



**William G. Mather High School
Munising, Michigan
Class of 1959
50th Reunion**

**July 2 – 5, 2009
Final Version**



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MATHER HIGH SCHOOL

Munising, Michigan

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Reunion Schedule

Thursday, July 2, 2009

- 7:00 PM: Early-bird gathering at the American Legion, 610 W. Munising Ave. (906-387-2697)

Friday, July 3, 2009

- 2:00 PM: Float decorating at Rollie Johnson's Garage at N6374 Connors Road in Wetmore (garage N.)
- 6:00 PM: Glass Bottom Boat Cruise with hors d'oeuvres and BYOB. Leaving from Ship Wreck Tours (906-387-4477), 1204 Commercial Street, Browns Addition.
- End of Cruise: Hand out Class Books and T-Shirts
- Later: Socializing at the American Legion. Bring Old Pictures for posting (a board will be provided) and display

Saturday, July 4, 2009

- 10:00 AM: Finish decorating Float, somewhere near Sydney's Restaurant at Cedar and Varnum Streets
- 11:30 AM: Begin Loading Float, somewhere near Sydney's Restaurant at Cedar and Varnum Streets.
- 12:00 Noon: Parade Begins
- Post-parade: Participate in Day-Long Community Activities ending with a Bang (Fireworks)

Sunday, July 5, 2009

- 2:00 PM: Open house at Herb Brown's Place, E 5403 North Shore Road, Au Train (906-892-8147). BYOB. Bring finger food if you can. Fish, Brats, Hot dogs, etc. will be provided.

About September 30, 2009

- Final, Color-Version of Class of 1959 50th Reunion Book available in electronic form on Class of 1959 Internet Web Site - <http://www.geocities.com/rkuenzler/Classof59/>

Note: Yahoo Geocities, current host of our web site, is shutting down this summer or fall and we'll have to relocate. If you are unable to find the site, please call a member of the Reunion Organizing Committee for the new link.

Nothing Could be Finer Than to be a 59er!

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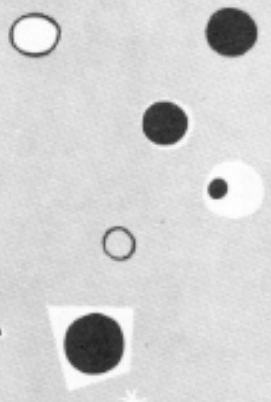
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GRADUATES

have successfully completed
their courses and are now
prepared to meet their
future with
JOY AND HAPPINESS



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***Herbert Louis "Herb" Brown
Class President
Au Train, Michigan***

50th Reunion Committee Chair

The Life and Times of Herb Brown:

Where do we begin? 50 years is a long time and yet it seems like it started only yesterday.

After graduation I began my electrical career at the new Munising Memorial hospital being built on Sand Point Road. Yes, it is the same hospital that was torn down last year in favor of a brand new hospital in use now at the same location. It sort of brings us back to realty, nothing is forever.

I attended NMU for a year and then got the itch to travel a bit. In the fall of 1960 I left for Texas and on to California. My good friend Sherm and I traveled to Hawaii and spent 3 months there. I returned to the U.P. to continue my electrical apprenticeship.

I married Blanche Deibert in 1964. I also completed my electrical apprenticeship and got my journeymen's card in 1964. Blanche and I traveled to Alaska and down the west coast to the Los Angeles area, working along the way at various construction jobs. We came back to the Detroit area in early 1966.

I worked in that area for a few months before entering the US Navy Sea Bees. I spent basic training in Davisville, Rhode Island and then was assigned to MCB 11 in Port Hueneme, California. This is the same base my friend Sherm and his wife Julie were stationed. I was deployed to Viet Nam in early 1967 going to Dong Ha and Kea San near the DMZ. My second deployment to Viet Nam was to Quang Tri about twenty miles south of the DMZ. In January of 1968 our daughter Brenda was born at the base hospital. I was discharged in the fall of 1968 and we returned to the U.P.

In January of 1969 our son Bradley was born in Munising. I continued to attend NMU in the evenings and got my BS degree in Business Administration.

In 1970 I started my own electrical business, calling it Alger County Electric Inc. In the 70s I was elected to the Au Train School Board for four years. In 1975 I helped form the Au Train Township Fire Department and am still a volunteer fireman. In the 80s and 90s I was involved in Au Train Township Government. I served as township supervisor for 8 years.

I started to slow down on my involvements in the late 90s. I was divorced in 1992. I became involved in the American Legion in early 2000. I volunteered to wire the new American Legion building that replaced the one destroyed by fire in 1999. I was elected Commander in 2003 and served two years.

I took in my 96-year-old aunt and she lived with me for 2 years before going to tender care. She passed away in 2008 at the age of 101.

I became involved in my MCB 11 reunion in 2005. In 2008 I was elected national president for the year 2009. I was reelected commander of the American legion in 2008 and am still serving as Commander of American Legion Post 131 here in Munising.

In 2005 I retired from doing daily work with Alger County Electric Inc. I sold the business but am still involved in the bidding of jobs and doing paper work.

During the last 4 years I have become a Snow Bird and travel to the south and warmer weather, leaving in mid-February and returning in mid-April.

I presently live at my long time address on Au Train Lake, and plan on staying here as long as possible. Hope to see lots of 59ers at our 50th reunion this summer.

Herb Brown class president.



***Michael Feldhusen
Class Vice-President
Munising, Michigan***

50th Reunion Committee Vice-Chair

After graduation from high school, I attended NMU in Marquette as a student athlete (football). During my sophomore year we were invited to a postseason game. We played Lenoir Rhyne (N.C.) and ended up losing the game 20 - 20. There was no such thing as sudden death or the present system (each team gets the ball and tries to score). They won the game because they had the most total yards. After my junior year, I took a year off and went to California. I enjoyed the sun and surf but returned to NMU in the fall of 1963. I suffered a career ending injury to my knee. I had been contacted by some professional teams (NFL, AFL, CFL) but due to the injury to my knee was unable to play further. I graduated in 1965.

I taught school and coached football for two years at Harbor Springs, MI. I also taught and coached football at Byron, MI for two years. I returned to Munising and taught at Sacred Heart (4th grade). That was easily my most enjoyable year in teaching. I tried my hand at running a business (MIP) for a year. I knocked around for a couple years as a bartender/cook at the Dogpatch. I finally got back into teaching at Mather. I taught and coached there over the next 24 years. I had a bout with cancer (melanoma) and retired in 1997. Since then I have been enjoying the "good life."

I have a few exciting trips. I have been to Alaska three times. The most enjoyable of those being the trip with Herb Brown and Howie Masters. It was a combination drive and trip on the Alaska ferry system. The other was a trip to China with several people from the local area.

Mike Feldhusen



*Gary Aken
Munising, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Northern Michigan University

FIRST JOB: Kimberly-Clark Corporation

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Kimberly-Clark Corporation

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Golf, Fishing,
Hunting

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Yellowstone National Park

MARRIED: First time, 10 years. Second time, 17 years. 3 Kids, and 5 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 1999

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYO

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Anything by the Platters.

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 2 Miles



*Alice (Andreatta) Hanneman
Greenfield, Wisconsin*

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Been in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area for the past 40 plus years.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Learning new things

MARRIED: 2 Kids, and 3 Grandkids, ages 4, 5 and one teacher

RETIRED FOR : About 6 years and jumped right into full time babysitting for my daughter's and son's kids. They keep me young.

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? "If in town will stop by the Legion for the social. Not interested in the outdoor program" - 286 Miles



***Carol Kay (Berkel) Ang
(& sister Sharon)
Green Oaks, Illinois***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Nursing School

FIRST JOB: Intensive Care Unit Nurse

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Working at home raising my children

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Chicago area

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Reading, Walking, Visiting grandchildren

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Australia, China, and Mediterranean Cruise

MARRIED: 45 years to Robert Ang, 4 Kids, and 7 Grandkids

RETIRED: 15 years

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Dances, plays, football and basketball games, Government class (Mr. Bobb)

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 400 Miles



***Mary Alice "Beezie" (Bowerman) MacNeil
Green Bay, Wisconsin***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1963

FIRST JOB: Taught second grade in Manitowoc, Wisconsin

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Teaching

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Two Rivers, Wisconsin; Marquette, Michigan; Green Bay, Wisconsin since 1967

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Most precious time is spent with family, especially our 4 grandchildren. Bruce and I loved traveling. I play bridge as often as I can, enjoy reading and watching the "Packers" win or lose. I wrote a novel with a friend that couldn't be published because of some legal ramifications, but what a learning experience. I've been talking about writing, "I'm One of Eleven" for years, but still haven't.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: First trip to Europe, Rome to London, Bruce and I traveled 28 countries including Russia. Our last trip was to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. We traveled with our children every summer and spent time in all of the 48 states

MARRIED: 45 years. Bruce and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary last August.

3 Children - Wendy, Rob, and Jim. 2 Granddaughters - Katie (11) and Lauren (8). 2 Grandsons - Michael (7) and Mason (4 in July)

YEAR RETIRED: I thought I was retired but did a little substitute teaching this year.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Dances at the CYO. Cruising in Judy Adair's big old car "Cornelius" and scraping up enough money to buy gas to get her home at the end of the night. Watching football games, basketball games, and, of course, dating Bruce.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: "Venus" by Frankie Avalon and "Smoke gets in your Eyes" by the platters.

