

Class of 1970

**Rensselaer Central
High School**

**40th Reunion
June 12, 2010**

Deceased Classmates

Joe Beaver passed away on August 26, 1986



Roger Beoughter passed away on September 29, 2001



Catherine Blackhall Weliky passed away on November 11, 2009.



Patrick Brown passed away on April 13, 1971.



Clarence Bretzinger passed away on March 12, 1999



Edith Crockett passed away on February 17, 2003

Delbert Howard passed away on September 21, 1984.



Stephen Koebcke passed away on July 5, 1973.



Linda Murphy passed away in 1995.



Stan Risner passed away on April 24, 2004



Craig Saltwell passed away on August 6, 2004



Ruth Ann Shank passed away on June 21, 2008.



Jim Rusk passed away on May 20, 2010



Barbara Warfel passed away on March 14, 2000.

1970 Classmates



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Married to Dan Fischer

Children: Grant – age 28 and Quinn – age 25

Grandchild: Kai Daniel – age 2

Retired

Employer: Tap Dance Instructor

West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, West Lafayette, IN

Taught tap dance to kids and adults for 30 years.

3 years ago, founded Tap Lovers Club (TLC) for advanced tap dancers

College: International Fine Arts College, 1970-72 Associate degree in Fine Arts

My Story: I spent four years in Miami, Florida going to college and working in retailing. I then lived in Lafayette and Indianapolis working various jobs in retailing, secretarial work and tending bar. Dan Fischer from Lafayette Central Catholic and I were married in November, 1978, birthed Grant in 1981 and Quinn in 1984. In January 1979 at the age of 27, I had 27 different jobs under my belt before I found my niche- teach tap dancing. (Thank you Charlie Stoner)! I taught tap for 31 years and am still tapping. Next weekend my tap club (TLC – Tap Lovers Club) will be performing at the Taste of Tippecanoe.

My husband, Dan, has been selling houses for The Shook Agency – Coldwell Banker for the past 34 years. Grant graduated from Purdue in 2005, taught Jr. High Social Studies at North While, Frontier (varsity track coach also) and will be a Tri-County next year. Grant married his high school sweetheart Minah Kim (from Seoul, South Korea) and they have a beautiful son, Kai Daniel, age 2. Kai and I are best buds and spend tone of time together. Quinn received a Business Degree from Ball State – worked less than a year near Chicago and is now back a Ball State receiving a degree in Actuarial Science.

We enjoy vacationing in Santa Barbara while visiting my niece each year and weekend at our cottage in Monticello on Lake Freeman.



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Kay Bennett - LOST



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Bob Blasky
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Married to Sharon for almost 38 years.

Children: Eileen (Scott) Cochran – age – almost 32

Katie (Justin) Baker – age – 30 1/2

Andy (Jennifer) Blasky – age - almost 29

Grandchildren:

Mason Baker – 8 years old

Hailey Cochran – 6 ½ years old

Liz (Elizabeth) Cochran – almost 4 years old

Drew (Andrew) Blasky – almost 3 months old

Employer: Rieth-Riley Construction as a semi-driver in Northwest Indiana.

College: Attended Purdue West Lafayette for a year after high school graduation,
majoring in Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Military: Served in the Indiana National Guard for 6 years.

My Story:

My family moved from Remington to St. John, Indiana just before my senior year in high school, so I technically graduated from Lake Central High School, which is where I met Sharon. We married just before her junior year at Purdue, on August 26, 1972, and lived in Lake County for a little over 4 years. In January, 1977, we had the opportunity to return to the ‘home place,’ where we farmed for a little over 20 years. We are still here, although no longer farming. I’ve been a Teamster driver since 1973, and currently work for Rieth-Riley Construction out of Gary and Valpo. I have worked for several different road construction companies in Northwest Indiana since 1973. Sharon works as the CED and 4-H Youth Development Educator for the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service in Jasper County, and has been there for a little over 18 years. We attend St. Augustine Church in Rensselaer. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Eileen and

her husband Scott Cochran live in Lafayette with their 2 daughters Hailey and Liz, who are 6 ½ and almost 4 years old respectively. Katie and her husband Justin Baker live in Cumming, Georgia with their son Mason, who is 8 years old. Andy and his wife Jen live in Lafayette with their son Drew, who is almost 3 months old. We anticipate retiring in about 3 ½ years, and look forward to spending more time with our family and friends.



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Children: Daniel James – age 36; Jonathan Peter – age 34; Eugene Andrew – age 33

Grandchildren: Stephen – age 9; Eliza – age 8; Matthew – age 7; David – age 6; Esther – age 6; Sarah – age 6; Paul – age 3; Elijah – age 4; Elizabeth – age 23 mos; Ethan – age 2; Joshua – age 2 mos

Employer: Respiratory Therapist, Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer

Employer: Respiratory Therapist, White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello

College: IVTC, Associate 1990, Respiratory Therapist



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Married to Beverly

Children: Wesley – age 35; Kelly – age 31

Grandchildren: Camden – age 2; Carla – age 9; Corrina – age 10; Adrianna – age 12; Tyler – age 7; Grayson – age 5; James – age 16; Trenton – age 15

Employer: Account Manager

Ivy Tech, Lafayette, IN

Employer: Plant Manager, SIA, Lafayette, IN

College: Kettering University, 1975, B. Industrial Admin



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Michael Brown



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Divorced

Children: Corie J. Wilson - age 27; Liz Kanney – age 22

Grandchildren: Audri –age 3 ½; Max – age 1 ½; Madi – age 2

Employer: Self-employed Cosmetologist

Employer: Job Coach

Heartland Employ Service, Rensselaer



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Married to Greg Howell

Two daughters: Brook, age 31; Stacy, age 27

Employer: Tippecanoe School Corp

Grade One Teacher

Battle Ground Elementary, Battle Ground

College: Purdue University, BA, 1974, Elementary Education

Purdue University, MS, 1978, Reading

Purdue University, 30 hrs, Literacy

My Story:

