HHS
CLASS OF '68
50th Reunion

Diamond Mineral Springs
September 29, 2018
50th Reunion
Highland High School
Class of 1968

**Class Motto:** It's Never Too Late to Begin
**Class Flower:** Rose
**Class Colors:** Burgundy & Gold
**Class Sponsors:**

[Images of four individuals]

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Died May 9, 2010

Mr. David Wilson
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We Honor Those Who Served in the Military

Dan Braun
U.S. Navy
Keith Beck
U.S. Army Reserves
1970-1976

Wayne Gentry
U.S. Army
Ted Greenfield
U.S. Air Force

Dale Jakel
U.S. Army Reserves
1970-1976
Larry Keilbach
U.S. Army

Al Lang
U.S. Air Force
1968-1972
David McPherson
U.S. Navy
1968-1972

Elmer Eilers
U.S. Army
Terry Henkhaus
U.S. Army

Garry Klaus
U.S. Marine Corps
Laverne Merkle
U.S. Army Reserves
1969-1975

David Frueh
U.S. Army Reserves
Ron Herzberg
U.S. Air Force

Denny Knebel
U.S. Air Force
4 years
Keith Michael
U.S. Army Reserves
6 years
Thank you all for your service and your sacrifice.
Your classmates are very proud of you.
PAST CLASS REUNION PHOTOS

5 Year

10 Year

15 Year
PAST CLASS REUNION PHOTOS

20 Year

25 Year

30 Year
Spouse: Donn

Children: Ryan Evans, Grant Evans

Grandchildren: Riley - 12
                Reed - 10
                Bret - 4
                Henry - 3
                Charlie - 1

Occupation: Registered Nurse (retired, but working PRN)

Spouse's Occupation: Owner - Lebanon Auto Parts

Additional Information: Have worked the past 26 years at St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, Illinois (House Supervisor and ER Charge Nurse). Lived in Trenton, Illinois area the past 40 years. Recently traveled to New England States. Have traveled in our RV to Western, Northern and Southern States in the past 5 years. Hobbies include sewing, bowling and gardening.

What happened in 1968 Major News Stories:

- Dr. Christian Barnard performs the first successful heart transplant
- Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
- The first Big Mac goes on sale in McDonalds costing 49 cents
- Boeing 747 made its maiden flight
- Emergency 911 Telephone service is started in the USA
- Hong Kong Flu pandemic
- The Poor Peoples March on Washington, D.C.
- Vietnam US soldiers massacre men, women and children in My lai
- Prague Spring in Czechoslovakia
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Spouse:  Wm. Ernie Chappel (Divorced – Deceased)
Children: Christopher J. Chappel (Spouse, Elizabeth Marti), Wm. Ryan Chappel
Melissa D. (Chappel) Lounsbury (Spouse, Ken)
Megan K. (Chappel) Miller (Spouse, Kyle)

Grandchildren: Six plus one on the way!
   Chris - Jack W. and Brynley J.; Ryan - Dylan H.; Melissa - Lydia C. and Maybel L.;
   Megan - Elijah E. and one on the way in February, 2019


Ex-Spouse's Occupation: Banker

Additional Information: Went to SIUC Vocational Technical Institute. 1968-1979 Associate's Degree in Legal Secretary (Court Reporting). Earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College in 2009. In 1970 I moved to Champaign, IL and worked at U of I. Married in July 1972 and moved to Greenville, IL in 1974 for husband to take a position at First National Bank. I worked for James Buchmiller, Attorney and then began working as a Court Reporter in Greenville for Judge DeLaurenti until 1987. Had moved to Vandalia in 1978, husband took a job with Farmers & Merchants Bank. Began working for The Law Group in 1989. Divorced in 1996. Survived the "Kelly McGinnis" incident, where a disturbed client came to the office to kill his attorney. Left there in 1999 and went to work at SIUE in the Vice Chancellor for Administration's Office till present. I also work part-time as a Cashier at Mach I Convenience store in Vandalia from 2006 till present. Traveled on 3 Pilgrimages, twice to Israel and once to Spain, France and Portugal. These three trips really changed my life in a good way. I was active in the Vandalia Community helping with the Grand Levee and 175th celebration. When I do have time off, I spend it with my children and grandchildren. Had a great family vacation with all my children and grandchildren in June 2018 at Panama City Beach, FL. Hope to retire in a few years and do more traveling and enjoy my children and grandchildren. 

Best Memories: Homecoming parades, working on floats, Black River Lodge Trip, Band trip to New York's World Fair. Playing volleyball. Lunch at the little restaurant across the street. I am thankful I grew up when I did and where I did. I had the best. Best parents, best community, best Schools, best friends. Although there was not a lot of money and a simple life, it was good, safe and enjoyable. Hoping my grandchildren will be able to live that simple life and be free and safe.
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Spouse: Wilma

Children: Shannon Barnes Terry
          Haley Barnes Cox

Grandchildren: Spencer Terry
               Hannah Grace Terry
               Kalyn Cox
               Kiley Cox

Occupation: Teacher/Coach at Russellville AR School District (Head Basketball Coach
           11 years); Head Basketball Coach at Arkansas Tech University 12 years,
           and 8 years as Head Basketball Coach at Rogers AR School District.

Spouse's Occupation: Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education

Additional Information: John Brown University - 1972 BSE
                        Arkansas Tech University - 1995 MSE
                        Numerous Coach of the Year awards at the high school and college level,
                        regional and conference.
                        1995 Induction into the Russellville School District Coaches Hall of Fame.
                        2017 Induction into the Rogers High School Coaches Hall of Fame.
                        Lived in Russellville, AR 32 years and Northwest Arkansas the past 14 years.

Best Memories: Not quite at high school, but eighth grade year when all the center schools
merged into Highland Junior High. Of course, basketball games throughout high school and
being a part of any high school activity.
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Spouse: Diana

Children: Mike, Matt and Ethan

Grandchildren: 4

Occupation: Grain Farmer

Spouse's Occupation: Registered Nurse (retired)

Additional Information: Keith graduated from SIUE School of Business with a Bachelor's Degree in 1975. Married Diana Munie in 1978, thus, their 40th wedding anniversary was in August 2018. After college, Keith returned full time to the family farm. In 1985, Keith and his brother, Randy, founded Fairview Farms, Inc., where they are still employed. Keith has been an avid deer hunter. Keith and Diana enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren and enjoy traveling.

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Spouse: Ed
Children: Karl Aldrich
Grandchildren: Blake Aldrich
Madison Aldrich
Jackson Aldrich
Occupation: Hair Dresser (retired)
Spouse's Occupation: Highland School Custodian (retired)

Additional Information: Worked at the Post Office; owned Business - Beauty Shop; worked at the Silver Lake Rest Area; Worked at the Census Bureau. Ran out of room - other info will be in my obituary.

