Linn-Mar High School

Class of '69
40th year
Class Reunion

August 1, 2009
What a surprise it was to me when I started my usual planning for our class reunion last year: Call Judy Grove, she contacts the others, I attend a couple of meetings to get it started and then I back out because of the distance. It was very different this time, for Judy had died and I found that if we were going to have the 40\textsuperscript{th}, I would have to do more than make that first phone call and attend a couple of meetings. I would have to immerse myself in a project that at times consumed me and took hundreds of hours, many of them in the middle of the night. No one forced me to do this, no one asked me to do this, but I did this with a mission in mind and I will share it at the bottom of this page.

Finding classmates was not as easy as I supposed. I had thought I would just contact the school and they would have a list of everyone. Well they had a list, but not everyone was on the list. They had a list, but most of you never sit still and had moved or changed phone numbers, so the search was on. My goal was to contact every classmate and invite them to come to the big “40”. I soon discovered websites like classmates.com, reunion.com, and many others. I paid to join reunion.com only to discover there was only one classmate on that one. I found after that sites like whitepages.com and zabasearch.com. That is often where my search would begin. Many of you gave me clues to some I couldn’t find. One would give me a clue to where they had run into a classmate in like St. Louis, and searching there, I would find a trail that led to where they now lived. Online courthouse records were invaluable. In searching for one of our illustrious classmates whom we have not seen in 40 years, I found an online obituary for his brother that listed where this classmate lived. I searched whitepages.com and zabasearch.com and discovered two possibilities, one in Florida the other in Tennessee. Searching the net under his name and Florida gave me a company that he ran. I looked up the company on the net and found his picture (although a few years old). I called the company and they told me he had sold it three years before. Dead end. I then used the courthouse property records and found his wife’s maiden name and that correlated to the address in Tennessee. Court records in Tennessee led me to a property, but no phone number, but searching the net under his wife’s maiden name gave me a couple of businesses that they run together and contact was made. Mark Studtmann was found. It is too bad he couldn’t come to the reunion after all of that. Finding our foreign exchange students was even more challenging, but reading news articles from their countries helped. No one even knew where William Aldershoff was from, but then my wife (3 years younger than me) remembered that he was in her freshman class and she had gotten a senior photo from him. On the back was an address in Holland. Alas though, there was a few who could not be found, usually the girls because when they get married, they often change their names. Sadly in searching for classmates I found others who had died and two who were dying and did so last fall.

It has been fun looking for all of you. Even as you read the biographies of your classmates, some came from them, some came from what they told me about themselves in personal phone conversations and some came from web searches and I put them together myself.

Well, I am running out of page so let me say thank you to the committee that helped create your 40\textsuperscript{th} year reunion of Linn-Mar alumni. Steve Westcott, it was great to know you live back in Marion and to reminisce about old times. Kathy Lane, thanks for supplying your house for our brain wracking sessions and for the snacks. Amy Haney and Marta Klavon, it has been fun getting to know both of you on a deeper level. Cindy Fountain, you provided comedy relief by spilling your wine on Kathy’s carpet (no she wasn’t drunk). And Thea Stockman for joining us via telephone for some of our meetings. I don’t know if there will ever be a 50\textsuperscript{th} reunion. Everybody who wants to connect seems to be on Facebook nowadays, but if there is, I will let someone else plan it.

And finally, why I would spend so much time in organizing and searching for classmates? I am on a mission and it ties into my life’s calling from God, that all would know Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior and that all would have eternal life. For some of you, at our age, convincing you to know Christ as more than a historical figure or a cuss word will never happen. As we age, we get set in our ways and no one will change our minds. But if there is just one who is willing to listen, I am willing to share my story of how God could take a broken and twisted soul like me and give me his love, a hope, a Savior and a calling in life. There are others of our classmates who also know what I am writing about, and they too would love to tell their story of the Saviors love for you.

Daryl Martin – Chairman of the Linn-Mar 40\textsuperscript{th} reunion committee for 1969
Willem Aldershoff

Born: 5 March 1951, in Leiden, The Netherlands. After a rewarding year at Linn-Mar High (1968-1969), a period about which I keep fond memories, I returned to The Netherlands. There I took up the studies of political science and international law at the University of Amsterdam. This was followed by two years at Johns Hopkins’ School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC, the first year in their institute in Bologna, Italy, the second in Washington itself.

My first job was an internship at the European Commission’s headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, followed by a posting at the office of the United Nations Development Program in Rabat, Morocco. Then came four years in the Ministry of Economic Affairs in The Hague, the Netherlands.

In 1983 I moved to Brussels with my Austrian wife, a graduate from Johns Hopkins’ Bologna School, to join the European Commission on a permanent basis. In 1987 we adopted a 5 months old baby-boy from South-Korea, whom we called Kyoo.

Between 1987 and 1990 the Commission sent me to its diplomatic representation in Tokyo for three years, which was an extraordinary experience - at the height of the Japanese economic bubble, which at that time was not seen as a bubble, but a period of exceptional high-growth that would last forever and threaten the West.

From 1990 I worked in the Commission’ headquarters in Brussels in various functions on relations with the newly independent countries of central and eastern Europe, which eventually joined the EU as full members. In 2000 I moved into a completely new policy field of the European Union, i.e. justice and interior affairs (comparable to the work done by the US departments of Justice and parts of Interior/Customs/Bureau of Firearms). In the position of head of unit for Police and Customs Cooperation I was responsible for promoting more effective cooperation between the police and customs forces of the EU member states in fighting crime. One of the organisations through which the EU is fighting organised crime is EUROPOL, located in The Hague.

Last year I decided that the moment had come to spend time on other things and took early leave from the European Commission. This makes it possible for me to assist a former Prime-Minister of the Netherlands in his efforts to contribute to a just peace between Israel and the Palestinians in full conformity with international law, as well as to some real estate projects in France and Romania. In the personal sphere important positive changes had already come in 1997 with my remarriage with a woman from Odessa, Ukraine, with whom I have two children, Masha and Alexander.

Nancy (Arthur) Horak

Most of my friends were the crew that worked at "Mr. Bill's" on 10th Street in Marion. I remember being at work there when the first man walked on the moon. My daughter Robin was born Oct 9,1968 in Dubuque IA right before I started attending school at Linn Mar. I was pregnant again by the end of our senior year, married in July of 1969 and my son Jamey was born in Feb of 1970. I took a little time off having babies and attended Kirkwood Community College and then I landed a job at the Penny Saver in Marion where I worked off and on, sometimes full time, sometimes part time for about 16 years. My daughter Holly was born in Nov of 1972 and by 1974 I was single again. I met my husband, John Horak, trying to sell him advertising in the Penny Saver, and we've been married since 1977. He brought 2 daughters to our family, Michelle and Stacie, and John and I went on to have 2 more daughters, Heidi and Hayley and now we have more than 15 grandchildren-a true Brady Bunch family!
We moved our family to paradise (Florida) in 1986 after vacationing there many years (John grew up on Redington Beach but was born in Cedar Rapids). We still have family in Iowa, Daryl is married to my sister Maria and my folks and some of our kids live in Iowa but I doubt if we ever live anywhere else but here.

I am currently working as the HR Mgr. for Manheim St Pete (an auto auction) and have been since 1996. I love my job but business been tough here in paradise, just like everywhere else, and we have had to lay off several employees and combine some positions with a sister auction across Tampa Bay. If you googled me as I’m writing this you would find me listed under Manheim, but by the time you read this I may have been forced to take an early retirement! Needless to say I’m hoping for a few more years!

So that’s my life story in a half page or less, it will be fun to see everyone again but its a good thing we’re sending pictures because I doubt if we’d recognize one another without them!

**Rick Austin**

Rick married Christine Sweeny Oct 1st 1977 at Methodist Church in Marion. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Geology, He then continued education and graduated with a computer Science Degree from Coe College.

His other occupations are guitar instructor and home builder.

He has been employed for the past 28 years at InterMec as one of their top engineers. His Hobbies are music, rock collecting, scuba diving, and his travels for Intermec.

He built his own home at Lisbon where they now reside. Rick and Christine have two sons. Ian John (single) now 30 years old engineer at InterMec. Son Aaron (engaged) age 27, an engineer at Rockwell.(2009)

**Dave Bartilson**

According to his own words... “the class of ’69 are flower children who have grown up thumbing their fingers at authority figures”

**Christi Berg**

Died in 2005 from complications to diabetes

**Dan Bixby**

After college, very few classmates have seen Dan. It was rumored that he worked for a while building the Duane Arnold Energy Center. Currently, according to his sister Amy,
he is driving truck out of Cedar Rapids. Any contact with him can be made through his sister if you can find her phone number.

Curtis Box

Following graduation I had several sales/delivery jobs including Linn Candy Company where I made the fatal mistake of asking the bosses daughter for a date. This led to a quick dismissal, but excellent reference for employment at Iowa News Distributing. I started as a replacement delivery driver to cover for vacationing or ill drivers. After a year or so I was regularly wearing a suit to work and sales commissions where just too easy to obtain. Yes, a suit, I'm not proud of it but we all have done things we regret. I had no idea I was making 2 to 3 times the amount my father made as chief engineer at KCRG.

I walked away from that job to follow my family to the Kansas City area with good intentions of attending KU's architecture program. But things don't always go as planned....In the early 70's, I had become an active bible thumper, even spent a year in Ann Arbor, Mich. Teaching bible studies. When I returned to Kansas I met a women 5 years younger, but 10 years more mature who shared my growing religious skepticism. (I'm much better now) Her name was Annette and I lack the vocabulary or superlatives to properly describe her; caring, generous, thoughtful, well read, hard working, forgiving, attractive, I could go on and on.... So I married her in 1976. I'm still trying to figure out what she saw in me! We have two children Jennifer 29 - Graphics Designer and Jeff 27- Sustainable farming student at Kansas State University.

Mid 70's, I worked for several years for a General Contractor and became somewhat of a jack of all trades. Electrician, Plumber, Carpenter, Sheet-rocker, Mason, Tile setter, Roofer, Solid surface fabricator, etc. We mostly built medium sized commercial projects, churches and high end residential custom homes. I eventually became annoyed by the nepotistic nature of my employer and started to take on side jobs, where I quickly learned I could make more money on the weekend than I received for a full weeks employment. I also spent a year (?) in evening classes at Bushidokan Martial Arts Academy, where I learned how to kill.... Just kidding.... Really....

I have been a remodeling and home repair guy ever since, doing business under the name “Altered Space.” In the mid 80's I fell for the advice, “You need a computer to survive” and soon discovered I apparently have the geek gene. Even went to JCCC and acquired numerous certifications, A+, Network+, CCNA and PLC programming. I'm an open source advocate who uses Linux on all my computers and really can't fathom why you “windows” users keep falling for the same old tired promises of the Microsoft Corp.

