



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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SPRING ISSUE

Taft Alumni Association Hall of Fame Sets October 12 Induction for New Members

An induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at the Taft auditorium, Natoma and Hurlbut, for six graduates who will be added to the TAA Hall of Fame.

We'll be posting more complete details in our next newsletter. The ceremony is open to family, friends, alumni, current students and the general public. There is no cost to attend.

Our Hall of Fame started in October 1989, during Taft's 50th anniversary celebration, and since 2009 deceased graduates have also been eligible for nomination and induction.

We thank all those who sent in nominations for this round of inductions. We are always impressed by how many Taft "Eagles" have contributed to their communities and the world since leaving Taft's "Aerie" nest. There were many choices, but the TAA Hall of Fame is limited to five (or in this year, because of a tie in points, six) per induction.

To be honored this year are:



Sally (Dern) Duski, valedictorian for the January 1941 class, who maintained a perfect scholastic record in high school and won full

scholarships to Northwestern University and University of Chicago. She represented Taft in a national oratory competition that first year after our school opened. She was in Student Council, Senior Girls Club and Honor Society and was December 1940's Girl of the Month in the Taft Tribune. Music was an important part of her life. She specialized in accordion, studying with Andy Rizzo, and then founded the "Andy Rizzo Quartet" which toured with their classical accordion repertoire around several states. In addition to raising her family, she got involved with one of the "Those Were the Days" radio player groups, playing "Baby Snooks," (one of Fanny Brice's popular characters). Later, she became a local realtor in the area south of Taft. At one of the radio reenactment programs, she met Rita (Glaubich) Morser, a member of Taft's June 1959 class which had started holding annual reunions. Sally was invited back to reminisce with them about the 1940s and has been a guest there ever since.



Edmund Mazur Jr. (June 1945) also started with a love of music, encouraged by John "Pops" Rapier, Taft's first band director, to get experience playing alto sax and Big Band music beyond Taft. He played with the Jimmy McIntyre Band (its only high school member) at Northwestern University and the Bob Brown Band. Others from those groups went on to professional music careers, but he was drafted by the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific from 1945 to 1947, assigned in Occupied Japan. He took advantage of the G.I. Bill to fund his college education, earning a degree in architecture at University of Illinois-Urbana, and a master's in Urban Studies at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The majority of his career was spent as an architect, in private practice and then working with state university systems in Wisconsin, Arizona, California and Florida. One of his specialties was campus development, which he started at UW-Milwaukee and extended to other Wisconsin campuses. He was principal architect in facilities design and construction at University of California-San Diego. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Florida where they have devoted part of their time as guardians *ad litem* to represent abused and neglected children in court proceedings, and volunteering for delivering meals on wheels. Edmund also began working as an artist and is part of the Artists Workshop Inc. in New Smyrna Beach, and a leader in the Volusia County Arts Council.





John Prochaska (June 1961) was very active in Taft's Army ROTC program, and was a deputy commander his senior year at Taft, and for the city's Fourth Brigade (eight North Side units). The Taft drill platoon won the city championship his junior year. He was recognized as an honorary second lieutenant in the Illinois National Guard. Like many of his generation, he served in the military during the Vietnam War. A squad leader, during basic training he taught close order drill and the manual of arms. He was assigned for personnel management training and served at US Army Headquarters in Japan. His efforts helped to bring 60 WACs with medical training to assist in medical facilities for the four Army hospitals and blood bank which served the Vietnam War wounded. He earned his BA and MA degrees in finance from Northern Illinois University, before and after his service in the Army.

Coming back, he and his wife Cindy (Ludtka) class of June 1964, settled in Park Ridge. He became active early in Park Ridge's Mel Tierney Post 247 of the American Legion, and with the exception of his service as post commander, he has been the post's adjutant ever since. Organizing Park Ridge's Memorial Day parade was once a task shared by the Park Ridge Legion and VFW posts, but since 1975 John has coordinated all the planning for the parade and memorial ceremonies in Hodges Park and Town of Maine Cemetery. He was part of Park Ridge's Spirit of '45 planning committee (marking the 2015 anniversary of the end of World War II). In his professional career, he was director of internal auditing at University of Illinois-Chicago and active in auditing organizations. The TAA was lucky that he was able to join our board as treasurer and now first vice president. He was a member of the committee that helped plan the Taft Veterans Memorial that was dedicated in 2018.



Robert Johnson (January 1965) was in the Taft National Honor Society and won a Bausch and Lomb Science Award while in school.

Earning bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology, he's been a licensed structural engineer for 46 years, winning a number of awards. Local projects range from the Harbor Point Condominiums, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Center to McCormick Place's South Hall expansion. In 2012-13 he was involved in inspections of all of the CTA Rapid Transit building structures. In the days before STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) was being considered important in modern curriculums, Bob Johnson was waging his own campaign to get young students interested in these scientific pursuits. His grade school alma mater, Thomas Edison School in Edison Park, was one of the early places he visited, about three decades ago. He has a

thick file of clippings about these visits to classrooms and robotic competitions, and there are several generations of Chicago area students who got a head start in these fields because of his passion for his profession.



Roy Bergstrom (1969) was a leader in his class, in the top 10 scholastically, and in student organizations. After graduating from Knox College and earning his PhD in Mathematics at University of Illinois (1980), Dr. Bergstrom joined the mathematics faculty at University of the Pacific in California, rising to department chairman. That led to a series of financial posts in the administration. In 1996 he was assigned to the university's Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco. He served as associate dean and then was assigned as director of budget and data analysis, director of planning and later assistant dean for administration during the planning, construction and transition into the dental program's new school campus. He retired in 2018.



