

**BENSON**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Class of '67

**55-YEAR REUNION**



**September 23 - 24, 2022**

**Memory Book**



# *Thank You!*



The BHS 67 Reunion Committee would like to thank everyone for making our 55<sup>th</sup> year reunion a success. We need to thank all the sponsors that donated their time, talents, and treasures for our reunion. We would like to thank the many classmates that attended the event both locally and to those that traveled great distances.



We look forward to seeing our classmates and friends at our 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion. If your contact info (address, phone and/or email) changes, please send an email to [bensohigh67@gmail.com](mailto:bensohigh67@gmail.com), and we can update your information. That way we can include everyone in any information about future events.



Please enjoy the digital memory book to enhance the memories created during this reunion. For those of you who were not able to attend, please enjoy the book as well. It will provide some insight to the memorable evenings we all enjoyed.

# **Meet and Greet**



**Friday, September 23, 2022**  
**Old Mattress Factory**









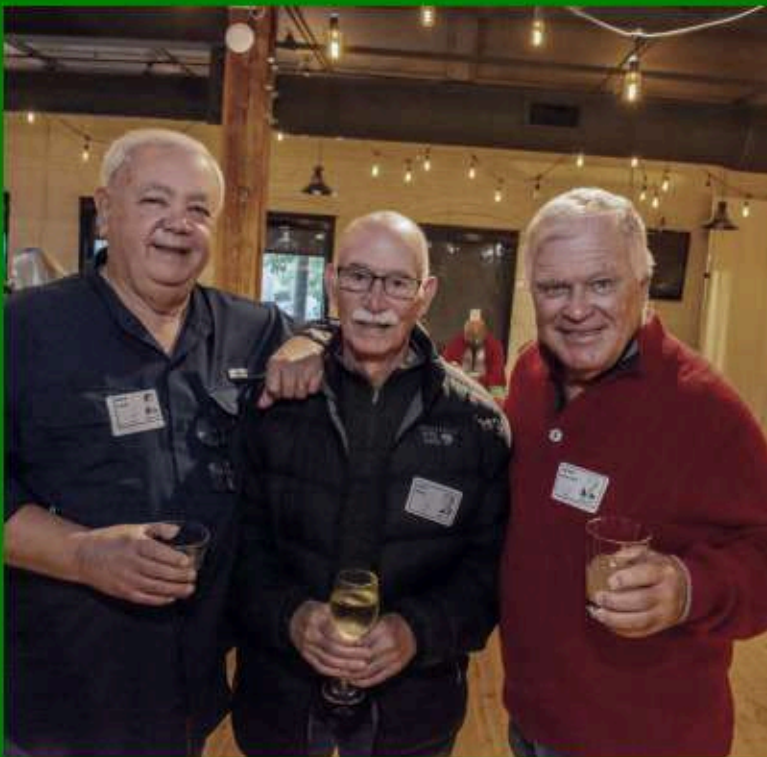
























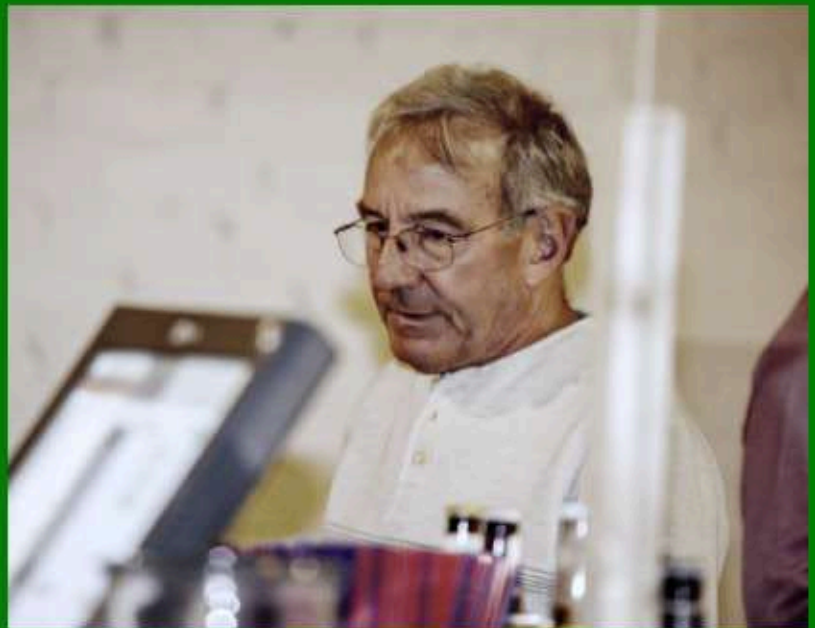






















# **Main Event**



**Saturday, September 24, 2022**  
**Embassy Suites – Old Market**



























# Biographies





# Stephen Adwers

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired, Bank of America bond trader

**Family:** Same as in 1967, 2 brothers, 3 sisters.

**Interests:** San Francisco, California, movies, computer games, emailing

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Ended up in SF in the late 70's, and the City has always been good to me. Hooked up with a very handsome guy from the Philippines in the early 80's and that's still going on. To say much more might be kind of boring. Oh yeah, was I the only one who used to hate those Friday pep rally's in senior home room when you had to "stand up and holler"?

# Norman (Norm) Andersen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired

**Family:** wife Judy ( BHS 68) 2 children 8 grand children

**Interests:** Model railroading

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married my high school sweet heart. Moved to North Little Arkansas with the Union Pacific RR. Retired from Union Pacific RR 8 years ago and moved back home to Omaha. People ask me "why did you move back to Omaha, people move out of Nebraska after they retire" ..... which was my wife's comment too, but home is home... and Arkansas was too hot. I just hope Nebraska never plays Arkansas in football.. I don't know who I would pull for.

# Robert Anderl

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married Marlene Kinman (BHS 68) in 1970. 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Travel, gardening, and volunteering at the National Museum of the USAF

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended Univesity of Nebraska (Lincoln) graduating in 1971. Commissioned into the USAF moving 14 times over 20 years. Awarded an MBA from the University of Montana and professional certifications in contract management ( CACM & CPCM). Retired as a Lt. Col. in 1991 and took a job in the defense industry working another 21 years for General Dynamics. Served as a Regional VP and National Director for the NCMA. Retired in 2012 as a VP and Sr Director for GDIT's Dayton Operations. Traveled to all 50 states, Canada & Mexico and attended the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2015. Live in Dayton, OH.

# Roy Andersen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married to Kathleen Andersen (Anderson 67 grad) two daughters and four grand kid

**Interests:** Gardening, making wooden toys, traveling and enjoying retirement.



## Kathy Anderson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Happily Retired

**Family:** Married to Roy Andersen for 48 years. Daughters, Angela-45 & Stephanie-42

**Interests:** Reading, traveling, local mission work, attending our grandchildren's sports act

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Been retired since 2013 and have enjoyed traveling to the east and west coasts, and Alaska. We go to Alexandria, MN twice a year to visit and fish with Sheila (Bojanski) and Leon Bresley. I love to read all kinds of books. Both Roy and I enjoy spending time with our girls and their families. We have 3 granddaughters and one grandson. We have belonged to Hope Presbyterian Church for over 35 years where I am involved with our local missions.

## Patricia (Patsy) Andresen McQuade

Class of '67



**Occupation:** homemaker

**Family:** Two sons, Damian and Brendan and two grand daughters, Aryana and Aleyda

**Interests:** Gardening, reading and raising an African Grey parrot

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I married Mike in 1972 and was on the move for nearly 35 years. He was career military (Navy and Coast Guard) and has now retired. I loved moving to different places, New London, CT, Cape Cod, MA and were living on a lighthouse island off the coast of Maine when our two boys were born. After that, we lived in Virginia, Italy, Illinois and many years in Guam. From there, we did a lot of traveling to see the wonders of Australia and Asia. We fell in love with Bali. I love the ocean, the tropical weather and was hoping to stay in Guam. But we are back in Omaha, close to our families.

## Joseph (Joe) Ashford

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Licensed Funeral Director

**Family:** Two children Daughter and Son plus Three Grandsons

**Interests:** Travel and most sports

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After High School I served in the US Coast Guard for six years living in Hawaii and American Samoa traveling all over the South Pacific. I also served on the Great Lakes. I graduated from Miami Dade College and then went on to Graduate from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. I met my wife of 45 years in Chicago she passed in May of 2016

## Nancy Beam Meyer

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired Dermatology nurse

**Family:** SP Lynn R (BHS '64) children: Amy, Christopher, Emily, grands: 5 granddaughters

**Interests:** Gardening, reading, helping refugees, church activities, being w family

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Lynn & I were stationed in Germany during Viet Nam war, with our daughter Amy. Lynn was in the Army in the 8th Infantry Division. Lynn is still consulting with preservation work and I'm retired. We live in the Benson area within walking distance of BHS. We walk to Benson and have a cup of coffee or go to one of the many new restaurants, or the library. We love our life and are grateful for our health and family. I still keep in touch with Mary Ann Sundsboe Flott and Candi Behn Coe. I see Tim Grabenstein and Larry Halldorson, & Gordan Boe- but otherwise have lost touch.



## Edward (Ed) Bessey

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married-Leona, kids Leanna, Brian, Kim; grands: Megan, Anne, Joe, Evelynn Maggie

**Interests:** Jesus/church, Family, traveling/cruising, reading, vegetable gardening genealogy

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated University of Nebraska, Omaha, with BSBA. Worked for Omaha Public Schools for 31 years. Traveled to 50 states, Canada (twice a year for the last 12 years to Vancouver to visit son and his family), Mexico, Alaska, and the Caribbean. All my kids and grandkids have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and are following Him. What a legacy!!! John 3:16.

## Jeannie Blakey Brayman

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired teacher

**Family:** I am widowed with no kids. My closest family are my in laws and my friends.

**Interests:** Painting, drawing, sculpture, reading, travel, Spanish, thrifting, flea markets

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I spent 40 years as a teacher, 35 at Creighton Prep, teaching English and Academic Decathlon and coaching AD for 26 years which included 6 state titles. I've traveled extensively--Europe, China, Nepal, Tibet, Indonesia, Vietnam, Central Europe, Egypt, Peru, Ecuador, Japan, Cuba, and more. I currently live most of the year on the Gulf of Mexico in Florida. I am an ardent Democrat and am working for civil rights issues. I maintain an apt in Omaha but miss the sound of the sea. I spend most of my time in art classes or managing various flea market venues exercising my inner entrepreneur.