Best Memories: My most fondest memory was in chorus - Mr. Davis asked me not to sing; just mouth the words.
Square dancing with the boys in P.E. class (I always got the guy with two left feet.)
Being crazy foamed at Black River Lodge.
Riding the bus to basketball games (the back seat was the place to be.)

How much things cost in 1968

Yearly Inflation Rate USA 4.27%
Year End Dow Jones Industrial Average 943
Average Cost of new house $14,950.00
Average Income per year $7,850.00
Average Monthly Rent $130.00
Gas per Gallon 34 cents
Average Cost of a new car $2,822.00
Movie Ticket $1.50
The Federal Hourly Minimum Wage is $1.60 an hour
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Spouse: Don Carnley
Occupation: Retired Marketing & Sales.
Currently self-employed artist - design and produce handcrafted jewelry, accessories and home decor under trade name Pegalie

Spouse's Occupation: Retired Merchant Marine

Additional Information: BA Theatre, SIUE, Owned/operated 3 retail businesses in Highland and St. Louis; Left Highland in 1990 (both best and worst thing I ever did) and moved to west coast; lived in Portland, OR, Seattle, WA, San Francisco, CA and Long Beach/San Pedro, CA. Met husband on a train as I was going from Portland to San Francisco. We have now been together for 24 years. Director of Marketing for Summer Arts Program and Director Advancement Academy for California State University 23 campus headquarters. Because of Don's travel all over the world, he has taken me to some unusual "vacation" spots (see photo in Thailand snake temple.) Returned to Highland in 2006. City Council Member since 2008. Chairman Highland Celebrates 175th Jubilee Celebration in 2012. Chamber of Commerce Bob Hardy award for Community Service. Do marketing and graphic design for a number of organizations.

Best Memories: Not sure these are the best, but the ones that come to mind -- Lunch in the back room of Parkway - I am sure we reeked of smoke when we went back to class. Shirley Donnelly unzipping my dress to slide down my shoulders and then covering with my sweater to make my dress long enough to pass inspection. Calling Steve "Steve" rather than "Charles" in "Blithe Spirit". Losing my wig in "Bye Bye Birdie". Friday nights at the show. Then later Friday nights at Collinsville Park. 6 of us would each throw in a quarter - that would buy us both gas and a pack of cigarettes.
Spouse: James Wasmuth

Children: Ben

Stepchildren: Rodney
Sarah

Grandchildren: Avery
Owen
Drew

Occupation: CPA and Chief Financial Officer

Spouse’s Occupation: Federal employee

Additional Information: Ottawa University (BMusEd)
University of Michigan (MBA)
Peace Corps (Honduras)
Lived in Kentucky, Honduras (Central America), Michigan
Currently sing in Little Traverse Choral Society (Member of the Board of Directors)

Best Memories: Marching band and football games; plays and musicals, yearbook staff

Cost of Food:

- Granulated Sugar 60¢/5 lbs
- Eggs 38¢/doz.
- Fresh Ground Hamburger 50¢/lb.
- Fresh Baked Bread 22¢/loaf
- Gallon of Milk $1.07
Spouse: Ronald

Children: Roxy Zobrist Vasquez
Toni Zobrist Rozanski
Devin Zobrist Rozanski
Jeffrey Duft Rozanski
Tamra Duft Theis
Ronie Duft Henkhaus
Jeremy Duft Rozanski

Grandchildren: Jasmine Vasquez
Zachary Vasquez
Ameryn Zobrist Rozanski
Brody Zobrist Rozanski
Robby Theis
Nic Duft Rozanski
CJ Duft Rozanski

Occupation: Bank Loan Processor

Spouse's Occupation: Pitney Bowes Service Tech

Additional Information: We put many miles of rubber down on our motorcycles until we traded them for four wheels and a rag top!

Best Memories: All four years and all the fun things that happened.

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**Songs:**

- *Grazing in the Grass* - by Hugh Masekela
- *Green Tambourine* - by The Lemon Pipers
- *Harper Valley P.T.A.* - by Jeannie C. Riley
- *Hello, I Love You* - by The Doors
- *Hey Jude* - by The Beatles
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Spouse:       Al
Children:     Alanna Flath Bree
              Alicia Flath Rayner
Grandchildren:  Sam & Kendyl Bree
                 Caleb & Jacob Rayner
Occupation:   Instructor at St. Louis Community College
              Preschool Consultant/Assessor for Missouri Department of Education
Spouse's Occupation: Operating Engineer

Additional Information: Attended College at SIU-C (1 year). Graduated with MSEd from SIU-E.
Active in Junior (Civic) Women's Club - President for 2 years
Attended numerous Bible Studies
Awarded Teacher of the Month Trophy
Listed numerous times in Who's Who in American Education
Wrote 3 Early Education modules used in colleges in Missouri & Kansas

Best Memories: Making floats at Kathy Wenzel and Kay Von Rohr's house
Girls Athletic Association (GAA) events
Being a cast member in school plays
English classes and Mr. Hilbert's history class

Comments: All the planning and hard work put forth for planning this class reunion is appreciated. The range of activities gives classmates the opportunity to choose what will be appealing to them. Thank you all again for your hard work.
Spouse: Richard
Children: Daniel in Texas
David (wife Sarah) in Colorado
Occupation: Lead Cashier at Farmington Elementary School
Spouse's Occupation: Regional Sales Manager
Additional Information: Worked as an LPN & Psychiatric Unit Manager (St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Granite City, IL)
Special Ed. Para-professional (Orland Park, IL & Wichita, KS)
Moved to Florence, KY, Omaha, NE and then to Collierville, TN
Worked as a Lead Cashier in Farmington Elementary School in Germantown, TN.
Presently live in rural Rossville, TN
Now RETIRED
Volunteered at various organizations throughout the years. We have traveled to multiple points in the USA & have visited various countries! In June this year, we rafted on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon National Park, which was awesome, would recommend it to anyone who loves whitewater rafting.

Best Memories: Most embarrassing and fun memory was initiated in GAA when our big sisters made Susie B. and I walk around the square by the fountain with us holding a spoon handle in our mouths with an egg on the spoon. Didn't do any pranks myself, but usually close by. I tell most people about a group of us skipping classes the last of our senior year (we already had our requirements to graduate) and when returning to school, Mr. Hilbert gave us a pass without a written excuse, except for one person; he would always call her mom!
High school was fun for me, making lifetime friends and lots of great memories.

Comments: Talking with friends, I made after HHS through our travels, I realize how blessed I was to go to such a great school as HHS with caring teachers and lifetime friends that have always kept in touch. When we return on visits to Highland, people always make me feel as if I never left. Thanks to the committee for making a reunion happen.
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Spouse: Yevon
Occupation: Retired IDOT Engineering Technician
ADR Inc. Highland & Troy Automotive Technician
Additional Information: Assoc. Degree in construction management SIU-C - 1982. Started ADR
to 2004 - Retired. Love to ride my Kawasaki 900 Vulcan
Military Service: 2 years US Army Airborne Infantry

1968 Events and Inventions

June 6  Robert Kennedy, younger brother of John F. Kennedy and Democratic candidate for president of
the U.S., is assassinated in Los Angeles by lone Jordanian gunman Sirhan Sirhan.