What have I been up to for the last 40 years, hmmmmm-let me think? Difficult to pin down in a limited amount of space, when I really think about it, they've flown by with college, marriage, work, more college, house, babies, another house, stay at home with girls, back to work, room mom, Girl Scout leader, homework helper, vacations, students, kids, empty-nester, mother-in-law (I try to be a good one), back to college (scary), still working, building a house (surprisingly stressful), and awaiting my 40th RCHS Reunion. That was one very long sentence. This is where I would be sitting down with my first graders and having a mini-lesson on good writing. It has been a blur, but full and wonderful. It's so nice to be able to sit back and not worry about the girls so much, although our older daughter still gives us panic attacks, fortunately, not as many as she used to. To elaborate just a bit, let's just say she visited all those places we heard about in the news during the 60's/70's. She found Cambodia, Vietnam, & Thailand beautiful! I think she watched China Beach when I wasn't looking! Younger daughter is the more traditional---married, med school, and currently without a life due to being an intern. She assures us it's NOTHING like Grey's Anatomy. Greg and I currently have 2 grand-beagles and a grand-cat. We will have to wait until the resident thing is finished to be real grandparents.

I still love teaching first graders. They are cute, funny, and will definitely keep you hopping. If they aren't keeping me busy, the lack of funding for education in Indiana and our current State School Superintendent has been a real thorn in my side. Education has changed so much in the past 20+ years. Concepts my daughters learned in 2nd grade are what's expected in 1st grade, in some ways good and in other ways, not so good. It was the main reason I decided to return to the adult classroom and take another 32 hours of college credit. My passion is literacy, so it was not much of a stretch for me. Children have changed as well---bags of food are delivered to my room on Friday afternoons to tide needy families over the weekend until they can send the children back for a furnished breakfast and lunch. I am sometimes the 4th or 5th teacher a first grader's had in a school year---and it's not even semester break yet. I sincerely feel for these little ones who only wish to succeed, yet will not find any due to their parents' inability to provide a stable life for them.

My mother and sister still live in Rensselaer, so I am able to return to Rensselaer fairly frequently. For better or worse, it remains for me as it's always been...



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Single

Guardian for Dakota Jack Burton – age 15

Employer: Meat Wrapper (16 years)

Remington IGA, Remington, IN

Employer: Small Casing Quality Control (30 years)

Viskase Corp., Kentland, IN.

Shut down – moved to Mexico



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Married to Michael Pugh

Children: Heather – age 37; Ryan – age 34; Justin – age 32; Lane – age 28

Grandchildren: Mason – age 8; Max – age 1

Employer: Teller, Wachovia Bank, Cumming, GA

My Story:

I'm really sorry that Mike and I won't be able to attend the reunion. Looks like I didn't get my name in the hat soon enough to get off work. Have a good time! I miss seeing all of you.



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Jeff Courtney
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Married to Jovita G. Courtney

Children: Jason R. Courtney – age 34; Jared R. Courtney – age 28

Grandchild: Evan L. Courtney – age 4

Tom Cripe

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Carla Cunningham Anderson
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Married to Ken Anderson on July 10, 1971

Children – Matthew – 37; Chad – 34

Grandchildren – Emily 10; Madison 6

Employer: Treasurer, Jasper County Government



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Married to Jack Glasgow
Children: 3 sons, 1 daughter
College: Valparaiso University 1970-71
Indiana University 1971-1974, BA, Art
Military: served



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Married to Deana Putt George
Children: Natalee-age 35; Eric – age 33
Four Grandchildren: ages 15, 12, 2 and 1
Employer: Agent, State Farm Insurance, Rensselaer

College: Indiana State University, BS Industrial Arts Education, 1975
My Story: Right out of high school, I toured the United States for 6 weeks, then I attend Indiana State University and majored in Industrial Arts Education. I had a Century 21 office in Monticello for 10 years. Currently, I am a State Farm Agent in Rensselaer which I have done for 23 years.

In 1974 I married Deana Putt and we have two children and four grandchildren. We get to spend lots of time with our family.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am a member of Curtis Creek Country Club, fish when I can and always have projects going around the house. I serve on the board for the Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission and am a member of Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Gifford

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Gery Gilbert

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Married to Catherine.

Employer: School Custodian, Rensselaer

Employer: Boss Mada self-employed cleaning business in Rensselaer

My Story: Gilbert Cleaning Service – clean the Town Mall, Sealy and other businesses. Became sick in 1999 with cirrhosis of the liver by Nembla biopsy. Spent 10 days in Hospital before they found out. I died and they brought me back.

Retired in 1984 after major back surgery.

Played drums for many bands in the area.

Now sit a home trying to stay healthy.



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Kathy Gilbert Alberts

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Widowed

Children: Stacey – age 35; Brian – age 33; Amanda – age 28

Grandchildren: 3 ages 12, 10, 2

Employer: First Grade Teacher, Kankakee Valley School Corp.

College: Purdue B.S. Education 1974

Purdue M.S. Education 1980

My Story:

My husband and I lived in the Remington area for many years where my husband grew up and farmed. In 1987 David and I moved to DeMotte after he became a Farm Bureau Insurance agent. I have been teaching at Wheatfield Elementary for almost 23 years. I also taught at Morocco Elementary for 2 years after David and I were first married. We were married Aug 10, 1974.