## Catherine Bockman Thomas

Class of '67



## Gordon Boe

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Educator

**Family:** Married 52 years, have three daughters & five grandchildren - 3 girls & 2 boys

**Interests:** Enjoy reading, golf, travel, spending time with family/friends

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** BS in Education UNL, MA in English UNO. I taught in Bloomfield, NE for 2 years and Bennington, NE for 37 as an English teacher and Media Specialist. I retired in 2011 and spent 2 years as Urban Outreach Coordinator at our church. I retired completely in 2015. My wife Judi and I enjoy travel, RV camping, dining with friends and volunteering with the Red Cross. We recently enjoyed a special trip to Europe this summer for a belated 50th anniversary cruise. I have great memories of Benson and the class of '67. I wish you all well! In my memory you will always be 18.



## Sheila Bojanski Bresley

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired/Teacher

**Family:** Same husband of 47 years, one daughter and three very busy grandchildren.

**Interests:** I enjoy playing bridge, reading, swimming and fishing in Minnesota.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Leon and I have enjoyed our fishing trips to Minnesota. We even spent one Christmas in the frozen tundra when the high temperature was just two degrees. The grandchildren keep us very busy with cross country, cheerleading, basketball and soccer games.

## Sherlynn Bower Ambler

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Electrical wiring designer

**Family:** Husband Danny, son Scott, daughter-in-law Carrie and Grandson Tyler.

**Interests:** Music, art, crafts, gardening

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Salvation Army missionary sergeant. Graduated from Friends University in Wichita with applied vocal music degree. Traveled much in US and abroad with husband Dan during his musical career. Settled in Wichita to raise our son. Worked at Boeing in engineering for 27 years.

## Susan Bruce

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired

**Interests:** I like visiting the National Parks. I also enjoy working on my yard's landscape

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I went to Illinois Central College for 2 years and finished my bachelor's degree at Illinois State University. It took me awhile to really find out what I really wanted to do ... the last 23 1/2 years of my career I worked as a COBOL programmer and loved it.

## Jay Buckley

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired 2011, Acct. Mgr. Videojet Tech.

**Family:** Married in 1969 to Margaret Crha Buckley, Marian 1968. 2 daughters, Megan & Amy

**Interests:** Enjoy doing most anything that ends in ING, but I do have a few favorites.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Besides marrying the perfect women (I call her Saint Margaret) we have two daughters: Megan a RN living in Papillion with her Husband and 2 children, and Amy a Pharmacist living in Breckenridge with her husband and 2 children. So 4 grandkids in two great places! And the best part is they have been self-supporting ever since graduating from college! Joking aside, we are truly bless and proud. I have always cherished the friends & memories at Benson. There could never be a better time in history to be in high school, unless you were called into Howard Sorenson's office (personal experience)



## Bradley (Brad) Bush

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Civil Engineer

**Family:** No wife, no kids. Sister Beverly (BHS Grad 1969), 3 cats (2 new stray babies)

**Interests:** Old truck (49 Dodge Power Wagon), amateur machinist, woodworking,

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Rags to rags story continues much as 5 years ago. Not dead yet. Born, school, Degrees in Construction Management and Civil Engineering UofN-Lincoln. Construction contractor. 25 year career with US Army-Facilities Engineering, planning, financial management, computer systems administration-20 years in Europe (loved it)-Germany and Belgium (NATO). Last tour-Corps of Engineers-Omaha District-Civil Design-Military Construction, back to Omaha after all those years. Retired 2009 and loving it. Bought my current home in Happy Hollow from 1967 classmate Gordon Boe's Mother. How's that for a coincidenc

## Gregory (Greg) Carlberg

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired, previously carpenter/contractor

**Family:** Two daughters 31 and 33 with one grand-daughter another of unknown variety on

**Interests:** Golf, snow skiing, traveling and playing and hanging out with grand-daughter and

## Michael (Mike) Callahan

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired, Douglas County IT, App/Dev MGR

**Family:** wife of 48 yrs; 3 children, 7 Grandchildren

**Interests:** Travel (47 states, 8 countries); Sports; Coin Collecting

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** US Army, 2 yrs Republic of Korea

## Carl Carlson

Class of '67





## Cynthia (Cindy) Chase Voelz

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married for 47 years to Mark, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren

**Interests:** Genealogy, traveling, reading, scrapbooking, sewing, playing with my grandkids

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I've been happily married for 47 years to Mark, who was stationed at Offutt AFB. I was introduced to him by Sheryl Stafford. I attended UNO for a couple of years before I married. I retired 6 years ago from Milwaukee Public Schools, where I was an office manager at several middle & high schools and the Safety Division. I'm enjoying my retirement! My husband and I enjoy traveling and have visited many states and several countries. We visit Omaha a couple times a year to visit family and friends and am sorry I can't attend this reunion. It would be great to see old friends.

## Linda Clark Barker

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired

**Family:** My husband and I have 1 daughter & 4 grandsons ages 16, 14, 8, 6

**Interests:** Loving on our grandsons who live 10 minutes from us!

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Met my husband working for the forest service tree planting & fighting forest fires. We lived in a teepee at the time because we moved around so much. After having our daughter we moved to Texas where all my family lives to give her a more stable life. We now live in Illinois and are loving being retired. We love road trips & taking our whole family with us. Our son-in-law is pastor of our church. We are very blessed as we continue to serve our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

## Susan Christensen Lauritsen

Class of '67



**Family:** Two sons and two grandsons.

**Interests:** 2 Red Hats groups, 2 bunco groups, 2 card groups. Taking tours.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Our 45th was great seeing those that had not joined us in years. Just reconnected with Connie Martinson so you can see us at reunion. A month ago got to meet The Brothers Osbourne at Horseshoe Casino. Yepie!!! Had lunch one day with Renee Holmes, it was good to see her. Talked to Debbie Rohwer too. Future trips to Phoenix and Nashville in November. Hope to see lots more Bunnies at the 50th. Had a blast at the 50th. Miss Bunny so glad you showed up. It was the best reunion of all. Can't wait for the 55th if I'm still here and hopping!!!

## Mary Cleveland Bollinger

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired French Teacher

**Family:** Married 41 years to Roger Bollinger

**Interests:** Piano, reading, swimming, and traveling

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After retiring in 2014 from 23 years of teaching French at a suburban high school in the Philadelphia area, I have been pursuing other interests. I have taken up the serious study of piano with an excellent teacher and play several times a year in small recitals. I had taken for 10 years growing up with Alice Davis Berryman. I also spend time volunteering at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital and as a Deacon with my church. Roger and I traveled to France in 2018 and Scotland this year. We enjoy reunions with family and friends in the U.S. and are looking forward to the 55th reunion.



## Donna Collatz McKiever

Class of '67



**Family:** Still married to Bill (47 yrs) - 2 children - 4 grandchildren

## Robert (Bob) Cooper

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired CEO Tennyson Center for Children

**Family:** Married my best friend Judy 50 yrs this Dec., 5 children and 14 grands age 3-18!

**Interests:** Family, travel and volunteer work.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After a 45-yr career serving children and families as a social worker, therapist, administrator, fund raiser & CEO, Judy, educator & administrator, and I are enjoying a different pace with our interests. I am very sorry to have missed this past reunion, but Judy and I were on a long planned six-week European tour and returned a week too late. I hope to be there for number sixty!

## Barbara Copeland Allendorfer

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Happily retired!

**Family:** Husband Michael - 48 years! Children Peter and Rachel. 4 Grandchildren.

**Interests:** Quilting, crocheting, travelling.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** We live on the Sacramento River delta in California, in the little town of Pittsburg. We're avid campers with a tiny travel trailer. We love to travel out of the US, and still have lots of the world left to tackle.

## Doug Cozad

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** none

**Interests:** Fishing, Hunting, Dog Training, Camping, Photography and Gardening

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I will and have always identified with Benson High School but my parents moved and I actually attended Elkhorn High for 4 months and graduated from Elkhorn High School. Then attended UNO 3 years, Nebraska National Guard 6 years, Walleye Fishing Guide, Heavy Equipment Operator 42 years, retired Senior Heavy Crane Operator - Omaha Public Power District 30 years, retired age 59.  
<http://www.newwalleye.com/>



## Kirk Crane

Class of '67



**Occupation:** City Planner

## Linda Decker Whitesides

Class of '67



**Occupation:** self employed on verge of retirement

**Family:** new husband Patrick Soares.

**Interests:** Grand kids, horses and dogs.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** my 40ish kids are still having babies. 9 grand kids and counting. Got married 2 years ago; a great man from Hawaii with a ukulele and a beautiful singing voice. Pat and I enjoy riding our horses, watching movies and attending church. (he sings in 3 choirs).

## Katherine (Kathy) DeGenhardt Rocco

Class of '67



**Occupation:** ASL Interpreter

**Family:** Husband Bob, Daughter Kelli, Son Steve and 7 grandchildren

**Interests:** Reading, working out, visiting friends, spending time with family, go to Chicago

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After retiring from the Visitors Bureau, I went back to interpreting in the deaf community. I now interpret for children of the students I taught at ISD. Talk about feeling old!! Besides interpreting, I manage my son's salon & invoice Bob's Chi shows. I've been fortunate to be present for most of my grandchildren's births.?? I have grown in my faith throughout my life and am grateful that my family has as well. I've had a great life and consider myself blessed.

## Anthony (Tony) Desanti

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Manager-Risk Mgmt Union Pacific Retired

**Family:** Married 52 years with 3 Sons and 3 Grandchild

**Interests:** Grandkids, Fishing, Shooting Sports, History, Traveling, Eating Pizza

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married 52 years to my best friend Mary. Served 2 years in the U.S. Army 1969-71 (Vietnam Vet.) Have 3 terrific sons - Policeman, College Professor, and the Trng Coordinator for Neb. Furn. Mart. Two beautiful grand daughters (22 yrs old and 3 years old) , one terrific grandson (Tony) 2 yrs old). Worked 3 Years as Rehab Counselor for the VA Hospital, then 35 Years at UPRR. Mary and I moved to our dream home shortly after retiring, and we enjoy having two of our grand babies with us a few days each week. Claim to Fame: I won the 100 meter Mosey in the last Olympics! ; )



## Gwendolyn (Gwen) Dietz Parmenter

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Accountant, Admin Officer, nanny

**Family:** children - Matt, Joe, Jenny, Amanda - grandsons - Nate (18), Zach (16)

**Interests:** love children, active in church, avid reader & gardener

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married (divorced) raised 4 children while working. With children raised, I became a nanny to twins, who are now 20, twins who are now 18 & younger sister now 15. The five girls I nannied are granddaughters of my heart. I helped support and raise my grandsons. They are my greatest. Life is filled with young adults, gardening in the wonderful 4 seasons of Nebraska, being active in my church and the work we do in the Omaha community. I still love to read (almost anything, although Harry Potter is awesome) and am now retired.

