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50th Reunion

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Autobiographies
and
Remembrances of the Class



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Welcome to the Viking Update! Your 50th Reunion committee produced this commemorative yearbook in collaboration with students, faculty members, and staff at St. Olaf College. The Viking Update is the college's gift to the Class of 1969 in honor of this milestone year.

The yearbook is divided into three sections:

Section I: Class Lists

In the first section, you will find a complete list of everyone who submitted a bio and photo for the *Viking Update*. The list is alphabetized by *last name while at St. Olaf*. It also includes the classmate's current name so you can find them in the Autobiographies and Photos section, which is alphabetized by *current last name*.

Also included the class lists section:

Our Other Classmates: A list of all living classmates who did not submit a bio and photo for the *Viking Update*.

In Memoriam: A list of deceased classmates, whose bios and photos can be found in the third and final section of the *Viking Update*.

Section II: Autobiographies and Photos

Autobiographies and photos submitted by our classmates are alphabetized by *current last name*.

Section III: Remembering

More than 80 members of our class have died since graduation. The final section of the *Viking Update* is a tribute to their lives and legacies. This section is alphabetized by *last name while at St. Olaf*.

We hope you enjoy the Viking Update!

- The 50th Reunion Committee



If there is anything that typifies our years at St. Olaf, I'd have to say it was the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. The album cover featured a multitude of old movie and TV stars, and of course all of George's gurus. Mae West didn't want to be in the picture, thinking that it sounded like an album for losers, until the Beatles wrote her a letter.

We trucked down to the Grand to watch the latest “flick.” An Ivy League student had written a nationally distributed booklet called “Where the Girls Are,” describing visits to a number of college campuses. When he visited St. Olaf, he said that it looked and sounded like a Carmelite monastery.

We were so cool that we referred to our parents as the 'rents and a pizza as a 'za, and in the tower dorms the elevator was called “the 'vator.” Gus, who worked at the bookstore and had an indecipherable last name starting with E, was sometimes referred to as “Gus Eggbread.”

Some of us had Haldor Hove for freshman English and were assigned to carry a lighted candle and walk the highway to Dundas until we found a church with a graveyard and then read “Elegy in a Country Churchyard” by Thomas Gray. I remember shielding my candle when cars went by on the highway so I wouldn't look like an idiot, but I probably looked like an idiot anyway.

Once Bob Hope came to do a show on campus and talked about a new perfume he'd discovered. “You've heard of Evening in Paris?” he asked. “This was called Afternoon in Dundas.” Everyone howled.

The best place for a first date was the Cage, because you could get coffee for a nickel. Later that was raised to a dime, but you got free refills.

In the gym, we got to hear Carleton's Nite Crawlers quintet sing “You Say,” their only hit, and just a local hit at that. Today you can find it on YouTube as a hit in southern Minnesota.

For first-nighter, the class ran out of boys, and the tallest girls each had to take opposite arms of one tall guy.

Basically, all we did was book and have fun and maybe fall in love—not a bad way to spend four years.

- Paul Froiland '69



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 1968-69

FIRST SEMESTER

Faculty meetings Sept. 3-4 (Tues.-Wed. noon)
 New student days Sept. 4-5 (Wed.-Thurs.)

Registration—freshmen, transfers,
 and students not preregistered in
 May

Sept. 6 (Fri.)

Registration—all students
 preregistered in May

Sept. 7 (Sat.)

First day of classes

Sept. 9 (Mon.)

Last day to enter a class

Sept. 30 (Mon.)

Homecoming (all classes meet)

Oct. 19 (Sat.)

Parents Day

Oct. 26 (Sat.)

Mid-semester grades due in
 Registrar's Office

Oct. 28 (Mon.) 9:00 a.m.

Fall recess

Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4

(Thurs., Oct. 31, 5:45 p.m.-

Tues., Nov. 5, 7:45 a.m.)

Last day to drop a class

Oct. 31 (Thurs.)

Founders Day (all classes meet)

Nov. 6 (Wed.)

Thanksgiving (no classes)

Nov. 28 (Thurs.)

Last day of classes

Dec. 1 (Thurs.)

Semester examinations

Dec. 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 (Fri.-Wed.)

First semester closes

Dec. 18 (Wed.)

Grades due in Registrar's Office

Dec. 20 (Fri.) 9:00 a.m.

Registration for second semester

Jan. 3 (Fri.)

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Grades due in Registrar's Office

Jan. 4-30 (Sat.-Thurs.)

Feb. 6 (Thurs.) 9:00 a.m.

SECOND SEMESTER

Registration of new students

Feb. 3 (Mon.)

First day of classes

Feb. 4 (Tues.)

Last day to enter a class

Feb. 25 (Tues.)

Last day to drop a class

March 21 (Fri.)

Spring recess

April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,

(Tues., April 1, 5:45 p.m.-

Wed., April 9, 7:45 a.m.)

Easter Sunday

April 6

Last day of classes

May 13 (Tues.)

Preregistration for 1969-70

May 14-15 (Wed.-Thurs.)

Semester examinations

May 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21

(Thurs.-Wed.)

Alumni Day

May 24 (Sat.)

Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 25 (Sun.)

SUMMER TERMS

June 2-July 9; July 14-August 20

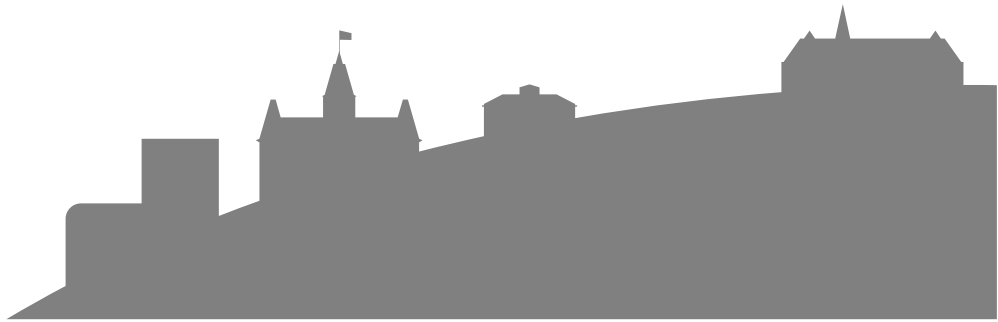
CLASS LISTS

List of Viking Update Submissions

Alphabetized by last name while at St. Olaf

The Autobiographies and Photos section of the Viking Update is alphabetized by *current last name*. To find a classmate using their *last name while at St. Olaf*, use the list below.

Aaker, John (Jack)	Brome, Nancy Rude	Foster, Mary Jane (Jari)
Aaker, Steven	Brown, Susan Southworth	Pulford
Allison, Debrah Adams	Brue, Craig	Francis, Martin
Anderson, Craig	Calgaard, Barbara Nelson	Frank, Rex
Anderson, Douglas	Carlson, Deborah	Franklin, Daniel (Dan)
Anderson, Eldri Wittkamper	Carlson, Sherman	Froiland, Paul
Anderson, Emily	Carlson, Susan Jambor	Gatzke, Henry (Jack)
Anderson, Judith Weeks	Christensen, Sandra (Sandy)	Geistfeld, James
Anderson, Martha Bonte	Simmons	Gilbertson, Carol Maursetter
Anderson, William (Bill)	Christianson, Jeanne	Glaub, Donna Evjen
Aukee, Maria Brunet	Langeland	Gmitro, Rudy
Bahls, John	Christopherson, John	Goplen, Thomas
Bailly, Teryl Lawson	Cieslar, Henry	Gorsuch, Sharon Siman
Bangle, Jane Shoemaker	Daetz, Lorna Anderson	Grangaard, Cheryl Reinertsen
Barger, Susan Turner	Diekman, Linda Berglund	Green, Kathryn (Kate) Clark
Bartik, Stephanie Graber	Docken, Katherine (Trina)	Greiert, Steven
Bass, LaVerne (Vern)	Keller	Groth, Robert
Baumann, Frederick	Driscoll, Thomas	Gulbrandsen, Carl
Belsheim, Howard	Duckstad, Mary Nelson	Gustafson, Richard (Dick)
Benesh, Elsie (Else)	Eberley, Leah Dougherty	Haertl, Daniel
Thompson	Edmiston, Susan Maland	Haeussler, Lois Petermann
Berget, Karen Weiss	Elnes, Elaine	Halberg, Kathryn (Kathy)
Beyer, Bruce	Erdahl, James	Huemoeller
Bjorlie, Leo	Erickson, Nancy Moore	Hanson, John
Blodgett, Mary Mitchell	Erickson, Thomas (Tom)	Hanson, Marjorie Horning
Bly, Susan (Sue) Althof	Ersland, Edith	Hanson, Mark
Boatright, Julie Wilson	Etnyre, William (Bill)	Heen, Esther Lowenstein
Bochler, Diane Shabino	Everingham, Karen Andersen	Heublein, John
Bockelman, Karen	Everson, John	Hibben, Letty Lie
Bogda, Richard	Farness, Jay	Higdon, James
Bond, Charlene Peterson	Fenelle, Suzanne DeBoom	Hintzman, Carol Schefers
Bonte, John	Fink, Stephen	Hoelt, John
Borge, Douglas (Doug)	Flaaten, Jan	Hohenstein, Jo Zimmermann
Brandvik, Jan	Fossum, Douglas (Doug)	Hollimon, Geoffrey



Hollis, Donna Shy
Holtan, Neal
Hubbert, Linda (Christine)
Wertman
Hughes, Laurene (Laurie)
Church
Husby, Jean Milton
Hustad, Janis Kellgren
Hyland, Phyllis Larson
Isaacson, Marcus
Ittel, Carol Kantar
Iverson, Stephen
Jacobson, Paul
Jacquat, Michael
Johnson, Carol Talley
Johnson, Cathie Jacquat
Johnson, George (Allan)
Johnson, James (Jim)
Johnson, Randall
Johnson, William
Kachigan, Terry
Kark, Richard
Kasik, Kurt
Kassube, Cathy Struck
Kirkegaard, Peter
Kluczny, Carole Smith
Knapp, Jeffery
Kostial, Keith
Kroll, Kathy Kunze
Kruse, Perry
Lang, John
Larson, Dianne Larson
Larson, James
Larson, Linda Virden
Lee, Barbara Greenfeldt
Lee, Susan Grover
Lillevik, Sandra
Christopherson
Lindskog, Marsha Rokke
Loker, Rexford (Rex)

Londin, Sandra
Lannes, Judyanne Schwenker
Lukk, Tiiu
Lund, Mark
Lundby, Ole
Lundstrom, Constance
(Connie) Hartshorn
Luoto, Donna Clark
Lyons, John
Maland, Paul
Mark, Donald
Marquart, Carl
Martens, Susan
Mason, Stuart
McClintick, Allen
McCown, Carolyn Weeks
Middough, Beverly Riehl
Mikulecky, Larry
Mills, Janice (Jan) Needham
Minge, Elisabeth Mellema
Mjos, Julie MacGregor
Morken, Betsy Olson
Mosiman, Gary
Mueller, Brady
Mueller, Brent
Myers, Dennis
Nasby, Mary Lohre
Neff, Rynda Carlis
Nelson, Naomi Colburn
Nelson, Richard (Rick)
Nelson, Thomas
Ness, Linda
Nesset, Ruth Wilson
Newhouse, Gwen Jones
Nitz, Carolyn
Njus, John
Oden, Marit Kvamme
Ohlrogge, Kendel
Olson, Elizabeth (Libby)
Olstad

Olson, Judy
Olson, Karen Bennett
Olson, Kathryn (Kathy)
Thompson
Olson, Laird
Olson, Marjorie Johnson
Olstad, Keith
Omland, Richard (Rich)
Paulson, Dennis
Paulson, Douglas
Pedersen, Andrea
Christianson
Peterson, John
Peterson, Michael (Mike)
Peterson, Nancy Boe
Peterson, Stevanna Myers
Peterson, Timothy (Tim)
Petit, Noel
Pflaum, Jacqueline (Jackie)
Phillips, Barbara Wooleyhan
Plaster, Charles
Ploetz, Richard
Purvis, Katherine Lund
Radius, Dorothy (Dot) Kasik
Ranes, Beth Anderson
Reiher, Karen Ploetz
Reinertsen, James
Rhodes, Karen
Rittmueller, Jean
Rolfson, Roald
Ronning, Diane Halbhook
Rortvedt, Richard
Rose, Cheryl Jacobsen
Rottsolk, Rebecca
Roy, Diane Eisenman
Ruesch, Kathleen Carlson
Sandrock, Marcia Aubineau
Sather, Mark
Schendel, Janine (Geeg) Aaker
Schendel, Stephen



Scherbert, Jeanne Mikkelsen
Schmeling, Karen Storey
Schrader, David
Schrader, Janet Jacobson
Schuelke, Judith Mondloch
Schultz, Julia Cieslar
Sedlins, Andris
Selkurt, Claire
Shabino, James (Gary)
Shy, Kirkwood
Skram, Mary Reddall
Sletten, Norbert (Bert)
Smith, Susanne
Snesrud, Wallace
Sorem, David
Sorensen, John
Sorensen, Paul
Sorenson, Donald (Bruce)
Sorenson, Owen

Sovik, Elisabeth
Sovik, Rolf
Sowles, Carolyn Struve
Springer, Christelle Langer
Steber, Susan Johnson
Steen, Richard
Steen-Hinderlie, Diane
Stensvaag, James
Stokes, Margaret Johnson
Stone, Virginia McMillan
Struck, Raymond (Ray)
Sundberg, Walter (Skip)
Svingen, Paul
Talley, John (Robert)
Thompson, John (Mike)
Toebaas, Dianna Dammer
Tollefson, Gregory
Tosseland, Patricia Wulf
Tweet, Solveig Zempel
Ufer, Sharon Lavell
Ulring, Janet Christianson

Ulvestad, Rolf
Urish, James
Ursin, Thomas
Vander Tuig, Sharyl Miller
Veith, Sharon Ferguson
Velde, Theodore (Tryg)
Vigeland, David
Walseth, Daniel (Dan)
Waters, Richard
Weeks, Charles (Chuck)
Wilber, Nancy
Wilson, Arvin
Wilson, James
Wood, Margaret (Peggy)
Twedt
Wright, Rebecca (Becky)
Werner
Ylitalo, Georgianne Farness
Zelm, Carol Brue



Our Other Classmates

We are including the names of our classmates who did not submit autobiographies. As you review these names, we hope you experience the same delight of reconnecting with some of them as we did reconnecting with you. Contact information for our classmates can be found using the college's online alumni directory at stolaf.edu/alumni.

Rolf Ager
Kermit (Kerm) Almos
Stanley Amundson
David Anderson
George Anderson
Gregory Anderson
Larry Anderson
Mark Anderson
Steven Anderson
Roselyn Anderson Albers
John Backes
Barbara (Barb) Bartsch Quest
Mark Bean
Marjorie Beckman Butler
Rolf (Buzz) Behrents
John Bellingham
Nancy Benson
Judith Bernie Strommen
James Bickett
R. (John) Blomstrand
Cheryl Bohley Gillespie
Peggy Boraas Lochner
David Borgendale
Corinne Brackenbury
Robert Bride
William Brinkman
Edward Broge
Gregory Brown
John Brown
William Brown
Nancy Brown Cihlar
Thomas Buckman
Christine Buetow
Steven Buholz
John Burns
Edward Carlson
William Carlson
Holly Carson DeBow
William Casper
Kristine Chronquist Haugen

Mack Cook
Linda Cook Peterson
David Cripps
Gary Cusick
Janene Dahl Roessler
Carol Dixon
David Dreier
Diane Drentlaw
Malin (Bruce) Dreon
Steven Durkee
Cheryl Ekberg Gallagher
Catherine Enge Douglass
Cheryl Engelbach Johns
Barbara Engen Betzler
Joyce Engstrom Scholen
Joel Erickson
Paul Erickson
Richard Fauquier
Karen Fegley
Mary Feroe Hovey
Richard Field
Ann Finholt
Mary Fishbaugh Rogan
Dana Flint
Robert Forsythe
Mark Franzen
Millicent Freed Hawley
Deborah Freeman Buchbinder
William Gervasio
Lynda Gilbertson Bickett
Mark Gorder
George Gordon
Sharon Gordon Meyer
David Grong
Peter Gunderson
Kristine Haas Eastwold
Bryan Hagen
Henry Halling
Alton (Leroy) Halverson
Lucinda (Cindy) Hansen Cook

Ralph Hanson
Douglas Hattrem
Meredith Hawkins Wallin
Stephen Heim
Daniel Heiman
Scott Helferty
Kathy Helke Shaw
Tatong Hemmaplardh
Peter Henriksen
Mary Hesemann Swanson
Diane Hilliard
Jean (Karen) Hjemboe
Cheryl Hoium
Paul Holmer
Charles Hoogland
Joan Horstmann Truax
Sally (Sue) Hughes
Patricia Huls Crane
Dale Hunter
Lois Hyland Sonstegard
Marla Jacobson
Stanley (StanV) Jacobson
Bonnie Jacobson Kasel
Julie Jacobson Hink
Mary Jacobson Erickson
Charles Janovsky
Ardis Jansen Macaulay
John Jessen
John Jetter
Gerald Johnson
James (Eric) Johnson
Mark Johnson
Barbara Johnson McInnis
Betty Johnson Swanson
Sandra Johnson Anderson
Janelle Jones
James Jorgensen
Sharon Jorgenson Petersen
L. (Randy) Julian
John Kappler

Carl Kaufman
Steven Keller
James Kemp
Ronald Kimball
Nora (Jane) Kirkwood
Kavanaugh
Constance Kiroff Bovee
Karl Knutsen
Gaylord Knutson
Phillip Kofron
David Konerza
Harland Kooda
Carolyn Krapf McPherson
Carol Kruegel Dubay
David Kvam
Rebecca Langholz Hamilton
Samuel Larsen
Bruce Larson
Linda Larson
Jean Larson Ashbacher
Thomas Laurie
Craig Linn
Pattee Lloyd Kuzma
Sharon Loe
Gail Lukens Caron
Christian Lund
Camilla Lund Rivard
Barbara Lundmark Horn
James Manuel
William McCormack
Michael McPherson
Hugh Mechesney
Paul Meese
Julie Miles Vang
Stephen Miller
Elizabeth Molberg
Paul Morreim
David Mueller
Phillip Mundahl
Sandra Munyon Webber
Miriam (Mim) Nelson Brustuen
Susan Nelson Lund
Pamela Nesseth Moody
Judith Nielsen Refsell
Robert Niemi
Kristi Nordstrom Johnson
Jan Nowlen
Mary Olsen Millard
Bryan Olson

Frederick Olson
Janice Olson
Robert Olson
Roberta Olson
Barbara Olson Wilson
Camilla Olson Cameron
Maxine Owens Omdahl
Robin Parker
Richard Pearson
Meredith Pederson Allen
Kay Peters
Wayne Peters
Gregory Peterson
Dawn Phillips Conlan
Thomas Quade
Richard Qualsett
Mary Quam Burkhart
Charles Quandt
Robert Readell
Susan Reece Martyn
R. (John) Reiman
Penelope Reindal Morton
Gary Rickheim
Jillane Ritterbusch
Janice Rixe Weum
Diane Robinson Laumer
Jeffrey Rodmyre
David Rohm
Bruce Rollie
Donald Rollins
Paul Rolvaag
Cora (Sylvia) Roscher Bukowski
Floyd Rueger
Rolf Running
Thomas Rusch
Helena Saarion
Lynnette Samuelson Zika
Steve Scheel
Mary Schendel Lung'aho
Michael Schmiesing
Dan Schneider
David Scollard
John Scott
Ronald Scott
Paul Seaquist
Evelyn (Evie) Sebris Erickson
Mary Senjem Kuhbander
Janet Sims
John Skar

Fredrikke Skinsnes Scollard
Carolyn Skoge Mazurek
Susan Smith Weber
George Somers
Virginia Sonstegard Schmitt
Barbara Spannaus
Vebeke Steineger
Paul Sween
Elizabeth Teed Youngstrom
Bruce Teigland
Marilyn Thielke Betlach
Jennifer Thompson Braaten
Karen Thompson Kooda
Jane Thomsen McCarthy
Evaline Thorson Hatjistianos
Adrienne Tinderholt Miller
Susan Toftness Jensen
Allan (Al) Tou
Dwayne Tweet
Richard Ukena
Bruce Vang
Susan Varland Herricks
John Verby
Susan Wake Shenkin
Douglas Waterman
Mary Ann Wessel
Norman Wetzel
Michael Weum
William White
Joyce Wilhelm Holzworth
Charles Wilson
Harvey Winje
Susan Wiren Sween
Geoffrey (Geof) Witrak
Paul Worlein
Douglas Yock

In Memoriam

The following is a list of classmates who have died since graduation.
The list was compiled using records from St. Olaf and research done by our committee.
Classmates are listed in alphabetical order by *last name while at St. Olaf*.