My husband died of a massive heart attack on November 21, 2008. With close friends and family support I have learned to cope without the man I was married to for 34 years.

I'm the proud mother of three and a grandmother of 2 girls and 1 boy and soon to be a grandmother again. My youngest daughter was married on May 1, 2010. She's now home in Altoona, PA.

I love animals and live a home with one dog and two cats.



David Greene

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Married to Brenda

Children: Michael – age 27; Kate –age 24

Employer: owner

Greene's Amish Furniture, Inc., 3300 W. Clark St., Rensselaer, IN 47978

College: Centre College, BA English, 1974

Grad School: University of KY, English, 1976



Joe Gregory – LOST



Donna Guth Baer

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Diana Harrington Coleman

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Married to Richard

Children: Jennifer Lynne – age 34; Tamara Lea – age 33; Melissa Sue – age 29;
Richard Kyle – age 19

Grandchildren: Austin – age 10; Grace – age 8; Taylor – age 3; Kennedy – age 7;
Keaton – age 9; Kenzie – age 4; Kaitlynne – age 2

Employer: RN – Surgery Nurse – Ophthalmology
Clarian Health

Springmill BSC, Indianapolis, IN

College:

St. Elizabeth School of Nursing
1973, RN, Diploma in Nursing

My Story:

Wow! 40 years, really? Are you kidding me? I can't believe it's been that long.

Well, here's my story: I went to St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in the fall of 1970 and graduated in 1973. I then went to work at Arnett Clinic as an office nurse and private surgery scrub for Dr. Marc Ralston, an ophthalmologist. I worked for him for 4 years. I met my husband in 1973, He was a student at Purdue. We married October 5, 1974. We built a house in Lafayette and stayed there until 1977. We then moved to the Kokomo area where we built again, closer to my in-laws. I took a job in surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo where I remained for 15 years. We moved a couple more times while I working in Kokomo, but these moves took us into the Tipton County area. Our oldest daughter graduated from Tri-Central and our other 3 kids graduated from Tipton H.S. Around 1991, I left St. Joe and tried some other things like Tipton Hospital O.R., EDS Medicaid Acct., and gastroenterology. I didn't like any of these positions so I applied for an ophthalmology surgery position at a new surgery center in 1995 that Methodist Hospital was opening on the north side of Indy. I've been there ever since and work with some of the best ophthalmologists in the country.

Jennifer DeGraff, our oldest daughter lives near Kokomo and is a dental hygienist. She and her husband, Rick, have three children, Keaton, Kenzie & Kaitlynne. Our second daughter, Tami Fisher, is a pharmaceutical rep and travels the east central part of the state as her territory. She lives in Fishers and has one daughter, Kennedy. Our third daughter, Melissa Alexander, lives near Alexandria, IN. She works for the Frankton/Lapel School Corp where she manages the buses/secretary. She and her husband, Scott, have 3 children, Austin, Grace and Taylor. Our youngest child, Kyle, is a student at Purdue majoring in Animal Agri-business. He is a member of Purdue's basketball team #20 –Go Boilers! He stays very busy with b-ball and class year round. We have been fortunate to be able to attend most of the games. It's been a fun ride!

My husband, Dick, and I continue our farm backgrounds by raising cattle, and supporting 4-H. All of our kids were 10 year 4-H members and now our grandkids are starting. You might say that we are "lifers." Dick is a manager of a Tractor supply store also.

Well, that's my story, I hope to see what the next 40 years brings.



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Divorced
Children: Lindsey – age 23; Tyler – age 20
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College: International Business, Fort Wayne, 1971, Accounting
Military: U.S. Army Reserve, 6 years, E-5



Dan Hobbs – LOST



Linda Holbrook Huntzinger
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JoAnn Hooker Reese

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Married to Dick Reese

Children: Mandy age 34

Grandchild: Jake – 9 months

Employer: Retired from Newborn Services where I was an Office Manager in Columbus OH

Neonatology Department, Grant Riverside Hospital

College: 32 hours – never finished

My Story:

So far, life has been good to me. I married my high school love, Roger Merriman, when I was 19 and had our daughter when I was 22. Unfortunately, after moving to Ohio, we “grew apart” and divorced after 21 years. At the ripe old age of 40, I began experiencing all the things I had missed by marrying at such a young age. I found what I considered to be the perfect job as the office manager for a group of neonatologists. Life was good except I really missed being in a committed relationship. Dating wasn't what it had been in the 60's and 70's; literally everything had changed. After 9 years as a somewhat happy divorcee, I met and married my husband, Dick. I retired from the busy life I had made in Columbus, Ohio to an even busier one, that of a homemaker, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Today I am happily ensconced on 5 acres just outside of Cincinnati, Ohio. I love to cook and garden but most of all, I enjoy being a grandmother to my 10 month old grandson, Jake,. Dick and I have 3 Schnauzers (our furry children) and the 2 cats I had before we met. Together we enjoy everything life has to offer but most of all we enjoy seeing the world by taking a yearly cruise. Life is good!!!!

Donya Hornbeck Jordan

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Email:

Married to Delmar Jordan

Children: Aimee Rascoe-age42; Delmar Jordan Jr.-age 41; Donna Hickman – age 39; Shawna Garcia- age 33

Stepson: Brian Michael – age 44

Grandchildren: Cameron Jordan – age 20; Darrick Jordan – age 17; Dakota Jordan – age 16; Evan Garcia – age 14; Aubry Garcia – age 10; Ethan Garcia – age 5; Travis Rascoe – age 12; Abby Rascoe – age 10; Bryce Hickman- age 12; Avery & Ayden Knezivic born June 1st.