## James (Jim) Ecker

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married to Denice (Stangl) Ecker, 44 years; 2 children, 2 grandchildren

**Interests:** Running, fishing, church and family

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** US Army Signal Corp 1970-73, overseas duty in Germany. Graduated UNO, 1978; BS Public Administration. City Planner, City of Omaha 1976-90. Land Developer, HearthStone Homes 1990-2009. Parking & Transit Manager, UNO 2010-15.

## Kathleen Eggleston Coles

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** 3 daughters, 2 live nearby, one in Phoenix. Still have family in Omaha.

**Interests:** Currently a volunteer docent for Chicago Architecture Foundation.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Too many memorable experiences to recount.

## Jeffrey Evangelisti

Class of '67





## Marilyn Everts Gottsch

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married to a SHS (68) grad. Widowed 6/15. 4 c. 16 gc (ALL MINE). Almost 1 grtgr

**Interests:** Gardening and my grandchildren. Traveling when I can.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have a typical life.

## Linda Fehlau Semmler

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Husband, Lanny, two sons, Dan and Mitch, and twin grandsons, Colin and Jacob

**Interests:** Travel, home decorating, flea markets, Bible study and church-related activities

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Besides giving birth, it has to be sights I've seen in my travels. Next to seeing Elvis and Abba in person, touring Turkey was a real highlight. We moved to Texas in 1987. I came down here kicking and screaming, but soon realized how wonderful life in Texas is – no snow here! We are enjoying retirement in our home on a heavily wooded acreage north of Houston, in church, and in local Mexican restaurants. We visit family often in ID, IND, CT, SD and NE. It is hard to believe how fast the years have passed, but I am thankful for many blessings - family, friends and health. God is good!

## Maurine Field Beason

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** SP-Robert , 2 kids - Lory, Marcy, 4 grndkids - Amanda, Heather, Zachary, Skyler

**Interests:** Quilting, golf, church activities and being with family.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Lived in Omaha most of my life with brief homes in Oklahoma, Washington State, Germany and Bennington. I worked for Mutual of Omaha for 35 years before retiring. I have been retired for 16 years. In those 16 years I have been blessed to help with my grandkids. I have been married to Bob for 33 years. We love to spend time with the family on vacations, family dinners and all the occasions that families share. I have 2 grandkids who have graduated from college Amanda is engaged, Heather is working in finance. Zachary will be a sophomore at Westside and Skyler is in 6th grade.

## David Filipi

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Family Physician

**Family:** Married 47 years to Jody (Leahy). 2 Children (Krys and Jay) and 2 grandchildren

**Interests:** Enjoying grandchildren, Noli (Magnolia) and Ansel Marsh. Travel, Czech culture,

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After practicing family medicine for 20 years, became medical director of a 150 multispecialty physician practice (Physicians Clinic) in Omaha. Before retiring, spent the last 8 years as medical director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Now semi-retired, I taught at College of St. Mary and consult on medical quality issues. Was president of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians, the Metro Omaha Medical Society and the Nebraska Medical Association. Earned an MBA at UNO in 1995.



## Barbara Forman Vogel

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired teacher

**Family:** I have one son, Rob, and his wife Amanda, as well as three grandchildren -- one

**Interests:** Reading. Politics. My home, family, and church.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I took early retirement in 2004 after 34 years of teaching. In 2008 I moved to Utah at my son's urging. Now I'm content with my grandchildren and my hobbies. I didn't save the world. I didn't become a great musical talent. But life is good. Never dreamed I'd end up in Tooele, Utah!

## Sally Fredrickson Roehl

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Contract Specialist (part-time)

**Family:** Husband-Ron- Children-Nicholas Emily, Amanda-Grandchildren-Morgan, Zoe,Mordaki

**Interests:** Reading, Quilting, Crafts, I-Pad Games

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After teaching for more than 20 years, I took a permanent leave and traveled with my husband, but got bored and went back to work part time. I'm glad I can do this, (from home, no less) and still have the freedom and time to do other things I enjoy it true meaning!

## Todd Furse

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** I am married with one child from a previous marriage and have 2 grand children.

**Interests:** Cycling, unicycling, juggling, and technology.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I retired from the military in December 2004. On my first retirement I did a brief tour as a JROTC instructor at a local HS in Knoxville, TN. I then returned to Virginia as a Defense Contractor and later a Government Service employee, until my final retirement in October 2015. Both of my parents died in 2010 so I rarely return to Nebraska with exception to participate in bicycle ride events RAGBRAI and Tour de NE. Since retiring, I spend time between Virginia and Panama City, Republic of Panama, where I am able to escape the cold weather.

## Robert Gardner

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retarded

**Family:** None

**Interests:** None

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Was there a reunion? When? How come I wasn't notified. That Roger person never liked me.



## Thomas (Tom) Gillaspie

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Attorney

**Family:** Wife, Pam, (BHS, 66). Married in 1970. 2 children, Trev and Megan. 3 grandkids

**Interests:** Golf, Teammates Mentoring program: I mentor 2 boys, and working in our yard

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I graduated from UNL in 1971 and UNL law school in 1974. I worked for the Nebraska Department of Revenue for 40 years, the last 20 years as Agency Legal Council. Pam is a Nurse Practitioner and will retire the end of this year. We spend time in Phoenix, where our children live, and plan to travel and cruise after she retires.

## Gene Graves

Class of '67



## John Gretzinger

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Musician

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Have lived in Los Angeles most of my adult life and toured with bands. I am now retired but still perform for tourists here at home.

## Larry Halldorson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired in 2007

**Family:** Married 47 years to Connie, kids Jill and Ryan, 3 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Golf above all else, home improvement projects.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Have never left Omaha-BS & MBA at UNO, worked in local factories for 20 years and then started my own powder coating business in '89. Sold that in 2007. Since 2010 have enjoyed winters in Peoria, AZ, and recently took on another project house there. Still can't commit to permanently leaving Omaha, though.



## Stuart (Stu) Hallgren

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married 33 years to beautiful wife Deb, three daughters, two grandchildren

**Interests:** read, make sawdust while woodworking, garden, volunteer, travel across the world

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from Michigan State University with a Ph.D. in Psychology. Worked for the State of Michigan for 25 years in the Department of Mental Health and the Office of Community Corrections. After retiring from the State of Michigan, I was a financial planner for 10 years and also worked with the Michigan Area Bishop of the United Methodist Church until I retired in 2015. Occasionally I gather with friends for a meal while we solve the problems of the world. I feel that I have been deeply blessed with family and friends.

## Janice (Jan) Hansen Lambert

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Chad, Jeremy, Jeff, Stacy 7 grandchildren 2 Boys and 5 girls

**Interests:** Going to Concerts, Antique Autos, Baseball, Football, Traveling

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married Richard Lambert in 1970. We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Rick and I both retired in 2010. We traveled to Cuba in June 2017. We like to go to car shows and show our 1964 and 1970 Chevilles. Our grandchildren take up most of our time with Football, Soccer, Dance, Gymnastics and Hockey. Rick and I both graduated from Benson in 67 and have lived in Omaha all of our lives. I enjoy Nebraska Football, Yankees baseball and going to concerts.

## Terry (Pete) Hansen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired, part time @ Enterprise Auto

**Family:** Married to Judy Benson (BHS '66) and have 2 kids, 9 grandchildren

**Interests:** Play with my '47 Ford, do projects around the house, watch grandkids and travel.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Since retiring in 2008, Judy and I have traveled to Alaska, New Zealand and Australia, Europe and several areas of the United States. Love to go to my brothers ranch in western Nebraska, very relaxing.

## Randy Hartge

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Electronics Sales and Repair Business

**Family:** Married 1985, wife Frances, two grandchildren

**Interests:** Electronics, Videography, Photography, Videoing Local Music Bands and events.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended Gibbon Nebraska Public Schools until moving to Omaha/Benson area in 1965. To enhance knowledge a additional electronics class was taken at Tech High. In 1970 passed the Federal Government's 1st class General Radio License and started a small business, Randy's CB Center, selling and repairing CB Radios and Police Scanners. In the early years there was 3 outlets in the Omaha area. At this time, Randy's CB Center is still open for business in Omaha Nebraska.

## Steven Hayes

Class of '67



## Robert (Bob) Hearron

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married, two children and two grandchildren

**Interests:** Golf, travel and spectator sports

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Recently retired after most recently serving as CFO for Premier Bank in Omaha.

## Anne Henderson Berry

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Mom, Granma

**Family:** 3 Berry kids...4 grandkids

**Interests:** Music, MJ, USHER, JT, BRUNO. Swimming, dancing. Watching gymnastics, soccer.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** 1 husband. Sister of 2 sisters. 3 Berry kids. 4 Berry grandkids. 27 weeks til our 5th grandbaby is born. 1981 the year our son, Patrick was born. 1982 sweet Allison was born. 1983 along came Andrea. 1975 met the love of my life, David. 1984 moved into our El Dorado home. 2016 my Cubs won the World Series. 50 consecutive years at the CWS. A Bunny hop thru my wonderful life.

## Sheri Herron Nowak-Stewart

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Educator-Consultant

**Family:** Jim and I have a blended family of three grown children and six grandchildren.

**Interests:** We love to travel and are also involved in community volunteering.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Not many in our class know that I grew up mostly on welfare and lived in 24 houses by the time I was 18. In fact, I missed 44 days of school up through February 1st of our senior year due to home issues so I decided to get my own lawyer and became emancipated. With the help of Milt Lorenz I got a 4 year scholarship to Kearney State College. Although I began to major in English because of Irene Johnson, I ended up teaching elementary. I student taught in a gifted classroom in Lincoln and that initiated my passion for gifted education. I worked (and still volunteer) in that field after teaching gifted education, serving as the Nebraska state director, as a professor at Emporia State University



## Susan (Sue) Hiles Skeans

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Divorced. Two married daughters, Sara & Anna. 4 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Traveling, reading, attending plays, outdoor concerts, movies, church activities

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from C E School of Commerce. Traveling with the same group of friends, 3 cruises so far and many other trips. I am currently a Deacon and a member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee of my church, Presbyterian Church of the Master.

## Lynn Hofeldt Givens

Class of '67



## Linda Hitt

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** 3 kids and 8 grandchildren

**Interests:** Gardening, weaving, and estate sales

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I'm mostly single at the moment. I worked for 33 years for a small telephone co in Lincoln, Ne. I was a service representative for 20 years. Then because I was a single Mom and needed more money I worked in construction as a splicer and finally doing installation and repair. It was a great job and a lot of fun! I also worked for an insurance co for 5 years and retired again. I've lived in Lincoln, Ne, Ashland, Ne and now I have moved back to Omaha. I've not been able to get too far from my Omaha roots! I do love to travel! One thing about being retired is that the weeks fly.