Wayne Faust (1971) had actually considered a degree in law after earning a BA in history at Carthage College, but, like several of our other inductees, music was in his soul. He was spending more time playing music in coffee houses and local nightclubs. So, he set out with his guitars and banjo to perform and compose and record music for the world to enjoy. He also produces albums through Picklehead Music. His repertoire is unique: part folk music, part nostalgia with threads of laughter and impish fun. His path has taken him to 40 states, England, Scotland, Mexico and Holland over 44 years. He still tours, although he says he's cut down to about 90 dates a year from over 200. Local fans still watch for dates of his annual Chicago area concert visit, but you can also find him on video on YouTube, where his ode to growing up in "Norwood Park" is posted. Another hit, "Bald Guys Are Cool," offers hope for several generations of fans.

Lost Classmates

David Orland (June '60) wishes to reconnect with **Diane Marie Johnson** (June '60), **Thomas Anthony Roszak** (June '60) and **Lynda Anderson** (June '63). Please pass along any information to the TAA by mail or to us at eagleemail@taftalumni.org and we will provide the "lost" classmate with David's contact information.



Are you looking for someone? For a donation of \$5 the TAA will print your request here. If the classmate you are looking for, or another person responds, we'll provide them with your contact information so that they may contact you.

Reunions



IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!!

Taft Class of January 1959 60 Year Reunion

Date: September 13-15, 2019

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Des Plaines IL

Contact: Norm Gunther (nhgunther@aol.com) or Barb Peterson (847-934-0334)

Taft Class of June 1959 60 Year Reunion

Dates: October 4-6, 2019

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Des Plaines IL

Contact: Anne Fear-McManus (630-584-9194) or Penni Eichin-Isaacson (847-945-5168)

Website: www.taftreunion1959.com

Taft Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion

Date: October 19, 2019

Place: Moretti's Edison Park, 6727 N Olmstead, Chicago

Tickets: \$50

Contact: Anne Lunde (alundewriter@gmail.com) or Laurel Kaage (kaagefamily@gmail.com or 847-696-3638)

Email: Taft1969@aol.com

Taft Class of 1974 45 Year Reunion

Date: September 28, 2019 (7pm, - 11pm)

Place: Moretti's Edison Park, 6727 N Olmstead, Chicago

Contact: Donna (Schaller) Evans (evans56@sbcglobal.net)

Taft Class of 1989 30 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019, 8pm-Midnight

Place: Moretti's Edison Park, 6727 N Olmstead, Chicago IL

Detail: \$29 per person

Facebook: eventbrite link will be available in September

Contact: Kris Hardt (kristinehardt234@gmail.com)

Taft 5th Annual All Class California Reunion Picnic

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019 (Noon - 4pm)

Place: "House of Savage", 2372 Recuervo Cove, Del Mar, CA

Detail: \$8 includes Rosati's Chicago Pizza, non-alcoholic drinks. Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

Contact: Mike Day, Jun '60 (michael91942@yahoo.com) or Jan (Ostromencki) Savage, '74 (janhelloworld@hotmail.com)

Thomas Edison Class of January 1959 60 Year Reunion

Date: June 21-23, 2019

Place: To be determined

Details: Further Information to follow

Contact: Carolyn Feare Rominski (carrrominski@gmail.com) or Margie Stewart Doud (mcdoud@yahoo.com)

Ebinger/Edison/Edison Park Lutheran Confirmation Class 1969 50 Year Reunion

Date: June 1, 2019

Place: TBD

Contact: Ebinger School: kmerlandson1225@gmail.com or Edison Park School: djohnsen820@gmail.com

16th Annual Florida West Picnic



One of the best weather afternoons we've experienced over the years for our Florida (West) All-Class Reunion was had on March 9th. The temps were in lower 80s, light breeze was blowing, and good food and conversations enjoyed by all (especially the home-made strawberry pie for dessert!).

Although the number of alums who attended was lighter than other years, we still enjoyed the enthusiasm of stories. Late comers arrived just in time for the group photo despite the fact several spouses declined to be seated for the photo.

Attending were Ron and Jerry (Beesley) Stephenson (June '62), Joanne (Stiller) McKenna (June '55), Judie and Joe Popp (June '66), John Beall (January '56) and his wife, Marjorie Nehlsen (June '56), John Mihalik (Lane '53), Anita (Grabowski) Steinkemper (June '64) and husband, Carole (Tobiasz) Rodi (June '57) and husband, Carol "Nicki" (Lowal) Luikaart (June '64) and husband and Linda Therriault (1968).

Reunions cont'd

Of special interest was the sharing info that Anita Steinkemper also plans to attend the Arizona All-Class Reunion the following week when she returns to Arizona. Jerry Stephenson and Joe Popp also plan to attend the Florida (East) All-Class Reunion in April. So, we spread the word that Taft alums are vital and active.

At the end of the day, the banner was taken down, name badges returned to the basket and promises were made to see each other again next year, same place and (approximate) day and time. "Go, Taft, Go!"

9th Annual Arizona Picnic



What a great day in Scottsdale with perfect weather and warm fellowship of friends. Alumni joining us were **Rodney Lowell** (June '47) with wife Kathleen, **John Penland** (June '55), **Jay Forbregd** (January '57), **Eileen (Gierke) Rasmussen** (June '61) with husband Robert, **Frank Macedon** (June '62) with wife Connie, **Anita (Grabowski) Steinkemper** (June '64), **Lee Pomeraning** (June '65) with wife Sandra, **Fred Wordell** (June '67), **Paulette (Zemaitis) English** (June '67), **Jim Janssens** (June '67) with wife **June (Kornely) Janssens** (1971), many accompanied by their spouses.