HOW MANY MILES WILL YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 150 Miles



*John Champine
Sarasota, Florida*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: NMU BS 1963, MA 1967

FIRST JOB: Teaching

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: St. Clair Shores, Harrison Twp., Sarasota, FL.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Traveling, Reading, Gardening

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: France

NUMBER OF GRANDKIDS: 3

YEAR RETIRED: 1994

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Class Plays

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Volare

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 1619 Miles



*Martin Aaron & Cathy Cleven III
Davison, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Northern Michigan University

FIRST JOB: Teaching

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Marquette, Michigan; Gwinn, Michigan; and Detroit, Michigan area.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Cancun, Hawaii, Europe

MARRIED: 37 years to Cathy, 3 Kids, and 3 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 1999

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 368 Miles



***Carol (Coe) Wiedenhoefer
Marquette, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Owned silk screening business in my home

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Doing silk screening, which was both fascinating and fun

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising, St. Ignace, Marquette, Westland, back to Marquette (37 years)

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Bowled on leagues for years, like to do rubber-stamping, and go to grandkids' sporting events

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: 3 trips to Maui - Love it there.

MARRIED: 39-3/4 years to Paul; 3 kids - 7 grandkids

RETIRED IN: 2001



Carol & Barb

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Doing plays and talent shows. All the good times with friends and especially my best friend Barb. Dances at CYO

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL SONG: Liked all the music

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 35 Miles



*Mary Helen (Dore) Maresh
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

FIRST JOB: Data Processor

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Grafton, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Reading, Jazz, Packer Backer, Supporting our High School Sports

OF KIDS: 1; # OF GRANDKIDS: 1

RETIRED: Not Yet

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Great Friends

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Kansas City

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 275 Miles



*Jim Eklund
Munising, Michigan*

FIRST JOB: Bowling alley pinsetter.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Kimberly - Clark, Munising

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Michigan; Texas; Wisconsin; Florida; Missouri; Ryuku Islands

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Playing guitar

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: New York, New York

MARRIED: Divorced, 2 Kids, and 1 Grandchild

YEARS RETIRED: 10

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 2 Miles



*Thomas Roy "Tom" & Susan Fassbender
Hurricane, West Virginia*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Michigan State University

FIRST JOB: Teacher - Waterford Township School

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Banking Industry

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: East Lansing, Waterford, Troy, Clarkston, Marquette, Berkley, Rochester (all Michigan), Naperville, Illinois and Charleston, Hurricane, West Virginia.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Following Michigan State Spartans and Green Bay Packers, Antiques

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Playa del Carmen, Mexico (five times and counting)

MARRIED: To Susan for 30 years, 3 Kids, and 2 Grandkids

RETIRED: 2003 (Full time) Currently working part-time for Kroger as a Courtesy Clerk, bagging groceries and pushing carts.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Too many to list

FAVORITE SONG: Chantilly Lace, Wake up Little Susie

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 720 Miles



*Annette (Fulcher) Luebcke
Crown Point, Indiana*

FIRST JOB: Cost Accountant at Kimberly - Clark

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Did not work after I got married

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Guam, Hobart, Merriville

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Reading, Gambling, Indiana Pacers, Tyrone

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Disney World

MARRIED: 3 Kids, and 2 Grandkids

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Dances at the CYO, Football and Basketball Games

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Blue Suede Shoes

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? Can't attend as Handicapped



***Janet (Fulcher) Prunick
Wetmore, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Eden Lutheran Church & Dr. Neil Grossnickle, Munising

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Secretary to various doctors, raising the kids

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Wetmore, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Knitting, NASCAR, Packer backer

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Italy

MARRIED: 48 years to Donald Prunick, 3 Kids, 4 Grandkids, and 1 Great Grandchild

YEAR RETIRED: 2000

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Parties at Herb Brown's place, watching Don play football.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Anything by Fats Domino.



*Andrea (Fink) Everett
Wetmore, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Muskegon School of Business

FIRST JOB: First National Bank in Munising

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: HR at Timber Products

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising, Wetmore

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Watching grandkids' sports, Camping

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Touring the USA

MARRIED: 35 years to the late Russell Everett, 3 Daughters, and 5 Grandkids, and 1 great-grandchild

YEAR RETIRED: SOON! August 6, 2009

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Band, Band Trips, CYO

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Any song you could dance to.



***Nancy (Guess) Purdy
Cincinnati, Ohio***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Cincinnati Metropolitan College, Associate Degree in Business

FIRST JOB: Dental Assistant

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Ohio Department of Taxation

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Cincinnati, Ohio

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Computer games; Traveling; Knitting, Crocheting, etc; Photography

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Panama City, Panama

MARRIED: 33 years to the late Barney Purdy, no kids

YEAR RETIRED: 2003. Still part-time bus monitor.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYO, hanging out with buddies.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: "Rebel Rouser" by Duane Eddy

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 700 Miles



*Patrick C. "Pat" & Janet (DeLisle)
Gollinger
Muskego, Wisconsin*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Northern Michigan University

FIRST JOB: Salesman Food Co.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Food Sales

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Missouri; Marquette; Neenah, Wisconsin; Pewaukee, Wisconsin; and Florida

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: All Outdoor sports and boating

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: First trip to Cayman Islands with kids

MARRIED: 44 years to Janet DeLisle

YEAR RETIRED: 2006

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Good friends and Parties

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Anything by Johnny Cash

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 1,250 Miles

With my job as salesman, Janet and I have had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the U.S. and many foreign countries. Most trips we went on I won in sales contests and all were expenses paid. I found out that if someone dangled a cash incentive or a trip incentive in front of me I seemed to work harder. We sold our home and all of "our stuff" in Pewaukee, Wisconsin in 2005 and have traveled around the country as homeless people for 2 years. We will probably buy a home in 2009; maybe in Florida or Texas. Also looking for a small home in Munising that we can come back to for the summers. I have been working on the Pictured Rock Cruises for the last 2 years and really enjoy it. Love the UP in the summer.

We have 2 sons. Mark and his wife Trish and daughter Emma 5 and Ava 3. They reside in Wausau, WI. Mike and his wife France and Daughter Zoey 11 and son Zach 9 reside in Muskego, WI. They are 4 of the smartest, cutest, and most well behaved grandkids that we know of; a lot like Grandpa.



***Kenneth W. "Ken" Griffith
Au Train, Michigan***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Meat Cutting School

FIRST JOB: U. S. Navy

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Cutting Meat

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: California

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Running, fishing

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Molakai, Hawaii

MARRIED: 44 years, 3 Kids, and 6 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 1996

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 10 Miles



***Carol (Hamilla) & Frank Calkins
Muskegon, Michigan***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Muskegon Business College (now known as Baker College). Graduated in 1960

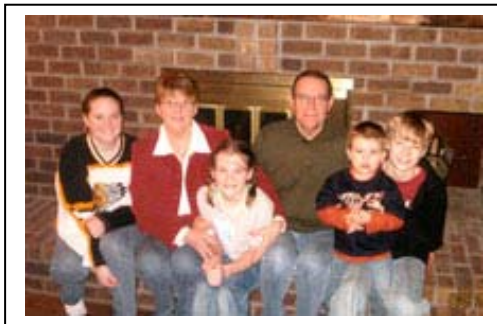
JOBS: Working on land titles and mortgage papers for Transamerica Title.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Worked at the Title Co. for 10 years. After having two sons, then went back to work in 1982 at Steketee's Dept. Store for 17 years.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Muskegon, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: In my spare time I like to make greeting cards using rubber stamps (daughter-in-law is a StampinUp demonstrator.) Going to grandchildren's baseball games. Also to grandson's ice hockey games (we're looking at a future Red Wing)

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: One of my favorite trips - While my oldest son Jeff was in the navy, stationed in San Diego, we got to go aboard the U.S.S. Vancouver for a day cruise in the Pacific and also see how the navy lives day to day on a ship.



MARRIED: 42 years to Frank Calkins, 2 Sons, Jeffrey (1970) and Matthew (1973) and 2 wonderful daughters-in-law, Julie and Nicole.

YEAR RETIRED: 1999

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: The good times with friends, dances at the CYO, and working at Chevies with Mary Helen and Carol B

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Bill Haley & the Comets - Rock around the Clock and many others

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 400 Miles



***Russell "Russ" Hemingway
Munising, Michigan***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Graduate of Northern Michigan University

FIRST JOB: First Job - Munising Paper Mill (I worked every department in the mill.) First job after college - Wickes Corporation

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Spend most of working career with the Munising Specialty Company, which is now Russ's Stuff

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Palo Alto, CA.; Appleton, WI.; Forest Junction, WI.; Succasunna, NJ.; St. Augustine, FL.; Melbourne, FL; Germany; and Munising

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Fishing, hunting, photography, now being a grumpy old man, Big Time Packer Fan!!!

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: From Germany thru Switzerland, to Italy, Monte Carlo, Spain, Andorra, and France

MARRIED: Several times with 4 close calls. No offspring.

YEAR RETIRED: Never

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Playing football

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Any song by George Jones or Willie Nelson

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 3 Miles



***Roland "Rollie" Johnson
Munising, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Allis Chalmers, Milwaukee

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Lineman for UP Power Co

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Kenosha, Wisconsin; Flint, Michigan; Munising, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Fishing, Hunting, Being in the woods

MARRIED: 29 (almost 30) years to Sharon Beaudoin; # OF KIDS: 3; # OF GRANDKIDS: 6

YEAR RETIRED: 1995

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Lots of good H.S. Memories

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 2 Miles



*Joseph "Joe" & Christine LaCombe
Caledonia, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Ferris State, Pharmacy Degree

FIRST JOB: Kennedy Roofing

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Pharmacist

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Big Rapids, Michigan; Grand Rapids, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Flying planes.
Fishing, Deer hunting, Traveling. Sports - Detroit Lions, Pistons, Red Wings

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Costa Rica

MARRIED: 15 years to Christine, 2 Kids, and 4 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: Semi, 2007

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYO - Eben Snack Bar - Enjoyed the social activities

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Peggy Sue

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 400 Miles



***Richard R. "Dick" Kuenzer
Albuquerque, New Mexico***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Michigan Tech BSEE, MSEE; U of Missouri-Rolla PhD EE

FIRST JOB: Temporary - Four summers KC Paper Mill; Permanent – Engineer, Boeing Aerospace Corp.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Designing Cellular Telephone Networks, mainly for Japan and Indonesian markets

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Houghton, MI; Seattle, WA; Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN; Rolla, MO; Fargo, ND; Plymouth, MI; Plano, TX; Albuquerque, NM

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Still playing hockey, ride a road bike 1200 miles/year (down from 6-7,000), skating, hiking, and camping with the grandkids

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Been fortunate to do lots of travel. Have visited all but 3 or 4 states and about 25 countries. Most enjoyable vacation was 2-weeks Kathy and I spent with two other couples visiting Spain and France, including a one-week stay in a 200-year old village home surrounded by vineyards in Provence, France. Most interesting trips, because of the cultural differences, were to Japan (26 times), Carabucu and Mollypongo, Bolivia, and Bandung, Indonesia.