In the mid 90's in an effort to humiliate my then teenage children we moved from a sizable raised ranch in Lenexa, Ks. (yuppie-land) to a one bedroom home in Shawnee, Ks. A home my daughter rightfully described as the crack house of the neighborhood. We bought the house solely for the property. An acre lot, in town. Took me a year and a half to design and build a home right behind the crack house. The house is highly energy efficient with low-E argon filled double pane windows, exterior walls and vaulted roof/ceiling surfaces are all SIPS (structural insulated panels) temperature control is via a geothermal heat pump with a de-super-heater to provide hot water as a by-product of cooling. Tearing down the crack house and moving into our new home was a very joyous occasion. We have spent some time landscaping the house with numerous flower beds, water features (such as a stone wishing well that spills into a fish pond full of water lilies) a 40 foot circular Celtic patterned garden with an arbor made a bent re-bar. Our goal is to have nothing but perennials, it's nice to set on the front porch swing or rear deck (cold beer in hand) and just enjoy the butterflies, finches and humming birds. If you build it, they will come. Of course it's not all bliss, the water garden attracts these little frogs called spring peepers who, when crying for a mate, sound like a screaming baby in the night. Fortunately, they are not hard to catch.
Over the years we have spent many a winter skiing in Colorado, have traveled to most states, numerous national parks and ventured beyond US borders to England, France, Austria and Germany where I was not the first to discover real beer. This led to my home brewing skills, the fabrication of a compact 3 keg “HERMS” mostly automated brewery and the installation of a twin tap beer tower (in a kitchen alcove) fed by CO2 pressure from a freezer in the basement.

These last couple of years I have been plagued by the toll of numerous construction related injuries, I have had one hip replaced, one down one to go... Had my cataracts removed recently and am enjoying the return of 20/20 vision. Now my shoulder gives me occasional trouble, the result of either improper technique during my time at Bushidokan or a spectacular snowboarding wipe out in my mid 40's.

My parents are now 88 and 90 years old and have become high maintenance. My father is in their home in Overland Park and my mother is in a nursing home not far from us. She is recovering from a fall and would like to return home even though she has mobility issues. Annette and I are doing our best to care for them and fully expect, to at some point, wind up having them move in with us. It will be like having kids at home all over again.

Good grief, I can't remember, was this supposed to be a brief bio?

Curt Box

PS:
Annette and I enjoyed Daryl and Maria’s brief visit. If any classmate makes it to our “neck of the woods” give us a call. If the house is picked up (our maid died and we can't bear to hire another out of respect :') our door is generally open, the beer is cold and tasty, and we are (of course) gracious, witty and entertaining hosts....

**Donna (Bramer) Simmons**

After high school, I bummed around CR for a couple of years not really doing nothing. Got a job in Colorado working horses, then NM, then AZ. After a severe reaction to a scorpion sting, I moved back to Iowa to finish recovery.

Married the first time (we will not talk about that). Two years later I was in Texas working horses again. Met 2nd husband and married. Chris was born the next year. Marriage didn't work out so came back to Iowa again. Bought a small farm in 91 and started working horses for myself. Had a house fire in 01 and ended up having to sell the farm. Went back to working for others with their horses for a couple of years till I found new acreage and moved here in 03. Have been working horses as a side line since then and working full time in CR till Co. lost their contract. I have been looking for a good job for a year now. First grand-baby Colton Christopher Simmons born July 2, 09, seven weeks early in St. Luke's NICU for a while yet. My son, his girlfriend (baby momma) and baby (once out of Hospital) live with me. Hobbies: Horses, tubing the Wapsie when it is hot, staying close to the fire when it is cold, Online gaming, Crafts, Leather work, Saddle repair, Trail Riding and camping with horses.

**Linda Burger**

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Richard Burns

I live in rural Marion on the family farm. Judy (Lorence) and I just celebrated our 36th year of marriage. I am still farming about 2,000 acres with our son, Ryan, and his brother-in-law. We raise corn, soybeans and hay. I am also busy as a Pioneer Seed representative, making this my 21st year as a salesman. I sell corn and soybean seed, and hay inoculate to local farmers and provide agricultural advice to my customers. During the winter I have a Meter Max business that calibrates planter units. Judy and I recently purchased my mother’s home on North Alburnett Road so we could be closer to the home farm. I am called “Dad” by four children and “Papa” by 6 grandchildren and expecting a 7th soon. There is never a dull moment out on the acres!

Ken Caraway

Ken is crazy as ever. (Just call and listen to his answering machine.) After showing cattle for his brother for several years and working in a factory making GM/Delco parts until it went under, Ken is now working as a maintenance man at a nursing home. He runs sound equipment for several bands. Ken has 5 children and 6 grandchildren. He says that, “Jesus is Lord” and “we are all part of the plan and his children.”

David Chaisson

Dave Chaisson and Margaret Benz were married in November, 1970. He was in the United States Navy and I was a student at UNI. We spent the next 7 years changing bases with him in the submarine service on fleet ballistic nuclear submarines. After the Navy, we moved to Des Moines for 4 years. Dave went to work at Duane Arnold Energy Center in Palo in February, 1982. He is currently an Operations Shift Supervisor. We have 3 children Erick (1975), Karen (1980), & Adam (1984). We have 8 grandchildren with one due in February. Dave plays the guitar, golf and poker. We watch a lot of DVD’s together. I started a quilt group for my church which makes and raffles a new quilt every year to raise funds for projects. The quilt group is in its second decade of existence. Dave volunteers at our church by scheduling the liturgical ministers for every Sunday. We will celebrate our 39th anniversary this November!

Thea (Chapman) Stockman

My life changed when my brothers died in April, 1973. While standing between Dan and Wayne’s caskets at the funeral home, I told God I had one of two choices. One was to grit my teeth, clinch my fists and be angry at God. Or, I could tell Him I did not understand and surrender. I asked for help. And, He has never failed me yet. NOT EVER!

October, 1974, I married Dan Stockman and we moved to Abilene, Kansas. Then we moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and had two boys, Joe & Jake. Then we moved to Portland, Indiana. That is in the middle of Indiana but 8 miles from Ohio. Next move was to Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Both boys graduated from Kutztown and both went to West Chester University in West Chester, PA.

Joe works for a company that helps doctors with patients that are on their last resort for pain in their back. He will be in the operating room and tell the doctor where to put the medical device in the back/spine to stop the pain. It is the last resort and does not always work.
Jake is a Primary PE teacher at an American International school in Jakarta, Indonesia. You might have heard of the bombings in Jakarta not long ago. Jake lives/works close to that area where the bombs were for that area has the biggest malls he has ever seen. Try 7 floors in the malls. And, Jake was at our house when the bombs went off. He contacted friends back in Jakarta and they were not concerned at all. He flew back there yesterday which was 7-28-2009. It was 32 hours to fly back there. He is now 12 hours ahead of Dan and I in the Central Time Zone. We Skype to him once a month. For free we get to see him and talk with him thru our computers. It is a very small world we live in!

Back to Dan and I. We moved to Hereford, Texas. Then we made another move to Columbus, Texas. This is like living in the tropics. Hot and humid. It is interesting to look out my kitchen window and see palm trees.

Along the way to Columbus, Texas, Dan and I have had various jobs. Dan has gone from 30 years of working for dog food companies to now edible food. I would almost bet that each one reading this has had what they make where Dan works. Come on….bet with me!! When going down the chip/snack isle at any grocery store, there are jars of salsas and dips made for Frito-Lay, Ruffles, Tostitoes, etc.. 80% of all of it is made at his plant in Schulenburg, Texas and Dan is quality manager. I would have won the bet!!!

For me, I have had different jobs and a few business ventures because of all the moves. I had found a product that will clean anything with only water and there are markets to sell them. Are there any “Hippies” out there? I am still trying to save the planet. Ask me what this product is and I can show you.

What I do now is very interesting. Merchandising, demos, surveys, mystery shops, and other things. There are all sorts of companies looking for workers and if you need to make a few extra bucks each month just ask me. There are over 200 companies that I know of that need workers. I have companies are calling and emailing me all the time. Tomorrow morning I will be contacting a company that has been calling me for weeks. When I get back from this reunion, I will get even busier. I love having money sent to me in the mail. Just ask for my list if you are interested.

With all these moves and different trips we have made, I have driven from one coast to the other and from Canada to Mexico. The states I have not been in are: Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. I have been to Canada, Mexico, England, Greece and Italy. Soon, Jakarta, Indonesia. Learning is fun and going new places is exciting. If I ever stop learning, I must have died.

I love the internet! While watching the show Dateline about 2 months ago, I found lost money for my husband, his mother, my mother, my great aunt and helped get the info to others so they can see if there is money that is owed them. Look up on Google, ‘you might be rich’ thru Dateline and get the article. Begin searching. You Might Be Rich! Let me know if you find some.

I also found a website that has helped many that have had hardship the last few years or even right now to put food on the table. The website is angelfoodministries.com. For $30 they have a signature package that will feed a family of 4 for a week. Dan and I do not need to do this but we are. That package will last us for 3 or 4 weeks if we add other things with it. The food is good and we are saving on our grocery bill. If you belong to a group that at different times gets food for the needy, this would be a way to help others. Check it out.

There is something that is dear to my heart. Can I do something for my school, Linn-Mar? In talking with teachers where ever we have lived, there are needy children that start the school year with no backpack and no supplies. Even at Linn-Mar. This week, there are 24 backpacks being mailed to Marion, Iowa. In fact, they will arrive before the reunion and before I even arrive. There is a church in Marion that will fill them and get them to needy children at our school. I wanted to fill them myself or ask others to help but there was no time. My heart says to do something every year. I plan to do what I can. Just one person alone it is almost impossible. With a large number, like our graduating class, and a giving heart it will be easy. Will you help?

Our reunion is almost here. Can’t wait!!!

Blessings to you all!

Dan Coates

After leaving Linn-Mar in 1968 due to a slight misunderstanding with a teacher, Dan and a friend made their way to Puerto Rico and bummed around down there. Eventually he found himself back in the mainland and a classmate found him in St. Louis. He now resides in Texas.
Crystal (Cook) Stewart

Marion to Chicago to St. Paul to Kansas City the heck did I end up in Seattle? I have a with this city but I’m still here and right now is enjoy what Seattle and the Pacific Northwest mountains, lakes, all add up to a work and play. And have popped up taking a liking to the and Bordeaux. state’s little “Napa Valley”.

In 1988, Brian, my son at 11 years old and I took off in my Nissan Stanza wagon and followed the Lewis and Clark Trail from St. Louis Missouri all the way to the Pacific Ocean. This took us about 6 weeks, landing in Bellingham, Washington before we moved to Seattle in 1990. Brian graduated from Washington State University (Go Cougs!), moved to Palms Springs where he settled down, got married and had a son who just turned two in June.

During the first 10 years in Seattle, I had the opportunity to travel quite a bit. One of my favorite travel stories is the one when I was a travel agent for a small company in Seattle focusing on adventure travel to Africa. As a travel agent, I was offered a familiarization trip to Botswana. There were many legs of travel before we actually got to our campsite. When we finally arrived to our final destination after 24 hours of flying, I discovered that I lost my travel purse, which was supposed to be around my waist. I took it off right before we boarded the 9 passenger plane into camp and left it at the small airport. Needless to say no one found it. The purse contained my credit cards, cash, airline tickets, and passport; my ticket to bring me back home. I had missed 2 days of safari to travel to our embassy to get another passport. What an experience and talk about “stressed out”!

I was one of about 3000 WaMulians laid off from Washington Mutual this year. No one could believe that one of the biggest banks in our country and in business for 100 years could fall into the hands of the FDIC. They closed our doors on September 25, 2008. We were then sold to Chase within a few hours for pennies on the dollar. My last day was May 1st, and right now I’m taking advantage of it enjoying the summer. My sister Lisa married a guy from Seattle and now has two girls, 4 and 5 years old, who live fairly close. We’ve been having some great family get togethers.