The burning question is whether Anita, TAA supporter extraordinaire and fresh from the Florida West picnic, makes it out to the California picnic in September!

The raffle for a Taft Alumni Association baseball cap was won by a very delighted Rod Lowell. We're happy to welcome



Fred to the planning committee and we thank Kathleen Lowell and Sandra Pomeraning for being our photographers.

6th Annual Florida East Picnic



A delightful April afternoon of visiting and reminiscing was had by all at the home of Lynn Martin. The menu was Chicago-style hot dogs, of course!

From left-right: **John Beall** (January '56), **Lynn (Morley) Martin** (June '57), **Marsha (Cunningham) Wisner** (January '56), **Jone (Morley) Dusek** (January '48) and **Jerry (Beesley) Stephenson** (June '62). *Photo submitted by Ron Stephenson (non-Taft grad).*



Jerry and Lynn reminisce in their Taft t-shirts.

Messages from Our Members

Favor to ask if you can help! Trying to find the schedule and scores for the Eagles football team from 1956 to and including 1960. And as soon as I can come up with some dates and scores want to send Taft a set of DVD's of what games I had transferred from the game films. Last time I was working on this project was over 13 years ago and all

Message from Our Members cont'd

the coaches are long gone! Any chance the archives has any of the football books that were passed out at the season ending dinner! I have one from 1956 I will send. Also looking for the parents' books from 1963 to 1996. Appreciate anything you can help with! I know I made scrapbooks for the 1965 and 1966 season but bet they never made it to the archives of the school?

Bob Friedlander, June '67

Bob, we appreciate the time you've put into compiling this information. Let's see if any of our members reading this can help you out. They can respond to eagleemail@taftlumni.org, and we'll pass it along to you. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

Thank you for the wonderful newsletter. It has become so professional and is a delight to read. Fond memories of Taft High School warm my 86-year-old heart and your fantastic efforts are truly appreciated.

Annette (Matula) Kistler, June '54

Thanks for your good work!

Paul Schoenholz, June '65

Thank you for such great newsletters!

Debra Nyberg, 1971

Annette, Paul, and Debra, credit for the terrific newsletters goes to Jerry (Beesley) Bloom-Stephenson (Jun '62), who has been our intrepid editor until this issue. She has worked tirelessly to produce a quality newsletter and has more than earned her recently announced retirement from the TAA Board of Directors. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

Paulette, et al, thank you for all your hard work and continual efforts in keeping Taft the great school it is. I appreciate it. Are you able to give me the number of graduates for 3 years 1973-1975? Thank you!

Kathy (Bickler) Lesniak, 1969

Hi, Kathy. I can tell you that the Chicago Public Schools published a list of 783 graduates for 1973, the last year for which they made such lists available. We received lists variously over the years from reunion committees, newspaper articles about graduations, and more recently, from the school itself. TAA has accumulated just 103 names for 1974, but we have 755 listed for 1975. Classmates.com has begun posting yearbooks, and if they have one from 1974, you may be able to get a more accurate count for 1974. I hope that helps. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

It might be nice to have the choice to renew [TAA membership] for 3 or 5 or 10 years so we don't have to renew as often, instead of only 2 years.

John Mikulka, 1972

Hello, John. You may, at any time, renew for more than two years. Many have done so by simply indicating the number of years and making the check out accordingly. We continue to explore the use of PayPal to make online renewals available. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor



Paul Rebscher, Jan '53, and wife Susan enjoy a pub lunch in Edinburgh during their Thanksgiving trip to Scotland.

Reading about classmates from the 40s and 50s makes me feel a little younger. It's fun to remember a great school like Taft. The special connection with St. Tarcissus was very interesting. My two favorites. You are doing a super job. I look forward to each issue.

Bernadette (Gucwa) Becker, June '50

Thank you, Bernadette! We're glad you're enjoying the newsletter. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

Hey someone just sent me Taft on YouTube. It was done with all the students through the whole school sometime in 2016. I think this should be again put in the newsletter for all so see. Should be sent to all the grammar schools around (feeder schools) at least 1-2 time a year. So, principals can get it to the 7th & 8th graders. Just an idea I had not seen this, and I sent it to as many of my 1970 grads as I could, and their response was tremendous.

Lynn (Halicki) Arnold, 1970

Hi, Lynn, it certainly was a delightful promotional video of Taft. For our members who would like to see the video on YouTube that features all the wonderful clubs and activities

at Taft, here's the address to copy and paste into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctqIQPrLrXg&t=96s>.

There are several other Taft videos on YouTube, as well.
Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

I have been trying to find out whether or not someone is planning a 10-year reunion for the class of 2009. Do you happen to know if this is the case? Thanks!

Jeff Hanes, 2009

Jeff, we have not heard anything about a reunion. However, if you think you'd like to get the ball rolling, we'll be happy to promote it for you in the newsletter and online. We will also provide a reunion committee with a list of the latest contact information that we have. Just let us know.
Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor



Jan '65 Reunion Committee members Bob Johnson, Wayne Silldorf, Janet (Clune) Klopp, Lee Marsh

Hello Class of January 1965 and Friends...

Ready or not we are fast approaching 55 years since our celebrated graduation from William Howard Taft High School. We are planning a festive get together – a reunion – a fun time on Saturday - October 12th from 6 pm till 11 at the Chandler's Chophouse, 401 Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL 60194, (847) 885-9009. The price is right for our Saturday night party – \$50 per person includes buffet type dinner (cash bar available), music, fun, stories and of course great company (and maybe a surprise or two?) We are looking forward to having another terrific January 1965 High School Reunion.

Bob Johnson/Lee Marsh, January '65

Hi! 65 years since Taft graduation and we still look forward to news of Taft and fellow alumni. This says a lot for what you, the TAA, is doing! Thanks.