## Stephanie Homann Moeller

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired teacher / media specialist

**Family:** Larry and I have 2 kids, 4 grandchildren, 2 step-grandsons, 2 step-great-grands

**Interests:** Digital photo projects, British mysteries, genealogy, grandkids activities

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After 29 years in Manhattan, KS we retired to Omaha in 2012. Daughter Sarah and her family live here as do my siblings. Son Andrew and his crew are in Manhattan so we still trek back and forth as always. Larry and I are fortunate to be celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. I would love to hear from Benson friends. My email is smoeller1972@gmail.com

## William Huntington

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married to Cheryl (Anker-'70); three children and five grandchildren

**Interests:** Civil War, volunteering at Gunston Hall, Ellwood Manor (Wilderness Battlefield)

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln, BA (71), MA (72); National War College ('92). Served 28 years as an Air Force Reserve officer, retiring as a colonel in 2002. Spent 30 years at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA); retiring from the Federal Senior Executive Service in 2010. Served in DIA as Director of Collection, Director of Human Intelligence and the Agency's Deputy Director. After retiring from DIA worked as a consultant for CACI and as a Senior Faculty Member for the Intelligence and Security Academy. Served as Vice President, National Military Intelligence Foundation.

## John Iverson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** College Biology Research Professor

**Family:** Married to Sheila (Jelinek -'65) Iverson; two sons, no grandchildren

**Interests:** Field biology in remote places; reforestation; travel

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended Hastings College (67-71); University of Florida (MS 74; PhD 77); Biology Professor at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana 1978 - present (though semi-retired now). Discovered new species of turtles in Mexico and Asia. Studied same population of turtles in western Nebraska and iguanas in the Exumas since 1980 (some of them will outlive you and me). Science nerd who believes that climate change is real. Reforested 76 acres in Indiana. TMI at [www.earlham.edu/~johni](http://www.earlham.edu/~johni)

## Manfred (Fred) Jalass

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired owner - Intl Minute Press

**Family:** wife - Eunice, daughter - Jessica Galati (Tony), grandson - AJ Galati

**Interests:** Cycling, Husker Volleyball and Football, Baseball, Soccer, Photography

## Brigitte Jensen Biers

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired after 45 yrs at Mutual of Omaha

**Family:** Married to my husband for 48 years. We have two children. No grandkids.

**Interests:** Camping, decorating, reading, dollhouse/miniatures and our Rottie

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Traveling with my mother and daughter to Germany to visit aunts, uncles and cousins. Camping trips to Canada, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Iowa and throughout Nebraska. Western Nebraska is one of our favorites. Raising a feisty Rottweiler puppy at our age. Worst puppy ever, but she's getting better, or I'm just adapting.



## Carol Jensen-Linton

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Health Coach

**Family:** Adam & Vanessa Linton-son & daughter-in-law, grandson Rowan

**Interests:** Health and wellness, dancing, traveling, cruising

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduate from Nebraska (1972) with a double major in Psychology & Sociology. Moved to Austin, TX to work for Lutheran Social Service of Texas. Masters in Social Work from Tulane. In 1980, married Ron Linton, a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Rice. Adam born in 1983. Moved to GA in 1995. Love my life here. My passion is helping people to be healthy and a rep with Juice Plus. I am paid volunteer for New Neighbors where I welcome 200-300 families to our community each year. Ron died in January 2020. I have been on 26 cruises and counting.

## Judith (Judie) Johnson Hargroder

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired-Liberty Mutual Ins Co

**Family:** Married 32 years to Ricky. Three children, 3 grandsons

**Interests:** Grandbabies, gardening, road trips

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Left NE in 1981 to live in Atlanta, then Birmingham. We lived in the South for 30 years and I always felt like we were just visiting so we moved home to Omaha in 2010. There is no better place than NE!! was a claim specialist for over 35 years, handling bodily injury lawsuits and environmental claims. I earned a CPCU in insurance and retired in 2012 and am loving it. We have had some exciting adventures, including owning a 200 acre crawfish and fresh water shrimp farm in AL!! I have been truly blessed with a wonderful life and am now happily living in Blair.

## Steven Jessen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired System Engr Lockheed Martin

**Family:** Married 54 Years. 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 10 great children

**Interests:** Travel and photography

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Spent two years in Europe. One year in Thailand. Traveled to Australia and Tasmania for a couple trips. Survived heart and cancer surgery.

## Kathleen Johnson Murphy

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Housewife

**Family:** Husband of 47 years, Benson 67 Grad, Jim Murphy. 4 sons, all happily married.

**Interests:** Family, golf, traveling and reading.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Have lived in Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago, Hartford and San Francisco. Have traveled throughout Europe and the United States. We are now retired in the Lake of the Ozarks. We look forward to our 50th Reunion with all the Benson Bunnies

## Kathleen Johnson Clary

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** My husband Bill is a 1964 BHS graduate. We have 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren

**Interests:** Reading, gardening, swimming, traveling , church related activities

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have a B.S. In Education from UNO. We moved to Texas in 1980 and love being Texans but our Nebraska roots run deep. My career was in both education and business; having taught school as well as worked for the Texas PTA. I was employed at a local community college before retiring. My lifelong love and husband, Bill, was a Marine Vietnam veteran and spent his career in the construction industry. He passed away in January, 2-22, after a brief illness. I miss him terribly. I'm very blessed with my family and friends. Life is precious.

## Kimiling (Kim) Johnson Hirschert

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Domestic Goddess

**Family:** Married 49 yrs. (Rod - Class of '66), 2 children, and 4 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Geneology, fishing and wood working.

## Kathryn (Katie) Johnston

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Well...none.

**Interests:** Entertaining, cooking, volunteering at the animal shelter, theater, exercising

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I've been in the Washington DC area since 1972. I fulfilled a childhood dream of traveling extensively with my job, and worked in 40 countries during my career in international development. I lived in Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and South Sudan. After retiring I took up acting and have been in several community theater productions. I've been married (and divorced) twice. All my children have had 4 legs; I currently live with 3 cats. I enjoy staying fit and exercising. I practiced Shotokan Karate for 25 years and, yes, earned a black belt. Fortunately, I've never had to use it.

## Stephen (Steve) Jones

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Software Architect

**Family:** Sherry Payne Jones (BHS '67) - six sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren

**Interests:** Family! Travel. Backpacking, climbing, skiing - anything in the mountains.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** We both went to U of Nebraska, Lincoln and married our sophomore year. After a BS&MS in Computer Science, I got a job in Minneapolis. Then California in 1974 and there ever since. Worked initially for a government lab, then jumped to a Silicon Valley startup. Have been in startups most of my career. Most of our life has revolved around our family and our kids' activities. Soccer all over California and as far as Calgary, Canada. Sherry accompanied our younger daughter to Acro Gymnastics meets all over including Ukraine and the World Championships in Manchester, England.



## Joy (Jodi) Jorgensen Depetro

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired salon owner

**Family:** Married to Sam . 2 wonderful adult kids , Kaylene & Jon

**Interests:** Traveling , and just enjoying life !

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Soon to be married 50 years . Wow! Where did the time go???? We are members of a Corvett club so we do a lot of traveling with the club.Our daughter is a 1st. Grade teacher . She has blessed us with 3 wonderful grandkids . Our son has settled in Florida after traveling the world That gave us the opportunity to travel throughout Asia and Europe . Life is good . I've been very blessed !!!!!

## Martin Kauffman

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Educator / coach

**Family:** Married to Ann with three girls Katelyn,Kelly, Carole

**Interests:** Golf, Fishing, and vacationing with family.Love Nebraska sports (fb,bb vb)

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from Kearney State 72. Four years football. Was a teacher, dean of boys, and coach for 37 years at Westside Schools (Omaha). Coached football 37 yrs.six as head coach, wrestling 25 yrs, and track 15 yrs. Married to Ann 31yrs. Two big dogs and a cat keep me busy.

## Richard (Rick) Keely

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired from 45 years At Kellogg Co

**Family:** Jeanette my wife of 47 years. Kevin Keely 46 Kristin Keely 44 , and Doug Keely

**Interests:** Going to Florida and walking on beach and swimming in the ocean.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Drag raced E/MP cars at NHRA tracks in the mid west. Younger days played fast pitch softball, flag football, and running road races. Now I enjoy bowling in 3 leagues at Maplewood against lots of former bunnies (most are from younger classes) I am looking forward to reunion because I was in Florida for the 50.

## Dana Kessler Richmond

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Active trader/Grandmother

**Family:** Hubby Mike, 4 blended children Noel, Brad, Devon & Asher & 5 Grands/Great Grands

**Interests:** Golf, travel, being with grandchildren, cooking & trading stocks.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** The "Grands" are still the highlights of my life, though, at 31, 12, 10, 7 & 3, I don't see them as often as I would like. Mom lives near, is 99 and, though not as active physically, she can still play bridge and win. I see Libby almost every year and stay in touch with many Bunnies. Tony DeSanti still sends the best jokes! Mike & I have been married for 44 years, live in a golf community in Wilsonville, OR, play golf, travel and play "pitch." We had an amazing trip to Bellagio, Cortona, Antibes, & Annecy in 2019--just before Covid. I can't wait to see my old Benson friends.

## Karl Kinman

Class of '67



## Jacquelyn Knapp Panzeri

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired 7/3/17 from UMC of SO NV

**Family:** Married to Bill Panzeri 34 years. 1 son 1 daughter 2 grandsons 1 great grandson

**Interests:** After my recent retirement, I am working on developing new interests.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Became a licensed cosmetologist in 1968. Moved to AZ in 1977 and became a stay at home Mom. Moved to Las Vegas in 1981 and went to work at the El Cortez as a Keno auditor and was trained to process Accounts Payable. 4 years later was hired at Women's Hospital to do Payroll and AP. After 4 years I was offered the position of Payroll Manager at University Medical Center of SO NV where I remained for 27 1/2 years. All of my finance knowledge was learned on the job and Payroll became my career of choice.

## William Kraus

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** I married Rita Stover (North High) and we have been married over 40 years.

**Interests:** I volunteer in my HOA community and prepare tax returns for the IRS/AARP.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After college I went to work for Union Pacific Railroad. I worked there for fifteen years as the railroads Contract Engineer. I then started a floral and nursery business, Kraus Benson Floral. During that era, I was inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame. I sold that business after ten successful years. Then I went to work for AAA Nebraska as a travel agent (my fun job). We moved to Prescott, Arizona in 1999. I worked for Yavapai County. After five years there I went to work for AAA Arizona for another five years. Now I've retired for good.