I would love to catch up with you if you’re in the neighborhood. Let me know if you ever plan a trip to Seattle.

Debbie Covington (Matarrese)

Greetings fellow classmates of 1969,

Well I can’t say that I have forgotten how to write but I am not very good at it. How do you catch up on 40 years? First of all what happened to 40 years? Good grief it seems like we were all just 18 and on our way.

After graduation I went to community college for two years. Then my boyfriend and I moved to Colorado where I lived for five years. My boyfriend and I had split up but I stayed in Denver as it was a great place to be compared to Cedar Rapids! I met my husband Mark there. He was getting his pilot’s license and then moving back to Alaska.

Well. Love makes one do crazy things so in 1979 we moved to Alaska. We married in 1980 and our daughter Marissa was born in 1981, Our son Matthew came in 1984 and Mai came along in 1986. I have been blessed with a beautiful family and a home that feels like a resort.
I have worked for the United States Post office and for assorted retail facilities for the last 35 years. We are expecting our first grandchild any day now. If you ever come to Alaska I am on the Kenai Peninsula so give me a call. I hope this finds everyone well.

Mike Daunenbaugh

I graduated from the University of Iowa with a BBA in Economics. I have worked at Amana Refrigeration and have been for 18 years. I have one daughter, Dondee age 26. I am currently single. I do a lot of fishing and enjoy riding my Harley. Since my dad passed away, I have been busy with helping my mom with her garden.

Jim Douglas

Here goes on the history (?) of Jim.

I went into the Army on June 13th after graduation. After going from Ft. Polk, LA to Ft. Leonardwood, MO to Ft Benning, GA, I proceeded on to do a tour of Vietnam. I came back to Georgia, to Ft Lee, VA and back to Ft Benning before getting out and coming back to Iowa. A week after getting back from Vietnam and before returning to Ft. Benning, though, I married Donna. We had a daughter Robyn in '75 and Lindsey showed up in '83.

I had worked a couple of jobs after Vietnam and none panned out along with my attitude about working auto mechanics for a living after finishing up automotive mechanics training. I quickly figured out running over my long hair with a creeper wheel and being bent over the fender of a car was not for me. I started at Hupp Electric Motors and stayed there for almost 10 years. I proceeded on ahead to General Mills where I am still at after 26+ years. I am Maintenance lead mechanic for Cereal.

A while (don't really remember when) after being at General Mills, Donna and I divorced and remarried in Sept. of '94 with good old Rev. Daryl Martin doing the ceremony. During all of that time period I built a house on my own in about '81, sold it eventually and we now live in Robins since '94. We spend vacations all over the states on our Gold Wing, one of many now that we have had. Florida and Louisiana are the only two states we have not been in on one of the Gold Wing trips. We have 3 grandkids that Donna spoils to no end. Logan 6, Jaylea, almost 3 and Kinnick (yes you heard it right, Kinnick) almost 1. That pretty much brings us up till this day and age and when Daryl called at the last minute and twisted my arm into scratching this out at the absolute last minute.

Fred Duhme

Fred is now retired from the 3-M Company and is enjoying his time on his tree farm and playing golf. He and his wife, Elizabeth live in Roberts, Wisconsin. They have 2 grandkids and are very happy with life.
Jane Dupek
Died in 2009 from cancer

Kathy (Dyland) Kremer
I have been married to Butch Kremer for 15 years, and have 4 children and 13 grandchildren. We own a portable restroom company in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. I have worked for Worley Warehousing as a technical specialist for 23 years and am still there. We have a houseboat on the Mississippi that we get together with the family to swim, fish and boat.

Michel Gehring
According to our 25th reunion, he is the produce manager at Barlow/Randall foods in Cedar Rapids.

Wes Gehring
Wes is the Professor of Telecommunication at Ball State University and writer of the “Reel World” column at USA Today Magazine. As an author he has written extensively on movie stars of the past and their movies. If you want to know more about Wes, just Google his name.
Sandra George

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Cindy (Gibbs) Fountain

I am still the Hospital Manager at Frey Pet Hospital in Cedar Rapids for 30 plus years now and I still love what I do. My husband Mike and I have raised two wonderful children and now we have one grandson that keeps us very busy and has us laughing all the time. In our spare time, which we don’t seem to get a lot of, we like to go camping and traveling to see friends and family.

Dennis Giblin

Died from factory accident around 1972

Barb (Goldinger) Lehman

After graduating from Linn Mar, I went to the University of Iowa and graduated in 1973. While attending the U of I, I worked at Sears full time and upon graduation joined the Sears Management Training program. My initial training was in Milwaukee, WI, where I met my husband, Richard, and we married in 1976. Richard had three girls from a previous marriage, Laura, Kathy and Cindy. (All of which are married and we currently have five grandchildren.)

Upon completion of the formal training, I worked in two Sears stores in the Milwaukee area as a Division Manager, and was promoted to Human Resource Manager in the Milwaukee South Store. After that assignment I was transferred to work in the Sears Territorial Offices in Skokie, IL, where I held a number of jobs in the Human Resources Department. When the Territorial offices were closed, I became a Human Resource Manager at the Sears Tower and eventually became the Human Resources Director for Sears Corporate Offices which were also housed in the Sears Tower.

After Sears Corporate offices were closed due to the spin-off of Allstate, Dean Witter and Coldwell Banker, I
returned to the Sears Merchandise Group, then housed in Hoffman Estates, IL, and became the Human Resource Director of the Sears Merchandise Group. As I also held positions in the Training and Development area, I was asked to serve on a special task force to handle a company wide transformation process under a new CEO whose work was documented in the New York Times and various other business publications.

In 1998 Richard's father passed away, leaving us properties in Arizona. We were able to transfer Richard's advertising business to Arizona, but we decided to leave Sears to focus on our new endeavors in the desert. In 2001 we moved to the mountains in Prescott, AZ (90 miles north of Phoenix) where we currently reside. We also have a home "in the valley" (Phoenix), but find 115 degree days in the summer a bit much to tolerate.

We currently have a Dalmatian named Babe who keeps us laughing and busy, and we are both attempting to improve our golf game which is not working out too well. We like to take quick fun trips to Las Vegas or Laughlin, NV. We also travel often to Stamford, Connecticut or West Palm Beach, Florida to visit my older sister Nancy. My parents are both living (my mom is 90 and dad is 89) and residing in Covington, GA (east of Atlanta) near my younger sister, Linda Goldinger.

Sharon (Grenis) Henderson

(Gleaned from the internet)

Sharon and her husband Larry live in Slayton, Minnesota. She is a 4th grade teacher, has served on the Murray County Central District Advisory Committee and is the manager for the local swimming pool. They have two children: Amy, age 32 and Andrew, age 31.

Jeff Grimm

After graduation I attended Kirkwood and got a Associates degree in Automotive Technologies. Shortly after Kirkwood I won the lottery, Uncle Sams that is, and was asked to spend some time with the Air Force. Four years later and after my Honorable discharge I went to broadcasting school and after 5 years of music and partying I decided to go back to the real life. During the next ten or so tears I worked for a wealthy investor who bought troubled companies and flipped them. It was my job to evaluate production problems, people or machinery, and make it profitable. Since then I have worked in various positions in companies using what I learned in the past to grow or fix their shortcomings. I now work for a micro- injecting molding company where we make parts for various medical devices.

Right now I am single, live with my two Bischon pups, collect cars and race them for fun. I also bought an older home and spend my time remodeling the interior.

Judy Grove

Died in 2007 from health complication
Kathie (Haars) Lane

After high school, I went to Kirkwood to become a medical secretary and worked most of my life doing medical transcription. I met my husband, Glenn Lane in Waterloo where he was working for Social Security. We moved to Carroll and had two children there and then to Norfolk, Nebraska and had two children there before returning to Cedar Rapids where we currently live. We are both retired now and enjoying traveling and our two granddaughters. Our two oldest daughters are married and our youngest two children, one daughter and one son are both still in college in Iowa City. We plan to continue to travel until we are no longer able, especially in the winter months and enjoy life.

Amy (Hall) Haney

See Pat Haney’s bio for my information

Claudette Hansen

Died in a car wreck in 1968

Pat Haney

Pat Haney and Amy Hall Haney are alive and well and have been living in Mount Vernon, Iowa for the past sixteen years. Mount Vernon is a very unique and quaint town in which to live. There is always some type of event to attend where one can meet their friends and neighbors.

Pat continues to work for Genencor helping them to make a variety of products. Some of these products are added to everyday laundry detergents, or may be used in the production of ethanol or other manufacturing processes. Amy continues to work at the Joslin Diabetes Education affiliate at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids as a dietitian/certified diabetes educator. Even though during last year’s June floods, Mercy had to be evacuated, the Joslin Center had moved just 6 weeks to the day to Mercy’s
Heath Plaza building on Council Street on the other side of town and remained dry. The Joslin Center, however, had one of the doctor’s offices, normally located at Mercy, move in with them. Two and one half months later the doctor’s offices returned to a restored Mercy.

Traveling throughout the USA and appreciating old cars keep us busy. We have a 1955 Pontiac “Old Blue” and a 1967 Pontiac Bonneville convertible that we enjoy taking for outings. Many of our travels revolve around visiting car museums and/or car shows somewhere along the way.

Keeping these cars running frequently keeps Pat out in the garage. Amy insists that for when possible, for every car trip made a side trip to a food or other manufacturing facility be visited to learn “how is that made.” This combination has led to some very interesting vacations. Anyone else been to the “Spam” Museum?

It is hard to believe that 40 years have gone by since our last days at Linn Mar but it will be good to see everyone at the reunion this year and share both old times and some new times.

Vicki (Haveman) Curtis

Last summer, my husband, Terry, and I moved to Coralville, Iowa, after living in California since 1982. The main reason was Terry’s major medical issue of brain injury. In 2006, he had neurosurgery for benign brain tumors. A few weeks later, he had a pulmonary embolism, was readmitted to the hospital, placed on blood thinners and bled in the head. The result was a second neurosurgery to remove the hematoma but permanent brain injury from the blood in his head. UCLA, where I had worked nearly all of the years since 1982, was not helping him in the recovery and rehab so it became obvious that California was going to only be a chapter in our lives and not the state of our residence forever. Knowing the high caliber of healthcare at the University of Iowa and having aging parents in Iowa, it was clear that moving back here was what we needed to do.

So, last summer, we were fortunate to sell our house at Pismo Beach. I handled the packing and long distance move of the contents of that house as well as our apartment in Beverly Hills. Thank goodness for United Van Lines!!

After working in health care, on the administrative side, since 1980, I had opportunities at the University of Iowa and accepted a position in Pediatrics.

I am pleased to say that the University of Iowa’s medical care provided to Terry is many times better than what he received at UCLA. Progress is slow but I see it over several months’ time.

Living closer to our parents and a few siblings in the Midwest has been enjoyable, particularly over holidays and special events. I was prepared for Iowa’s predictably unpredictable weather but I still miss the ocean!

We are enjoying our house as well as the neighborhood, here. Time is starting to free up for me so I’ve joined a few organizations and with church activities, I am making friends and feeling comfortable in our new life, back in Iowa.

Best wishes to Linn-Mar classmates!