Gayle (Schroeder) Meisner, June '55

Wallie Meisner, January '54

Thank you so much! Appreciation of the organization continued interest in Taft and keeps us going. Paulette English, TAAN Interim Editor

News from the Alma Mater

William Howard Taft High School Donation Policy

If you are considering making a donation to William Howard Taft High School, I would like to say "Thank you." On behalf of our 3339 students and 280 staff members I would like to commend you on helping us educate the next generation of Eagles.

There are four ways in which you can donate to our school:

1) The first way to support Taft is to make a check out to **Taft High School**. In the subject line you can either print, General Funds or you may print a sport, club or activity you would like to support. (Example, Swimming Team) I will make sure those funds go into the appropriate account. You can mail the check to:

Taft High School
6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60631
C/O Mr. Grishaber

2) The second way you can support Taft is to make a check out to **Taft PTSA**. This is our Parent-Teacher-Student-Association. These funds will go directly into helping our students our teachers. You should mail the check payable to Taft High School, C/O PTSA and we will place it in their mailbox. You can also help the PTSA by participating in sanctioned Taft social/fundraising events like **Taft Night Out** and **Ladies Night Out**. Links to PTSA current events like these can be found on our home page.

3) The third way to support Taft is to make a check payable to the **Taft Alumni Association** and mail it to Taft, C/O Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will then mail you a seasonal newsletter updating you on all upcoming alumni reunions and alumni news.

4) The last way you can support Taft is to donate furniture, computers, books, etc. to our school. If you would like to donate materials to our school, please contact Mr. Grishaber at 773-534-1017 and I will get back to you and discuss whether or not your donation is needed at Taft.

These are the **only ways** you can support William Howard Taft High School. We do not support or condone any other organizations, foundations or non-profits that claim they are working with Taft High School. Once again I would like to thank you for your generosity and support.

Warm regards,

Mr. Grishaber, Principal



U.S. Air Force Airman Isaiah A. Rodriguez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare

principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rodriguez is the son of Carmelo Rodriguez and Evelyn Cordero and grandson of Louis Cordero and Nivea Aquino, all of Chicago, Ill.

He is a 2018 graduate of William Howard Taft High School, Chicago, Ill.

Defense Media Activity

Summer Camps

Welcome to Taft Summer Performing Arts and Sports Camps, as well as Workshops of all sorts for teens, parents and families! They are open to all members of the community.

Click on the link to the right to peruse our 50 affordable and fun camps and workshops. Academic Center Connection sign up can be found there as well.

You will need to log in or create a new 8 to 18 account, then "Begin Registration" to sign up for a camp or workshop.

Adults, register as a student and simply put "0's" for your id number.

We look forward to seeing you at Taft this summer!



You can always find us online at www.taftalumni.org



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The Taft Alumni Association is looking for a few good people to serve on the Board of Directors. To be considered, you must be an active member of TAA and willing to attend the quarterly board of directors' meetings typically held at the school. Age is no barrier, and we'd love to see some of the younger classes join us. Interested? Please contact TAA President Anne Lunde at eagleemail@taftalumni.org.

Class Notes

1940s

Betty (Klimek) Mack (Jan 1942), has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, lives in Omaha, NE, is a retired homemaker, husband Wally passed away in 2017 just short of 75 years of marriage.

Bob Wingfield (Jun 1943), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Lincolnshire, IL, Vanderbilt U BSEE '50, military service WWII 1943-45, is a retired executive vice president.

Jeanette (Malon) Ostromencki (Jan 1944), has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, is retired, three daughters and one granddaughter graduated from Taft.

Nelda Quast (Jun 1945), married **Michael Livorsi** (Jun 1945), has 5 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, 2 1/2 years college, is a retired accountant and stay-at-home mother, Karen (Drinan) Johnson, Jan '58, her kind-hearted neighbor, provided the TAA membership application.

Eileen (Kasch) Monday (Jun 1946), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, lives in Wauconda, IL, is a retired secretary, lost her husband of 64 years in 2015.

Bob Wilson (Jun 1947), married **Joan Hackell** (Jun 1947), has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Sarasota, FL, Lawrence U BS '51, is retired.

Dick Akin (Jun 1948), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Diamond Springs, CA, Santa Ana College AA '63, US Marines (active and reserve) 1947-56, Korean War 1951-52, Gny. Sgt., is 31 years with the Bell System, and the retired owner of Telecom Data Consultants, independent dealer of Dish Network in Pagosa Springs, CO.

Roger Newman (Jun 1948), lives in Palm Bay, FL, 4 years college, US Navy 7 years, is retired from sales.

Marvin Weber (Jun 1949), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Panama City Beach, FL, US Air Force 1951-55; MSU BS Bio, MA Counseling, is a retired teacher and counselor, spends summers with his wife Judith in Spruce, Michigan.

1950s

Mary Ann (Buddenbaum) Tittle (Jan 1950), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Marco Island, FL, Northwestern U BS '54, is a retired phys ed teacher, has been married 63 years, enjoys living on Marco Island, still traveling, biking and skiing.

Bernadette (Gucwa) Becker (Jun 1950), has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Downers Grove, IL, NIU BS Edu '54, is a retired math teacher and tutor.

Annette (Matula) Kistler (Jun 1950), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Carmel, IN, Washington U BS Bus, is a retired accountant and office manager.

Joanne (Dass) Black (Jun 1951), married **Don Black (deceased)** (Jun 1949), has 5 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Macomb, IL, Blackburn AA, WIU, is retired from working for the Macomb Chamber of Commerce, was married to Don for 64 years.