Please turn to the final section of the *Viking Update* for further information about many of these classmates. They are dearly missed.

Amundgaard, Lillian Sather
Amundson, Wendy Lindlief
Anderson, Douglas
Anderson, Philip
Anderson, Stephan
Anholt, Victoria
Bauman, Marjorie (Marji)
Bergh, Robert
Bonde, E. Kenneth
Bothun, Barbara Young
Burnet, David
Carlson, John
Christensen, Robyn
Christenson, Leonard
Close, Mary Ann Fabel
Coker, Ayodeji
Corey, Kathryn Horvath
Dean, Kirk
Dietz, Thomas
Dreyfuss, Kent
Durante, Michael
Erdman, William
Erickson, Greg
Fillmore, Katherine
Ferguson-McStay
Floyd, Ruth Thompson
Glenn, Susan
Golberg, Mary
Gravrock, Stephen
Haaland, Carol
Hager, Mary Anne
Hanke, Linda Nelson

Hansen, William
Harms, Barbara
Haugen, Lizabeth
Henrickson, Richard
Hill, Lee
Hubbard, Julianne Peterson
Isaacson, Judith Luna
Jimieson, Nancy
Johnson, Marsha Luknic
Kee, Melody Smith
Klunder, Willard
Knell, Sarah (Caroline)
Krusa, Peter
Larsen, Eric
Larsen, Patricia Malmanger
Lawson, John A.
Lee, Roberta
Leirfallom, Linda Brewer
Lie, Gregory
Lien, Barbara Zahn
Lubinski, Dianne Key
MacGregor, Scott
McKanna, Sandra Anderson
Miller, DeeAnn Boyd
Mitchell, Ellice DeBenedetto
Nepstad, Susan Rollins
Niemeyer, Laura
Nodland, Ann Schrader
Ofstedal, Janice
Oliver, Leavy
Olsen, Cynthia Ohlrogge
Omdahl, Torger

Omvedt, Neil
Overbo, Curtis
Paulsen, Karen Brand
Paulson, David
Reindal, Gregory Scott
Ringham, Marian (Kathleen)
Teigland
Ritter, Richard
Roberts, Susan (Gail)
Rolf, Kenneth
Saffell, Eric
Sanders, Donna Painter
Schmitter, Marguerite
Scott, Patrick
Scott, Georgia (Carol)
Robinson
Seal, Robert
Serkland, Jane
Silvey, Charles
Sjoberg, David
Spiers, Frances Kimball
Taylor, Joan Gross
Telfer, Jay
Transeth, Carol Nielsen
Trytten, Myrtle Baltrukonis
Umland, Linda Holte
Wallace, James
Walstrom, William
Wicks, Karen Helz
Yates, Margaret Snedrud



AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS



Images from
The Viking 1969



Jack Aaker

I landed in New York City the same day America landed on the moon. For me, NYC was equally amazing. I lived on the edge of Bed Sty and took the A train to work on Madison Avenue as a mail clerk. I became more aware of the remarkable diversity of culture, race and income levels through the subway system which connected us all. A few months later, I was made a junior



copywriter at NYC's hottest ad agency. I moved jobs until I landed at Grey Advertising in 1979 – where I stayed until I was downsized 2008. Along the way, I married a talented graphics designer, Margaret Gottlieb, whom I met during dinner at Club Med in Martinique. We lived happily in Greenwich Village, then moved to Teaneck, New Jersey, to raise two daughters (one of whom went to St. Olaf College, the other chose Skidmore College). I met a work partner and remain together today as Vice Presidents at Publicis Worldwide. Our more well-known commercial is an Eliquis ad featuring a guy drawing a plane or bird. We have also done global campaigns for 3M, HP and others.

I was elected 4 times to the Teaneck Board of Education. I served unpaid for 12 years before I retired due to time constraints, but no job was more satisfying than working to meet the individual educational needs of our 4,000 students. St. Olaf College encouraged my altruism. Similar to St. Olaf, our town has shared ideals. Teaneck was the first town in the United States to voluntarily integrate its schools. Serving on the school board came with traditions of inclusion, care and courage.

My wife, a longtime Teaneck Farmers' Market Manager, and I have deep community roots. It's hard to imagine leaving our home, but we dream of travel. We have connections to Mexico, France, and Spain. I have also become a certified consulting hypnotist, developing a practice to help people manage habits, find serenity and connect to their best selves.



Janine “Geeg” Schendel Aaker

After graduation, I thought I had it all. With an engagement ring on my left hand and a diploma in my right, I was ready for the world. Steve Aaker and I were married in June and I started teaching art at Metcalf Junior High in Burnsville, Minnesota. The plan was to teach and help pay for Steve's dental school. Little did I know that I would be teaching art to junior high kids for another 33 years in Burnsville.



My formal education continued. I earned my masters degree in education and was also honored to be one of the first of three teachers to be invited for participation in the Bush Educator Leadership program, eventually becoming a Bush Fellow in 1991. My career came full circle when I taught art methods at St. Olaf College for a couple years.

In 1985, Steve and I finally built our dream home on ten acres in Elko, Minnesota. Designed as an old farmhouse, it suited our needs well. We have now lived there for 34 years with a family of numerous dogs, cats and horses. Our flower and vegetable gardens are my summer entertainment, while hiking in the woods and creating art quilts remain my winter delight.

Other joys in my life include the many summers spent hiking in Montana, participating in our church's activities and continuing my art, whether it be making church banners or art-quilts. I was very honored to win an award at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas.

Looking back on these 50 years, I see that I didn't have it all, but I had a gracious plenty. I have been so blessed with great parents and education, a loving husband and many opportunities. I have just enough good things to help me bound out of bed in the morning and enough tough times to keep me humble and faith-focused. I'm looking forward to the next 50 years.



Steve Aaker

My fondest memories of my time on the Hill do not involve classes. They are rooted in band, intramural sports, and Zookeepers. I did meet my bride there; she, (Janine Schendel), would probably want me to put her first on the list. We married shortly after graduation and are still married! She took a job teaching in Burnsville, Minnesota to help pay the



expenses of my going to Dental School. In 1974, I accepted a position with Hennepin County at Pilot City Health Center, a clinic established to service the near north side of Minneapolis. After five years, I moved on to the University of Minnesota as Director of the Operative Pre-clinical Dentistry program. In 1982, realizing that academia wasn't for me, I opened a private practice in Lakeville, Minnesota, continuing as a part-time clinical instructor at the University of Minnesota. I sold that practice in 1999 and joined a good friend in Prior Lake working on a part-time basis. During that time, I was fortunate enough to have made 5 medical mission trips. One to Uganda, and four to Chimbote, Peru. They were life changing experiences. I retired in 2009.

I still play my bass guitar in church with "The Nitty Gritty Church Band". I enjoy cycling, motorcycle touring, scuba diving, camping, golf, and time at the cabin. We live in the country which has given us the opportunity to have animals and lots of them; some wanted and some not! We are very fortunate to be as close to St. Olaf as we are. The campus is only fifteen miles from us, so we have opportunities for theater, sports, music, and the arts. Whenever I'm asked where I did my undergraduate studies, I'm always proud to say St. Olaf. Fram! Fram!



Debrah Allison Adams

I was already married to Bob Adams '67 when I finished my courses at St. Olaf College during Interim of 1969. I worked as an registered nurse at Bethesda Lutheran Hospital in St. Paul until we moved to Colorado in 1970. Our two daughters, Kristin Burbul '95, and Jenny, were born in Colorado while I worked as an RN in several



capacities. Bob's job took us to North Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin, where we raised the girls and lived until his retirement in 2000.

I became a family nurse practitioner in 2000 and founded a mission to El Salvador with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Synod in Milwaukee. As that small medical mission grew by both the grace of God and the help of many people, we eventually split into two groups. In 2015, we changed our format from direct medical care with pharmacy to health education. We conduct annual one-day health fairs in four different communities each February. This work has been very rewarding and inspiring. The love, hope and generosity of the people we serve in this beautiful, but violent country, are testaments to their faith.

Having fallen in love with Lake Superior and wanting to be near Kristin, we moved to Duluth in 2000. I worked as an oncology nurse practitioner during our time there. In 2010, we moved to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, to be closer to Jenny and her family. We have provided babysitting, transportation and other care for her six children who are now all in school. We continue our work in El Salvador. I volunteer at the local free clinic, and we're active in church outreach & the local Immigration Taskforce. Our daughter Kristin and her family now live in Kearney, Nebraska.

As we approach our 50th reunion, I am thankful for faith, family, health and the education I received at St. Olaf. Not only did it aid me in supporting our family, but gave me the skills necessary to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly.



Susan Bly Althof

I moved home to Greenville, Pennsylvania, after graduation and worked for a year at the local hospital while Tim finished his senior year at Thiel College. Tim and I married in August 1970 and moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Tim received his M.B.A. while I worked at Lutheran Hospital in Wheatridge. Tim's first job was in Rochester, New York, my



birthplace. We stayed in Rochester for three years; I worked one year at Rochester General Hospital and then two years as a visiting nurse. Our first son was born in 1974 and I became a stay-at-home mom. Our family moved a lot; we lived in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York and finally settled in New Hampshire.

I returned to nursing in 1994, working over 24 years at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. I completely retired at the end of February 2018. During my stay-at-home years, I did a lot of volunteer work. I was with La Leche League about ten years, as Leader and ultimately Area Coordinator of Leaders in western New York. In New Hampshire, I was with Rockingham Craftsmen for 23 years, both selling my handknit crafts and then took a position on the Board. I was on the Board of Journeys Pastoral Counseling Center for 18 years and a Parish Nurse for 15 years.

Tim and I have three sons: Tim Jr., Ben, and Matt. Tim lives in Pennsylvania while Ben, a graduate of St. Olaf College, lives in Nebraska. Matt currently resides in New York. We have four grandchildren: three boys and a girl. Our entire family is together with us annually in July for a couple weeks filled with the ocean and mountains. I enjoy knitting, painting, photography, and travel.

A favorite memory of mine was our two trips to Norway where we introduced some of my family to several of my relatives remaining in Norway. My hope is that they will return and also maintain all of my connections.



Karen Everingham Andersen

After graduation I spent nine years in Great Falls, Montana where I taught junior high German for two years and later was a substitute teacher for two years. I married and had my daughter and son in Great Falls. I then moved to Dayton, Ohio, following my divorce, where I raised my son and daughter. In Dayton I attended Wright State University for my master's in special education. I worked for the county agency providing day services to adults with developmental disabilities as a behavior support specialist for 30 years.



I retired to Grand Rapids, Minnesota in 2008. My daughter, born with Down Syndrome, had lifelong medical challenges and lost her battle with heart disease at 37. My son and his wife, a St. Olaf graduate of 2000, are successful business owners in Grand Rapids. I spend lots of time with my grandsons, ages 13 and 11, and their three dogs. I enjoy attending their various schools and sports events as well as spending time with my son and my daughter-in-law at their home on Pokegama Lake. I enjoy reading, knitting, counted cross-stitch, leading the prayer shawl ministry at my church, singing in the church choir, and watching ice hockey. After living in large metropolitan areas, I am thoroughly enjoying life in a smaller community and up north in God's country.



Beth Ranes Anderson

I married Steve Anderson at the time of graduation and most of the time since then I've lived in the same house in south Minneapolis where we raised our three sons: Jesse, Luke and Gabe. I taught hundreds of piano lessons and continue to do so. After Steve's death in 1999, I chose to stay put as I had both my business and lovely neighbors and friends.



I have been so lucky to play the piano frequently, and in different styles- including classical, jazz combos, cabaret and big band. Currently, I play in several big bands. Come dance to Swing Beat at the Wabasha Caves in St. Paul the fourth Thursday of each month. The most interesting thing I have done in my life is starting a female vocal comedy trio, for which I composed many "middle-age tunes." We called ourselves "The Wildkats!" and outfitted ourselves totally in leopard print. For over 25 years, we have performed at conventions, parties and even a dog show. We have three CDs and a book.

Six years ago, Paul Sorensen '69 moved in with me and we share a good life. Together, we play in bands, jazz clubs, travel a little, watch movies and agonize over technology. We also are learning to dance! Our four grandchildren, with another on the way, are the best part of our lives.



Craig E. Anderson

After graduating from St. Olaf College, I proceeded to a master's program in bio-medical engineering at Northwestern University and a law degree at Loyola University. Having fulfilled my professional student days, Candace and I married, and I was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1974. That same year, I joined a Chicago law firm, specialized in litigation and closely-held corporations and, through the years, have tried almost every type of lawsuit imaginable with 23 published decisions for appeals I have handled. I served as president of the American Counsel Association, the Chicago Nordic Law Club and am an active arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.



Over the last 45 years, Candace and I have been active with her family hospital, Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, where her father was chairman of surgery and past president of the medical staff. I served 12 years on the Board of Directors as chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee; Candace served several terms as president of the Women's Board, and founder and chair of numerous fundraisers.

The summers have found us pursuing our interest in offshore racing on Lake Michigan aboard our sailboat, *Incourt*, including competing in twenty Chicago-to-Mackinac races. I have experienced the best and worst of the lake. After one Mackinac race, Ted Turner commented "it's no mill pond out there."

Our daughter, Jennifer, is a Merrill Lynch financial analyst in Winter Park, Florida where we are planning to relocate in the near future. Following Hurricane Irma's damage to our beach property, we spent so much time there with restorations last winter that we began to feel like snowbirds.

I am still active in the practice of law and Candace continues to be active in various philanthropic endeavors. We continue to divide our time between Florida, Colorado and our family home in Chicago. The winter months have found us traveling to the mountains for skiing and snowshoeing.



Douglas B. Anderson

Life after St. Olaf has been very good, exciting and far more interesting than I could have ever imagined. Medical school at the University of Oregon was enjoyable in many ways, but the choice of specialization took a lot of thought. After working for a year in an orthopedic drop-in clinic, I realized that my major interest resided in psychiatry. Residency at the University of



California, San Francisco, facilitated my lifelong desire to live in San Francisco. I established a private practice of psychiatry and it is shocking to realize that this coming July will make 40 years in that same office. I still work and have no plans for retirement at present. Thankfully there is no fixed retirement age for psychiatrists.

One of the enduring gifts from St. Olaf was a reinforcement of my desire for world travel. An initial camping tour through Europe, and a subsequent fellowship in Belgrade, Yugoslavia opened up my friends and colleagues. After completing my residency, I met my wife Carol and we raised our two children in San Francisco. My daughter is 29 and my son is 25, both of them live nearby and add greatly to our lives. They keep a lot of youthful energy coming into our home, as well as reliable IT consultative advice. I consider family, friends, and good health to be the greatest gifts in my life.

Carol and I belong to two wine societies which have helped further our appreciation and knowledge of wine, both California wines and those of Bordeaux. These societies provide a great venue for travel and socializing. Our other major interest is supporting our close friend in her environmental efforts to educate the government of Cambodia regarding conservation, to help fight the illegal wild animal trade, and help protect the last remaining mainland rain forest and elephant corridor in Asia.

Emily Anderson

My primary field of work has been in cooperative business development, management and training, primarily with worker-owned and consumer-owned wholesale and retail cooperatives. Through Northcountry Cooperative Development Fund, now Shared Capital Cooperative, I initiated development support services for expanding consumer-owned retail stores throughout



the Midwest. With a focus on co-op owner and board development, I contributed to the development of the Cooperativa Mercado Central in South Minneapolis. In recent years I've contracted with the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development to support new cooperatives in a variety of industries. I currently serve on the board of directors of Twin Cities Co-op Partners, comprising three retail stores, a commissary, and Co-op Partners Warehouse, distributing produce, cheese, and groceries throughout Minnesota and five additional Midwest states. Central to all this cooperative development is support for sustainable inclusive economic development and for local farming and local production of value-added products.

In addition to my valued advisors, John Maakestad and Jack Schwandt, memories of my years at St. Olaf include working with a small group of students to broaden the political discourse on campus by establishing a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, and working with Dr. LaFrances Rose on Project Advance, a program for high school students from Minneapolis and Prairie Island reservation. My further education includes American Indian Studies, Dakota and Spanish languages, small business and nonprofit management, cooperative governance and management, through the University of Minnesota, St. Thomas University, the Consumer Cooperative Management Association, the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, and North American Students of Cooperation.

Relationships formed at St. Olaf, especially through Playmakers, in the art department, and at our off-campus house, Lincoln Manor, continue to bring inspiration, energy, and laughter to my life. My treasured family includes Tom Kyle, my spouse for 45 years, two daughters, two grandsons, one goddaughter, one godson, and one cat, all great pals.



Lorna Daetz Anderson

After graduation I taught high school English in Anoka, was married briefly, but after eight years realized teaching high school wasn't my calling. Fortunately at that time in history pharmaceutical companies realized women also had brains and I was hired as a sales representative calling on doctors and pharmacies, first in Minnesota and then in Dallas.



Because I had shunned science classes at St. Olaf in favor of literature and history, I was concerned about my qualifications. However, my first boss stated that if I could earn a college degree from St. Olaf and could handle teenagers, I could do the job with some training. Four years later I was offered a position in marketing in the home office, and spent six years in Richmond, VA. But when the company filed for bankruptcy, I decided it was time to return to Minneapolis. In 1989 I bought a home in Minnetonka, and lived there for 22 years while working in marketing for a number of medical device companies. I retired in 2005 and followed a long-time desire to be on stage, enhanced by the interim drama study in London all those years ago.

Between 2005-2010 I performed in community theaters all over the Twin Cities and loved (almost) every show. But there are limited opportunities for "women of a certain age" on stage and since I'd already done *On Golden Pond*, I decided to fulfill another lifetime desire: to live in Arizona. I built a home there, but after seven years I was missing the change of seasons, trees, lakes, and most of all my friends in Minneapolis. I returned in June 2018 and now live happily in a condo I remodeled in Edina. It has been great re-connecting with friends, many from St. Olaf, where I spent four of the best years of my life.



William H. Anderson

My hometown is Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After attending St. Olaf, I lived in Burnsville, MN, and Denver, Colorado. With retirement, I returned to Cedar Rapids so as to support family members.



Upon graduation, I began work for Arthur Andersen in Minneapolis in the consulting division. Initially the focus was on methods, procedures and office efficiencies, but the digital age soon thrust us into the mainframe computing world. I was unprepared, but fortunately AA had access to a superb training program. My career was devoted to the design and installation of financial, operations and marketing planning and reporting systems for manufacturing and distribution companies. This required significant domestic and international travel to locations including Beirut, Rio, Sydney and Montreal.

I left Accenture in the 1980's and joined Apache Corporation. I was vice president of Information Systems charged with updating and modernizing their MIS operations and developing a tax reporting system for the first Master Limited Partnership.

Today, my wife Sheila and I own a Mathnasium franchise in Iowa City. Mathnasium is a Mathematics education service for children who need to catch up, maintain or get ahead with their math skills.

My son, Brian, is a Boston College graduate and earned an masters from the University of Chicago. He is co-founder of a healthcare-focused private equity investment firm.

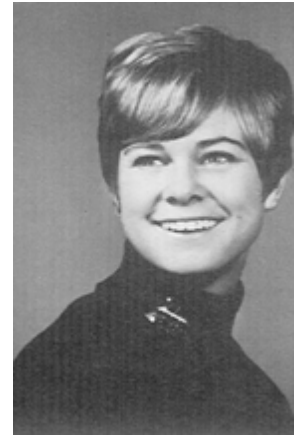
In Burnsville, I obtained a Minnesota soccer coaching license and coached my son's recreational and competitive soccer teams for ten years. I also attended the Sons of Norway soccer tournament in Oslo, allowing me to visit Norwegian relatives. In 2017, Sheila and I visited Germany for the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation.

While in Denver, I joined a golf club and played a lot of golf, eventually lowering my handicap to three. With great golf partners, I won the alternate shot club championship twice and was runner-up once. I later travelled to Scotland with fellow club members and played each of Scotland's British Open golf courses.