Step-grandchildren: Brittany Rament – age 22; Courtneery Michael – age 20; Brandon Michael – age 18

Step-great-grandchildren - 3

Employer: Auditor

Jasper County Government, Rensselaer, IN



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Married to Eldon Dalton in September, 1972.

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Like to travel



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Divorced

Employer: Visual Arts Teacher 9-12

Grainger High School, Rutledge, TN

College: Herron School of Art, IUPUI, BFA, 1971-75

Grad School:

East Tennessee State University, BAE, Teacher Licensure 1998-2000

Other: Associates Degree, Interior Design, Massey College, Atlanta GA, 1970-71

My Story:

My biography starts in 1952 in a northern Indiana farming town. I received my fine arts education from Indiana University and Purdue University, Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. My elementary education in art came from the University of Connecticut, Hartford School of Art. Then finally in the year 2000 I went back to collect and received by art education degree and teacher licensure from the East Tennessee State University. My formal training is in drawing and printmaking.

During the 70's, I became interested in the simple back to earth, natural ways of life. I have spent most of my life in the pursuit of my artistic views of country herbal life. In the last 70's I opened New Leaf "natural foods" Deli in Metamora, Indiana. For 3 years I made good healthy soups and sandwiches for the tourists and my friends. During this time I stated compiling recipes and ideas on herbal natural foods cooking.

In the late 70's we answered an ad in Mother Earth News to restore and live in an original hand hewn log cabin on the Buckeye Train in Chesterhill, OH. There we got our first taste of primitive homesteading without electricity, running water or any conveniences. We were surrounded by Amish farms and learned everything we could from these wonderful new friends. My husband learned more about using woodworking tools and restoring a log cabin. It was a beautiful romantic world filled with the hardest work I had ever experienced up to that point.

In 1980 we moved to the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. We purchased 40 acres of mountain land in a hollow along Byrd Creed back in Black Sheep Hollow in Hancock County. Here we homesteaded and learned everything we could from the wonderful local folks. We used our horse Dan to plow the only flat land we had which was an 8 acre corn field. We carried our water from a clear spring up 250 feet to our 100+ year old log cabin. I made bread, baskets, wreaths and candles to name a few. I created raised bed gardens to grow herbs and vegetables. We raised chickens, ducks, geese, goats, 14 cats and 3 dogs. It was a great time full of adventures, enough to write about. In the meantime, I was working as a free-lance artist for several magazines such as Farmstead Magazine, Vegetarian Times, and Rodale Press.

When we moved to the cabin we didn't have electricity, running water or a telephone and since editors don't write letters to request artwork, I had to come up with a different way to get mine published. So, I started writing articles to go along with the illustrations. This was very exciting and opened up an entire new world of writing for me. I combined my three passions of fine arts, country herbal living and sharing my knowledge.

While in the cabin, I started developing my Arts Basics Course, a comprehensive study course for children of all ages, from the beginner and intermediate to those who wish to rediscover the basics of art. Perfect for home school, so many of my friends who were home schooling their children brought them to our cabin for art lessons. All the lessons and projects are kid tested in grades kindergarten – 12th grades.

In 1996, I joined AmeriCorps, Serve and Learn. I developed a program of Environmental Arts, loaded up my van with art supplies and my dog Olive and traveled to 4 rural Tennessee schools in the mountains of Hancock County. These schools were multiple grade classrooms with less than 75 students. The children had never had the opportunity to study art or take part in an art project. It was one of the most fulfilling programs I've ever been part of. Later after I became a licensed teacher, I was able to teach some of the same students when they closed all the rural schools and built a new county elementary school.

During the summer, I worked with the Community Partners on a 21st Century grant. I developed and managed an art camp free to any child in the community. I did this for 5 years until I no longer could devote the time needed due to returning to college for my licensure. After receiving my license, I taught in the elementary school for 3 years until a state wide budget crunch of teachers and I was laid off. I then rejoined AmeriCorps VISTA where for 2 years I served the artists of 5 counties with grant writing, computer training, web site design, art work slides and small business planning.

When the grant ended, I was offered my current job with the Grainger County Board of Education teaching high school art. At first I found the job quite challenging. I had always worked with the younger students and veered away from the older students. But after the first few weeks, the students and I settled in and developed a wonderful relationship which I enjoy and look forward to each day.

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Tom Hurt

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Married to Setsuko

Children: Bryan – age 27; Lisa - age 25

Employer: Emergency Department Medical Director

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

Tacoma, WA

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College: West Virginia University, BA chemistry, 1975

Grad School: Sophia University, Tokyo, Int'l Business, 1977

Medical School: West Virginia University, MD, 1983

My Story:

I hope it's ok, but I'm planning to crash this year's reunion. I didn't graduate from RCHS, but I spent 4 very memory-filled years in Rensselaer. I would have graduated with the class of 1970, but my family moved away in the summer of 1966. It was tough leaving my junior high friends. My dad worked with Mike Pugh's dad for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Soil Conservation Service. If I remember correctly, the office was on Cullen Street.

I have very fond memories of the 2 years at Van Rensselaer Elementary school and the 2 years at RCHS. I has some really good friends – Estel George, David Greene, Max Rodibaugh and David Yeoman. I could go on and on with names – it's surprising how many people I remember from 44 years ago. Being a hormone charged early adolescent, I had a crush on nearly every girl in school at one time or another. I especially remember Debie Firestone, Julie Amsler, Linda Cochran and Kathy Lakin. It was an awkward and insecure phase of life for me (for most everyone, I suspect). Rensselaer was a great place for a boy of that age to grow up. It was like a personal episode from the movie, "Stand By Me." I would like to think that I was the character played by Wil Wheaton, but in truth, I was probably more like Corey Feldman's character.