Myra (Andres) Fisher (Jun 1951), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Woodland Hills, CA, Ohio U BSJ, is a retired Assistance League volunteer, recently visited with Joanne (Dass) Black, June '51.

Chuck Fitzhugh (Jun 1951), has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, lives in Mundelein, IL, UIC BSEE '56; Lake Forest College GSM '74, is retired.

Bob Winkates (Feb 1952), married **Nancy Zuehlke** (Jan 1952), has 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, Northwestern U BA, is retired.

Nancy (Zuehlke) Winkates (Feb 1952), married **Bob Winkates** (Jan 1952), has 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, is retired.

Jim Tortorelli (Jun 1952), has 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, lives in Barrington, IL, Chicago State BA Ed '56; Loyola MA Ed '62, is a retired industrial ed teacher.

Paul Rebscher (Jan 1953), has 1 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Moriches, NY, Beloit College 1 year; US Navy 1955-57, is a retired Flying Tiger Airline pilot, married wife Susan 30 years ago, still downhill skis, plans to continue traveling the world having been through the Northwest Passage and Australia.

Jeannine (Sebby) May (Jun 1953), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Harvard, IL, is a retired volunteer choir director.

Carol (Scheihing) Ruster (Jun 1953), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Fort Wayne, IN, 4 years college, is a retired secretary, is to be a Great Grandma again soon.

Wallie Meisner (Jan 1954), married **Gayle Schroeder** (Jun 1955), has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Hayward, WI, UW BS ME, BS NS '58; Capt US Navy 1958-86, active and reserve, is a retired engineer and manufacturing management at 3M Co, winters in Rio Verde, Arizona.



Margie (Nugent) Claeson (Jun 1954), has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Inverness, IL, 3 years college, is a retired owner with her husband of a rep business.

Robert Dunworth (Jun 1954), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Egg Harbor, WI, UI BS Acct '59; Chicago Kent College of Law JD '73, is a retired attorney.

Verelle (Murphy) Leaton (Jun 1954), has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Carbondale, IL, Beloit College, UI BS '58, is a retired teacher, spent 3 years in the US Virgin Islands, and flew for American Airlines for 2 years.

Toni (Geisert) Lien (Jun 1954), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in San Diego, CA, is a retired educational psychologist.

Jackie (Bendler) Nelson (Jun 1954), has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, lives in Hoffman Estates, NEIU BA, is retired.

Ray Whitehead (Jun 1954), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Landrum, SC, DePaul U BA; UI MA, EdD, is a retired State Farm agent.

Gayle (Schroeder) Meisner (Jun 1955), married **Wallie Meisner** (Jan 1954), has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Hayward, WI, Madison General School of Nursing, is a retired RN, winters in Rio Verde, Arizona.

Jean (Young) Sliwa (Jun 1955), lives in Chicago, IL, is a retired auto mechanic, was inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Ron Moers (Jan 1956), lives in Chicago, IL, is retired, and wonders if there are any LGBT organizations at Taft.

Carol (Anderson) Montgomery (Jan 1956), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Colorado Springs, CO, MA, is a retired educator.

Paul Neuhauser (Jan 1956), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in South Barrington, IL, UI BS Bus '60, DePaul U MBA '67, US Army Reserves 1960-1966, is a retired RTA audit manager (20 years) and Treasury law enforcement agent (24 years).

William Weiskopf (Jan 1956), married **Carol Soderstrom (deceased)** (Jan 1956), has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Denver, CO, Northwestern U BS BA '60, MBA '67, is a retired CPA.

Neil Frumkin (Jun 1956), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in El Cajon, CA, UNM BA '60; USMC 1960-63 active duty, 1964-84 reserves, is a real estate developer.

Victoria (Kalinowski) Klassen (Jun 1956), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Winter Garden, FL, NIU BS Edu '60; Andover-Newton Theological Sch Mdiv '74, PsyD ABD '87, is

a professor of psychology and world religions, is writing and teaching the subject "Expanded Theories of Personality".

Suzanne (Keiler) Lechowicz (Jun 1956), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Glenview, IL.

Sandra (Eis) Plesha (Jun 1956), lives in Barrington, IL, is retired.

Jay Forbregd (Jan 1957), has 1 children, lives in Phoenix, AZ, Wright Jr College, is in sales.

Susan (Goetz) Aldous (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Salt Lake City, UT, Northwestern Dental School, is a retired registered dental hygienist (RDH).

Robert Kennett (Jun 1957), married **Joan Eis** (Jun 1958), has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, lives in Bonita Springs, FL, Executive degrees Columbi, Harvard, Northwestern; US Army Airbourn 6 years, active 1958-59, is retired publisher.

Joan (Osmolak) Murray (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Romeoville, IL, is retired.

D Patrick Raetzman (Jun 1957), has 4 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in San Diego, CA, UI BS '61, George Washington U MS '78, US Navy 20 years submariner, is retired.

Carole (Tobiasz) Rodi (Jun 1957), has 1 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Sarasota, FL, attended college, is retired.

Judith (Sullivan) Sorman (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Apopka, FL, Wright Jr College; Oakton Comm College, is retired.

Bill Taugner (Jun 1957), has 2 children, lives in Stevens Point, WI, 2 years college, Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter designation, US Army 2 years, is a retired property and casualty insurance underwriter, is a village trustee in Whiting, Wisconsin, active in triathlon and x/c skiing.

Nancy (Geraci) Trutwin (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, AA, is the retired senior vice president of a savings and loan.

Alice (Simeca) Tucker (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, 3 years college, is retired after 15 years as librarian assistant at Mt. Prospect Public Library.

Judith Steinhaus (Jan 1958), lives in Chicago, IL, is retired.