Marcia Sandrock Aubineau

Looking back on the 50 years since I left the Hill, I have to say that despite a few bumps along the road, my life overall has been an “embarrassment of riches.” I’ve had the privilege of devoting it to a calling I was drawn to even as a child when I would line up dolls and teddy bears on my bed and inspire them with *The Little Engine That Could*, and, continuing to follow Wordsworth’s dictum, “What we have loved, others will love, and we will teach them how”. I am still pursuing that mission as I enter my seventies. I taught at Stillwater High School for 35 years, regaling my students with the glories of Sophocles, Shakespeare, Arthur Miller, et al. During those decades, I also had the opportunity to earn graduate degrees, and was able to add collegiate teaching at University of Minnesota and St. Thomas to my resume.



Now that I’ve retired, I have been able to spend my “spare” time refocusing on my love of theater and exploring the world of opera. I remember taking classes from Ralph Haugen and Pat Quade. I also recall my first acting experience when, insanelly, I volunteered to take on the role of the “camp follower” (read that: prostitute) in Brecht’s *Mother Courage and Her Children*. We performed in the basement of Ytterboe, and I wore a threadbare red dress and a hideous wig and even had to sing a song. (I shudder at the memory.) Anyway, my passion for theater resulted in my long-term involvement in the education programs of the Guthrie, Park Square Theatre, and the Minnesota Opera (although the opera, quite wisely, pays me NOT to sing).

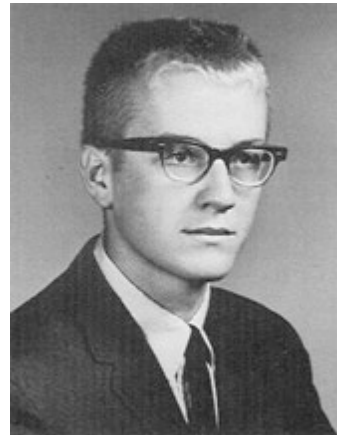
Nowadays, if I’m not at one of those venues, I can most likely be found volunteering at one of several other Twin Cities theaters, attending a board meeting of the Great River Shakespeare Theater Festival, traveling, or at the YWCA taking a yoga class or reading a mystery on the treadmill.

My liberal arts education at St. Olaf has served me well and continues to enrich my life today.



John Bahls

When I graduated from St. Olaf College, I had not made a career choice. As luck would have it, the US Army made a choice for me. I was drafted in December 1969, one month before the lottery began. I arrived in Vietnam in 1970 as a medic, came home and finished my commitment in 1971.



In 1972 I went to work in the family business, a second generation car, truck and farm equipment dealership. I met my wife, Anita, that year and we married in 1974. I made the decision to try to make the business last a third generation. The endeavor worked well enough, but was stressed when our manufacturers, Chrysler and International Harvester, got into financial trouble. In 2008, I merged our business with three other Case IH dealerships in Minnesota. As the oldest partner, I retired at the end of 2014.

Anita and I have three grown sons, none of whom were interested in the family business and are now working in computer-related jobs. The eldest graduated from St. Olaf in 1997.

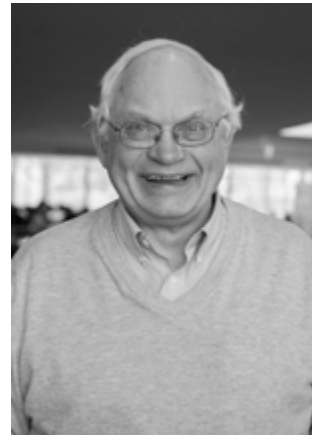
Retirement has been good for me and is definitely less stressful. I suffered a heart attack in 2003 and had a stent put in. Still an active member of the Hastings Rotary Club, I set up a scholarship for Hastings High School graduates going to a 4-year college or 2-year vocational program.



La Verne Fred Bass

I was born in the beautiful village of Kenmare, North Dakota, and grew up in Glasgow, Montana, where I received the honor of Eagle Scout. I have lived in Billings, Montana, for 26 years with my wife, Cheryl. We have two children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

My education began in the elementary schools of North Dakota and Montana, including a rural, one-room schoolhouse. I graduated from Glasgow High School and then from St. Olaf College with a Bachelor of Arts with majors in sociology and Asian Studies. From Syracuse University, I received a Master of Arts, was ABD for a Ph.D. in Social Science and was an adjunct professor of sociology.



Traveling has provided a distinct broadening to my life. At St. Olaf College, I was an international student who studied abroad during my senior year in twelve countries in the non-western world. I have traveled to seven countries in Europe, plus all US states.

This is my twelfth year as an entrepreneur in the life and health insurance business. This year I was recognized by Old American with the Distinguished Sales Award (38th of 8,000 agents). My wife and I have been entrepreneur partners as used book dealers and market a leisure time experience at our mountain cabins. I was an entrepreneur selling training programs to business and industry.

My federal career spanned twenty years, with four years as an Air Force executive officer. My civilian service was in quality improvement, program evaluation and organizational effectiveness. In West Virginia, I was on the paid staff of John Kerry's presidential campaign.

Volunteer activities have always added dynamism to my life. At St. Olaf College, I was a scoutmaster for mentally-challenged men. I was a volunteer writer for the US Presidential Transition. I wrote complex, original answers to citizens asking for President Clinton's signature. I have volunteered on political campaigns, initiatives and citizen-lobbying of Congress and legislatures in six states. The Governor of Montana chose me to serve on his Task Force to Renew Montana and have served on the City/County Planning Board.



Fred Baumann

I've been blessed in many ways. Right after graduation, I taught band in Raymond, Minnesota, a rural district with a good band program and reputation. After three years, hoping to start grad studies, I took a position in Eden Prairie's Middle School. Grad credits accumulated, but never became a specific master's degree. I loved the age group I worked with and stayed teaching in Eden Prairie for 31 years, long enough to have students of former students.



My memories in Eden Prairie include helping establish drum line and later managing our district's band camp for 20 years, enjoying work with the district's theater productions, having opportunities to see kids grow to become outstanding adults, working through ongoing grief from the tragedies of a couple students who didn't survive, the honor of still being good friends with some former students and seeing their children growing up and the joy of working with some of those former students back as staff in the same building and even the same office.

I always loved visiting the Black Hills area and finally moved there after retiring from teaching in 2003. Instead of a noisy city, I make my home in the peace and quiet outside Custer City, South Dakota, in a log home where one room dates back to the early 1890s.

Other blessings over the years have included community awards, travels around the United States, Europe and Asia and certainly having good health. This past year a local TV station even interviewed me concerning the work I currently do. I'm blessed to be working part-time for the Custer Area Chamber of Commerce and invite everyone to look us up and visit.



Howard George Belsheim

Two of my aunts, an uncle and two cousins graduated from St. Olaf College and my mom, especially devoted to music, got all three of her kids there. I made the men's chorus and my brother made the St. Olaf Choir. After graduation, I returned to our Iowa farm and enlisted in the Army, serving in Turkey and Texas.



In 1977, I married Beverly Olson, a strong Christian and my best friend. As a dentist, I served in the Air Force for three years as Beverly, then a music teacher, entered medical school and followed with an Ob/Gyn residency. Our last child was born in Rochester, Minnesota.

Raising the three kids in Des Moines was the best time of my life, but we couldn't convince any of them to attend St. Olaf College or into the health sciences. We now have two grandchildren in the Denver area, while our two daughters live in Brooklyn. We do a lot of visiting from our retirement home in Missouri.

We spend time traveling and I still try to play volleyball. I bought an older big-engined Camaro, and I am a pilot. We joined a Missouri Synod church. I am pleased whenever it is noted that a St. Olaf grad is teaching or helping people.



Karen Olson Bennett

After graduation from St. Olaf, I moved to California and attended graduate school at the University of California at Davis. I received my M.S. degree June 1971, and 10 days later, was married to Leonard Bennett. We lived in Northern California for six years where we both taught in the Marysville School District. I taught middle school Home Economics during those years.



In 1977, we moved with our young daughter, to Abilene, Kansas. Professional opportunities for me were limited there, and I spent the next eight years as mother and homemaker. We added two more children to our family during that time, a daughter and son.

In 1985, we moved to La Crescent, Minnesota. I continued to care for our home and children and did some adjunct teaching for Western Wisconsin Technical College. I taught foods and nutrition classes.

In 1990, I went back to school, taking classes so that I could become a registered dietitian. I achieved that goal in 1994, and in 1995, began working for, the now, Mayo Clinic Health System, LaCrosse. I continued working there until retirement in 2012. Most of that time, I had the title, Certified Diabetes Educator working in the clinic setting. It was a role that I enjoyed greatly.

In retirement, we have moved to a rural property near Houston, Minnesota. We live in a farmhouse that was built in 1890, and it truly feels like home. I garden, serve on the board of the Houston Community Food Shelf, coordinate a summer meals program for children in Houston, and greatly enjoy retirement. I also like to cook and am an advocate for use of local foods. We enjoy traveling and have done some longer road trips including following the Lewis and Clark Trail to the Pacific Ocean and exploring Route 66 in New Mexico and Arizona. I have also made trips to Sweden and Norway with my sisters. Times that we spend with our family especially with our three grandchildren are precious, and always welcome. We have been blessed with good health, to this point, and are very thankful for that.



Linda Deikman Berglund

After graduating from St. Olaf College, I became a counselor at the French summer camp for Concordia College taught French and Spanish at Olson Junior High School in Bloomington, Minnesota. In 1970, Peter Berglund '66 and I were married. His father, Dr. Donald Berglund, had been my professor and orchestra director at St. Olaf. I continued to teach for six years, eventually teaching flute at our home in Hopkins.



We are blessed with two children and two granddaughters. Our granddaughters, 12 and 14 years, have surpassed us in their endeavors. One is a songwriter/singer while the youngest designs and sells "stud ties." Their mom, Natalia, had a solo exhibition this past summer at the Russian Art Museum titled "Faces of Change." Their father creates music for advertisements and performs voice-overs. We enjoy watching them all grow older.

My husband traded commodity futures and options in the pit of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. Now he keeps track of our stock portfolio and is an eBay seller in coins. My favorite pastimes have been gardening and making my own cards using various mediums to complete the design. I am also taking care of my 98-year old mother who enjoys being in her own home. We also have two cats who keep us quite busy.



Bruce Beyer

After graduating in 1969, I continued my studies at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. During my second year, I met Linda Berkland, a recently graduated Registered Nurse from Fairview Hospital School of Nursing in the Twin Cities. We were married during the summer of 1971.



We journeyed to Burlington, Washington, where I did my

year of internship. Returning to St. Paul, I finished my final year of seminary and was ordained a pastor of the American Lutheran Church during the summer of 1973.

For the next forty years I served parishes in the American Lutheran Church.

From 1973 to 1975, I was a pastor at Lakeview Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin. While in Madison, my son Marcus was born. He would go on to also graduate from St. Olaf College.

After my time at Lakeview Lutheran, I served as a pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Leland, Wisconsin, and then at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Rock Springs, Wisconsin. Our daughter, Amanda, was born during these years.

From 1981 to 1997, I was a pastor at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville, Wisconsin. Rebecca, our third child, joined the family during this time.

My final call was to First Lutheran Church in Barron, Wisconsin. I served there from 1997 to 2012, retiring in the autumn of that year. Linda and I are now happily at home in Weston, Wisconsin, a village adjoining Wausau. In these days of relative leisure, we enjoy spending time with our children and six grandchildren. We are now free to renew old friendships and to carry on with those friends going back decades. We are traveling by land, sea and air. A major highlight was a recent Mediterranean cruise.

Though in retirement, I am still asked to preach while the current pastors take time for themselves. In other words, I get to do the fun part of being a pastor without having to cope with late night meetings and budget committees. In the attempt to keep my mind sharp, I read a combination of serious books and light literature. I listen to music and try to walk about five miles each day. Life has been good for me.

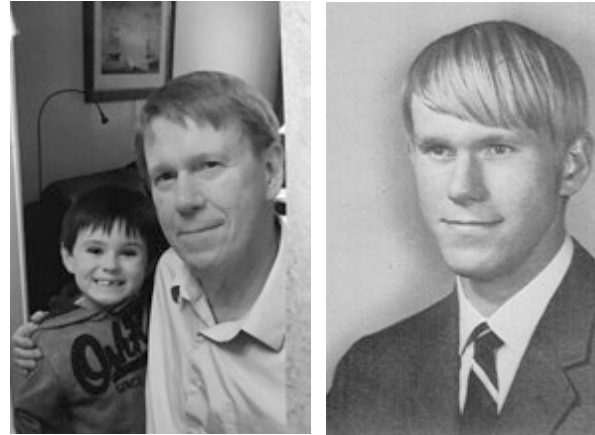


Leo Bjorlie

Greetings class of 1969,

I have been well-loved all my life and that has made all the difference.

I was a music education major at St. Olaf, playing bass in the wonderful St. Olaf Orchestra. A master's degree in double bass was earned at Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Here is a poem a student wrote for me:



*The Bass is big
The Bass is strong
And when the bassist plays her song
People laugh and cry and dance and sing
Oh what happiness the Bass can bring.*

Here are a few highlights of the past years of teaching and playing:

- I saw a conductor lose his job because he wanted to integrate the concert hall ushers.
- Most of my playing years were spent in the Charlotte NC symphony orchestra where I sat behind a cellist with curly hair. It took me two years to work up the courage to ask her to marry me.
- The Charlotte Symphony toured to the Netherlands, Poland, and West Germany in 1987. We played Beethoven's ninth symphony in the old town square in Warsaw. People stood on rooftops to listen. (I wonder if our music helped to bring down the Berlin wall?)

Currently Carol and I are living in Asheville, NC. We moved to Asheville in 2011 from St. Paul to be near our grandson Jonah. I have found some friends to perform with, including a big band, a symphony orchestra and a jazz group. There are lots of retired folks in Asheville who enjoy hearing music. I am on the vestry at an Episcopal Church.

Thanks for reading. Fram! Fram!



Karen Bockelman

Two months after I graduated from St. Olaf College, I moved halfway around the world to teach the children of American Lutheran missionaries on the island of Madagascar. Somehow, the Education Department had not quite prepared me for teaching 11 different subjects a day—6th through 12th grade Social Studies, plus 6th grade math, science and Bible—in classes that ranged from two to ten students. But St. Olaf did prepare me to see the world through the eyes of my faith and my faith through the lens of the world.



As a participant in the first Middle East Semester, I learned to see a more expansive world. In addition to those years in Madagascar, I traveled and studied twice more in Israel-Palestine, as well as China, Russia, India, Germany and England.

My active participation in the St. Olaf Student Congregation, and especially the Worship Committee, led me to a deeper faith calling in ministry. I graduated from Luther Seminary ten years after graduation from St. Olaf, having done my seminary internship with Cliff Swanson, the campus community and the student congregation. Throughout my 40 years of ministry, I have been a parish pastor (St. Cloud and Circle Pines) a campus pastor (Luther College), Assistant to the Bishop (Northeastern Minnesota Synod) and a part-time gig in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Office of the Secretary.

Along the way, my world expanded to include a husband, John McDonald, and two children, a son (who died in infancy) and a now 30-year old daughter, both ethnic Chinese adopted in Taiwan. A year ago, a son-in-law was added to our family, along with hopes for grandchildren.

Retirement has meant time for reading murder mysteries, winter camping in the Southwest, visiting family and friends scattered throughout the country, interim ministry and volunteering in our Duluth congregation, speaking and writing on faith-related topics and justice advocacy, especially for peace in Israel-Palestine.

Life is good, full, and rich.



Nancy Peterson Boe

As I recall my days “on the hill,” my heart is warmed by positive memories. I will share some of the happenings of the past fifty years. Doug Williams and I were married in May of 1970. We moved to Iowa City. During our time there, I attended the University of Iowa and obtained my teaching certification. My first teaching job was as a fourth-grade teacher in Muscatine,



Iowa. On December 26, 1971 Doug was killed instantly in a snowmobile accident. There were many questions and I was prompted to go to the Bible for answers. This marked the beginning of my core faith development. Today, I am still buoyed and thrilled to be on this spiritual journey.

Dan Boe and I met in 1973. He was a new IBM hire and worked there for about 35 years. As a newly married couple, Dan and I moved to Iowa, settling in Cedar Rapids. Both of our children were born while living in Cedar Rapids -a boy, David, was born in 1981 and our daughter, Sara, was born in 1983. After a stint of living in Springfield, Illinois for two years we moved to Barrington where we stayed for 30 years.

In 1999, tragedy struck our family again. Our 18 year-old son, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin, died suddenly from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Though his time with us was short, he lived a full life and remains lovingly remembered. We cling to the promise of the Hope of the life to come.

Roughly five years ago, we sold our Barrington home and built a house on Lake Kegonsa, outside of Stoughton, Wisconsin. We now spend six months each year in Wisconsin and the other six months at our condominium in Clearwater, Florida.

Our daughter Sara and her family live in Minnetonka. We were thrilled to welcome our first grandchild, Sofia, on August 10, 2018. She melts our hearts.

I must mention that a supreme gift received from my years at St. Olaf College is the lifelong friendship of five friends I met my freshman year. We remain like family to one another. This is a true and lasting treasure!



Rick Bogda

After leaving St. Olaf College, I attended graduate school and received my Ph.D. in mathematics. I also married Ann Galvin '71. I began my working career as a college mathematics professor, but DuPont beckoned and offered me a job in operations research to develop optimized manufacturing scheduling systems. Moving through many professional and management jobs, I ended my career as the global strategic planning manager for the newly formed DuPont Photovoltaic Solutions. I retired from DuPont in 2007.



We have a family of two boys and I spent many years coaching their soccer and baseball teams as they grew up. One is now married and we are the proud grandparents of twin 7-year old girls living in Georgia. Life can't get much better and we spend as much time as we can with them. I also continue my close friendship with Bruce Larson '69, annually journeying to the Boundary Waters, hiking the Appalachian Trail and biking across America, along with a late July vacation at the family resort on Lake Kabetogama.

Here at home, I keep busy as a bike ride leader for the White Clay Bicycle Club in Delaware and have taken up oil and watercolor painting. I also keep my Norwegian roots alive by making lefsa, spritz cookies and krumkake each Christmas. Ann and I both go to the YMCA most days where Ann teaches water aerobics and I spend an hour in the exercise room. After retiring, we moved to an aged 55 and over community on the Pennsylvania-Delaware border which also keeps us busy with daily activities. Ann and I also like to travel, both in the US and Europe. Life has been good to us since we left St. Olaf.



John Bonte

Is there life after St. Olaf? As most of us from the class of 1969 have found out, the answer is yes. Fifty years of it in fact. As most of us have discovered, life has been more unexpected than we anticipated.



The week after graduation, I married Martha Anderson – now Bonte. This was somewhat unexpected because we had planned to marry in August. However, I had been offered a summer research job in the Elastomers Division of Dupont starting in June. After a short honeymoon, we moved to Delaware. So maybe the honeymoon was not so short, it lasted all summer.

Then it was on to graduate school in chemistry at Iowa State. It was my goal to become just like Wes Pearson, my advisor at St. Olaf. The unexpected struck again, and I was drafted into the US Army for two years. I had a pretty good job as a medical lab technician. Martha was able to join me at Fort Leonard Wood during the second year.

Then it was back to graduate school in Ames, where I received my Ph.D. I went to work for Clinton Community College (CCC), where I worked as an instructor or administrator for 42 years. Martha also worked for CCC. We both became Emeritus Faculty members when we retired from full-time work. We continue to teach part-time online for the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges. I have been able to follow my aspirations of teaching college chemistry much like Wes.

We have two children: Ben who is the CIO for the Department of Industrial Relations in California and Krista, who is a school nurse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Krista and her husband, Justin, have three children: Ruby, 6; William, 4; and Sawyer, 2. In fact, we just moved to Cedar Rapids from Clinton to be closer to our grandchildren.

I look forward to seeing all of our classmates at the reunion in May. About two weeks later, we plan to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with our family at the Great Wolf Lodge in Bloomington, MN.



Martha Anderson Bonte

St. Olaf College's current Mission Statement includes the phrases, "to excel in the liberal arts," and "to explore meaningful vocation." These two aspects of mission were also present 50 years ago and contributed much to my life since graduation. While not immediately, I eventually spent more than 40 years teaching a wide range of humanities and social science courses at Clinton Community College (part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District), and I am still doing so on a part-time basis online.