August 22  The Prague Spring of increasing freedom in Czechoslovakia ends abruptly as 200,000 Warsaw Pact
troops and 5000 tanks enter the country to force the Czechs to remain within the Soviet sphere.
Unarmed Czech youths try, unsuccessfully, to resist the Soviet tanks in the streets of Prague and
other cities. Prime Minister Alexander Dubcek's goal and policy was "socialism with a human face",
but the Soviet Union and its vassal states will not allow changes in Czechoslovakia.

August 24  France explodes its first hydrogen bomb.

September  At least 11,000 people die in a series of earthquakes in Iran lasting for two days.
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Spouse: Sandra
Occupation: Software Developer
Spouse's Occupation: Computer Technician
Additional Information: Graduated from SIUE in 1972
Worked 23 years for the US Army in downtown St. Louis
Worked 11 years for US Department of Defense in the UK - Retired in 2008
Traveled quite a bit in Europe and UK

Best Memories: When leaving our graduation ceremony, I put my diploma on the roof of the car and drove off. Mr. Grodeon found and returned it to me.
Being part of the "Bye Bye Birdie" production
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Occupation: RN - Retired VP Patient Care Services - SSM  

Additional Information: St. Luke's RN - St. Louis University BSN - SIUE - MBA  
Worked at St. Louis University Hospital, St. Anthony's and SSM. Certified in operating room nursing. 2012 Tribute to Success honoree, St. Louis, MO. Traveled to Russia, Europe, Far East and U.S.  

Best Memories: Black River Lodge - what fun!  
Sewing everyone's sleeves in during Home Ec when teacher left the classroom.
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Children: Jared Tyler

Grandchildren: Payton - 9
Parker - 7

Occupation: Agr. Logic Insurance Crop Adjuster

Military Service: US Army Reserves

Additional Information: Wabash Valley College

Top Grossing Films:

2001: A Space Odyssey
Funny Girl
Planet of the Apes
Rosemary’s Baby
The Odd Couple
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
The Thomas Crown Affair
Ice Station Zebra
The Night They Raided Minsky's
Spouse: Marie Monroe-Gentry

Children: Kara Gillis (married name)

Grandchildren: Twins - Brooklyn and Reese

Occupation: Banking and Business Development
Special Asset Group

Spouse's Occupation: Administrative Assistant to the Chief Medical Officer

Additional Information: Utah State University, ABC Television Network, Manager Production Services/West Coast. Won three Emmys for set construction and design. Received two Star Awards in banking for business development. Lived in Los Angeles, CA, Grand Junction, CO, Logan, UT, and Bangor, ME. Have spent time or worked in every state but Alaska.

Best Memories: I loved going to school. I was lucky enough to have been in a great class of very talented people. Also, I was fortunate to have made the friends that I did. Great people that I looked up to and respected. Pranks, too many to list or that I would put in writing. Ask Randle and Rogers for a recap! Fun times: Everything! Sports, band (New York), Fred's history class, riding in Rehberger's Scout, Bye Bye Birdie, building floats, homecoming parade, homecoming ceremony, prom, beating Triad!, having the opportunity to represent our school in sports. We were all blessed to have gone to school when and where we did.

Comments: I would give anything to have been there with you all. . . Unlike a lot of schools I know of, our school was small enough that everyone knew everyone. That is a very special thing. Everyone contributed to the growth of someone else in the class. I know looking back, the influence that faculty and classmates had on me, still trigger thoughts, memories and ideas even today.
Spouse: Sandy (wife of 17 years)

Children: Shane 39 - wife Kara
Brandon 36 - wife Shannon

Grandchildren: Shane - 2 girls - Madison 14, Grace 11
Brandon - boy & girl - Kailey 7, Austin 3

Sandy has 3 daughters, 7 grandkids and 3 great-grandkids

Comments: Thanks for all the cards and prayers over the past 15 years. And to the 10-15 classmates who came to visit me while in Siteman and the nursing homes. And to Marty, after his 400+ mile trip up from Arkansas, always made time to stop and check in on me. And special thanks to my good and loyal friends, the Weber twins, they are always there when I need them. I haven't changed much, only two feet shorter. I appreciate calls or stop by for a visit.
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Spouse:         Brent DeWitt
Children:      Christopher (Bridget) DeWitt
               Stephanie (Jason) Sukut
               Nathaniel (Jamie) DeWitt
Grandchildren: Dylan DeWitt, 15; Kaitlyn DeWitt, 13; Megan DeWitt, 11
               Kylene Sukut, 14; Logan Sukut, 8; Macy Sukut, 6
               Peyton DeWitt, 2; Harper DeWitt, 1
Occupation:    Perfusionist and Registered Nurse
Spouse's Occupation: Chiropractic Physician
Additional Information: 1971: graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis; 1971-72: worked at St. Louis Children’s Hospital in Cardiology; 1972-75: moved to Ft. Worth, TX, and worked at Harris Methodist Hospital in Surgery; 1975: went to Texas Heart Institute in Houston and studied to be a Perfusionist; 1976-78: moved to Springfield, IL, and worked at St. John’s Hospital as a RN and Perfusionist; 1977: married Brent DeWitt; 1978-82: moved to Glendale Heights, IL, and worked downtown Chicago at Mt. Sinai Hospital as a Perfusionist/Clinical Instructor at the School of Perfusion; 1982-83: moved to Edwardsville, IL, and worked at St. Louis University Hospital as a Perfusionist; 1983-present: moved to Springfield, IL, and went back to work as a Perfusionist at St. John’s Hospital for 14 months and then left there and went to work at Memorial Medical Center where I worked until I retired in March of 2016; 1995: I became the first President of the newly formed Illinois State Perfusion Society and held that office for 4 years. The Board and I worked on annual meetings for Continuing Education for perfusionists as well as getting licensure for Perfusionists in the State of Illinois. The licensure bill passed and went into effect in January of 2000; 2003: The “Suzanne H. DeWitt” Perfusionist of the Year Award was started in my name, and I was honored to be the first recipient.