After leaving Rensselaer, I lived the life of a typical child of a U.S. government employee. We kept moving a lot. First we moved to Vincennes in southern Indiana. Then we moved from Indiana to West Virginia. When I was a senior in high school, I escaped from West Virginia and travelled for a year with the singing group, "Up With People." Hal Gray would have been proud. By the time I was a junior in college, wanderlust was in my blood. I took a year off from school and backpacked around the world. I celebrated my 21st birthday in Kabul, Afghanistan. I was a grad student in Tokyo for 2 years in the mid-70's. I met my wife Setsuko, there when we were students in the same university. After teaching high school in Tokyo for 2 years, we came back to the states and I went to med school. Now we're in Tacoma, WA where we have been since 1988. I'm the medical director of the emergency department in a children's hospital. We have 2 grown children, Bryan (age 27) and Lisa (age 25). For those of you who remember my older brother Allen, he's a doctor, too. My younger brother Ken is an orthodontist and my sister Cathy is a pre-K teacher. They all live in New Mexico.

I'm really excited about going back to Rensselaer in June. In my mind, I picture all of you as slightly more mature versions of what you looked like in junior high. I can't wait to see you again.



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Mike Keiper

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Married to Wilma Herod Keiper

Children: Brandon – age 36; Morgan – age 28; Adam – age 23

Grandchildren: Jack-age 11; Cecilia-age 11, Lillian-age 7, Isabel-age 6

Employer: Self-employed Farmer, Rensselaer



Becky Kerns Redinbo

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Married to Richard

Children: A.J. VanMeter – age 40; Erica VanMeter – age 38; Eric VanMeter – age 35

Grandchildren: Ashley; Douglas – age 18; Brandon – age 16; Austin – age 11;

Pedro – age 11; Alberto – age 8; Sydney – age 8; Morgan – age 6; Taylor – age 3; Chase – age 3; Esmeralda – age 2; Ariana – age 1

Employer: Patient Access, Clarian Arnett

3 locations in Lafayette at Urgent Cares

My Story:

Have 2 stepchildren, 38 and 32. Three step grandchildren 18, 6 and 18 months.

Spending time with kids and grandkids. Going to baseball, swimming.

Took care of my mother for last 3 ½ years. Just lost my precious mother on May 3, 2010. Enjoyed every minute I spend with her.

I also have my special child, Reno who is my black lab. He is a joy.



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Married to Harvey Wood on December 27, 1975

Employer: Computer Services Manager

Dept of Ag Economics

Purdue University

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College

Saint Joseph's College 1974 BS - Mathematics Education Major

Ball State University 1975 MA - Mathematics

My Story:

I taught math for four years (75-79) for Indianapolis Public Schools so I have a permanent teacher's certificate. I hope I don't have to use it. I became a computer programmer (79-84) for Indiana Bell in Indianapolis. I started working with PCs (84-87) while at Indiana Bell. I went to work for Ameritech Services (87-90) in Chicago. We lived in downtown Chicago so I walked three blocks to work. The last year I worked in Chicago, I drove from Rensselaer daily. I finally found the job I was really looking for at Purdue. I have been in Ag Econ since October 1, 1990 as their Computer Services Manager.



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Divorced – no kids – hence, no grandkids

College: Purdue University, BA French Education, 1974

Employer: I am self-employed in the insurance and finance industry. I am currently working with a company that helps charities and non-profits raise money at no net cost to the donor.



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Married to John Amsler

Children: Joseph Amsler – age 37; Heather Smart – age 35; Nicole Bufkin –age 29

Grandchildren: Anthony – age 14; Alexandra – age 10; Kollin – age 13; Logan – age 10; Ryleigh – age 14; Daulton – age 9; Carter – age 3; Hailey – age 11; Bradley – age 13; Austin – age 13; David – age 12

Employer: Medicaid Rep, Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer

My Story:

I got married the day after graduation. John was in the Navy and was home on leave. We were stationed in Key West, Florida for 2 months, then transferred to Rhode Island for 2 years.

John got out of the Navy in 1972. We moved back to Rensselaer and took over the family 200 acre farm.

We have 3 children. Joe has 1 son, 1 daughter and 3 step-sons. Joe works at BP. Heather has 2 sons and 1 step-daughter. She works at the Utility Office in Rensselaer. Heather is in remission from breast cancer. Nicole has 2 sons and 1 step-daughter. She works at Advance America Cash Advance as manager. John is a farmer and Marion Township Trustee in Rensselaer. I've worked at Jasper County Hospital filing Medicaid for 27 years now. On May 25th, I will celebrate my 40th wedding anniversary.

I like to go camping, fishing, and sometimes golfing. Most of all I enjoy landscaping and working at home in the yard on my days off from work. The family keeps me busy.

Time goes by so fast anymore. Here we are 40 years has gone by already. I'm looking forward to seeing my fellow classmates at our 40th reunion.



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Children: Derek Scott Goad, age 30; Philip Ray Marlin Jr, age 24

Grandchildren: Saige Marie Mathews, age 11; Addison Scott Goad, age 8; Kailie Raine Goad, age 6

Employment: Design Manager (1975-2010) Retired

Talbert Manufacturing

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“Been There Done That”

Been all around the USA, London, Paris, Puerto Rico and Switzerland.