John Bonte and I married less than a week after graduation. John was a graduate assistant at Iowa State University and began working on his Ph.D. I worked as an office assistant for the physics department, because teaching jobs in Social Studies were virtually impossible to find in the area. The draft lottery was held that December and John's number was called. It meant an interruption in his graduate work and in our life together. During the next few years I taught French in Dennison, Iowa, and served as a school counselor in both Waynesville, Missouri, and at the Polk County Juvenal Home in Des Moines.

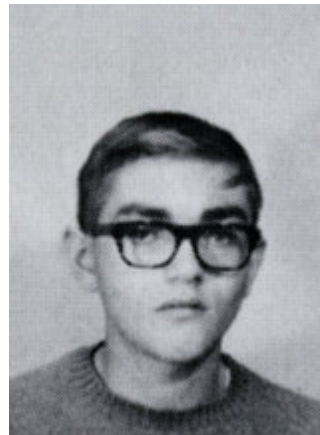
We moved to Clinton, Iowa, in 1976 when John accepted a position to teach Chemistry for Clinton Community College. The next year I had an opportunity to teach a section of Western Civilization. After seven years as an adjunct, slowly adding classes I taught and taking graduate credits myself, a full-time position opened, and I applied. My vocation evolved and I was thrilled to be able to help students make connections using the content of the courses I taught in the areas of history, geography and general humanities.

Vocation is more than the professional work for which we receive a paycheck. I have found that being a parent to Ben and Krista, being a grandparent to Ruby, William and Sawyer, serving on community boards and volunteering for our congregations and synod have all been rewarding. My education at St. Olaf established a base for a meaningful life of service.



Doug Borge

In 1968, I participated in ACM's program in Costa Rica which was transformative for me. That led to the year after graduation working in Boston's burgeoning Spanish-speaking community. I then moved to Claremont, California for a graduate program in education, and that led to becoming the founding teacher of a private school in Watts, a suburb of Los Angeles.



I met my future wife Susan in graduate school and Scott Helferty '69 played the organ at our wedding. We were honored to have several St. Olaf students in attendance. It was a classic 70's wedding, the 117 degree heat actually melted the carrot cake. Oh well...a raucous time for sure.

A move to Kansas City from Southern California was driven (oh, and we drove there in our '67 VW bus) by a desire to live in cleaner air and to buy an historic house and make it beautiful. Two boys, Samuel and Will, came along as part of the plan. They are both now thirty-somethings and happy in Chicago and Kansas City. A second historic home, and then a year ago, our tolerance for yard work and battling squirrels in the attic stopped on a dime, resulting in a contemporary condo in a walkable midtown neighborhood. We can lock and leave anytime. The VW bus is long gone, that decision made after we found Sam's favorite teddy bear frozen to the floor. Tight friendships develop when you work with like-minded folks to revive a neglected neighborhood.

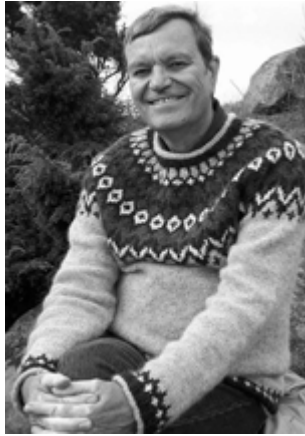
Eventually, I worked at IBM as a consultant. That meant travel every week to the job: many cities, several countries, and a variety of industries. Again the Spanish was infinitely useful. Very interesting work, but sometimes hard on family life.

Lifetime friendships with my St. Olaf classmates are treasured. What else is there?



Jan Brandvik

After graduation, I worked at various jobs to earn enough money to do a tour of Europe, which I eventually did in 1971. I ended up back in Bergen, Norway, the city my parents came from before immigrating to the United States. I decided to stay a while and get to know my Norwegian family better as I had no concrete career plans. I began working towards a



magister degree (similar to a master's) in comparative literature while working for the local brewery in the purchasing department. I ended my studies and taught English for a few years. A bit restless, I took a job for Scandinavian Airlines at JFK New York for a couple of years. During that time, I realized I wanted to work as a physical therapist and spent three years in England getting my degree. Back in Bergen, I worked at Haukeland Hospital, one of Scandinavia's largest, in a variety of departments. After five years there, I began working privately. I was employed by others for a few years, but then set up my own physical therapy practice which I owned until retirement two years ago. I am very fortunate to have finally found something perfect for me: A good combination of interesting theory and the need to be able to implement it. After a while, I came to do a lot of sports injury treatment and attended to national team athletes in track and field, kayaking, swimming and cross country.

In 1990, I was fortunate to meet Norunn. We married the same year and have a son, Njaal, and a daughter, Ingrid. My interests are still traveling, hiking, cross country skiing, reading and fishing.

I have always been thankful I chose St. Olaf College. For me, all the stimulating and fun people I met there, as well as the positive academic atmosphere, is something I have carried with me.



Carol Zelm Brue

After I graduated from St. Olaf I began an interesting job at the Chicago Board of Trade where I lived on the near Northside with my friend and classmate, Carol Transeth, who taught music in the area.

After two years in the army, Craig and I were married and moved to Davenport, Iowa, where he attended Palmer College of Chiropractic, and I worked as a high school Youth Leader at a local church. I loved it!



After Craig graduated we moved to Stoughton, Wisconsin where Craig went into practice. During that time we became involved with Madison Friends of International Students at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. We were a host family to many students from all over the world and became their “family away from home”. We often met their families and stay in touch with many of them.

Our son, Chris, was born in 1981 and while I had begun work on my Master’s degree in Psychology, I quickly decided to become a full-time mom. It was a fun time for all of us and we did a lot of traveling – often with Chris as he got older.

In the winters, we would often vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona, and fell in love with the desert and the warm winters. Twenty years ago we moved to Tucson, Arizona. Immediately we made friends with people from Chris’ school and our church where Craig played in the orchestra and I served on their intercessory prayer team. We also continue to host International students at the University of Arizona.

Chris got his Computer Science degree at the University of Arizona and then worked at Electronic Arts making video games. He now has his own software company in Scottsdale so we get to see him often (Yay). No grandchildren YET. I am so grateful to be in this beautiful area with Craig and we both feel blessed to have Chris living close by.



Craig Brue

Within two weeks of graduating St. Olaf, I received an induction notice from the U.S Army, and in the fall of 1969, I was drafted. Basic training exercises were begun at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During basic training, I auditioned for the 81st Army Band and was selected to be a part of that unit. For the next two years, my trombone served as my bayonet.



It was during the waning months of U.S. Army service that my St. Olaf sweetheart, Carol Zelm, and I were married at her church in Cambridge, WI. In the fall of 1971, Carol and I traveled to Davenport, IA, to begin my postgraduate doctorate at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

After graduating from Palmer College in 1974, the next 25 years were spent in Stoughton, Wisconsin where I joined Carol's oldest brother to practice chiropractic. We had a very busy practice, and during those years I often saw over 100 patients a day.

In 1981, at the age of 35, Carol and I had our one and only child, Christopher. Our years in Stoughton were typically made up of work, family life, friends, golf, and travel.

In 1998, at 50 years of age, I decided that I wanted to retire from active practice, selling my share in the office partnership. Carol, Christopher (then 16), and I then moved to Oro Valley, Arizona, on the North West side of Tucson. Retirement didn't completely agree with me, so in 2005, I opened my own chiropractic clinic where I continue to work on a part-time basis.

My greatest personal blessing has been my family. Carol is just as beautiful, kind, loyal, faithful and wonderful as the day I married her. Our son, Chris, has grown up to be a very talented and accomplished computer engineer. Chris has his own consulting business in the Scottsdale/Tucson area, so we are often together as a family.

I look back on my years at St. Olaf with great fondness, and I affectionately greet you, my old St. Olaf friends.



Maria Aukee Brunet

After graduating from St. Olaf my husband, David Brunet '69, and I moved to New York City where he began graduate school and I went to work as a conference planner for an international anthropological foundation. It was to be the most glamorous position I would hold in my life. I organized international symposia at our New York



office and at our conference center, Burg Wartenstein, Austria. I was privileged to work with some of the most well-known scientists at the time, including Jane Goodall, Mary and Richard Leakey, Margaret Mead, Stephen Jay Gould and others.

We moved back to the midwest when David got a job teaching at the University of Wisconsin, and I was a stay-at-home mom for years. We had three wonderful children, Katharine '98, John and Peter, and four grandchildren. When John was a toddler, I went back to school to get a Master's Degree in Library Media. When Peter was in 1st grade, I went to work as a Library Media Specialist, which I did until I retired.

My family had a cottage in the U.P. of Michigan, and I have spent at least part of every summer in the Northwoods. The sauna, lake, and family time will always be important to me.

My years at St. Olaf had a powerful impact on my life. I treasure the time I spent in the orchestra. Not only was it extraordinary at the time, but it strengthened my love and enjoyment of music for the rest of my life. The opportunity to study abroad, with the orchestra to Norway, and to Oxford for a semester, cemented a life-long love for travel. Our family has traveled widely and even spent one year living in Izmir, Turkey when David was a Fulbright Scholar.

I am most grateful for the friends I have from St. Olaf. They have been there when life has been hard. Now, I volunteer at church and in the community, garden, go to concerts and plays, and travel.



Rynda Neff Carlis

After two years at St. Olaf College, I transferred to the College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth. After graduation, I worked as a medical record administrator in hospitals located in Duluth, Winona and Minneapolis.

I married John Carlis in 1977 and we had two daughters who now both live in Minneapolis.

Julia is a librarian and Cathryn is a high school teacher. Cathryn and her husband have two children, Silas and Gloria. John taught in the computer science department at the University of Minnesota until his death in February 2018.

I live in Minneapolis and keep busy with volunteer work at my church (the wonderful, welcoming and progressive Edina Community Lutheran) and Silas' school. I am trying to be an old dog who can learn new tricks by teaching myself about all the new developments in genetic genealogy while tracking down ancestors for my adopted grandfather. I am looking forward to a trip to Germany, Poland and Estonia next summer.



Deborah Carlson

Professor Erling Jorstad used to joke about the students who held the record for the most classes taken from one teacher. I was that student, taking eight of his history classes. The record occurred not because I needed to repeat classes, but because Dr. Jorstad taught summer sessions. I was an Ole from Faribault who, instead of working a low-wage summer job, “earned more money” by graduating in three years. I began in the St. Olaf Class of 1970, but graduated in the spring of 1969. I remember mapping my summer and semester class schedules were challenging as I had three majors: history, German and English.



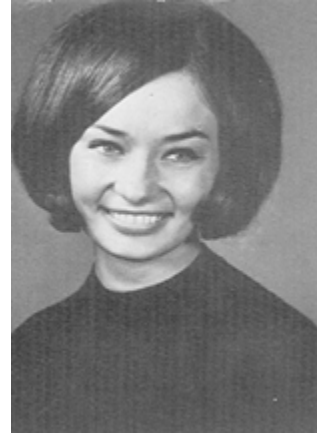
Since my time at St. Olaf, I have spent many years teaching in the Minneapolis Public School district, eventually retiring from there in 2003. I have participated, as a viola player, in a myriad of orchestras, especially the Century College Orchestra, the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, the First Unitarian Society Orchestra and the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis. I currently play with the Mount Curve String Orchestra and teach viola and violin lessons for the Anoka, Hennepin and Minneapolis schools.

My beloved, Jon Schasler, and I were grateful for the rich cultural life of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We attended thousands of concerts, plays, operas, lectures, dances and songs. Jon died in 2018.



Kathy Ruesch Carlson

My life after St. Olaf College began with my marriage to Don Carlson on July 12, 1969. We lived together in Minneapolis while Don studied at Luther Seminary and then moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where Don completed his seminary education with a year of internship in Streator, Illinois.



After graduation and ordination, we lived in Athol, Kansas, where Don was a pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, a wonderful, rural congregation. After three years, we moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, where Don served the Calvary Lutheran Church until his retirement in 2007.

During those years, we raised three daughters. Jenna, Rick, and her family live in Camas, Washington; Tara, Eric, and her family live on Bainbridge Island, Washington; Krista, Mark, and her family live in Bend, Oregon. We have been blessed with ten grandchildren.

Before motherhood, and after our girls were in school, I worked as a registered nurse in various hospitals, clinics and public health. Now in retirement, we live in Redmond, Oregon, close to our daughter Krista and family. We were fortunate to have been daily caregivers for our youngest two grandchildren from birth to kindergarten while Krista worked full-time as a teacher. I now enjoy volunteering in their elementary school.

During the years, we have taken various trips to Mexico and Hawaii, but nothing compares to the time spent with our grandchildren. We absolutely love being grandma and grandpa. Our time is now spent going to their various school and athletic activities with many fun sleepovers. I also enjoy volunteering at the church and library along with playing in a bell choir, reading a good book, taking long walks, playing the piano and giving our granddaughter piano lessons.

This summer we plan on celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary with our entire family at Disneyland.

I have many fond memories of my years at St. Olaf and treasure the friendships made. I feel God's blessings every day.



Sherman Carlson

Following the completion of my junior year at St. Olaf College, I attended summer school to start my senior year. In the fall, I finished the remaining required classes, allowing me to finish out the semester by student teaching in Minneapolis, thus completing my degree. Two days later, I enlisted in the Army for a two-year commitment as a private, taking my chances on the military role to which I would be assigned.



I was able to obtain a three-day pass to attend graduation ceremonies and later to be included in the wedding party of Mike Thompson and Elsie Benesh (a recent conversation revealing a total lack of recall).

As fortune would have it, the Army deemed I was thoroughly qualified in the field of journalism (my only background being a writer for my junior high monthly newspaper.) With pen and notebook in hand, I found myself meeting a variety of interesting people, concluding with a tour of duty outside Saigon in Vietnam.

Shortly thereafter, I was interviewed and hired as a history teacher in Proctor, Minnesota, a community bordering Duluth, MN, at the westernmost point of Lake Superior. Utilizing the benefits of the GI Bill, I attained a master's degree in the field and extended the benefits to become certified as a principal and superintendent.

Thus began a teaching career which evolved into a secondary assistant high school principal, a junior high principal and ultimately the district's superintendent.

I've been retired for close to 15 years, married 46 years to my wife Louise and am the parent of our daughter, Sara Udem.



Andrea Pedersen Christianson

In 1984 I managed the endorsement process for the Grove for Senate campaign and later worked on the Get Out The Vote campaign for the general election. It was fun traveling throughout Minnesota for a year, with lots of county fairs and community gatherings. For ten years, I served as director of the Northfield Community Action Center. I enjoyed working with the many Oles and Carls who supported CAC programs.



My focus on maternal child health varied between clinical care in a variety of maternity and women's health settings or advocacy work for women and children. I returned to grad school in 1997 and finished my masters in midwifery. I started work in a busy hospital practice in St Paul, spending the last 15 years in home and birth center practices in Tennessee, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Passionate about improving maternity care and birth outcomes for all families, I am active in the American College of Nurse Midwives. I completed a six-year term as chair of the home birth section and, was inducted as a fellow for the ACNM in 2016. I have also taught students in the clinical setting for the University of Rhode Island.

I have two children, one of whom, Gregory, passed away in 2002. Derek now farms in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. I am blessed with three grandchildren, Mariah, Eula and Walter.

In 2018, I stepped back from births and teaching, temporarily putting my stuff in storage and catching up on much-deserved vacations. I am enjoying traveling the country, visiting family and friends and exploring national parks on an extended road trip, camping if warm enough or couch surfing.



Janet Ulring Christianson

After learning that the St. Olaf Band was planned to tour Norway, I applied exclusively to St. Olaf College, intending to play in the concert band, go to Europe and study music or biology. I wasn't one of the few freshmen who made the concert band that autumn and the music major looked daunting. I chose to major in biology.



Jokingly, I comment that I majored in the "4B's:" Band, Biology, Boys and Bridge. All have been important to my life and all were nurtured and reinforced by my St. Olaf experience.

The St. Olaf Concert Band became a reality in the fall of 1966 and I loved the excitement of performing, the camaraderie of the band family and, of course, the band tours themselves. I didn't travel to Europe, but after graduation my oboe skills paid for my first two trips to France to visit my Ole roommate, Sue Carlson.

My biology major prepared me for my first of many jobs. More importantly, it strengthened my love of nature and the desire to experience it across the world. Since my time at St. Olaf, I have trekked mountains in six continents, mostly with a group of like-minded women, and have dived and snorkeled the seas and the Great Barrier Reef. Encouraged and inspired by several elective ancient history courses at St. Olaf, I traveled to and witnessed the antiquities, cultures and natural history of Europe, Egypt, southern Africa, Greece, Rome, China, Mongolia, Africa, Bhutan, Nepal, Peru and Patagonia.

Opportunities for women to play on team sports were scarce at St. Olaf, but I found most of them. While playing coed volleyball, I was introduced to Jon Christianson. We married ten years later, moved to Bozeman, Montana and then to Tucson, Arizona, before settling in the Twin Cities. We are the proud parents of two children (one Ole and one Auggie) and grandparents to two wonderful little girls.



John Christopherson

Within the context of the chaos of 1968, I made the decision to stay in academia and go to medical school upon my graduation in 1969. Perhaps an even better choice I made was to marry Sandra Lillevik in 1970. After four years in Chicago we retreated to Minneapolis for my family practice training. As this proved to be unhealthy, we moved a year later to Anchorage, Alaska. I started



work at the Alaska Native Medical Center. It was originally a two-year commitment but stretched into a full career. I fell in love with Alaska.

My work was very challenging, yet interesting and rewarding. Sandra and I built a remote cabin and traveled across the state. We raised two sons who now live here with their families. I did further training in pediatrics and worked to provide high quality care to native children. As my medical duties became lighter in the new millennium, I began to travel internationally and spend more time at our remote cabin in Hope, Alaska.

Due to a climate change-related spruce bark beetle infestation, we had a major spruce die off. This led me to join with a brother-in-law, Jon Lillevik, and a friend to purchase a sawmill. The result has been the construction of many timber frame projects.

A decade ago, by chance, I reconnected with a St. Olaf classmate, Rolf Sovik, now one of the nation's leading teachers of yoga and meditation. I studied with him at the Himalayan Institute in both Pennsylvania and India. Supporting high school cross country skiing here has been my winter volunteer focus for the last several decades. With rapid climate change making Anchorage winters warmer, wetter, darker and less snowy, this is requiring much more creativity.



Sandra Lillevik Christopherson

The year after graduating from St. Olaf, I lived in Spain and taught English. When I returned home, I married John Christopherson in the summer of 1970 and moved to Chicago, where he was in medical school. Three years in that city clarified for me that I was not a city girl. One more year of city living in Minneapolis for John's internship and then we were off for an adventure in Alaska. That adventure has lasted 45 years!



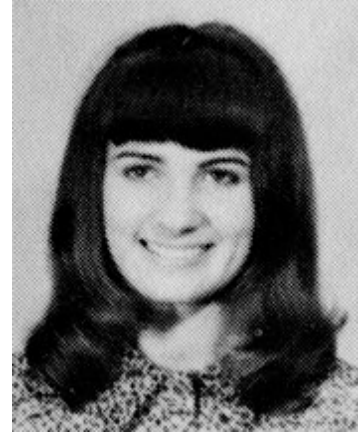
Education has been my work focus in Anchorage, teaching in elementary gifted education, in the high school Socratic seminar program, in the education department at the University of Alaska, and now, creating a curriculum for a citywide program for older adults, Opportunities for Lifelong Education. In 1976 John and I built a cabin south of Anchorage where we now spend our summers every year. Life in the little mountain town of Hope includes hiking, berry picking, gardening, as well as reading and socializing. After our boys were born, we settled into a life of cross-country skiing, hiking, biking and exploring the mountains and oceans in Alaska.

I have continued in music, singing in choirs and studying piano. Right now, I am playing the recorder in an early music group. Throughout these years John and I have enjoyed travel, beginning with visits to rural Alaskan villages through his work, then moving on to a variety of foreign travel. I am one of the lucky ones to have family here in Alaska with us. My brother and sister, with their families, have both lived here almost as long as we have, my Dad lived the last 4 years of his life in Anchorage and now, with both sons living here, we are enjoying our 4 grandchildren. Even though I sometimes feel we are in the faraway corner of the world, we are quite aware of the state of our nation, the changes in the climate, and all the issues that 2019 brings.