MARRIED: 43 years to Kathleen Butler of Council Bluffs, Ia., 2 Kids, and 4 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 2002

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: The enormous amount of freedom we had and the fabulous area we lived in.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: The Michigan Waltz (not)

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 1720 Miles



***Peter & Irma LaCombe
Garden Grove, California***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Santa Ana Junior College

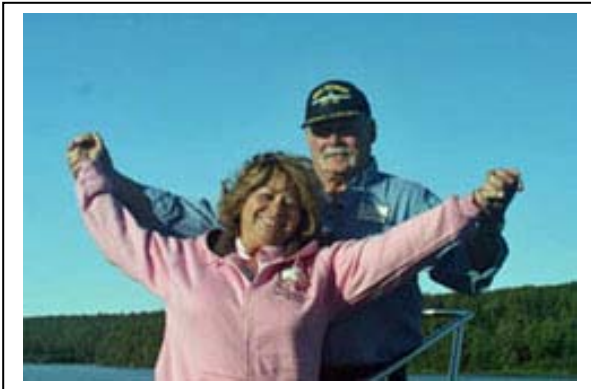
FIRST JOB: Service Station, Maintenance Dept. to Heavy Equipment Mechanic

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: County of Orange, California.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Garden Grove, California

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Going to the gym, working with wood, handyman, baseball and football.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Monterrey, N.L. Mexico and around the U.S. and though Canada



MARRIED: 25 years to Irma Garcia, 3 Kids, and 4 Grandkids, 1 Stepson, 3 Step-grandkids, and 2 Step-great-grandkids.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Playing Football

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: None

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 2500 Miles



***Don Darwin & Lorayne (Usimaki) Lehigh
Cedar Springs, Michigan***

Biography

Born: November 24, 1941. Two weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Graduated: Wm. G. Mather High School "Class of 1959"

After graduation I stayed in Munising working at the Alger Co. Hardware and Munising Co-op Grocery store for 2 years before leaving for Grand Rapids, Mi. to attend Davenport College of Business.

I attended college for about two years, studying business management. Unfortunately I did not finish.

While still in high school I started dating Lorayne Usimaki (Class of 1961.) We dated for four years at that point I asked her to marry me (twice.) The second time was the magic. She said YES and we were married on June 22, 1963 at the Eden Lutheran Church in Munising. This June will be 46 years that we have been together. Fifty-one years if you want to count dating and engagement.

We have two wonderful children. Brenda Kay (Brom) born September, 1964 and David Wayne born November, 1965. Brenda and her husband John, both college graduates, have two children (our grandchildren), Dana, a high-school freshman and Brandon, in 7th grade. Both are honor students and very much into athletics, (football, baseball, basketball, track, etc and also both are hunters, each getting their deer during their first year of hunting. David and his wife, Karen, (no children), have their own business, (Lehigh Landscape and Lawn Maintenance, and Snow Plowing).

Lorayne and I have traveled quite a bit during our life together, traveling in more than 30 of the states of our country plus Washington DC and Canada. We have also cruised the Caribbean a couple of times and also cruised the Hawaiian Islands.

My favorite vacation experience has to be when we went to Niagara Falls for a convention and I danced with Louise Mandrell of the country western Mandrell Sisters. She sure is petite. One other vacation that sticks in my mind other than the cruises, is when we went out west (Yellow Stone, Crazy Horse, Custer Battlefield, Bad Lands, Mt. Rushmore, etc.) So much to see here in our own country.

Our favorite pastimes are camping, golfing and traveling. My favorite sport teams are all Michigan teams: Detroit Pistons, Red Wings, Lions (diehard fan), Tigers. Favorite college team is the Michigan Wolverines. We have been active in hunting and fishing also. I belonged to the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen club in Lowell for about twenty years, serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and President and also taught Hunter Safety classes for most of those years. Have had my share of success's hunting but never a trophy. Our son has a whitetail in the Michigan Commemorative Bucks record book.

We have lived in just a few different cities during our years, all in the west Michigan area - Lowell, Gowen and now Cedar Springs. We built our dream home on 8 acres in 1998 and lived there for 10 years before deciding to downsize two years ago. It was a 3400 sq. ft, walkout ranch with over 1400 hundred sq. ft. of decking, with hot tub and plenty of wildlife. A navigable stream ran through our backyard to a string of five lakes.

I've got to say my favorite high school memories along with all of the sports, games and activities, would be my senior year. Believe it or not but Drivers Ed with Mr. Mickelson, French class with Mr. Ingraham and Business Typing class going head to head with Annette Fulcher for speed and accuracy was fun. Since graduation, I have really enjoyed all of the class reunions, seeing classmates and hearing about them and their families. I believe I have missed only one of the reunions. Munising has a great tradition with the Fourth of July All Class Reunions.

My favorite song from high school years is really hard to say, as there were so many great songs and music of our era. I guess I would have to say Dream (All I Have To Do Is Dream) by the Everly Brothers and also Wipeout. Music that is still being played today more than any other era's.

Last item is my job (career) history. I started with the Amway Corporation working on the receiving dock. Then went to Kroger Supermarkets working as a clerk, Produce Manager and then as Night Manager. I had worked there for over 18 years when Kroger decided to leave West Michigan. I worked a few other odd jobs before deciding to sell Real-estate .Did this for about eleven years, selling several million dollars worth before deciding to move on. Spent 3-4 years at Highland Chrysler Auto Dealership in the service department as Assistant Dispatcher and finally finished my working career at Fifth Third Banks corporate offices in Grand Rapids in the mail services department. I retired June of 2006 and have been enjoying every minute of it, especially since Lorayne retired last June (2008). Now that we are both retired we are planning on heading south with our 5th wheel during the winter months. We have another couple that has a 5th wheel also, and we plan on traveling together. Hopefully to see more of the USA.

Am really looking forward to seeing everyone this summer at our 50th. Where have all the years gone. Hope they have been as good or better to everyone as they have been to us.

NOTHING COULD BE FINER THAN TO BE A 59ER!



***Kay (Verbunker) & Larry LeVeque
Munising, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Larry - Hartho (now called Timber Products), Lumber Grader. Kay - Kimberly - Clark Office

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Larry - Spent most years at Kimberly - Clark. Worked in Little Chute, Wisconsin for 12 years. Kay - Worked at Hayes Drug Store and was Director of the Alger County chamber of Commerce for 12 year. Currently enjoying life outside the workplace (if you don't count 50th Reunion Organizing Committee Activities.)

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Little Chute, Wisconsin; Munising, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Walking, Camping, going on our pontoon boat, Four Wheeling, Snowmobiled for many years (Started the very successful snowmobile club), going south in the winter for at least two months to Florida and Gulf Shores, Alabama. Went on many boating trips all through the Great Lakes and Canada. Larry also enjoys Hunting and fishing and won first place in the fishing contest (Trout category) 3 years.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Hawaii

MARRIED: 49 years to each other, 2 Kids, 3 Grandkids, 1 Great Grandchild.

YEAR RETIRED: Larry retired from Kimberly - Clark in 1998, then was Harbormaster at the Marina in Munising for 3 years. Now works part-time at the Buckhorn.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYC. Larry liked the parties with all our friends at his camp on Five-Mile Road

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: All of them from the 50's.

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? Several Blocks



Barb Melwiki, Carol Coe & Patsy

***Patsy Ann (Maddox) Young
Phoenix, Arizona***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Rockland University

FIRST JOB: American Motors - Milwaukee, Secretary to the Vice President

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: I soon realized that I was not cut out to put on paper someone's thoughts when I could think just as well and save time, so I left for San Francisco, CA and received my first training in finance. I'm still working in finance.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: San Francisco, CA; Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, CO; Munising, MI; Ithaca, MI; Scottsdale, AZ; and Phoenix, AZ

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Football, Basketball, Nascar Racing and Casinos

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Bahamas, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Camping at 16-Mile Lake, Michigan Camping and in Arizona

DIVORCED: 38 years. One girl: Terri Lynn Ellis, One boy: Rock Young. Four Grandkids, 3 in Chicago, IL and 1 in Phoenix

YEAR RETIRED: Not, still working in Finance for a Public Charter School

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: When our freshman basketball team beat the juniors and then the seniors. Remember we decked ourselves up with all kinds of signs and our team spirit was the best. Go Fifty Niners. Marching with the band in parades. Football and Basketball halftime performances. Trip on the cruise liner from Munising to Houghton with the band. Dances at the CYO

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Anything Elvis

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 2057 Miles



*Fredric G. "Fred" & Carol Matson
Springstead, Wisconsin*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Attended Soo Tech, Graduated Northern Michigan - BS, Masters from University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

FIRST JOB: Teaching Sixth grade in Flushing, Michigan.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Teaching math and coaching at Flushing schools, Port Huron Catholic High School and West Allis Jr. High, and Central High School.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Flushing, Michigan; Port Huron, Michigan; Waukesha, Wisconsin; and on French Lake in Springstead, Wisconsin since retiring.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Enjoy, fishing, hunting, walking my Springer Spaniels, hanging out on our lake with my wife, watching high school girls basketball and playing with my granddaughter. Since retiring, a volunteer fireman and first responder. Was honored to be named basketball coach of the year in the greater Milwaukee area in 1992.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Jamaica, Fishing in Canada, hunting and skiing out West.