Lost my Mom and Dad in 2005 – 40 days apart

I have a sister, Connie (Marlin) Kingman and two brothers, Ervin Louis Marlin Jr and Gorden Paul Marlin (GP or JEEP)

My nickname was Oink or Oinker

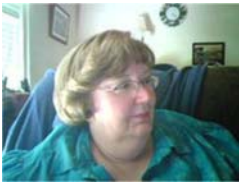
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Marvin Nagel

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Married to Pam Blankenbaker Nagel

Children: Aaron – age 33; Mark – age 30
Grandchildren: Lilly – age 6; Caleb – age 3 months
Employer: self-employed in Rensselaer
Education: 2 years Junior College
Military: 2 years in the U.S. Army – specialist
My Story:

After graduation, went to electronics school for 6 months until I was drafted into the army (The last person drafted in Jasper County before the draft was discontinued). Married Pam Blankenbaker in 1973 and finished my tour of duty as a military policeman in Washington, D.C. After the military, Pam and I moved to Ft. Smith, AK. She went to Nursing School at Junior College and I went to Junior College also, while working in the gas fields, repairing drilling equipment. Aaron, our first son was born in 1976. Mark, our second son, was born in 1979. We moved back to Rensselaer in 1978 where I took up my job at Jack's Uptown Service. In January, 1990 Pam and I bought the business and have been owners since. We now have 2 grandchildren who live in Indianapolis, Lilly 6 and Caleb 3 months. We have been blessed with good health and many friends. The aging process is catching up with me, but I can cope with it, although it sucks. Life is good and we've been able to do pretty much what we've wanted to with vacations and going places



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Married to Ron Alson

Children: Megan McDonnell, age 31; Garrett Alson, age 29

Grandchildren: Kyle McDonnell, 22 months; Jake McDonnell, 2 months

Employer: Director of Social Services Dept.

Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer, IN 47978

My Story:

I have lived in the Rensselaer community for most of the past 40 years. I married Ron Alson ('71) in June, 1977. Our daughter, Megan was born in Jan, 1979 and our son Garrett was born in July, 1980. In Sept. 1983, we bought a 100 year old retired school (Wasson School) and made it our home (down the road from Cindy, across the field from Myron and around the corner from Mike.)

After 27 years, it is still a work in progress!

I started my position as Directory of Social Services Department as Jasper County Hospital in August, 1987 and continue in that position. I always say, "one thing you can count on in healthcare is change." The next few years should be interesting.

I enjoy gardening, traveling and "Skypeing" my 2 grandsons in Colorado Springs.



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Post Doc: M.I.T, 1981-84, Electrical Engineering



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Married Mike Hooker (class of '69) on July 25, 1971

Children: Craig – age 38; Ryan – age 35

Grandchildren: Addison – age 4 ½; Maggie – age 3; Elinn – age 5 mos.

Employer: Teacher's Aide

Rensselaer Central Schools, Monnett Elementary

My Story:

I married Mike Hooker in July of 1971. We have two sons, Craig (wife-Brienne Hopkins Hooker) and Ryan (wife-Erica Turner Hooker). We have three beautiful little granddaughters. We have lived on the farm all of our married life, in the house Mike grew up in.

I work at Monnett Elementary School and I am a Kindergarten Aide. I have been there 9 years.

When I am not at school, I keep busy with Addison, Maggie and Elinn. Like all grandmas, they are the light of my life (and grandpas too!). We like to watch Purdue basketball and also enjoy the Cubs!

I enjoy working outside. I have a large yard (living on the farm) and I have a lot of flowers! I love decorating and antiques.

My Mom still lives in the house we built our senior year after our fire. I still have two sisters, Tammy Pruett and Peggy Smith that live in the area. My sister, Linda (Class of 72) died of a stroke February 21, 2005.

Over all we have had a great life. We are lucky to have a close family and feel very blessed!

Mike Pugh

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Married to Estel George

Children: Natalee – age 35 and Eric – age 33

Grandchildren: 4 – ages 12, 15, 2, 1

Employer: Office Manager, Estel E. George Insurance Agency Inc

State Farm Insurance, Rensselaer

College: Purdue University B.S. Consumer Family Science Ed, 1974

Grad School: Indiana University M.L.S., Library Science, 2003

My Story: I did my undergraduate work at Purdue majoring in Consumer Family Science Education. After Mrs. Atkinson retired from RCHS, I taught Home Ec for 3 years. I left that position to sell insurance with Estel (State Farm). In 1995 I went back to school, got my master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University and after Mary Lou Baumann retired I was the librarian for 8 years. Once again I left to work with Estel in insurance which is what I am still doing.

Estel and I got married in 1974 and have two children and four grandchildren. They all live in Indiana and we spend a lot of time with them. Mom and Dad still live on the farm and are in remarkable health. We get to have daily interaction with them which is great.

I enjoy family, reading, golfing and crafts. I currently serve on the Jasper County Youth Center and Jasper County Library Boards.

I cherish many memories from our high school days and can't wait to catch up with everyone.



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Married to Bill Swartz

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Grandchildren: Garrett-age 8; Raya –age 6; Matthew – age 5;

Step-grandchildren: Libbey-age 13; Allie-age 12

Employer: Branch Manager

BMVC – License Branch, Lafayette, IN

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Children: Jason Biggs, age 32

Grandchildren: Noah age 7; Jacob age 6; Kaleb age 4; Owen age 2

Employer: Medical Record Clerk

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Children: Molly – age 25; Amanda – age 24

Grandchildren: Dayton (girl) – age 2; Madeline – age 3 mos; Russell – age 4;

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Employer: owner

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Employer: Salesman

Southlake Auto Mall

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College: Ball State University, 1970-71



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Married for 33 years to Carol

Children: Paul, 29; Todd, 26; Leslie, 23

Paul and Todd are married but no grandkids yet

Employer: I'm self-employed in my own swine veterinary practice with one partner and 3 staff. Office is in Frankfort, IN. Business Name: Swine Health Services, LLC

College: BS at Purdue in 1974 in Gen Ag
DVM, Purdue 1977

My Story:

Both of my parents are still living and are in Rensselaer. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister still in Rensselaer area, and 1 sister who is also married to a pigvet and they live in the Fishers area.