Jerry Heil

Let’s see, I was standing around after the ceremony with Steve and a few other class of ’69 grads wondering what I was going to do now that I was out of school. Poof! It’s now forty calendar years later and that moment seems like two or three weeks ago. Yet it must have taken 40 years to get from there to here otherwise why would we be celebrating a 40th reunion? Where did that 40 years worth of life go? Here is how I consumed my forty.

I went to Iowa State and bought an old beater motorcycle. Married Barbara and started traveling North America on the old beater motorcycle. Taught Industrial Technology in two high schools. Bought a
nice old beater airplane. Traveled during the summer breaks via motorcycle and airplane. Bought a Freightliner semi-truck and contracted with Mayflower Movers traveling around the country seeing every wear house district and inner city in the US with old beater motorcycle in the back. Worked as a welder making and repairing all kinds of stuff, from smelly loaded garbage trucks to precision analog transmission measuring devices. Got certified to repair airplanes and spent three years welding and fixing everything from J3 Cubs to Lear Jets. Went to grad school. Ran the Minnesota motorcycle safety program, training instructors up north and freezing. Left the frozen north for sunny southern California. Worked for Northrop in LA training technicians to assemble nuclear weapons guidance systems, which was a little grim. Worked for an adult toy company, Kawasaki Motors, USA, and had a ZX1100 Ninja and a Jet Ski for company cars, which was way more fun. Barbara and I had a baby and he graduated from high school this year.

I now own a motorcycle parts manufacturing company in Paris, Arkansas and am on the volunteer fire department (If I get to the fire station first I get to drive the big red fire truck!). From Paris I travel around North America on old beater motorcycles trying to figure what happened to those forty years. I plan to someday grow up and figure out what I am going to do with my life now that I am out of school.

Best regards and good riding to y’al,

Rosemary (Hofer) Steepleton

No information available

Wendie (Holden) Ballard

Shortly after high school I moved to Colorado. Been living in the mountains ever since. In the first years did a lot of backpacking, hiking and camping all over the state. Met a wonderful man (Harmon) who shared my passion for the great outdoors. We married in 1983 and have one wonderful daughter. My husband is a carpenter and I have worked in the electronics industry for 22 years. We enjoy ATVing, skiing, bicycling, camping and our new passion for the last 10 years is scuba diving. Have been to the Bahamas, Roatan, Honduras, Mexico and Tabago in recent years and hope to go to many more exotic locations in the future. (Economy permitting) Have also taken up underwater photography trying to get some published in magazines. No luck on that just yet. Got to keep on trying which means MORE DIVING.

Best wishes to everyone. Sorry I cannot make it to the party.

Jeff Hubbard

(from an email to me earlier in the fall of 2008)

“Anyway you have caught me in transition. I am living and working in Borger, Texas but have just arrived here and have not even looked for a place to live yet. My wife is still at our place in Wisconsin but will be relocating down here sometime in the next few months. Best contact info will be through my job: Frank Phillips College”

Jeff is the Government Assistant Professor there.
Mike Hull

My wife Kathy and I live on a small farm west of Springville. I have worked at Rockwell-Collins for a long, long time, but I can’t retire yet. We have one granddaughter in Minnesota.

Katherine (Huston) Sauer

My name at time of graduation was Katherine Huston-Harris. I attended 2 1/2 years of school at Jefferson met Dennis Harris in 1968 while roller skating in Cedar Rapids and married him in 1969. It was then I left Jefferson and went to Marion High only to have them kick all married students out because they wanted the same rights as the other students. Since I was married to Dennis Harris who was custodian at Linn Mar I transferred there and graduated from Linn Mar. Dennis and I had three living children 2 boys and a girl and divorced 10 years later and I married again and divorced him 16 years later and married a man from Quasqueton and we had 5 boys. We had 3 ½ beautiful years together only to lose him to cancer in 1999. I have not remarried but do have a mate that lost his wife to a heart attack in 1999. I met him in 2000 at a singles dance and we have been together ever since. My jobs have been at Bishops at Lindale, Branding Iron Supper club which was located on the edge of Marion now where the Hy-Vee is, Burger King, Hardees, McDonalds, Bonanza and the Dairy Queen and my last job for the last 10 years has been Arby’s. I love camping and fishing and watching TV and being on the computer. I also write poetry and love traveling with my boyfriend Joe. I was going to attend the reunion but my health hasn’t been the best lately so I hope you all excuse not seeing me again. You all have fun at the reunion. God Bless you all.

Margie (Hunter) Harford

Right after I got out of school I went to school for Collins radio to learn circuit boarding. Of course they stick you with a job that you don’t like when you graduate at the top of the class. That lasted through the summer. Then in February my life really changed for the better. I meet my husband Stan Harford we have been together ever since. Things really got good for us. Our Son Brian was born on September 19, 1970. Stan and I were married in November of 1970. We moved to Colorado. Then we had Carolyn who was born July of 1973. I went to work for a short time in a sewing factory. We moved back to CR for a short time. Then we had Christina who was born January of 1976. We moved back to Colorado. I went to work in a warehouse. Christina was getting really sick every month. So we went back to Iowa. It was really odd how Christina being sick stop. Then Stan started working for Emerson Delivery. That’s when I learned to drive a straight truck. I really did good when they gave a brand new 13 speed two axle truck to take my test in. I felt good when the lady only gave me for 5 points on my driving test. We traveled all over. We were in 25 different states and of course I got pregnant with Craig. We were all over. Driving every one crazy they were thinking of me having him somewhere on the highway. The best was the only weekend we were home is the weekend I had him. We were still taking the kids on the road with us. In April of 1980 Stan was offer a job with Waste Management. That was a fast move. They told us on Wednesday to be in Denver by Monday Morning and we were.
I went to work for a uniform company. I work as lead person for 1 1/2 years. Then I went to work for American greeting cards. I worked there till they found out how good I was at it. When they give you someone to train and what they gave jobs that they have 4 other people to do to and make you do by yourself. Then complained you had to many hours in, that was enough of that for me. Then I went to work for a friend of mine. I was working 10 and 11 hours a day and weekends. Stan, Scott, Carolyn and I had to rebuild all her sewing tables. She was paying for 40 hours a week and wanted me to take less, no way. It was a fun job when we made valances for homes.

The next job I got to drive a flat bed pick-up. I worked hard at that job. Always working overtime then I asked for a raise. It really sucks to be a woman in that kind of job because you had to work twice as hard and I did. Then I went to work with Stan at Waste Management. We ran 3516 Cat engine which turned a generator. I worked with him on payroll for 5 years. They took the engine out and I still went to work with him. He does a lot of different things. We work on cars to remodeling, to plumbing, electrical, to making valances to sewing anything in what we call our spare time.

Brian is 39 works for the city of Wichita, Kansas. His wife Julie is a pharmacist. They have Alex who is 11. Carolyn is 36 and works for a school. She is married to Scott who works for outside sales for hope lumber. She has 3 kids Cody 15, Brenden 10, and Morgan 7.

Christina is 33 and works for quest. she has 3 kids Joline 14, Kenny 12, Alanea 11. Craig is 30 who take care of daughter and works on cars. He is married to Karen who works for an insurance company. Their daughter is Taylor 9.

My family is worth a million dollars to me. When we work on cars and they come out all greasy even the girls. Every project, everybody helps, no matter what the job is.

**Nancy (Jacobs) DeSotel**

At our farm we built the first Linn-Mar senior float for Homecoming. I had no idea we established a "float tradition". But we always were the coolest class so it doesn't surprise me. Did they erect a plaque or anything so people know it was our idea? Hmmmm, probably not.

I was so sad to hear about Jane and Patsy. I had spoken with both of them when I lived in Atlanta but lost track of them. I was going through a divorce, raising kids and traveling full time for ING Americas for work so I was keeping a lot of balls in the air at that time. Getting older certainly does make us reconsider our priorities, doesn’t it? Losing friends does as well.

After spending 25 years in Atlanta, GA (mostly traveling) as the Senior Auditor for ING Americas, I retired in 2005. I spent a year traveling for fun, returned to Atlanta, sold my house, and moved back to Cedar Rapids. It has not been a great experience. I crushed my ankle, moved into a luxury loft on the river in downtown Cedar Rapids 2 weeks later (still in a cast and on crutches) 11, yes, ELEVEN days before the flood. Of course, mine was the first building to be evacuated. I wasn’t able to return home for two months. It was not the best two months of my life.

My father became ill in April so I moved to Marion to be closer in July. Unfortunately, after nearly 6 weeks in the hospital, my father passed away on July 2nd. I live on Hunter’s Ridge golf course so I’m only minutes away from the family farm where my mother still lives.

I have four children, and nine grandchildren. My daughter Danielle, owns a store and also lives in Central City, My son Jay is a Senior IT Engineer at Rockwell Collins and lives in Marion, my son Eric, lives in Cedar Rapids and my daughter Courtney lives in Atlanta.

I am looking forward to traveling again as soon as things settle down. I have hopes of going to Australia, San Diego and Alaska before the end of the year.
Rudy Jasa

I am single. Live in Hiawatha, Iowa I work for Dave Schmitt Construction mechanic in, driving 2010 Kenworth lowboy hauling heavy equipment and operating the equipment. Have been here for 15 years. I have 3.5 years and then I am retiring. My ex and I have raised my 3 granddaughters for the last 15 years ages 18 17 15 but think they are 25 or older (must be a girl thing). I rented a house on Ellis Blvd in Cedar Rapids last year and got 10 foot of water in my house. Lost everything but my suburban, camper, guns, fishing poles and computer. What else do you need? I do a lot of camping, fishing and hunting. Hope to do more when I retire. So if you live by a lake or camp ground let me know I'll bring the beer.

David Jedlika

No information is available

Bob Jones

Greetings and salutations to one and all on this our 40-year reunion.

Doesn't seem possible that so much time has elapsed since Graduation Day way back in the Age of Aquarius, but you know the old saying: How time flies when you're having fun. I have so many great memories of high school, and I am sorry that I can't be there for the festivities.

So what have I been doing?

Briefly ... I've been an editor in the Washington bureau of Scripps Howard News Service for many years, and have lived in the nation's capital since 1981 -- just a couple of years after our 10-year reunion. It has not been boring -- to say the least!

Previously, I lived in Iowa City for years and years, graduating from the University of Iowa with a couple of degrees. I had several positions on The Daily Iowan, the campus newspaper, including editor in chief. (Talk about an education.) I also worked in the Office of the Dean in the College of Liberal Arts.

I'd love to hear from everyone. Meanwhile, hoist a brew or two for me in celebration of past and present and future -- and also in remembrance of classmates who have passed on. Take care.

GO, LIONS!
Nyle Joyce

Nyle is into riding motorcycles and at this time is on a trip somewhere on one.

Steve Keickhaefer

Steve and Sue still live in Cedar Rapids. They have raised their three children and are enjoying life.

