

Riley Class of 1968
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Classmates,

During this season of Christmas joy we spend time thinking of family and friends. This makes an acceptable excuse to check the mailing list for the Riley class of 1968 in preparation for the reunion commemorating 45th anniversary of our graduation. The committee has held a few meetings and would like to put forth June 15 or 22 2013 for possible dates for the festivities. We are also pursuing an idea to include the Jackson class this year as many of the people from the Jackson class were in grade school with people from our class.

Feel free to send thoughts and reflections to the committee at papiller@sbcglobal.net or Fran Reaves Jacobs at jacobs20@comcast.net and begin looking for us on Facebook and our website at the South Bend Schools Alumni site.

Share this information with your friends to make sure that we get to all classmates. Send us any addresses that show as missing on the sites. Let's make the 45th reunion the best yet and set our site on an even better party for the 50th!!

Our best to you and your family during this joyous Christmas and Hanukkah Season.

Happy New Year.

Riley Class of 1968 Reunion Committee.

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Riley Class of 1968,

I have been asked recently how I came to be involved in planning our 40th class reunion. In my usual style I presented a flip remark about not being fast enough to get out of the way. Then I came across this little message from a friend and thought this would explain the reason better than anything else. I hope you enjoy this also.

"Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress; lawn mower in his hand, and dish-towel in hers. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

"It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

"But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So... While we have it... it's best we love it... And care for it.... And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

"This is true... For marriage.... And old cars.... And children with bad report cards..... Dogs and cats with bad hips.... And aging parents.... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

"Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special.... And so, we keep them close!"

In the spirit of keeping the thing you cherish close and renewing old friendships, consider attending the 40th class reunion for the Riley Class of 1968 at Our Lady of Hungary School 735 West Calvert Street South Bend (46613). Send you \$20.00 per person registration fee to Paul Piller 331 Parkovash Avenue, South Bend, Indiana 46617. Also consider letting us know what you have been doing with you life by answering a few questions:

Information for memory book
Riley Class of 1968

In an effort to build a memory book and to fill the desire of some of our classmates for information on the lives of our friends, we are forwarding this questionnaire. This information will be incorporated into a memory book to be distributed to all classmates in attendance at the reunion on June 14. Feel free to append this sheet with any information you deem appropriate about your life since 1968! Use additional sheets as necessary. If you can, send an electronic copy to papiller@sbcglobal.net. This will greatly assist the building of the memory book by reducing the amount of typing. Enjoy the experience!

Family: List all children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with their greatest accomplishments. We would also like to know about your spouse or significant other. Name, occupation:

Let us know about your pets also: Names, type animal, how long have they been with you? Do they eat at the table with you?

Education: Where did you go after Riley? Honors bestowed from this (or these) institutions. Are you still involved at this school or university?

Volunteer activities: What will be keeping you going as you transition into retirement? What are your passions?

Military service: Branch of service, rank attained, special honors or duties during your tour.

Employment: What did you do to earn a living? Have you retired?

Where have you lived?

Now for information regarding your time at Riley!

Most embarrassing moment at Riley:

Favorite teacher:

Lastly, let's look into the things you would rather not disclose, because you know we want to know!

Special interests or hobbies:

Places you have traveled:

Any brushes with the law:

Your "Bucket List" – what else would you like to do with your life?

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Classmates,

Each of you expressed interest in assisting with the planning of our 40th reunion. I held one meeting in South Bend and a couple in Indianapolis. Unfortunately the meeting in South Bend landed on a day Mother Nature had other plans and many of you were snowed out of coming. I am attaching a copy of the class list as it stands right now. You will notice that some of the names missing from the list already have a committee member name attached to finding them. In the case of both the South Bend and Indianapolis groups, please choose five or six people and start looking for the missing addresses. I have been hearing from more of our classmates and it seems that people are ready for a reunion. It is our task to let them know about this reunion (If you choose to participate!).

I would like to plan a second meeting in South Bend for Tuesday evening April 15 (You should have your taxes in the mail by that time!) at 6:00 PM at Squad's (West and Sixth Streets in Mishawaka). The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the questions to be included on the questionnaire sent in the second mailing. This second mailing will be sent out on or before Saturday, April 19th.

I would also like to arrange a similar meeting in Indianapolis for Wednesday evening April 16 at the Loon Lake Lodge. This one should also work at 6:00 PM.

I am trying the mail system for this announcement because the e-mail addresses I have do not seem to be getting through to a portion of the committee. I will ask for updates at the meetings!

Have a great day. Looking forward to see everyone at the meetings.

Paul Piller

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Dear Classmates,

It has been left to me the sad task of reminding you that it has been 40 years since we left the hallowed halls of James Whitcomb Riley High School. Some of your classmates have decided that this occasion requires a celebration. We are scheduling that celebration the weekend of June 13 and 14. On Saturday June 14 we are planning to meet at:

Our Lady of Hungary School
735 West Calvert Street
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The party will last from 6:30 to 12:00 and will include a buffet meal with chicken, sausage, sweet sour cabbage, mashed potatoes and green beans. There will also be a cash bar for soft drinks, beer and wine. The cost for this will be \$20.00 per person.

Do not worry about bringing your dancing shoes. We are planning this occasion as an opportunity to re-bond with old friends. The only entertainment will be talking to classmates with a possible CD now and again when we can remember to put one in the machine.

On Friday June 13 we are planning a meeting at Simeri's Olde Towne Tap 1505 West Indiana Avenue South Bend for those of you from South Bend and anyone who makes it in early for the Saturday party. This will be an informal event all on your own cost.

To aid our search for the remaining members of our class and banking on the equation that everyone knows someone else, we are forwarding a copy of the current database with this mailing. Please add any addresses that are missing and correct any errors. Mail all responses to Paul Piller 331 Parkovash Avenue South Bend, Indiana. Also mail your reservations to the same address or for you technically advanced types e-mail papiller@sbcglobal.net.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion.

Your Reunion Committee

Information for Allan Miller

Works as the Director of Radio Communications for the City of South Bend
After high school spent four years in the US Air Force, stationed in Florida,
Viet Nam, and Taiwan.

Married to Kathleen Manuszak (Riley '68)

One son, Brian, who lives in San Diego and works for KGB-FM as an
account coordinator and is also the bass player for the band The Material.

Name: Arletha (Brandenburg) Gleissner

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Family: One husband for 37 years, two children. Eric 29 who lives in Indianapolis. He is a Civil Engineer and owns his own business (Civil Sites Engineers). He has one son, Ethan who is four years old. Our daughter, Susan is 27 and is a Chemical engineer working for General Mills. She is living in Chester, England.

My husband, Phil, retired last summer from Bayer Corporation as a Purchasing manger. I also retired last summer. I worked for the Mishawaka School Corporation as a technology specialist at the middle school. We are loving retirement!

We have done some traveling. We have been to Japan, New Zealand, Alaska, various places in the US, and took a cruise to Canada/New England last September. We went to Florida in February and are planning a trip to England to visit our daughter this fall.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Where do I begin, there have been so many? Being tackled in the hall by one of the football players. He claimed he was just trying to get me to buy some Christmas Seals. *I wonder if he became a car salesman???*

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Sikorski, we had some great debates in his room. He really made you think about some of the social injustices in the world. I am sorry I never told him what a great teacher he was.

Hobbies: Volunteer work at church, walking, chasing geese with a broom, traveling, and fishing. I just took a class in Air Kong Fu and another in Hatha Yoga. I also belong to two ladies groups. The ladies groups do all kinds of different things from Belly dancing to gourmet cooking we have had many great times together.

Brushes with the law: I am happy to say that I have never had any brushes with the law. Just how many people do you think would share that information if they had?

Bucket List: Well I guess I would like to do something that would make a difference in some elses life. Maybe through volunteer work--I am not sure what it is yet. Also, there are several places I would like to visit here in the United States.

Information for Barbara Aronson

Children:

Chris lives in San Mateo, California and teaches high school biology and A. P. Biology
Sarah is in her third year of working on her PhD in organic chemistry at U. C. Berkeley.
Josh is a freshman at OSU and thinking about majoring in botany.

Husband:

Tip is a systems programmer at OCLC who most recently wrote the search engine for
WORLDCAT.ORG. A few years ago, he co-wrote "Testing Extreme Programming". If
you are interested in XP, buy it! He is currently building classical guitars.

Education:

Bachelor's degree from I. U. Master's in Psychology from O. U. Additional grad school
(OSU) in computer information studies

Volunteer Activity:

Volunteer as "Master Gardener" at OSU. Volunteer at synagogue and for civic
association

Employment:

Computer programming, statistics, report writing. Now I have an Ebay business.

Where Lived:

Columbus, Ohio since 1978

Most Embarrassing Moment at Riley:

Who can remember that far back?

Favorite Teacher:

Mr. Marker and Mrs. Orphanos

Information for Barb Woolley

Family: Husband - Chuck CPA

Children - Andy, Cincinnati, OH

Corey, Durham, NC

Alison, Augusta, GA

Grandchildren - 3

Education: Attended IUSB, Western Michigan Univ., Indiana State, Defiance College

Employment: elementary teacher (sub)

Places we've lived: Evansville, IN; Ft. Wayne, IN; Palm Bay; FL; Bryan, OH; Quincy, IL; Edmond, OK; Ocean City, MD; Bear Lake, MI; Jasper, AL

Information for Becky (Wolfe) Sorg

Sorry, I am not able to attend the class reunion. I am sure it will be a lot of fun!

Rebecca (Becky Wolfe) Sorg

Spouse: Kirk Sorg (1968 Graduate of Goshen H.S.)

High School Social Studies Teacher and Football Coach

Retiring from South Adams H.S. (Berne, IN) in June 2008

Will be inducted into the Indiana H.S. Football of Fame on June 25, 2008

Children: Identical Twin sons: Jason and Jeff

Both Played football at the University of Indianapolis

Both Graduated from U. of I. with a Masters in Physical Therapy

Jeff and his wife Sonda have one year old Fraternal Twin Sons: Alex and Cooper. They live in Indianapolis and Jeff manages the Ortho Indy Physical Therapy Clinics

Jason went to IU Medical School after becoming a Physical Therapist. He will finish his residency this month and will begin working Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation doctor at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. He and his wife Suzannah live in Carmel, IN with their one year old daughter, Jocelyn. Suzannah is finishing up her residency and will soon be a psychiatrist at the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis.

Pet: We had an Old English Sheepdog, Abby, for one year. When our twins came along someone had to go. Of course, it was Abby. That ended our short lived pet experience.

Post Riley: I met my husband at Manchester College. We graduated with teaching degrees in May 1972 and were married soon after that. We received our Masters degrees from IUSB.

I taught 3rd grade in Mishawaka for 5 years before teaching several years in Goshen. I just retired from teaching at South Adams Elementary in Berne, IN in January, 2008. My husband and I both taught 23 years there.

Retirement: For the next year and a half I will take care of my grandbabies a few days a week then we will spend our winters in Florida and the rest of the year in Indianapolis. We plan to do some short term disaster mission trips.

Trips: Years ago we spent 6 weeks traveling in Europe. We would like to do an Alaskan cruise.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Stewart

Information for Beverly (Gagen) Erickson

Family , 1 daughter, Paula Lynn Robinson (worked as a hospital admittance clerk, and sales clerk at J. C. Penney and a pet store clerk). She was put in Who's Who High School Students in 1991. Married to Michael D. Robinson, air force Major at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc California. She has 3 sons (my grandsons) and they are Jacob Robinson, Christopher Robinson and Travis Robinson, (boys are age 9, 8 and 8 months old). Jacob is excelling in Swimming, on a swimming team in Lompoc., Christopher is artistic and in soccer. I also have 1 stepson named Nicholas Erickson that is a Lawyer in Washington, DC.

My spouse is Clifford Erickson and he is a retired professional photographer for national boating magazines. His photography as appeared on the front cover of Hotboat Magazine.

Pets are: Todi and Tiki, Todi is a greater sulphar crested cockatoo that is over 30 years old, and Tiki is a citron crested cockatoo and she is 2 years old. Both eat some table food but stay on perches and don't eat at the table.

Education: After Riley High School I went to Keypunch Academy, Ball State University and Manatee Community College and Adult Education Classes in Venice, Florida.

Volunteer Activities: Attending music concerts and writing classes. Writing a musical children's book entitled "A Flower For Iggey." My passion is attending a musical concert at Fess Parker's Inn in Los Olivos, California every Thursday night and watching my grandsons play sports.

Employment: After leaving Riley I worked as a secretary at South Bend Community Schools and then at the University of Notre Dame as a technical typist. Then I went on to work for the Penny Saver Newspaper and a School Patrol Lady for the South Bend Police Dept. In 1983 I moved to Venice, Florida and went to Family Life Writing Classes. In 1993 I owned a Publishing and Photography Studio for about 3 or 4 years and then worked 8 years for Nielsen Media Research as a file auditor. I am now retired but continue to write as a hobby.

Where I have lived: I lived in South Bend, Indiana for 32 years then moved to Venice, Florida and now have a part time home also in Santa Maria, California so I can see my daughter and grandsons.

Riley Info.

Most embarrassing moment was when I had to hire a date for the junior prom.

My favorite teacher was Robert J. Sikorski. Runners up were Lewis Habegger (band director) and Mr. Adison (math teacher)

Special Interests: Attending Lettermen Concerts, Photography and travel.

Places I have traveled: Alaska on an ocean cruise lecture series with Sylvia Browne (the famous psychic) in 2007.

The Bucket List: I would like to take a ocean cruise to Hawaii and Tahiti.

Information for Bruce Goldberg

wife: Barb Goldberg. BA Penn State, MBA, Arizona State University.
Key account Manager Frito Lay

children: Adrienne Kurland, MD, undergraduate Northwest University

Nathan Goldberg, undergraduate, University of Arizona,
MBA, Arizona State University

Betsy Zangara, undergraduate Washington University, St
Louis, Masters Social Work, Washington University, Masters in
Accounting, Arizona State University

Ean Goldberg, Junior at University of Arizona

I graduated from Indiana University in 1972. I received my MBA from
University of Phoenix in 2000. Married Barb Goldberg (Philadelphia) in
1993

President of Specialized Office Systems since 1984. We are Office
procurement specialists with about 3000 clients, primarily in Arizona
and southern Nevada.

After college, I moved to Chicago. Twenty months later, I moved to
Bettendorf Iowa (Quad City area). My three older children were born
During our eight years in Bettendorf. The last 23 years I have lived
in the Phoenix area.

Information for Bruce Hartman

FAMILY

After sewing many wild oats in Miami, I finally got married in 1977. My wife Carol is a member of the prominent Orr family of Miami with Judges, Mayors and a State Senator. When we met, Carol was a legal assistant for the State Attorneys Office under Janet Reno. She became a Real Estate Broker when we moved to Cape Coral, Florida in 1988. Within the last couple years she has become an award winning Fine Art Photographer displaying as Carol Orr Hartman.

We only have one daughter, Amanda, who was the third generation of my family that was born at South Bend Memorial Hospital in 1985 but she grew up in Cape Coral. She is currently employed as a Graphic Designer for Florida Weekly Newspaper. At this time she is not married but has a very significant other, Gary Harrison, who she has been with for over 2 years. My mother and brother, Craig also live in Cape Coral and the six of us have a very tight family relationship. The only family member still in Indiana is my sister, Paula, who lives in Fort Wayne.

PETS

We owned 3 Dobermans somewhat concurrently for a span of 14 years. After the last one passed, we adopted a retired racing Greyhound who lived with us for 12 years. We just purchased a Cairn Terrier (ie. Toto from the Wizard of Oz) who I appropriately named "Rockne" since I'm still a Notre Dame Crazy.

EDUCATION

My formal education after Riley was a two year Associate Degree in Automotive Technology from Ivy Tech in South Bend. I spent most of my career in auto dealers in South Bend, Miami and Cape Coral as a Master Technician or Service Manager/Director. My last position in the Michiana area was Service Director for Putnam Imports in Elkhart. I got my ASE Master Technician status in 1973 (the first year available) and stayed current through 2002. I also spent 10 years with Nissan Motors and completed their Master Tech program. In 1991 I received my Florida Real Estate license but didn't become an active RE Broker full time until joining my wife in 2002. This became a fantastic opportunity.

MILITARY SERVICE

I received my "Greetings" letter from Uncle in 1970. Considering my serious aversion to rice paddies, I was lucky enough to enter the National Guard where I spent 6 years in the motor pool. Military service was not a high point of my life.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT AT RILEY

I think high school was a stage for embarrassing moments for most of us and I had many. Probably the most for me was Junior year when I picked up Collette Rector after a Riley football game. The following Monday I had to face my classmates with a hickey the size of a golf ball on my neck, just out of the reach of a turtle neck sweater. Unfortunately, inebriation was not a viable excuse at the time.

I really can't remember a favorite teacher but I can still see Bill Carleton dodging the spray from Burton Breneman as he spoke from his podium.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

After high school, I built several race cars and competed in Drag Racing and Road Racing but my true love was uncovered when my wife gave me flying lessons for my 30th birthday. Living in Florida gives us a lot of good flying weather and we've been all over the state including Key West and the Bahamas in our Cessna Skylane. Finally I can cruise at 160 mph without getting a ticket.

My first solo flight was probably the biggest rush of my life and is my absolute greatest enjoyment. I am fortunate that Carol enjoys it almost as much as I do. Our goal in the future is to be able to fly all over the country while photographing it's beauty.

In closing, I will say that I've spent my life having FUN. It's definitely about the journey. Rock on!

Information for Bruce Tharp

After high school I received a BS degree from Purdue University in Mechanical Engineering and an MS degree from I.U. in Business Administration. I worked for Bendix Corporation in South Bend while attending Purdue and never left. Bendix changed names over the years and as it turned out I retired from the Robert Bosch Corporation (a German owned company) in 2001. I held various job assignments over the years including time in Engineering Management, Marketing, Sales, and Mergers & Acquisitions. My last position with the company was Global Director of Product Planning. I was fortunate to have traveled quite a lot during my 31 years in the automotive business. My travels included France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan, and Australia.

I married my high school sweet heart Barb (Cummings) Tharp class of 1970. We will celebrate our 35th anniversary this year. Barb was the Broker and owner of Remax Connection real estate company in South Bend for the last 18 years. We recently sold the company. We have two (adult) children; Quincy Dittman, 32 yrs., married and residing in Fort Meyers, Florida and a son, Cal Tharp, 24yrs., single, residing in the north side of Chicago. As it turned out Barb and the two kids also graduated from Purdue (Boiler Up!).

Barb and I now reside in Punta Gorda, Florida, a small town on Charlotte Harbor, 100 miles South of Tampa. We live on the water and keep a 24 foot Sea Ray out back for cruising and fishing. We have boated nearly all our married life, mostly on Lake Michigan. We have a 44 foot Cruiser Yacht in Saint Joseph, Michigan that we will be cruising to our home in Florida beginning mid-July this year. It will be a trip of a life time, taking us from 4 to 6 weeks to complete. In addition to boating we both play golf and spend time land cruising in our motorhome. We belong to the local Civic club, Cruising club and RV club.

Information for Cathy Nadolny

Cathy (Nadolny) Gruber

Children: Bob, Tony, Matt & Kimberly

Grandchildren: Anna, Madeline, Anthony, Samantha and J.J.

Employed: Herrman & Goetz, Inc.

Administrative Assistant

18 years

CHRISTINE STEIGMEYER MIELKE INFORMATION

Children- Melissa Mielke-Age 38

Jennifer Mielke-Age 35

Husband-Kerry Mielke Group Leader/Tool Process Engineer-AM General
1966 Graduate John Adams.

My information:

I was employed in direct sales of women's fashions for 17 years and then made the switch to transportation sales for the last 19 years. I am an active board member for the South Bend Transportation Club and currently the Secretary-Treasurer for our lake homeowners association. I have lived on the south side of South Bend all of my life and both our daughters graduated from Riley High School too.

I am an avid reader, love gardening, scrapbooking, cooking and decorating. I love spending time at our lake cottage enjoying nature and the peace and quiet.

I look forward to retirement to enjoy travel in the United States and to spend winters in a warm spot.