## James (Jim) Kucks

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Architect, Retired

**Family:** I met my wife Marilyn (Ryan H.S. grad) at Sandy's Esc. 2 children, 7 grandkids.

**Interests:** Golf, Bowling, Fishing, Woodworking, Grandchildren

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended U of Nebr. & received a B.S. degree in Engg. & Arch. In 1969 I began my 40+ year Architect career & also started 6 yrs with the Army Reserves. I became a Reg. Architect in 1980. In 1985 I joined the Architectural and Engineering firm of HDR, as a Project Manager, and worked for them designing Hospitals for the next 26 years. In 2001 was appointed to be the Architect for the City of Omaha Building Board. In 2010 I retired from HDR as a Senior V.P. and resigned my Board position. I loved my career and can't imagine how I could have enjoyed any other journey better.



## Dennis Lamb

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired, working at a golf course in Fl.

**Family:** Married 2 great childrem and 5 wonderful grandkids

**Interests:** Golfing, Husker football and Gonzaga basketball

## Richard (Rick) Lambert

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Chad, Jeremy, Jeff, Stacy 8 grandchildren 2 Boys and 5 girls

**Interests:** Antique Autos, Baseball, Football, Traveling Working on cars

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married Janice Hansen in 1970. We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Rick and I both retired in 2010. We traveled to Cuba in June 2017. We like to go to car shows and show our 1964 and 1970 Chevelles. Our grandchildren take up most of our time with Football, Soccer, Dance, Gymnastics and Hockey. Rick and I both graduated from Benson in 67 and have lived in Omaha all of our lives.

## James Langenbach

Class of '67



**Occupation:** semi retired still own a company in KC

**Family:** Divorced for about 14 years, have one boy that works for my company in KC

**Interests:** Lot of tennis, some golf, some fishing

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Done quite a bit of traveling over the years, going to Alaska Sept 2017 fishing for Salmon with Jay Buckley, still have family in Omaha

## Roger Lindsey

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Electrical Contractor

**Family:** I have been married for 47 years to Barbara, and we live in Florida.

**Interests:** I enjoy cashing my social security check and playing golf.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Barb and I raised our children in Elkhorn. I worked for Brase Electrical for entire career, and I enjoyed every minute of every day. Our daughter lives in Macon, Georgia with her two children, and her husband is in the Air Force. Our son and his family live in Dunedin, New Zealand after living in Los Angeles for almost ten years. Needless to say, we spend a great deal of time on Skype and FaceTime. We moved to Florida full time in 2015, and I noticed that many of our classmates currently live in Florida. The best thing about Florida is that I never have to scrap ice off my car windows again.

## Linda Lochner Ingwersen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Two children, 1 stepdaughter. Six grandchildren, ages 27, 22, 20, 17, 16, 12.

**Interests:** Pickleball, golf, tennis, gardening, volunteering, spectator sports, book club

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Retirement-one of the greatest times of life. Enjoying travel to many countries via spouses job - also many trips for our enjoyment. Enjoying being active as family has grown and now grandchildren have grown up. Have a great spouse who is also my best friend. Love our family and our lives - very thankful for good health and our wonderful church family.

## Elizabeth (Libby) Loring Dufford

Class of '67



## David Lundholm

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Clergy

**Family:** Married Linda Bramlett (Benson '67) in 1969.

**Interests:** 3d printing. Wargaming. Wood working. Computer programming. Veg. gardening.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Served as an Air Force personnel officer from 1971-1976. Attended Bethel Theological Seminary. Served rural churches in South Dakota and Iowa from 1980 to 1990. Served as Associate Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska from 1990 till 2010. Retired in Grand Island, NE. Linda passed in 2015. I met Jan Johnson on E-harmony and we were married in 2016 and I moved to Mobile AL. We just celebrated our sixth anniversary.

## Marilyn Luse Smith

Class of '67





## Richard (Dick) Lyon

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married to wife Kim for 44 years. We have one son, Sean.

**Interests:** Golf, travel and I still love the Huskers even though I'm so far away.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** U.S. Army Intelligence MACV Advisor in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam for 26 months 1969-1971. B.A. Poli. Sci. and East Asian Studies University of Nebraska 1975 M.A. South East Asian Studies East-West Center, University of Hawaii 1976 M.P.H. Masters in Public Health School of Medicine University of Hawaii 1978 Moved to Los Angeles in 1978 spent 13 years as an administrator with the L.A. County Health Dept. Joined Burroughs Wellcome Pharma in 1992 which became GlaxoSmithKline as a clinical specialist in infectious diseases, neurology and psychiatry for 20 years before retiring.

## John Markey

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired labor rep, and whitewater guide.

**Family:** Wife, daughter, son, 7 grandsons, 1 granddaughter

**Interests:** Backpacking, canoeing, hiking, ESL at local library

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Served 8 1/2 years on Omaha Police before moving to California. Retired there after 23 years from my "real job" as Labor Rep. Also, retired professional whitewater river guide(33 years). I run a taxi service taking the grandkids to their activities. Am thinking of starting uBer Grand. Think of it--a bunch of little rich kids going home and saying, "Mom, pull my finger." Been taking a memoir writing class at the library. Sometimes I write about Benson. Since our average age is about 73, most of the time I have to wake everybody up and tell them it's time to go home.

## Grace MacIntosh Shaffner

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Volunteer: (a person who can't say no)

**Family:** George (hubby), Mary, Carl, Tyrrell (kids), Sierra, Addie, Mac, and Billy(GK)

**Interests:** Emergency Preparedness, HAM radio, bridge, art docent, but most of all family.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Birth of my three kids (best thing ever right?)Lived in England for 4 years. Basically a 4 year vacation!Lived all over the USA, favorite cities SanFrancisco and Bellingham WA. Birth of my four Grandchildren, and watching them grow into amazing people. All the great times with my husband, we have a ball together.

## Wesley (Wes) McBride

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Wife: Patti (Deardorff) McBride Son: David Daughter: Annie

**Interests:** Now it's my 3 grandkids.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Worked 38 years for Union Pacific RR for many projects in IT, then went to the Mech dept to lead their systems projects. Very interesting work with loco/car maintenance, safety, cameras on locomotives and other projects. I was blessed to be able to retire at 60. Some of you know that I raced stock cars at Sunset Speedway and other local tracks back in the early 70's. I stayed involved with the sport helping others for over 30 years. We moved to Valley Center, CA (N of San Diego) in 2013 to be near our grandkids. Nice place to visit but we'd rather live in Neb. In 2020 we moved back HOME.

# John McCandless

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Insurance/Employee Benefits Consultant

**Family:** Wife: Marianne and Sons: Dan and Scott

**Interests:** Golf, Notre Dame football, Creighton basketball, travel to new destinations

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Marianne and I have been married nearly 45 years and have lived in Omaha the past 24 years. We've also lived in Dallas, Chicago and Henderson, NV. We enjoy close ties with our sons and their families. We have two young grand children and hoping for more before we're too old to play with them. WOW, just think, it's been 59 years since our freshman year at BHS. As I look back, I'm grateful for the great experiences and wonderful friends I had at Benson High. To me, "BHS Forever" has always meant Friends Forever. The only meaningful drawback was my inability to beat Greg Carlberg in track.

# Clarence Miller

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired/Part time grocery clerk

**Family:** My wife: Mun Cha and we have 3 adult children (2 daug. & 1 son) and 4 grandsons.

**Interests:** Genealogy of our family and gardening.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Sept. 10, 1967 entered U S Army, served 13 months in South Korea, served 5 months at Ft. Hood, Texas, served 9 months in South Vietnam and received honorable discharge on Sept. 4, 1970. We were married May 12, 1971. I worked for Forest Lawn Memorial Park for 43 years (the last 39 1/2 years were continuous employment) retired in July 2014. My wife had worked for 25 years for local retirement/nursing homes as a cook. She retired in 2007. We went on a tour of South Korea in October of 2014 for our retirement celebration.

# Mary McKain Eddy

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired from Vassar College

**Family:** 2 children, 5 grandchildren Husband Roger Eddy married 54 years

**Interests:** Bridge, Reading, cooking

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Lived in Germany 2 years while husband was in the military

# Daniel (Dan) Miller

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Ret Marine Officer/Community Busybody

**Family:** I am married to Alisha Ann Nelson, 4 children & 4 grandchildren

**Interests:** Exercise, reading, music, photography, American history buff & volunteer work

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Enlisted in the Army after high school & reported to Vietnam in May 1968. Discharged in 1970, attended Bellevue College part-time, graduating in 1977. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps; served 20 years, retiring as a Major in 1995. In second career, worked as a nuclear security specialist for the Dept. of Defense and Dept. of Energy. In this capacity I have traveled to over 47 countries on 6 continents. While my military career and security travel has given me some interesting life experiences, my most memorable moments have been with my family.



## Elizabeth (Zibby) Miller Munson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired psychoanalyst

**Family:** husband: Peter Munson; step-daughter: Charlotte Munson

**Interests:** Travel, bridge, golf, sailing, painting, reading, exercise

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Peter and I live on Shelter Island (a small island 100 miles from New York City). It is accessible only by ferry, has no stoplights or chain stores, and has 20 miles of coastline. We spend our non-covid winters in a small village in an apartment overlooking the Costa del Sol in Spain and traveling around Europe. Our daughter (my stepdaughter) and husband live in NYC where she works for MSF, and he is in his last year of residency at NYU/Langone. We are healthy and happy and very grateful.

## Sandra (Sandy) Miller

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Significant other for 32 years - Ed. And, our dogs-Gracie and Sadie.

**Interests:** Family, Reading, Traveling, Hiking, Fishing, Rabbit Hunting and Photography

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1972 and moved to Michigan. I joined the Michigan State Police as one of the first five female troopers in 1974. My 25 year career included road patrol, criminal investigations, the F.B.I. National Academy, and finally - Monroe Post Commander. After retirement from MSP, I administered the Southeast Michigan Courtesy Patrol. I've traveled to Europe, Asia, Mexico, Canada, and all but Hawaii in the U.S. I've had a very blessed life, but the best blessing of all was family and the privilege of caring for my parents during their last years.

## James Miller

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired attorney

**Family:** We have a daughter and a son and 5 grandchildren. All are active in sports.

**Interests:** I like to read, travel and fish. And I'm a big sports spectator.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from UNL and then from Creighton U. law school I was in private practice for about 15 years before joining the corporate world as General Counsel, first for a group of Midwestern banks and then 28 years for a nationwide home improvement/consumer finance company. I met my wife of 46 years on a blind date. We like to travel in the US and abroad.

## Janice Modlin Hosler

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired teacher

**Family:** Married to Dennis Hosler for 46 years. We have one son.

**Interests:** Camping, golfing, or other outdoor activities, church related activities

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduate of University of Nebraska at Omaha. Completed Masters Degree in Education at Webster University in Kansas City, Missouri. Retired from Fort Osage School District in 2005. Substituted for Fort Osage for eight years. Currently serving as a lay minister for the Community of Christ Church.