Richard A. Lensch

Attended Kindergarten through high school Linn-Mar School systems. Graduate of Marshalltown Community College- Associate degree in Ag-Business. B.S. Degree-Iowa State University-soils Married: June 18, 1977 Divorced: June 10, 2002 Children: Sarah Curry, Alicia Garrity, and Michael Lensch. Grandchildren: Hailey Marie Lensch, Jackson Robert Curry, Avery Kathryn Garrity, Brenna Gene Garrity, and Clare Alice Garrity. One to be named later in November, 2009. Occupation: Soil scientist for Natural Resources Conservation Service since 1974. I have worked on 12 soil surveys in the following counties in Iowa: Adams, Cass, Clay, Crawford, Des Moines, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Lousia, Winnebago, Woodbury, and Wright Counties. Hobbies: Wood working, shooting my guns, trap shooting, building computers, and the study of geology. Comments: Always meet life head-on, never give up, and sometimes a few simple changes can put your life back on course. My recent diagnosis of diabetes is a testament to that. After some changes in my life style, diet, and exercise I haven’t felt this in 40 years. I have lost 35 pounds, and my blood pressure, and cholesterol levels are better than when I graduated from high school. Life is good. Also, respect and conserve our natural resources, nearly everything we eat, consume, or use comes from the earth or comes from soil, use them wisely. Finally love, guide, and respect your children and grandchildren, they are the most valuable resource.
Sue (Lockwood) Gilman

It has been 40 years, where have I been and what have I done? I did do one year of college and have been on the run ever since. The best part is that I have more fun every single year! I am married to a wonderful man, Jed, and we currently live in Evergreen, Colorado in the mountains just west of Denver. My sister Nancy and her husband live just 2 miles down the road from us. I am still working at the Suncor Energy Inc. oil refinery in Commerce City as an operator. It is an interesting job, tedious at times, but always challenging. I wear steel toe boots, coveralls, hard hat and carry a pipe wrench and United Steelworkers union card. I have been working there for 17 years.

I have two sons, Mario age 30 and Carlo age 27. Mario is in Construction Management and he and his wife and 1 year old daughter live in Aurora. Carlo is an officer in the United States Army and he and his wife Kim are on their way to Fairbanks, Alaska for their next duty assignment.

I have two step-daughters. Lacy age 27 and Sara age 25. Lacy, her husband and three children live in Denver. Sara is living and working in Salt Lake City.

When I met Jed, he introduced me to the world of motorcycles. We have several bikes and I ride my own 2003 Harley Davidson 1200 Sportster. We usually take a 3 week bike trip with friends every summer. We have been coast to coast, north, south, east and west. Last year we went to Maine and back, visiting Niagara Falls and Gettysburg along the way and taking in the bike rally in Laconia, New Hampshire. Next year we plan to ride to Alaska. The bikes are our livelihood and we love riding in the mountains. Riding the bikes even makes it nice to go back and forth to work.

Our other passion these days is our 6 grandchildren, ranging in age 1 to 9. We love spending time with them and have them as often as possible. We have traveled with them to Hawaii and California and trips to Illinois to visit Jed’s family. They are so much more fun when we get them away from their parents!

My favorite place to visit is Hawaii. I lived there for several years in the mid 70’s and have been in love with it ever since. We took our whole family over for a week at Christmas a couple of years ago and I try to visit at least every other year. I don’t really have a favorite island, I enjoy them all. The people are wonderful, the slower life style suits me and I think the weather is perfect.

I have a simple life that revolves around family, motorcycling and traveling as much as we can. We work hard and play hard. We are truly blessed.

I was so looking forward to coming to the 40th reunion, but our son’s military move finally cut into our plans.

Judy (Lorence) Burns

I live in rural Marion and have celebrated 36 years of marriage with Richard. We have four children, one boy and three girls, and grandmother to four boys (one more in August) and two girls. We recently moved to Richard’s mother’s home on North Alburnett Road after living 31 years on a farm near Alburnett. Last year was my 25th year of teaching, 23 of them in the Alburnett School District. Most of those years were as a reading teacher but last year I became a Kindergarten teacher. I also do the bookwork for the farm business. When not busy with school or the farm, I enjoy spending time with my family and grandchildren. At other times, I am busy with flower gardens, beading, knitting, or reading. There have been many challenges and celebrations over the past years, but we are truly enjoying life together with family and friends.
Mark Marner

Warm greeting to all! After graduating from Linn-Mar, I spent eight years in Iowa City completing my undergraduate and medical school studies at the U of I. Thereafter, I moved to Des Moines where I met (and married) my wife, RaeAnne, and completed a 3-year residency program in internal medicine. After a short stint in southern Illinois with the U.S. National Health Service Corps, we moved to Fort Dodge where I have been practicing medicine for over 28 years. We raised our children Sarah and Katie here. Sarah is married to Joseph Tofilon, recently had a baby girl, Abby, and is close to completing her internal medicine residency at Northwestern in Chicago. Katie is an R.N. and lives in West Des Moines and works as an obstetrics nurse at Iowa Methodist. RaeAnne is also an R.N. who has served in a variety of capacities through the years. She is currently Director of Oncology Services at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Ft. Dodge, a program that she also developed. Her major challenge, however, has been putting up with me for more than 30 years. In addition to the general practice of internal medicine, I helped develop our cardiac rehabilitation program at Trinity and have served as its director for more than 20 years. I also have a particular interest in Hospice care. RaeAnne and I are very active in our church and both enjoy exercising. I like sports of all kinds (especially baseball and all things Hawkeye), singing reading, and golf. Although I have not kept in touch with our classmates through these last forty years, I feel very blessed to have been associated with such a fine group of individuals. I look forward to seeing as many as are able to attend the reunion. May God’s blessings be with all of you.

Daryl Martin

Where do I begin? I guess 40 years ago the day after graduation from Linn-Mar. I woke up at 5:00 and went out to milk the cows. I suddenly realized life was no different that day than the day before I graduated, but that was okay, because I had planned on being a farmer since I was a child and I was happy doing so.

In 1971 a change took place in my life that changed all of that. I was challenged about my own eternity, and even though being raised in church and having all of the right answers, I knew in my heart that if I would die, I would not spend eternity in heaven. At that point I surrendered my heart and life to Christ and the transformation began. The next night I led my best friend to Christ, Ivan McBride and introduced him to a young lady who eventually became his wife. I was so excited about the forgiveness and joy that Christ had put in my life that I wanted to share it with everyone.

It was also that summer of ’71 that I had just been dumped by a girl I was promised to. I went to the Dairy Queen and ordered a cup of butterscotch (I am a tea totaler) to drown my sorrows. The cute little girl working there caught my eye so I asked her out. On July 15, 1972, Maria Arthur became my wife and the love of my life. She became a farm wife and I began to work as a volunteer in Eastern Iowa Youth for Christ. I loved working with teens and sharing Christ with them, helping them avoid the traps of sin that destroy the soul.

In the early summer of 1974, I sensed a stirring in my soul to serve God even more and Maria and I moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa so that I could do something I had never thought I would do, attend college. Vennard College was a 4 year Bible college. Somehow by the grace of God, I finished in four years and then took another step of faith and attended the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. With another three years ahead of me, I
scratched my head and did it in 2 ½ years. While attending seminary, I pastored the Calmar/Waucoma United Methodist churches for one year and the Alburnett Christian church for 2 ½ years. When God sent us somewhere again, it was back to Oskaloosa to serve as the Executive Director of South Central Iowa Youth for Christ (YFC). (That’s just a fancy title for someone who gets to work with teens.) I did this for the next 16 years, working with 200-300 teens each year through our various ministries. I had seven teen clubs going toward the end with two staff members and a secretary. Today there are at least 9 of those teens that are pastors or youth leaders. One even became the head of a mission group in Europe.

While in YFC, I had the privilege of leading several teams on foreign mission trips and went on two trips with our local Nazarene church. The trips were to Mexico, Venezuela (2 times) Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago (4 times). Probably our most memorable trip was to Moscow. It was March and below zero, but it was exciting.

During my time in YFC, my wife and I bought the Mahaska Hearing Aid Center in Oskaloosa. She received her training and has been in that business 23 years. Through her business we have had the opportunity to travel to many places. Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Vietnam were our favorites. Three years ago, we just splurged and went to Alaska.

After 16 years of working with teens, I sensed God’s leading to start again as a pastor and the New Sharon Friends church opened up just 12 miles away. It was only part time, but I had cut my own position to part time in YFC. After totally leaving YFC, I was looking for another part-time position in a church and the Free Methodist church in Oskaloosa was looking for a pastor. They had eight people left in the church. I took the job for $100 a week and we began a rebuilding and a remodeling program. I left the New Sharon Church and now nine years later we have over 75 people involved New Hope Free Methodist Church and God is blessing over and over in our lives.

Now to our family. Along the way we had three children of our own. Lisa and her husband John live in the Chicago Loop district with two of our beautiful granddaughters, Quinn 5 and Keiran 2. Lisa is a grade school teacher/librarian and John is a medical photographer for Lutheran General Hospital. Loren and his wife Shannon live in San Dimas, CA with our other two granddaughters, Addison ¾ and Olivia ½. Loren is a professor at Azuza Pacific University and this coming December he and his family will be moving to London where he will be teaching at Oxford University for a semester. Loren’s research in the field of autism has broke new grounds in understanding it. His wife Shannon is a registered nurse and works at Hope Hospital in Los Angeles. Ben and his wife Thu (she is from Vietnam) live in Shawnee, KS. He is a high school math teacher and she works in the insurance industry. They have been married just two years and last summer Maria and I got to travel with them to Vietnam for some wedding receptions there (a much better time to go there than 1969). We also have had several foster children and two foreign exchange girls, Thais from Brazil (we are going there in December) and Nadia from Kazakhstan (I am performing her wedding in Seattle August 29).

In the meantime, between being a pastor, my wife and I have been investing in houses. I believe we have 14 counting our own and we have all but three paid off. The rental market is hot, but the repair business sometimes is killing me.

So as you can see, my bio went beyond the ½ page I asked for, but hey, I’m typing up this whole thing, so I guess I can include a little more. My last tidbit to you all is this. As you look at that big 60 (not reunion 60 but that life number 60), maybe you too ought to think about your eternal soul. Because of a decision I made back in 1971, I have felt God’s hand upon my life every day, and there is no better ride in life than that.

Ron McArtor
Unable to locate
Jodi (McDermott) Budreau
Married to Gary Budreau from the class of ’68

Carol (Melchers) Lange

Hello…Classmates of 1969! Wow, 40 yrs. I’ve procrastinated about writing this because it’s so hard to summarize your life in a nut shell, but here goes. I’ve been in the medical profession since I graduated HS. I’ve been an RN since 1977 and a Board Certified Women’s healthcare Nurse Practitioner since 1979. I guess as long as I can remember I had always wanted to be a nurse. I remember riding my bike to the library in Marion and getting “Cherry Ames” books to read. Volunteering as a Candy Striper @ St. Luke’s Hospital and belonging to the “Future Nurses of America club” in HS. It’s been a wonderful career and a career that’s been good to me. I’m still working full time and I still love what I’m doing.

In between my career, I married “Tom” my best friend in 1979. We’ll be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in October. We have two son’s John & Andrew. John is currently in a Vocational Nursing program and will graduate at the end of this year. Andrew is in his 4th yr. of a plumbing apprenticeship. They are kind, hard working, and caring young men who make us proud.

As with all life journeys we’ve had our joys & sorrows. The biggest loss to my family was my sister ”Deb” in 1994 and then my brother “Mike” in 2004. (Forever in our hearts)
My Mom & Dad (divorced) both retired in Texas. My Dad jokes… “that he wasn’t born in Texas but he got here as quick as he could.”

We’ve shared many wonderful vacations from the East – West coast, Hawaii and Mexico together, all with great memories.