Information for Diana (Diane) Morrow Howard - writer, community volunteer, and best of all, - a grandma!!

married to David (36 yrs. June 10) - practicing Urologist with a burning desire to retire!!

son-Christopher - 29 - graduated from Vanderbilt University, Law degree from SMU. He is an attorney in Kansas City and also owns a legal staffing company. He is married and has a son 7 months old. daughter-Kelli -26 - graduated from Pomona College, Claremont, CA, (all-american tennis player all 4 yrs) MA from USC. She is currently in a post-bac program at Mills College in Oakland, CA picking up science courses and will attend medical school in 2010. (She hopes to eventually be "out of school"!!!!)They are great kids, productive and happy!

No pets currently. Our last dog died 5 yrs ago - we still miss him terribly.

After high school, I attended Cornell College, graduating in 1972. I married right out of college and then went back to the University of Iowa for a Masters Degree in mental health counseling. I worked off and on but once I had two children, I chose to stay home with them. The past 25 years I have served on various boards in our community, taught duplicate bridge, won 3 club golf championships (who would have thunk it!!) and written a local newspaper column. My husband and I have a collection of muscle cars (3 corvettes and a 442) and are currently building a new home with garage space big enough for the collection.(I know.....just when we should be downsizing) We love to play golf and hope to cruise the country after he retires playing different golf courses.

My mother is still alive and still teaching singing at IUSB. My father died in 1987.

MY TIME AT RILEY: Hmmmmmm - like I can actually remember that far back!! I know that I had many, many embarrassing moments - one of which was never being able to climb the damn rope in gym class. Another was Mr. Bilby catching me passing a note (probably to Jan Toth) in English class that most definitely revealed things I did not want anyone to know. He read it out loud in class (so he did not make the favorite teacher list). I actually don't remember most of my teachers. As I look back I think that Mrs. Waterman???? - 11th grade English was one of the best teachers I had in high school. I didn't like her that much at the time - but loved her class - and learned much from her.

SPECIAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES - I take nature photographs - actually some pretty good ones, I love to knit. I play golf and have had 3 holes in one. I love to compete in bridge tournaments when I have the time. My newest passion is our grandson Porter James. He is 7 months old and just a dear.

PLACES I HAVE TRAVELED: France, Austria, England, Scotland, Hawaii, Alaska, Russia (St. Petersburg and Moscow) and various places around the United States.

BRUSHES WITH THE LAW: None while conscious! Actually - I have been very lucky to have gotten nothing more than an occasional speeding ticket. I don't drink alcohol anymore - but when I did ...well...lets just say, it was not pretty. It was only by the grace of God that I was never stopped while driving under the influence.

BUCKET LIST: publish a book of poetry, write a novel (sorry - very trite I know - but it's the truth!) Travel the northwest coast with my husband and NOT be in a hurry to get home. Go back to Hawaii. Hike the Big Horns ONE more time!! (if my knees will let me) I have to say that my mother is an inspiration to me about what life can be like at 84. She still walks every morning and teaches every day. She lives in her own home near Leeper Park. (Our house on Irvington St. had a bad fire in 1985.) I am healthy and happier than I ever have been in my life and look forward to taking each day as it comes and making the most of it.

Riley HS memory book info from Don Lerman

Family—single

Pets—no pets

Education—Washington University and University of Wisconsin

Volunteer—Play sax at retirement homes.

Military—none.

Employment—7 years economist, since then jazz musician

Lived in Madison, Wisconsin, Washington, DC, Glen Echo, Maryland, South Bend

Embarrassing moment

Outstanding teacher—Mr Covert (algebra), many other excellent teachers as well

Special interests or hobbies—attending minor league baseball games, including SB Silver Hawks

Places traveled—Alaska, Hawaii, Hong Kong

Brushes with law—Spent a night in jail in Madison, Wisconsin for speeding and having expired license. Felt it was unjustified and defiantly turned down jail breakfast at 6 am the following morning.

What else would I like to do—Continue spending time with family, complete a saxophone music book.

Riley HS Class of 1968; Memory Book
Ellis Workman, summary of activities since Riley

Julie and I have been married 33 years. We met at IU School of Music in Bloomington. She is a violinist and high school orchestra teacher in Rochester, MN. We have three sons, John, Paul, and Peter. John is a computer network engineer in Mankato, MN, Paul is an undergraduate theatre student at University of MN Duluth, and Peter will be a senior at Mayo High School.

After graduation from IU, I taught music in public schools in Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota. Earned a MFA in trumpet performance from the University of Minnesota and a BS in Computer Science from Minnesota State University at Winona. I have worked as a computer programmer in the *Biomedical Imaging Resource* of the Mayo Clinic for 24 years. This is a research lab devoted to developing medical and scientific imaging processing applications. Our software has been used to plan separations of several sets of conjoined twins.

Retirement is still a ways out for me, although Julie will be able to retire from teaching after next year. We expect to be able to travel. We have lived in Rochester, MN since 1975.

I have been involved with musical activities in Rochester, MN the entire time we have lived here; playing in the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, church, and various local groups. My current passion is my brass quintet, "*Med City Brass*".

My most embarrassing moment at Riley was induction into NHS my junior year. I was sitting with some guys making fun of the ceremony until my name was called. The laughter which followed was disruptive. Of course my parents (whom I did not realize were present) wanted to know why people were laughing when my name was called. My favorite teachers at Riley were Elizabeth Murphy and Jerry Lackey. Mr. Lackey was/is a fabulous musician, and the solid grounding in math I got from "Murph" enabled me to make a successful career change.

I've always had eclectic interests, which include ham radio (call sign KOELW), reading history (currently on *Lincoln's Rivals*), performing music. Aside from the BWCAW (Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Northern Minnesota) other interesting places I've been are Vienna, Austria and Prishtina, Kosovo.

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #2 in F remains on my music practice stand as a "bucket list" item to be mastered. Progress is slow, and I expect to be around for a while!

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We also have plans to meet on Friday evening from 6:00 until closing at:

Simeri's Olde Towne Tap
1505 West Indiana Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46617

This will be an informal affair to offer additional time for everyone to spend with old friends.

I have made arrangements for rooms at three establishments in the area:

Comfort Inn and Suites
52939 US 933 North
South Bend, Indiana 46637
(574) 272-1500
southbendincs@supertelinc.com
\$80.99 per night

Inn at Saint Mary's
53993 US 933 North
South Bend, Indiana 46637
(574)323-4000
msmith@innatsaintmarys.com
\$120.00 per night

These two establishments are located north of South Bend. The Inn at Saint Mary's is on the northern edge of the Saint Mary's campus and the Comfort Inn and Suites is north of Roseland on the west side of the highway. Both are within 10 to 15 minutes of both venues for the weekend.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
425 West University Drive
Mishawaka, Indiana 46545
(574) 273-2202
ffi.sbnfi.gm@marriott.com
\$89.00 per night

This facility is east of the University Park Mall in Mishawaka. It is slightly farther from the activity, but offers an opportunity to see the big shopping area in South Bend/Mishawaka.

When you call either of these venues refer to the Riley Class of 1968 reunion to get the stated rates. Most of these motels are willing to hold the block of rooms until the last week of May. After that we can still get the rates but the rooms are no longer guaranteed.

There are plenty of other motels in the area, but these are the ones willing to block rooms for us. You are open to try any of the others if you have points to use for a free room!

The reservations are coming in a regular basis and I sense a level of excitement building for this reunion. Don't miss this chance to connect with your old friends and catch up on the adventures of the class of 1968.

Any questions or directions to any of these venues please call Paul Piller (574) 261-2690 or e-mail papiller@sbcglobal.net Again, send your reservations and checks to Paul Piller, but make your reservations for rooms directly with the motels (refer to the Riley Class of 1968 Reunion to receive these rates!)

See you at the reunion.

Your Reunion Committee

Information for Fran (Reaves) Jacobs

Family: My husband, John, is retired from the Air Force.

No children

Pets: Our 3 adorable cats are Gordon Whitefoot, Annabelle, and Little Amber (the stray who came in from the cold).

Education: Graduated from Adrian (Michigan) College in 1972

Completed 1 year of graduate work at the Cooperstown (New York)

Graduate Program, affiliated with the State University of New York at

Oneonta

Sewing and quilting classes are far and away the most fun!

Employment: I retired in October 2007 after 31 years in human resources with various agencies in the Department of Defense. I also worked in 2 museums and did volunteer work in 2 others.

Places I have lived: North Bennington, VT; Battle Creek, MI; Boston, MA; Madison, IN; Rantoul, IL; Springfield, VA; Indianapolis, IN

Favorite teacher: Elizabeth Murphy, even if I had no idea what math was all about

Most embarrassing moment: Only one? Gym class was chock full of embarrassing moments, but being told I looked like a “clapping hamburger” (remember that ketchup commercial?) by Ms. Lauer when I tried to climb the rope has to be at the top (because I was still at the bottom of the rope).

Special interests: Sewing and quilting; shopping, formerly in malls but now in antique shops and art fairs; gardening; collecting cookbooks; walking

Places I have traveled: Florida, Alabama, Texas, California, Colorado, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and all of those places where I lived and went to school

Brushes with the law: only 1 speeding ticket

Bucket list: Move one more time; find a good volunteer opportunity; re-learn bridge; just do nothing at all

Getting Older, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body: the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long. I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life and my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set... They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it)

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART! MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE A RAINBOW OF SMILES ON YOUR FACE AND IN YOUR HEART FOREVER AND EVER!

FRIENDS FOREVER!

Gail (Schuster) Kusmiz

Spouse: Robert: Retired in 2003 from tool and die trade. Now owns and operates B&G Woods: Handcrafted fine furniture and antique restoration. We have been married for 40 years this year (Whew).

Children: Brian (39) Journeyman tool and die maker and Jodie (35) RN living in Texas. Two grandchildren (Taylor and Luke) and one due in July 2008.

Prior to being an RN I taught at Our Lady of Hungary School for four years.

We moved from South Bend to North Liberty in 1979.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Getting kicked out of Algebra in my freshman year because I totally did not understand a thing.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Martin (Typing class) A real sweetheart!

Places Traveled: We mostly go to Texas to visit my daughter but we recently took a trip to New York just so we could see the Statue of Liberty. What a real thrill!

Any brushes with the law: No.

Bucket List: Retire with enough \$ to do some traveling. I would like to visit Rome (My heritage) and Poland (My husband's heritage).

Information from Helen Prosicki Anders

After Riley I went to Ivy Tech in South Bend for an Associates Degree as a Certified Surgical Assistant (Working in Major Surgery). I then worked at Memorial Hospital in South Bend for four years as a surgery technician.

I worked as a dental assistant for 8.5 years while my son was small then went back to surgery with Saint Joseph Regional Medical in South Bend where I am still employed. I have been there for 27 years and plan to retire from here.

Husband – Victor – worked as a machine operator in a factory. He took early retirement due to a back injury. HE also has done some contracting work on the side

I have one son. He was a very good football player in high school and college. He works as an exercise trainer and personal trainer and is very much into fitness. He is married with two sons (1 and 4 years old)

I moved to Dowagiac when I got married and have been commuting from Dowagiac to South Bend for 27 years.

My passions are very simple. I adore my grandsons and spending time with them. I love being a grandmother. I love my flower gardens. I love to swim.

I have been a pretty good citizen and have had no brushes with the law (outside of a few traffic tickets)

Bucket List – I would like to travel more (I have not been able to do much of that)

Favorite teacher – I can't remember any of them!

Information for James L. Hollister
Wife Louetta (Lou)

Riley Memory Book

Son: Eric, Graduated Riley, BA in Business at Florida State & Masters in Mktg. & Advertising from University of Texas in Austin
Currently the Marketing Director for the WDW Radio Show, the Walt Disney World Information Station.

Daughter: Emily, Graduated Riley, accepted to Baylor University, awarded the Provost Scholarship to pursue a medical and Doctor career. The sixth week into her freshman year, she and five of her friends lost their lives in an accident that should have never happened. The young man responsible had been hazed the night before by the Cadet Corps at Texas A & M and received a concussion. He passed out at the wheel the following night causing the accident and taking six innocent lives.

In April of 2000 Lou and I started a Scholarship Fund in Emily's memory for graduating Riley seniors pursuing a career in the medical field. On May 21, 2008 we presented the 11 scholarship Award to Lauren Carter, she will be attending Purdue University this fall, she is pursuing a career in nursing.

After Riley I attended IUSB for a year, with a low number in the draft and Vietnam, I decided to enlist in the Marine Corps and serve our country. I spent 3 years of my four year enlistment as a Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy in Vientiane, Laos. I was selected by the Ambassador to be Dr. Henry Kissinger's bodyguard during his stay in Laos while enroute to the peace talks in Vietnam.

I met Lou in Laos, she was a secretary at the embassy, (we had to go half way around the world to meet someone from Ohio & Indiana). We were engaged in 1972 prior to leaving Laos and were married in April of 1974 in Ohio.

I came back to South Bend after being discharged and we have called South Bend home except for one year from 1979 to 1980. This September we will have been in our current home for 28 years. Five years ago, we built a retirement home in Fruita, Colorado, 6 miles West of Grand Junction, (God's Country, high desert climate, sunshine 350 + days a year, low humidity, Colorado and Southern Utah views to die for).

I have spent over 30 years in sales and currently work for Northern Electric Company in South Bend as V.P. of Operations.

I had Open Heart Surgery in April of 95 and a Pacemaker/Defibulator installed last fall.

We haven't retired yet, however, we're looking forward to the day we do!

Our Special Interest is Emily's Scholarship Fund and keeping her memory a permanent inspiration for future Riley students pursuing a medical career.

We have traveled in South East Asia while stationed there, around the Continental US, Hawaii, Mexico, the Bahamas and three trips to the Northwest Territories hunting and fishing.

Bucket List: Enjoy life to the fullest with my wife and our son, family & friends. Travels to Colorado, Florida, Italy in two years and a future trip/cruise to Australia and New Zealand.

Information for Janet (Horvath) Henkel

Family: Charles Henkel – Retired college administrator – No children or grandchildren

Pets: Racer – Yorkshire Terrier & years old – Racer eats under the table with us

Education: Ball State University: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology - No longer involved.

Employment: Taught school for 15 years. Social work for 17 years.

Where have you lived: Phoenix, Arizona – South Bend, Mishawaka and Granger, Indiana

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: My current “memory” can not recall

Favorite teacher: Mr. Krider

Special interests: Travel, books and home projects

Places you have traveled: Italy, Greece, Route 66 from Chicago to LA

Any brushes with the law: No

Bucket List: More travel – would like to go to Hungary

Information for Janet (Williams) Jarboe

Family: Husband: Joe – Human Resources Director

Children: Melissa, Brian, Geoff

Step Children: Kristy, Angie

2 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren

Education: After Riley I went to motherhood then to college at age 32

Occupation: Operations analyst for a boat manufacturer

We have lived in Indianapolis, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Michigan, Cape Coral, Florida, Saint Joseph, Missouri, Lorain, Ohio, South, Bend, Mishawaka and Warsaw, Indiana.

Information for Jan Hilderbrand

Family: I've been married twice. I was originally married to Denny Papczynski and we have a daughter, Kristi, who is 23 years old. Since February, 2004, I've been married to Jim Bostic. He brought three children and six grandchildren to our marriage. I absolutely love being a grandma (So much more fun than being a "mean old mom"). Jim was in tool and die for 30 years and then went into business for himself doing home improvement. He will soon be 65 and is semi-retired.

Pets: My daughter and I love animals. Our animals are family members. Presently we only have one dog and one cat. In the past we've had several dogs (including 2 rescued greyhounds), lizards, turtles, guinea pigs, hamsters, newts, and fish. Our dog, buddy, is part Dalmatian, part beagle. He sleeps in bed next to me and basically has the run of the house (he doesn't eat at the table, however). Our cat's name is Toby. He's a tuxedo cat that we got as a kitten at the Humane Society. He's about 11 months old, but he thinks he's the king of this castle.

Education/Employment: I graduated with a Master's Degree from Indiana University in 1973. I am a speech/language pathologist. I started in the South Bend Community School Corporation in 1973 and am presently employed there. However, I took 10 years off to spend more time with our daughter. I worked part-time as a private SLP at Logan Industries and Speech Sounds during those 10 years.

Volunteer Activities: I have been active in two different churches. For several years, I taught Sunday School for developmentally disabled young adults and directed a bell choir with that same group of individuals. I particularly enjoy hospital ministry and hope to do more of that when I retire.

Home: I have always lived in the South Bend area. I have lived in the same house in Granger since 1978.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley? - I had several. Maybe I'll share them with some of you if I make it to Simeri's on the night before our reunion (I may need to have a couple of drinks first)

Favorite teacher - My favorite teacher was my English teacher and Homeroom teacher, Mr. Bilbee (sp?). He was sarcastic, but I always got a kick out of him. He dictated the entire book called "The Prophet" to his English classes. I hated doing it, but I think it helped me with listening, memory, and writing skills. He also made us write down our feelings when listening to music which helped with music appreciation.

Special Interests: I love to read, play tennis, and swim. I also love to travel.

Places I've traveled: I've been blessed to have been able to travel to Hawaii on 7 different occasions. I've been to Tahiti, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Italy, France, and Germany. Recently my husband and I went with friends in the motor home and visited 19 different states (I especially loved Colorado, California, Utah, and Oregon).

"Bucket List" - I would love to see Alaska, Africa, and/or Australia. If that can't happen, I would enjoy going out west again. The scenery is incredible! I also would love to visit the east coast of the United States.

I would love to adopt as many homeless dogs and cats as I could, but I'm afraid it would have to be over my husband's dead body!

Information for Jim Rans

Spouse: Julie

Children – Ryan 32 years old
Jayme 27 years old

Employment – Carpenter and home builder

Lived - South Bend
Granger

Special Interests – Golf

Places Traveled Caribbean, France

Bucket list – Travel as much as possible

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Information for John W. Linn

Family: Son- Scott Linn 34 yrs Married no children

Daughter- Kelly Linn 31 yrs old single no children

Wife- Nanette Linn will be married 39 years on July 19, 2008

Pets: No current pets- previous golden retriever Aspen died at 16 years old

Military Service: US Army 1969-1971 Rank E5 Sergeant small arms repairman served in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Employment: President of Linn Drywall, Inc. for 35 years. Have not retired.

Have lived in Germany 2 years then South Bend and for the last 30 years in Granger.

Special interests: Golf

Places you have traveled: Germany, England, Spain, Belgium, France, Italy, East Berlin, St. Martin, Caiman Islands, Hawaii, Bahamas, US- California, (Pebble Beach)

Nevada, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas

Your Bucket List:

To go to Scotland and play golf

Information for John Sanders

Family:

I guess first and most significant, I married Dee Nixon on June 29th 1968, less than 30 days after I graduated from Riley. Many of my Riley friends were there; several of the guys were in the wedding party. The Live Band at the wedding reception was the Steve Pocza / Al Lopez – **“BOSTON CREAM PIE”**

It was a great time and the beginning of a wonderful and blessed relationship.

Yes that means only 2 weeks after our 40th Riley Class Reunion we will be celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Family- 13 months and 2 days after our wedding our first son, Brian was born. It was a surprise (we didn't plan it this way). Almost 2 years later our second son, Brent was born (we did plan this one)

Brian is married and lives in Woodstock (Atlanta) GA. He is Executive Director of Sales and Marketing for Accenture Consulting (a big PGA Golf Sponsor-you know Tiger Woods and that group). Brian and his wife Tonya have three wonderful children, two boys and 1 girl; son Zachary – 10, son John - 5, and daughter Alexia – 3.

Brent is married and lives in Pinehurst, NC. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic at the Hospital at Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. He treats all of our US Special Forces Troops. Brent and his wife Alisha have two wonderful children, two daughters; Lyndi – 16 (our first grand child), and Madelyn – 11.

Our two boys have done very well, they both graduated College with honors, and they continue to excel with their careers, and their families.

The Grandkids have also done wonderful things; Lyndi has been a Varsity Cheerleader at her High School since her freshman year. Zachary is a big time baseball player. His plan is to be a Brave. Madelyn is a great swimmer, and walks on a regular basis in various Charity Marathons. John is a Soccer player and has played on undefeated team since he was 3 years old. Alexia (just turned 3) is a Ballerina and a Gymnast.