Donald Erickson (Jun 1958), married **Betty Ann Marschall (deceased)** (Jun 1962), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Maricopa, AZ, Northeastern IL BA, US Army 4 years, is a retired director of sales, sales training, and merchandising (VP Staff) at Kraft Foods, is now married to Patricia Ann.

Philip Gansz (Jun 1958), married **Holly Anderson** (Jun 1964), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, North Park College; US Army 1963-65, is a retired sales manager.

Class Notes cont'd

Joan (Eis) Kennett (Jun 1958), married **Bob Kennett** (Jun 1957), has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, lives in Bonita Springs, FL, is a retired service representative.

John Schmidt (Jun 1958), lives in Chicago, IL, B.Ed '62; M.Ed '65, is the retired UID Assoc Dir of Admissions.

Lynn (Mommsen) Goodridge (Jan 1959), lives in Albuquerque, NH, is retired.

Dona (Olson) McLaughlin (Jan 1959), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Algonquin, IL, Millikin U BFA '63; NIU MSE '90, is a retired teacher.

Penni (Eichin) Isaacson (Jun 1959), lives in Deerfield, IL, UI Moser, is a needlepoint designer and retired owner of a needlepoint shop.

Carole (Mommsen) Meyer (Jun 1959), married **Kent Meyer (deceased)** (Jun 1959), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Crawfordsville, IN, Evanston Hosp '62, is a retired RN.

1960s

Robert Benziger (Jun 1960), married **Marla Seplak** (Jun 1960), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Deerfield, IL, UI BSEE '65, JD '67, is a retired attorney.

Marla (Seplak) Benziger (Jun 1960), married **Robert Benziger** (Jun 1960), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Deerfield, IL, ISU Normal BS Elem Edu, is a professional volunteer.

Jim Jacobs (Jun 1960), has 2 children, lives in Carlsbad, CA, Columbia College Chicago, Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, is a retired playwright ("Grease"), composer, and actor, is an inductee to the TAA Hall of Fame.

Lorna Macleish (Jun 1960), lives in Mt Prospect, IL, Ripon College BA '64, is retired.

John Majka (Jun 1960), has 1 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Louisville, KY, UIC BS Engr; US Army 3 years, Vietnam 2 years Sgt E-5, is a retired engineer and teacher, is an amateur radio operator since the age of 15 (K9AAN) and is a member of numerous related organizations.

John Turk (Jun 1960), has 1 children, lives in Propsect Hts, IL, UI, is a retired tool engineer.

Paul Verisario (Jun 1960), has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Inverness, IL, Northwestern U BA '68, Corporal US Army, medic, is a retired insurance owner, and is past president of Illinois Independent Insurance Agents State Assoc. 2001-2002 and served 24 years on their board of directors.

Arthur Helt (Jun 1961), has 7 children, 13 grandchildren, lives in Lake Forest, IL, is a semi-retired industrial consultant, and is a two time Illinois State Curling Champion.

Stephen Koncz (Jun 1961), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, is retired.

Eileen (Gierke) Rasmussen (Jun 1961), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Paradise Valley, AZ, BA, is a retired court clerk supervisor.

Loretta (Phillip) Samborski (Jun 1961), married **Randall Samborski (deceased)** (Jun 1967), lives in Beach Park, IL, CTC-North/Northeastern BA, is retired.

Linda (Leshuk) Davidson (Jun 1962), has 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, Wright Jr College; U of WI, is in commercial office management.

Arlene (Ratulowski) Harp (Jun 1962), has 2 children, 1 stepgrandchildren, lives in Depere, WI, Wright Jr College, is a retired swim instructor and coach, and worked at Title & Abstract.

Edward Parquette (Jun 1962), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, is a retired mechanic for Marriott Corp, has been married for 54 years.

Susan Schmid (Jun 1962), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Downers Grove, IL, is retired, and after attending Taft for three years, transferred and graduated from Maine East HS.

John Alley (Jan 1963), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Green Valley, AZ, US Army, Vietnam 1966-67, is retired from management, Carol (Fickett) Klapmeier, June '52, is his neighbor.

Ken Carlson (Jan 1963), lives in Bethlehem, PA, is retired.

Gordon Goranson (Jan 1963), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Wonder Lake, IL, UI BS Econ '67; Northwestern Kellogg MBA '75; US Army 1968-71, Vietnam 1969-70, Captain 1972, is retired.

Bill Green (Jan 1963), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Roselle, IL, U IL BA Arch, Loyola JD, is a writer and publisher, and a retired architect.

Michael Bienik (Jun 1963), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, trade school, is a retired plastic injection mold maker.

Susan (Staats) Apel (Jan 1964), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Clearwater, FL, WIU BS Edu, is a retired homemaker.

Kris (Warner) Finnigan (Jan 1964), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Bainbridge Island, WA, is a retired consultant.

Holly (Anderson) Gansz (Jan 1964), married **Phillip Gansz** (Jun 1958), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Carthage College BS Phys Ed '67; St. Xavier U MS Leadership '99, is a retired physical education specialist, was 2005/2006 Illinois PE Teacher of the Year.

Class Notes cont'd

Bill Mazurek (Jan 1964), has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Westcliffe, CO, Air Force Academy BS, Capital U MBA, is retired.

Dale Schunk (Jun 1964), has 1 children, lives in Greensboro, NC, Boston U Med '74; Stanford U PhD '79; Captain, US Air Force 1968-74, is a professor.

Susan (Engel) Sommerfeld (Jun 1964), lives in Pittsburgh, PA, is a semi retired editor.

Gay (Malewicki) Sweely (Jun 1964), has 2 children, lives in Richmond, KY, IL Wesleyan BA '68; U of UT MA '73; U Canterbury (New Zealand) PhD '88; U of Melbourne PhD '98, is a retired professor at Eastern Kentucky University.