Laurie Hughes Church

I've always had a raging case of wanderlust. After college graduation, my husband Jim Kemp and I joined the Peace Corps as volunteers in Afghanistan, and later in southern India. For a girl who grew up on the Illinois prairie, these were universe-expanding and mind-blowing experiences. While working on my master's degree in education at Northwestern



University, my marriage ended. I also discovered teaching in Chicago's inner-city was not a good fit. Fortunately, I found my dream job at the American Academy of Pediatrics in Evanston, Illinois, which involved working with wonderful pediatricians, addressing fascinating topics and traveling across the country.

In 1980, I married Colin Church from Bethesda, Maryland, and moved there. Colin was Director of Voluntary Standards for the Consumer Product Safety Commission until his retirement in 2016. I served as Executive Director of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution until retirement in the early 1990's. Although Colin and I have no children together, he has two sons from his prior marriage. Colin Jr. is the head of cyber-security for Citigroup in London, and Jeffrey is a waiter at Legal Seafood in Boston. Colin Jr. is married and has two children: Henry and Olivia, both living in London. Our lives have also been enriched by a succession of furry family members, currently our beloved 15-year-old blind Labrador, Nate.

For the past 36 years, I've had the pleasure of being an alto in the Washington National Cathedral Choral Society. We've performed numerous international concert tours with Berkshire Choral International, the Choral Arts Society of Washington and Cantori Domino. I'm an erstwhile piano student and passionate about reading. Colin and I have visited most places on our bucket list.

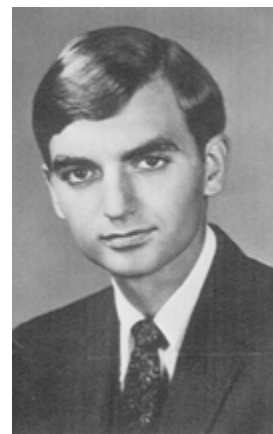
My 95-year-old mother continues to amaze us with her cheerfulness and positivity. My dear brother Dave and sister-in-law Donna make it possible for her to remain in our childhood home outside Chicago.

Colin and I were lucky to survive a serious auto crash in 2016, which has awakened us to the preciousness of each day. We are incredibly grateful.



Henry “Hank” Cieslar

Julie Schultz '69 and I were married three days before we graduated 50 years ago, this May. We honeymooned that summer and then each taught in a middle school near Chicago. The next year we were off to a tiny island in the Caribbean to teach with the Peace Corps. Before returning home, we toured a little of Europe and fell in love with the Alps. So, back in the United States, we packed our stuff and moved west, driving through all the mountainous states and deciding on Colorado.



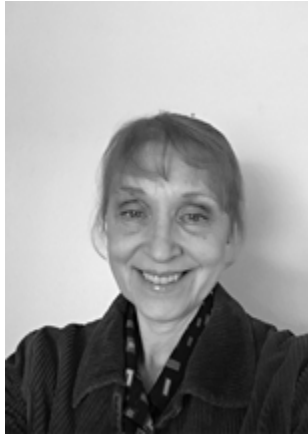
We built a home on three acres in the foothills and raised our family. We have two sons and two daughters. They are just terrific! At 8,500 ft. the land is great in the summer but cold and snowy in the winter/spring, so we had our challenges getting to school and work but, even after 43 years, we're still there. And for 30 of those years, I worked for the Adolph Coors Co. in their quality control departments. The work varied nicely from process control, microbiology, R&D test coordination, statistical analysis, and a lot of computer programming. I used my biology degree from St. Olaf and a later degree in information systems plus my interest in machines to keep the job very engaging.

I retired in 2003, in charge of the corporate quality scorecard. Right about that time our first of 12 grandchildren were born and, with everyone still living close to us then, we were really able to enjoy our transition to retirement. When they were younger, we took our kids on summer trips to almost all of the fifty states to give us all a feel for the country. Two of them decided to take their families and move off, one to Texas and the other to Arizona. So, now we travel to see them, share time with the two families in Colorado and spend January through June in a small house we bought in Palm Bay, Florida, going to Disney World with any of the kids, whenever we can. Thank you, God.



Julia “Julie” Schultz Cieslar

Three days before graduation I married Hank Cieslar '69. After a wonderful honeymoon in Michigan we moved to the Chicago area and both got teaching jobs. I taught science in a middle school and then we were called to serve in the Peace Corps in the Eastern Caribbean. After training we were assigned to a school on the small island of Carricou. I taught science, math, literature and even music!



After two years we relocated to Golden Colorado. I worked for International Harvester ordering vehicles for a couple years. We were able to buy a small house and purchase a piece of land in the foothills of the Rockies. We had two sons and two daughters and were able to build our home in the mountains. I volunteered at the kids' schools, served in PTA, and ran gifted and talented extracurricular programs like Odessey of the Mind and Junior Great Books. I also taught Sunday school and substitute taught in various grades and schools. I got a Master's Degree in Instruction and Curriculum and a certificate to teach elementary education. I taught 2nd through 6th grades. My last five years, before retiring, were spent teaching a 1st and 2nd grade gifted and talented class.

Then for a few years my two daughters and I had a photography and graphic design business. We did portraits, weddings, invitations, and announcements. We were blessed with twelve beautiful grandchildren who now range in age from 4 to 18! We have four granddaughters, one from each of the four families, and eight grandsons. Hank and I bought a second house in Florida a few years ago. We now spend the first six months of the year in our Florida home where my two brothers live. I enjoy gardening and also have become an entertainer. I go to retirement homes where my brother plays the keyboard and his wife and I sing. We also enjoy going to Disney World and visiting our children and grandchildren who live in Texas, Arizona and Colorado. We have been blessed with a wonderful life!



Donna Luoto Clark

In the fall of 1969, as the new school year began, I remember wanting to be back on the Hill. I missed the beauty of the campus, the library, the Cage and my friends. But there was no going back. I jumped into “real life,” started teaching tenth grade English and married Jon Clark. By the spring of 1970, we moved to the San Francisco area and joined the fringes of the hippie movement. I say “fringes” because Jon remained in school and I supported us by teaching in Pittsburg, California.



After three years, we moved back to Minneapolis and I attended graduate school. We have been here ever since. We have been in our current house for nearly 40 years. I continue to teach. Choosing the teaching profession was one of my better decisions. I never doubted that I belonged in a classroom. I taught English in high schools, spent some time teaching in Special Education and primarily focused on struggling students who never developed the reading skills necessary for high school or college. During the last ten years of my career, I worked in curriculum and staff development.

Jon and I have two children, two grandchildren and another granddaughter soon to be born by the time of this reunion.

Today, I have simple pleasures: traveling, traveling and then more traveling. Spoiling grandchildren, volunteering and sitting on the dock at our little cabin near Ely, Minnesota also occupy my time.

Life is good.



Kate Green Clark

My years at St. Olaf College in the nursing program were parent-directed. Upon graduation, I worked in a variety of fields for 22 years, finally becoming Director of Nursing at a psychological hospital. Eventually, I found my dream job. I'd always said that if I had a computer, desk, phone and window, I would be a happy camper. For 18 years, I worked at United Healthcare in a number of



positions, using my medical knowledge. I retired in 2009 on disability. I was widowed at 24, remarried, and have now been happily married for these past 30 years. I have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. I'm currently working on a memoir entitled CHAOS, which should come out next spring or summer. My faith continues to sustain me through this period of my life as it has for many years.



Naomi Nelson Colburn

As some might recall, I chose to be a young bride, finishing up coursework on January 31, 1969, and marrying Ted Colburn '68 on February 1 in Boe Memorial Chapel. I don't think I could have rushed to the altar any faster. Classmate Sharon Ufer played Boe's majestic organ on that special day and Rolf Sovik accompanied on his cello. All the while, Jean Husby and Gwen Newhouse walked down that long aisle. To this day, these beloved St. Olaf girlfriends continue to light up my life.



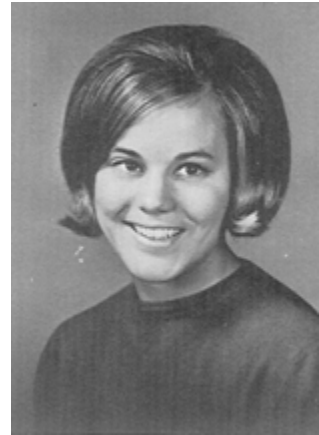
Four years in the Air Force brought Ted and me to both Biloxi, Mississippi, and an isolated radar site in Fortuna, North Dakota. Three weeks before Ted was discharged, our first child, Gregg, arrived. We spent the next 25 years in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where our daughter, Jill, joined the family. During those years, Ted worked for First Bank System and I for the North St. Paul/Maplewood school system. By 1998, our 22-year dream of living in a warm climate finally materialized and we moved to Tucson, Arizona, where we still happily reside in Oro Valley.

Adventures in retirement abound. We moved into a rental apartment and are now traveling and volunteering whenever possible. It's hard to believe we will soon celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with middle-aged children and four teenage grandchildren. Perhaps Ted and I might want to reminisce once again with a quiet walk through Norway Valley.



Dianna Toebaas Dammer

After graduation, I returned to Madison, my hometown, and entered a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at the University of Wisconsin. A year later a friend and I decided to be adventurous and spend a summer working and living in Washington, D.C. At the end of the summer, I decided to remain in the D.C. area. I met my husband, Tony (Anton), out here. With the exception of



two years spent in Tucson for his grad school program, we have lived out here in the Northern Virginia suburbs. I taught for 34 years in our Fairfax County Virginia School System. For most of that time, I was a high school math teacher and I enjoyed it.

We have three children. As a teacher with summers off, I spent many years supervising our kids' swim teams as well as helping with all of their other sports. Also, almost every summer for the past forty years, we have made the drive from D.C. to Madison to visit family and then to Minnesota to spend time with St. Olaf friends. Our kids have spread out now to D.C., Charlottesville, and Phoenix. Now that we are retired our favorite activities include visiting them and our grandchildren as well as traveling the U.S. and Europe. Also, we recently adopted a rescue puppy and named him...Olaf.

This past June we were in Minneapolis. We drove down to visit St. Olaf and Northfield. It was a beautiful day for a visit. I enjoyed walking around the campus and visiting new buildings, old buildings and all the changes that have taken place.

St. Olaf was a special place for me and I have many good memories of my time there.



Suzanne Fenelle DeBoom

I was an English and German major during my time at St. Olaf College. After completing a master's degree in English literature at the University of Minnesota, I returned to St. Olaf to get certified for teaching. I taught high school English in Worthington, Minnesota, and had some interesting summer experiences chaperoning teenage girls on European trips.



Gary DeBoom and I were married in 1975. With our daughter and son, we have spent many years farming near Sibley, Iowa. I have worked for a small-town newspaper, cared for my parents and did a lot of volunteer work with the Sibley Lutheran church, local schools, libraries and the county 4-H. In 1997, I started a book discussion group at the Sibley Public Library which is still active.

After retirement, Gary and I moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are involved in our church, especially with Meals on Wheels and with the church library, which we helped to start. We enjoy traveling and spending the winter months in Tucson, Arizona.

My favorite St. Olaf memories revolve around my friends, professors, and the Rolvaag library. My special friends still write often and get together. I am grateful for all I have learned from them, as well as for the gift of their companionship. I appreciate the challenges, curiosity and questioning encouraged by my professors. They helped me see how individual subjects, like literature, arts, sciences and history fit together to form some understanding of the world, even in those changing times of the 1960's. The library, of course, was an important center to me for learning and for nurturing a lifelong love of reading and books, which I have been privileged to share with others throughout the years.



Leah Eberley Dougherty

After graduating from St. Olaf College in three and a half years, I worked in an intensive care unit at the University of Minnesota Hospitals for two years. I then took a road trip to California and began work in a surgical ICU at Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara. After two years in California, I returned to Minnesota to join a nurse practitioner master's program at the University of Minnesota. Upon



completion, I spent the next five years working in a cardiology practice and, under a federal grant, for the evaluation and treatment of hypertension in Minneapolis.

I met my husband Steve in 1976 and we had our first child, Toby. I entered medical school at the University of Minnesota the following year. Our daughter Alexis was born during my senior year of medical school.

In 1982, we moved to El Paso, Texas, where my husband had taken an academic surgical position at Texas Tech University. The following year, after giving birth to twin boys, Dan and Dane, I began a residency in internal medicine.

For eight years following completion of my internal medicine residency, I held a position at the Beaumont Army Hospital where I taught resident doctors as part of an army training program. I also took care of patients. I then moved to my own private practice in El Paso where I did internal medicine for the next twenty years.

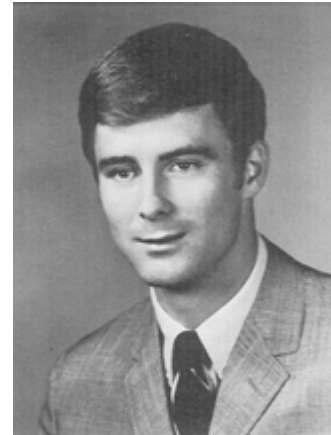
In 2012, my husband and I retired to Santa Barbara. Two of our children became physicians – one, a dermatologist; the other, a rheumatologist. Our other two children went into finance. One is a vice president at Goldman Sachs and the other has held several positions, including stints at the Boston Consulting Group, the US Department of Energy and as vice president for development of mobile banking at Capital One. He's currently co-CEO of his second internet startup company, Shift.com, based in San Francisco.

My husband and I still travel extensively but also spend much time taking care of the two of our four grandchildren who live in Santa Barbara.



Tom Driscoll

I live with my wife, Carol, in the western suburbs of Minneapolis in a cozy townhome surrounded by trees, birds, flowers and the occasional croaking frog. We're also fortunate enough to be able to get away from the frigid Minnesota winters for a few months each year. We love Arizona's beautiful Sonoran Desert, its mountains and the spectacular sunrises and sunsets.



We have four children: two girls, Andrea and Denise, and two boys, Jake and Ben. Andrea lives in St. Paul with her spouse Patrick and their two boys, Oliver and Nico, who bring us great joy. Denise, a social worker, also lives in St. Paul. Jake is a wandering rogue who resides in the Los Angeles area and Ben a musician in the San Francisco Bay area. They are all unique and special people.

We enjoy reading, absorbing nature, hiking, traveling, gardening and golfing and being with friends and family. Because we have been so blessed, we share our good fortune by helping those who cannot help themselves, especially the homeless. Carol and I also both love to write. Carol produces clever, thoughtful poems while I write unpublishable short stories of questionable taste, sometimes rejected even by friends.

As some of you may recall, I graduated in the top 10% (of the bottom 25%) of our class, so I'm not certain what I may have taken away from my St. Olaf College experience, academically. But I do know this: I continue to enjoy the company of a cadre of extraordinary, life-long Ole friends who accept me as I am, overlooking my many shortcomings. This is St. Olaf's greatest gift and legacy to me.



Diane Roy Eisenman

My entire life has been a dedicated quest to understand a real God. I questioned the accuracy of my church's teachings, so attending St. Olaf College was my first step to digging deeper, majoring in both music education and religion. I was fortunate to study on-site Biblical history with Ansgar Sovik's semester in the Middle East.



Exploring sacred sites in Greece, Italy, Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt,

we pursued archaeology in Jordan and Israel. Suspecting that all religions might be talking about the same God, I began studying world religions at St. Olaf, and continued while attending three seminaries. I participated in a summer archaeology dig in Israel before graduating with a master's of divinity from Chicago's McCormick Theological Seminary in 1978.

My first work was teaching music to children with disabilities in St. Paul, Minnesota. During a summer trip to Holden Village, I took a class called "Parent Effectiveness Training," launching my career in psychology. While at McCormick, I did a joint program with Loyola University and received from Loyola a master's in counseling psychology for professionals in religion.

Subsequently, I became a California-certified music and special education teacher, and a licensed psychotherapist. My path has been exciting, exploring new psychotherapies in the 70s and 80s, and participating in worldwide religious traditions. With music as my first love, many joyful years have been spent teaching piano to children. My interest in education expanded as I became a certified Waldorf teacher, finding new ways to keep the spark of spirit alive in the children I serve.

I continue to weave my love of music, psychology, education and spirituality together. Combining these different modalities is my creative passion, deepening my connection with the Divine as I discover that they are all one. Married in 1987 to aerospace engineer Allan, my husband challenges me every day to keep my vision alive.

Currently, along with my piano practice, I am writing a book based on "A Course in Miracles." My quest has come full circle, and I continue to play in the light that is ours to share.



Elaine Elnes

As a home economics education major, I began my teaching career in North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale: 22 years in high school; 12 years in middle school. After five years I took a six month break and worked as a waitress plus fry cook while I completed my MED from the University of Minnesota.



Summers, I traveled, worked, and took courses toward advanced degrees. The best summer job was a live-in cook on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for two summers.

Most adventuresome: traveling by foot, car, train, bus, ferry and ship in Norway from top to bottom with one backpack for over two months. It was a beautiful country, great time with relatives, met many interesting people. I also did a 6 week western camping trip having never camped before.

I bought a house (built in 1896, divided into 5 apartments) and became a landlord. I worked as a desk clerk at The Commodore Residential Hotel in 1976 and later bought a condo at The Commodore. I was always interested in business, I went to St. Thomas at night and earned a MBA. Enjoyed the courses but decided to stay in teaching to have summers off.

I met Charlie Silverson when he moved to St. Paul in the 1990s and we married in 2002. It was a few months before we married that Charlie introduced me to horseback riding. I thought I could manage one or two times and then done. WRONG. Fast-forward 18 years, we still are going to the Elkhorn for two weeks every year – ride twice a day – love the long, high, brisk mountain rides! Charlie and I spend half the year in Tucson, AZ, the other half split between St. Paul and the cabin on the North Shore of Lake Superior with travel mixed in at other times.

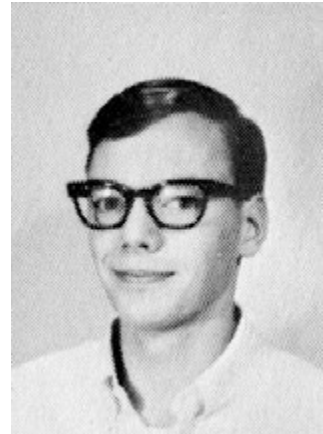
We both find time to volunteer in the community and our HOAs. I particularly enjoy being a docent at the Tucson Botanical Gardens and writing newsletters for our Home Owners Association.

Attending St. Olaf is in my top ten: excellent education, wonderful foundation, good friends and experiences.



Jim Erdahl

I told my family, “I’m going to the University of Minnesota!” They said, “You’re going to St. Olaf.” Four years of St. Olaf pre-med courses, touch football behind Thorsen Hall and a lifetime in the library all blurred together. Dr. Wes Person was my favorite! Also, friendships with John Bonte, Craig Anderson, Mike Durante and most of all, Eric Larson, were the highlight of my time on the Hill.



Going from Northfield to Philadelphia for medical school was a coming of age, life-shaping experience. I lived in and enjoyed Philadelphia for ten years.

Internal medicine internship/residency led me to my wife, Chris Grant, and her wonderful family. Those “20-something” years were highlighted by many excellent friendships and learning my craft skills.

Chris and I moved to Minnesota in 1979 so I could do cardiology training at the University of Minnesota. I found a “spot” to practice at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina. Chris and I built a home in Bloomington and we were blessed with our daughters, Jaclyn ‘08 and Jamie. As our girls grew through their various stages, one could have given that period the label “the best of times.” Those girls were so much fun and so cute. Chris did the hard work and I appreciated the joy.

My career was unpredictable. I hardly understood the scope of the epidemic of heart attacks and strokes that dominated the ‘60s, ‘70s, and ‘80s. On call every 3rd night in the 1980s nearly destroyed me. I felt I was in the center of a storm and so needed help came in the form of many cardiologists and the advent of PA/NPs, medications and technology that really worked to help so many people.

We relocated to Lake Minnetonka ten years ago and I recently retired. I’m on to a new chapter in my life: grandparenthood. It’s the best! I’ve been blessed beyond belief.

I remember and cherish the honor code values, work ethic, soulfulness and honesty promoted at St. Olaf. The St. Olaf Choir’s performance of “Beautiful Savior” always brings tears to my eyes. And I wanted to go where?