Most important they are all very good kids and honor students.

Pets: Had way too many to go into. Built a house in Lakeville IN, in 1974. 12 acres- small farm. We had dogs, cats, rabbits, pigs, goats, cattle, and horses over the next 6 years. The kids were in 4-H with their horses. It was great fun. Later we showed Cats. This was Dee's passion. We started this in 1982 after we moved to Columbia SC in 1980. We had anywhere from 8-20 show cats at any one time (not including kittens) – none in the house - we turned our 3 car garage into a Kitty Condo. Showed these CFA Cats all over the US. Sold show cats all over the world. Dee had several National Champions, and she was even in the Walt Disney movie with her Cats **“That Darn Cat”** It was all great fun. We now have no pets. We are way to busy with the Grandchildren, traveling etc.

Education: Dee and I both went to College. I went to IUSB. With the family and work, it took me 8 years to finish. Dee started at IUSB, and finished at University of South Carolina, after we moved to Columbia SC in 1980.

Employment: I worked for AM General Corp. from the time I graduated from Riley until we moved from South Bend in 1980. Dee became a stay at home mom after our first son was born.

In 1980 we moved to Columbia, SC when I took a job at a company that builds heavy construction equipment for the Railroad Industry. Tamper Corporation, now part of Harsco Corp. Stayed with them 21 years.

I am still in the Railroad Industry, I work for a company now that owns a fleet of about 700 pieces of Railroad Construction and Maintenance Equipment and I lease and sell this equipment to the Industry. I'm dealing with many of the same people with the major Railroads in the US, Canada, and Mexico that I have done business with since 1980. It has been great. I travel some and work from home. My company is based in Fenton Michigan.

Dee owned and operated two furniture stores for several years in the 80's, and more recently sold real estate. For the past 6 years she has become a stay at home wife and grand-mother.

My Time at Riley: My time at Riley was great. Enjoyed all that I did. Great teachers, great friends. I am sure like most of us have done, and continue to do; I look back on my high school years with very, very, fond memories. It was a wonderful time in my life.

And as many of my good friends at Riley would say, I became the **“Preacher”**

Just ask Bill Takach, Tom Uzelac (Serb), or the gang from the west side.

Other Stuff: My wife and I have been Truly Blessed. We have enjoyed great times together. We have enjoyed Boating, Scuba Diving, Snow Skiing, and Golf over the years. We continue to enjoy Golf. Dee and I attend Church on a regular basis, and we sing in a Gospel quartet (The Joyful Noise) with Dee's sister Vicky and their mother. We have been privileged to travel and perform with Southern Gospel greats such as Ronnie Hinson, Naomi & The Sego's, and The Byrd Family. Other than that we travel and spend time with our Kids and Grand Kids. They live in opposite directions from our current home in Augusta (Evans) GA. 3 hours in one direction to our oldest in Atlanta, and 4 hours in the opposite direction to our younger son in Pinehurst NC. Weekend trips are a regular part of our lives.

What will we do in Retirement:

Spend even more time with our kids and Grandkids. Spend more time at the Beach.

Spend more time on the Golf Course. Spend more time singing with our Gospel Quartet (The Joyful Noise)

Information for Judy Earhart

Pets: Dusty 14 years

Education: Indiana University BA in Education, MA Education

Volunteer Activities: Jr. League (Sustainer)

Employment: South Bend Community School Corporation – Teacher

Where lived: Granger – Currently living in Edwardsburg, Michigan on Eagle Lake for last 4 years.

Special interests: Reading, Skiing, working out

Information for Karen Crawford

Children: Amy and Sarah

Grand Children: Hannah, Rebekah, Joseph, Riley, Jackson

Pets: Darley – Med – Sezia – Mix

I was married after High School and worked for 17 years in High School Special Education. Also working with veterinary clinics for 11 years.

Passion: Grand Children

Employment: Working at Gilmer Park Animal Clinic

Where Lived: South Bend and Bremen and currently Plymouth.

Most embarrassing moments at Riley: too many to list.

Favorite teachers: Mr. Horn, Mr. Black

Special interests: Vintage clothing and antiques

Bucket list: go to Japan and Africa

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Karen (Smith) Hatfield

Family:

- ☞ My husband, Del Hatfield, owned and ran a commercial masonry business for over 26 years. Two 1/2 years ago he sold the business and now does consulting and bidding for the company that bought it. He also works for H&R Block during tax season. Most importantly, he has been a Bible study teacher for 22+ years in and outside of the church, and usually has two different groups meeting each week. Retirement is a word that will never be in his vocabulary! I am a blessed woman; he's a great husband, father, grandfather, teacher and so much more!
- ☞ Between my husband and I, we have 7 children, all married. They have given us 16 fantastic grandchildren aged between 10 months to 22 years old! Each of our children is accomplished in different ways and all have been successful in life and give us great joy! One of our sons has been a Secret Service Agent for several years and lives near Washington D.C. We have been able to meet the president, attend an inauguration and had many other really memorable moments like petting Barney, the president's dog.

Pets:

- ☞ We have had many cats through the years, but are now pet free. We have several bird feeders around our yard and feed and enjoy them year round. Bird watching has become more than a hobby I guess.

Education:

- ☞ Unable to attend college after my father died in my junior year at Riley, I opted for marriage. I have taken many courses through the years at I.U. South Bend, and Bethel College, but have never gotten my degree. Education is a high priority, and I continue to work toward keeping my old brain going.

Volunteer Activities:

- ☞ Most of my time in this area revolves around the church. I have also been a Bible study teacher for many years, in and outside of the church, and plan to continue for as many years as the Lord gives me. *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Employment:

- ☞ Most of my work outside the home has involved secretarial work, office managing and the like. We also had a home office for our business. I am no longer employed, and hope it stays that way! *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Where Have You Lived:

- ☞ Apart from a couple of years in San Antonio, Texas, I've lived in entirely in Indiana. Just a Hoosier at heart.

Most Embarrassing Moment at Riley:

- ☞ Please! Too many to recount!!! I do remember being chased up two flights of stairs by Mrs. Noble (I think), who was *at least* 10 times my age (I thought). My skirt was too short (barely above my knees) and she wanted to haul me to the office, but I was faster!

Favorite Teacher:

- ☞ Miss Steele – Freshman English

A teacher extraordinaire! If your notebook, *which she put on a scale*, was not heavy enough, she wouldn't even look at it. She was tough, gave lots of homework, but I learned so much from her teaching! She inspired you to think.

- ☞ Mrs. Remington – Art Teacher

I took every class she taught. She was little, but mighty and nothing got past her. She inspired creativity.

Special Interests/Hobbies:

- ☞ Biking with my husband. Last year we put lots of miles on our bikes in Indiana and Michigan and out east. Our most memorable bike trip to date was last spring, biking from Cumberland, Maryland to D.C. on the old C.O. rail trail. We don't go with groups, we plan our own trips, take our time, and enjoy nature.
- ☞ Teaching and leading Bible study groups.
- ☞ Feeding and watching birds of all varieties.
- ☞ Enjoying friends, family, good food, good wine and..... *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Travel:

- ☞ Furthest I've been was Peru, South America. Mexico, Canada, but mostly here in the states. We love the mountains. So why are we living here in flat Indiana? *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*
 - ❖ Sorry, no brushes with the law, I'm pretty law abiding. Although during my teen rebellious days, it was only the grace of God that kept me safe!

Bucket List:

- ☞ Apologizing to anyone that I mistreated, hurt, embarrassed deeply, walked on intentionally, insulted in a mean fashion, belittled etc. during my rebellious high school days.(11th-12th grades mostly) If anyone reading this connects with this, *please contact me!!*
- ☞ Whale watching, west or east coast. I'm pretty contented and blessed with life and family; I guess I haven't given it much thought.

Information for Kathy Ellis

Husband: Tom (Occ Pastor)

Daughter: Jayme (29) Graphic Artist

Grandchild – 4 months old

Where lived: Mobile, Alabama and Little Rock, Arkansas

Information for Kathy Lanning

Family: 5 grandsons: Jonathan 16, Ethan 10, Nathan 7, Cody 13, Kyle 11
2 Daughters: Tracy and Jessica

Pets: Queenie – Boarder Collie

Volunteer activities and passions: Family NASCAR

Employment: Kroger – 30 years and counting

Where have you lived: South Bend, California, Indianapolis

Favorite teacher: Mr. Black

Places you have traveled: Japan, England, Germany, France, Belgium and 49 states

Any brushes with the law: No. Only in high school.

Bucket list: Travel every place

Information for Kathleen Manuszak

Kathleen Manuszak

After high school worked in the office at Cloud Brothers and later as a fine jewelry salesperson at L.S. Ayres.

Currently works as Paraprofessional Librarian at Tarkington School

Married to Allan Miller (Riley '68)

One son, Brian, who lives in San Diego and works for KGB-FM as an account coordinator and is also the bass player for the band The Material.

Kathy (Mielke) DeWitt

Spouse: Ernie retired 11 years ago from AM General.

Children: Curtis (30) Step son Ernie, Jr. (43) 3 step grandchildren 23, 20, 18

Education: 2 years at IUSB – decided not to go into teaching.

Employment: I retired from Kroger's in 1990 after 21 years (I decided I wanted a life!). I work for Cass Hudson in Elkhart for 17 years as inside sales. It is a very good job with no weekends or nights. I plan on retiring at 62.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Never mind!

Favorite teacher: of course – Charlie Stewart

Special interests or hobbies: Word puzzles, reading and bingo, listening to good music (The 60's)

Places I have traveled: Does Three Rivers count?

Information for Ken Sauer

Family: My daughter just graduated with an A.A. degree, is working as a Pharmacy Technician and beginning a Radiology Technician program in ultimate pursuit of a Sonography degree. Most importantly, I am proud to say that she is a wonderful human being in every sense.

Pets: I raised white German Shepherd dogs for years and still have my alpha male, Max, who is almost thirteen. He's been my friend and housemate, "a real human being"---in a dog suit. I often refer to us as "Max and Ken, two 'old studs' from Evans."

Education: IUSB – B.S. Ed. in 1973 – Majored in English with emphases in Journalism, Math and General Science. University of Northern Colorado – M.S. in 1986 – Majored in Educational Media and Technology
Also many specialized courses at: Northwestern University; Riverside City College, CA; Aims College, CO; SONY Broadcast, L.A.

Volunteer activities: Assisting Local Access cable TV volunteer groups to produce television programming

Military service: None

Employment: High School Journalism instructor, electronic technician, audio/video specialist, freelance videographer, college professor, department chair, electronic media producer, college administrator – 30 years
Currently semi-retired media producer/consultant and Journalism professor for University of Northern Colorado and Aims College

Where have you lived: South Bend, Mishawaka, Riverside (CA), Florence, Denver, and Greeley (CO)

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: As a Freshman, I once went to the nurse to tell her I felt REALLY sick: She asked me if I was having a test the next period, which I was, so she sent me to class anyway. Thank goodness I didn't barf on anybody in class beside myself!

Favorite teacher: William Covert: His feigned sternness and slapping his meter stick around really got me serious about learning my algebra! I can't leave out Mr. Bilby here, for he instilled in me an appreciation for prose and poetry that I wouldn't fully appreciate for years! There was also a student teacher named Mr. Prebish who brought in Simon and Garfunkel records for us to hear and appreciate the beautiful imagery in their early songs.

Special interests or hobbies: Just call me "The Recordist"...creating audio and video is my passion. I also like road trips out West and "fast cars, food and women," although not always in that order.

Places you have traveled: The Bahamas and the Great American West, forty-some states except for the extreme east coast. Haven't had much time for world travel---yet.

Any brushes with the law: Other than speeding tickets and totaling out a sports car once, I can't think of any time they caught me. Oh yeah, there was that one time as a teen when I got a ticket for making a right turn onto Michigan Street from Indiana Avenue after they had flipped down the "No Right Turn" sign to discourage cruisin' Bonnie Doone's. 'Got my name in the Tribune and everything!

Your "Bucket List" :

Seeing the names of some of our departed classmates dampened my eyes and caused me to reflect a great deal on the things I would have liked to tell them. "You were a good guy, a good friend, a kind person, someone I'll never, ever forget. You taught me so much!" Except, by the grace of God, go you or I. We probably don't even know all the "close calls" we've had, but I have survived two life-threatening health events. In fact, recovery from one of them kept me from attending our 20 year reunion. With the rest of my life, sure I want to be free to explore and travel and try things I've never had the opportunity to do, but I also want to use my talents to give back and leave the world better for my having been here. Freedom is my prize, but responsibility my conscience.

As near as I can tell, this balance will take the form of traveling, making documentaries on worthwhile subjects and teaching, but who knows? We're ONLY 58, right?!

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Dear Classmates,

We are sending this as a reminder of the coming reunion. June 14 is coming fast upon us. We would like to solicit reservations at this time. Please send your reservations and payment to: Paul Piller 331 Parkovash Avenue South Bend, Indiana 46617.

As you can see from the attached class list, we have located some classmates that have not been on the list before and we have been able to find some classmates that have moved since the last reunion. There are a number of people remaining on the "not found" list. We ask your assistance in locating these people.

There has been a request for a memory book to be compiled. To this end we are including a copy of the information sheet we would like completed by each classmate. Even if you are not intending to show for the reunion, we are interested in know what you have done with your life. You never know who might be looking for your special talents!

The reunion is scheduled for June 14 between 6:30 until 12:00 and will include a buffet meal with chicken, sausage, sweet and sour cabbage, mashed potatoes and green beans. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and this event will be held at:

Our Lady of Hungary School
735 West Calvert Street
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On Friday June 13 we will be meeting for a warm up party for anyone interested in a few extra hours of catch up time. This will be held at Simeri's Olde Towne Tap 1505 West Indiana Avenue South Bend, Indiana 46613. This will be an informal affair (as if the reunion will be a formal event!) to last from 6:00 PM until they throw us out of the place at closing time. All expenses here will be on your own.

Please return your completed information sheets and checks for the reunion to Paul Piller 331 Parkovash Avenue, South Bend, Indiana 46617. The information for the memory book can be e-mailed to papiller@sbcglobal.net. If you need to contact me, I carry my cell phone most of the time (574) 261-2690.

I will also be making arrangements with the Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn on the north side of South Bend for rooms. Contact me if you need information on these two facilities.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

Your Reunion Committee

Information for Linda Hartman

Family: 2 daughters, Dawn Haas Knight, Michelle Haas.

Dawn teaches English & Literature at Westfield H.S. She has just published her 1st book 'Taliaferro' which is a biography about George Taliaferro, the first African American drafted in the NFL and also gives a history of the NFL. Her book is for sale at the Football Hall of Fame in S.B. as well as various bookstores. Dawn has 3 children: AJ age 15, Taylor age 10 and Mackenzie age 9.

Michelle has a History degree and is a National Park Ranger presently at Glenn Canyon National Recreation Area in AZ. She's a 'Leave No Trace' trainer and an awesome interpreter in whatever park she's in.

Pet: Willie - the cat my grandkids gave me in order to save him from the coyotes (which took the lives of his siblings). I had no choice, but he's a cutie and he loves to sit on his haunches with his arms crossed - it's hilarious.

Education: 3 years toward a B.S. in Nursing at Indiana State University. Graduated from the University of Evansville.

Volunteer activities/Passions: People. I get involved in activities which promote healing or provide help or encouragement. I support efforts that do something to help people get back on their feet.

Employment: Still working as an RN - Community Hospital North in Indianapolis since 1981, Pre-Op Clinic.

Where lived: Southern Indiana - Huntingburg, IN, Dubois City, for 8 years prior to moving to Indianapolis, IN 1981.

Most embarrassing moment: Anytime I wore hand-me-downs from my 2 older sisters.

Favorite teachers: Mr. Hess. Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Orfanos Can't choose just 1.

Special interests/hobbies: Play guitar (for own entertainment mostly), travel, read, photography.

Places traveled: Japan, Ukraine, Israel, Dominican Republic, France, England, Mexico, Canada (does that one count?).

Bucket List: Travel to Alaska and the American Northwest. Visit National Parks I haven't been to yet (which is most of them). Learn Spanish. More mission trips. Take photography lessons. Stay close to old friends.

Marty (Weller) Nemeth (age 58, 8/13/1949)

Children:

1st husband J. Timothy Wright (married in 1978, divorced in 1985)

One daughter Kelly J. Wright-Kirkwood (born 8/16/78) from

Re-married in 1987 - to present to Laszlo (Les) Nemeth (age 62, 1/1/1946) (also a graduate of Riley)

Two step children: Thomas Nemeth (39 yrs) and Christine Nemeth (37 yrs)

Seven step-grandchildren: Ages range from 19 to 1 1/2 yr old twin boys (2 girls, 5 boys)

Names: Ashtin, Alexa, Gage, Graham, Cole, Carter & Grayson

All children live in the Indianapolis or surrounding area

Education:

Attended beauty school and worked for 7 years as a Hairstylist around South Bend

Worked at the South Bend Courthouse as a typist in the 4th district court and part-time support for the involuntary mental health department

Lived in Colorado Springs for a short while before moving back to Hoxlyville, Michigan to work a winter season at a Ski Resort

Moved back to Granger had a baby (not working), then moved to Diamond Lake in Michigan and lived there for ten years and worked at the Cass County Courthouse for the Equalization department for around six years - divorced and moved back to Granger where I am presently and have been for about 18 years

I have been employed by the University of Notre Dame for almost 17 years; currently in the Chemical Engineering Dept. Will retire when I win the lottery (ha, ha!)

Pets:

Have had numerous pets over the years that were mostly stray cats that we took in. Presently have two cats Sunny and MaMa. MaMa (with us for about 3 years out and 5 months inside) got her name due to she was living in one of our out buildings and was on her 4th set of kittens when we decided she needed a break (and so did we). We had her fixed, cleaned up and now is a very content in-door cat. Sunny has been with us for at least 7 years and was a stray also.

Volunteer activities:

I do some various volunteer work at the church; Usher greeter team, workshops, and in the past a Chicago Mission trip to the inner city.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: You expect me to remember that far back!

Favorite teacher: Probably Mr. Fredricks (Science)

Hobbies: N/A

Travels: Never out of the country

Law: Once I had money stolen from my desk at work and I got to take a lie-detector test

Bucket List: Travel and see some of the world and spend more time with my daughter, grow a huge vegetable/flower garden,

Information for Mary Jo (Knisley) Thurston

Family: Married Bob Thurston from Buchanan , Michigan in May 1971 and have been happily married for 37 years. Bob is a Well Drilling Inspector for Collier County Government in Naples , Florida .

Pets: Onxy and Hobo, dogs that were rescued by our family. Onxy is part Australian Kelpie; six years old; was found and rescued at 8 weeks of age. Hobo wandered into our yard at the age of seven months and stayed because we found no owner to claim him. He is part Labrador Retriever and Bull Mastiff. Yes, they are spoiled rotten.

Education: Graduated from Ball State University with degree in Business.

Volunteer activities: None at the moment due to working full time. We plan to retire in 2 years and spend spring/summer or

summer/fall at Edwardsburg , Michigan at our cottage and spend the cold months in our home in Naples , Florida . We love the water so water sports will help occupy our time.

Employment: I am a Revenue Manager for Collier County Utilities in Naples, Florida. I have worked 28 years in Utilities and will retire in 2010.

Residences: Upon graduation from Ball State University we lived in Germany for 13 months and moved to Miami, Florida. We lived 6 ½ years in Miami and moved and built a home in Naples, Florida in 1979.

Special Interests: Dogs, water sports, traveling.

Places Traveled: Germany , France , Austria , Holland , Switzerland , Canada , Florida , California , Nevada , Michigan , Bahamas , Aruba .

Bucket List: When I retire, I would like to travel, volunteer time with shelters for dogs, volunteer to help the elderly.

Mary Lou Johnston Deardorff

Family: I am married to Dale, a family physician in Mishawaka. Some of you already know this because he is your family doctor. We have 2 children, Sarah, who is a public health professional in Chicago and is married to Joshua Carter and mother of Madeline,³, and Barrett,¹, and Neil who works in Indy for the IDEM and is married to Lynn.