## James Murphy

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

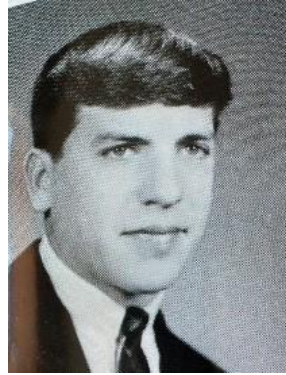
**Family:** Four married sons, three granddaughters and one grandson

**Interests:** Nothing specific but it takes all day

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended U of NE, graduated from Creighton University. Joined Coopers & Lybrand upon graduation, served in 6 offices and retired as a partner of C&L's successor firm, PWC, in San Francisco, 2001.

## James Murray

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Drywall Contractor

**Family:** married 1968 wife Carol ,1 girl and two boys, 11 grand and 2 great-grandchildren

**Interests:** Auto Collecting and Hunting, Business - Murray Drywall - [www.murraydrywall.com](http://www.murraydrywall.com)

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I grew up in the 88th and Lake Street area, went to Monroe, and Benson. I learned the drywall trade before and after active military duty. I started my company, Murray Drywall in 1971 and spent 50 years as President, now retired and the business was sold to my sons. My work took me all over the country and I specialized in hospitals. I had offices in south Texas and lived there for 10 years , opened 2nd office in southern California and lived there close to 10 years before returning to Yutan, Nebraska. Murray Drywall now has offices in Nashville and Austin.

## Sheri Myers Morris

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired worked for U.S. Army for 30 yrs

**Family:** Husband, Merrill Morris; son Andrew Morris San Antonio, TX

**Interests:** Antiquing, Miniatures Dolls Santas, Red Hats, PEO, Card Club, Book Club

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married 46 years this December to Merrill Morris. Proud of son, Andy, 41 who is an elementary school Principal. He and his wife have 5 children ages 16, 15, 10, 6 and almost 2. Travel to San Antonio for 4 months each winter to be with them. Daughter, Staci Kay died at age 5 in 1979 from Reye's Syndrome. I started bi-state chapter of Natl RS Foundation back in 1980. For many years did public education, authored 2 bills in IA and IL to make RS a reportable disease. Everyone should go to [www.reyessyndrome.org](http://www.reyessyndrome.org). Learn about RS and aspirin. Spent 30 yrs at Rock Island Arsenal as a Logistician.

## Paul Nelsen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Family Physician

**Family:** Married with 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

**Interests:** My wife and I adopted 2 boys from Kenya. I enjoy travel, gardening and reading.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I am now retired after 39 years of practice in Ripon, WI. We chose to stay and live in this lovely small town. In addition to gardening and reading, we travel a lot. I lead mission trips to Kenya about once a year. These focus on a small rural area in Kisii, Kenya. It is good to see the village grow and develop their infrastructure. In the last 5 years new roads, electricity and running water have been brought to the New Life Community Center orphanage.



## Kenneth (Scott) Nelson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Aerospace Engineer

**Family:** Married; 1 daughter

**Interests:** Duplicate Bridge, travel

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from the University of Michigan with a double masters degree in guidance and control engineering. Joined Hughes Aircraft Corp in 1974. Retired from Raytheon (having acquired Hughes) in 2004. Moved to San Diego and built a home. Have travelled extensively. Memorable work experience was being involved in a program that contributed to the Soviet Union breaking up and the removal of the Berlin Wall.

## Susan (Suzi) O'Neil Ancona

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married 46 years 3 kids - 3 grandkids

**Interests:** Travel and leisure Creighton basketball and Husker football fan

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from Creighton University and worked as a speech therapist for a few years, retired from that to raise our three kids. Worked part time in the family food business and volunteered for many charitable organizations. At the present time I enjoy being "Nana" to our three grandkids

## William (Bill) Nimtz

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Computer Network Manager (retired)

**Family:** Married to Anita (Travis, CHS '67) for 52 years now. No children.

**Interests:** Travel, music, shooting sports, photography, flying, old cars, etc.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from Iowa State University (BS Math, BS Com. Sci., MS Com. Sci.), I worked in various capacities in the computer field (programming, teaching, performance, engineering, management, etc.). A memorable event was meeting John Vincent Atanasoff, ISU professor and inventor of the electronic digital computer. In 2011, I was greatly honored by being inducted into the Benson High Hall of Fame. I had a stroke in July 2020. Aphasia is mostly gone, but I'm still working on it.

## Deborah Olds Callahan

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Husband Patrick 3 Stepchildren 6 Grandchildren 6 Great Grandchildren

**Interests:** Travel. Family.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Lived in Kansas City since 18 years old Owned Bridal Salon Retired with Elizabeth Arden Cosmetics in 1998 Retired with Nebraska Furniture Mart (Kansas City) November 2016 Lots of travel abroad and domestic

## Lynette (Lynn) Orsi Krause

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married 47 years to Gary Krause, have 2 children, daughter Laura and a son Daryl

**Interests:** crafts, crochet

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Had a Military wedding as my Husband was in the U.S. Marines Corp. Member of VFW, President there for 4 terms, President over 10 VFW Posts, State President of the VFW State of Nebraska. Was invited to the Commissioning of the USS Nebraska, toured the submarine. The Master Chief of the sub presented me with a plaque in my name as well as a letter from the Captain in appreciation of promoting the sub with other VFW's in raising money for the crew. Am still active in VFW and support of Veterans.

## Barbara Owen Scanlan

Class of '67



## Randall (Randy) Pace

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Wife Carol a Phoenix native, Ana Marie, Gina Marie and Anthony Joseph Pace

**Interests:** Homebrewing beer, wine & more, Gardening and Volvo's

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Joined USAF 1969 stationed in Arizona and orders to Vietnam were canceled that kept me in AZ till my release in 1973. Married Carol in 1972. Lived in Omaha till 1984 then moved to Scottsdale, AZ. Had a lighting agency with my father in Omaha then started a new one in Arizona with a partner that lasted two years. Went to work with the largest agency in Phoenix. 1998 left the agency business to be a regional sales manager till released in 2006 by my a 38 yr old GM, I was 58. Became a realtor and just retired December 2021. Live in Sun City West, AZ AKA Best Place on Earth.

## Charles (Charlie) Packard

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Ministry

**Family:** Wife - Lynda (49yrs.) - Three daughters - Five grandchildren

**Interests:** Outdoors activities - Golf, hiking, skiing, fishing.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Advertising agency executive for 30+ years in Houston, Dallas, and New York City. Now a Presbyterian Minister for past 15 years in Waco, Texas and since 2016 as an interim pastor for four congregations in SW Colorado and NW New Mexico. Enjoy working my sixth season on the golf staff of a private club adjacent our home in Durango, Colorado.



## Jackie Payne O'Brien

Class of '67



**Family:** Married to Tom 42 years. 4 kids and 5 grandkids

**Interests:** family, golf, reading, travel - enjoying life

## Marilyn (Sherry) Payne Jones

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** We have 8 kids and 14 grandkids - 3 grandsons and 11 granddaughters!

**Interests:** Spending time with family, traveling, quilting, crafts & reading mystery novels.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I married Steve Jones '67 in 1968. We have 8 kids: 6 boys & 2 girls. We've lived in Lincoln, Minneapolis, then the Bay Area of California since 1974. I was a stay-at-home mom for many years, then the Registrar for my kids' school. Finally empty nesters, I have a craft/sewing room I enjoy. We have done a lot of traveling, mostly based around Steve's work and the kids' sports. A trip to New England, in April, checked off Vermont & Rhode Island - now only Alaska remains on my state visit bucket list! We are going to Australia & New Zealand in August & look forward to Omaha in October

## Glenn (Skip) Pedersen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired from Hewlett Packard

**Family:** Wife of 48 years, 2 kids with 3 grandsons, & 1 granddaughter

**Interests:** Computers & Ancestry. Volunteer at Church & Danish American Archive & Library

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Joined the Air Force after High School, (I was tired of attending school), and spent 2 1/2 years attending military schools (go figure). I enjoyed Traveling, visited all 50 States before I was 50, as well as Canada, Mexico, & Japan. I was active in scouting for 30+ years. I retired in 2013 & was offered other jobs but turned them all down and I haven't regretted it.

## Paul Petersen

Class of '67



**Occupation:** International Development Consultant

**Family:** Married, two married sons, four grand children

**Interests:** International travel, music and culture.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from UNL, I started on this wonderful journey by doing feeding programs in Vietnam. I have had the good fortune of working and living all over the world. That has included leading development programs in Africa and Latin America; managing relief and rehab efforts in Banda Aceh, Indonesia after the tsunami; working on democracy and governance including the presidential election in Afghanistan; doing flood relief in Pakistan, and more. Grad school at the American University. Also lived and worked in Washington, DC; Denver and currently in northern California.

## John Peterson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired minister

**Family:** wife--Linda sons--Kyle, Daniel, Timothy and Ashley

**Interests:** Writing, history, sports and railroads

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I graduated from North Park University (BA 1971) and Seminary (MDiv 1976) . I am an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church and served churches in Foster City (MI), Chicago, Kennedy (MN), Pomeroy (IA) and Omaha (Faith Covenant). I served on North Park University's Board of Directors and was chairman of the Midwest Covenant Conference, chair of the conference ministerium and treasurer of the national Covenant ministerium. I had four books published: Omaha Railroad Stations, the Kansas City Athletics, the College World Series and the history of the Midwest Covenant Conference

## Judith Pinkerton Hicks

Class of '67



## Loren (Pete) Peterson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker, Developer, Retired

**Family:** Married to Diane 36 years, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Still mountain biking, restoring and driving classic cars.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Live in subdivision I developed in mountains north of Phoenix during hot months and in condo in Scottsdale during cold months.

## Sherry Proplesch Thiebauth

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Accounting

**Family:** Husband, son, daughter-in-law and four granddaughters.

**Interests:** Horseback Riding, Reading, Sewing

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Showed Paso Fino horses for 15 years. All four horses were 1st or 2nd place winners in their classes and 1st place in the Championship classes. Now the horses are for pleasure riding. Published national bridal magazine for 10 years - winning an award for first newsstand magazine created on a desktop computer.



## Katherine (Kathy) Rapczynski Thomas

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Husband Joe, 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 4 step-grandsons, 11 great-grands.

