to find handymen or good workers is a struggle, along with getting into doctors. I've been blessed to have the youngest granddaughters come after school every day and I can help drive them to dance since Jen works over 60 hours from home for Deloitte's home office. I am able to enjoy their dance, art, awards, sport and band events. Carey is still working for her podiatrist. Jon recently promoted to a VP for The Sands, Las Vegas. Jen moved from the mountain to the water and Jon is moving from his 3rd floor condo to the 31st floor and has another fast car to drive me crazy. I miss my Moline friends. Exactly 200 words, Gary!



## Thomas, Sharon (Holmes)



Worked for Moline PD for 5 yrs. and then the Rock Island County Sheriff's Dept for 17. Still married to Tony Holmes, now for 47 years. Retired and live in Clearwater, Florida during the winter. We have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Enjoy them all when we can. I enjoy seeing everyone on FB and keeping up with everyone.



## Tracy, Tracy



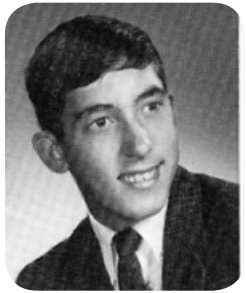
50 years! Still can't believe it and we all don't look any different! I don't want to scare anyone by going over the first nine years after graduation so I'll jump right to 1977. I married to Paul Sailor and we had one child, a daughter we named Shanarce. She grew into an outstanding person-don't know what I did to deserve her. We look very different, so much so that one day she asked if "she had been switched at birth." I said that if she had, I wouldn't want mine back!. Shanarce went on to graduate Suma Cum Laud from Notre Dame and is now a doctor, a radiologist at the Breast Center. She has four outstanding children and a wonderful husband. After 36 years of marriage however, my husband decided he liked someone more than me. After the dust settled I found it was one of the luckiest things that could have happened. I now live near Shanarce, bought a beautiful older home that I've had fun remodeling. I met the most remarkable man, Randy Buchmann and fell in love with him. We love to hike, have campfires, hit the hot tub and just do what old folks do. He's the best grandfather my grandkids will ever have. We love being retired and having more projects than we'll ever complete .Life is great-couldn't be happier!



## Tunberg, Jeff



Graduated from Augustana College with Accounting and Business Administration degree. Worked for Deere & Co. 7 years. MBA from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Married Sue Donstad in 1978. Joined Whitey's Ice Cream in 1979. Jennifer Joy was born in 1986. Enjoy family, travel, golf, shooting and playing guitar for choruses at First United Presbyterian Church in Moline.



## Turner, Mark



Work: Fast food, firefighting, realty, prison, stagehand, gold prospector/writer  
Life: two marriages #2 a real shit divorce lasted longer than marriage  
Now: pleasantly cohabiting with my friend Mooch and letting days pass by.



## Vana, John



After graduating from Bradley University in 1972 I married Gloria (Lori) Strandlund and started working at Montgomery Elevator as a Sales Engineer. Two years later I switched to John Deere and spent 28+ years there as a Quality Engineer. After retiring from Deere, I worked at several companies under contract as a Quality Engineer. I retired again for a few years, but last fall I was asked by the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce to do some consulting work at Superior Tube Products in Davenport, and it has evolved into a position as their Quality Manager. Our family has always loved to travel and experience different cultures, and we still make lots of trips to visit our son Craig's family near Cedar Falls and daughter Kristin in Denver. We have also enjoyed several international trips with a Travel Club through Triumph Bank.



## Versluys, Diane (Hunter)

My husband, Jim, and I will be celebrating 31 years of marriage and have 5 children together and 6 grandchildren ages 3 to 25. In the past 5 years we have added a new grandchild, Addison, who is three years old. I have retired, had a knee replacement, and am now walking my three miles a day in preparation for the Bix. Life has been good the past 5 years and we are looking forward to doing some traveling. By the time of the reunion I will have gotten to go with a very dear friend to London, so I am definitely looking forward to that. Looking

forward to reuniting and meeting more of my classmates at our 50th. It always amazes me how many I still don't know. See you there.



## vonLangen, Rich

Short bio: Trip the light fantastic as far as work goes since MHS. BS in Chem E, MS in Sanitary Engineering, both from Iowa State. Worked at 3M, consulting engineering firms, Orange County Sanitation Districts, and started a firm with 2 other engineers. Grew it to 35 EE in So. Cal. Bought out by HDR and have now been back on my own for 10 years. Slowing down to smell the roses a little now. Married three times and single again.

No regrets and having a good time in Long Beach, CA. Last trip was to LA Angeles training camp baseball in AZ and next trip is to Turks and Caicos for SCUBA diving!