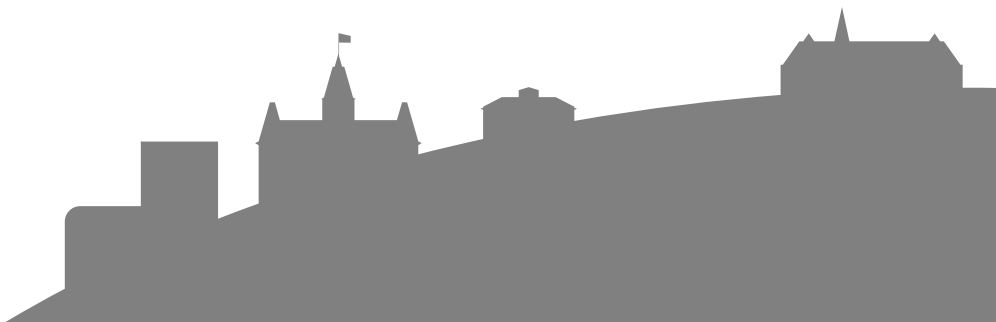


Tom Erickson

I left St. Olaf and Northfield intent on studying organ performance. However, I became one of the last people drafted and ended up doing alternate service as a conscientious objector in Arizona. I was able to study organ part-time with a former St. Olaf organist at Arizona State. After my first job as an organist, I returned home to Illinois and then eventually moved to the



Twin Cities. I began a 34-year association with the Canadian organ builder, Casavant Freres as a representative in the Upper Midwest. My three children and lots of varied musical activities have made for a rich and fulfilling life, with most of it lived along the Mississippi in Stockholm, Wisconsin, and Red Wing Minnesota. Theater crept into my life and the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing became important to me and my family. My latest work has included playing the theater organ for the 1925 silent *Phantom of the Opera*, serving as Treasurer for the First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing, and tuning a few favorites among the many Casavant organs. Currently, I'm also striving to keep up with an active partner, Elizabeth (Betty) for concerts, plays and am preparing for an upcoming trip to the Iona Community in Scotland.



Edith L. Ersland

After graduation from St. Olaf I immediately started graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in pursuit of a master's in history and education, with the goal of teaching history in senior high school. It was particularly "exciting" to be on campus in Madison during 1969/1970, as this was the time of riots, tear gas and ultimately the bombing



of Sterling Hall, where my mother worked as secretary of the Astronomy Department. Upon receiving my degree in August of 1970, I moved to Maine, where I taught history at Lincoln Junior High School for one year, until the sudden death of my father led me to return to Middleton, Wisconsin, to be with my mother and the rest of my family.

I entered law school at UW-Madison in 1973, and after graduation began practice as Middleton's first female attorney. 43 years later, I am still practicing in Middleton. My practice has never been large or splashy, and I am certainly not famous, but I would like to think that my work has been of help to a significant number of people when they were in need of assistance and perhaps a hug or two.

Although I never married or had children of my own, I have been blessed by the presence of two beloved nieces in my life. My dear mother and I lived and traveled the world together until she suffered a massive stroke at the age of 85, and for the next four years I was her caregiver as we coped with her sudden blindness, stroke dementia and inability to walk, until God granted her release.

Serving as a volunteer in various capacities in my church and community has enriched my life through the years, as have hobbies as varied as gardening and Tae Kwon Do. I am grateful for my time at St. Olaf, and the many friends with whom I remain close.



Bill Etnyre

Within six months of graduating from St. Olaf College, and only weeks before reporting for active duty in the United States Air Force, I acknowledged to myself that I am gay. Fast forward to right after President Obama ended "Don't Ask Don't Tell," I attended a Navy conference with my husband, Michael, an active duty Navy Chief. The spouses of LGBT sailors were openly acknowledged and welcomed with open arms. What a difference to be out and open!



I became a confirmed "left coaster" when I began graduate school at the University of Washington in 1972, but soon after beginning the master's in social work program, I nearly died from ulcerative colitis, but survived with ileostomy surgery. Yes, I wear a bag. For many years I was active in my local Ostomy Chapter and served on the national board of the United Ostomy Association.

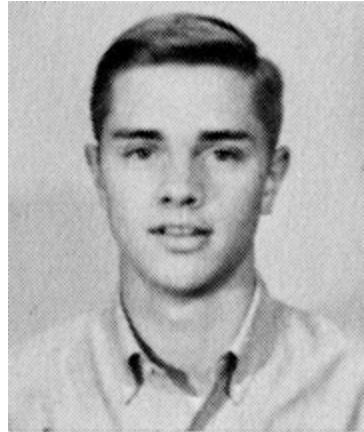
After graduating with a master's in 1975, I began a 42-year career as a clinical social worker. I completed a Ph.D. in social work at Smith College in 2005 and taught there and at the University of Washington from 2001 to 2017, eventually being promoted to clinical professor. Retirement in June 2017 was short-lived. In September 2017, I became chair of the board of a 121 year-old family manufacturing company. So much to learn with lots of work. I love it.

Currently, I reside in Salt Lake City with my husband, close to the best skiing in the world. I have loved hiking and backpacking in the West these past 40 years, still compete in masters track and field (as long as the joints hold out), play a lot of duplicate bridge and enjoy hanging with friends. I did quite a bit of work with Get Out the Vote in 2018. I am grateful for the values of social justice that are a legacy of my days at St. Olaf and deepened by many other experiences in the last 50 years. I remember Professor Foss challenging Nixon's litany, "law and order." "That is just wrong," he said, "it should be law and justice."



John Everson

After leaving St. Olaf College in the fall of our junior year, I traveled to Richmond, Virginia, where my brother Joe '59 was working on his doctorate at Union Seminary. Finding employment in the seminary library and singing with two choruses, my time there was liberating and enlivening.



I returned home to Eau Claire where, for three excellent years, I studied music and theater at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. Following graduation, I apprenticed for a year at the Cleveland Play House, acting in four main stage productions. A season with a Shakespeare festival in Texas followed and, in the fall of 1972, I took ten deep breaths and moved to New York City. For the next eleven years, I rode a roller coaster lifestyle that included Broadway (with "Grease" and "The Ritz"), tours, regional theater and film.

Turning a corner in the 1980's, I began graduate studies in theatre education at New York University, where I also taught acting as an adjunct. It was here that I met my future wife, Mary.

By this time I had also found steady employment with the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. I flew by the seat of my pants and carved out a 32-year career there, most of that time as the administrator of the organization's pension and health funds.

Mary and I moved to Fanwood, New Jersey, in 1993, where we still live. Our two daughters, Emily and Rosie, are close by and my oldest, Miranda, along with three grandchildren and a great granddaughter, live in Arizona.

In addition to taking lots of naps and being an enthusiastic sports fan, my time these days includes volunteering at a soup kitchen, tutoring immigrant children in Newark and singing with the Harmonium Choral Society as well as our church choir at Faith Lutheran in New Providence, where I also serve as an assisting minister.



Donna Glaub Evjen

My husband, Les, and I have lived on an 80-acre ranch in South Dakota's Black Hills since 2005. We have enjoyed riding horses, raising various livestock, cats and a beloved Jack Russell terrier, as well as having a couple of donkeys as pasture ornaments. We are also blessed by regular visits from elk, mule and whitetail deer, bobcats, coyotes and an occasional mountain lion.



We lived the bulk of our adult lives in Duluth, Minnesota, where we raised three sons and founded a manufacturing company producing unique drilling support equipment which has been distributed around the world. This afforded us many travels to unusual places to help put the units into service. At age 50 I earned an associate degree as a certified pharmacy technician, eventually going to work at St. Mary's Hospital. It was a busy career which I loved. However, it was bit of an adjustment from working mostly with men to that of working with women.

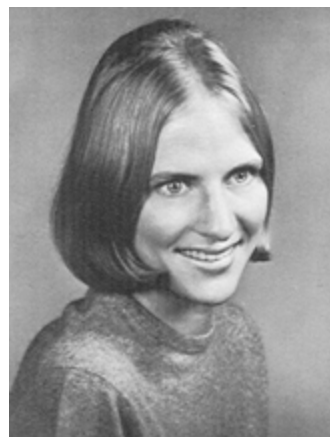
We have a family we truly enjoy, including 4 grandsons. Les keeps busy on the ranch; I am more than busy hiking and biking in the beautiful Hills. As well as a hospice volunteer, I also help out at our local library, church and historical society.



Georgianne Ylitalo Farness

Fifty years later...

Not long after graduation Jay and I married in Asuncion, Paraguay. We moved to the San Francisco Bay area for the next seven years, while Jay was doing graduate work at University of California, Santa Cruz. I pursued life in modern dance and discovered the Alexander Technique. I studied to become a certified teacher of the



Alexander Technique in San Francisco and moved to Flagstaff, Arizona in 1977 where Jay was pursuing his career as a professor of English at Northern Arizona University.

In Flagstaff, I continued teaching and performing modern dance again at NAU. I also taught the Alexander Technique. After a year of graduate studies at Arizona State University studying Dance and Humanities, I left the world of school and work to be an at home mom for nine years. Jay and I have two adult children, Peter and Emily. Peter lives in Prescott Valley, Arizona, and Emily in Maryland.

In 1991 I switched careers to foreign language education. I began with elementary school Spanish. Then some schools were interested in my teaching German. I had a variety of teaching jobs spanning first grade through community college. Of note were teaching both Spanish and German in Waldorf schools and, my favorite, in a public high school. I taught Spanish and German at Bradshaw Mountain High School, in Prescott Valley, Arizona. In the summers, I took students on European tours. Jay accompanied us as was a great help with the students. I am also proud to have started an exchange program with the Sister Cities program in Zeitz, Germany.

In my time as a foreign language teacher, I earned two master's degrees at Northern Arizona University. The first was in Secondary Education (German) and the second in Bilingual Multicultural Education (Spanish). Currently, I am a substitute teacher and enjoying life with Jay in Flagstaff. I also have the blessing of caring for my mother in Washington D.C. several times a year.

As a foreign language teacher I travelled a lot. With the travel bug firmly implanted, Jay and I have continued to travel to Europe every summer.



Jay Farness

I have been uneventfully teaching in a college English department for over forty years. I am likely to quit soon. Lately about half my teaching involves Shakespeare, mostly to undergraduates, with other courses spread among ancient literature, European literature, drama, and literary criticism.



Flagstaff is a beautiful spot for a growing-old boy. That fact, combined with a dearth of lateral mobility in the job market for university humanities fields (thanks a lot, tenure!), have been reason enough to stay put, smelling the pine and watching the aspen leaves spin.

The summer after graduation I worked as a forklift driver for the Mariani fruit company in Santa Clara, California, then quit to get married to Georgianne in Asuncion, Paraguay — happy Halloween! — but she will speak for herself. I then came home to attend a master's program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. That study was interrupted by school closings in the wake of an invasion of Cambodia. When I went back to school, it was in Literature at UC, Santa Cruz, not Berkeley. Some years later, as I was finishing my graduate degree, I spent a spring and a summer at St. Olaf, teaching freshman English, with the help of Lowell Johnson, whom others might recall.

The fall of that year I began my forty-plus years in Arizona, interrupted only by sabbaticals and one spring leave-of-absence spent teaching literature at University of California, Santa Cruz. Working in public education has scarred me in a few ways, but most of my physical scars since graduation have come from soccer, basketball, softball, mountain biking, and home repair.

There are two children in there somewhere—Emily and Peter—still running around through those years, and there have been lots of mostly happy travels, with kids and without.



Sharon Veith Ferguson

Two experiences at St. Olaf College had a particularly powerful impact on my life — traveling and study with the first Global Semester, and singing in the St. Olaf Choir.

More than simply exotic and beautiful places, Global Semester offered a taste of cultures so unlike my own. It left me with a lifelong appreciation for the wonderful

differences among people, as well as our shared qualities. We who traveled together are still in touch and savor the memories of our adventure. I continue to travel and love the diversity within our world.

I've been blessed with many years of participation in sacred and secular song. The St. Olaf Choir under Olaf Christiansen set a very high standard. For me, the choir was the beginning of a quest to hear and learn as much music as possible in my lifetime.

After graduation, I worked for a member of the US House of Representatives in Washington DC. In Connecticut, I was a newspaper reporter, associate editor of a regional magazine and freelance feature writer. I also sang with the Connecticut Opera Company. For a brief period, I lived in New York City and worked as a writer at the national headquarters of the United Church of Christ.

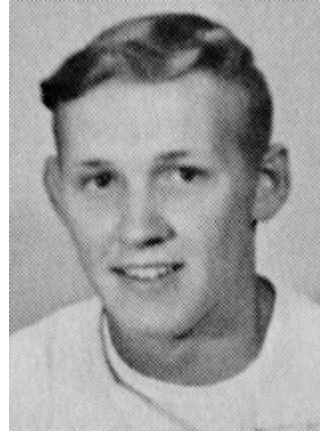
In 1981, I moved to Ohio, where I lived for more than 35 years. During that time, I managed public relations for Opera Columbus and sang in the opera chorus. Following a public relations and marketing position, I later became development director for the College of the Arts at Ohio State where I also attained a master's degree in music and Ph.D. in arts policy and administration. In 2001, I became a fundraising consultant with a firm serving nonprofit clients across the US. With my Columbus church choir, I sang choral residencies at the Gloucester, Lincoln and Norwich cathedrals in the UK.

Today, I live and sing in culture-rich New Mexico. I'm blessed with a wonderful son and daughter-in-law and I'm a devoted grandmother to Gracie, a first-grader who wants to be an astronaut. Life is good.



Stephen Fink

In the Interim of 1967, I travelled to the Soviet Union with a small group of St. Olaf students for a language and culture study. It was my first trip outside the United States and was an enlightening experience as it left me with a desire to see more of the world.



After graduating in 1969, I became aware of employment opportunities in Australia and immediately applied for a visa.

After my arrival in Sydney, I got a job as a computer programmer in the growing IT industry. I continued to work in IT for the next 45 years. Over my career, I was fortunate to live and work in numerous countries throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. Towards the end of my working career, I served as an expert witness in litigation cases involving the licensing of software.

While in Sydney, I was involved in several sporting clubs and had a busy social life. One such sport was rugby union and, in addition to playing the game in numerous countries, I have been active as a volunteer and administrator. I served as a director on Australian state and national boards and am currently the Patron on the Western Australian Junior Rugby Union.

In addition to travelling for my work, I have also travelled to every continent and to numerous countries. The most interesting and exhilarating trip I have ever done was to Rwanda, where I trekked up the mountains and sat with gorillas.



Jan Olav Flaaten

I never expected to end up in the desert, but after my time at St. Olaf and Luther Seminary, I received my first call to serve as an associate pastor for Bethel Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona. I interned in Washington D.C. and thought I would be a pastor in the Midwest, so Phoenix was never on my list. Yet there were many Lutherans who had settled there, and while at Bethel I met



Lucy Dynneson '73 who grew up in Phoenix and together we found we had a lot in common, including a semester in the Middle East with Ansgar Sovik. I grew to love "subtle shades of green." We married in 1976 and shortly thereafter I went to Union Theological Seminary of Virginia for a degree in Biblical studies.

My next call was to St. Peter Lutheran in Sheboygan, Wisconsin where our daughters, Anna and Greta, were born. We developed some close friendships there and thoroughly enjoyed this smaller community along Lake Michigan. I'm not sure if the Bishop of Arizona called on a day when my hands were frozen to the steering wheel but, after 8 years in Wisconsin, I said yes to Trinity Lutheran in Phoenix and we spent 16 wonderful years at that parish. It was a lively congregation with many wonderful people.

The Synod asked me to assist with ecumenical concerns, a long-time interest of mine. When the position of Executive Director for the Arizona Ecumenical Council opened, I was encouraged to apply. I was chosen and worked for all of the Arizona churches and faith communities for the next 10 years. Our mission statement was "praying and working for the unity of the church and the good of all." It was a fulfilling finish to my 40 years of ministry in the church.

Now, in retirement, Lucy and I split our time between travel, grandchildren, living in Mexico and working with organizations addressing climate change.



Doug Fossum

After St. Olaf, I attended two years of graduate physics courses in California with my summers spent as a technical student at 3M in Minnesota. The diversity and team research at 3M appealed to me more and I spent over 30 years there, becoming a specialist in electrophotography, security laminates and optical films. My wife taught elementary special education. Our family of four enjoyed canoeing, skiing and hiking.



I welcome retirement as a change to spend more time outdoors. My bicycling has averaged 2,500 miles annually and woodland restoration is good exercise, though the task never ends. During the winter, I spend time removing small invasive trees like buckthorn and black locust in county parks. The cut and stacked trees open the views and trails, enable native growth and provide dozens of wildlife piles. My less strenuous retirement activities include spending time with my ten grandkids, amateur photography, genealogy and woodworking.



Martin Paul Francis

After graduating from St. Olaf, I returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and sold insurance for Metropolitan Life. I then worked in a beef slaughterhouse. I moved to the Twin Cities in 1970 and lived there until 1981, holding odd jobs while getting a bachelor's from University of Minnesota in music theory and composition. During this time, I



became more proficient on the Scottish bagpipes and started a pipe band which played in parades across Minnesota. Through that endeavor, I got to know most of the Minnesota Vikings team. I also directed a church choir in Northeast Minneapolis.

In 1981, finally acted on the "call" to serve God, moved to Columbus, Ohio, to attend Trinity Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1986. Kerm Almos '69 was head of the Psychology department at Capital University, adjacent to the seminary. While there, I met my wife Betsy and her two boys. Our marriage ended in 1985, but I am "dad" to two fine men, and have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

I was "drafted" into the Ohio District, ALC, and have served in southern Ohio ever since. Though this is economically-depressed Appalachia, the "people of the hills" are truly amazing, genuine and faithful!

I retired in 2009, at least in theory. I have served many churches as pulpit supply. In 1999, I obtained an old violin and started playing for the first time since my time in the St. Olaf Orchestra. I organized a string group and we have played at weddings and other events. I have also played viola in several orchestras, becoming a regular in many pit orchestras for high schools and community theater. I now also teach strings at a music studio in Circleville, where I presently reside.

What I loved at St. Olaf were the people. While there, I participated in the "Faribault Project," through which I learned a great deal about life.

I always loved the orchestra. Today's orchestra is phenomenal; I heard them when their tour came to Ohio. I am enjoying life and I hope you are, too.



Rex Frank

Following graduation, I spent 5 years in the Air Force. I served in California, the Philippines, and England. While in England I completed a master's degree in counseling through Ball State University, then left the United States Air Force to complete my Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Missouri. I returned to the Air Force in 1977 as a clinical psychologist.



In 1992 I retired from the Air Force, remaining in San Antonio, Texas. For the next 24 years I was self-employed as a private consultant in forensic psychology specializing in homicide and sexual offenses. I worked on over 450 criminal cases in my years of private practice. My cases took me all over the world. At age 63, I surprisingly found myself in Baghdad, Iraq, wearing a helmet and flak jacket.

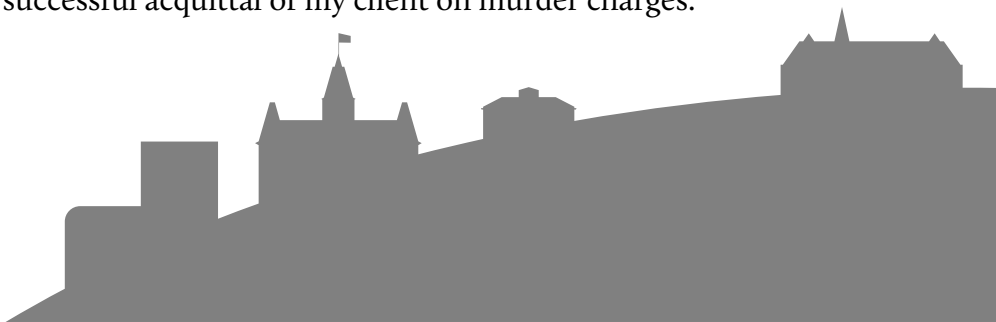
A portion of my consulting time was spent as an invited speaker on interrogation, investigative interviewing, and jury-influencing techniques at conferences of young attorneys. During my career I had the pleasure of collaborating with and opposing an incredible array of extremely talented psychologist colleagues, law enforcement officials, attorneys, and judges. Matching wits with gifted professionals half my age was intensely challenging and stimulating.

Work travel permitted me to indulge my hobby of wreck diving in exotic places like Indonesia. My underwater camera and video skills developed over the years, along with my scuba diving.