MARRIED: 45 years. Wife Carol is a 59er from Appleton, Wisconsin.

RETIRED: June, 1996

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Learning to dance in 9th grade at Mary Helen Dore's for the prom, Band trips to Mackinac Island, South American Cruise ship, portraying one of the Lennon Sisters for our class skit, competing in all sports and friendships made.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: "Oh Donna"

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 300 Miles



Gary R. Mattson
Munising, Michigan

FIRST JOB: Ben Franklin Store

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Kimberly-Clark

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Hunting and Fishing

MARRIED: 50 years to Helen Karr, 3 Kids, 7 Grandkids, 3 Great-Grandkids.

YEARS RETIRED: 11

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 3 Miles



***Gerald L. "Jerry" & Charlotte
(Pabst) Maxon
Munising, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Commercial Fishing

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Kimberly-Clark

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising, Michigan and Arizona

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Motorcycles,
Hunting and Traveling

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Hawaii Cruise

MARRIED FOR 49 Years to Charlotte Pabst; 3 Kids; 5 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 1997

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Dating Char - Drifting around

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: White Sports Coat



*Robin (Radcliffe) & Daniel
McCollum
Joes Lake, Alger County, Michigan*

FIRST JOB: Dan: Gundlock Construction in UP. Robin: Dick's Flower Shop in Munising

WE SPENT MOST OF OUR WORKING CAREERS: We spent most of our working careers in Howell, Michigan in the Lower Peninsula. Dan retired from Teledyne-Pennecraft in Howell after 37 years and Robin retired from Country Lane Flowers in Howell after 27 years.

PLACES WE'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Howell, Michigan; Munising, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Going to grandchildren's sporting events. Robins favorite pastime - "Malling" with friends. Dan enjoyed coaching football for 17 years, and Robin did cheerleading for the girls at same time

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: 10-days in St. Petersburg, Fl. with youngest son and family and Silverdale, Washington with daughter Julie, Ashley

MARRIED: 49 years in December, 5 Kids (4 living, 1 deceased), 6 grandsons and 7 granddaughters!

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Robin and Kay went parking with friends and the car they were in backed into a big hole and there was no way to get out.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Dan - Mack the Knife - Robin all of the 50's

HOW MANY MILES WILL YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 14 Miles



***Barbara Jean Marie "Barb" (Melwki) & Jim
Haggerty
Muskegon, Michigan***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Muskegon Business School

FIRST JOB: Public Health

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER:
At home caring for my children and working at
Muskegon High School

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:
Muskegon, Michigan



FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS
TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: All football,
especially Michigan State, NASCAR racing and other
sports. I enjoy Prairie Home Companion (Garrison
Kellior's radio show) every Saturday night. My wish
is to attend one of his live radio shows. Gardening
and attracting blue birds to my backyard is one of my
greatest joys. The most joy of course is
grandchildren, going to their events, and watching
them grow like the flowers in my garden.

In the summer I spend as much time as I can at our beautiful Lake Michigan Beach.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Camping when the children were young, many trips to New York City ,
especially New Year's Eve in Times Square . Our daughter lived near the City so the trips were very easy
to do. Our son-in-law from Denver ran the 2008 Boston Marathon and we went to cheer him on, it was
quite an experience.

MARRIED: 42 years to Jim Haggerty, 4 Kids, and 6 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 2005



FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: School plays and talent shows, especially Button Button and the gathering at John Champine's house after the play, home coming parades downtown, the Candy Kitchen, Tennis Court Dances, CYO Dances and many great friends. I will never forget all the time spent with my best friend Carol, and I don't think either one of us will forget all the good times we had at Boot Lake . We've been friends since the fourth grade and remain friends today.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: They were all great! Last year at my granddaughter's school talent show one act sang "Blueberry Hill" and another danced to "Rockin Robin."

Fifty's music will never die!

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 365 Miles



***Charlotte M. (Pabst) & Jerry Maxon
Munising, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: Nursing Home

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Homemaker

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Munising and Arizona

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Motorcycle and Traveling

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Doing a Cruise and Camping with Kids

MARRIED: 49 Years to Jerry Maxon

OF KIDS: 3 # OF GRANDKIDS: 5

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Spending Time with Friends & Jerry

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Lover Letters in the Sand



***John Reno
Au Train, Michigan***

FIRST JOB: P & L Service Station, Munising

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Munising Mill, Kimberly Clark Corp.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: California; Milwaukee, WI; Davenport, IA; Munising, MI; AuTrain, MI.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Bowling, Travel

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise; Drive through the Canadian Rockies; Drive through the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

MARRIED: 17 years first time, less than year second time. One child and two Grandchildren

YEAR RETIRED: 1996

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYO dances

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: *Wake Up Little Susie* by the Everly Brothers

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 14 Miles



*Gail (Perry) Watson
Sacramento, California*

FIRST JOB: California State Justice Department, Bureau of Criminal Statistics, Homicide

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: In the Medical Field as a Registered Nurse

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Texas, California

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Painting, Singing, Writing, and Dancing

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Florida and Mexico

MARRIED: 21 years to Jarvis Watson, 1 Child, and 1 Grandchild

YEAR RETIRED: Retired because of health reasons

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Little Darlin

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 2319 Miles



*Raymond E. "Ray" Rivord
Munising, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: University of Wisconsin

FIRST JOB: Bell Telephone

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Super Studs, Inc.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Christmas, Michigan and McMillan, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Hunting and Fishing

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Canada

MARRIED: 44 years to Carol Fox, 3 Kids, and 8 Grandkids

YEARS RETIRED: 6

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Friends

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Save the Last Dance for Me

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 5 Miles



*John & Dorene (Mattson) Sidbeck
Steamwood, Illinois*

TRAINING: Four years in USA Navy

FIRST JOB: Supervisor, Milwaukee Plastics

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Northern Telecom, 25 years as Manufacturing Manager

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Milwaukee, Wisconsin (7 years), Steamwood, Illinois (41 years). Plus summer home on AuTrain Lake.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: College Football - Florida State

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Home on AuTrain Lake

MARRIED FOR 48 Years to Dorene Mattson; 2 Kids; 5 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 1992 - Started my own company in 1989 C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing Service, Entrance and Promotional testing for Police and Firefighter written, physical Ability Polygraph and In-Depth Psychological Evaluation's. Six Years Steamwood, Il. Fire and Police Commission Chairman 1977-1983. I have been on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Illinois Fire and Police Commission for the last (30) years.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Getting my first car and the fun I had with it

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Most of the 1950s songs

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 380 Miles from Steamwood, Il.



***Fredric A. "Fred" & Chris Simonen
Richland, Washington***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Michigan Tech and Stanford University

FIRST JOB: Mechanical Engineer, Battelle Columbus Laboratory.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Mechanical Engineer, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Palo Alto, CA; Columbus, Ohio; Richland, WA

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Boating, camping, birding, hockey fan, Green Bay Packers

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Panama Canal

MARRIED: 43 years, 2 Kids and 1 grandkid

RETIRED: 5 years but still working part time

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Band

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: North to Alaska

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 1840 Miles



*Laone “Cobina” St. Martin
Grand Marais, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Santa Ana City College (California)

FIRST JOB: Disneyland (California)

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: 41 years at the Brown County Library in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: California, Wisconsin, Michigan.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: reading, walking, crafts, crocheting, cooking, puzzles, historical society, genealogy, Green Bay Packers, grandchildren and just enjoying life.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Brazil, S. America

MARRIED FOR 21 Years; 4 Kids; 7 Grandkids

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Friendships kept through the years

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: Are you Sincere - Andy Williams

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 50 Miles



*Gerald G. "Red" Stimac
Kenosha, Wisconsin*

FIRST JOB: Setting Pins

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: U.S. Post Office

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Kenosha, Wisconsin; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Golf or Bowling (have had two 300 games)

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Alaska, Jackson Hole, WY.

OF KIDS: 2, # OF GRANDKIDS: 4, # OF GREAT GRANDKIDS: 1

RETIRED: 6 Years

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 330 Miles



Eugene Storm
San Antonio, Texas

FIRST JOB: United States Air Force

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: USAF - 23 years then US Postal Service for 17 years

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Kinross, Michigan; Goose Bay, Newfoundland, Labrador, Canada; Blytheville, Arkansas; Stuttgart, Germany; San Antonio, Texas

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Bowling (two teams), Dallas Cowboys

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Twenty-seven day Mediterranean Cruise

MARRIED: 27 years to Roslee. By prior marriage - 3 daughters, and 6 Grandchildren

YEAR RETIRED: 2002

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Happy to graduate

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 1616 Miles



Bonnie (Strand) Winkowski
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FIRST JOB: Operator, Munising Telephone Co. "Number Please"

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Metro Clean Corporation, Payroll Manager for 21 years
- stay at home Mom for 23 years

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Flint, Michigan, 1 year; Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 49 years.

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Interests - Many things interest me - Flying an airplane, learning more about photographs, sketching, painting, writing a book.

Interests taken action on are more sedate - reading, knitting, needlework, writing a newsletter, attending concerts, ballet and theater. Still have a love of swimming and always look forward to a dip in Lake Superior. Used to enjoy playing volleyball, tennis and baseball but my body no longer allows me to fulfill that enjoyment. So I fill that void with watching and attending major league baseball games - "Go Brewers" and football games, Green Bay Packers along with other sporting events. Guess it is easier to watch young talented sports activists go to it than pushing the old body into that mold.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Wish I had some exotic place to say I have visited but I can't. Visits to Arizona are close to my heart now. My daughter and her family live in the Phoenix area and we have traveled from that point outward to take in the many interesting things to see and do there. Primarily it is having my family to enjoy it with that makes it my best experience to date.