Best Memories: Pep Rallies; Homecoming activities - making all those Kleenex flowers! And decorating floats; the basketball games; marching band, sock hops; GAA
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Children: Matthew McPherson (Shandra Zobrist)
          Nathan McPherson (Kristi Drda)

Grandchildren: Ava McPherson 11, Brennen McPherson 5, Madison McPherson 6

Occupation: Retired

Spouse's Occupation: City of Highland Electric Department Lineman

Additional Information: Travel: Hawaii, Cape Breton Nova Scotia, Toronto Ontario, San Antonio, TX, Orlando, FL, Washington DC, Norfolk VA, Gatlinburg, TN, Denver, CO
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Children: Michelle Gerberding  
Mark and Jennifer Korte  

Grandchildren: Madison Korte 19, Emma Korte 16, Landen Korte 6, Jacob Korte 3  
Grayson Korte 14 weeks  

Occupation: From 1968-1973 I was a Beautician. Then in 1979 I taught myself how to groom dogs and have had my own grooming business since then. For about 18 years I also sold dog food, specializing in helping people solve their pet's health problems. And no, I do not groom rabbits.  

Spouse's Occupation: Dan is a carpenter. He worked for Korte Company for 40+ years. He is now retired.

Birth Notices

January 2 - Cuba Gooding Jr.  
January 14 - James Smith a.k.a. L.L. Cool J  
February 1 - Pauly Shore  
March 30 - Celine Dion  
April 29 - Carnie Wilson  
May 27 - Frank Thomas
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Spouse:     Terri
Children:   Janean Rehkemper
            Jennifer Wright
            Stephanie Dehner
Grandchildren: Cori Rehkemper 23, Braden Rehkemper 19
               Lauren Wright 20, Claire Wright 16
               Caiden Dehner 10, Ellie Dehner 8
Occupation: Weekly newspaper publisher for several media corporations.
            Former co-owner of Bond and Fayette County Shopper
Spouse's Occupation: Office manager for family trucking business.
            Former co-owner for Bond and Fayette County Shopper
Additional information: Graduated from SIUE in 1972. Worked for large corporations including Disney,
                        ABC, Capital Cities, Pulitzer. Have been lucky to travel to a lot of places,
                        including nearly every state in the US. Have also been to dozens of European
                        countries, plus China, Hong Kong and Australia. Have met a lot of people
                        through softball coaching, being active in local Chamber of Commerce and
                        working with school basketball tournaments.
Best Memories: Had a blast in Miss Whorley's (Mrs. Ott) speech class and participating in her
              productions as well as school plays. Lots of fun playing HHS baseball and
              basketball. Pranks included helping throw a classmate out of Mrs. Alarcon's
              Spanish Class window 2 or 3 times in the same day and watching her
              expression when he knocked on the door to get back into class. Switching
              headsets with Adrian Rogier in Mrs. Alarcon's class and then having to figure
              out how to answer her on the other person's microphone when she asked him a
              question. Homecoming was always a great time for building floats and hanging
              out with people you didn't normally hang out with.
Comments:    Looking forward to seeing everyone and
              finding out what has happened over the past 50 years.
Spouse: Cindy

Children: Dawn Thien, Dara Cherry, Morgan Ellis/Dawson 
           Kris Hamilton, Ryan Hamilton

Grandchildren: Christopher House, Tyler Cherry, Caden Cherry, Ari Dawson 
               Haley Hamilton, Brady Hamilton, Addison Hamilton

Occupation: Retired - 1968-2003 General Motors (St. Louis, MO & Bowling Green, KY plants) 
            Retired - 2005-2015 Jakel Construction Inc. (Bowling Green, KY)

Spouse's Occupation: Home Health Care

Additional information: Lived in Highland and worked for GM Assembly, St. Louis until 1981, then transferring to Chevrolet Corvette Assembly, Bowling Green, KY. When in Highland, joined the Knights of Columbus and continued in Bowling Green, KY, serving on many committees and also as Grand Knight. Travel: Several cruises (Caribbean, New England/Canada, Alaskan & Mediterranean), and a New England trip. Purchased a fifth wheel and since mid-2015 we have traveled a total of 312 day, 36 states and 21,000 miles. If all goes well, we have about a 5 week trip planned with the class reunion being the final leg of our trip.

Military Service: 1970-1976 - United States Army Reserves SP4 - Mechanic

Best Memories: Sitting on the bleachers before class with a girlfriend. Working on my dad's tractor in Ag Class and Mr. Ruppert giving myself and several others passes to run to Hamel and other places to get parts for it. I don't know how many days we left school, but it sure made the senior year go fast. Awards Day getting presented Perfect Attendance for all 4 years. I knew if I missed a day, my dad would put me to work on the farm. lol

Comments: I appreciate all the time and work the Reunion Committee put into this Reunion Weekend event.
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Spouse: Kenneth

Children: Amy (Tim) Patrick, Ann Weber (Danny Kovaly)

Grandchildren: Amy & Tim's Kids: Aidan, Gavin, Ian
Ann's Kids: Ashlyn (Andrew Bray), Tanner, Wyatt

Occupation: Retired from Hitz Assisted Living

Spouse's Occupation: Retired Madison County Highway Worker and retired from farming
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Spouse: Kay

Children: Daughter Nicole Johnson - Husband Chris Johnson
Son Jason Keilbach - Wife Lou Keilbach

Grandkids: Bailey, Wil, Ryan and Landon

Favorite TV Shows

Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In
Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.
Bonanza
Mayberry R.F.D.
Family Affair
Gunsmoke
Julia
The Dean Martin Show
Here's Lucy
The Beverly Hillbillies
Mission: Impossible
Bewitched
The Red Skelton Hour
My Three Sons
The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour
Ironside
The Virginian
The F.B.I.
Green Acres
Dragnet
Significant Other: Matthew Farley

Children: Shellee Dee Nicols Clamp

Grandchildren: Taylor James Joylon King Da Silva Clamp
                Emmerson Kayla Clamp

Occupation: Executive Assistant for C-Level Executives at various organizations

Sig. Other's Occupation: Corporate Trial Lawyer

Additional Information: Competition level dancer/teacher/judge and Hobie cat racer. Fortunate to live in several major cities across the United States and now near NYC. Traveled most of Europe, India and the Caribbean, twice sailed a 55 foot sailboat around the British Virgin Islands and did a camel trek across the Thar desert in India. Right now I enjoy going to see the major Broadway plays each year in hopes of catching all the Tony winners!

Best Memories: Well, having our Spanish Club float burn up just hours before the parade was interesting! And I enjoyed playing Madame Arcati in the Junior Class production of Blithe Spirit. It may have given my daughter the impetus to become an actor and commercial model.
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Significant Other: Rick White

Children: Tim Roustio
          Dana Weston
          Mikail Andria

Grandchildren: Aaron Dennison
               Trent, Tanner and Brei Watson

Great-Grandson: Jayce

Occupation: RN

Spouse’s Occupation: Journeyman Painter

Additional Information: AD in Nursing from BAC. BSN from Webster University. Hold Certifications in Med-Surg Nursing as well as Hospice. In Germany 18 months as army wife. Traveled to Jamaica. Acrylic and watercolor painting. Vacations annually in Florida and Colorado, motorcycling and ATVing. Worked primarily in critical care. Later as a manager and in Hospice.