Education: After Riley I attended IU Bloomington and received a degree in French. I planned to teach, but never did. I channel my enjoyment of kids by volunteering at Fernwood in their education program. I've taught kindergartners about nature as well as high school biology students about prairie ecology. I even had to lead an Andrew's University biology class on prairie one summer (I knew more than they did on the subject, which is all that matters).

Volunteering: Besides the above, I am a volunteer counselor for Stone Soup Community, a social service agency helping with financial needs of clients in South Bend and Mishawaka.

I have lived in Mishawaka since 1977, so basically forever.

My favorite teachers at Riley include Elizabeth Murphy and Douglas Simpson. I know there were plenty of embarrassing moments but I have worked very hard to erase them from my mind. Enough on this subject.

For those of you who remember our Greek exchange student, Effie Zeimbekaki, here is a little about her. Dale and I attended her daughter's wedding in July of 2006. This is the first time Effie and I were together since college when I visited her with my sister. Effie teaches English in her hometown. Her husband died when her children were young teens. She has a son who is doing his one year military service and her daughter and son-in-law became parents last fall.

Dale and I like to travel everywhere, but our favorite regular place is Summit County, Colorado where we enjoy downhill skiing in winter and hiking in summer. We hope to do more traveling after Dale retires, as most of us do, but will still want to spend time close to family. Being grandparents has been such a joy.

Information for Matt Buczolic

Family

Wife Suzanne of 37 years, She works for Brothers of Holy Cross.

Daughter Brittany Weiler age 36 , pharmaceutical representative.

Son Broc age 32 , Project Manager / Pipefitter.

Pets Max Labrador age 12, Coco age 4 Norwich Terrier.

Education: Plumbers & Pipefitters Apprenticeship.

Military: US Navy.

Employment: Plumber / Pipefitter 35 years

Currently Business Manager Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 172.

President Indiana State Pipe Trades Association.

Vice President Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO.

Indiana State Plumbing Commissioner.

Lived in South Bend.

Hobbies: Hunt, Fish ,Golf,Ride motorcycle,Travel.

Information for Maureen (Carney) Hruska

As I review my life and the history that is the class of 1968 I realize we graduated in a very special and historical year. If you don't believe me look at US News or AARP or Time.. I have often said that 1968 was the worst year to graduate.

However, with all the stuff that happened (and we all know it) how did we all survive.

Like the rest of my classmates, forward bound, right, Originally, IU at Bloomington was the thought for me but family circumstances prevailed. IUSB had a program for 2 years but after 1 year it was time to get a real job and go down to campus without debt. That didn't happen. A way to go to campus was full time work which ended up being my life work.

Life work was Insurance. I remember Mr. Hess saying I should talk forever (it's in my yearbook). How prophetic you talk a lot with insurance. In the 70's marriage was the norm, but as my brother told me, first marriages like the first pancakes should be thrown out! So the 70's went on and I got divorced.

The love of my life was met through insurance. I know there is a plan. We married in 1981 and are still together after 26 years. He had 2 children that became my children and so I have always protected them, taken care of them yet I have no blood children. There are three grandchildren twin (boy and girl) and a new son (Hruska)

After 36 years in the insurance business I made my goal and sold the business. Being retired at 55 was the goal. Now I learn more computer stuff (which is amazing because my life work was putting computers into the workforce) but kids think we don't know. eve

Riley was a special place. Good times, bad times but most of all, teenage times. Mr. Simpson was the best teacher ever. In the late 70's he was out of teaching. Very Sad. My daughter is a teacher now and my respect has gone thru the roof for teachers.

Life has been great, I've seen the Vatican, the Glaciers, Hawaii many Islands in the Caribe never thought that life could be so good.

With all that, I am scared shi_____less to see anyone from 1968. We went thru a lot. I think we are scared to face each other because of what we saw. You all know it, we tell others, but we're afraid to face 1968.

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Information for Memory Book
Ralph Acito

Family; Ralph – IT & Telecommunications Management with Global Access Point in South Bend

Wife – Pam Acito, married for 38 years

Daughter – Kimberly Acito-Tanig – Teacher in Houston, TX

Granddaughter – Kaylee – 3yrs.

Grandson – Reece – 1 month

Son – Anthony Acito – Pharmacist, Granger, IN

Granddaughter – Sydney – 8yrs.

Grandson – August – 5 yrs.

Education; Primarily U.S. Air Force schools and IT/Telecommunications schools

Military; U.S. Air Force 1968-1972, rank of E-4 – Airborne Electronics Technician, stationed Denver, Sacramento, various temporary assignments overseas.

Employment; Global Access Point in South Bend, manage telecommunications environment for Communications Carriers and Data Centers for various local and regional Commercial Companies.

Where do I live; Back in South Bend, having spent some time in Dallas, TX and Baltimore, MD

Special Interests; Enjoy outdoors, fishing, hunting, dogs.

Places I've traveled; Hawaii, Korea, Samoa, England, Mexico, Canada

Any brushes with the Law; Nothing of significance or worthy note

'Bucket List'; 🎵Sky-diving

large 'Green Data Center', manage remote fishing camp in Canada,



Information for Sharon (Adams) Stevens Byorni

After graduating from Riley I attended Ball State University where I earned my Bachelor of Education degree in 1972. That following summer, in 1973, I married Karl Stevens. He was the City Forrester for South Bend so we bought a house there in 1974. I'm still living in that house today. A few years later we decided to start a family. We had two sons, Kevin and Larry. So I became a stay-at-home mom with 2 kids, 1 dog, 2 hamsters, fish, and a big garden. I loved it! Eventually, I went to Indiana University at South Bend and earned my Master of Education degree. I have now been teaching for 21 years at St. Monica School in Mishawaka. Can't retire yet!

As a family we were campers and hikers. We have camped from Yosemite to the Niagra Falls, from the Great Smokie Mountains to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Back in high school I never dreamed I would love camping, hiking, or canoeing, or that I would walk a small piece of the Appalachian Trail. We also had a small boat and I learned to water ski. I loved skiing, tubing, and swimming. Never thought I would do those things either.

In 1996 Karl was killed in a work related accident. Then in 2005 I married John Byorni. John is the Director of the Area Plan Commission for St. Joseph County. Between us we have 5 adult children. My two sons, Kevin and Larry graduated from Purdue University. Today Kevin works for the School of Agriculture at Purdue in their computer department. Larry is a flight test engineer working as a civilian at the Pax River Naval Air Station in Maryland.

Larry and his wife, Mindy, gave me my first grandchild 8 months ago, Oliver Karl Stevens. Being a grandmother is truly wonderful!

In more recent years my traveling has included a cruise to Alaska with a train ride to Denali National Park, a cruise through the Western Caribbean, a bus trip through the Canadian Rockies, hiking in the Grand Canyon, and a bus trip to Washington, DC, and surrounding historic places. Currently, most of my trips are to see my grandson.

Looking back at my days at Riley, I think my most embarrassing moment was a demonstration speech I gave in Mr. Goodman's speech class that went badly. Having a blender was a fairly new thing in those days so I decided to demonstrate how to use it and make milk shakes for everyone. I filled the blender with ice cream, chocolate syrup, and milk. I pushed the blend button and everything started to leak out the bottom and go everywhere. Unfortunately, after I had demonstrated how to take the blender apart, I hadn't put it back together correctly. I can still remember looking at his bright blue eyes, which never showed any emotion during our speeches, and see them twinkling. I quickly gathered my thoughts and explained that is what can happen if you don't assemble it correctly. On my speech paper he wrote, "Nice save". My grade - C-.

My favorite teacher has to be Mr. Covert. He was one tough math teacher, but he made me understand algebra.

My "Bucket List" would have to include a hot air balloon ride, a trip to the Grand Tetons, and a trip to Europe. Someday I'll get that done!

Information for Barbara Aronson

Children:

Chris lives in San Mateo, California and teaches high school biology and A. P. Biology
Sarah is in her third year of working on her PhD in organic chemistry at U. C. Berkeley.
Josh is a freshman at OSU and thinking about majoring in botany.

Husband:

Tip is a systems programmer at OCLC who most recently wrote the search engine for
WORLDCAT.ORG. A few years ago, he co-wrote "Testing Extreme Programming". If
you are interested in XP, buy it! He is currently building classical guitars.

Education:

Bachelor's degree from I. U. Master's in Psychology from O. U. Additional grad school
(OSU) in computer information studies

Volunteer Activity:

Volunteer as "Master Gardener" at OSU. Volunteer at synagogue and for civic
association

Employment:

Computer programming, statistics, report writing. Now I have an Ebay business.

Where Lived:

Columbus, Ohio since 1978

Most Embarrassing Moment at Riley:

Who can remember that far back?

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My husband, Phil, retired last summer from Bayer Corporation as a Purchasing manger. I also retired last summer. I worked for the Mishawaka School Corporation as a technology specialist at the middle school. We are loving retirement!

We have done some traveling. We have been to Japan, New Zealand, Alaska, various places in the US, and took a cruise to Canada/New England last September. We went to Florida in February and are planning a trip to England to visit our daughter this fall.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Where do I begin, there have been so many? Being tackled in the hall by one of the football players. He claimed he was just trying to get me to buy some Christmas Seals. *I wonder if he became a car salesman???*

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Sikorski, we had some great debates in his room. He really made you think about some of the social injustices in the world. I am sorry I never told him what a great teacher he was.

Hobbies: Volunteer work at church, walking, chasing geese with a broom, traveling, and fishing. I just took a class in Air Kong Fu and another in Hatha Yoga. I also belong to two ladies groups. The ladies groups do all kinds of different things from Belly dancing to gourmet cooking we have had many great times together.

Brushes with the law: I am happy to say that I have never had any brushes with the law. Just how many people do you think would share that information if they had?

Bucket List: Well I guess I would like to do something that would make a difference in some elses life. Maybe through volunteer work--I am not sure what it is yet. Also, there are several places I would like to visit here in the United States.

Information for Matt Buczolic

Family

Wife Suzanne of 37 years, She works for Brothers of Holy Cross.

Daughter Brittany Weiler age 36 , pharmaceutical representative.

Son Broc age 32 , Project Manager / Pipefitter.

Pets Max Labrador age 12, Coco age 4 Norwich Terrier.

Education: Plumbers & Pipefitters Apprenticeship.

Military: US Navy.

Employment: Plumber / Pipefitter 35 years

Currently Business Manager Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 172.

President Indiana State Pipe Trades Association.

Vice President Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO.

Indiana State Plumbing Commissioner.

Lived in South Bend.

Hobbies: Hunt, Fish ,Golf,Ride motorcycle,Travel.

Information for Maureen (Carney) Hruska

As I review my life and the history that is the class of 1968 I realize we graduated in a very special and historical year. If you don't believe me look at US News or AARP or Time.. I have often said that 1968 was the worst year to graduate.

However, with all the stuff that happened (and we all know it) how did we all survive.

Like the rest of my classmates, forward bound, right, Originally, IU at Bloomington was the thought for me but family circumstances prevailed. IUSB had a program for 2 years but after 1 year it was time to get a real job and go down to campus without debt. That didn't happen. A way to go to campus was full time work which ended up being my life work.

Life work was Insurance. I remember Mr. Hess saying I should talk forever (it's in my yearbook). How prophetic you talk a lot with insurance. In the 70's marriage was the norm, but as my brother told me, first marriages like the first pancakes should be thrown out! So the 70's went on and I got divorced.

The love of my life was met through insurance. I know there is a plan. We married in 1981 and are still together after 26 years. He had 2 children that became my children and so I have always protected them, taken care of them yet I have no blood children. There are three grandchildren twin (boy and girl) and a new son (Hruska)

After 36 years in the insurance business I made my goal and sold the business. Being retired at 55 was the goal. Now I learn more computer stuff (which is amazing because my life work was putting computers into the workforce) but kids think we don't know. eve

Riley was a special place. Good times, bad times but most of all, teenage times. Mr. Simpson was the best teacher ever. In the late 70's he was out of teaching. Very Sad. My daughter is a teacher now and my respect has gone thru the roof for teachers.

Life has been great, I've seen the Vatican, the Glaciers, Hawaii many Islands in the Caribe never thought that life could be so good.

With all that, I am scared shi_____less to see anyone from 1968. We went thru a lot. I think we are scared to face each other because of what we saw. You all know it, we tell others, but we're afraid to face 1968.

Information for Karen Crawford

Children: Amy and Sarah

Grand Children: Hannah, Rebekah, Joseph, Riley, Jackson

Pets: Darley – Med – Sezia – Mix

I was married after High School and worked for 17 years in High School Special Education. Also working with veterinary clinics for 11 years.

Passion: Grand Children

Employment: Working at Gilmer Park Animal Clinic

Where Lived: South Bend and Bremen and currently Plymouth.

Most embarrassing moments at Riley: too many to list.

Favorite teachers: Mr. Horn, Mr. Black

Special interests: Vintage clothing and antiques

Bucket list: go to Japan and Africa

Information for Judy Earhart

Pets: Dusty 14 years

Education: Indiana University BA in Education, MA Education

Volunteer Activities: Jr. League (Sustainer)

Employment: South Bend Community School Corporation – Teacher

Where lived: Granger – Currently living in Edwardsburg, Michigan on Eagle Lake for last 4 years.

Special interests: Reading, Skiing, working out

Information for Kathy Ellis

Husband: Tom (Occ Pastor)

Daughter: Jayme (29) Graphic Artist

Grandchild – 4 months old

Where lived: Mobile, Alabama and Little Rock, Arkansas

Information for Richard Feldman, MD

Becky and I have three children, all boys. Our oldest, Mike, is 25 and is a probation officer for Marion County. He graduated from Indiana University in criminal justice. Our middle son, Cody, is our special child. He owns a small ice cream business on the Central Canal in downtown Indianapolis. Tyler, our youngest, just graduated from high school and will attend IU. He is interested in medicine. We have a great Himalayan cat named Annie. She is 16 years old and queen of the house.

Becky and I met when I was in medical school. She was a graduate student in microbiology at that time but soon after went to medical school at IU. She is now retired after a great career at Eli Lilly and Co as a physician in their medical department. I have lived in Indianapolis since 1973. We were married in July, 1978.

After high school, I attended Indiana University in Bloomington majoring in psychology. I graduated in 1972 with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa. I then attended IU School of Medicine graduating in 1977. After medical school, I entered a psychiatry residency at IU but changed to family medicine. I went into private practice for a short time and then was offered the directorship of the St. Francis Hospital family medicine residency, the same residency where I trained. I have been the director there since 1981. I am also a clinical assistant professor at Indiana University School of Medicine and an adjunct faculty member in the Dept. of Public health.

I was appointed the Indiana State Commissioner of Health in 1997 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. I left after one term in 2001 to return to my residency training position. It was a wonderful and challenging experience. I remain active in medical and public health legislative issues and spend a lot of time at the state house when the General Assembly is in session. I have government appointments to the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency and the Indiana State Medical Education Board.

I am very involved in the Indianapolis community and serve on a number of boards including the Indiana Historical Society, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the Indiana State Medical Association, Indianapolis Medical Society, the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, the American Heart Association, the Indiana AIDS Fund, and several hospital boards. I am the past president and chairman of the board of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians and presently serve as president of the Indiana Medical History Museum.

I have a life-long interest in Native American religion and art, having studied for two years at Indiana University with the renowned Native American studies scholar Joseph Eppes Brown. I have collected antique American Indian art for over 30 years. One of my historical projects led to my adoption by the Haida in 1996. My Indian family lives in a remote area of British Columbia.

I am also an amateur historian and have written a number of articles and one book on Indiana historical subjects. I love to write and I am currently an editorial columnist for the *Indianapolis Star* writing on health policy and related subjects. My column appears on the 3rd Tuesday of each month if you want to look it up on line sometime. Occasionally, the *South bend Tribune* picks up my *Indianapolis Star* editorials. I frequently lecture locally and regionally and occasionally elsewhere in the country on medical, public health, and historical subjects.

I still snow ski occasionally and continue to golf as much as I can find time to play. We love to travel and spend a lot of time in Santa Fe, New Mexico where we own part of a condo. We love Italy and Mexico and have traveled a great deal in America, Alaska, and Canada and also have taken trips to England, Ireland, and France.

Favorite Teachers: Mr. Goodman, Speech; Mr. Black, English

I hope to retire in about 5 years and spend more time writing, lecturing, collecting Indian art, and spending more time in Santa Fe as a second home. Unfortunately, I no longer have family in South Bend but love to return from time to time, mostly to catch a Notre Dame football game. Great to see everyone again!

Information for Beverly (Gagen) Erickson

Family , 1 daughter, Paula Lynn Robinson (worked as a hospital admittance clerk, and sales clerk at J. C. Penney and a pet store clerk). She was put in Who's Who High School Students in 1991. Married to Michael D. Robinson, air force Major at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc California. She has 3 sons (my grandsons) and they are Jacob Robinson, Christopher Robinson and Travis Robinson, (boys are age 9, 8 and 8 months old). Jacob is excelling in Swimming, on a swimming team in Lompoc., Christopher is artistic and in soccer. I also have 1 stepson named Nicholas Erickson that is a Lawyer in Washington, DC.

My spouse is Clifford Erickson and he is a retired professional photographer for national boating magazines. His photography as appeared on the front cover of Hotboat Magazine.

Pets are: Todi and Tiki, Todi is a greater sulphar crested cockatoo that is over 30 years old, and Tiki is a citron crested cockatoo and she is 2 years old. Both eat some table food but stay on perches and don't eat at the table.

Education: After Riley High School I went to Keypunch Academy, Ball State University and Manatee Community College and Adult Education Classes in Venice, Florida.

Volunteer Activities: Attending music concerts and writing classes. Writing a musical children's book entitled "A Flower For Iggey." My passion is attending a musical concert at Fess Parker's Inn in Los Olivos, California every Thursday night and watching my grandsons play sports.

Employment: After leaving Riley I worked as a secretary at South Bend Community Schools and then at the University of Notre Dame as a technical typist. Then I went on to work for the Penny Saver Newspaper and a School Patrol Lady for the South Bend Police Dept. In 1983 I moved to Venice, Florida and went to Family Life Writing Classes. In 1993 I owned a Publishing and Photography Studio for about 3 or 4 years and then worked 8 years for Nielsen Media Research as a file auditor. I am now retired but continue to write as a hobby.

Where I have lived: I lived in South Bend, Indiana for 32 years then moved to Venice, Florida and now have a part time home also in Santa Maria, California so I can see my daughter and grandsons.

Riley Info.

Most embarrassing moment was when I had to hire a date for the junior prom.

My favorite teacher was Robert J. Sikorski. Runners up were Lewis Habegger (band director) and Mr. Adison (math teacher)

Special Interests: Attending Lettermen Concerts, Photography and travel.

Places I have traveled: Alaska on an ocean cruise lecture series with Sylvia Browne (the famous psychic) in 2007.

The Bucket List: I would like to take a ocean cruise to Hawaii and Tahiti.

Information for Bruce Goldberg

wife: Barb Goldberg. BA Penn State, MBA, Arizona State University.
Key account Manager Frito Lay

children: Adrienne Kurland, MD, undergraduate Northwest University

Nathan Goldberg, undergraduate, University of Arizona,
MBA, Arizona State University

Betsy Zangara, undergraduate Washington University, St
Louis, Masters Social Work, Washington University, Masters in
Accounting, Arizona State University

Ean Goldberg, Junior at University of Arizona

I graduated from Indiana University in 1972. I received my MBA from
University of Phoenix in 2000. Married Barb Goldberg (Philadelphia) in
1993

President of Specialized Office Systems since 1984. We are Office
procurement specialists with about 3000 clients, primarily in Arizona
and southern Nevada.

After college, I moved to Chicago. Twenty months later, I moved to
Bettendorf Iowa (Quad City area). My three older children were born
During our eight years in Bettendorf. The last 23 years I have lived
in the Phoenix area.

Information for Vicki Guisinger

FAMILY: Beth Anne Hoggard is my oldest daughter, living as a single mother in Pilsbo, Washington. She has a daughter, Shandi Lynn, 15 years old and is the Manager of A Dominoes' Pizza. Beth is also self-employed as a massage therapist.