MARRIED: 37 years to my late husband Larry (2001, cancer); 2 Children, daughter Debi Winsberg of Chandler, AZ and son Michael of Milwaukee (my live-in son and handyman; my "Cinderfella".) 2 Grandchildren, both Debi's, Lauren, 22-years old and Harry, 5-years old.

YEAR RETIRED: Still working, the economy is wicked!

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: We as a group created so many that it is hard to pin point one in particular. I loved the fun of putting on the school plays and all the chaos that went on at rehearsals and the nights of the actually presenting the plays. Not to mention watching that crazy bunch who put on the talent shows. The bus rides to out of town games.

Exciting football and basketball games. Cooking classes and the wonderful recipes we cooked up {Ugh}. And the experiments that ate away some classmates' clothing.

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Too many - every time a new song came out that hit the top 20 I thought it was the best. Blue Suede Shoes, Elvis Presley, Lonesome Heart, Ricky Nelson, Twilight Time, The Platters, etc.

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 390 Miles



***Ann (Tervo) Slowinski
Ellenton, Florida***

FIRST JOB: File Clerk for Northwestern Insurance Company in Milwaukee, Wis.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Working for Trucking Companies

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Milwaukee, Wis.; Ellenton, Florida

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Dancing, Swimming, Playing Trivia Games, Packer Backer.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Bahamas

MARRIED: 39 years to the late Tom Slowinski, 3 Kids, and 6 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: 2005

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: CYO, Beach Parties, hanging out with Sheila LaRock and the gang

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Rock Around the Clock by Bill Haley and The Comets



*Carol A. (VanLandshoot) James
Marquette, Michigan*

NUMBER OF KIDS: 2
(Jeff & Barry)



NUMBER OF GRANDKIDS: 2
(Zachary & Jeremy)

FIRST JOB: Two days after graduation I started as a bookkeeper at the First National Bank. The building is now Munising City Hall.

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: In Marquette, Michigan

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Menlo Park, California; Marquette, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: I enjoy shopping at antique shops, concerts, plays and long walks.

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Washington State, Florida, Arizona, Texas and the Bahamas.

GOOD FRIEND: Chuck, 20 plus years

YEAR RETIRED: Still working at an Apartment/Recreation Complex in Marquette

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Many good friends. Great teaching - Mr. Carberry in government, and his patience waiting for me when I was late for his bus (many times)

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL YEARS: *Sea of Love*

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 42



*Dennis O. & Barb Wiitanen
Houghton, Michigan*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Michigan Tech, Missouri-Rolla

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Teaching

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; Rolla, Missouri; Houghton, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Playing Cards

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Egypt

MARRIED: 46 years to Barbara, 5 Kids, and 9 Grandkids

YEAR RETIRED: NOT YET!!!

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Making Movies

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Tom Dooley

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 150 Miles



***Shirley Jean (Wilson) Tuxford
Spokane, Washington***

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Northern Michigan University

FIRST JOB: Supervisor - Superior Health Haven, Munising

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: Nursing LPN - CNA

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Youngstown, Ohio; Bangor, Maine; New York; Louisiana; Spokane, Washington

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: Reading, Swimming, Walking, Watching Football (particularly the Green Bay Packers.) Volunteer at local food bank delivering food to needy families

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Driving from Munising to Spokane, Washington

MARRIED: 18 years to Mr. Tuxford, 2 Kids

YEAR RETIRED: Not, still working part-time

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Going to Football and Basketball Games, School Plays and Dances

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: *Rock Around the Clock* by Bill Haley and the Comets.

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION? 1695 Miles



*Joseph B. "Joe" Wright
Summerville, Georgia*

COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Delta College

FIRST JOB: Messenger Service

I SPENT MOST OF MY WORKING CAREER: TV Service, Bay City, Michigan

PLACES I'VE LIVED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL: Bay City, MI; Summerville, Georgia

FAVORITE HOBBIES, PASTIMES, SPORTS TEAMS, OR OTHER INTERESTS: NFL and NASCAR

FAVORITE VACATION/TRIP: Munising

MARRIED: 12 years to Darleen (1st wife died in 1995), 6 Step-kids, and 7 Grandkids

YEARS RETIRED: 7. Also retired from Michigan National Guard after 21+ years of service.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: J.V. Football

FAVORITE SONG FROM HIGH SCHOOL: Honeycomb

HOW MANY MILES WILL/DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE REUNION?: 1100 Miles

In Memory of Our Departed Faculty Members and Classmates





William T. MacNeil
Superintendent

August 16, 1904 – October 31, 1974

The community mourned the loss last week of William T. MacNeil of Munising, an almost lifelong community leader and educator in Munising and Alger County.

Mr. MacNeil, superintendent of schools in Munising for 19 years until his retirement in 1970, died last Thursday morning, Oct. 31, 1974 at 9 a.m. at Munising Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. He was 70 years old.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon Nov. 2, at the Eden on the Bay Lutheran Church, utilized in order to accommodate a larger number of people than the St. John's Episcopal Church of which Mr. MacNeil was a member. Two Episcopal clergymen Ven. Ben F. Hetmer and Ven. Ron Carlson Gerdaud officiated. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Escorts for the funeral were Robert Santi, Jake Brodersen, Lee St. Andrew, James Bell, James Quayle and Harold Kriekard.

Masonic Memorial services were conducted Friday night at the Bowerman-Halifax Funeral Home.

Because OF Mr. McNeil's longtime interest in track and field events, his family has requested that those who wish to make contributions do so to the William T MacNeil Athletic Memorial Fund.

Born in National Mine, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1904, Mr. MacNeil resided in Munising from 1951 and made his home at 412 W. Superior St.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University in 1929 and his Masters Degree in Education from the University of Michigan in 1940.

Mr. MacNeil served as superintendent of schools at Eben from 1938 until 1945; as superintendent of the schools in Onoway, Michigan from 1945 until 1950; and as superintendent of the Munising Public School system from 1951 until his retirement four years ago.

At the time of his death, Mr. MacNeil was still active in the field of education and in community affairs and organizations. Following his retirement he continued serving as a member of the Marquette - Alger Intermediate School Board.

He was a director of the First National Bank of Alger County, treasurer of the Alger County Crippled Children and Adults Society, a member of the board of directors of the Munising Rotary Club, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Munising Masonic Lodge as a 32nd Degree Mason. Mr. MacNeil was also active in a number of Munising and Alger County civic and community project over the years here.

Left to survive is his wife, Margaret (Chapman) MacNeil of Munising, a son, Bruce, of Green Bay, Wis., a daughter, Mrs. John (Marcia) Prato of Appleton, Wis., his mother, Mrs Agnes MacNeil, now a resident of the Superior Health Haven in Munising, and two sisters - Mrs. Dorman (Lucille) Davies of Okley, California and Mrs. William (Clarice) Thomas of Salt Lake, Utah. He also leaves four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



W. Howard Berkel
Principal

January 4, 1907 - November 20, 1967

Principal Here 16 Years

W. Howard Berkel Dies, Funeral Today (Wed.)

Funeral services are being held today, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1967, at 2 p.m. from the Bowerman-Hallifax Funeral Home for W. Howard Berkel of Maple St., who died Monday evening at Munising Memorial Hospital. He had been hospitalized since Nov. 9. Rev. Leslie Niemi is officiating with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Berkel had served as principal of Mather High from 1951 until the time of his death.

Born in Oscoda, Michigan, on Jan. 4, 1907, Berkel moved here as a youth with his family. He was graduated from Mather High in 1926 and received his AB degree in education from Northern Michigan University in 1931. He was a field assistant with the U.S. Forest Service during the summers here from 1931 through 1933.

Berkel began teaching social science at Mather High in 1933 and remained here as a teacher until 1942. He received his masters degree that same year from the University of Wisconsin and taught social science at Kohler, Wis., from 1942 until 1946. He took over duties as Superintendent of Schools at Chassell, Mich. That year where he remained until returning to Munising as Mather High principal in 1951.

He was elected a member of Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Society while at the University of Wisconsin and was a member of the Michigan Secondary Principal's Assn. A member of the United Presbyterian Church he was also a member of Grand Island Lodge No. 422, Munising F. & A.M.

Left to survive is his wife, Janet, as well as two sons at home – W. Clark, a senior at Mather High, and Gordon, a Mather High 7th grader; and three married daughters – Mrs. Donald (Sharon C.) St. Amour and Mrs. Kenneth (Katherine J.) DesArmo, both of Munising; and Mrs. Robert

(Carol K.) Ang of Chicago, Ill. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Katherine Berkel of Munising.



Gildo A. Canale
Physical Education

March 24, 1931 - February 26, 2009

MARQUETTE - Gildo Canale, Northern Michigan University's athletic director from 1971 to 1985, has died.

A native of Crystal Falls, Canale, 77, was inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 and into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1983.

Canale, a longtime athletic trainer and official, served as an official for more than 30 years for high school sports. He directed all Michigan High School Athletic Association events on the NMU campus.

Canale, a 1949 graduate of Crystal Falls High School, was an athlete while attending NMU, playing basketball in 1954 and golf in 1955. He was a trainer for the NMU football team in 1953-55. From 1957-1959, he coached football at Munising High School. He began work as a professor at NMU in the 1950s, becoming the assistant athletic director in 1969 and the athletic director in 1971.

NMU won a national football championship in 1975 under Canale's watch.

He served on the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame and NMU Sports Hall of Fame boards for many years.

Each year, a male and a female student-athlete at NMU are selected for the Gildo Canale Award, established in 1982 by Canale. The award-winner must have competed in intercollegiate athletics for four years, have superior academic record and exhibit high character.



Fred R. "Fritz" Benzing
February 12, 1941 - August 25, 1995

DATE OF DEATH: Friday, August 25, 1995;

AGE: 54

PLACE: At his home, Fred died unexpectedly of natural causes.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: February 12, 1941; Munising, Michigan

PREVIOUS ADDRESS: Fritz lived in Kentwood, Michigan from 1967 to 1993 when he returned to Munising to take care of his mother.