Best Memories: Being at Peg Bellm’s during PE class. Working on floats and plays. Sock Hops. Lunch at Parkway.
Spouse: Lynn Stoff Klaus

Children: Jacki Hug
Kim Sackett
Jared Klaus

Grandchildren: Melissa Hug, Brooke Hug, Tricia Hug
Garrett Korte, Adam Korte, Hannah Sackett
Maevelyn Klaus, Dean Klaus, Dax Klaus, Brexlyn Klaus

Occupation: Retired from manufactured housing sales after 20 years and construction of manufactured housing community. Semi-retired self storage properties and agricultural investments

Spouse’s Occupation: Semi Retired - self storage properties, bookkeeping for 4 businesses

Additional Information: Worked as a farm hand, now I own a farm. Various jobs included: Alton Box Board Co., Basler Electric, gas station, delivered meat, delivered milk, drove truck in construction, pizza business, refurbished house and resold. Started and sold several businesses – still own 2. Traveled the US, Mexico, Caribbean, France, Switzerland through opportunities with the manufactured housing industry. Have been married to Lynn for 50 years and have lived at the same residence for 46.

Best Memories: Friends I made in school and still have.

Comments: The way I made it through high school wouldn’t work today. Just hard work today may not get you ahead in today’s world, as it worked for me. Today you need a good education or skill working in a good trade.
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Spouse: Connie (Graves) Knebel

Children: Tara Thornton
           Billie Daiber
           Travis Knebel

Grandchildren: Karli Thornton, Reagan Thornton, Mackenzie Daiber, Mason Daiber, Kenley Knebel, Kysen Knebel

Occupation: Worked for Korte Construction for 5 years, then opened up my own body shop - 38 years

Spouse’s Occupation: Teamster for Korte Construction

Additional Information: General Motors training center in Kansas City. Went on trips to Cancun, Mexico, Cozumel, Wyoming, South Dakota. Have been spending winters in Florida for the last 19 years.

Military Service: In the Air Force in Topeka, Kansas. 4 years Sergeant - Worked on aircraft.
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Spouse: Tom

Children: Kyle Koch
          Lori Martin

Grandchildren: Alyssa Martin, Alexis Martin
               Emory Koch. Callie Koch

Occupation: Self Employed – Interior Design Store

Spouse’s Occupation: Self Employed – Interior Designer

Additional Information: A family trip every year – Disney Cruise, Destin, FL, Cancun, Punta Cana, Hilton Head. Went to Italy last year. Going to the New England states this fall.

Best Memories: Had a great time at HHS

Comments: You all did a great job!! Thank you!
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Spouse: Cecil
Children: Shan
Grandchildren: Rylee
Occupation: Accounting & Sales – Pierron & Trenton Co-Op; Travel agent – Travel One
Spouse’s Occupation: Construction Teamster
Additional Information: Married my high school sweetheart and lived happily ever after.
Married with 3 children

Occupation: Retired Engineer

Comments: I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend the celebrations; it looks like there are lots of fun activities for everyone to participate and enjoy -- great job by the organizing committee. I wish every attendee to have fun, reminisce, and celebrate life.

Be well,
Raul
Spouse: Kathy

Occupation: Steelworker

Spouse’s Occupation: Accounting

Additional Information: Spent 4 years in the United States Air Force followed by 36 years at Granite City Steel, retiring in 2008. We travel throughout the country in our motorhome and spend winters in Fort Myers, Florida. Member of the VFW, American Legion and Moose Lodge.

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Children: Chad Sundermeyer
Abbey Sundermeyer

Grandchildren: Emma Sundermeyer, age 12; Quin Sundermeyer, age 10;
Madi Sundermeyer, age 7; Lily Sundermeyer, age 5

Occupation: Worked for HP for 31 years. Currently work for a life insurance agent.
No cats, dogs, kids or husbands

Occupation: Retired - Federal Government

Additional information: Graduate School of Hard Knocks

Best Memories: GAA Trips to Black River Lodge. Driving my dad's new VW bug to school. Somebody (or somebodies) putting road kill in Mr. Dee's car while we were decorating our class float for homecoming. Band trip to New York World's Fair. All Spanish class members getting a big fat zero for the day because someone wrote "El Gonsode Oro" on the chalkboard. Playing in marching band at football games. So many more they're too numerous to mention!!

Some of the top pop culture moments of 1968:

1. The first Big Mac. It was served in September of that year, in Pittsburgh, by a McDonald's franchise owner named Jim Delligatti. It cost 49 cents. It was arguably the blackest day in the history of cows.

2. Elvis comeback special. This televised special, aired Dec. 3, is widely considered one of the great rock 'n' roll moments. After seven years of grinding out forgettable movies, here he was back on stage in killer leather, playing great songs again with his old sidemen like guitarist Scotty Moore.

3. Rolling Stones record "Jumping Jack Flash." Here was the year's real rock 'n' roll comeback. The Stones weren't exactly dead as 1968 rolled in, but they were in some trouble.

4. "60 Minutes" debuts on CBS.

5. Medal winners Tommie Smith and John Carlos raise their fists in protest on the victory stand at the Mexico City Olympics.
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Spouse:   “Buzz” Summers

Children: Jamie Zeller-Taylor (Husband - Nick)

Grandchildren: Erin and Cortney

Occupation: Retired – Banking 27 years

Spouse’s Occupation: Retired Park Ranger at Rend Lake
Spouse: Jane
Children: Nathan (wife, Erin) - Urbana, Illinois
Craig Ray (wife, Ericka) - Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Grandchildren: Lena Margaret Louer (Craig R and Ericka)
Occupation: Retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools (Edwardsville, ECUSD #7)
Current: Council Member, City of Edwardsville
Spouse's Occupation: Current: CEO/Owner of Louer Facility Planning (commercial design/furniture dealer)
Travel: Caribbean, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Europe, Hawaii, Bora Bora, New Zealand, Hamel
Best Memories: Ragsdale, Lyons, Freeman, Talley, Prchal, Roe, etc. Incredible I can remember them - not the things I (we) did. Were we that Bad?? Looking forward to seeing/speaking to former classmates I haven't seen in 40 or 50 years. Maybe they can help me remember??
Comments: Thanks to Steve and the rest of the committee (not including me - I was a non-helper) for putting this together - great job.
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Children: Matthew McPherson (Shandra Zobrist)
Nathan McPherson (Kristi Drda)

Grandchildren: Ava McPherson 11, Brennen McPherson 5, Madison McPherson 6

Occupation: Retired City of Highland Electric Department Lineman

Spouse's Occupation: Retired

Additional Information: Travel: Hawaii, Cape Breton Nova Scotia, Toronto Ontario, San Antonio, TX, Orlando, FL, Washington DC, Norfolk VA, Gatlinburg, TN, Denver, CO