Peter Ebner (Jan 1965), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Glendale Hts, IL, NIU MA Phys Ed '73, is a retired teacher and coach.

Steve Gotz (Jan 1965), has 4 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, DeVry, Wright College, Harper College, is a retired plant manager.

Laura (Valters) Schultz (Jan 1965), has 4 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Montague, MI, is retired.

Joan (Johnson) Walendy (Jan 1965), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Bloomingdale, IL, is retired and loving it.

Rita (Golterman) Barth (Jun 1965), lives in Park Ridge, IL, is retired.

Nancy (Connors) Bensen (Jun 1965), has 1 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, Wright Jr College, Harper College AA Bus, is a retired executive assistant.

Corliss (Porter) Falkner (Jun 1965), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Wood Dale, IL, is retired.

Marie (Wittendorfer) Goodkin (Jun 1965), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, BA Music '69, MMus '72, is retired.

Marianne (Simonides) Hafer (Jun 1965), has 2 stepchildren, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Cape Coral, FL, is retired.

Bonnie (Stewart) Jilek (Jun 1965), lives in Simpsonville, SC, BA Spanish and French, is a retired United Airlines HR specialist.

Terry Long (Jun 1965), has 1 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Waterford, WI, US Army helicopter pilot Vietnam 1968-71; UICC BS '73, is a retired engineer, enjoys spending time with Taft friends and military Vietnam friends.

John Placko (Jun 1965), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Goodyear, AZ, U Iowa BSPH '71, Florida Inst Tech MSPM '86, is a retired pharmacist.

Paul Schoenholz (Jun 1965), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Minneapolis, MN, Denison U BA, is retired, plays the saxophone and does charity volunteer work.

Rich Schutz (Jun 1965), lives in Glenview, IL, Oakton Comm Coll AA '84; Roosevelt U BA Hist '86, is a semi retired deli clerk.

Wayne Willems (Jun 1965), has 2 children, lives in Dallas, TX, WIU BA Bus, Northwestern U Kellogg School MBA, is retired.

Oscar Marquis (Jan 1966), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Northwestern U BA, JD, is an attorney specializing in Privacy Law, has begun piano lessons in preparation for his next career.

Judy (Musso) Dumele (Jun 1966), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, Wright College, NIU, is a retired vice president of FV.

Joe Popp (Jun 1966), has 2 grandchildren, lives in Summerfield, FL, BS Mech Eng, is retired, is here today, cruising tomorrow.

Lynne (Lyle) Backer (Jan 1967), lives in Wauconda, IL, NIU BA '70, MA '72, MS Educ, is an author and retired teacher, and enjoys travel, gardening and volunteering for the USO.

Ken Kulovitz (Jan 1967), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Anaheim Hills, CA, Wright College, Amundsen-Mayfair College BA; US Army 2 years Ft. Dix NJ, is a retired accountant at UC Irvine and works part time at angels Stadium and Honda Center in Anaheim, CA.

Sue (Oenning) Halihan (Jun 1967), has 2 children, 3 stepchildren, 13 grandchildren, lives in Sleepy Hollow, IL, Harper College AA Nurs '81, is a retired RN.

Marsha (Tomal) Mathews (Jun 1967), has 1 children, lives in Wildomar, CA, MA Psych, is a psychotherapist and program manager.

Bill Olsen (Jun 1967), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Bartlett, IL, is a construction superintendant.

Ric Olson (Jun 1967), has 1 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Wakefield, MI, WSU BS Biology '71, is retired.

Carol (Smythe) Evans (1968), lives in Sparks, NV, is US Navy Retired, with husband Greg of 29 years, also US Navy Retired, serve in veterans' and community groups.

Woody Powers (1968), has 4 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Johnsbury, IL, attended the "School of Hard Knocks", is a business owner.

Michaeline (Tworek) Wong (1968), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Silver Spring, MD, BS, is retired from the printing industry, has been happily married 49 years to Art, enjoys trips to Maui and spending time with 8 year old granddaughter Jenna--"Life if good!".

Susan (Jancovic) Huestis (1969), has 2 children, lives in St Paul, MN, LPN, is a retired LPN of 14 years and paraprofessional for 20 years.

Kathryn (Bickler) Lesniak (1969), has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, BA English Edu (grades 6-12), is retired.

1970s

Michael Albano (1970), married **Gayle Phillips** (1971), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Burbank, IL, is retired from Commonwealth Edison (EXELON).

Lynn (Halicki) Arnold (1970), has 1 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Cary, IL, is a bookkeeper and office manager.

Judy Jacobsen (1970), married **Leroy Nega** (1969), has 1 children, lives in Hawthorn Woods, IL.

Micki (Bonnivier) Knight (1970), married **Edward Knight** (1970), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, is retired.

Edward Knight (1970), married **Michele Bonnivier** (1970), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, is retired, and changed grammar schools 13 times, feeling lucky to have gone only to Taft.

Patricia (Hammang) Miller (1970), lives in Chicago, IL, is in client service for a health TPA.

Kenneth Naatz (1970), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Elmhurst, IL, UI Champaign BS Acct '74, DePaul U MBA '83, is a retired benefits director.

Marianne (Speciale) Piper (1970), married **Ed Piper** (1970), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Mundelein, IL, is retired.

Ed Piper (1970), married **Marianne Speciale** (1970), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Mundelein, IL, is a home inspector.

Diane Hansen (1971), has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in New London, CT, Albertus Magnus Col BS Bus Adm '02, is an accounting supervisor.