HISTORY: Fred is the son of the late Ralph and Lottie (Rice) Benzing. He graduated from Munising's Wm. G. Mather High School in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1965. He then went to Lake Superior State College and received an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1967. He worked for the former Lear Seigler Corporation in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1967 until retiring in 1993.

Besides his parents, Fritz was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas V. Benzing, on March 11, 1985.

SURVIVORS: Brother and Sister-in-law: James & Susan Benzing of Norway, Michigan; two nieces, Michelle and Nicole Benzing of Norway, MI and cousins.

Source: Bowerman Funeral Home of Munising



*Joseph Bernard "Joe" Brey
April 5, 1941 - November 6, 1996*

MUNISING - Joseph Bernard Brey, age 55, of P.O. Box 146, Bayview Addition, Munising, MI died Wednesday, November 6, 1996 at 8:30 a.m. CST at Midwestern Regional Medical Center, Zion, IL following a lengthy illness.

Joe was born April 5, 1941 in Munising, MI the son of Henry Joseph and Mary Ellen (Wise) Brey. He was a lifetime resident of Munising. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He graduated from Sacred Heart School grade school in 1955, and Mather High School in 1959. He graduated from N.M.U. with a Bachelor Degree in 1965, and a Masters Degree in Education in 1970. He taught Elementary School in the Deerton School District for 1 year, and then began teaching Secondary Education in the Munising School District teaching Business and History. He was an active member of the M.E.A. and past president of the local M.E.A. He worked for many years on the Munising School District negotiation team. He retired at the beginning of this school year. He and his wife owned and operated Brey's Fisheries for many years, and he also owned and operated Brey's Polaris Snowmobile for 25 years. Besides a commercial fisherman. Joe was also an avid sports fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Ann (Roberts), they were married August 31, 1963 in Gladstone; his mother, Mary Ellen Brey of Munising; 3 children, Karen and Ryan Michael Dault of L'Anse, Michael Joseph Brey of Munising, and Patricia Ann and Scott Steinholf of Munising; also numerous nieces and nephews, Joe was preceded in death by his father Henry Joseph Brey, June 11, 1993.

Source: Bowerman Funeral Home of Munising



Michael Thomas "Mike" Cromell
June 26, 1941 - May 18, 2003

Michael Thomas Cromell, age 61, of 1464 Washington Street, died surrounded by love on Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 9:51 a.m. at the Munising Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 26, 1941 in Munising Michigan to Thomas and Leona (Schilling) Cromell. Mike graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School in 1959 and attended college at Northern Michigan University. On September 5, 1964, he married JoAnn Therese Sharkey at Sacred Heart Church in Munising. Mike had worked as a bartender when they were first married and then for many years as a salesman for Hublein. In January of 1979, Mike went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as a sales representative. He was promoted to District Manager in June of 1987 and then to Regional Director in June of 1993. Mike was a past member of the Munising Fire Department and he had coached his son's Little League Team and his daughter's softball team (which he lovingly called the "Bad News Bears") while they played. Mike was a lifetime member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Pictured Rocks Golf and Country Club, a supporter of Northern Michigan University, and he served on the Munising Public School Board for many years. Mike had a wonderful sense of humor and a very witty personality. He enjoyed golfing, traveling with friends, and playing at the casino. His family and his faith were so very important to him and He LOVED taking care of his wife, children and grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife of over thirty-eight years, JoAnn of Munising; his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Wade Mannisto of Munising; his grandchildren - Amanda and Michael Mannisto; his mother - Leona Cromell of Munising; his sister - Nancy Spaulding of Munising; his brother - Wayne "Pidge" Cromell of Fallon, NV; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends from his personal and professional life. Mike was preceded in death by his son, Scott Michael Cromell on March 12, 1989, and sisters, Donna "Boots" Livermore and Patricia Cromell.

Source: Bowerman Funeral Home of Munising



Paul David DesArmo
August 20, 1941 - January 15, 2009

Paul David DesArmo, age 67, of Endeavor, Wisconsin, formerly of Kenosha, WI and Munising, MI, died following a lengthy illness on Thursday, January 15, 2009.

He was born in Munising on August 20, 1941 to the late Leo and Sophia (Adams) DesArmo. Paul attended and graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School, class of 1959. In 1961 he moved to Kenosha to work at American Motors, leaving there in 1965 to join the Kenosha Police department where he retired after 30 years of service in 1995. After his retirement, he moved to Endeavor where he lived until the time of his death,

He is survived by: partner Helen Niebuhr of Endeavor; daughter, Kelly (Alan) Kreuser of Kenosha; son Clifford "Kip" DesArmo of Kenosha; grandchildren – Tracy Kreuser of Chicago, Aaron (Jodi) Kreuser of Kenosha, Blake Kreuser of Kenosha, and Brenton DesArmo of Kenosha; brother, Ken (Becky) DesArmo of Cheboygan MI, and sisters - Denice (Don) Thompson and Arlene (Tommy) Tyner both of Chelsea, MI.



*Gloria (Erickson) Mahon
April 1, 1941 - May, 1999*

Gloria (Erickson) Mahon

Published: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 3:00 AM CDT

Gloria (Erickson) Mahon of Grand Rapids, Minnesota was born April 1, 1941, in Munising, Mich., where she grew up, attended schools and graduated from high school. She received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti, Mich., and made a career in early childhood education. She married James A. Mahon June 22, 1963, and they lived in Michigan, California, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Saudi Arabia and Minnesota. She moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota from Mora, Minnesota in 1997. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic, the American Association of University Women and the P.E.O.

She is survived by her husband, James "Jim"; two daughters, Kathleen Wilcox and Rebecca Mahon, both of Seattle, Wash.; one son, Michael, Oceanside, Calif.; her father, Richard Erickson, Autrain, Mich.; three brothers, David Erickson, Munising, Mich., Ronald Erickson, Lake Orion, Mich., and Michael Erickson, Trenary, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Jerrika Mahon, Oceanside, Calif.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Lucille (Passinault) Erickson.



Gene LaRock
July 21, 1940 - March 14, 2003

Gene P. LaRock, 62, of 8159 Garth Point Lane, Rapid River, formerly of Marquette, died Friday afternoon, March 14, 2003 at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba where he had been hospitalized a short time.

Mr. LaRock was born in Munising on July 21, 1940 to Clyde and Esther (Gran) LaRock. He was a 1959 graduate of Munising High School and following graduation Gene served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Gene attended the Dunwoody School of Baking in Wisconsin. Following his education there he returned to the Upper Peninsula where he met his future wife, the former Susan L. Hill and together they were married on January 23, 1965 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ishpeming.

Gene owned and operated Gene's Sweet Goods formerly located on Third Street in Marquette for many years. He later attended the Ansul School of Fire Training and worked for Interstate Welding as a fire and safety technician until his retirement in 1997.

He was a member and past Grand Knight of the Ishpeming Knights of Columbus Council and also served as leader of their Columbian Squires group. Gene was also a member of the Negaunee Elk's Lodge. He coached Marquette Junior Hockey and Little League Baseball teams for 14 years. He also formerly served on the board of directors of the Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation.

While residents of Marquette, Gene and his family were members of St. Peter Cathedral.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Susan L. LaRock of Rapid River; three children, Sean LaRock and his fiancé, Marnie Pearsall of Milwaukee, WI, Kevin LaRock of Milwaukee, and Stacey (Mike) Corbett of Colorado Springs, CO; two grandchildren, Jordan and Mayson Corbett; his mother, Esther LaRock of Marquette; one brother, Ed C. LaRock of Marquette; seven sisters, Sheila (John) Robert of Milwaukee, Karen (Joseph) DaFonseca of New Bern, NC, Linda (Bob) Graves of Beaver Island, MI, Joan Manty of Marquette, Mary (Marv) Laurila of Duluth, MN, Chris (Gordie) Heikka of Beaver Island, MI and Debbie (Kim) Hocking of Green Bay, WI. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde H. LaRock on September 20, 1998 and an infant brother, John in 1953.

Source: Canale-Tonella Funeral Home of Marquette, MI



Sheila (LaRock) Robert
November 2, 1941 - November 7, 2007

Sheila Robert, 66, of 7070 N. Lincolnshire Circle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, formerly of Marquette, Michigan, was born into eternal life on Wednesday morning, November 7, 2007 at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Sheila courageously battled diabetes since the age of 15. She was a beautiful woman with an amazing spirit. She never complained even when the pain was intolerable. She touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Everyone adored her . . . her nurses and doctors, as well. One nurse who cared for her in her final days wrote a letter to Sheila's husband commenting on what a wonderful person she is and how her smile lit up the room.

Sheila was born on November 2, 1941 in Munising to the late Clyde and Esther (Gran) LaRock. She graduated from Mather High School in Munising and also attended the Muskegon School of Business.

At age 19, Sheila and her family moved to Ishpeming where her father purchased the Negaunee Home Bakery in 1959. She worked for her father for a while, and at the former Gately's Furniture Store in Ishpeming. Later in life, Sheila was a teacher's aide at Parkview Elementary School in Marquette and worked in the Food Service Department at NMU for approximately 10 years, where she was very fond of the students.

Due to her daughter's love of the sport of figure skating, Sheila was active with the Marquette Figure Skating Club for many years. She volunteered countless hours and was the Director of the Skating Club's Summer School Camps for several years.

Sheila was a former member at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey, enjoyed her weekly bridge games with "the girls" and looked forward to Saturday lunches followed by shopping with her daughters. Sheila loved life and spending quality time with her family and friends.

Sheila and her husband moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December of 1993 to be closer to their children.