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Children: Bryan (Janae Klenke) Merkle
Grandchildren: Carissa Merkle
Haley Merkle
Occupation: Farmer/Truck Driver
Spouse’s Occupation: Retired – formerly worked in a variety of accounting/customer service positions
Additional Information: Traveled to Alaska with tour group for our 20th Wedding Anniversary
Beet Memories: Figuring out ways to get out of class and school

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Sports News:

Pro Football Champion
Green Bay Packers

Stanley Cup Winner
Montreal Canadiens

NCAA Basketball Champion
UCLA

College Football Champion
Ohio State

Heisman Trophy Winner
O.J. Simpson from USC
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Spouse: Stephen Weiss

Children: Simon Weiss – 45
Sarah Kelly – 43

Grandchildren: Connor – 6, Carter – 5

Occupation: Corporate (on-site) Travel Agent

Spouse’s Occupation: Freightline Truck Parts Sales

Additional Information: Moved to Chandler, AZ 2003; Moved to Cave Creek, AZ 2017

Best Memories: Cheerleading, Homecoming, Prom
Spouse: Diane Michael

Children: Brian Michael
          Jason Michael

Grandchildren: Cooper and Carver Michael
               Lena and Liam Michael

Occupation: Owner and operator of grain farm. Currently retired and working fulltime

Spouse’s Occupation: Bookkeeper

Additional Information: Attended BAC, Aviation Technology and SIUE, Business. Served 13 years on Madison and M&M Service Co. Board of Directors; Served 6 years on the EvUCC Consistory – one year as President. Served 6 years on Faith Countryside Homes Board of Directors – two years as President.

Military Service: Served 6 years in the Army Reserves, 219 at Wood River
More of the top pop culture moments of 1968:

6. Beatles release "Hey Jude."


8. "Hair" opens on Broadway.

9. "Mod Squad" debuts on TV.

10. New movie ratings system introduced.

11. Abbie Hoffman writes "Revolution for the Hell of It."

12. Richard Nixon says "Sock it to me!" on the TV sketch comedy show "Laugh-In."

13. Otis Redding's "Dock of the Bay" wins him a posthumous Grammy for record of the year.
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Spouse: John
Children: Heather Bowen
          Michael Boeschen
          Nicholas Boeschen
Grandchildren: Hailey, Wells, Emma, Quentin, Adelaide, James
Occupation: Retired from Wesleyan, Assistant to the Headmaster
Spouse’s Occupation: Retired from the insurance industry
Additional Information: John and I have been married for over 46 years and have enjoyed raising our family and enjoying our careers. Our favorite activities are spending time with our family and traveling.
Best Memories: Cheerleading with Kathy and Susie, GAA, Homecoming events, too many pranks to list.
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Children: Shan
Grandchildren: Rylee
Occupation: Construction Teamster
Spouse’s Occupation: Accounting & Sales Pierron & Trenton Co-Op, Travel agent – Travel One
Additional Information: Married my high school sweetheart and lived happily ever after.
Military Service: Navy Seabees – 4 years -. Puerto Rico, Diego Garcia, Guam, Rhode Island
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Children: Kelly Schnettgoecke (Dan)
Molly Ingargiola (Sal)
Jake Pfister

Grandchildren: Elise 4 & Joseph 2 Schnettgoecke
Mary 7, Enzo 4, Cora 2 & Gino 1 Ingargiola
June Pfister 2

Occupation: Retired – Painter at McDonnell Douglas, Boeing, GRN Aerospace

Spouse’s Occupation: Retired – Directory Assistance at SWBC/AT&T

Additional Information: Life’s been good - had a successful career in Aerospace industry. Raised 3 great kids and now have 7 grandkids. Been married to the same gal for 34 years. Retired in 2017, but still enjoy classic cars and working on them.


Best Memories: I never let school get in the way of having a good time! Had a great time my senior year!
1968: Events and Inventions

January  The Czechoslovak Communist Party chooses a new leader, liberal Alexander Dubcek.

January 30 The Tet Offensive begins, as Viet Cong forces launch a series of surprise attacks across South Vietnam.

February The North Korean government refuses to release the U.S. spy ship Pueblo, captured last month within Korean waters.

March In the U.S., Lockheed presents the world’s largest aircraft to date, the Galaxy.

April 4 Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is shot dead in Memphis, Tennessee by escaped convict James Earl Ray. The night before his death Dr. King gave a speech at a church in Memphis:

May 6-13 Paris student riots; one million march through streets of Paris protesting the war in Vietnam and other grievances.

May 19 Nigerian forces capture Port Harcourt and form a ring around the Biafrans. This contributes to a humanitarian disaster as the surrounded population already suffers from hunger and starvation.
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Spouse:         Leslie
Children:       Scott, Brett
Occupation:     Agricultural Biotech (Ethanol Industry) - Retired
Spouse’s Occupation:    Educator - Retired
Additional Information: Millikin University and University of Illinois - Lived in Decatur, IL; Chesterfield, MO; Knoxville, TN; Wildwood, MO. Worked at: A.E. Staley, Kepner- Tregoe, Genencor/DuPont, Syngenta

Best Memories:   Growing up in a small town and small high school was an excellent experience. The "Statute of Limitation" hasn't run out on some of the pranks yet. Getting thrown out of Band for throwing tomatoes - best day ever. Tomatoes brought by Ernie Chappel - R.I.P.
Spouse:  Ermajean Rehberger

Children:
  Jennifer Hertel
  Russell Gall

Grandchildren:  Nora Hertel, Roland Hertel, Barrett Gall, Colten Gall

Occupation:  Chiropractic Physician (Retired)

Spouse’s Occupation:  Office Secretary
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Spouse: Sandy

Children: Michael Renspurger
Michele (Renspurger) Toennies

Grandchildren: Brooke Renspurger
Rylee Renspurger
Janae Toennies
Logan Toennies

Occupation: Retired from Cooper B-Line

Spouse’s Occupation: Retired from Hill Law Offices

Additional Information: Worked at Cooper B-line for 43 years before retiring in March 2012. Love to travel. Been to all 50 states except North Dakota.

Military Service: US Army for 1-1/2 years stationed at Fort Hood, Texas

Comments: Sorry to have to miss the “50”, but we are in Europe from September 24 to October 8.
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Spouse: Patricia
Children: James, Madison, David
Grandchildren: Isaiah, Christian, Levi, Anthony, Alex, Elisa
Occupation: Sr. Geologist for Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation
Spouse’s Occupation: Executive Assistant for Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation
Additional Information: Schools – University of Arizona (M.S. Geosciences), Western Illinois University (B.S. Geology). Worked at Western Australia, South Africa, Ukraine, Brazil and India. Lived at Nevada, Michigan, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho and Oklahoma.