**Interests:** Quilting, gardening, cooking, reading, Facebooking with family and friends.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married 1970, raised our family in Omaha, moved to a small acreage in Iowa in 1993 when our son, Pat joined the USAF. His assignments included 3 tours in Iraq, retired in 2019; now with Federal Reserve. We visited S. Korea in 2000 when he was stationed there. He and his family reside in Bellevue, NE. Daughter Jen is a manager at UP; she and her husband live in Papillion, NE. I earned my BSBA in 1991. Managed small offices for many years, substitute taught '04-'14, was a supervisor for 2010 census. Worked 3 harvests as a scalemaster for a grain elevator and 3 years as Postmaster in Hancock.

## Robbin Richardson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** 3 Married Children, 5 Grandchildren all living too close to me. LOL

**Interests:** Mexico, Travel, Yoga, Cooking, Painting, and managing my real estate empire.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Living in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for 14 years... 5 months each year... Still speaking beginning Spanish.. Spend the summers in Wisconsin, Blowing Rock, Raleigh and random travels. Licensed Yoga Instructor and manage painting workshops in my art studio. Consumed with healthy eating and living, embrace grassroots liberal politics, go to bed with my BLL Carlos by 8:30pm except on Taco nights.

## Jay Raser

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Architect/ Rel Estate Developer

**Family:** Wife, Darla Bigler-Raser, 2 daughters , 2 stepsons, 1stepdaughter, 6 Grand kids.

**Interests:** Building Hotrods, photography, sketching and water colors

## James Rickard

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Married, two children, three grandchildren

**Interests:** Genealogy, Camping, Volunteer and Camp Host for Nebraska Game and Parks

## Bruce Rohde

Class of '67



## Richard (Ric) Rosseter

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired remodeling contractor

**Family:** one daughter

**Interests:** camping, woodworking, golf

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** US Coast Guard Veteran University of Nebraska, 20 yrs in restaurant business, 20 yrs in construction business

## Linda Rounds-Nichols

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Chaplain/ Retired Educator

**Family:** Married to Phil Nichols. Two children and three grandchildren.

**Interests:** Spirituality, Travel, Photography, Learning, Volunteer Service, Reading, Crafts

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from BHS, and attending WSC and a few other institutions (I became a school-girl!!) I spent most of my working life in education. I served as a public school teacher, counselor, administrator and elementary principal. I also served as an adjunct instructor in higher education. After retiring from the education career in 2002, I began a 2nd career in ministry. I'm now semi-retired, and while still serving in ministry as one of the chaplains at our hospital, I also spend quite a bit of time traveling.

## Thomas Rowe

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Journeyman Lineman KCPL

**Family:** Married 44 years one son three Grand kids Thomas Rowe111,Kirsten and Alex

**Interests:** I have been a gear head as long as I can remember.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Getting married,birth of a child,our Grandchildren and surviving the loss of a ship during a storm while I was in the Navy.



## Phyllis Ruff Phillips

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** I have 3 grown children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

**Interests:** crocheting, reading, volunteering at church, attending grandkids games

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have always lived in Omaha. I worked for the Post Office for almost 23 years and retired from there in 2009. I have enjoyed raising my children and keeping up with their activities. My passions are volunteering at church, singing in the choir, playing the hand bells, serving the homeless, helping at the local pantry and attending my grandchildren's events. I love to cheer them on and help with the school lunches. Three of my grandchildren have attended Benson High. For the last couple of years I have been helping a Sudanese refugee family. This has been eye opening, important, and rewarding.

## Thomas (Tom) Sadler

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Structural Engineer

**Family:** Met my wife in college, married in 1973. Daughter - Julie Copper and Son - Greg

**Interests:** Running and Racquetball

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** BS in Civil Engineering, 1972 UNL and a MS in Structural Engineering, 1975 UNL Licensed Structural Engineer in 49 States, Living in Fort Worth since 1978. Started Sadler Consulting Group in 1988. My son who graduated from UT Arlington works with me. We work on Projects all over the US. In the last twenty years I have been the engineer of record on over 5,000 Grandstands and Stadium Projects in the US, including a dozen NASCAR Tracks.

## Marilyn Russo

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired social worker

**Family:** Married to husband, Russ. I have 3 sons , 3 grandchildren-ages 3-4-5.

**Interests:** gardening, quilting, reading, hiking, spending time at our cottage in WI.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I loved my career as a social worker and being able to be a part time employee while raising my sons. I am now enjoying spending lots of time with my 5 yr. old grandson, skyping with my little grand daughters in CO and visiting as well. We built a cabin in WI after retiring and love gardening and enjoying the woods up north. Also live near my 98 year old mother and 2 of my sons. My husband and I live in Waukegan--35 north of Chicago. We met at the U of Chicago in graduate school and made our home here. I have many fond memories of the high school years and U of Nebraska-Omaha.

## Harry Salyards

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Family Physician

**Family:** Wife Phyllis, Daughter Shannon, Son Scott, and Grandchildren Samuel and Lily.

**Interests:** Numismatic Research and Writing, Landscaping, Family History Research.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Practiced full-scale Family Medicine in Hastings for 34 years, including surgical obstetrics, attending well over 1000 deliveries and performing 436 C-sections. My wife Phyllis Shannon Salyards, M.D., was my proud partner in medicine as well. A published numismatic editor and writer for over 35 years, I was elected to the Rittenhouse Society, an invitation-only group of fellow-researchers (named for the first Director of the U. S. Mint, David Rittenhouse) in 2009. In 2022, In retirement (2011-) I've dabbled in landscaping, particularly in planting over two dozen trees on our property.

## Larry Saxton

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Real estate appraiser/reviewer

**Family:** My life partner of 19 years is Margee Virant

## Sherida Schlesiger Schuman

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Divorced but my significant other and I have been together 10 years.

**Interests:** Bowling, bunco, church activities , playing cards

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I worked in insurance since graduation, first at Travelers Insurance and then with The Harry Koch Agency for 32 years, retiring at end of 2015. My daughter is director of the surgical tech program at Parkland CC in Champaign IL, my son lives in Virginia Beach, VA after 24 yrs in the Navy. My oldest granddaughter is working in food research with Coca Cola in Atlanta, her brother is in Navy, about to deploy for 2nd time on carrier in the Pacific. My youngest granddaughter is in college at George Mason near Wash, DC. so I dont get to see them so much in person but we do a weekly zoom.

## Jeanne Schliffke Carbonara

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** 2 children, 5 grandchildren

**Interests:** Enjoy kayaking, hiking, snow shoeing, outdoor activities.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Live in a log home in the Adirondacks.

## Kristen Scholer Byrne

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Insurance Underwriter for 40 yr for BHHC

**Family:** Married Steve Byrne in 1970. We have four children. 3 in Omaha 1 in Denver

**Interests:** Just retired in Dec 2016. Like traveling and attending events for 10 grands

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After graduating from BHS went to work for the Hartford Ins Co. Attended UNO PT. Married in 1970 and continued working PT for the Hartford for several years. Went to work for Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies as a commercial underwriter in 1977 and remained there until 2016. Steve and I have four children. Ten grands all in Omaha. We are traveling some as he retired from pharmacy in 2015. One of our most memorable trips was to Italy. We enjoy being involved in our grandkids' activities. Unfortunately we will be in Colorado for our son's wedding during the reunion. Enjoy!!



## Michael (Mike) Scholz

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired from hospitality industry

**Family:** I have been married to Linda for 44 yrs. and we have one daughter.

**Interests:** Spending time at our lake house, boating, golf, pickleball, and running 5k's.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Graduated from UNO in '71 majoring in Management and Frat parties. After 25 yrs. with Westin Hotels in six different cities, I bought and managed a hotel of my own. After selling the hotel we moved to Beaver Dam Wi. and enjoy living on the lake. We spend each January in Florida and other travel when the opportunity pops up. We lived in Seattle, Chicago, Costa Mesa, Pittsburgh, Orlando, Gainesville, and Galena (in a house built in 1850). We enjoyed all of those cities but still enjoy getting back to Omaha.

## Jeanette Schroeder Grenz

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Computer programmer/Analyst retired

**Family:** Married to Ken for 52 years; One daughter, one son, three grandchildren

**Interests:** Reading, traveling, spending time with family

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After I graduated with a Math degree, I was a computer programmer for AT&T in Kansas City for two years. We moved to South Dakota where Ken served several small United Methodist churches. We moved back to Kansas City after 8 years and I went back to AT&T as a programmer and systems analyst. I got an early buyout from AT&T and retired in 1998! I've enjoyed doing volunteer work while living in various Kansas towns until Ken retired in 2007 and we settled in Overland Park, KS. Now I enjoy reading, still more volunteer work and being with grandkids.

## Rita Schultz Johnson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** retired, Title 1 para

**Family:** I have 2boys and 1girl all are married and I have 8 grandchildren

**Interests:** Scrap booking and getting together with my girlfriends every month

## Mary (Cathy) Smith Thumser

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Nurse

**Family:** Husband of 38 years (deceased). Four children, 13 grandchildren, 6 Great Grands.

**Interests:** Reading, Gardening and volunteering at the VFW and the Sr. Cntr in Plattsmouth

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Well, my whole life has been an experience. I married a one of a kind man. The one and only for me. We were married for 38 years when I lost him. This December it would have been 49 years. In this marriage we produced 1 son and 3 daughters. They have in turn produced 12 grandchildren, and to date 6 Great-Grandchildren. I retired from Nursing in 1998 after 30 years, but it took me 3 times to get the hang of it. (retirement). After two more times of trying, I finally got it right at 62. I now volunteer at the VFW in Plattsmouth, NE.

## Kathleen (Kathy) Steppat Cashell

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** My husband Bill & I are celebrating 48yrs & raised 3 sons plus 1 extra.

**Interests:** We enjoy cruising the world, corvettes & split our time in Omaha & Ft Myers

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** After high school, I worked at NW Bell (and thru all the name changes), taking time off to raise kids, move to Vancouver, WA for 3 yrs, then returning to Omaha and retiring in 2016 from Centurylink. We spent many early years camping & boating with our sons, then started cruising with friends for winter breaks once they were older. We now spend half the year in Florida, enjoying no snow, warm weather & still cruising. Summers are in Omaha having fun cruising in our corvette with friends in the Cornhusker Corvette Club, where we all just want to think young, have fun & play with our cars!

## Nancy Sullivan Gettemy

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Husband Richard Son Joseph Daughter-in-law Emma Grandson Ezekiel

**Interests:** Reading, Kansas City Royal Baseball

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** College-UNL Worked at Nebraska Department of Social Services in a variety of positions Traveled to Most States-Hawaii and San Francisco most memorable

## Shirley Strohl Erickson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Artist, Sculptor, painter and educator

**Family:** I am single, have two amazing grown daughters and a grandson.

**Interests:** I'm very involved in the local art's community and I play pickleball everyday.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I am an artist, still making welded sculptures, glass, and mixed media work. ShirleyErickson.com I taught Art, Sculpture, Glass, and Creative Welding at Bellingham Technical College for 20 years. (Retired) My children give me interesting places to visit. One lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico and one in Singapore. I have traveled to all 50 states and over 20 Countries. I am enjoying a slower pace these days, but still work almost every day and still show actively. I have an MFA in Sculpture and Art History, have attended advanced classes at Pilchuck Glass School and Red Deer College.