Keli Jo Aguilar is my middle daughter. She is 23 years old and is married to Augustine, and has one son, Johnathon, 4 years old, Keli Jo Graduated with highest honors from Haskell High School in Haskell Texas, class of 2003, where she had a 4.0 GPA, receiving straight A's from Kindergarten on. She was the editor in Chief of her high school paper during her Junior year and received State Honors for her article that was submitted. She was invited to join, The Quill and Scroll Society and also the National Honor society. She participated in FSA and UIL, TEAMSCA and FCCLA earning medals and certificates and State wide recognition. She was chosen to participate in Texas Girl's State. She is now the supervisor for a department store named Stage in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Tara Lynne, the youngest, will be 21 by the time of the reunion, also Graduated from Haskell High in Haskell Texas. She was a third year Journalism student and also was the Editor of the school paper. She moved back to South Bend with me three years ago but did not like it here so she is now living in Sayre Oklahoma and working at a large convenience store.

I have no pets and no spouse received my education from IVY Tech earning an Associate's degree in Medical Laboratory, in cooperation with IUSB and Bethel. However, I am continuing on and registered to start for my RN in August,

RETIREMENT: are you kidding!!! I am presently employed at Madison Center at a downtown location, not the big campus. I work the night shift.

As a single mother, I moved to Texas with my two youngest and they thrived there, as we lived in a city of 1200. Everyone knew everyone else and the kids were all loved and looked after by the adults it was all good. We also lived for a short time in Florida as Tara was born in Orlando.

Favorite Teacher: With out a doubt, Mr. Habeggar, who is directing Br-r-r-r Ching in Heaven,

Most embarrassing Moment: probably when I was walking down the hall with a couple of friends doing my "Mr. Brenneman" impression and finding out he was walking behind me.

Interests and Hobbies: when I need to calm down, I create- crochet, or sew or knit

Travel- USA and Canada

Brushes with the LAW: NO

Bucket List When and if I ever grow up, I want to go on a long vacation and visit my kids and grandkids

Information for Bruce Hartman

FAMILY

After sewing many wild oats in Miami, I finally got married in 1977. My wife Carol is a member of the prominent Orr family of Miami with Judges, Mayors and a State Senator. When we met, Carol was a legal assistant for the State Attorneys Office under Janet Reno. She became a Real Estate Broker when we moved to Cape Coral, Florida in 1988. Within the last couple years she has become an award winning Fine Art Photographer displaying as Carol Orr Hartman.

We only have one daughter, Amanda, who was the third generation of my family that was born at South Bend Memorial Hospital in 1985 but she grew up in Cape Coral. She is currently employed as a Graphic Designer for Florida Weekly Newspaper. At this time she is not married but has a very significant other, Gary Harrison, who she has been with for over 2 years. My mother and brother, Craig also live in Cape Coral and the six of us have a very tight family relationship. The only family member still in Indiana is my sister, Paula, who lives in Fort Wayne.

PETS

We owned 3 Dobermans somewhat concurrently for a span of 14 years. After the last one passed, we adopted a retired racing Greyhound who lived with us for 12 years. We just purchased a Cairn Terrier (ie. Toto from the Wizard of Oz) who I appropriately named "Rockne" since I'm still a Notre Dame Crazy.

EDUCATION

My formal education after Riley was a two year Associate Degree in Automotive Technology from Ivy Tech in South Bend. I spent most of my career in auto dealers in South Bend, Miami and Cape Coral as a Master Technician or Service Manager/Director. My last position in the Michiana area was Service Director for Putnam Imports in Elkhart. I got my ASE Master Technician status in 1973 (the first year available) and stayed current through 2002. I also spent 10 years with Nissan Motors and completed their Master Tech program. In 1991 I received my Florida Real Estate license but didn't become an active RE Broker full time until joining my wife in 2002. This became a fantastic opportunity.

MILITARY SERVICE

I received my "Greetings" letter from Uncle in 1970. Considering my serious aversion to rice paddies, I was lucky enough to enter the National Guard where I spent 6 years in the motor pool. Military service was not a high point of my life.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT AT RILEY

I think high school was a stage for embarrassing moments for most of us and I had many. Probably the most for me was Junior year when I picked up Collette Rector after a Riley football game. The following Monday I had to face my classmates with a hickey the size of a golf ball on my neck, just out of the reach of a turtle neck sweater. Unfortunately, inebriation was not a viable excuse at the time.

I really can't remember a favorite teacher but I can still see Bill Carleton dodging the spray from Burton Breneman as he spoke from his podium.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

After high school, I built several race cars and competed in Drag Racing and Road Racing but my true love was uncovered when my wife gave me flying lessons for my 30th birthday. Living in Florida gives us a lot of good flying weather and we've been all over the state including Key West and the Bahamas in our Cessna Skylane. Finally I can cruise at 160 mph without getting a ticket.

My first solo flight was probably the biggest rush of my life and is my absolute greatest enjoyment. I am fortunate that Carol enjoys it almost as much as I do. Our goal in the future is to be able to fly all over the country while photographing it's beauty.

In closing, I will say that I've spent my life having FUN. It's definitely about the journey. Rock on!

Information for Linda Hartman

Family: 2 daughters, Dawn Haas Knight, Michelle Haas.

Dawn teaches English & Literature at Westfield H.S. She has just published her 1st book 'Taliaferro' which is a biography about George Taliaferro, the first African American drafted in the NFL and also gives a history of the NFL. Her book is for sale at the Football Hall of Fame in S.B. as well as various bookstores. Dawn has 3 children: AJ age 15, Taylor age 10 and Mackenzie age 9.

Michelle has a History degree and is a National Park Ranger presently at Glenn Canyon National Recreation Area in AZ. She's a 'Leave No Trace' trainer and an awesome interpreter in whatever park she's in.

Pet: Willie - the cat my grandkids gave me in order to save him from the coyotes (which took the lives of his siblings). I had no choice, but he's a cutie and he loves to sit on his haunches with his arms crossed - it's hilarious.

Education: 3 years toward a B.S. in Nursing at Indiana State University. Graduated from the University of Evansville.

Volunteer activities/Passions: People. I get involved in activities which promote healing or provide help or encouragement. I support efforts that do something to help people get back on their feet.

Employment: Still working as an RN - Community Hospital North in Indianapolis since 1981, Pre-Op Clinic.

Where lived: Southern Indiana - Huntingburg, IN, Dubois City, for 8 years prior to moving to Indianapolis, IN 1981.

Most embarrassing moment: Anytime I wore hand-me-downs from my 2 older sisters.

Favorite teachers: Mr. Hess. Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Orfanos Can't choose just 1.

Special interests/hobbies: Play guitar (for own entertainment mostly), travel, read, photography.

Places traveled: Japan, Ukraine, Israel, Dominican Republic, France, England, Mexico, Canada (does that one count?).

Bucket List: Travel to Alaska and the American Northwest. Visit National Parks I haven't been to yet (which is most of them). Learn Spanish. More mission trips. Take photography lessons. Stay close to old friends.

Information for Jan Hilderbrand

Family: I've been married twice. I was originally married to Denny Papczynski and we have a daughter, Kristi, who is 23 years old. Since February, 2004, I've been married to Jim Bostic. He brought three children and six grandchildren to our marriage. I absolutely love being a grandma (So much more fun than being a "mean old mom"). Jim was in tool and die for 30 years and then went into business for himself doing home improvement. He will soon be 65 and is semi-retired.

Pets: My daughter and I love animals. Our animals are family members. Presently we only have one dog and one cat. In the past we've had several dogs (including 2 rescued greyhounds), lizards, turtles, guinea pigs, hamsters, newts, and fish. Our dog, buddy, is part Dalmatian, part beagle. He sleeps in bed next to me and basically has the run of the house (he doesn't eat at the table, however). Our cat's name is Toby. He's a tuxedo cat that we got as a kitten at the Humane Society. He's about 11 months old, but he thinks he's the king of this castle.

Education/Employment: I graduated with a Master's Degree from Indiana University in 1973. I am a speech/language pathologist. I started in the South Bend Community School Corporation in 1973 and am presently employed there. However, I took 10 years off to spend more time with our daughter. I worked part-time as a private SLP at Logan Industries and Speech Sounds during those 10 years.

Volunteer Activities: I have been active in two different churches. For several years, I taught Sunday School for developmentally disabled young adults and directed a bell choir with that same group of individuals. I particularly enjoy hospital ministry and hope to do more of that when I retire.

Home: I have always lived in the South Bend area. I have lived in the same house in Granger since 1978.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley? - I had several. Maybe I'll share them with some of you if I make it to Simeri's on the night before our reunion (I may need to have a couple of drinks first)

Favorite teacher - My favorite teacher was my English teacher and Homeroom teacher, Mr. Bilbee (sp?). He was sarcastic, but I always got a kick out of him. He dictated the entire book called "The Prophet" to his English classes. I hated doing it, but I think it helped me with listening, memory, and writing skills. He also made us write down our feelings when listening to music which helped with music appreciation.

Special Interests: I love to read, play tennis, and swim. I also love to travel.

Places I've traveled: I've been blessed to have been able to travel to Hawaii on 7 different occasions. I've been to Tahiti, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Italy, France, and Germany. Recently my husband and I went with friends in the motor home and visited 19 different states (I especially loved Colorado, California, Utah, and Oregon).

"Bucket List" - I would love to see Alaska, Africa, and/or Australia. If that can't happen, I would enjoy going out west again. The scenery is incredible! I also would love to visit the east coast of the United States.

I would love to adopt as many homeless dogs and cats as I could, but I'm afraid it would have to be over my husband's dead body!

Information for Janet (Horvath) Henkel

Family: Charles Henkel – Retired college administrator – No children or grandchildren

Pets: Racer – Yorkshire Terrier & years old – Racer eats under the table with us

Education: Ball State University: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology - No longer involved.

Employment: Taught school for 15 years. Social work for 17 years.

Where have you lived: Phoenix, Arizona – South Bend, Mishawaka and Granger, Indiana

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: My current “memory” can not recall

Favorite teacher: Mr. Krider

Special interests: Travel, books and home projects

Places you have traveled: Italy, Greece, Route 66 from Chicago to LA

Any brushes with the law: No

Bucket List: More travel – would like to go to Hungary

Information for James L. Hollister
Wife Louetta (Lou)

Riley Memory Book

Son: Eric, Graduated Riley, BA in Business at Florida State & Masters in Mktg. & Advertising from University of Texas in Austin
Currently the Marketing Director for the WDW Radio Show,
the Walt Disney World Information Station.

Daughter: Emily, Graduated Riley, accepted to Baylor University, awarded the Provost Scholarship to pursue a medical and Doctor career. The sixth week into her freshman year, she and five of her friends lost their lives in an accident that should have never happened. The young man responsible had been hazed the night before by the Cadet Corps at Texas A & M and received a concussion. He passed out at the wheel the following night causing the accident and taking six innocent lives.

In April of 2000 Lou and I started a Scholarship Fund in Emily's memory for graduating Riley seniors pursuing a career in the medical field. On May 21, 2008 we presented the 11 scholarship Award to Lauren Carter, she will be attending Purdue University this fall, she is pursuing a career in nursing.

After Riley I attended IUSB for a year, with a low number in the draft and Vietnam, I decided to enlist in the Marine Corps and serve our country. I spent 3 years of my four year enlistment as a Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy in Vientiane, Laos. I was selected by the Ambassador to be Dr. Henry Kissinger's bodyguard during his stay in Laos while enroute to the peace talks in Vietnam.

I met Lou in Laos, she was a secretary at the embassy, (we had to go half way around the world to meet someone from Ohio & Indiana). We were engaged in 1972 prior to leaving Laos and were married in April of 1974 in Ohio.

I came back to South Bend after being discharged and we have called South Bend home except for one year from 1979 to 1980. This September we will have been in our current home for 28 years. Five years ago, we built a retirement home in Fruita, Colorado, 6 miles West of Grand Junction, (God's Country, high desert climate, sunshine 350 + days a year, low humidity, Colorado and Southern Utah views to die for).

I have spent over 30 years in sales and currently work for Northern Electric Company in South Bend as V.P. of Operations.

I had Open Heart Surgery in April of 95 and a Pacemaker/Defibulator installed last fall.

We haven't retired yet, however, we're looking forward to the day we do!

Our Special Interest is Emily's Scholarship Fund and keeping her memory a permanent inspiration for future Riley students pursuing a medical career.

We have traveled in South East Asia while stationed there, around the Continental US, Hawaii, Mexico, the Bahamas and three trips to the Northwest Territories hunting and fishing.

Bucket List: Enjoy life to the fullest with my wife and our son, family & friends. Travels to Colorado, Florida, Italy in two years and a future trip/cruise to Australia and New Zealand.

Mary Lou Johnston Deardorff

Family: I am married to Dale, a family physician in Mishawaka. Some of you already know this because he is your family doctor. We have 2 children, Sarah, who is a public health professional in Chicago and is married to Joshua Carter and mother of Madeline,³, and Barrett,¹, and Neil who works in Indy for the IDEM and is married to Lynn.

Education: After Riley I attended IU Bloomington and received a degree in French. I planned to teach, but never did. I channel my enjoyment of kids by volunteering at Fernwood in their education program. I've taught kindergartners about nature as well as high school biology students about prairie ecology. I even had to lead an Andrew's University biology class on prairie one summer (I knew more than they did on the subject, which is all that matters).

Volunteering: Besides the above, I am a volunteer counselor for Stone Soup Community, a social service agency helping with financial needs of clients in South Bend and Mishawaka.

I have lived in Mishawaka since 1977, so basically forever.

My favorite teachers at Riley include Elizabeth Murphy and Douglas Simpson. I know there were plenty of embarrassing moments but I have worked very hard to erase them from my mind. Enough on this subject.

For those of you who remember our Greek exchange student, Effie Zeimbekaki, here is a little about her. Dale and I attended her daughter's wedding in July of 2006. This is the first time Effie and I were together since college when I visited her with my sister. Effie teaches English in her hometown. Her husband died when her children were young teens. She has a son who is doing his one year military service and her daughter and son-in-law became parents last fall.

Dale and I like to travel everywhere, but our favorite regular place is Summit County, Colorado where we enjoy downhill skiing in winter and hiking in summer. We hope to do more traveling after Dale retires, as most of us do, but will still want to spend time close to family. Being grandparents has been such a joy.

Information for Mary Jo (Knisley) Thurston

Family: Married Bob Thurston from Buchanan , Michigan in May 1971 and have been happily married for 37 years. Bob is a Well Drilling Inspector for Collier County Government in Naples , Florida .

Pets: Onxy and Hobo, dogs that were rescued by our family. Onxy is part Australian Kelpie; six years old; was found and rescued at 8 weeks of age. Hobo wandered into our yard at the age of seven months and stayed because we found no owner to claim him. He is part Labrador Retriever and Bull Mastiff. Yes, they are spoiled rotten.

Education: Graduated from Ball State University with degree in Business.

Volunteer activities: None at the moment due to working full time. We plan to retire in 2 years and spend spring/summer or

summer/fall at Edwardsburg , Michigan at our cottage and spend the cold months in our home in Naples , Florida . We love the water so water sports will help occupy our time.

Employment: I am a Revenue Manager for Collier County Utilities in Naples, Florida. I have worked 28 years in Utilities and will retire in 2010.

Residences: Upon graduation from Ball State University we lived in Germany for 13 months and moved to Miami, Florida. We lived 6 ½ years in Miami and moved and built a home in Naples, Florida in 1979.

Special Interests: Dogs, water sports, traveling.

Places Traveled: Germany , France , Austria , Holland , Switzerland , Canada , Florida , California , Nevada , Michigan , Bahamas , Aruba .

Bucket List: When I retire, I would like to travel, volunteer time with shelters for dogs, volunteer to help the elderly.

Information for Kathy Lanning

Family: 5 grandsons: Jonathan 16, Ethan 10, Nathan 7, Cody 13, Kyle 11
2 Daughters: Tracy and Jessica

Pets: Queenie – Boarder Collie

Volunteer activities and passions: Family NASCAR

Employment: Kroger – 30 years and counting

Where have you lived: South Bend, California, Indianapolis

Favorite teacher: Mr. Black

Places you have traveled: Japan, England, Germany, France, Belgium and 49 states

Any brushes with the law: No. Only in high school.

Bucket list: Travel every place

Information for Randy Leliaert

Wife: Karen – retired teacher

Children – Matt and Beth

Grand Child: Trace James

Education: IVY Tech and Indiana University South Bend

Volunteer Activities: Osceola Business Association, Osceola Memorial Day Parade, Osceola Bluegrass Festival, Penn-Harris-Madison Board Trustee

Retired: Yes, but not for long. Starting over as Randy Leliaert Agency – Osceola, Indiana.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Goodman

Riley HS memory book info from Don Lerman

Family—single

Pets—no pets

Education—Washington University and University of Wisconsin

Volunteer—Play sax at retirement homes.

Military—none.

Employment—7 years economist, since then jazz musician

Lived in Madison, Wisconsin, Washington, DC, Glen Echo, Maryland, South Bend

Embarrassing moment

Outstanding teacher—Mr Covert (algebra), many other excellent teachers as well

Special interests or hobbies—attending minor league baseball games, including SB Silver Hawks

Places traveled—Alaska, Hawaii, Hong Kong

Brushes with law—Spent a night in jail in Madison, Wisconsin for speeding and having expired license. Felt it was unjustified and defiantly turned down jail breakfast at 6 am the following morning.

What else would I like to do—Continue spending time with family, complete a saxophone music book.

Riley Class of 1968 Reunion Committee

Information for John W. Linn

Family: Son- Scott Linn 34 yrs Married no children

Daughter- Kelly Linn 31 yrs old single no children

Wife- Nanette Linn will be married 39 years on July 19, 2008

Pets: No current pets- previous golden retriever Aspen died at 16 years old

Military Service: US Army 1969-1971 Rank E5 Sergeant small arms repairman served in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Employment: President of Linn Drywall, Inc. for 35 years. Have not retired.

Have lived in Germany 2 years then South Bend and for the last 30 years in Granger.

Special interests: Golf

Places you have traveled: Germany, England, Spain, Belgium, France, Italy, East Berlin, St. Martin, Caiman Islands, Hawaii, Bahamas, US- California, (Pebble Beach)

Nevada, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas

Your Bucket List:

To go to Scotland and play golf

Information for Kathleen Manuszak

Kathleen Manuszak

After high school worked in the office at Cloud Brothers and later as a fine jewelry salesperson at L.S. Ayres.

Currently works as Paraprofessional Librarian at Tarkington School

Married to Allan Miller (Riley '68)

One son, Brian, who lives in San Diego and works for KGB-FM as an account coordinator and is also the bass player for the band The Material.

Kathy (Mielke) DeWitt

Spouse: Ernie retired 11 years ago from AM General.

Children: Curtis (30) Step son Ernie, Jr. (43) 3 step grandchildren 23, 20, 18

Education: 2 years at IUSB – decided not to go into teaching.

Employment: I retired from Kroger's in 1990 after 21 years (I decided I wanted a life!). I work for Cass Hudson in Elkhart for 17 years as inside sales. It is a very good job with no weekends or nights. I plan on retiring at 62.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Never mind!

Favorite teacher: of course – Charlie Stewart

Special interests or hobbies: Word puzzles, reading and bingo, listening to good music (The 60's)

Places I have traveled: Does Three Rivers count?

Information for Allan Miller

Works as the Director of Radio Communications for the City of South Bend
After high school spent four years in the US Air Force, stationed in Florida,
Viet Nam, and Taiwan.

Married to Kathleen Manuszak (Riley '68)

One son, Brian, who lives in San Diego and works for KGB-FM as an
account coordinator and is also the bass player for the band The Material.

Information for Diana (Diane) Morrow Howard - writer, community volunteer, and best of all, - a grandma!!
married to David (36 yrs. June 10) - practicing Urologist with a burning desire to retire!!
son-Christopher - 29 - graduated from Vanderbilt University, Law degree from SMU. He is an attorney in Kansas City and also owns a legal staffing company. He is married and has a son 7 months old. daughter-Kelli -26 - graduated from Pomona College, Claremont, CA, (all-american tennis player all 4 yrs) MA from USC. She is currently in a post-bac program at Mills College in Oakland, CA picking up science courses and will attend medical school in 2010.
(She hopes to eventually be "out of school"!!!)They are great kids, productive and happy!