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Football
Superbowl III: NY Jets 16 - Baltimore 7
Pro MVP: Earl Morrall, Baltimore, QB & Leroy Kelly, Cleveland, RB
College Football: Ohio St.
Heisman Trophy: O.J. Simpson, USC, HB
Rose Bowl: Ohio St. 27, USC 16
Orange Bowl: Penn St. 15, Kansas 14
Cotton Bowl: Texas 36, Tennessee 13
Sugar Bowl: Arkansas 16, Georgia 2
Spouse: Divorced

Children: Cecily Rutz Gorfain
Melissa Rutz
Stacy Rutz
Maximillian Rutz

Grandchildren: Zoe Gorfain, Ava Gorfain

Occupation: Winemaker/Vintner

Additional Information: Graduated UC Berkeley 1972. Have lived in Northern California since 1968. Have had the opportunity to work in Spain, France, Italy, Taiwan, China, Holland, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay over 40 years in the fashion business.

Best Memories: Talking my way out of 1st and 2nd periods so I could sleep late! The coach gave me PERMISSION!!! Playing Rock & Roll with my bands wherever I could! Decided NOT to go out for football our senior year “TO PLAY ROCK & ROLL”!!! Wearing a long haired wig over my crewcut – as the basketball coach would NOT allow “long hair”!!

Comments: Learning my “French Series” for four years of high school helped get me into a lot of trouble in France!
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Spouse: Maynard Windau
Children: Sarah Wood
Darren Windau
Grandchildren: Aidan Wood, Hannah Wood, Nora Windau, Henry Windau
Occupation: Housewife
Spouse's Occupation: Farmer & Truck Driver
Additional Information: Quilted at our New Douglas church. Belonged to Genealogical Societies in the area and served as officer in general

Emmy Awards

Drama
Best Drama - NET Playhouse (NET)
Best Actor - Carl Betz, Judd for the Defense
Best Actress - Barbara Bain, Mission: Impossible
Supporting Actor - Werner Klemperer, Hogan's Heroes
Supporting Actress - Susan Saint James, The Name of the Game

Comedy
Best Comedy - Get Smart! (NBC)
Best Actor - Don Adams, Get Smart!
Best Actress - Hope Lange, The Ghost and Mrs. Muir
Best Variety - Rowan and Martin’s Laugh-In (NBC)
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Spouse: Pam

Children: Scott – significant other Pam Koch
Teri – married to Randy Korte

Occupation: Retired from McKay Auto Parts

Spouse’s Occupation: Journal Printing – still working

Additional Information: Have lived in Highland since 1966; have gone to Cardinals Spring Training in Florida every year (except 1) since 1999. Have traveled to ball parks in Colorado, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Baltimore, Chicago and Milwaukee.


Best Memories: Being accepted after transferring to Highland from Triad my junior year. Lettering in football my junior year – hadn’t played before – Triad didn’t have a team. Some football players turning a Volkswagen around in the school parking lot. Going from study hall to Mr. Wilson’s house on Wednesday morning to get his News Leader.
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Spouse: Brad Winter
Children: Ashley (Josh) Amelunke
Grandchildren: None - only a grand kitty
Occupation: Bookkeeper, Accounting, owned a small bike shop and held administrative positions at 3 universities. Worked at SIUE, Temple University, and UNC Charlotte, and personal businesses. Retired 1/21/12!!! Best thing ever!!

Spouse's Occupation: The Wall Street Journal - mailer, manager and salesman
Brad retired 12/31/09.

Additional Information: I attended U of I, SIUE, Temple & UNC Charlotte, Finally graduated from UNC Charlotte. Lived in Levittown, PA 1976-79; Carol Stream, IL 1979-1986; Charlotte, NC 1986-present. Founding member and ten year board member of the University City Women's Group. We've travelled nationally and internationally. Most recently went to Italy with Lynn and Tom Koch.

Best Memories: I loved high school! I enjoyed all of the BB and football games, band, school dances, GAA, Wednesday night dances, Weinheimer, Collinsville, etc. Lunches in the storage room at Parkway, Buzzy's Drive-In, the Lory. Had a great time in Nihiser's Ford Falcon, Koelzy's Ford, Peg's Impala (?) and all the places we went and things we did in them - most of which our parents never knew. Thank you Floyd for teaching me how to unhook an odometer. People sneaking out the window in Spanish class and crawling around the risers in band. It was (mostly) innocent fun. Oh yes, and some underage drinking.

Comments: Want to thank all the committee members for your hard work! I am looking forward to our 50th!
Spouse: James (deceased)
Occupation: Business Owner – Nancy’s Pet Grooming – Retired

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**Fiction Best Sellers**

Airport - Arthur Hailey
Couples - John Updike
The Salzburg Connection - Helen McInnes
A Small Town in Germany - John Le Carre
Testimony of Two Men - Taylor Caldwell
Preserve and Protect - Allen Drury
Myra Breckenridge - Gore Vidal

**Nonfiction Best Sellers**

Random House Dictionary of the English Language - ed. Laurence Urdang
Listen to the Warm (poetry) - Rod McKuen
Between the Parent and the Child - Haim G. Ginott
Lonesome Cities (poetry) - Rod McKuen
The Doctor's Quick Weight Loss Diet - Erwin M. Stillman, Samm Sinclair Baker
The Money Game - Adam Smith
Stanyon Street (poetry) - Rod McKuen
The Weight Watcher's Cook Book - Jean Nidetch
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Spouse: Cathy

Children: Melissa Amptmann  
Ryan Trauernicht

Grandchildren: Blake Amptmann (8 years), Taylor Trauernicht (3 years)  
Bennett Amptmann (3 years), Reid Trauernicht (10 months)

Occupation: 30 years as Engineer and Sr. Manager at AT&T/Bell Labs in Naperville, IL. 12 years as Director of Configuration and Master Data Management at WMS Gaming/Scientific Games, now a part time consultant for Scientific Games.

Spouse’s Occupation: 20 years as a Test Specialist at College of DuPage

Additional Information: Travel: Taken multiple cruises (Alaska was probably the best, many to the Caribbean), Germany, UK, Ireland, many states in the U.S. Basketball referee for 27 years (high school varsity and small college). We own a condo in Bradenton, FL where we spend as much time as possible. We will start spending 3-4 months in the winter starting in January 2019.

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Children: Dawn Crabtree
Jacqueline Hegger
Erica Gilbert
Susan Kuykendall

Grandchildren: Brandon Eardley, Jaeden Townsend,
Carter, Austin, Ava & Stella Kuykendall, Aiden & Jayce Hegger

Occupation: Nana and caretaker for my husband

Spouse’s Occupation: SIUE

Additional Information: Worked at General American Life Insurance Co. Lived in Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, moving from 6948 Drew Drive at Holiday Shores - Edwardsville the middle of July.