## Richard (Rick) Sullivan

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired in 2000

**Family:** 2 Children ages 43 and 41 / 5 Grand children ages 2, 2, 6, 12 & 14

**Interests:** Travel, spending time with my children and grand children.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** 1967 - 1969 Doane College / 1969 - 1970 University of Nebraska Omaha / 1970 - 1976 United States Army Reserve 403rd MP Company / 1977 - 1985 Married / 1985 - 1999 Single Parent / 1999 - 2006 Married / 2006 - Present Freedom / 1969 - 2000 Career - Worked for Northwestern Bell, which became US West, Qwest doing IT work for 31 years



## Donald (Scott) Swanson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired from Printing - Lowes (part time)

**Family:** 4 Children 5 Grandchildren

**Interests:** Enjoy yard work and watching the Grand Kids. Have a couple Ford Mustangs.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Served 4 years in the Coast Guard and after leaving went to work and have been working since. Retired 3/31/2017. Belong to two Mustang car clubs and go to car shows and on cruises with the clubs.

## Michael Swanson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Principal, DLR Group Honolulu

**Family:** Married to Anita 38 years, daughter Kirsten, son Michael, 2 Golden Retrievers.

**Interests:** Outrigger canoe racing/sailing, fly fishing, travel, financial markets.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** NU 75, Civil Engineering. Moved to Tucson, AZ in 76 where I met Anita, VP for nat'l General Contractor, Partner nat'l A/E firm. Moved to Big Island Hawaii 93, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Nat'l Pres Construction Management Assoc 96-7, moved to Kailua, Oahu 98 for kids school opportunities. Enjoy all types water sports, canoe racing/sailing & fly fishing throughout Pacific. Aloha!

## James (Jim) Teig

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Electrical Engineer (Electronics)

**Family:** Married to Connie since 1973. 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Hunting, fishing, auto racing, bowling, photography, wine making.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Served in the US Navy Reserve 6 years with 2 years active duty. While on active duty visited Yokosuka, Japan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Thailand, Subic Bay, Philippines, Perth, Australia, Pago Pago and Honolulu, Hawaii. Received my bachelors degree from UNO in 1978. Worked for Rockwell International in Anaheim, CA, for 12 years. Moved to Overland Park, KS, in 1991 and worked for 2 small companies prior to working for Honeywell International. Retired from Honeywell in 2014 after 13 years. After we retired we built a home in the country near Ottawa, KS.

## Julie Texley Bengel

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Logistics support military spouse

**Family:** Married Mike 1970, Joel born 1976, Gregory born 1982

**Interests:** Travel, Paper arts, Church, Beagle "Molly", Reading, Friends

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** UNL Teachers college. Mike graduated UNMC, joined USAF. We moved households 12 times. I love learning new communities and activities as we moved states. One overseas tour in Japan, loved the country and the people. Now living in Maryland, where two sons, daughters-in-law and grandson keep us anchored.

## George Thompson

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Wife Linda Married 51 years 4 children 6 grand children

**Interests:** Travel Coin Collecting Model Trains

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Worked In Composites Manufacturing for over 39 years. Was a Factory Manager in Asia, Europe and North America. Managed Factory construction start-up projects in Malaysia, Mainland China and Colorado. Volunteer work: teaching Finance and profession development classes. Active in Bible Study Fellowship, Leading Men's Bible study and teaching a Sunday morning Bible class in church. Lived overseas for 11 years and learning about different cultures.

## Joann Voelte Washa

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Information Technology (retired)

**Family:** I've been married to Bob for 46 years, no children

**Interests:** Genealogy research, quilting, reading

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I've lived in Omaha, Nebraska (Northwestern Bell); Piscataway New Jersey (working at Bell Laboratories); Walnut Creek California (Pacific Bell, and independent contractor); Manila Philippines, and currently residing in Washington state. Bob and I travel South during the winter months, residing in Tucson Arizona. I'm retired from the Information Technology business having been a programmer, tester, project manager, and supervising manager.

## Patricia (Pat) Tuzzolino Goeden

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Nurse Practitioner

**Family:** 3 kids-10 grandkids including a set of triplets & set of twins!

**Interests:** travel, biking, hiking, quilting, books & movies

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Married X 51 yrs! BSN - U of Nebraska, Lincoln; MSN- South Dakota State University ; Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-SUNY, StonyBrook, New York. Worked as a nurse in many roles, was Assist Prof of Nursing at 1 university and 1 college for 12 yrs, and then worked as a Pediatric Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. . Have lived in Omaha, NE, New Orleans, LA, Stillwater, OK, Yankton, SD, Cedarburg,WI and now in Cornelius, NC as of 3 months ago. We travel frequently, enjoying many countries and US National Parks.

## William Von Rentzell

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired biomedical Engineering Tech

**Family:** Wife: Jeanne 9-1977-Pres, Sons Geoffery & Jon, Grandkids; Liam, Lillian, Leo

**Interests:** Choral singing. up to 4-5 choirs at once, Paid section leader of 2, 20yrs



## Diana Voss Zach

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Happily Retired

**Family:** Four sons, Mike, Mark, Thomas, Timothy. 10 grandchildren.

**Interests:** Quilting and Traveling. I love traveling with our local Century Club in Wayne.

## Connie Wagner Brace

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Legal Assistant

**Family:** Married and divorced Barry Brace. 2 sons, Lee and Jason, 6 grandkids and 2 grgrn

**Interests:** Walking, reading, volunteering in Salvation Army Sr. Center

## Linda Weaver Webster

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired Administrative Assistant

**Family:** Married to Pete for 42 years; 4 children (2 mine; 1 his; 1 ours); 11 grandkids.

**Interests:** Relationship w/Jesus, collect angels & seashells, crocheting, write poetry.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** FOC Bible College 2003-4; Christian Counselor 2011-16 Crisis Pregnancy Ctr. Pete and I were divorced from first spouses before we met in 1974; we married 2/14/75 in Omaha. His daughter was Flower Girl, my oldest son was Ring Bearer. 1977 added 3rd brother to family. I worked for IBM; Pete worked for RCA. Transferred jobs to Tampa in 1984 (a great road trip!) Bought 1st house 1985 on Tampa Bay canal. Fishing/boating from dock was exciting for all of us! After empty nest, left Tampa 2009. Leased home in golf cart town of Sun City Center. 2015 bought final home w/pool on acre.

## Nina Wells Edwards

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Finance Administrator

**Family:** 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law, 0 grandchildren, 1 granddog!

**Interests:** I love to travel both within and outside the US. Fiber arts are my passion.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** I have been blessed with a very fulfilling life. Too many wonderful experiences to name. My 2 sons are terrific people and very accomplished. After high school, the best thing in my life was the University of Wyoming and it just kept getting better from there.

# Lois Winheim Marino

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Retired

**Family:** Daughter Emma

**Interests:** Since retired walking, swimming and working with my daughter's show horse Petra

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** When I retired I moved to San Tan Valley, AZ and am currently living with my daughter and her husband. Living in Arizona is fantastic. Summer is my favorite season so this is where I belong.

# Constance Winkler

Class of '67



**Occupation:** writer-editor, communications consultant

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Two big things remembered and have realized myself from BHS history class – with Carl Bogner. (Or, was it Roger Salmela?) 1. If you're going to tell a lie, tell a BIG one. 2. Inflation = too much money chasing too few goods. He was right.--"Flux" is a good word to describe our 50 years since BHS; in one of life's oddities, my use of that word ended up in the American Heritage dictionary: n. Constant or frequent change; fluctuation: "The newness and flux of the computer industry has meant many opportunities for women and minorities" ( Connie Winkler).When I wrote it, I was flacking my

# Robert Wolf

Class of '67



**Occupation:** Architect

**Family:** Wife Debora, Children: Erik and Samantha

**Interests:** Motorcycles ( Harley Davidson) and Corvettes

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Attended the University of Nebraska for 2 years. Joined the United States Marine Corp in 1969 2 years active 5 reserve. Got married in 1970 and have been happily married for 47 years. Returned to University of Nebraska and became a registered architect in 1981. Moved from Nebraska to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1986. Founded my own firm in 2000. Many memorable projects in several states over the years. Looking forward to retirement so I can work on my 1963 Corvette and ride my Harley.

# Carl (Rip) Wright

Class of '67



**Occupation:** President & CEO Abbey Printing

**Family:** Married 45 yrs (to the same woman), Four Daughters, Nine Grandchildren

**Interests:** Softball, Work, Watching my grandchildren participate in activities.

**Biography / Memorable Life Experiences:** Served in the Air Force 1968-1972 , as a Heavy Equipment Construction Operator. Worked at Wright Printing in Omaha 1972-1976, relocated to Austin, TX in 1976 to work for The Whitley Co (Printing) In 1980 began a 20 career at Sheshunoff Information Services (Financial Publisher) as VP Publication and Distribution. 2002 purchased Abbey Printing, Austin, TX. Working with no end in sight. Still play competitive slow pitch softball almost year round. Watch every Cornhusker athletic event that I can find on TV.



# Paul Young

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**Occupation:** Producer/Director - Legal Videographer

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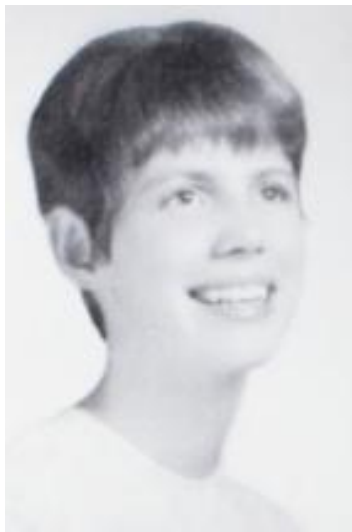
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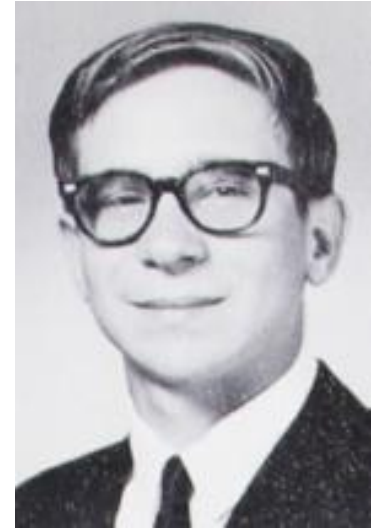
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