Her family would like to thank Sheila's sister, Karen DaFonseca, for the gift of her kidney, which allowed Sheila an additional nine years of treasured life with all who are dear to her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, John D. Robert, whom she married on November 2, 1962 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ishpeming; four cherished children, Scott (Laurie) Robert of El Segundo, CA, Lisa (David) Ball of Wauwatosa, WI, Michelle Robert of Milwaukee, WI and John (Debbie) Robert of Beaver Island, MI; seven dear grandchildren, Harrison and Samantha Robert; Madeline and Bobby Ball; Hannah, John Brady and Jared Robert; one brother, Ed LaRock of Marquette; six sisters, Karen (Joe) DaFonseca of New Burn, NC, Linda (Robert) Graves of Shingleton, Joan Manty of Marquette, Mary (Marvin) Laurila of Fond du Lac, WI, Chris (Gordon) Heikka of Beaver Island, MI and Debbie Hocking of Green Bay, WI; one sister-in-law, Susan LaRock of Rapid River; also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death besides her parents was a brother, Gene LaRock.



*Sherman Spencer "Sherm" Nebel
November 6, 1941 - June 26, 1999*

SHERMAN SPENCER NEBEL, age 57, died in a car accident on June 26, 1999. Sherm was born on November 6, 1941 to Robert and Dorothy (Spencer) Nebel in a little house in Brown's Addition on Munising Bay. He graduated from Mather High School in 1959, and earned a degree in Business Administration from Northern Michigan University in 1971. Sherm did a tour of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy Seabees. He worked for many years for his Dad at Nebel Building & Supply. Company.

In 1974 he moved permanently to Anchorage, Alaska, working for many years in the redi-mix concrete business. He built a hunting cabin on the secluded Yentna River where the door was always open to friends and family members. At the time of his death, Sherm was self-employed, doing interior remodeling.

Always his heart was in two places: Alaska and the U.P.

Naturally talented in construction, as a teenager he helped his Dad build a summer home on Moccasin Lake. He had recently purchased this home from his parents and had returned to do extensive renovation on it.

Sherm had a gift for making and keeping friend. He also had a knack for adventure. Shortly after graduating high school, he and a friend (who will remain anonymous) stowed away in the hold of a cruise ship to Honolulu, arriving hungry and light deprived, but undiscovered. He drove the Alcan Highway twenty-five times, often by himself. Fun was a priority and he could always be counted on to provide it ingeniously. He toted two large coolers of glacier ice on twelve-hour flights from Alaska to Marquette to use in the beverages at his sister's and daughter's wedding receptions. He enjoyed his pranks. With great creativity, he got a lot of mileage out of a 59-cent rubber snake.

Sherm loved the poetry of Robert Service, requiring his two daughters to memorize "The Cremation of Sam McGee."

Sherm is survived by his wife and best friend of twenty-two years, Marlene (Barnwell) Nebel, originally from Colorado; daughter, Elizabeth and son-in-law, Mark Beckman of Marquette; daughter, Marie and son-in-law, Douglas Schwalm of Berkeley, CA; two grandsons, Douglas and Jonathon Beckman of Marquette; his parents, Robert and Dorothy Nebel of Munising; brother, Stephen Nebel of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother, Spencer and sister-in-law, Angela (Britton) Nebel of Sault Ste. Marie; sister, Shelley Nebel of Keizer, Oregon; sister, Shirley Nebel Phillips of Marquette; sister-in-law, Sandra (Russ) Smith of Seguin, TX; two nephews, Darren and Robert Smith; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and many very special friends both in Alaska and the U.P. Sherm was preceded in death by his in-laws, Irma and Bill Barnwell.



Judith Kathleen Brandt



Maureen K. Maki



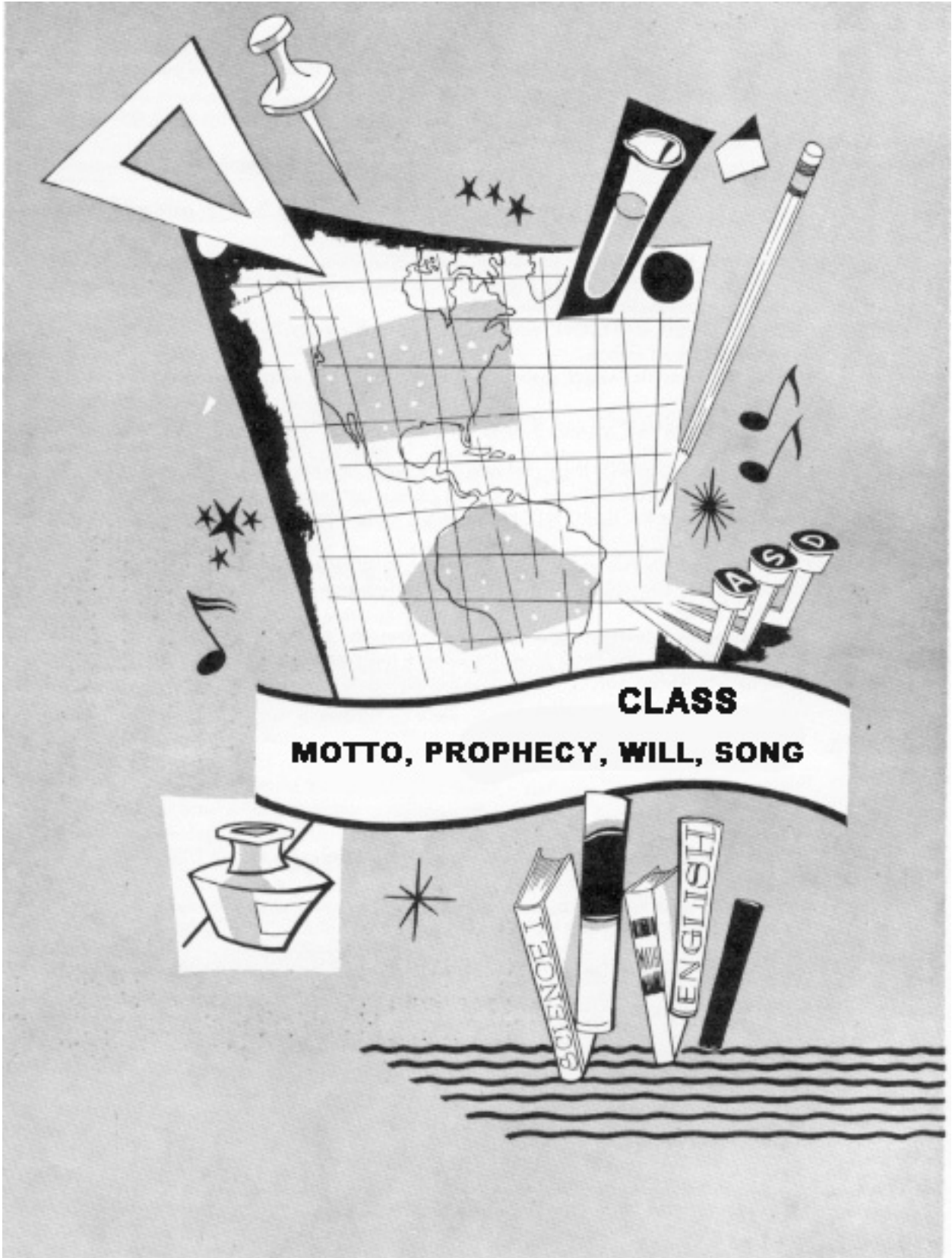
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Rose Myjack

No Pictures for:

Rudy Tervo
Mike True
Paul Wilder



Class of 1959

Class Motto: We Have Crossed The Bay, The Ocean Lies Before Us
(Original)



Class Flower: Rose

Class Colors: Blue and White

Class Prophecy

Well Folks, here we are in the great space age of 1979. Today, we are witnessing the 20th Anniversary of the Class of "1959". This is your announcer Jim Lucier here at WMAB-TV; we will try to meet some of our classmates, and talk over our planetary TV network.

First, we have for you the President of the great class, "Herb Brown." He is, as you all know, the coach of the Mars Redmen, the football team that has won 83 straight ball games and four Universal Championships. Some of his players from the class of '59 are: Jim Gamelin, end; Jim Gherondas, guard; Dan McCollum, tackle, and Fred Matson, quarterback; they are all doing a great job.

Here we have Mike Feldhusen, our Vice-President, and now a president of the "Studiorocketmobile Corporation." Working with Mike is Fred Simonen, inventor of the rockets engine and boosters. Dr. Dennis Wiitanen is the inventor of the rocket guidance system, and Dr. Sherm Nebel, inventor of the ray gun.

Coming back to earth and to Munising, we find Judy Brandt and her associates, Carol Hamilla, Gail Perry and Ann Tervo, co-owners of the fashion shop with their models, Maureen Maki and Andrea Fink .

A gal hard to find these days is "Speedy" Janet Fulcher. She is usually skimming the airways in her rocket. Pat Gollinger gave her a ticket for speeding the other day.

Mary Helen Dore and Carol Berkel are now supervising the Munising Hospital; they are doing a great job. To the left of your one-thousand inch TV screen are Jerry Maxon, Gary Mattson, and Otto Morrison, proprietors of "Otto's Fishery." Their biggest competitor is Carol Vanlandschoot, now owner of her fathers fish business. Carol tells us that she is happily married.

Other class members working together are Ken Griffith, John Reno, "Red" Stimac, and Harold Mahon, managing the "Bosch Brewing Company." Their motto is: "Bye-Bye-Buy Bosch."

Well, some guys just never grow up and face the facts; they are: Fred Benzing, Richard Kuenzer, Joe LaCombe, Jim Eklund, and Clayton Cotey. Won't they ever give up those old fashion cars and buy a rocket ship?

Martin Cleven and John Champine are partners in the General Motors Corporation, the only thing is there aren't many cars these days.

If you can fit him into the picture, here is Russell Hemingway, employed by Tom Fassbender as a taster for the Chocolate Milk Plant.

Under Uncle Sam's employment, you will find Gary Aken, Joe Brey, Greg Stimac and Don St. Amour. Uncle Sam's musical entertainment consists of that singing sensation "Elvis" Al Moody and his harmonica.