No pets currently. Our last dog died 5 yrs ago - we still miss him terribly.

After high school, I attended Cornell College, graduating in 1972. I married right out of college and then went back to the University of Iowa for a Masters Degree in mental health counseling. I worked off and on but once I had two children, I chose to stay home with them. The past 25 years I have served on various boards in our community, taught duplicate bridge, won 3 club golf championships (who would have thunk it!!) and written a local newspaper column. My husband and I have a collection of muscle cars (3 corvettes and a 442) and are currently building a new home with garage space big enough for the collection.(I know....just when we should be downsizing) We love to play golf and hope to cruise the country after he retires playing different golf courses.

My mother is still alive and still teaching singing at IUSB. My father died in 1987.

MY TIME AT RILEY: Hmmmmm - like I can actually remember that far back!! I know that I had many, many embarrassing moments - one of which was never being able to climb the damn rope in gym class. Another was Mr. Bilby catching me passing a note (probably to Jan Toth) in English class that most definitely revealed things I did not want anyone to know. He read it out loud in class (so he did not make the favorite teacher list). I actually don't remember most of my teachers. As I look back I think that Mrs. Waterman???? - 11th grade English was one of the best teachers I had in high school. I didn't like her that much at the time - but loved her class - and learned much from her.

SPECIAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES - I take nature photographs - actually some pretty good ones, I love to knit. I play golf and have had 3 holes in one. I love to compete in bridge tournaments when I have the time. My newest passion is our grandson Porter James. He is 7 months old and just a dear.

PLACES I HAVE TRAVELED: France, Austria, England, Scotland, Hawaii, Alaska, Russia (St. Petersburg and Moscow) and various places around the United States.

BRUSHES WITH THE LAW: None while conscious! Actually - I have been very lucky to have gotten nothing more than an occasional speeding ticket. I don't drink alcohol anymore - but when I did ...well...lets just say, it was not pretty. It was only by the grace of God that I was never stopped while driving under the influence.

BUCKET LIST: publish a book of poetry, write a novel (sorry - very trite I know - but it's the truth!) Travel the northwest coast with my husband and NOT be in a hurry to get home. Go back to Hawaii. Hike the Big Horns ONE more time!! (if my knees will let me) I have to say that my mother is an inspiration to me about what life can be like at 84. She still walks every morning and teaches every day. She lives in her own home near Leeper Park. (Our house on Irvington St. had a bad fire in 1985.) I am healthy and happier than I ever have been in my life and look forward to taking each day as it comes and making the most of it.

Information for Cathy Nadolny

Cathy (Nadolny) Gruber

Children: Bob, Tony, Matt & Kimberly

Grandchildren: Anna, Madeline, Anthony, Samantha and J.J.

Employed: Herrman & Goetz, Inc.

Administrative Assistant

18 years

Paul Piller: (I suppose I had better do one of these for me also!)

Family: I have been tormenting a lovely lady (Nancy) for 35 years as of June 30 of 2008. We have two fine boys (Nancy's influence). Scott is putting a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Advertising from IU South Bend and a Masters degree in Counseling from IUPUI to good use while transitioning kids from the foster care system into life on their own. He and his wife Julie (Frayer) reside in Indianapolis (Broadripple area). Adam is the black sheep of the family with a Bachelor's degree in General Health Sciences from Purdue University (I said I would not type or write that word again after he graduated) (Nancy, Scott and I are IU Grads) and a Masters degree as a physicians' assistant from LeMoyne College. He is working with an orthopedic surgery group in Chicago. They handle work for DePaul University, Robert Morris University, The Chicago Fire Department and The Chicago Fire (soccer franchise).

Education: Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management from IU South Bend in 1974, Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from IU South Bend in 1990 and MBA from IU South Bend in 1999. When crossing the stage with my last degree the last person I met was the Dean of the School of Business and Economics (Doctor Paul Joray). He greeted me with the statement (Now you can teach for us!)

Employment: I am selling "Squeak, Leak, Rattle and Bump solutions" for R. J. Vedovell Company (Rubber products distributor located in Zeeland, Michigan). I operate in 23 states for the company (one of which is the state of confusion). Many of our classmates have received the "Hey I'm in the area – Do you have time for dinner" calls from me while I was roaming in their area. This is just the latest (and longest lasting) position I have had in sales. I have been in sales since 1974 selling everything from machine tools to scales to welding rod and now rubber parts. I did take the Dean up on his offer and have been an Associate Professor in the School of Business and Economics at IU South Bend teaching Economics (Micro and Macro) since 2000. I have also taught Statistics and Computer in Business. This is intended as my fall back job when I finally get sick of traveling 3 to 4 weeks a month in sales.

Military Service: None. School was more important at the time and Nancy and I were married when I finished college.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Stopped in the hall while going to the library for English research and asked to remove my "hippy bells". Of course the teacher that stopped me was wearing five or six plastic bracelets on each arm, but I was causing too much noise! Doug Simpson would not let me into his classroom until I tucked my shirt in and buttoned it up. Would that work with today's high school seniors?

Favorite teacher: Probably Ruby Gwilliams – I am still singing in the choir at Our Lady. She awoke a love for all types of music that stays with me today.

Special interests and hobbies: I spent 20 years on the Board of Directors with the IUSB Alumni Association. The last several years were as the representative for the Past Presidents' Council for the board (A group I set up to keep the Past Presidents involved with the board once they moved out of active service). I asked to be removed from the board because of increased responsibilities with work but still am involved with the School of Business, School of Liberal Arts and Science and Dental programs at the school. I also run the floor for commencement moving the students into their seats, across the stage and back out of the auditorium. I am also a reader and would like to finish the 50 year reading series I have begun. I have also done some hunting and would like to experience the hunting possibilities in North and South Dakota (Ducks and geese in the morning and pheasant in the afternoon) with a couple good friends. I have also helped to start the Our Lady Alumni Association and am active in the activities of this organization.

I am active in the Holy Name Society at Our Lady (A men's service organization).

I am also a member of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) in their Customer Service Division and Elks.

I have donated 328 times at the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank (41 gallons) and have a standing appointment at 7:00 AM every other Saturday morning to continue the process to 400 and 500 donations!

In my spare time I helped to coordinate this reunion.

Places traveled: I spent one week in Taiwan on business and would like to return as a tourist. Nancy and I spent a week in Ireland culminating with the wedding of Nancy's best friend's daughter. We were on a cruise through the Eastern Caribbean. I have been traveling extensively through the south and Midwest with my job to the tune of 75,000 to 80,000 miles per year. Nancy and I spend time in Indianapolis with the IU Alumni Association and visiting our kids. We will also be spending more time in Chicago visiting my son.

Any brushes with the law: All minor – A good officer in Texas informed me that the speed limits on their highways was 65 mile per hour after dark (I believe he was more interested in the strange glow in the car – trying to catch me watching TV while driving – It was actually my computer running a GPS program). One attentive officer in South Carolina nearly flipped his cruiser jumping the median to inform me that the light was out over my license plates. And, oh yes, I did get a chance to look at the mug books at the South Bend Police department – trying to identify the holder of the gun that was pointed in my face during a robbery at the Thrif-T-Mart store on Lincolnway West in South Bend.

"Bucket List": I would dearly love to get back to many of the cities and towns I have traveled through in the past 20 years to investigate them a little more closely. Although I know the industrial parks and Holiday Inn motels in these towns, I would like to explore the interesting shops I could only note from the car as I rode by. While I am still in relatively good shape I would like to walk the Appalachian Trail and visit the high points of all fifty states. I would like to learn to play a musical instrument (piano, saxophone), learn one or two foreign languages, sky dive, learn to fly a plane, drive over 200 miles per hour. Some day I would like to write a book. I would like to take a camera safari to Africa. I would like to be involved in an archeological dig. Much more looms on the horizon! I can't wait to get to retirement to have some time to relax!

Information from Helen Prosicki Anders

After Riley I went to Ivy Tech in South Bend for an Associates Degree as a Certified Surgical Assistant (Working in Major Surgery). I then worked at Memorial Hospital in South Bend for four years as a surgery technician.

I worked as a dental assistant for 8.5 years while my son was small then went back to surgery with Saint Joseph Regional Medical in South Bend where I am still employed. I have been there for 27 years and plan to retire from here.

Husband – Victor – worked as a machine operator in a factory. He took early retirement due to a back injury. HE also has done some contracting work on the side

I have one son. He was a very good football player in high school and college. He works as an exercise trainer and personal trainer and is very much into fitness. He is married with two sons (1 and 4 years old)

I moved to Dowagiac when I got married and have been commuting from Dowagiac to South Bend for 27 years.

My passions are very simple. I adore my grandsons and spending time with them. I love being a grandmother. I love my flower gardens. I love to swim.

I have been a pretty good citizen and have had no brushes with the law (outside of a few traffic tickets)

Bucket List – I would like to travel more (I have not been able to do much of that)

Favorite teacher – I can't remember any of them!

Information for Jim Rans

Spouse: Julie

Children – Ryan 32 years old
Jayme 27 years old

Employment – Carpenter and home builder

Lived - South Bend
Granger

Special Interests – Golf

Places Traveled Caribbean, France

Bucket list – Travel as much as possible

Information for Fran (Reaves) Jacobs

Family: My husband, John, is retired from the Air Force.

No children

Pets: Our 3 adorable cats are Gordon Whitefoot, Annabelle, and Little Amber (the stray who came in from the cold).

Education: Graduated from Adrian (Michigan) College in 1972

Completed 1 year of graduate work at the Cooperstown (New York)

Graduate Program, affiliated with the State University of New York at

Oneonta

Sewing and quilting classes are far and away the most fun!

Employment: I retired in October 2007 after 31 years in human resources with various agencies in the Department of Defense. I also worked in 2 museums and did volunteer work in 2 others.

Places I have lived: North Bennington, VT; Battle Creek, MI; Boston, MA; Madison, IN; Rantoul, IL; Springfield, VA; Indianapolis, IN

Favorite teacher: Elizabeth Murphy, even if I had no idea what math was all about

Most embarrassing moment: Only one? Gym class was chock full of embarrassing moments, but being told I looked like a “clapping hamburger” (remember that ketchup commercial?) by Ms. Lauer when I tried to climb the rope has to be at the top (because I was still at the bottom of the rope).

Special interests: Sewing and quilting; shopping, formerly in malls but now in antique shops and art fairs; gardening; collecting cookbooks; walking

Places I have traveled: Florida, Alabama, Texas, California, Colorado, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and all of those places where I lived and went to school

Brushes with the law: only 1 speeding ticket

Bucket list: Move one more time; find a good volunteer opportunity; re-learn bridge; just do nothing at all

Information for John Sanders

Family:

I guess first and most significant, I married Dee Nixon on June 29th 1968, less than 30 days after I graduated from Riley. Many of my Riley friends were there; several of the guys were in the wedding party. The Live Band at the wedding reception was the Steve Poczka / Al Lopez – **“BOSTON CREAM PIE”**

It was a great time and the beginning of a wonderful and blessed relationship.

Yes that means only 2 weeks after our 40th Riley Class Reunion we will be celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Family- 13 months and 2 days after our wedding our first son, Brian was born. It was a surprise (we didn't plan it this way). Almost 2 years later our second son, Brent was born (we did plan this one)

Brian is married and lives in Woodstock (Atlanta) GA. He is Executive Director of Sales and Marketing for Accenture Consulting (a big PGA Golf Sponsor-you know Tiger Woods and that group). Brian and his wife Tonya have three wonderful children, two boys and 1 girl; son Zachary – 10, son John – 5, and daughter Alexia – 3.

Brent is married and lives in Pinehurst, NC. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic at the Hospital at Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. He treats all of our US Special Forces Troops. Brent and his wife Alisha have two wonderful children, two daughters; Lyndi – 16 (our first grand child), and Madelyn – 11.

Our two boys have done very well, they both graduated College with honors, and they continue to excel with their careers, and their families.

The Grandkids have also done wonderful things; Lyndi has been a Varsity Cheerleader at her High School since her freshman year. Zachary is a big time baseball player. His plan is to be a Brave. Madelyn is a great swimmer, and walks on a regular basis in various Charity Marathons. John is a Soccer player and has played on undefeated team since he was 3 years old. Alexia (just turned 3) is a Ballerina and a Gymnast.

Most important they are all very good kids and honor students.

Pets: Had way too many to go into. Built a house in Lakeville IN, in 1974. 12 acres- small farm. We had dogs, cats, rabbits, pigs, goats, cattle, and horses over the next 6 years. The kids were in 4-H with their horses. It was great fun. Later we showed Cats. This was Dee's passion. We started this in 1982 after we moved to Columbia SC in 1980. We had anywhere from 8-20 show cats at any one time (not including kittens) – none in the house - we turned our 3 car garage into a Kitty Condo. Showed these CFA Cats all over the US. Sold show cats all over the world. Dee had several National Champions, and she was even in the Walt Disney movie with her Cats **“That Darn Cat”** It was all great fun. We now have no pets. We are way to busy with the Grandchildren, traveling etc.

Education: Dee and I both went to College. I went to IUSB. With the family and work, it took me 8 years to finish. Dee started at IUSB, and finished at University of South Carolina, after we moved to Columbia SC in 1980.

Employment: I worked for AM General Corp. from the time I graduated from Riley until we moved from South Bend in 1980. Dee became a stay at home mom after our first son was born.

In 1980 we moved to Columbia, SC when I took a job at a company that builds heavy construction equipment for the Railroad Industry. Tamper Corporation, now part of Harsco Corp. Stayed with them 21 years.

I am still in the Railroad Industry, I work for a company now that owns a fleet of about 700 pieces of Railroad Construction and Maintenance Equipment and I lease and sell this equipment to the Industry. I'm dealing with many of the same people with the major Railroads in the US, Canada, and Mexico that I have done business with since 1980. It has been great. I travel some and work from home. My company is based in Fenton Michigan.

Dee owned and operated two furniture stores for several years in the 80's, and more recently sold real estate. For the past 6 years she has become a stay at home wife and grand-mother.

My Time at Riley: My time at Riley was great. Enjoyed all that I did. Great teachers, great friends. I am sure like most of us have done, and continue to do; I look back on my high school years with very, very, fond memories. It was a wonderful time in my life.

And as many of my good friends at Riley would say, I became the **“Preacher”**

Just ask Bill Takach, Tom Uzelac (Serb), or the gang from the west side.

Other Stuff: My wife and I have been Truly Blessed. We have enjoyed great times together. We have enjoyed Boating, Scuba Diving, Snow Skiing, and Golf over the years. We continue to enjoy Golf. Dee and I attend Church on a regular basis, and we sing in a Gospel quartet (The Joyful Noise) with Dee's sister Vicky and their mother. We have been privileged to travel and perform with Southern Gospel greats such as Ronnie Hinson, Naomi & The Segos, and The Byrd Family. Other than that we travel and spend time with our Kids and Grand Kids. They live in opposite directions from our current home in Augusta (Evans) GA. 3 hours in one direction to our oldest in Atlanta, and 4 hours in the opposite direction to our younger son in Pinehurst NC. Weekend trips are a regular part of our lives.

What will we do in Retirement:

Spend even more time with our kids and Grandkids. Spend more time at the Beach.

Spend more time on the Golf Course. Spend more time singing with our Gospel Quartet (The Joyful Noise)

Information for Ken Sauer

Family: My daughter just graduated with an A.A. degree, is working as a Pharmacy Technician and beginning a Radiology Technician program in ultimate pursuit of a Sonography degree. Most importantly, I am proud to say that she is a wonderful human being in every sense.

Pets: I raised white German Shepherd dogs for years and still have my alpha male, Max, who is almost thirteen. He's been my friend and housemate, "a real human being"---in a dog suit. I often refer to us as "Max and Ken, two 'old studs' from Evans."

Education: IUSB – B.S. Ed. in 1973 – Majored in English with emphases in Journalism, Math and General Science. University of Northern Colorado – M.S. in 1986 – Majored in Educational Media and Technology
Also many specialized courses at: Northwestern University; Riverside City College, CA; Aims College, CO; SONY Broadcast, L.A.

Volunteer activities: Assisting Local Access cable TV volunteer groups to produce television programming

Military service: None

Employment: High School Journalism instructor, electronic technician, audio/video specialist, freelance videographer, college professor, department chair, electronic media producer, college administrator – 30 years
Currently semi-retired media producer/consultant and Journalism professor for University of Northern Colorado and Aims College

Where have you lived: South Bend, Mishawaka, Riverside (CA), Florence, Denver, and Greeley (CO)

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: As a Freshman, I once went to the nurse to tell her I felt REALLY sick: She asked me if I was having a test the next period, which I was, so she sent me to class anyway. Thank goodness I didn't barf on anybody in class beside myself!

Favorite teacher: William Covert: His feigned sternness and slapping his meter stick around really got me serious about learning my algebra! I can't leave out Mr. Bilby here, for he instilled in me an appreciation for prose and poetry that I wouldn't fully appreciate for years! There was also a student teacher named Mr. Prebish who brought in Simon and Garfunkel records for us to hear and appreciate the beautiful imagery in their early songs.

Special interests or hobbies: Just call me "The Recordist"...creating audio and video is my passion. I also like road trips out West and "fast cars, food and women," although not always in that order.

Places you have traveled: The Bahamas and the Great American West, forty-some states except for the extreme east coast. Haven't had much time for world travel---yet.

Any brushes with the law: Other than speeding tickets and totaling out a sports car once, I can't think of any time they caught me. Oh yeah, there was that one time as a teen when I got a ticket for making a right turn onto Michigan Street from Indiana Avenue after they had flipped down the "No Right Turn" sign to discourage cruisin' Bonnie Doone's. 'Got my name in the Tribune and everything!

Your "Bucket List" :

Seeing the names of some of our departed classmates dampened my eyes and caused me to reflect a great deal on the things I would have liked to tell them. "You were a good guy, a good friend, a kind person, someone I'll never, ever forget. You taught me so much!" Except, by the grace of God, go you or I. We probably don't even know all the "close calls" we've had, but I have survived two life-threatening health events. In fact, recovery from one of them kept me from attending our 20 year reunion. With the rest of my life, sure I want to be free to explore and travel and try things I've never had the opportunity to do, but I also want to use my talents to give back and leave the world better for my having been here. Freedom is my prize, but responsibility my conscience.

As near as I can tell, this balance will take the form of traveling, making documentaries on worthwhile subjects and teaching, but who knows? We're ONLY 58, right?!

Gail (Schuster) Kusmiz

Spouse: Robert: Retired in 2003 from tool and die trade. Now owns and operates B&G Woods: Handcrafted fine furniture and antique restoration. We have been married for 40 years this year (Whew).

Children: Brian (39) Journeyman tool and die maker and Jodie (35) RN living in Texas. Two grandchildren (Taylor and Luke) and one due in July 2008.

Prior to being an RN I taught at Our Lady of Hungary School for four years.

We moved from South Bend to North Liberty in 1979.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Getting kicked out of Algebra in my freshman year because I totally did not understand a thing.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Martin (Typing class) A real sweetheart!

Places Traveled: We mostly go to Texas to visit my daughter but we recently took a trip to New York just so we could see the Statue of Liberty. What a real thrill!

Any brushes with the law: No.

Bucket List: Retire with enough \$ to do some traveling. I would like to visit Rome (My heritage) and Poland (My husband's heritage).

Riley Class of 1968 Karen (Smith) Hatfield

Family:

- ☞ My husband, Del Hatfield, owned and ran a commercial masonry business for over 26 years. Two 1/2 years ago he sold the business and now does consulting and bidding for the company that bought it. He also works for H&R Block during tax season. Most importantly, he has been an Bible study teacher for 22+ years in and outside of the church, and usually has two different groups meeting each week. Retirement is a word that will never be in his vocabulary! I am a blessed woman; he's a great husband, father, grandfather, teacher and so much more!
- ☞ Between my husband and I, we have 7 children, all married. They have given us 16 fantastic grandchildren aged between 10 months to 22 years old! Each of our children is accomplished in different ways and all have been successful in life and give us great joy! One of our sons has been a Secret Service Agent for several years and lives near Washington D.C. We have been able to meet the president, attend an inauguration and had many other really memorable moments like petting Barney, the president's dog.