Given a long family history of heart disease, I carefully monitored my own heart through the years. In 2016 I required open heart surgery to replace a valve. Recovery was lengthy and left me very weak, however, the timing closely coincided with my plan to retire from active practice at age 70. I was one year early.

In retirement I no longer engage in more arduous activities like wild boar hunting. I travel only sparingly. Since surgery I've developed some less strenuous activities, including radio control model aircraft flying and non-competitive pistol and rifle shooting.

My "selfie" was taken while I was in Iraq. The photo shows me sitting on Saddam Hussein's throne, following a successful acquittal of my client on murder charges.



Dan Franklin

After graduation, I taught for three years at the elementary school in my Wisconsin hometown. I then spent two years in Teacher Corps in Michigan while doing graduate work and community service. I moved to Colorado and spent 35 years there. I taught special education (emotionally disturbed and behavioral challenged) for ten years, followed by teaching 2nd grade for four years. After a year as a



middle school guidance counselor and math instructor, I worked the next 16 years as a college counselor in two different high schools. For eleven years I was a football, basketball and volleyball coach. Afterwards, I retired from public education. I then became an independent educational consultant and worked with individual students helping them find a good college match. I worked at Denver's only IB high school with college-bound juniors and seniors.

I also volunteered and then served in leadership roles with several professional organizations including the Colorado Council of High School/College Relations, Rocky Mountain Association for College Admission Counseling, National Association for College Admissions Counseling and College Summit summer programs helping low-income students in the college process.

I currently work at St. Olaf in the Admissions Office as the Associate Dean of Admission. While I originally only intended to help for a year or two, I have now spent eight years there. Jo and I retired to Minnesota to be near her mother, now 95 and still active. We attend St. John's Lutheran Church serving on boards, ushering, and more. In recent years, two of Jo's sisters have moved to Northfield. A great place to retire we think. I will likely try retirement again very soon – I have failed twice already, so wish me luck.

We are proud parents of our two St. Olaf graduate daughters. Erika is a government professor at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and runs the Wesleyan Media Project tracking campaign financing and more. Kirstin is the creative director of a Scandinavian Theater Company in Chicago.



Paul Froiland

Paul married Laurie Conlon in 1970 and had two daughters, Janie and Katie born in 1983 and 1988 respectively. Janie works as an actor and speech coach in St. Paul while Katie works as a computer specialist for Busch Gardens in Newport News, Virginia.



Paul wrote and edited for various magazines in the late '70s and '80s. All of them—TWA

Ambassador, Northwest Orient, Corporate Report, Twin Cities, Midwest Art, US ART, Farm Store and Training—are now defunct except for Mpls St. Paul, for which Paul still did freelance work into the 2000s. Paul pursued a master's degree at the University of Minnesota, which led into the magazine work and also an adjunct lectureship at the university's journalism school for 30 years, where he was a popular teacher of magazine writing, known for his humor and broad vocabulary of both Latin and Anglo-Saxon words.

Paul and Laurie have had a variety of pets, including one golden retriever and a psychotic Australian shepherd whom they tried to love despite being bitten dozens of times on their arms and hands. The couple also had six cats, two of them rescues, two of them gluttons and two of them diabetics. The cat who has outlived them all ran into the house as a kitten one summer evening, ran up the stairs and never left. He is the most polite and well-mannered pet the Froilands have ever had.

In 2016, Paul wrote a book titled *Accidental Brownie*, which was fabulously received by the 200 people who purchased and read it.

Paul and Laurie are both retired and spend most of their time reading books. They enjoy a quiet life.



Henry Gatzke

After fifty years, I'm so happy
we now have an indoor ice
arena at St. Olaf College!



Jim “Felt” Geistfeld

After graduation, I attended University of Minnesota’s College of Veterinary Medicine. In 1972, I married classmate Barbara Lane and graduated in 1973. I accepted a position with Farmland Industries. Four months later, I accepted an epidemiology position at CDC in Atlanta and I became interested in the use of animals for studying human diseases. In 1975 I began a post-doctoral fellowship in



Comparative Pathology and Laboratory Animal Medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Subsequently, I went to Bristol Myers/Mead Johnson, where I developed their corporate vivarium’s QC program and procedures. Based on observations, I helped divert a cardiovascular drug to neurology which became their first \$1B drug (Butorphanol). While there, I received Board Certification in Laboratory Animal Medicine and an MBA. After 11 years, Rorer Pharmaceuticals hired me as director-laboratory animal medicine, and I designed their \$260M vivarium. Two years later, Taconic, which produces the world’s highest quality research rats and mice, hired me as executive director/senior vice president. I oversaw corporate QA and QC programs, animal health and welfare, aided researchers, and gave presentations worldwide. Taconic also did contract research, germfree research and created mutant mice. (The mouse genome accepts genes from other species, making mice great disease models.)

I was involved in many NASA Life Sciences projects because NASA required Taconic rats be used. After retiring, I consulted for Columbia University and Biotech companies. I was published in American and European *Who’s Who in the World*. Barb was a small animal practitioner, owning her own clinic. Today, she is the Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas. Our son, Matthew, retired recently from the Navy as a submarine officer and lives in Houston working as a forensics engineer. Our daughter, Erin, lives in Ballston Lake, NY, and is the business manager for an insurance/investment company. We have 3 granddaughters: Ava 5, Brooke 3 ½ and Ella 1. Ten years ago, we retired to the beautiful Texas Hill Country. My hobbies are gardening and travel. We have visited all 50 states and all 7 continents. Next year, we are going to the Norwegian arctic.



Rudy Gmitro

One of the first memories I have of St. Olaf College was the Christmas season of my freshman year. Each freshman corridor was to decorate their hallway in a Christmas theme. Our corridor, the third floor of Ytterboe, decided on a theme of Christmas past, present and future.

Christmas past was represented by a medieval mead hall.

Christmas future was decorated with a burned-out Christmas tree accompanied by Barry McGuire singing the Eve of Destruction in the background. Christmas present was portrayed as the commercialism of Christmas with a metal tree and an inebriated friend who insulted President Rand. Our corridor won the award.

Jumping ahead to senior year, I had the distinct privilege to participate in St. Olaf's first Global Semester. As I had grown up in a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant environment, it was my first chance to experience foreign cultures.

After graduation, Uncle Sam gave me the opportunity to see Southeast Asia from a different perspective. Fortunately, I survived the experience and returned to the Midwest to begin a career in business. I spent the next 45 years working in the agricultural and construction equipment industries. I worked for both John Deere and Case New Holland, as well as distributors for both brands. Most of my time was spent in marketing and product support management positions.

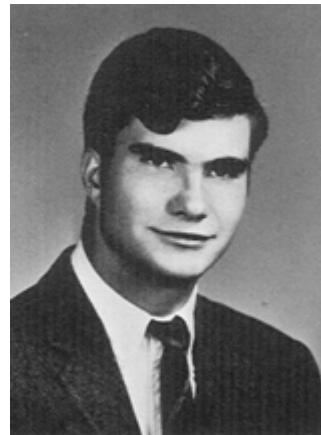
Outside of my work career, my interests tend toward recreational activities. I have tried everything from scuba diving to parasailing to stock car racing at the Las Vegas International Speedway. Since retirement, the only sport I continue to play is golf. I have had the chance to play some of the world's iconic courses, including St. Andrews in Scotland. My game is average at best; however, I enjoy the camaraderie of the game. To me, it is a walk in the park with three friends.

"Here's to a great reunion!"



Thomas Goplen

After my time at St. Olaf, I studied physical chemistry at the University of Minnesota from where I graduated in 1976 with a PhD. I spent two years as a postdoctoral at the National Research Council in Ottawa, Canada. I then spent a year at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom.



I returned to Minnesota in 1978 and began work as a software engineer at a small company in White Bear Lake. In 1982, I started a software consulting business providing engineering services to a variety of clients. I began work in 1993 for Digital Biometrics, a company which made electronic fingerprinting systems. I was there until my retirement in 2005.

I married Bonnie Walbruch in 1975 and together we have a son and daughter adopted from Korea.

I had back surgery in December 2011, during which I suffered an incomplete spinal cord injury. After lengthy rehabilitation, I am now able to walk short distances with crutches. For longer trips, I use my wheelchair. I still enjoy traveling.



Stephanie Bartik Graber

My two years at St. Olaf were a flurry of great music education, oboe performances, basketball games, studies and being with Paul. Just before leaving for a sophomore term in Norway with the Ole Orchestra, Paul and I were engaged to be married on June 3, 1967. I finished my undergraduate music



education and earned my masters in music at Fort Hays Kansas State University in Hays, Kansas. My Ph.D. in music was completed at the University of Utah in 1983.

My 40-year teaching career began in 1969 with ten years of high school music, and I retired professor emerita in 2009 from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Through the years, Paul and I decided to “take turns” advancing our careers and we followed each other to colleges and universities in Kansas, Utah, Colorado, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He always said he worked to live and I lived to work. We both enjoyed our students very much. While directing music departments, conducting choirs and concert bands, I was able to play my oboe with 15 symphonies in six different states. We also took my choral and instrumentals groups throughout Europe for ten wonderful and memorable concert tours.

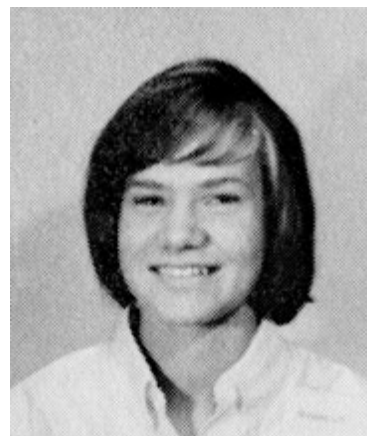
Along the way, Jena Joyce arrived, soon to be followed by Jase Paul. Jena and her husband, Kevin, have provided us with three very super grandchildren: Ellie, Drew and Carson. Jase claims he is working on it. He is self-employed and runs the Shift Institute for Wellness in Boulder, Colorado. Jena is President and CEO of Children’s Hospital Colorado.



Barbara Lee Greenfeldt

I came to St. Olaf as a freshman from New York with Midwestern roots. St. Olaf was the only college I applied to—sight unseen, as far as I can remember. I quickly fell in love with the place and the experience.

That first November, I also fell in love with Eric Greenfeldt, then a junior.



Eric graduated from St. Olaf in 1967 and was commissioned as an Air Force officer. A week after our wedding that June, I enrolled at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, conveniently located near Chanute Air Force Base. After spending 1968-1970 at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, we returned to the University of Illinois, where I completed my B.A. and M.A., taking advantage of a year in France during graduate school. Since 1973, Eric and I have made our home in Princeton, New Jersey. His career brought him to the Princeton Public Library while I taught French in Princeton and the nearby town of East Windsor. I was in the high schools for 23 years, sandwiched between middle school and, for the last few years of my career, supervision of world language and ESL teachers in the Princeton public schools. I retired in 2004 to continue to work with language as a volunteer – editing books, first with my father and then for others.

These past 15 years, Eric and I have been sharing our time equally between our stimulating town life in Princeton and the warm rural community life of Washington Island located on Lake Michigan off the northern tip of Door County, Wisconsin. Music, sewing, church activities, working with words and nurturing friendships enrich my life in both places. Though I enjoy our nieces and nephews and other people's grandchildren, my own caregiving has been focused on the elderly: my mother, then my father, neighbor ladies, hospice patients and now my aunt in New York, who needs a bit more help living alone now that she is almost 103.

My two years at St. Olaf helped shape the rest of my life. I am grateful.



Steven Greiert

I reside in St. Joseph, MO - home of the Pony Express and site of Jesse James' demise - 40 miles north of KC, which is a great city and the true gateway to the West. My daughter, Christianne, is a graduate of Truman State. She lives in NY City, where she is an actress and co-director of Clutch Productions, a theatre production company.



I earned a M.A. (1972) and Ph.D (1976) in American History from Duke University. I taught at Duke (1976-77), Penn State-Erie (1977-1982), and Missouri Western State (1982-2015), from where I retired as Professor Emeritus. I served as chair of 2 departments: Social Sciences (1988-2000); and History, Philosophy, Geography, and Religion (2004-2015). In 2004 I was named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year by the MWSU Alumni Association. By far, my most interesting experience in academia was as a member of a Baylor archaeological dig team in the Negev Desert in Israel in 1989. My jobs were to haul rock and kill scorpions.

For a pleasant change of pace I became the KKJO radio play-by-play announcer for MWSU football and basketball (1985-1993). In 1993 I switched positions and became the public address announcer for all MWSU football and basketball games, which I still do in retirement.

I have also served my local church as chair of the Board of Elders, chair of the Evangelism/Outreach Team, and adult Sunday School teacher. I remain very active in local and state Republican political organizations.

Having grown up in Green Bay and Madison, I remain a diehard, lifelong Packer and Badger fan, and an avid supporter of the Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks. In retirement I continue historical research, and stay physically active by walking, swimming, golfing, as well as playing first base on senior softball teams. Each year I return to Florida or Carolina beaches. I hope to find work doing books on tape and/or commercial voiceovers.



Rob Groth

In the fall of 1965, I moved into Kildahl Hall where I spent my first experience living away from home. Living in a dorm with other young men from different backgrounds and viewpoints, was life-changing and made for lively “bull sessions” which lasted for hours, often ending in pizza deliveries.



My four wonderful years spent at St. Olaf were highlighted by my fall semester and interim of junior year during which I studied at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life. We traveled all over Asia, including side trips to locations within Thailand and Cambodia, eventually seeing the famous ruins at Angkor Thom and Angkor Watt. Recently in October 2017, we had a three-day, 50-year reunion with our Thai group in Minneapolis.

I received my law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School where in 1972. My first job as a lawyer was an associate in a small town practice in Glenwood, Minnesota where I soon became a partner. I was married in my first year of law school to an Edina girl I had dated in high school and we had a beautiful daughter, Jennifer, in 1973.

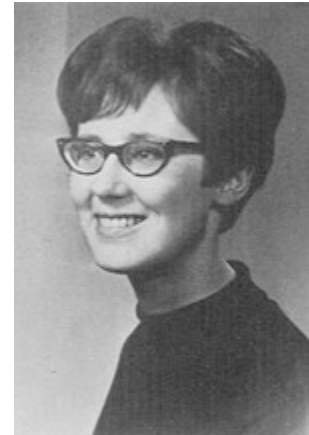
After my divorce in 1977, I decided to move back to Minneapolis where I took a job as an attorney for Northern States Power Company. I stayed at NSP for 13 years, long enough to become a senior attorney and senior executive and most importantly where I met my wife of 33 years, Lynne, who worked in the Communications Department. We were married in December 1985 and had a beautiful daughter Alyxandra in 1990. As Lynne also has a daughter, Laura, by her prior marriage, together we have three daughters. I now have three beautiful grandsons aged 8, 13 and 15 by our oldest daughter, Jennifer.

I left NSP (now Xcel Energy) in 1989 and moved to Naples, Florida in 1990 where I established my own law firm. I continue practicing law in Naples today and love living in this wonderful community which I call the “garden spot of the world.”



Susan “Sue” Lee Grover

In addition to celebrating our 50th class reunion, my husband, Paul and I are excited to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in August. Many memories of the spring and summer of 1969 come flooding back! It was a busy and exciting time in my life.



September 1969 brought the new experience of beginning my career as a 7th grade English teacher in Belvidere, Illinois. It was a challenging time, but I found that I liked working with students that age. I did take a long break from my career after two years to be a stay-at-home mom for our children – Sarah, Martha, and Joel. I was grateful for that time but returned to teaching 14 years later – in the same junior high school where I had begun. I earned my master’s degree in 1999, which transition from a junior high school to a middle school teaching. My husband, Paul was German teacher at Belvidere High School. We were spoiled because worked one mile from home.

Our church has been very important to us, and before long, we will also be celebrating 50 years of membership there.

Retirement has brought more time for travel and continued volunteering at our church and in the community. We have enjoyed being a part of Belvidere’s Sister Cities Association, which has made possible interesting contacts with communities in Germany and France. We are also active in the Gideon ministry.

Grand parenting has provided many special moments and experiences. We have attended many of our grandson’s sporting events, who also live in Belvidere. A whole new grand parenting experience came 6 years ago with the birth of our granddaughter Shanthi, now living in Atlanta, Georgia. We visit her a couple of times a year and her parents and she travel here during the Christmas holidays.

I have fond college memories and have always been proud to say that I am a graduate of St. Olaf. I look forward to catching up with former Ole classmates and hearing about what their lives have involved since May 1969!



Carl Gulbrandsen

After leaving St. Olaf, I attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison for one year, became engaged to Mary Wachter '72 and was drafted into the U.S. Army. I served one year at Fort Polk, La. and one year in Germany. While in the army, Mary and I got married. This December we will celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary and are blessed to have three adult children and four grandchildren.



After two years in the army, Mary and I attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Mary received two masters degrees in nursing and I received a Ph.D. in physiology and a J.D. degree. After receiving my J.D., we stayed in Madison and I worked in the private practice of law, mostly as a patent lawyer. After 11 years, I left the private practice and became in-house general counsel, first at Lunar Corporation and then Bone Care International. Both companies commercialized technologies developed at UW-Madison.

In 1997, I left Lunar Corporation and Bone Care International and joined Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), the patent management organization for UW-Madison. At WARF I led the patent and licensing group until January 2000, after which I led the organization as its Managing Director. I retired as Emeritus Managing Director of WARF in July of 2016. We continue to live in Madison.



Richard Gustafson

On May 31, 1969, Margo and I were married in Minneapolis. We honeymooned in Scandinavia; then moved to Chicago where I received my masters of business administration in healthcare administration from the University of Chicago in 1971.



I served as a hospital executive for six years in Chicago, then five years in Philadelphia and finally at Lutheran General Healthcare System, Park Ridge, IL. In 1988, I joined Heidrick & Struggles, a global executive search firm. I retired in 2009 as a Vice Chairman of the firm and Chairman, Global Healthcare Practice. My practice was recruiting CEOs, COOs, CFOs and other senior executives for healthcare systems and deans of medical schools across the United States. In 2009, I opened my own executive search firm working part-time, closing the firm last year.

We have two sons. Our oldest lives with his wife and five children in Lake Bluff, Illinois. He is an executive serving the call center industry working in Chicago. Our youngest son, his wife and two daughters live in Wilmette, Illinois. He is in private equity in Evanston. We maintain a condo in Lake Forest, spending a great time with them in May, than again in October through Christmas.

For the past 25 years, we have owned a home in Minocqua, Wisconsin, enjoying summers on the lake and playing golf. In 2001, we bought a coach home in a golf community in Naples, Florida, where we spend January through April.

In 2001, I was diagnosed with colon cancer, eventually stage four. I am very lucky that after multiple operations and a year of chemotherapy, I have been cancer-free for over 14 years. I am grateful for great physicians and medical centers.

Margo has worked as an accountant, served on boards at schools, church, condo associations, and city agencies. We both enjoy playing bridge and Margo is earning Masters Points. Margo and I are blessed with good health, family, friends, activities, and travel.



Dan Haertl

After graduating from St. Olaf College, I took a position as a Youth Director for Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, a congregation of nearly 6,000. As I loved the church and job, I later attended Luther Theological Seminary after three years of work. I married Margot Schmidt in 1974 and graduated from the seminary in 1976. I served as a Youth and Education Pastor in both Brookings, South Dakota, and Golden Valley, Minnesota. Sadly, Margot and I divorced in 1982.



I landed a job as an Internship Director at Hamline University in 1986. Additionally, I was hired as the Women's Tennis Coach in June and married Kristi Keplinger in June and August 1986 respectively. Our wonderful daughter, Mikaela, was born in August 1990. Kristi stayed on as an occupational therapist. I began a long road in the physical therapy job industry.

From 1990 until 2009, I was a Children's Ministry Director at Simpson United Methodist Church, Peace UMC and Crosswinds UMC. I remained at Hamline coaching until 2006. I began running tennis summer camps in 1997 and have not stopped since.