Sheryl (Schmidt) Pierce (1971), lives in Hot Springs Village, AR, Wright Jr College, is a semi retired office manager, reports that she took a "Rick Steves" (PBS) tour to Italy for 2 weeks, second time back...fabulous!

Christopher (Sadowski) Sadowski (1971), lives in Westerville, OH.

Roger Slaboch (1971), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Sacramento, CA, Monmouth College BA Bus Admin '75, is a director of credit, loves spending time in Bodega Bay, California.

John Mikulka (1972), lives in Montgomery, AL, Auburn BS '85. IIT MS '77, is a computer programmer.

Randy Cygan (1973), has 2 children, lives in Albuquerque, NM, UICC BS Chem '77; PSU MS Geochem '80, PhD '83, is a retired geochemist.

Nancy (Steckiewicz) Swantek (1973), lives in Chicago, IL.

Marge (Taff) Clements (1974), has 2 children, lives in Sycamore, IL, AA paralegal technology, is a credit analyst, just returned to Illinois after 40 years living in the South.

Karen (Jones) Cogan (1974), has 3 children, lives in Fairfax, VA, ISU BS Ed '78, is a coordinator of support operations for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Michael Kaage (1974), has 2 children, lives in Des Plaines, IL, is newspaper distributor, owns and operates the paperstand in Edison Park, a family business since '43.

Yvonne (Gatcheff) Ornt (1974), has 2 children, lives in Highland Park, IL, UI Champagne-Urbana BS Act'l Sci '78, Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, is a retired consulting actuary serving 40 years at Hewitt/Aon.

Melis (Lopez) Carlson (1976), has 2 children, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, DePaul U BS Acct '80, is a retired auditor.

Kent Stotz (1976), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Schaumburg, IL, NEIU 2 years, is the owner of a racing company, is five-time National Pro Street Champion.

Patty (Machowski) Wilson (1976), has 1 children, lives in San Antonio, TX, NIU BS Nutrition/Food Sci, is the owner of an air conditioning company.

Linda Fee (1978), has 2 children, lives in Palatine, IL, is a project manager.

Marybethe (Hirth) Kelly (1978), has 2 children, lives in Chicago, IL.

Mary Anne (Norum) Jones (1979), lives in Brookfield, IL, is a coordinator.

1980s

Walt Koscinski (1980), has 2 children, lives in Manassas, VA, IIT BS Civil Engr '80; VA Tech MS Aerospace/Ocean Engr '91; IU MS Public Affairs '01; National Defense U MS Nat'l Resources Strategy '03, is a program manager.

Ray Nelson (1980), has 2 children, lives in Park Ridge, IL, DePaul BS '84, is an actuary.



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In Our Memories



Ronald J. Dluger of Chicago IL died in March 2019 of leukemia. He taught history and humanities at Taft from 1963-1990 and oversaw many of Taft's great theatrical productions. The Traveling Troupe that

performed at churches and senior citizen homes became Taft's ambassadors to the community. He also assisted Kay (Carlson) Kuciak, Class of January 1963, in the formation of the Taft Alumni Association. His wife, Annette Dluger, was also a teacher at Taft.



Charles (Chuck) Kerkorian of the Village of Lakewood IL died February 11, 2019. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and attended Northern Illinois University and Chicago

Teachers' College. He met his wife Betty in the school lunchroom while both were teaching at Taft.

Margaret Ann (Krebs) Grumbine of DesPlaines IL, Class of January 1951, died April 11, 2018 of natural causes.

Phyllis (Humecki) Tininai of Naperville, IL, Class of June 1940, died in April 2019. She was a member of the first Taft graduation class.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Arthur Mortonson of Green Bay, WI, Class of June 1945, died December 16, 2018. He was married to

Bonnie Lynn (Weidman) Nugent of Naples, FL, Class of February 1946, died March 17, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel Nugent (deceased), Class of February 1946. She is survived by her sister Dorothy Cheryl Weidman, Class of January 1948.

Betty (Thompson) Mortonson, Class of June 1947, who preceded him in death.

Marillyn Louise (Kane) Machon of Park Ridge, IL, Class of June 1948, died April 3, 2019. She was married to Robert Machon, Class of June 1948, and was preceded in death by her sister Delores (Dee) Kane McPheeters, Class of June 1944.

Arvid August Alvin of Door County, WI, Class of June 1949, died on March 29, 2019. He was preceded in death by his brother Vernon Alvin, Class of June 1947, and is survived by his brother Harold Carl Alvin, Class of June 1945.

Donald Howard Black of Macomb, IL, Class of June 1949, died on November 6, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Joann Adele (Dass) Black, Class of June 1951.

Joanne Ruth (Adams) Stout of San Diego, CA, Class of June 1952, died March 10, 2019.

Norman Gerald Eichhorn of Riverwoods, IL, Class of June 1952, died October 10, 2018.

Sandra Alberta (Bartos) Banner of Centerville, IA, Class of June '58, died February 23, 2019. She was sister to Carole (Bartos) Pearson, Class of June 1952.

Thomas Reed Gillan of Denton, MD, Class of June 1954, died on March 29, 2019

Douglas Kenneth Larsen of Inverness, IL, Class of January 1957, died March 27, 2019. He was preceded in death by his brother **Kevin Russell Larsen**, Class of January 1955.

Judith Ann (Dobbertin) Nuccio of Buffalo Grove, IL, Class of June 1966, died January 17, 2019. She is survived by her sisters Susan (Dobbertin) Aslett, Class of 1969, Nancy (Dobbertin) Blanco, Class of 1971, and brother Reinhold Dobbertin, Class of 1976.

Randall Samborski of Beach Park, IL, Class of June 1967, died on September 22, 2018. He is survived by his wife Loretta (Phillip) Samborski, Class of June 1961.



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