Speaking of memories, this is certainly a trip down memory lane. Scattered memories… From where I grew up at (all the houses we ever lived in my Dad built) went to school, church, movies with friends, Camp Fire girls, GRA, Pep squad, my first kiss, Ice skating @ recess, slumber parties, hay rides, swimming @ the old Marion pool and McBride park and Pic-Nic’s with family. Last, but not least the unforgettable music of the 60’s. It was a good place to grow up at! I’m looking forward to sharing many other memories with all of you soon.

See you Saturday. With fondest memories. Carol

P.S. We’ll leave the “Light On” in Texas for you…If any of you ever get our way, give us a call.

Rick Meyers

Rick is living at Hastings, Minnesota.
Nancy (Morrison) Steenhoek
Died from an auto/train accident in 1992

Ed Musselman -- After graduation from Linn Mar, I attended both Wartburg College and the University of Northern Iowa.

Graduation from UNI came on a Saturday in January, '73, and as I recall I started work at Rockwell Collins the next week. Cindy (a Lisbon HS alumni) and I were married in July '73, and we moved into a house owned by her late Grandfather in Mechanicsville, IA., and have lived there ever since. Our daughter, Carrie, will shortly be celebrating her 34th birthday along with my son-in-law Jeff in Walker, Minnesota (an outstanding walleye fishing area), where she is the Manager of the county library and Jeff sells various types of Sea Ray ski-boats. After almost Thirty-four "wonderful" years at Rockwell Collins (anyone who works in a factory -- knows that this is a lie), I opted to retire in July, 2006. After a short period of detoxification from the radio factory (18 months), I now work part-time for Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA. in the athletic department (NO -- I don't wash uniforms). I am looking forward to meeting and greeting the Linn Mar Class of 1969.

Ben Newell
You will remember me as a nice guy that was a slow learner and got lower grades than people would have expected. When we were in third grade I remember thinking that learning to read was a good thing; however, since we also were taught library skills, I thought that they would teach us more than just books. That year I pretty much gave up the idea of getting good grades since all they were going to teach were library skills. So I decided since I knew how to get by with C's and some B's I would just sit back and watch my mind working. They may have taught us more than just library skills, but I stand by my word! ;-O I still don't think they taught us more than library skills. Anyone hear about the Credit Bureaus in school? How about how to handle your money? I would say that these and many other areas, which we live with every day, should have at least been discussed.

We are different than what our mind thinks. I knew very young that I had some "foresight", or able to see things happen before they really did. But I didn't know what to do with that knowledge then any more than I do now. So when I was given the right time, I went to seminary. I was never going to become a minister, I went to seminary to find out more about this "fore-sight" that I have. So during that teaching period of time I basically learned that some people have it, but not to believe it all the time. That was a lot of learning to come to the decision which I knew already. Many times I saw something,,,,, it is kind of like having someone put a dream into your mind and then a day or a week later, it really happens. Told you I liked seeing my mind work. Many times I saw things that happened. Many times. Still do.

So here I am in seminary [1978]. The only bearded guy there. The only guy that just wore sandals. The only guy that went to school with just a T-shirt. I did stand out........ a lot. The other guys wore suits and ties. Not
always and not every guy, but most of them and most of the time. All of the profs were suited all the time. The president of the seminary was frightened every time he saw me. He would come into a room, and if I were anywhere in that room he would turn away from me and go to the opposite side of the room to meet with students or teachers. That even happened if he had to pass by me at the doorway to get away from me. Odd, yes. But wait, there is more, much more.

I am going to tell you the end of this story and let you know that this "gift" or "foresight" also moved into the world of business. I knew before the internet stocks crashed, that they were going to crash. [not smart enough to know that you could buy shares short or I would be wealthy beyond my wildest dreams.] I knew that when the internet started that a 'Magicjack' would come along shortly. I knew that a 'Paypal' was going to be started by someone....not me, and I didn't make a dime with this knowledge, and haven't to this day. I knew that we were going to have a desalization plant built here in San Diego years before anyone presented the idea to the city. One of my friends here, who is an engineer, said that it was a good idea, but that it would never happen because of the cost. Can't always believe what your friends tell you. I shouldn't have dropped that project. I can always get the front parking spot but I haven't made any money with this "gift". And yes, the front parking spot. Another invention is here now I saw years and years ago. I knew that a GPS system could be hand held and that you could find your child or pet. Like I was saying, the president of the seminary always tried to get as far away from me as he could. I was driving home Friday night and was given one of these "foresights". I had a thought that was like me being the driver of a car and this car ramming into the back of a little pinto car killing the guy that was sitting in the driver's backseat and a blonde girl in the passenger's backseat. I saw very clearly what the blonde girl looked like. It was a frightening sight, but that is one of the down sides of this "gift"; it seems I see as many sights that are good as I do sights that are bad.

I didn't think much about the "foresight" because I had never seen the girl before, and many times I've seen these kinds of sights without knowing what the results were. Probably why the old book says that you shouldn't trust all those thoughts.

That was what I thought about this car crash until I went to seminary the next Tuesday. [We had Saturday, Sunday & Monday off. Mondays were off to help the ministers that lived miles away from the seminary time to get back to school after the church work they were doing] when I got to seminary, there were tons and tons of cars there. The parking lot was very big, and really not used that much. Most of the time the parking lot was less than half full. This day was different. This day I walked into chapel with many, many hundreds of people there. It was overflowing. As I got closer to the chapel, which is where everyone was, I heard Amy Grant singing, and I was handed a brochure/pamphlet/one pager explaining that this was a funeral....yes, with the president's daughter's picture on front. She died in the back of a pinto. She was blonde.

This is interesting, too. After a while, when the president was over his grieving, he came into the seminary just like he did before. But after the funeral, every time he walked into a room where I was at, he always came straight away and shook my hand. Again, keep in mind that I haven't made any money with this "gift". And of course there wasn't any way that I could have stopped this death. Remember, I didn't want to think about this, it was a "gift".

If you think this story is weird, email me and I might tell you about my son and daughter that are way beyond me as far as ESP is concerned. But I think with this story you might be able to understand me a bit better. I think this is what Daryl asked for, something to help get to know me better. {Daryl, do you remember when you had that party and we both jumped into your swimming pool with our clothes on? Was that how we both became baptized together and not know it?}

I really loved being in seminary. Met some of the most talented and strong people I have ever met. I was a minister long enough to become ordained. I really don't know what that means. Ask Daryl, he understands these things. I really don't.

I am giving you one of my 'mind's' thoughts. It will become the standard system used around the world when disasters occur. I know that sounds like a bunch of hooey, but I did say that I have been given bad and good thoughts. Many of the good thoughts were inventions that we are living with right now. I still haven't made any money because I didn't know how to market them. This thought I am sharing with you, came to me as though it was floating down from somewhere. It will make sense when you go look. I am trying to get what you will see accomplished before I pass onto the bright side. [By the way, I was put into "Who's Who in Colleges and Universities". I was voted in by my peers in seminary. Still not much into the book learning, but I guess I
Almost, born Baptist contributed to I've less than now that is walk Mexico now. resembles beautiful watch My Lifesbasics have been but 1969. wife invention. immediate. coming see your old games to the field. When you know that a disaster hits, it may take many days before help arrives. This system is almost immediate. You will see when you look. Just click on the word Lifesbasics and it will take you to my simple invention.

My wife and I are moving to Mexico. She has an illness that needs the best weather we can afford. San Diego is beautiful and we have lived here for about 7 years, but very expensive when it comes to housing. Rosarita, Mexico is about 30 minutes south of where we are living now. It won't be much of a move, but the living cost is less than one half. You can find it on a map. If you want, you can also see Newell Lane in Hannibal, MO. I built that lane. I have built over 50 homes. Okay, just 50. Guess I like even numbers... or maybe it was because I was born in 1950.

I have many businesses in mind which I know would make money if I knew how to market them. It is still fun to watch my mind work. That is when I can find it.

Mike O'Brien
After high school:  
College for two years  
Sears for 14 years  
Eastman House Furniture for 5 years  
Owned a business called Dr Vinyl for 9 years  
Sold out and went to work for the Iowa Dept of Corrections. Been there since 2002  
I work with the Prison Industries Division. It's a great program teaching job skills to inmates. We sell only to non profits. If you want to see what we do the website is www.iaprisonind.com

I've been married for 25 years. I've got 4 children and 3 grandchildren. My 2 youngest children are at Linn Mar now. I see by your last email that there is a tour set up of the high school. It's big now and there isn't much that resembles our old school. The junior high has been gobbled up by the high school. I never went to Novak but there is a new Novak being built not far from the old one. If you want to feel a bit of our old high school days walk down to the football field. When you cross the creek and step on to the track it doesn't seem that different than 1969. I walk down to a few games each football season. We have stunk up the field for quite a few years now but the games are still fun to watch since I know some of the kids playing.

Gene Powell
Gene was drafted into the army after graduation. Served in Vietnam until 1972. Joined the workforce of Bob Zimmerman Ford in Cedar Rapids and still works there. In July of '76 he married Janet Fleck. They bought a house and still live in it. They have two sons: Joe, age 27 and Jeff, age 23.
Jack Powers
Jack and his wife Pam live in Oklahoma where he is the Respiratory Care Program Director at the Great Plains Technology Center. His other hobby is Digital Photography and Adobe Photoshop. (Check out http://www.geocities.com/uniquephotos4u/.) His wife, Pamela, was a graduate from Marion High in 1970 (Pamela Turner). We married August 1, 1970 and have been married now for 38 years. We have two kids, JoAnn & Allen and three grandkids; Blake, Logan and Rowdy.

Dan Quass
Dan and his wife Mary just moved this past year. Not very far, but moved because the highway was coming through. Dan is used to the highways of life as he is a trucker. They live at Lakeland, Florida. He is pictured to the far right making a funny face with Mary and his granddaughter, Kila h. Dan writes, “Sorry I won’t be able to get there for the get together. Hope everyone is doing well. My health is good and life is ok. Miss you all.”

Cynthia (Rick) Meyer
After graduation I worked at Eby’s Sporting Goods for 3 years. I then went to work for Amana Refrigeration for 31 years. I quit in 2004 and went to Kirkwood graduating with a diploma in Medical Assisting and now practice as a Certified Medical Assistant. I work for Mercy Medical Center in the out-patient dialysis center as a dialysis technician and recently became certified as a Clinical Hemodialysis Technician. I got married for the second time last June to a great guy, Forrest, who works the counter at the Marion Post Office. He spoils me and I love it! I do not have any children but I do have 4 nieces that I love to spend time with. Through the years I showed dogs in breed and obedience. Learned how to bass fish and hand my own boat. I also learned how to turkey hunt and loved it but don’t do it anymore. I took care of my parents before they died with the help of Forrest. Now I travel with my husband and one of our favorite places to go is Chicago or anywhere along Lake Michigan. Things to do – learn how to quilt and organize family photos.
Marta (Riis) Klavon
I’m living in Cedar Rapids with my husband Mike. I left Linn-Mar to go on to college. I’m a graduate of Coe College and the University of Iowa. These days I consider myself semi-retired and have a little part-time job just to get me out and about. We have two daughters. Jennifer is a student at Iowa State. Kate is a senior at Kennedy HS. We like to travel. I like to see presidential museums/homes when I’m near one. My favorite is Eisenhower’s home in Gettysburg PA only because the home made me laugh. I still smile when I think about it. One of the most fun and memorable things I’ve done, and would do it again in a heartbeat, was to ride a bike down Pike’s Peak in Colorado. We did that as a family a couple of years ago. When I’m not busy with swell things like laundry I like to entertain. We frequently host card parties (we play 500) for 4 or 6 couples or host Murder Mysteries. Many hobbies have come and gone through the years, but my most recent, newly acquired hobby is cake decorating. This year we also had a very new experience for us, we hosted a foreign exchange student from Japan.