Best Memories: Friendships
Spouse: Mike

Children: Luke Kapp, Clint Kapp
Stephanie Bellm, Kelly Schauwecker
Kerry Fenton

Grandchildren: Chris & Chynna Bellm, Chase, Lake, Gage and Zane Bircher, Cruze Fenton, Tegan Schauwecker, Emerson Dapkus, Drexton Kapp

Occupation: Owner/operator of an antique and home decor store

Additional Information: Trend Beauty College - cosmetologist and SWIC - Belleville

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**Economy:**

President: Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President: Hubert H. Humphrey

Population: 200,706,052
Life expectancy: 70.2 years

Dow-Jones
High: 985
Low: 825

Federal spending: $178.13 billion
Federal debt: $368.7 billion
Inflation: 4.2%
Consumer Price Index: 34.8
Unemployment: 3.8%
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Spouse: Roger

Children: Kari Jacobs - married to Jeff

Grandchildren: Grant Jacobs

Occupation: Beautician, nail tech and designed jewelry

Spouse's Occupation: Barber

Additional Information: Joseph's Beauty School, Granite City. I have worked in Highland for 50 years. We have traveled to California, Mississippi, Arizona, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Canada, North Carolina

Military Service: My husband, Roger, was in the army. We lived at Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Best Memories: All the trips to Black River Lodge with G.A.A. girls. Sock hops and working on the floats for Homecoming with a lot of friends.
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Significant Other: Nancy Meffert Koch

Children: Erin P. Weber

Occupation: Farming – Beef, Grain, Hay 47 years, School bus driver 14 years. Trucking – Lumber, Grain, Tankers 5 years. Truck Centers, Troy, IL Dispatch 14 years.

Sig.Other Occupation: Works for Wal-Mart; works for Highland School

Best Memories: Being with friends and having (fun – clean).
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Spouse: Pat Weber

Children: Amy (Tim) Patrick
          Ann Weber (Danny Kovaly)

Grandchildren: Amy & Tim’s Kids: Aidan, Gavin, Ian
                Ann’s Kids: Ashlyn (Andrew Bray), Tanner, Wyatt

Occupation: Retired – Madison County Highway Worker; Retired from farming

Spouse’s Occupation: Retired from Hitz Assisted Living
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Spouse: John

Occupation: Legal Secretary at HeplerBroom LLC

Spouse’s Occupation: Owner - Peffley Stables
Works for Stock Transport
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Spouse: Susie

Children: Bobbie Johnson, Matt Wessel, Mandy Leubbers

Grandchildren: Bryce, Addison, Evan, Caleb, Emma, Claire, Chase

Occupation: Truck Driver; Farmer

Spouse’s Occupation: Home Health – Clerical

Military Service: 1969-1971 – Army
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Spouse: Ron

Children: Rodney (wife Patti)
           Michael (wife Susan)

Grandchildren: Reiss Naylor, Jacob & Jackson Naylor (twins)
                Wade Naylor, Peyton Naylor

Occupation: Retired as Library Assistant, Circulation Manager - Lovejoy Library SIUE.
            Also worked at Latzer Library, Highland for 17 years.
            Josten's College Division - Sales - 2 years

Spouse's Occupation: Purchasing Department - Granite City Steel

Additional Information: Lived in Highland til 2008 when we moved to Troy to help with our
grandkids and be closer to work. Retired 2011. Like to travel when we
can. Former BPW member.

Best Memories: GAA - Black River Lodge; Miss Ragsdale's English Class; Having our
skirts measured for proper length; Building homecoming floats

Grammy Awards

Album of the Year: By the Time I Get to Phoenix, Glen Campbell
Best New Artist: Jose Feliciano
Best Pop Duo or Group: Mrs. Robinson, Simon and Garfunkel
Best Pop Female Vocal: Do You Know the Way to San Jose, Dionne Warwick
Best Pop Male Vocal: Light My Fire, Jose Feliciano
Record of the Year: Mrs. Robinson, Simon and Garfunkel
Song of the Year: Little Green Apple
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Spouse: Robert, Sr.
Children: Stephanie Knecht Renken, Robert Jr.
Grandchildren: Cole Renken
Occupation: Administrative Assistant for Electrical Distributor
Spouse’s Occupation: Retired and working for St. Louis Cardinals
Best Memories: Fun with friends and past reunions

More News:

Search for Tomorrow and the Guiding Light expand from 15 min. to 30 min.
CBS cuts Smother Brothers Show
Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In opens with regulars Goldie Hawn and Lily Tomlin
60 Minutes premiers with Mike Wallace and Harry Reasoner
Alaska’s rich oil field, the North Slop is discovered
Summer Games are held in Mexico City
Peggy Fleming wins figure skating at Winter Games in France
 Afro and corn-row hairdos are big in women’s fashions
Men's ties become wider
TV nightly news shows Saigon police chief shot a prisoner in the head
Yale college admits women
Joe Nameth buys a mink coat, news media hit
John Lennon and Yoko Ono's nude record album cover is banned
Tiny Tim becomes well known singing "Come Tip Toe Through The Tulips"
Spouse: Phyllis

Children: 5 Children - 4 girls & 1 boy

Grandchildren: 3 Grandkids - 1 girl & 2 boys

Occupation: Retired - was a System Service Engineer for IBM for over 44 years

Spouse’s Occupation: Retired - Former Retail Manager

Additional Information: Lived in Wisconsin ever since graduation

Best Memories: Censored

Baseball

World Series Winner: Detroit - 4-3 (LWLLWWW) - Coach: Mayo Smith

Opposing Team: St. Louis Cardinals - Coach: Red Schoendienst

National League:
MVP: Bob Gibson, St. Louis - P
Rookie of the Year: Johnny Bench, Cincinnati - C

American League:
MVP: Denny McLain, Detroit - P
Rookie of the Year: Stan Bahnsen, New York Yankees - P
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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF '68

Dear Class of 1968,

Warmest congratulations on celebrating your fiftieth class reunion. Dale and I live in Indiana now, but we remember our Highland days with great fondness. I wish we could join you for your celebration; unfortunately, we are not available due to previous plans.

I have been thinking about your class when I might have been one of your teachers as well as one of your class sponsors. I recall very vivid and special memories of your class. Perhaps you might have been part of the following:

- teaching me how to make those special “flowers” for your Homecoming floats
- helping with the decorating of the gym for special dances
- rehearsing and presenting your Junior play “Blithe Spirit” and the combined Junior and Senior play “Our Hearts Were Young and Gay”
- presenting speech class programs for the school, such as “Famous Firsts” and performing songs between the acts of the Jr./Sr. play
- participating in the first all-school musical “Bye Bye Birdie” in 1968. Many of you were part of this production, either entertaining onstage or working behind the scenes selling tickets, making costumes, working on the publicity, helping apply make up, running the sound, doing the lighting, etc.
- preparing for and participating in area speech contests
- being a student in one of my classes of Jr. English, Speech or Drama

What fun days those were! We are blessed to have been a part of getting to know you in the past and send our very best wishes to you for the present as well as for the future. Have a great reunion!

Cordially,

Pam and Dale Ott

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