Pets:

- ☞ We have had many cats through the years, but are now pet free. We have several bird feeders around our yard and feed and enjoy them year round. Bird watching has become more than a hobby I guess.

Education:

- ☞ Unable to attend college after my father died in my junior year at Riley, I opted for marriage. I have taken many courses through the years at I.U. South Bend, and Bethel College, but have never gotten my degree. Education is a high priority, and I continue to work toward keeping my old brain going.

Volunteer Activities:

- ☞ Most of my time in this area revolves around the church. I have also been a Bible study teacher for many years, in and outside of the church, and plan to continue for as many years as the Lord gives me. *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Employment:

- ☞ Most of my work outside the home has involved secretarial work, office managing and the like. We also had a home office for our business. I am no longer employed, and hope it stays that way! *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Where Have You Lived:

- ☞ Apart from a couple of years in San Antonio, Texas, I've lived in entirely in Indiana. Just a Hoosier at heart.

Most Embarrassing Moment at Riley:

- ☞ Please! Too many to recount!!! I do remember being chased up two flights of stairs by Mrs. Noble (I think), who was *at least* 10 times my age (I thought). My skirt was too short (barely above my knees) and she wanted to haul me to the office, but I was faster!

Favorite Teacher:

- ☞ Miss Steele – Freshman English

A teacher extraordinaire! If your notebook, *which she put on a scale*, was not heavy enough, she wouldn't even look at it. She was tough, gave lots of homework, but I learned so much from her teaching! She inspired you to think.

- ☞ Mrs. Remington – Art Teacher

I took every class she taught. She was little, but mighty and nothing got past her. She inspired creativity.

Special Interests/Hobbies:

- ☞ Biking with my husband. Last year we put lots of miles on our bikes in Indiana and Michigan and out east. Our most memorable bike trip to date was last spring, biking from Cumberland, Maryland to D.C. on the old C.O. rail trail. We don't go with groups, we plan our own trips, take our time, and enjoy nature.
- ☞ Teaching and leading Bible study groups.
- ☞ Feeding and watching birds of all varieties.
- ☞ Enjoying friends, family, good food, good wine and..... *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*

Travel:

- ☞ Furthest I've been was Peru, South America. Mexico, Canada, but mostly here in the states. We love the mountains. So why are we living here in flat Indiana? *Did I mention that I have a lot of grandkids?!*
 - ❖ Sorry, no brushes with the law, I'm pretty law abiding. Although during my teen rebellious days, it was only the grace of God that kept me safe!

Bucket List:

- ☞ Apologizing to anyone that I mistreated, hurt, embarrassed deeply, walked on intentionally, insulted in a mean fashion, belittled etc. during my rebellious high school days.(11th-12th grades mostly) If anyone reading this connects with this, *please contact me!!*
- ☞ Whale watching, west or east coast. I'm pretty contented and blessed with life and family; I guess I haven't given it much thought.

Information for Wayne Smith

Family: List all children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with their greatest accomplishments. **2 daughters; Marla who married her college Greek love, Harris Theocharides they have 2 year old Katerina and Raquel who married her high school love Randy Muessig, they have 2 year old twins Remy and Reese.** We would also like to know about your spouse or Significant other. **Jeri Smith, Sr. Account Executive with CEVA Logistics (fka Eagle Global) www.cevalogistics.com she sells import/export and domestic expediting services, married 32 years.**

Let us know about your pets also: Names, type animal, how long have they been with you? **Designer mutt: a Pug/Shiba Inu named Lily, she has been with us over 4 years ever since our daughter left her at our house to go to Cyprus to meet the Greeks.** Do they eat at the table with you? **She is spoiled rotten and gets treats every time she looks at us.**

Education: Where did you go after Riley? **Short time at college then went on to the Navy (my wife says it was McHales Navy), after discharge stayed in Italy to attend University of Florence after 2 yrs returned to states to graduate from IU.** Honors bestowed from this (or these) institutions, Deans list from IU. Are you still involved at this school or university? **No**

Volunteer activities: What will be keeping you going as you transition into retirement? **Good Health.** What are your passions? **Building a retirement cottage on Diamond Lake beach lot, playing Euchre with the guys, watching the grandkids grow up.**

Military service: Branch of service, Navy; rank attained, **E-5;** special honors: **had top security clearance as electronic warfare specialist and worked in CIC. Stationed at the Port of Naples, Italy.**

Employment: What did you do to earn a living? **30 years as a freight salesman with Estes Express www.estesexpress.com.** Have you retired? **No, wife says I can't retire until she does.**

Where have you lived? **Terre Haute, South Bend, Italy, Granger.**

Now for information regarding your time at Riley!

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: **Getting caught skipping school**

Favorite teacher: **Ralph Pieniazkiewicz**

Lastly, let's look into the things you would rather not disclose, because you know we want to know!

Special interests or hobbies: **Fishing, Hunting, Boating, Traveling**

Places you have traveled: **Ireland, Paris, Italy, actually most of Europe, Egypt (Pyramids), Cyprus, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada & most of the states.**

Any brushes with the law: **None Recorded**

Your "Bucket List" – what else would you like to do with your life? **Revolutionize the transportation industry and make millions doing it. More travel, winter in a warm spot and sail around the world.**

CHRISTINE STEIGMEYER MIELKE INFORMATION

Children- Melissa Mielke-Age 38

Jennifer Mielke-Age 35

Husband-Kerry Mielke Group Leader/Tool Process Engineer-AM General
1966 Graduate John Adams.

My information:

I was employed in direct sales of women's fashions for 17 years and then made the switch to transportation sales for the last 19 years. I am an active board member for the South Bend Transportation Club and currently the Secretary-Treasurer for our lake homeowners association. I have lived on the south side of South Bend all of my life and both our daughters graduated from Riley High School too.

I am an avid reader, love gardening, scrapbooking, cooking and decorating. I love spending time at our lake cottage enjoying nature and the peace and quiet.

I look forward to retirement to enjoy travel in the United States and to spend winters in a warm spot.

Information from Nancy Sulok

Spouse: Richard S. Feingold. We will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in September. We spent most of our married life living just south of Mishawaka, but moved back to South Bend last August. Richard is a long-time photographer and local stagehand, working primarily at the Morris Performing Arts Center. He has been semi-retired since November 2006, when an accident at home left him disabled.

No children or pets.

After graduating from Riley High School, I enrolled at Indiana University South Bend, majoring in English. I graduated in 1973 with a B.A. degree. I became active in the student newspaper at IUSB, and that's when I launched my career in journalism. I was hired as a full-time reporter at the South Bend Tribune in January 1973, while I still had one semester to go at IUSB. I have remained at the Tribune ever since. Over the years, I have been a reporter, an editor and a columnist. As an editor, I was active in the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors Association. I was the first woman elected to serve as president of the IAPME. I recently returned to reporting, covering county government and serving as a backup reporter on the political beat.

After graduating from IUSB, I was a founding member of the campus Alumni Association. I served as a board member and president of the board for several years before deciding to let some of the younger alums carry the load. In 2000, I received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the IUSB Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

I remain connected to IUSB as the advisor to its student newspaper, The Preface, a role I have filled for the past eight years.

I was a founding member of the Michiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and have been a long-time member of the South Bend Press Club. For the past year, I have been president of the Press Club.

My husband and I enjoy traveling and have visited places from Hawaii on the west to Austria on the east. We especially enjoy traveling to the British Isles and have made several trips there, traveling all over England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland. We also have been to Germany, Austria and France. We also have traveled around the United States, mostly visiting relatives and friends. Our families are spread from coast-to-coast, from my cousin in Huntington Beach, Calif., to my sister in Frisco, Colo., to another sister in Ormand Beach, Fla., to my nephew in Horsham, Pa. My husband has a brother in Highlands Ranch, Colo., and a nephew in central Florida, near Disney World. We will be traveling to Chattanooga, Tenn., later this summer for my niece's wedding.

Information for Bruce Tharp

After high school I received a BS degree from Purdue University in Mechanical Engineering and an MS degree from I.U. in Business Administration. I worked for Bendix Corporation in South Bend while attending Purdue and never left. Bendix changed names over the years and as it turned out I retired from the Robert Bosch Corporation (a German owned company) in 2001. I held various job assignments over the years including time in Engineering Management, Marketing, Sales, and Mergers & Acquisitions. My last position with the company was Global Director of Product Planning. I was fortunate to have traveled quite a lot during my 31 years in the automotive business. My travels included France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan, and Australia.

I married my high school sweet heart Barb (Cummings) Tharp class of 1970. We will celebrate our 35th anniversary this year. Barb was the Broker and owner of Remax Connection real estate company in South Bend for the last 18 years. We recently sold the company. We have two (adult) children; Quincy Dittman, 32 yrs., married and residing in Fort Meyers, Florida and a son, Cal Tharp, 24yrs., single, residing in the north side of Chicago. As it turned out Barb and the two kids also graduated from Purdue (Boiler Up!).

Barb and I now reside in Punta Gorda, Florida, a small town on Charlotte Harbor, 100 miles South of Tampa. We live on the water and keep a 24 foot Sea Ray out back for cruising and fishing. We have boated nearly all our married life, mostly on Lake Michigan. We have a 44 foot Cruiser Yacht in Saint Joseph, Michigan that we will be cruising to our home in Florida beginning mid-July this year. It will be a trip of a life time, taking us from 4 to 6 weeks to complete. In addition to boating we both play golf and spend time land cruising in our motorhome. We belong to the local Civic club, Cruising club and RV club.

Marty (Weller) Nemeth (age 58, 8/13/1949)

Children:

1st husband J. Timothy Wright (married in 1978, divorced in 1985)

One daughter Kelly J. Wright-Kirkwood (born 8/16/78) from

Re-married in 1987 - to present to Laszlo (Les) Nemeth (age 62, 1/1/1946) (also a graduate of Riley)

Two step children: Thomas Nemeth (39 yrs) and Christine Nemeth (37 yrs)

Seven step-grandchildren: Ages range from 19 to 1 1/2 yr old twin boys (2 girls, 5 boys)

Names: Ashtin, Alexa, Gage, Graham, Cole, Carter & Grayson

All children live in the Indianapolis or surrounding area

Education:

Attended beauty school and worked for 7 years as a Hairstylist around South Bend

Worked at the South Bend Courthouse as a typist in the 4th district court and part-time support for the involuntary mental health department

Lived in Colorado Springs for a short while before moving back to Hoxlyville, Michigan to work a winter season at a Ski Resort

Moved back to Granger had a baby (not working), then moved to Diamond Lake in Michigan and lived there for ten years and worked at the Cass County Courthouse for the Equalization department for around six years - divorced and moved back to Granger where I am presently and have been for about 18 years I have been employed by the University of Notre Dame for almost 17 years; currently in the Chemical Engineering Dept. Will retire when I win the lottery (ha, ha!)

Pets:

Have had numerous pets over the years that were mostly stray cats that we took in. Presently have two cats Sunny and MaMa. MaMa (with us for about 3 years out and 5 months inside) got her name due to she was living in one of our out buildings and was on her 4th set of kittens when we decided she needed a break (and so did we). We had her fixed, cleaned up and now is a very content in-door cat. Sunny has been with us for at least 7 years and was a stray also.

Volunteer activities:

I do some various volunteer work at the church; Usher greeter team, workshops, and in the past a Chicago Mission trip to the inner city.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: You expect me to remember that far back!

Favorite teacher: Probably Mr. Fredricks (Science)

Hobbies: N/A

Travels: Never out of the country

Law: Once I had money stolen from my desk at work and I got to take a lie-detector test

Bucket List: Travel and see some of the world and spend more time with my daughter, grow a huge vegetable/flower garden,

Information for Janet (Williams) Jarboe

Family: Husband: Joe – Human Resources Director

Children: Melissa, Brian, Geoff

Step Children: Kristy, Angie

2 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren

Education: After Riley I went to motherhood then to college at age 32

Occupation: Operations analyst for a boat manufacturer

We have lived in Indianapolis, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Michigan, Cape Coral, Florida, Saint Joseph, Missouri, Lorain, Ohio, South, Bend, Mishawaka and Warsaw, Indiana.

Information for Will Wilson

Spouse of 35 years Bobbie Volunteer

Children - Heidi Science teacher, Elkhart Memorial High School

Son-in-law Jeff Vice-president Lake City Bank

Pets – Two ugly Boston Terriers, Bodie and Buttons

Education – B.A. Wabash College, Wabash Honor Scholar, Alfred P. Sloan Scholar
Masters of Science in Financial Services from The American College

Volunteer – Boy Scouts
Kiwanis
Dollars for Scholars
Chamber of Commerce

Love Sports - Tennis, racquetball, snow skiing, snowmobiling, backpacking, golf?

Employment - Chartered Financial Consultant 36 years

Lived - South Bend
Lake Wawasee
Nappanee

Riley Favorite Teacher - Debate and Speech teacher Charles "Tecumseh" Goodman for his irreverent wit and tolerance of imagination in the classroom

Special Interests –

- 1) Started Boy Scout Troop 733 in Nappanee 20 years ago as Scoutmaster, now Executive Board Member, Camping Chairman of LaSalle Council BSA, High Adventure Chairman 15 years
- 2) Collect First Edition illustrated children's books, J.W. Riley poetry books, Ivory, "Dinky" toys, Scout Memorabilia

Traveled to all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico (my wife does not like to fly)

Brushes with the law

Minor misunderstanding with the law in college. Several fraternity brothers and myself tried to recover the Monon Bell from DePauw University after a Wabash football loss in fall '72. The local constabulary were less than impressed with our college spirit (and spirits) and charged us with 2nd degree burglary. We spent the weekend in the Montgomery County Jail and though the charge was later reduced to criminal trespass, we were asked to "sit out" the balance of the school semester.

No sense of humor ☺

Looking forward to a permanent semi-retirement as I continue to enjoy working with my clients. I will continue to be active in volunteer organizations that help the youth of our community.

Information for Becky (Wolfe) Sorg

Sorry, I am not able to attend the class reunion. I am sure it will be a lot of fun!

Rebecca (Becky Wolfe) Sorg

Spouse: Kirk Sorg (1968 Graduate of Goshen H.S.)

High School Social Studies Teacher and Football Coach

Retiring from South Adams H.S. (Berne, IN) in June 2008

Will be inducted into the Indiana H.S. Football of Fame on June 25, 2008

Children: Identical Twin sons: Jason and Jeff

Both Played football at the University of Indianapolis

Both Graduated from U. of I. with a Masters in Physical Therapy

Jeff and his wife Sonda have one year old Fraternal Twin Sons: Alex and Cooper. They live in Indianapolis and Jeff manages the Ortho Indy Physical Therapy Clinics

Jason went to IU Medical School after becoming a Physical Therapist. He will finish his residency this month and will begin working Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation doctor at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. He and his wife Suzannah live in Carmel, IN with their one year old daughter, Jocelyn. Suzannah is finishing up her residency and will soon be a psychiatrist at the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis.

Pet: We had an Old English Sheepdog, Abby, for one year. When our twins came along someone had to go. Of course, it was Abby. That ended our short lived pet experience.

Post Riley: I met my husband at Manchester College. We graduated with teaching degrees in

May 1972 and were married soon after that. We received our Masters degrees from IUSB.

I taught 3rd grade in Mishawaka for 5 years before teaching several years in Goshen. I just retired from teaching at South Adams Elementary in Berne, IN in January, 2008. My husband and I both taught 23 years there.

Retirement: For the next year and a half I will take care of my grandbabies a few days a week then we will spend our winters in Florida and the rest of the year in Indianapolis. We plan to do some short term disaster mission trips.

Trips: Years ago we spent 6 weeks traveling in Europe. We would like to do an Alaskan cruise.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Stewart

Information for Barb Woolley

Family: Husband - Chuck CPA

Children - Andy, Cincinnati, OH

Corey, Durham, NC

Alison, Augusta, GA

Grandchildren - 3

Education: Attended IUSB, Western Michigan Univ., Indiana State, Defiance College

Employment: elementary teacher (sub)

Places we've lived: Evansville, IN; Ft. Wayne, IN; Palm Bay; FL; Bryan, OH; Quincy, IL; Edmond, OK; Ocean City, MD; Bear Lake, MI; Jasper, AL

Riley HS Class of 1968; Memory Book
Ellis Workman, summary of activities since Riley

Julie and I have been married 33 years. We met at IU School of Music in Bloomington. She is a violinist and high school orchestra teacher in Rochester, MN. We have three sons, John, Paul, and Peter. John is a computer network engineer in Mankato, MN, Paul is an undergraduate theatre student at University of MN Duluth, and Peter will be a senior at Mayo High School.

After graduation from IU, I taught music in public schools in Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota. Earned a MFA in trumpet performance from the University of Minnesota and a BS in Computer Science from Minnesota State University at Winona. I have worked as a computer programmer in the *Biomedical Imaging Resource* of the Mayo Clinic for 24 years. This is a research lab devoted to developing medical and scientific imaging processing applications. Our software has been used to plan separations of several sets of conjoined twins.

Retirement is still a ways out for me, although Julie will be able to retire from teaching after next year. We expect to be able to travel. We have lived in Rochester, MN since 1975.

I have been involved with musical activities in Rochester, MN the entire time we have lived here; playing in the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, church, and various local groups. My current passion is my brass quintet, "*Med City Brass*".

My most embarrassing moment at Riley was induction into NHS my junior year. I was sitting with some guys making fun of the ceremony until my name was called. The laughter which followed was disruptive. Of course my parents (whom I did not realize were present) wanted to know why people were laughing when my name was called. My favorite teachers at Riley were Elizabeth Murphy and Jerry Lackey. Mr. Lackey was/is a fabulous musician, and the solid grounding in math I got from "Murph" enabled me to make a successful career change.

I've always had eclectic interests, which include ham radio (call sign KOELW), reading history (currently on *Lincoln's Rivals*), performing music. Aside from the BWCAW (Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Northern Minnesota) other interesting places I've been are Vienna, Austria and Prishtina, Kosovo.

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #2 in F remains on my music practice stand as a "bucket list" item to be mastered. Progress is slow, and I expect to be around for a while!

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Getting Older, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body!

I sometime despair over my body: the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long. I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life and my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set... They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it)

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART! MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE A RAINBOW OF SMILES ON YOUR FACE AND IN YOUR HEART FOREVER AND EVER!

FRIENDS FOREVER!

I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities of this weekend. Looking forward to seeing you again in five years.

Hi My Name is:

**Christine
(Steigmeyer)
Mielke**

**Riley Class of 1968
40 years out!**

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Information from Nancy Sulok

Spouse: Richard S. Feingold. We will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in September. We spent most of our married life living just south of Mishawaka, but moved back to South Bend last August. Richard is a long-time photographer and local stagehand, working primarily at the Morris Performing Arts Center. He has been semi-retired since November 2006, when an accident at home left him disabled.

No children or pets.

After graduating from Riley High School, I enrolled at Indiana University South Bend, majoring in English. I graduated in 1973 with a B.A. degree. I became active in the student newspaper at IUSB, and that's when I launched my career in journalism. I was hired as a full-time reporter at the South Bend Tribune in January 1973, while I still had one semester to go at IUSB. I have remained at the Tribune ever since. Over the years, I have been a reporter, an editor and a columnist. As an editor, I was active in the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors Association. I was the first woman elected to serve as president of the IAPME. I recently returned to reporting, covering county government and serving as a backup reporter on the political beat.

After graduating from IUSB, I was a founding member of the campus Alumni Association. I served as a board member and president of the board for several years before deciding to let some of the younger alums carry the load. In 2000, I received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the IUSB Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

I remain connected to IUSB as the advisor to its student newspaper, The Preface, a role I have filled for the past eight years.

I was a founding member of the Michiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and have been a long-time member of the South Bend Press Club. For the past year, I have been president of the Press Club.