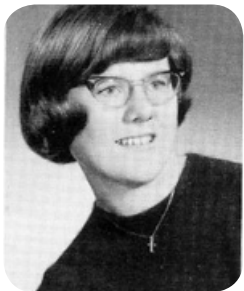


## Waeyaert, Diane (Garman)

Someone said recently, it's hard to believe that we are all pushing 70 already and the next time we get together we'll be dragging it. So...

I remained in Moline, working at the Illinois Unemployment Office during the years of double digit jobless rates in the QC. In the early 80s, I moved to Montana and rediscovered a love of the mountains, horseback riding, skiing, made some wonderful new friends and enjoyed spending time with some old friends living there. I eventually returned to the heartland, met and married

Max Garman and had a son, Charlie. My continued love of volunteer work (John Deere Classic being one of my favorite projects) drew me toward PTA which led to a job within the Moline School District, where I remain employed to this day. I believe as soon as I stop enjoying what I do, I'll stop doing it. I'm sure that day will come, eventually. For now, I still do lots of volunteer work, love to rehab houses, and am grateful for the time I had with my parents as they aged. Reconnecting with classmates on the reunion committee has been an absolute joy and I look forward to seeing everyone at the event.



## Watson, Nancy (Russell)

I can't believe that I have already been retired for 1 and 1/2 years. There doesn't seem to be much down time for me. When I am not babysitting for my two grandchildren, Bruce and Olivia, I am cooking for church dinners, singing in the choir and with the praise team, being church board secretary, an elder and the church librarian, as well as working in the church thrift store. In between, I act as treasurer of the Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international women's educational organization, and am trying to downsize my

home and my body! In between, I work on craft projects and read. I was able to check off one of my bucket list items in November of 2016 when I went to Ireland for ten days with my family. I hope to head to Alaska for my next trip. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 50th.





## Webb, Douglas

I married my beautiful wife, Cynthia, 46 years ago. We have 4 amazing kids, two sons and two daughters. I have been a grandpa for 15 years with 8 grandchildren born to my children, 2 grandchildren from marriage and 2 great grand kids from those kiddos.

I live in Las Vegas, where the majority of them reside as well.

My hobbies are gun collecting and going shooting in the desert with my sons.



## Wessel, Tim

My wife, Jackie King Wessel, is the best thing that happened to me ! You can view our BIO under her name. I cannot STRESS how much I love to GOLF, GOLF, GOLF with my buddies ! During the winter we lunch together for a brew and burger and talk about the fun times over the years, Card Club, Canoe and Houseboat Trips , Dinners , our Children and Dogs and MUCH , MUCH MORE ! Life continues to be good.

Stay healthy and keep moving !



## Williams, Dorothy (Buell)

The short version: Married Les Buell, July 1968, yes 50 years ago. We're still not sure it's gonna last. Two sons, Colby (46) wife Laura. They have three sons. Cash 5, and twins Bishop and Major 16 mths. Ramsey (43) wife Heather. They have three children as well, Ramsey II 13, Isabella 10, and Sofia 5. Obviously lots of other things, both good and bad in between like everyone else. I won't bore you with the details.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their efforts in the planning of this event. Happy 50th.



## Williams, John

Practiced Dentistry in Moline from 1979-2015. Sold my practice to 3 guys, one of which is the grandson of Clarence Ortman whom I bought the practice from in 1979. Still fill in as needed a few days a month. I'm still involved in state and national Dental politics so travel to lots of meetings. . I now administer board exams for Dental and Dental Hygiene students in 43 states. I also am the building Manager or our Condo complex on River Drive in

Moline. Sherry( wife of 46 years) and I have one Daughter (Kari) she is married to Peter and he is a partner at Brooks law firm in Rock Island. We have three awesome grand kids. Freja and Johan are 7 year old twins and Inger is their 4 year old sister...we feel very blessed to have them in the QC so we can be part of their activities.

Looking forward to catching up with all at our 50th, thanks to all that have done the work to make it possible.



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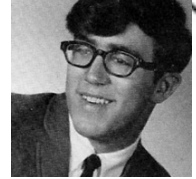
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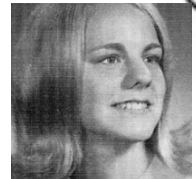
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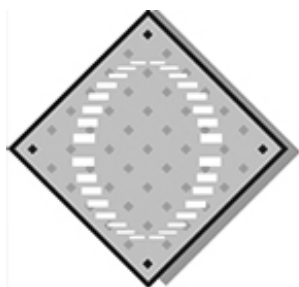
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