Ken Roach
Spouse. Rose
Children. Scott 39, Ralph 38, Elena 36, Jeffri 33.
Grandkids Total of Eight
Dog. His Name Is Diesel (He is my other son.) LIL Wiener dog.
Occupation. Self Employed
Accomplishments since High School: Married Patricia Carpenter 1969 Went to Linn Mar until 1967 then went to Kennedy HS. In Cedar Rapids. Journeymen Iron Worker/ Millwright. Private Pilot, Single Engine Land, 1972. Multi Engine Land, 1979. Went to work for a engineering firm installing pollution control Equipment located in California going all over the US. After several years went into business for myself installing can line equipment and moving and installing pin ovens for the canning industry. After trying to outsmart the IRS (Not a good thing to try, lost my, well you get the picture.) At that time managed to salvage a few things and started to haul anything that would make money. Thus getting in the field that I am in now. I have been working for several companies transporting different fuels, explosives, and radioactive materials. I currently transport bulk propane for Amerigas, Ferrell Gas and companies alike..Since moving to California I have gotten married 3 more times, (Life of a person that is on the road.) My last wife, Iris, passed away of cancer, then marrying my present wife of 20 years Rose. Our primary residence is in Apple Valley Ca. NE of Los Angles, this is the home town of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and where they are buried. I currently work out of Phoenix area where we have our second home in Sun City Az. Life after work: My past time is flying. I have been working on building an experimental aircraft for several years and some day hope to finish it. Flying our Mooney, being on our boat in Big Bear Lake. Currently awaiting the day we can retire and Live it up !!!!!

Robert Roy
Unable to locate
Mike Sampica

Mike lives in Apache Jct, Arizona and works the irrigation lines in the fields. He has spent a lot of time with racing very fast boats.

Vanita (Sheer) Pearson

After graduation, I went to nurses' training at St. Lukes in Cedar Rapids and graduated in 1972. I immediately joined the navy, hoping to serve onboard a navy hospital ship, as the Vietnam war was in full swing at that time. My first duty station was Balboa Hospital in San Diego and because we pulled out of Vietnam, I never realized my dream of serving onboard a ship. In 1974, I discharged from the navy and have been a "civilian" nurse ever since. I have worked in many fields of nursing, including administrative, but am presently "back at the bedside" -- I love my patients!

I have the best husband in the world, two wonderful children and 3 beautiful grand-daughters. My life has not been without its share of ups and downs, but this I do know: the Lord has been with me every step of the way and has blessed me beyond anything I remotely deserve. To Him I give all honor and praise.

We currently live in Greenville, SC, having moved here from California 17 years ago. We were planning on attending the reunion, but my husband's 94 year-old mother fell and broke her hip and our "turn" to help take care of her interferes with attending the reunion. She lives in North Dakota. Hope you all have a great time.

Linda (Schoon) Henze

Linda and Paul are living at Storm Lake, Iowa. She is recovering and doing well from her car accident mid-July, 2009. They have two daughters living in Cedar Rapids.

Linda (Sellers) Singer

My life since high school has been pretty simple and certainly not as remarkable as some of our classmates. After getting my nursing degree at Iowa, I decided to move to North Carolina, and worked for 1½ year at Duke University. A great experience, but feeling like a true "Midwesterner," I was ready to come back, and not necessarily to Iowa.
I moved to the St. Paul, MN area, worked at one of the major hospitals and eventually met my wonderful husband, Jim Singer, a St. Paul policeman. We've been married since 1977. We began our lives together in Lake Elmo, MN, which is just east of St. Paul, and also we had a cabin on South Center Lake in Lindstrom, MN, about 40 miles NE of St. Paul. In 1991, we sold both places and built our current home on South Center Lake in Lindstrom. This was a big step because we both had to make the big commute to work each day. I've worked at an outpatient surgery center in St. Paul since shortly after we were married, nearly 32 years. In 2001 Jim retired and I dropped to part time (3 days per week) at the surgery center.

Over the years we've traveled, had warm weather scuba-diving trips, snowmobiled, and of course, enjoyed the lake life. We've been so fortunate to experience this with many great friends and family along the way. Though children were not in the cards for us, we instead have been blessed with happiness, good health and wonderful family, friends and neighbors to keep us busy.

Our latest adventure is looking toward winters in Florida. We have several great friends living in the Cape Coral / Fort Myers area and just this year we purchased a home there. As much as we love to snowmobile and do winter activities, we can’t wait to escape the MN cold and become “snowbirds”.

I will miss seeing everybody at the reunion and will be thinking of you all that day. I am still amazed that 40 years has slipped past us. And Daryl, I want to thank you for all your incredible amount of time and work you’ve put into planning this event. I’ve enjoyed the fun e-mails, quizzes and personal updates. You are amazing.

Patricia (Sigwarth) Starks
Died from cancer 2008

Pam Silver
After graduation she went to UNI for one year and then rode with the Chosen Few and was known as the “dragon lady.” She has worked for Rockwell Collins for 35 years, mostly on the graveyard shift in janitorial. She has a 29 year old son, Justin. She attends the First Assembly of God church. She is a recovering alcoholic and has been sober 30 years.

Roy Simonsen
During high school outside activities were all about working for the largest private land owner in Linn County and as well in the State of Iowa. In fact, my whole family did the same. Mr. Weaver Witwer owned 7,000 acres in Linn and Benton Counties, as well as the Witwer Grocer Company, located in Cedar Rapids. Farm Market grocery stores and prior to them he started the Me Too chain.

After a lengthy battle with the Teamster’s union trying to organize his company, workers held a vote and by majority decided to unionize. As he promised, if they would do that he would sell out and close everything. For he was not going to be dictated to as to how he would run his business, which he created. My duties during
high school were mostly as a farm worker.

Later more. Then as he sold and gave away most of his farming interests to local operators which he had admired for years I went on to do other things. In the mid seventies Mr. Witwer’s health declined. I started working for Virgil Johnson at his machine shop in Marion, Ronnie and Dennis were his sons. While working there one of Daryl Martin’s farmer neighbors, Gene Falcon worked there in the off farming seasons as well. Gene Falcon was a very close friend of Ralph Kinkead of Whitter, and Geo Lowe of Marion. Who owned Lowe-Eshman Construction, Dewees Pottoff Stone and later Alpha Crushed Stone in Marion. I was lured into the Crushed Stone industry starting in the maintenance shop, Quarry operator, then when they acquire Bituminous Materials in Marion (asphalt Paving). They moved me into sales and sales coordination of work and delivery.

In the first year I took an asphalt plant that had never sold more than 20,000 tons per year and sold 50,000 ton by getting more of the growing subdivision work around Linn County. Again, the unions tried to organize the asphalt plant in Marion, and it was sold. Alpha Crushed Stone was merged with another Iowa quarrying company a few years later. And I went with one of the sons of one of the owners to start a new quarrying company in eastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois.

In 1989 that company was sold to another Iowa family, I stayed there as sales manager, and in March of 1992 moved to start a new venture of recycling construction materials in Atlanta, GA. With one of the sons of the original stone company from Marion.

We did recycle most of what was torn down prior to the 1996 Summer Olympics and in January of 1997 we discontinued operations due to lack of local funding.

At that time, having met a lot of industry leaders, and they had apparently recognized my hidden talents, I joined a company and spend 7 years there recycling concrete and asphalt materials and marketing them.

Then in 2003 one of our customers that we had done a lot of work for made me the offer one could not refuse and I am still there.

Titled as Operations Manager for Georgia, at D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co. Inc., Depending what year it is, either # 1 or # 2 in the nation. From implosions to a two stall garage we have the ability to handle it all. Currently we are completing the demolition and recycling of the former Ford Taurus auto assembly plant at the end of the runway of Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport.

As to family, my sister still resides in Cedar Rapids,

My wife of 32 years who graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, and I, reside in a community 30 minutes north of Downtown Atlanta. She is an administrator at Siemens and has been since we moved here in 1992.

Our daughter lives in Dallas, Ga., about an hour west of us. She works for a HVAC mechanical manufacturer as an administrative assistant and her husband is a high end cabinet maker.

Their daughter is now 4 years old and thinks Grampy should get her a Mustang!

They are expecting a son in October.

One last thing, is since Dr.Orcutt diagnosed me as a diabetic in 1988 and after moving to Atlanta I started wearing an insulin pump. So when I return to Cedar Rapids, we always have to stop at Cedar Memorial to make sure all our relatives are still there, and that our Lawn Crypts have green grass growing on them.

As MacArthur said, I will return. Roy

Sue Snell Keickhaefer

Sue and Steve still live in Cedar Rapids. They have raised their three children and are enjoying life.
Kris (Sparrgrove) Mumford

Greg and I have been married 25 years. I have 2 children from a previous marriage. Greg and I have a daughter. Jodi is 32, Justin is 28 and Nicole is 24.

I have worked as a grocery clerk, a C.N.A. and my current job is as a para-educator in the Cedar Rapids School district. I work with Behavioral and Developmental children in the school system. I started out as a one to one para for a third grader who had been exposed to lead paint and it had affected his learning ability.

Our oldest daughter has two boys, so we are grandparents! All of our children are married and are doing well.

Greg has worked for "Verizon" for 17 years as an engineer. He started out with MCI, then they were bought out by WorldCom and then Verizon.

Greg and I enjoy biking and hiking. We love to go to museums and look at historical buildings. We also love to read. That's about it. See ya in August.

Ron Steenhoek

Married 3 times and divorced, 5 kids plus 9 adopted children. He is a retired truck driver. Worked in construction, hauled live cattle from Iowa to New York City. He enjoys working on his 1926 Model T (his great-grandfathers), boating and fishing.

Gary Stenerson

(Moved to Delaware in 1974. Was transferred to Northern CA in 1977.)

Education: Graduated from Iowa State in 1972 with two degrees (BS in Physics and a BS in Math)
Received my MBA from Pepperdine in 1982
Employment: Worked in high tech industry... Rockwell, E1 DuPont, PCI...

Retired in 2003

Family: Married Gail (Law) in 1972 (This year My Bride & I celebrated our 37th anniversary)

Three terrific kids:
  Michelle (UCSD-Royalties Manager for Cook Publishing in Colorado Springs)
  Kari (UC Davis- Chief Resident & Emergency Room Doctor, presently in Detroit)
  Matthew (Stanford- Resident in Pediatric Medicine at Mayo Clinic)

Grandchildren:
  Connor 2.5 years old & Caden 4 weeks old)
Terry Stolba

Terry is a truck driver working out of Cedar Rapids. Pictured with Terry are his grandkids. (This is a correction from the bio book given out at the reunion)

Randy Stone

Time line of my life since Linn Mar (the good old days)
1969: 1 week after graduating worked as bar stock checker at company in Cedar Rapids for 8-9 months.
1970: Went to Kirkwood for 1 semester, moved to Denver, Co. worked temp jobs and back packed in Rockies for weeks at a time.
1971-1973: Moved back to Cedar Rapids, 1 quarter at U of Iowa and had various jobs and partied a lot and learned to play drums.
Was a Metrology Laboratory Supervisor at Comtel Corp, responsible for certification of aerospace gages and tooling fixtures. Supervised 11 technicians who performed onsite and in house calibrations.
1988-1993 Worked in Metrology lab at Marquardt at the Van Nuys, Ca. Airport., as Sr Tool & gage Inspector. Went back packing in the high Sierras every year I lived in California.
1993-2002 Married Jacqueline Kendall, a UCLA Bruin! We moved to Atlanta, Ga. Bought new house She transferred with Dow Jones, I got job as Tool and gage Inspector at Stanley Tools in Covington, Ga. Worked there until they relocated to Charlotte, NC. in 2001 Worked at Imagination in Action, a new start up company for over a year as the Quality department.