Ah ha! We also have some girls in the Service Branches, they are: Carole Nybeck, Alice Andretta, Donna Peters, and Karen Olson, and who do you think is keeping these girls in top shape? Yep! you're right, it's Captain Annette Fulcher keeping them in line, and their figures in shape.

Also, we have those prosperous business owners such as Carol Coe and Barb Melwiki, owners of the "Double Boot Camp." Nancy Guess and Judy Lehman have taken over Nancy's father's business.

Beezie Bowerman, Kay Verbunker and Judy Adair have invested all their hard earned money into building a New 2nd National Bank. The reason for this new bank was that some of our prosperous farmers just didn't have any place to keep their money, such as: Sandra Schierschmidt, Nancy Watson, Don Lehigh, Eugene Storm and Ray Revord. Their chief crop is tobacco, it seems that more people are smoking these days.

Of course, we still have our old paper mill, but it has been taken over by Veronica Debelak and John Seglund. Some of Veronica's workers are: Robin Radcliffe, Charlotte Pabst and Hilma Mannisto. John's workers are: Leon Stankovich and Joe Wright, and, might I add, making better money than ever.

We have in our midst from the theatrical world Bonnie Strand, who is widely known to the theater crowd in New York as the "Orson Welles" of 1959.

We also have a few who have left our scenic little town and have gone out into the cold world. They are our social workers: Rose Myjack, Pat Robbins, Shirley Wilson and Bev Vardon, who have gone to France, Asia, India, and Brazil.

Pete LaCombe, our No.1 playboy, is back in the old hometown for a visit. We caught a glimpse of him on TV in New York, Denver, and Slap Neck. Still roaming, hey Pete?

Around Munising, we see Pat Wirtanen. She surprised us all the other day, which isn't uncommon for her to do, by walking up to Mother High. We found out later that she wasn't a student, but teaching twelfth grade Russian.

See how happy Shelia LaRock is! She and Joan Carr are discussing the rapid progress their five children are making in learning how to read Radar Screens under the supervision of Gloria Erickson.

The winds switch and we find ourselves being blown along to the Rocket Sweep Airport, where Paul Baxter, the pilot, and Gene LaRock, the co-pilot, of a huge rocket plane, are warming up their engines. Pat Maddox, the airline hostess, is seating her passengers comfortably for their take off.

Now that we have a new Zoo in Munising, we need animals, and the right man for this dangerous job is Paul Desarmo. To care for these specimens are: Roland Johnson, Larry LeVeque, and Mike Cromell. They were always interested in "monkey" business.

Oh yes! Before we leave you classmates for another twenty years, here is something else we have added to our town. Everyone is invited to a free meal at the "Shooting Stare Drive-In" by the proprietor Pat Allie.

Our TV screen is beginning to black out, and you may think that this is the end ---- WELL IT IS.

The Will

We, the Class of 1959, being of sound mind and body, do hereby ascribe this document as our last will and testament and affix our seal.

FIRST: To the class of 1960, we leave one more year of waiting for the last final day. We wish at this time to advise them to take our class as an example and carry on for Mather.

SECOND: To the Sophomores we will the fun and work of two more years of taking semester exams.

THIRD: To the Freshmen, we will the saying that "All green things will grow."

To the Faculty, we leave our thanks and appreciation for their efforts and patience in trying to teach us something. We thank them for what we know.

The Class of 1959 hereby bequeaths the following:

ANNETTE FULCHER leaves her "gift to gab" to Betty Denman.

ROSE MYJAK and SHIRLEY WILSON will their "shortness" to Ruth Ann Hoffins.

JUDY BRANDT leaves her ability of "messing up Grand Marches" to Judy Johnson.

MARY HELEN DORE leaves her love for a good time to Emmy Merrill.

CAROL BERKEL leaves her crammed class schedule and extra curricular activities to anyone who can do as much justice to them as she does.

MAUREEN MAKI leaves her "walk" to anyone who can imitate it.

PAT MADDOX leaves her love for "out of town men" to Karen Jacobson.

PAT ALLIE leaves her love of school to Bonnie Benzing.

ANDREA FINK and SANDRA SCHIERSCHMIDT leave their Shorthand ability to Virginia Dale.

DONNA PETERS leaves her shy smile to Joan Bonevelle.

JUDY ADAIR leaves her blonde naturally curly hair to Pat Olson.

PAT WIRTANEN wills her scholastic ability and other hidden talents to anyone who can find out what they are.

ANN TERVO leaves her "gum chewing" to Karen Arman.

CAROL VanLANDSCHOOT leaves her "Colgate" smile to anyone who has the energy to brush their teeth three times a day.

VERONICA DEBALAK bequeaths her quietness to Marilyn Hebert.

BONNIE STRAND leaves her job at the telephone office to Lauri Runsat.

GAIL PERRY leaves her long bus rides each morning to Yvonne Farley.

NANCY GUESS wills all her speeches from Speech Class to anyone that will be taking Speech next year.

JANET FULCHER wills her love for a good time to Judy Sharkey.

SHEILA LaROCK and JOAN CARR leave their early marriage plans to the Junior girls.

CAROL HAMILLA wills her "laugh" to Nancy Sidbeck.

CAROL COE and BARBARA MELWIKI will all their fun to anyone who can have as much fun as they do.

GLORIA ERICKSON wills her nice disposition to Connie Putvin.

BEEZIE BOWERMAN leaves her letters from "Tech" to Donna DeLisle.

BEV VARDON and HILMA MANNISTO leave their "shyness" to Sandra Cole.

CAROLE NYBECK leaves her art ability to Suzanne Nesberg.

KAY VERBUNKER wills to Andrea LaCombe all the fun and arguments of "going steady."

ALICE ANDREATTA, JUDY LEHMAN, NANCY WATSON and PAT ROBBINS leave their quietness to Loretta Blank.

CHARLOTTE PABST leaves her ability to be friendly with anyone to Tina Gherondas.

KAREN OLSON leaves her typing class to anyone who likes to type.
ROBIN RADCLIFFE leaves "riding around town" to Chris Beerman.
MIKE CROMELL leaves his ability of "wising off" to Jim Wickstrom and Mel Beauchaine.
PATRICK GOLLINGER leaves the school to the "JUNIORS."
LARRY LeVEQUE and GENE LaROCK aren't leaving anything, they're taking it all with them.
JOHN RENO and OTTO MORRISON leave their ability to argue to John Trezciak and George Boundy.
HERB BROWN leaves his football ability to Larry Hillberg.
PETE LaCOMBE leaves his "way with girls" to Ron Fulcher.
GREGORY STIMAC leaves his good looks to Bill Marsh.
HAROLD MAHON leaves his autograph to the school to make sure they won't forget him.
JIM LUCIER leaves his ability to go places to anyone who uses their talents to get ahead.
JIM GHERONDAS leaves his "dancing" to John Negilski.
JOHN CHAMPINE leaves his job at the radio station to anyone who wants to be a radio announcer.
TOM FASSBENDER leaves his likeable personality to John Prato.
ROBERT MATTSON leaves his job at the Dime Store to anyone who likes to work.
GARY AKEN and KEN GRIFFITH leave their quietness to Ted Mahalic.
JIM GAMELIN, PAUL BAXTER, and ROLAND JOHNSON leave their love for parties to Arland Brock.
FRED SIMONEN leaves his "wildness" to Leland Gauthier
DON ST. AMOUR leaves the Juniors the pleasure of becoming SENIORS.
JOE BREY leaves his "anti-socialism" to Bob Kolbus.
MIKE FELDHUSEN and FRED MATTSON leave their basketball ability to the Junior boys who will miss them next basketball season.
DENNIS WIITANEN leaves his Physics tests to the first one to call 478-W. (Please call after 4 o'clock).
EUGENE STORM, JOHN SEGLUND and JERRY MAXON will all their books to anyone who wants them.
JOE WRIGHT and RAY RIVORD will their "tallness" to Chuck Johnson.
DON LEHIGH, LEON STANKOVICH and SHERMAN NEBEL just leave.
RUSSELL HEMINGWAY and RICHARD KUENZER leave their corny jokes to anyone who is corny enough to crack them.
CLAYTON COTEY leaves his two years in Government to anyone who likes it that much.
MARTIN CLEVEN and DAN McCOLLUM leave their "little black books which contain telephone numbers" to Bob Wing.
ALBERT MOODY leaves his television appearances to anyone who enjoys watching the "Ramblers."
JOE LaCOMBE, JIM EKLUND, and FRED BENZING leave their ability to pick "guitars" to anyone who wants to be a guitar picker.

Class Song - The Halls of Ivy
Sung to the Tune of "The Whiffenpoof Song"

the Halls of Ivy (1959)

Oh, we love the halls of Math-er That sur-round us here to-day. And we will not for-
Oh, we love the halls of Math-er That sur-round us here to-day. And we will not for-

get tho' we be far, far a-way. To the hal-lowed halls of Math-er Ev-'ry
get tho' we be far, far a-way. To the hal-lowed halls of Math-er Ev-'ry

voice will bid fare-well, And shim-mer off 'in twi-light Like the old 'ves-per
Voice will bid fare-well, And shim-mer off in twi-light Like the old 'ver-per

bell. One day a hush will fall, the foot-steps of us all will e-cho down the hall & dis-ap-
bell. One day a hush will fall, the foot-steps of us all will e-cho down the hall & dis-ap-

pear. But as we sad-ly start our jour-ney far a-part, A part of ev-'ry heart will lin-ger here, - In the
pear. But as we sad-ly start our jour-ney far a-part, A part of ev-'ry heart will lin-ger here, - In the

sa-cred halls of Math-er Where we lived and learned to know, And through the years we'll
Sa-cred halls of Math-er Where we lived and learned to know, And through the years we'll

see you in the sweet af-ter glow.
see you in the sweet af-ter glow.