Life has been good to us- a great family, 2 wonderful daughter-in-laws, and the opportunity to travel to many places associated with meetings for my work. I started in vet practice in Thorntown, IN and then moved to Frankfort in 1980 to begin my own swine exclusive practice. Most of our clients are within 70 miles of Frankfort, IN but we also do work in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, California and Mexico. I have been active in our professional association, The American Association of Swine Veterinarians and have served as President in 1995. I am still excited to go to work every day and haven't really thought about retirement. Have been active in our local school in the past but not too much now since the kids are well out of high school. Currently quite a bit of time is spent with our local church, St Paul's Lutheran (ELCA) as Treasurer, council member, etc. All 3 kids graduated from Purdue, and Leslie is just starting grad school at IUPUI for counseling degree. I started taking the boys and their guy cousins snow skiing when they were at Purdue and we've now continued that tradition as a family the past few years. I love to ski, as do my 2 boys-although they are considerably better than I! Haven't done much running since high school, but I keep thinking I'll start one of these days-or maybe just take up biking as that would be easier on the joints!

Looking forward to seeing other old RCHS graduates :)



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Married to Dixie (Elmore) Schrum

Child: Michael – age 36

Employer: Lead person, White Castle Bakery, Rensselaer

My Story:

Married high school sweetheart in 1971 – still madly in love. Live in house I grew up in. Have one son and lovely daughter-in-law, 3 grand-cats, 1 grand-dog and anxiously waiting for news to someday have a grandchild.

Started career as farmer until mid 80's then in 1984 started at White Castle Bakery and will retire from there. Currently lead person.

Keep very busy with yard and flower work – mowing several yards for friends and a cemetery. Enjoy camping and riding bicycles when time permits.

Miss my friends, Steve, Stan and Taz!!

Wife is a 2 time kidney cancer survivor. Want to remind everyone to become an organ donor on their license!!!



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Married for 39 years to Rev Dr Richard Bacon

Children: Matt and Jessica

Jessica has 3 children: Jackson (9), Katie (8) and Sammy(9)

Matt has 1 child: Justice (1)

My Story:

Most of my life I worked in the construction field. I worked for a general contractor, an elevator company and a roofing contractor. I was a Billing co-coordinator for a big corporation at one time, but I also worked in one person offices where I did everything. I ended my working days as an office manager for a small firm.

For the last 14 years I have been blessed to be a stay at home wife and full time helper to my husband. This is the best life and I love it.

My husband has two doctorate degrees (philosophy and religion) and is the Pastor of a Reformed Presbyterian church in the Dallas, Texas area. I have had the privilege of not working outside our home for many years. I get to be my husband's personal assistant, secretary, clerk, girl Friday and right hand girl. It doesn't pay anything, but I get to kiss my boss and no one complains. We are blessed to be best friends.

I have accompanied my husband on several of his missionary trips to Myanmar(Burma). He is the one who does all the missionary work of preaching in the jungle, overseeing the orphanage, teaching at the seminary and putting together translations teams that are working on translating the Psalter and the Bible into several of the native languages of the tribal (jungle) people. My job is to stay at the beautiful bed and breakfast in the capital city where the staff treat me very well and wait on me very sweetly. It is a tough job but someone has to do it! LOL!

We have lived in the Dallas area for 26 years. Last year we gave our house to our son and his family and began to live full time in our RV. Last November we upgraded to our first Motor Coach. We love our full time camping life. Look out world, here we come!

When we have free time away from church duties, we like to travel and have visited most of the lower 48 states. We have not visited the Northwest

(Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho) but would love to make that trip someday.



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Divorced

Children: Alan, 37; Andy, 36; Randy, 36; Eric, 32; Jessica, 23.

Grandchildren: Brittany, 16; Tiffany, 14; Shannon, 12; Myia, 11; Junior, 9;

Wesley, 7; Darinka, 4; Leanne, 2.

Employer:

The Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Ga. Copy editor at The South's oldest newspaper. chronicle.augusta.com

My Story: Life's generosity continues to surprise me. Four decades in newspapers have taught me how very fortunate I was to attend a great high school. Four decades of joys and detours have reminded me of the caliber of the people who shared those halls.



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Divorced

Children: Joshua – age 36; Joseph – age 34; Jason – age 33; Jesse – age 29;
Jennifer – age 23; Julianne – age 20; Jamila – age 19

Grandchildren: Alexis – age 12; Tyler – age 11; Logan – age 8; Brody – age 7;
Noah – age 9; Zach – age 4; Caleb – age 2

Employer: Self-employed

Dade City, Brooksville & Springhill, FL
Licensed Massage Therapist

College:

Ball State University, 71-72, Elementary Education
Humanities Center, 2000, Massage Therapy

My Story:

Life has been interesting to say the least... We married in 1973 in Rensselaer. Have seven children, 4 sons & 3 daughters. Most of them live in Florida but one son and his wife and kids live in Georgia. We have 7 grandchildren (5 boys and 1 girl). Boys are definitely dominate in our family. I've done various jobs over the years, from substitute teaching to my present occupation of massage therapy, which I really enjoy. Hopefully, I will be able to work for several years. I was divorced in 2004 and have 2 daughters still at home going (commuting) to college. We live in the country on 2 ½ acres and really enjoy it. That's about it.