Mark Studtman

Mark moved to Florida sometime after graduation and college. In Florida he started a very successful pest control business. He married Helen and about 4 years ago sold his business and he and Helen moved to Tracy, Tennessee, where he helps his wife with a couple of businesses.
David Swanson

After graduating, I worked for a year, then attended Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa for 3 and ½ years. I left Westmar to accept a job with Iowa Veterinary Supply Co. in Iowa Falls, Ia. I moved to Oelwein, Iowa and lived there until 1992. I left Iowa Vet in 1980 to get into the feed grade antibiotic blending business. I was married to Dena Bender from Oelwein Iowa in 1982. From 1981 until 1992 I worked for Bio Products, a subsidiary of Mitsui. I traveled Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri as a National Account manager. Bio Products was sold to Central Soya in 1992 and I was a part of the sale. ADM purchased the plant I worked out of in 1994 and I worked for them until June of 1997. Iowa Vet had been my largest account throughout most of this time and I went back to work for them in 1997 as a product manager. Iowa Vet sold to Animal Health and Nutrition Raleigh N.C. in Dec. of 2007 and I am employed by them today as location manager at the Iowa Falls location and the Business Unit Director for feed ingredients for the United States. Ivesco has 17 locations and roughly $500m annually. Enough of that.

I married my current wife Deb, in 1999 at the arboretum in Dubuque. Deb has a son Dan, 28 graduated from Iowa State and now works for Soy Basics in New Hampton and a daughter Janelle, 25, who works in Iowa falls as a receptionist a 5 year attendee at UNI. I have 2 children, Shayna 25 who graduated from Wartburg, Psychology and Spanish. Shayna works for my sister Deb who has a school for Autistic children in Excelsior Mn. And Cale is a senior at UNI in accounting, claiming to aspire to be a CPA with a minor in marketing. I’m voting for the marketing, he has too much personality to be boring!

Deb and I live on Hwy. 57, 2 miles west of Ackley, Iowa on 3 acres. We have a great place and enjoy the peace and quiet…sort of. Deb has worked for the Green Belt Bank and Trust in Iowa Falls for 30 years and is a pillar of the community. She has been the youth leader at the church for 15 years, board member, etc. and I lend her all the moral support I can. I love to hunt and shoot clay targets. I have a partner in a sporting Clay Business and we rent traps and set up ranges on the weekends in Iowa and the contiguous states. I go out west every year big game hunting and to South Dakota hunting upland fowl. I have been blessed with much success, great kids, and a great wife. I look forward to every day and keep telling Deb I’m ready to retire, but don’t like the sound of it!! I’m addicted to my lifestyle, so like most, will continue to work, go to church, and enjoy my wife and my life. I’ve had 2- reconstructs on my knee and major surgery on my back, totaled out a few cars and one motorcycle and still feel good. I hope all of you have been this lucky!

Roger Techau

Roger lives in Cedar Rapids at the address in the spreadsheet. He did make it to the reunion. It was good to have him there.

Julie Tenney

I am currently working as a teacher’s aide with the Dubuque Community School District. This is my fourth year there. Right out of high school I got my AA degree at Kirkwood College. I then went to the U. of I. I did two years of student teaching and was 2 hours short of graduation when my dad requested that I help in the family company. We later moved to Seattle. I have had a very busy life and a very useful life.
Sue (Thompson) Hanna

I live in Santa Clarita, CA, and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Piano Performance from Cornell College with the dream of teaching others to play piano and live life joyfully through music.

In 1974, I was persuaded to enter the Miss Iowa-USA pageant and was surprised when I won! My college sweetheart, Bill Hanna, proposed right before I went to New York for the Miss USA pageant, so I hid my engagement ring during the competition. Later that year we were married and together pursued our Master’s degrees at Northwestern University. I earned my Master’s in Piano Performance at Northwestern and subsequently studied under the great Jazz musician, Bert Konowitz, at Columbia University while Bill worked in finance on Wall Street.

The corporate life included moving multiple times, but I taught piano and instilled a love of music in children everywhere we went. Over the years, I have taught between 50 and 100 students per week in my private studio, many of whom have become state champions in piano competitions and now teach students of their own. I also taught piano at the Master’s College for several years. My way of giving back to the community is through my involvement in Music Students Service League (MSSL) through which I and my students take music into areas where people might not have access, such as nursing homes.

In addition to my love of music, my other passions include participating in community theatre, singing in our church choir, directing church choirs and dramas, gardening, painting ceramics and reading. My husband and I have enjoyed traveling the world.

I believe the greatest accomplishment of my life was raising our two daughters, Alicia (27) who also teaches piano privately and music at a Christian school in Santa Clarita, and Ashley (24) who graduated this year with her Master’s in Social Work and works as a counselor in Dallas. I am grateful for my two sons-in-law, Richard (30) who is an electrical engineer at Edwards Air Force Base, and Stephen (26) who graduated this year with his Doctorate of Medicine and is currently in residency to become an ophthalmologist.

I am also grateful to my Savior, Jesus Christ, for blessing me with a wonderful family and an adventurous life!

Kaye Turner

When I returned from my year living in Marion with the White family (Mary, Class of ’70; Clark, Class of ’72) I worked as a waitress for six months, and then studied law and politics at university for the next five years. My first job after graduating was with the Law Society in Auckland, New Zealand’s biggest city, and while I was working there I also studied part-time for my Law Professionals and was admitted to the Bar as a barrister and solicitor.

In 1976 I went to London, England and lived there for the next four years. I was only entitled to a ‘working holiday’ visa, so I did lots of short-term jobs over those years, in journalism, research and education. Most of them were really interesting, at places such as the Commonwealth Secretariat and the University of London, so I was very lucky. During those four years I not only enjoyed being in a big metropolitan city, I also studied part-time and got my masters degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies.

My next ‘big adventure’ began in late 1980, when I moved to Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia (in southern/central Africa), to work at the University of Zambia. I taught law there for the next 10 years, and was also fortunate enough to work as a researcher at the Institute for African Studies. I also met my long-time partner there, Papu Siameja, and in 1986 our twins, Slade and Nyenyezi (a boy and a girl), were born. They just turned 23 on 5 August 2009, and are wonderful young people, full of energy and creativity, who continue to
bring us real joy. Living in Zambia was a real opportunity to indulge my love of bird watching and enjoyment of the ‘great outdoors’. I also became very involved in the response to HIV/AIDS which began to have a big impact in Zambia from about 1985, even though we barely knew what it was at that time. I helped set up an organisation called the Family Health Trust which still exists today, and which had a range of counselling, education and home care programmes in Lusaka. This is probably the thing I’ve done in life so far that gives me the greatest sense of achievement and reward – the positive difference the Trust has made for thousands of people. The woman who took on my role with the Trust when we moved as a family to New Zealand in 1991 was recently appointed Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa by the United Nations Secretary General, so that gives you an impression of just how influential and hard-working the people who have continued that work have been!

Since 1991 I have lived in the Waikato region of New Zealand where I grew up as a child, with my family. Our kids have done all their schooling and gone to university here. Papu, originally a biochemist, has taken up a new field of work, economics – he is in the final stages at the moment of writing his PhD thesis, a macroeconomic analysis of the impact of HIV/AIDS on Zambia. I worked at the University of Waikato for all of the 1990s, teaching law and also going into university management, eventually becoming Deputy Vice-Chancellor (like a Deputy CEO).

A different chapter of life opened for me in 2001, when I was appointed Deputy Chair of a Government agency, the Tertiary Education Commission, based in Wellington, New Zealand’s capital city. That is about 500 kilometres south of where we live, and for the next five years I became a ‘weekly commuter’, flying to Wellington every Monday morning, and returning home for the weekends.

For the past four years, I have been a self-employed tertiary education consultant, and I serve on a couple of Boards, including that of the Tertiary Education Commission. It is a varied work life – for example, for the past nine months I have been the head of the School of Health at the local polytechnic, training nurses and midwives, and I will be doing that until the end of this year. I enjoy the variety and the problem-solving challenges of all the jobs I do these days.

Outside work my time these days is mainly spent with my father, who is 90 and not well; and doing family and tribal history research. Through my mother I am connected to the Ngati Mahanga and Ngati Hourua people, two indigenous Maori tribes of the Waikato region of New Zealand, and it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to learn more about this part of my heritage in the past 15 or so years. And when I can, I still like to get out into the New Zealand bush or go walking on the sea coast, and enjoy the great outdoors!

Warm regards, Kaye Turner"

Jerry Wendell

Jerry lives in Columbia, Missouri with his fiancée’ of 10 years, Anita McIntyre. He works as an independent manufacturer’s representative and sells industrial equipment to the evil oil companies and pipeline companies. Anita is an RNBC/BSN with certification in Psych and works for the University, who just bought out the state’s facility in Columbia.

We have 4 dogs and 2 cats. Anita has a daughter who is working in KC on her degree, with aspirations to become a nurse. Jerry works a multi-state area, but he has also been called "the traveling salesman who doesn’t travel". Anita is an animal lover and is involved in Second Chance of Columbia, which helps to place abandoned pets into new homes. We’ve failed as "pet foster parents" several times.

Those things keep us busy enough. Greetings to all my classmates. Regards, Jerry Wendel
Steve Westcott

Steve remarried to Tammy for 15 years now and helped raise another kid. Changed jobs and am now working at Dowding Metal Mfg. Living in Marion. I have four grandkids, and their families are doing good.

Linda Wild

I live in Randall, Iowa, a small town, with my dog (a Border Collie) and 3 cats. I would prefer to sit on the couch and read, but my dog, Bella, expects me to take her somewhere and soon. I am involved in community and county (Hamilton County) volunteer activities. I like writing grants in support of funding for community projects. I am a member of Elim Lutheran Church. I work for Iowa State University as a program coordinator, handling the applications of prospective graduate students into the Genetics and into the Toxicology graduate programs. I have a degree from Iowa State (Go Cyclones!). I spent 13 years in the active US Air Force in logistics (supply) and as a geodetic surveyor; and 8 years in the Iowa Air National Guard working as an engineering assistant. My interests are bicycle riding; reading novels; reading popular science including books on dinosaurs, geology, climate and evolution; small town development; and walking the dog. I did not actually graduate from Linn-Mar as my parents moved during my junior year but since I attended from K-11, I still feel a connection to the school.

Roberta (Wilson) Chaplain

No information available

Hal Withrow

Hal is the “Systems Manager/GIS Lab Coordinator” at Youngstown State University
**Gordon Wisgerhof**
Gordon and his wife Diane live in Marion

**Craig Wright**
Craig is still working as a nurse at St. Lukes in Cedar Rapids.

**Pat Wright**
Died from drug overdose in 1970

**Rick Young**
Unable to locate