My husband and I enjoy traveling and have visited places from Hawaii on the west to Austria on the east. We especially enjoy traveling to the British Isles and have made several trips there, traveling all over England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland. We also have been to Germany, Austria and France. We also have traveled around the United States, mostly visiting relatives and friends. Our families are spread from coast-to-coast, from my cousin in Huntington Beach, Calif., to my sister in Frisco, Colo., to another sister in Ormand Beach, Fla., to my nephew in Horsham, Pa. My husband has a brother in Highlands Ranch, Colo., and a nephew in central Florida, near Disney World. We will be traveling to Chattanooga, Tenn., later this summer for my niece's wedding.

Paul Piller: (I suppose I had better do one of these for me also!)

Family: I have been tormenting a lovely lady (Nancy) for 35 years as of June 30 of 2008. We have two fine boys (Nancy's influence). Scott is putting a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Advertising from IU South Bend and a Masters degree in Counseling from IUPUI to good use while transitioning kids from the foster care system into life on their own. He and his wife Julie (Frayer) reside in Indianapolis (Broadripple area). Adam is the black sheep of the family with a Bachelor's degree in General Health Sciences from Purdue University (I said I would not type or write that word again after he graduated) (Nancy, Scott and I are IU Grads) and a Masters degree as a physicians' assistant from LeMoyne College. He is working with an orthopedic surgery group in Chicago. They handle work for DePaul University, Robert Morris University, The Chicago Fire Department and The Chicago Fire (soccer franchise).

Education: Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management from IU South Bend in 1974, Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from IU South Bend in 1990 and MBA from IU South Bend in 1999. When crossing the stage with my last degree the last person I met was the Dean of the School of Business and Economics (Doctor Paul Joray). He greeted me with the statement (Now you can teach for us!)

Employment: I am selling "Squeak, Leak, Rattle and Bump solutions" for R. J. Vedovell Company (Rubber products distributor located in Zeeland, Michigan). I operate in 23 states for the company (one of which is the state of confusion). Many of our classmates have received the "Hey I'm in the area – Do you have time for dinner" calls from me while I was roaming in their area. This is just the latest (and longest lasting) position I have had in sales. I have been in sales since 1974 selling everything from machine tools to scales to welding rod and now rubber parts. I did take the Dean up on his offer and have been an Associate Professor in the School of Business and Economics at IU South Bend teaching Economics (Micro and Macro) since 2000. I have also taught Statistics and Computer in Business. This is intended as my fall back job when I finally get sick of traveling 3 to 4 weeks a month in sales.

Military Service: None. School was more important at the time and Nancy and I were married when I finished college.

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: Stopped in the hall while going to the library for English research and asked to remove my "hippy bells". Of course the teacher that stopped me was wearing five or six plastic bracelets on each arm, but I was causing too much noise! Doug Simpson would not let me into his classroom until I tucked my shirt in and buttoned it up. Would that work with today's high school seniors?

Favorite teacher: Probably Ruby Gwilliams – I am still singing in the choir at Our Lady. She awoke a love for all types of music that stays with me today.

Special interests and hobbies: I spent 20 years on the Board of Directors with the IUSB Alumni Association. The last several years were as the representative for the Past Presidents' Council for the board (A group I set up to keep the Past Presidents involved with the board once they moved out of active service). I asked to be removed from the board because of increased responsibilities with work but still am involved with the School of Business, School of Liberal Arts and Science and Dental programs at the school. I also run the floor for commencement moving the students into their seats, across the stage and back out of the auditorium. I am also a reader and would like to finish the 50 year reading series I have begun. I have also done some hunting and would like to experience the hunting possibilities in North and South Dakota (Ducks and geese in the morning and pheasant in the afternoon) with a couple good friends. I have also helped to start the Our Lady Alumni Association and am active in the activities of this organization.

I am active in the Holy Name Society at Our Lady (A men's service organization).

I am also a member of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) in their Customer Service Division and Elks.

I have donated 328 times at the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank (41 gallons) and have a standing appointment at 7:00 AM every other Saturday morning to continue the process to 400 and 500 donations!

In my spare time I helped to coordinate this reunion.

Places traveled: I spent one week in Taiwan on business and would like to return as a tourist. Nancy and I spent a week in Ireland culminating with the wedding of Nancy's best friend's daughter. We were on a cruise through the Eastern Caribbean. I have been traveling extensively through the south and Midwest with my job to the tune of 75,000 to 80,000 miles per year. Nancy and I spend time in Indianapolis with the IU Alumni Association and visiting our kids. We will also be spending more time in Chicago visiting my son.

Any brushes with the law: All minor – A good officer in Texas informed me that the speed limits on their highways was 65 mile per hour after dark (I believe he was more interested in the strange glow in the car – trying to catch me watching TV while driving – It was actually my computer running a GPS program). One attentive officer in South Carolina nearly flipped his cruiser jumping the median to inform me that the light was out over my license plates. And, oh yes, I did get a chance to look at the mug books at the South Bend Police department – trying to identify the holder of the gun that was pointed in my face during a robbery at the Thrif-T-Mart store on Lincolnway West in South Bend.

"Bucket List": I would dearly love to get back to many of the cities and towns I have traveled through in the past 20 years to investigate them a little more closely. Although I know the industrial parks and Holiday Inn motels in these towns, I would like to explore the interesting shops I could only note from the car as I rode by. While I am still in relatively good shape I would like to walk the Appalachian Trail and visit the high points of all fifty states. I would like to learn to play a musical instrument (piano, saxophone), learn one or two foreign languages, sky dive, learn to fly a plane, drive over 200 miles per hour. Some day I would like to write a book. I would like to take a camera safari to Africa. I would like to be involved in an archeological dig. Much more looms on the horizon! I can't wait to get to retirement to have some time to relax!

Information for Memory Book
Ralph Acito

Family; Ralph – IT & Telecommunications Management with Global Access Point in South Bend

Wife – Pam Acito, married for 38 years

Daughter – Kimberly Acito-Tanig – Teacher in Houston, TX

Granddaughter – Kaylee – 3yrs.

Grandson – Reece – 1 month

Son – Anthony Acito – Pharmacist, Granger, IN

Granddaughter – Sydney – 8yrs.

Grandson – August – 5 yrs.

Education; Primarily U.S. Air Force schools and IT/Telecommunications schools

Military; U.S. Air Force 1968-1972, rank of E-4 – Airborne Electronics Technician, stationed Denver, Sacramento, various temporary assignments overseas.

Employment; Global Access Point in South Bend, manage telecommunications environment for Communications Carriers and Data Centers for various local and regional Commercial Companies.

Where do I live; Back in South Bend, having spent some time in Dallas, TX and Baltimore, MD

Special Interests; Enjoy outdoors, fishing, hunting, dogs.

Places I've traveled; Hawaii, Korea, Samoa, England, Mexico, Canada

Any brushes with the Law; Nothing of significance or worthy note

'Bucket List'; 🎵Sky-diving

large 'Green Data Center', manage remote fishing camp in Canada,



Information for Randy Leliaert

Wife: Karen – retired teacher

Children – Matt and Beth

Grand Child: Trace James

Education: IVY Tech and Indiana University South Bend

Volunteer Activities: Osceola Business Association, Osceola Memorial Day Parade, Osceola Bluegrass Festival, Penn-Harris-Madison Board Trustee

Retired: Yes, but not for long. Starting over as Randy Leliaert Agency – Osceola, Indiana.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Goodman

Information for Richard Feldman, MD

Becky and I have three children, all boys. Our oldest, Mike, is 25 and is a probation officer for Marion County. He graduated from Indiana University in criminal justice. Our middle son, Cody, is our special child. He owns a small ice cream business on the Central Canal in downtown Indianapolis. Tyler, our youngest, just graduated from high school and will attend IU. He is interested in medicine. We have a great Himalayan cat named Annie. She is 16 years old and queen of the house.

Becky and I met when I was in medical school. She was a graduate student in microbiology at that time but soon after went to medical school at IU. She is now retired after a great career at Eli Lilly and Co as a physician in their medical department. I have lived in Indianapolis since 1973. We were married in July, 1978.

After high school, I attended Indiana University in Bloomington majoring in psychology. I graduated in 1972 with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa. I then attended IU School of Medicine graduating in 1977. After medical school, I entered a psychiatry residency at IU but changed to family medicine. I went into private practice for a short time and then was offered the directorship of the St. Francis Hospital family medicine residency, the same residency where I trained. I have been the director there since 1981. I am also a clinical assistant professor at Indiana University School of Medicine and an adjunct faculty member in the Dept. of Public health.

I was appointed the Indiana State Commissioner of Health in 1997 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. I left after one term in 2001 to return to my residency training position. It was a wonderful and challenging experience. I remain active in medical and public health legislative issues and spend a lot of time at the state house when the General Assembly is in session. I have government appointments to the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency and the Indiana State Medical Education Board.

I am very involved in the Indianapolis community and serve on a number of boards including the Indiana Historical Society, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the Indiana State Medical Association, Indianapolis Medical Society, the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, the American Heart Association, the Indiana AIDS Fund, and several hospital boards. I am the past president and chairman of the board of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians and presently serve as president of the Indiana Medical History Museum.

I have a life-long interest in Native American religion and art, having studied for two years at Indiana University with the renowned Native American studies scholar Joseph Eppes Brown. I have collected antique American Indian art for over 30 years. One of my historical projects led to my adoption by the Haida in 1996. My Indian family lives in a remote area of British Columbia.

I am also an amateur historian and have written a number of articles and one book on Indiana historical subjects. I love to write and I am currently an editorial columnist for the *Indianapolis Star* writing on health policy and related subjects. My column appears on the 3rd Tuesday of each month if you want to look it up on line sometime. Occasionally, the *South bend Tribune* picks up my *Indianapolis Star* editorials. I frequently lecture locally and regionally and occasionally elsewhere in the country on medical, public health, and historical subjects.

I still snow ski occasionally and continue to golf as much as I can find time to play. We love to travel and spend a lot of time in Santa Fe, New Mexico where we own part of a condo. We love Italy and Mexico and have traveled a great deal in America, Alaska, and Canada and also have taken trips to England, Ireland, and France.

Favorite Teachers: Mr. Goodman, Speech; Mr. Black, English

I hope to retire in about 5 years and spend more time writing, lecturing, collecting Indian art, and spending more time in Santa Fe as a second home. Unfortunately, I no longer have family in South Bend but love to return from time to time, mostly to catch a Notre Dame football game. Great to see everyone again!

Information for Sharon (Adams) Stevens Byorni

After graduating from Riley I attended Ball State University where I earned my Bachelor of Education degree in 1972. That following summer, in 1973, I married Karl Stevens. He was the City Forrester for South Bend so we bought a house there in 1974. I'm still living in that house today. A few years later we decided to start a family. We had two sons, Kevin and Larry. So I became a stay- at- home mom with 2 kids, 1 dog, 2 hamsters, fish, and a big garden. I loved it! Eventually, I went to Indiana University at South Bend and earned my Master of Education degree. I have now been teaching for 21 years at St. Monica School in Mishawaka. Can't retire yet!

As a family we were campers and hikers. We have camped from Yosemite to the Niagra Falls, from the Great Smokie Mountains to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Back in high school I never dreamed I would love camping, hiking, or canoeing, or that I would walk a small piece of the Appalachian Trail. We also had a small boat and I learned to water ski. I loved skiing, tubing, and swimming. Never thought I would do those things either.

In 1996 Karl was killed in a work related accident. Then in 2005 I married John Byorni. John is the Director of the Area Plan Commission for St. Joseph County. Between us we have 5 adult children. My two sons, Kevin and Larry graduated from Purdue University. Today Kevin works for the School of Agriculture at Purdue in their computer department. Larry is a flight test engineer working as a civilian at the Pax River Naval Air Station in Maryland.

Larry and his wife, Mindy, gave me my first grandchild 8 months ago, Oliver Karl Stevens. Being a grandmother is truly wonderful!

In more recent years my traveling has included a cruise to Alaska with a train ride to Denali National Park, a cruise through the Western Caribbean, a bus trip through the Canadian Rockies, hiking in the Grand Canyon, and a bus trip to Washington, DC, and surrounding historic places. Currently, most of my trips are to see my grandson.

Looking back at my days at Riley, I think my most embarrassing moment was a demonstration speech I gave in Mr. Goodman's speech class that went badly. Having a blender was a fairly new thing in those days so I decided to demonstrate how to use it and make milk shakes for everyone. I filled the blender with ice cream, chocolate syrup, and milk. I pushed the blend button and everything started to leak out the bottom and go everywhere. Unfortunately, after I had demonstrated how to take the blender apart, I hadn't put it back together correctly. I can still remember looking at his bright blue eyes, which never showed any emotion during our speeches, and see them twinkling. I quickly gathered my thoughts and explained that is what can happen if you don't assemble it correctly. On my speech paper he wrote, "Nice save". My grade - C-.

My favorite teacher has to be Mr. Covert. He was one tough math teacher, but he made me understand algebra.

My "Bucket List" would have to include a hot air balloon ride, a trip to the Grand Tetons, and a trip to Europe. Someday I'll get that done!

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Dear Classmates,

This is a special letter going out to those of you who have expressed an interest in attending the reunion or have already submitted reservations for the reunion coming on June 14. There is nothing like a last minute change of plans to spice up an event and we have just received the spice for ours. I was informed that the room at Our Lady would not be available for our event. In light of this I went into panic mode and found another venue for the event. Hopefully this information will get to you in time to make getting to the reunion a simple task.

The party on Saturday night has been moved to the west side of South Bend. The new location is the Odd Fellows' Lodge on Bendix Drive. The Lodge is located on the west side of Bendix Drive just North of Lincolnway West. Turn off Lincolnway at the light at Kuert Concrete. Watch for the Riley Reunion sign on the west (left) side of the road.

This change will allow us to party as long as we want. It will also afford enough parking space within easy reach of the hall (something that is some times lacking at Our Lady).

If you need additional directions, I will have them with me on Friday night at Simeri's. You can also call me at (574) 261-2690 for assistance.

We are stretching for 50 classmates and all are looking forward to a great time catching up with old friends. Looking forward to seeing each one of you on Friday and Saturday.

Paul Piller

Information for Vicki Guisinger

FAMILY: Beth Anne Hoggard is my oldest daughter, living as a single mother in Pilsbo, Washington. She has a daughter, Shandi Lynn, 15 years old and is the Manager of A Dominoes' Pizza. Beth is also self-employed as a massage therapist.

Keli Jo Aguilar is my middle daughter. She is 23 years old and is married to Augustine, and has one son, Johnathon, 4 years old, Keli Jo Graduated with highest honors from Haskell High School in Haskell Texas, class of 2003, where she had a 4.0 GPA, receiving straight A's from Kindergarten on. She was the editor in Chief of her high school paper during her Junior year and received State Honors for her article that was submitted. She was invited to join, The Quill and Scroll Society and also the National Honor society. She participated in FSA and UIL, TEAMSCA and FCCLA earning medals and certificates and State wide recognition. She was chosen to participate in Texas Girl's State. She is now the supervisor for a department store named Stage in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Tara Lynne, the youngest, will be 21 by the time of the reunion, also Graduated from Haskell High in Haskell Texas. She was a third year Journalism student and also was the Editor of the school paper. She moved back to South Bend with me three years ago but did not like it here so she is now living in Sayre Oklahoma and working at a large convenience store.

I have no pets and no spouse received my education from IVY Tech earning an Associate's degree in Medical Laboratory, in cooperation with IUSB and Bethel. However, I am continuing on and registered to start for my RN in August,

RETIREMENT: are you kidding!!! I am presently employed at Madison Center at a downtown location, not the big campus. I work the night shift.

As a single mother, I moved to Texas with my two youngest and they thrived there, as we lived in a city of 1200. Everyone knew everyone else and the kids were all loved and looked after by the adults it was all good. We also lived for a short time in Florida as Tara was born in Orlando.

Favorite Teacher: With out a doubt, Mr. Habeggar, who is directing Br-r-r-r Ching in Heaven,

Most embarrassing Moment: probably when I was walking down the hall with a couple of friends doing my "Mr. Brenneman" impression and finding out he was walking behind me.

Interests and Hobbies: when I need to calm down, I create- crochet, or sew or knit

Travel- USA and Canada

Brushes with the LAW: NO

Bucket List When and if I ever grow up, I want to go on a long vacation and visit my kids and grandkids

Information for Wayne Smith

Family: List all children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with their greatest accomplishments. **2 daughters; Marla who married her college Greek love, Harris Theocharides they have 2 year old Katerina and Raquel who married her high school love Randy Muessig, they have 2 year old twins Remy and Reese.** We would also like to know about your spouse or Significant other. **Jeri Smith, Sr. Account Executive with CEVA Logistics (fka Eagle Global) www.cevalogistics.com she sells import/export and domestic expediting services, married 32 years.**

Let us know about your pets also: Names, type animal, how long have they been with you? **Designer mutt: a Pug/Shiba Inu named Lily, she has been with us over 4 years ever since our daughter left her at our house to go to Cyprus to meet the Greeks.** Do they eat at the table with you? **She is spoiled rotten and gets treats every time she looks at us.**

Education: Where did you go after Riley? **Short time at college then went on to the Navy (my wife says it was McHales Navy), after discharge stayed in Italy to attend University of Florence after 2 yrs returned to states to graduate from IU.** Honors bestowed from this (or these) institutions, Deans list from IU. Are you still involved at this school or university? **No**

Volunteer activities: What will be keeping you going as you transition into retirement? **Good Health.** What are your passions? **Building a retirement cottage on Diamond Lake beach lot, playing Euchre with the guys, watching the grandkids grow up.**

Military service: Branch of service, Navy; rank attained, **E-5;** special honors: **had top security clearance as electronic warfare specialist and worked in CIC. Stationed at the Port of Naples, Italy.**

Employment: What did you do to earn a living? **30 years as a freight salesman with Estes Express www.estesexpress.com.** Have you retired? **No, wife says I can't retire until she does.**

Where have you lived? **Terre Haute, South Bend, Italy, Granger.**

Now for information regarding your time at Riley!

Most embarrassing moment at Riley: **Getting caught skipping school**

Favorite teacher: **Ralph Pieniazkiewicz**

Lastly, let's look into the things you would rather not disclose, because you know we want to know!

Special interests or hobbies: **Fishing, Hunting, Boating, Traveling**

Places you have traveled: **Ireland, Paris, Italy, actually most of Europe, Egypt (Pyramids), Cyprus, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada & most of the states.**

Any brushes with the law: **None Recorded**

Your "Bucket List" – what else would you like to do with your life? **Revolutionize the transportation industry and make millions doing it. More travel, winter in a warm spot and sail around the world.**

Information for Will Wilson

Spouse of 35 years Bobbie Volunteer

Children - Heidi Science teacher, Elkhart Memorial High School

Son-in-law Jeff Vice-president Lake City Bank

Pets – Two ugly Boston Terriers, Bodie and Buttons

Education – B.A. Wabash College, Wabash Honor Scholar, Alfred P. Sloan Scholar
Masters of Science in Financial Services from The American College

Volunteer – Boy Scouts
Kiwanis
Dollars for Scholars
Chamber of Commerce

Love Sports - Tennis, racquetball, snow skiing, snowmobiling, backpacking, golf?

Employment - Chartered Financial Consultant 36 years

Lived - South Bend
Lake Wawasee
Nappanee

Riley Favorite Teacher - Debate and Speech teacher Charles “Tecumseh” Goodman for his irreverent wit and tolerance of imagination in the classroom

Special Interests –

- 1) Started Boy Scout Troop 733 in Nappanee 20 years ago as Scoutmaster, now Executive Board Member, Camping Chairman of LaSalle Council BSA, High Adventure Chairman 15 years
- 2) Collect First Edition illustrated children’s books, J.W. Riley poetry books, Ivory, “Dinky” toys, Scout Memorabilia

Traveled to all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico (my wife does not like to fly)

Brushes with the law

Minor misunderstanding with the law in college. Several fraternity brothers and myself tried to recover the Monon Bell from DePauw University after a Wabash football loss in fall '72. The local constabulary were less than impressed with our college spirit (and spirits) and charged us with 2nd degree burglary. We spent the weekend in the Montgomery County Jail and though the charge was later reduced to criminal trespass, we were asked to “sit out” the balance of the school semester. No sense of humor ☺

Looking forward to a permanent semi-retirement as I continue to enjoy working with my clients. I will continue to be active in volunteer organizations that help the youth of our community.