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Phil Sutton

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Children: Jessica 26, Emily 24, Kacie 23; Joshua 21

College: Purdue 1975 B.S. Entomology

Purdue 1988 M.S. Entomology

Employer:

Worked Purdue University 1975 to 1988 Extension Specialist Integrated Pest

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Integrated Pest Management Purdue Extension- St. Joseph County, Agriculture

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Bill Swartz

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Married to Sandy Putt Swartz

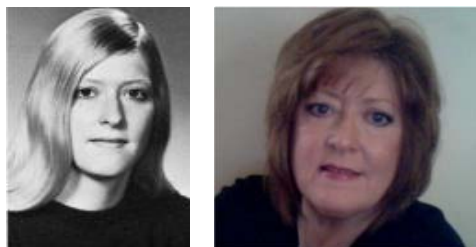
Children: Mike-age35; Kurt-age 32; Joe – age 29

Grandchildren: Garrett-age 8; Raya –age 6; Matthew – age 5

Step-grandchildren: Libbey-age 13; Allie-age12

Employer : Retired

INDOT – State Highway



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Divorced with one son - Shane Thomas - 26 year old - currently serving in the Army Special Operations - three tours of duty to Iraq.

College: Received my RN from University of Evansville

Received my BSN from Western Kentucky University

My Story:

Currently on hiatus from work to care for my elderly mother. During my career I have served in hospital management involving risk and quality management, infection control and staff education. I have developed my own consulting firm. I live in rural Kentucky on a beautiful 63 acre farm and enjoy organic gardening, raising chickens and oil painting.

Gosh 40 years in a couple of paragraphs..... I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the 12th.



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Judy Torbet Cummings

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Married to Roger Cummings

Children: Chad Cummings– 2; Brian Cummings–30; Sara Kostaroff–28

Grandchildren: Chase – 7; Clayton – 2; Alyssa – 1 wk; Ava – 3; Caleb – 10 mo;

Ainsley – 23 mo; Collin – 4 mo

Employer: self-employed – paint, wallpaper, faux finishes, decorator, etc.

College: Olivet; 1 ½ years; Home Ec major



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Married to Jonathan (Jack)

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Son: Jonathan 27 Masters of Structural Engineer

Daughter: Natalie 21 Senior in college of English degree

Grandson: Noah 2

Employed: Staff RN in OB

Witham Memorial Hospital, Lebanon, IN

College: Parkview-Methodist School of Nursing 1973 Diploma of Nursing.

My Story:

After HS graduation attended nursing school in Fort Wayne, IN. I worked one year following at Wells Community Hospital in Bluffton, IN. I then moved to Fort St. John, British Columbia (Canada) and lived there from 1974-1980. I learned OB from English, Australian and Pilipino midwives. I have continued working in OB since that time.

Met my husband there. He is from Canton, OH. We married 2/24/1979. Then moved to southern BC and there our first two children were born in Trail, BC. So, they had dual citizenship. Because of the economy we returned to IN 01/1985. We have lived here ever since.

My husband is a commercial construction estimator working in Indy.

Our son and his family live west side of Chicago and he works for FAA at O'Hare Airport

Our two daughters have weddings this year. Brigitte's wedding was scheduled for 9/26/09 but it was postponed as Jack had a heart attack with open heart surgery three days prior to the date. We just have celebrated her wedding on 4/24/10 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Natalie's wedding is 6/19/10. This one is at our church and much more involved in the planning.

So I am unable to attend our reunion. Thinking of all of you. Blessings to all!



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My Story: Hi Everyone – Sorry I can't come this year.

I am still very happy in Hollywood, Florida. My husband, Eddie, was very sick – but now he's great so things are very good.

I continue to love performing in our 4 piece band "Popp-1", which is doing very well. We lost our drummer of 26 years, Scott, this year to cancer which was a tremendous loss to us-but life goes on and we have a new drummer who is great.

I also am very busy teaching aerobics and training other teachers as I became a "Master Trainer" for Enhance Fitness a national program for teaching seniors aerobics.

I would love to see anyone who comes to south Florida – call me - and I hope to make the next reunion. Love Marian



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Current Employer: Handbell Choir Director

Trinity English Lutheran Church

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration – University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne

My Story:

Jane began her college career at ISU as Music Ed major and left in 1972 to get married. After her children were born, she began working in Church Music as Junior Choir and Handbell Director. Because of her improvements to teaching handbell techniques and the development of handbell pedagogy methods she achieved national acclaim in the late '70's and remains in demand as a handbell festival conductor and clinician. Jane has taught/conducted choirs from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas.

In 1987, her husband's deteriorating health required a change in careers and she enrolled at the University of St. Francis to complete her education. A change in major from Music Ed to Business Administration offered a more promising career. Taking care of her ailing husband, two children, working 3 part-time jobs and taking 20 hours/semester was no small feat. She was graduated with highest honor with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1990. Shortly thereafter, she was employed by the Lincoln National Life

Insurance Company in Ft. Wayne where she worked until 2004. (Her husband, Marvin, passed away in 1992.)

Since leaving Lincoln, Jane has continued her handbell pursuits and currently directs the advanced handbell choir at Trinity English Lutheran Church a church of over 3200 members.

Although Jane loves foreign travel, she completed her quest to visit all 50 states in 2006 with a 3 week trip to Alaska. Never liking to visit the same place twice (too many destinations yet to visit to repeat one), Jane says she would without reservation, go back to Alaska. She believes she saved the best state till last.

Jane has served on the National Board of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and currently sits on the boards of several local not-for-profits. She continues to volunteer her time in the community and at her church where she just completed a 3-year, \$5.2M building campaign.

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