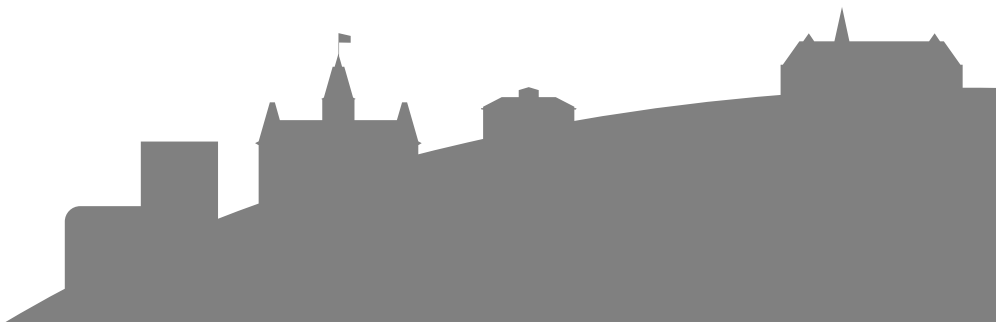
I started coaching high school tennis at Osseo in 2007. I am now the Head Girls' Tennis Coach at Maple Grove Senior High and the Head Boys' Tennis Coach at Centennial High School.

In 2008, I was hired to teach a beginning tennis class at the University of Minnesota where I continue to work. I also teach tennis at Baseline Tennis Center.

While Mikaela was in school, I brought speakers, mics, amplifiers and guitar to sing every Friday. Today, I am the lead singer in a band featuring music for kids and parents. Known as the "Sticks and Tones," we have played all over the Twin Cities.

Kristi is now a professor at St. Catherine University and an accomplished writer in her field. Mikaela is an amazing 3rd grade teacher at a charter school in Minneapolis.

I have been blessed with my career and Kristi and I live in a dream house on a lake, with a dock and pontoon.



Diane Ronning Halbrook

Upon graduation, my St. Olaf degree provided many opportunities. In the fall of 1969, I began my first teaching position as head of the Home Economics department in Stewartville, Minnesota. I spent three years teaching 7th - 12th grade students and advising a student leadership program. One of my outstanding students was eventually elected to national office. We met with members of Congress and lobbied for vocational education.



The opportunity for graduate school soon came my way. I attended Iowa State University for a master's and Ph.D. in educational administration. I met Steve Halbrook, a fellow grad student and in November 1975, we were married. We graduated in 1976 with our Ph.D.'s.

Together, we focused on our options. I was selected supervisor of vocational education for the State of Iowa's Department of Education. Steve pursued a law degree at Drake University. In 1978, we welcomed our son, John, to our family. When Steve completed his legal training in 1979, our next stop was Washington D.C. I worked as director of special projects in vocational education. In 1980, our daughter Ann was born.

Steve worked at the Federal Reserve and USDA while I was to head the human services organization in Alexandria, VA., serving 1,800 people daily. I was awarded a Kellogg Foundation National Fellowship in 1988. I spent three years traveling the globe, studying the impacts of climate change. After 12 years in D.C., we finally moved to suburban Chicago. In 1989, I received the Helen LeBaron Hilton Award for outstanding community leadership from Iowa State University and, in 2000, was appointed to the St. Olaf Alumni Board.

I was a management consultant for non-profit organizations, Steve was V.P. of Farm Foundation. In 2008, the University of Arkansas called Steve to serve as head of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness.

Our children are now grown and married, and we now have four energetic grandchildren. We have been active in the Episcopal Church. In 2006, I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and now spent much of my day dealing with its challenges.



John Hanson

I graduated from St. Olaf with a degree in biology and a commission in the United States Air Force. For three years, I served as a nuclear missile officer in Great Falls, Montana. My life took a drastic turn when I decided to enroll at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and become an ordained pastor. I served congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin for 47 years, eventually retiring in 2014.



I met and married my wife Linda while serving a church in Effie, her hometown. We have two children, Catherine, living in Duluth, and Lucas, married and living in Wausau, Wisconsin. He has a son, Jace, our only grandchild, born March 1, 2018.

Linda and I built a retirement home on Turtle Lake, 37 miles north of Grand Rapids. It is on property once owned by Linda's grandparents. We are proud of the fact that the house has an energy star rating and a very minimal carbon footprint. We enjoy lake life in the summer and winter, boating, fishing, swimming, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. I remain active in the community and am president of two local boards, a fine arts board in Bigfork, and the Turtle Lake Association board. I have acted in several local productions and also serve on a church synod committee mandated to help church members understand and embrace creation care.



Mark Hanson

Following graduation from St. Olaf, I went on to medical school at the University of Minnesota, spending my third year in Faribault in the Rural Physicians Associate Program. I graduated in 1973 and moved to Seattle for residency in Family Medicine. During residency, I started a clinic in Edmonds, Washington, and remained there until May 2013 when I retired and moved



full time to Chelan, Washington, the site of Holden Village. I married Bonnie Dawley, a North Dakotan and RN, at the end of residency and we have two children and three grandchildren. Edmonds' family medicine clinic grew from the original two partners to 28 family physicians and a multi-specialty clinic building by the time I left.

We have enjoyed a lot of biking, boating, skiing, sailing, and scuba diving in the Puget Sound area, Western US and Caribbean, seeing much of it with our kids. Our daughter, Marit, has her masters in acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine and has joined me in a new practice in Chelan. Erik teaches skating and runs hockey development clinics and coaches. I am enjoying practice and don't feel ready to be done yet. We spend as much time as we can with family and grandkids.



Constance “Connie” Lundstrom Hartshorn

Bittersweet is how I remember graduation day as the St. Olaf chapter ended for us in 1969, with tearful goodbyes and a knowledge we'd never be together again, but having much to look forward to.

My story continued with marriage to Bob Hartshorn '68, travel, German teaching, and moving from an apartment to a small house in South West Minneapolis.



Toting a month-old baby, we traveled in 1976 to Barbados for Bob's medical residency, a transforming third-world experience. The Bajan laid-back approach to living was appealing, but back in Minnesota with Bob's work as an OB/Gyn, a move to Minnetonka & two more sons, the busyness of life banished any thoughts of relaxed life.

Looking back, the family home time and trips, neighborhood, school & church activities are a blur. But it was a satisfying life. Coordinating our church's homeless families' program & having four exchange students stay with us, gave us views outside our experience. And in my years organizing & coaching creative-problem-solving teams, we all learned life-enhancing skills.

Our boys grew and chose to attend out-of-state colleges to pursue their careers. Fast forward and two of the three are back, one in Columbus--all now with wives and children. Family times together. Grandchildren. Perfect. When our sons were in school, I began teaching English to adult immigrants and refugees from south East Asia, Bosnia and Serbia, Central and South America, Eastern Europe, Korea, and China. A perfect job for me, I was able to help them tell their stories, learn how to navigate in a new and strange language and land, and get their citizenship. Powerful!

In retirement, again living in Minneapolis, we do grandchild care, connect with friends, travel, read voraciously and I continue to tutor immigrants, reading with inner-city children, and helping East African and Mexican adults tell their stories of hardship and hope for a better life in Minnesota. My life is full and happy and the relaxation part does come, in our backyard retreat, as I ride my bike around Minneapolis lakes or kick back at our Wisconsin cabin. 50 years and counting.



John Heublein

Those who knew me well at St. Olaf probably would be surprised to learn that I was accepted to the graduate school of history at Iowa State University upon my graduation. However, Uncle Sam decided that I was more important to the defense of the country, so I was provided with two years of free clothing, room, and board. Upon completion of those wonderful years, I moved to Chicago with my new wife, Kathleen Madden, since she was from the Chicago area and had family there. Let's say that Chicago offered a minor cultural change for a farm boy from Minnesota.



Graduate school never became a reality, as I soon had a family that expected to be supported. I entered the world of commercial insurance, first as an underwriter at CNA Financial, and then moved on to life as an independent broker for the next 45 years. During those years, we were blessed with three sons and four daughters. When college entered the picture for them, St. Olaf was a distant dream with 28 years of college tuition in front of me. Somehow, they all managed to finish their college careers in 4 years and went on to start families of their own.

We still live in the Chicago suburbs and 3 of our children live here with their families. The other four are spread east between South Bend and London. They apparently didn't mind growing up in a large family, as we now have 12 granddaughters and 11 grandsons ranging in age from 3 to 19. Vacations seem to hinge around which family shall we visit this time. Putting 39 people together for a family holiday tends to be a little chaotic but always interesting.

I think it's obvious to say that family has become the high point of my life. St. Olaf was the first introduction to life away from the farm and I will always remember it fondly (The Creek, Phi Gamma Rho, Thorson surfing party's et al). It was a vast learning experience in many ways.



James Higdon

James Higdon, a native of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the Dane and Polly Bales Professor of Organ and Director of the Division of Organ and Church Music at the University of Kansas. His initial organ study was at the Air Force Academy with Edmund Ladouceur. He earned a Bachelor of Music in organ from St. Olaf College, Master of Music from



Northwestern University and Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Eastman School of Music. He studied with Robert Kendall, Karel Paukert, David Craighead, Catharine Crozier and, while in France, with Marie-Claire Alain.

He recently released an organ works recording of the French composer, Jehan Alain, entitled *Jehan Alain Organ Works: A 1942 perspective*. Additional recordings include: *Dupré: A Centennial Tribute*, recorded at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, Canada; *Organ Music of France* and *Camille Saint-Saëns Opus 99 and Opus 109*, both recorded on the 1879 Cavallé-Coll organ at Saint-François-de-Sales in Lyon, France. Higdon is also featured on two recordings with the renowned Kansas City Chorale - *Nativitas* and *Alleluia: An American Hymnal*. DCI Records released *Music from Bales Organ Recital Hall* featuring his inaugural recital on the Hellmuth Wolff organ at the University of Kansas.

European concert tours include recitals at in Paris, Vienna and locations in Italy, Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland and Russia. He also plays throughout the United States and Canada.

The University of Kansas presented him the W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence in 1997, making him the first University of Kansas professor from the arts to be recognized. While at the University of Kansas, he had six students win Fulbright Awards, two students awarded International Rotary Grants and a number of students were national and international competition prize winners.

In 1996, he envisioned and supervised the KU's Dane & Polly Bales Organ Recital Hall, a world-class facility which today attracts top students globally.

James Higdon remains an adjudicator, serving on juries for international organ competitions and will teach masterclasses at the Rimsky Korsakov Conservatory in St. Petersburg. He has also been appointed as Visiting Professor of Organ at the Conservatory of Cosenza in Cosenza, Italy.



John Hoeft

Following our graduation, I enlisted in the Navy and, after four months of Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, was commissioned as an Ensign. I served two years of active duty in downtown London as a communications officer. My “base” was a building on Grosvenor Square (Eisenhower’s WWII headquarters building),



kitty-corner from the U.S. Embassy. After my time with the Navy, I graduated *cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975. I was a staff attorney, and later chief attorney, for the Metropolitan Council. This was followed by nine years as General Counsel of Dallas Area Rapid Transit during which time we built the Dallas light rail system. The private sector beckoned, and I became General Counsel of what, ultimately, through mergers and acquisitions, became Transdev Services Inc., a private contract operator of public transit services. Transdev operates all, or part of, the transit system in about 100 U.S. cities, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Long Island, New Orleans, Atlanta, and San Diego. I retired from Transdev in 2016 but continue to do consulting work for them.

Nancy Ritter, a graduate of St. Cloud State, and I were married in 1976. We have three children and three grandchildren, all of whom reside in Texas. We’ve lived in Dallas since 1984. In our spare time, we enjoy traveling and spending time with our family.



Geoffrey Hollimon

After graduating from St. Olaf, I joined the Navy, reported to Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, graduated and was commissioned a Naval Officer. After flight training, I was stationed in California and deployed to Asia multiple times. After my operational tour was over, I was ordered to flight instructor duty. Following, I accepted orders to Misawa Air



Base in northern Japan. There I met my wife, Debra, also in the Navy. We discovered we had lived 50 miles apart for a time when we were growing up in southwest Washington State. After our tours of duty at Misawa, we both transferred to Washington, DC. Within a year, we were married at the Arlington Military Chapel.

I continued my career in the Navy, eventually retiring after 21 years of traveling the world with Debra. She stayed in the Navy Reserve for 24 years of total service. My last assignment was the Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District Minneapolis, encompassing North Dakota, Minnesota and the western two thirds of Wisconsin. We managed 55 recruiting offices with a staff of approximately 300.

After I retired from the Navy, Debra and I stayed in Minnesota. I started a new career in financial services, primarily concentrating in investing. We have been in business 28 years. Originally based in Minneapolis, we eventually moved the business to New Brighton. We have been annually recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager since the award was instituted eight years ago.

I am on the boards of Community Partners with Youth, a non-profit program for at risk youth, and my local Rotary club. I chair the New Brighton Public Safety Commission and am an Ambassador for ECHO, a Florida-based non-profit organization working to educate underdeveloped country's farmers on agricultural best practices. Deb and I have two grown daughters living in Minneapolis and Olympia, Washington. We are active in our church and grateful for our many blessings. We love to travel, explore the country, visit friends and relatives and rejuvenate at the seashore.



Neal Holtan

After graduation, I marched straight through nine years preparing for a career in medicine and public health. I spent time in Iowa at medical school, did an internal medicine residency at Hennepin County, and studied public health (epidemiology) at the University of Minnesota. My first job was at St. Paul – Ramsey Medical Center in 1978 in internal medicine.



During medical school, I spent time at the Lutheran missionary hospital in Madagascar, an experience that forever interested me in cross-cultural medicine and public health. In 1979, I volunteered with the American Refugee Committee in Thailand. Back in St. Paul, I saw the need for cross-cultural medical services for refugees and immigrants and started the International Clinic in 1980. The clinic grew steadily, including services for travelers. In 1987 I became half-time medical director of St. Paul – Ramsey Public Health, seeing adult TB patients for 30 years.

By 1999, I finally realized that I wasn't well-suited for the detail of internal medicine and needed the big picture: epidemiology, health policy, and disease control. I wanted to work with preventive medicine. Luckily, a Bush Medical Fellowship allowed me to switch from internal medicine to preventive medicine and start a consulting practice, mainly with the Minnesota Institute of Public Health.

During the fellowship, I took a few courses in the history of medicine, became obsessed, and spent 12 years studying at the University of Minnesota. I finally gained my Ph.D. in 2011. My interests include genetics, reproductive health and public health in mid-twentieth century United States. In retirement, I hope to research and write.

I married my long-time partner, Stephen Dent, in 2013 after Minnesota passed same-sex marriage. We have a mid-century modern house in Golden Valley and live with our miniature poodles, Jacques and Oliver.

Looking back, I see how St. Olaf shaped me, starting with a strong interest in history and a mild aversion to science, through an early career of heavy science practicing internal medicine, then switching to the application of science for the public good, and finally back around to history. If that isn't liberal arts, what is?



Marjorie Hanson Horning

As my three older siblings had also attended St. Olaf, I always knew it was to be my college as well. I loved my four years as an Ole. As a nursing student, I lived off campus for a year and a half and went on an overseas interim program – all wonderful memories. Some of my fondest memories included my time participating in the Christmas Festival as a first year and then again as a senior.



After graduation, I worked in a small-town hospital, took the state boards, worked for a short time at the University of Minnesota Hospital and married a wonderful guy (Don) in March, 1970. We will celebrate 50 years together next year. We lived on the Horning family farm and raised our three awesome children. I did not work for 14 years, instead caring for the kids, and later returned to my career as a Public Health Nurse. I retired in 2004, the same time as Don retired as a farmer.

Our oldest child, Meredith Johnson, is married and living in Bozeman, Montana. Rachel Bakken is our second child, married and now living in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Our son, Daniel is married and lives in Ridgecrest California. Our most favorite people in the world are our 9 grandchildren and we spend much time together as a family.

Don and I now spend most of our time between our Minnesota home on Lake Shetek and our Arizona home in Maricopa. We truly love the life we have built together! We have always loved to travel and are always ready to go somewhere. We both golf and play pickle ball. I have always volunteered at church, school, and in the community. I am also an avid reader and continue to knit and play bridge – both of which I learned at St. Olaf.

We are truly blessed.



Kathryn J. Halberg Huemoeller

I feel fortunate having chosen St. Olaf and receiving a liberal arts, values-based education. The benefits have been both personal and professional, and its influences have always been a core part of my life.



I met and married my husband, Bryce Huemoeller '68, at St. Olaf. Following graduation, we moved to Washington, D.C. While he served a year in Vietnam, I returned to Minnesota and earned a teaching degree from the University of Minnesota. Post-university, teaching led me to a great career with the Community Action Partnership Agency. I taught early childhood for a short time, but spent the better part of 25 years as an education coordinator in three counties. I also worked as the community education director in Prior Lake, Minnesota, for several years.

Bryce and I have three children – two attended St. Olaf, and one attended St. Mary's University. We now have five grandchildren, and of course, think they are all incredible. Although they are growing up far too fast for us, we have been fortunate to be involved in their lives as they all live within an hour of our home in Prior Lake.

Although Bryce has not retired, I certainly have. We find numerous opportunities for travel and enjoy spending our time with family, friends, and at our cabin in Wisconsin.

Since graduating from St. Olaf, I have been extremely lucky to maintain close contact with numerous classmates. Five of my dearest friends are Oles, and for 50 years we have reconnected for a summer weekend and often a winter retreat. We recently celebrated "50 years of friendship" by spending a week together in Paris.

I am so grateful for all that St. Olaf has given me.



Marc Isaacson

Since our graduation in that epic year 1969, the fates have lead me everywhere from the small towns to the big cities.

My first stop, while awaiting the uncertainties of the draft as many of us were at the time, was Madison, Wisconsin. I became an industrial engineer with Rayovac, enjoying the benefits of a single life with a steady income. I met my future wife



there, Debbie, and we had a red, white and blue bicentennial wedding in 1976. A lucky break many of my classmates will appreciate was drawing draft number 305.

After a few years, I transferred to a battery manufacturing plant in rural southwest Wisconsin where I wore many hats: project/environmental/plant/ and manufacturing engineer. I loved spending the company's capital, making changes and seeing the benefits. We moved to Platteville, home of the world's largest 'M', a K-Mart and the only streetlight in the county. After initial trepidation, we learned to appreciate small-town familiarity and great friends. There we raised three children: Jason, Jenni and Karissa. Each followed my path northward for college, graduating from the University of Minnesota.

After my job was eliminated, we were anxious and hated to leave, but found a new and better job with Insinkerator in my Wisconsin hometown of Racine. As manufacturing engineering manager, I enjoyed spending even more company capital and making a difference. This move turned out to be another lucky break, as we had the opportunity to enjoy and help with my parents' later years.

Our son and daughters are all settled in the Twin Cities, married and blessed us with adorable grandchildren. Our son moved to Phoenix, Arizona, which is perfect for us in the winter. Today, we are retired in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, enjoying life with our family.

I always marveled at how my ancestors, farm families without much in a material way, could be so appreciative in gratitude to God for what they had. Now I know why.



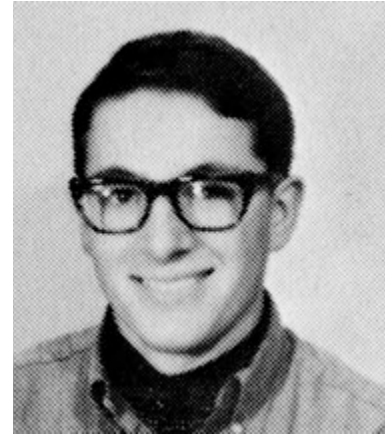
Steve Iverson

1970- Motorcycle trip thru Europe (Denmark, Germany, Italy, France, England and Belgium).

1973- Was married to Susan.

1976- Drove from Northfield to Acapulco, where I nearly drowned body surfing.

1977- Began working for the State of Minnesota at the Faribault State Hospital.



1978- Ben, my first son, was born.

1979- Built my dream house in the woods in Sogn, Minnesota.

1982- Dylan, my second son, was born.

1984- Started IT work in Faribault while still a unit manager. I was the first one to have a computer on my desk.

1992- Got divorced. Travelled in India for six weeks. Stayed overnight at Hemis Monastery on the Indus river, where Jesus was rumored to be during his "lost years." I was arrested in Ladakh for hiking too close to the Chinese/Tibet border.

1993- Got married to Janet.

1997- Travelled in Peru and Bolivia, back then it was still quite dangerous.

1999- Started web programming at Department of Human Services headquarters St. Paul.

2002- Travelled around Bangkok and China, visiting Kunming, Dali, Chengdu, Tiger Leaping gorge, Songpan and Sichuan, also taking a boat ride down the Yangtze.

2004- Travelled to Bangkok and India, especially to Darjeeling, Rishikesh and Gangotri.

2006- Travelled to Bangkok and Bali, spending time in Ubud and Lovina

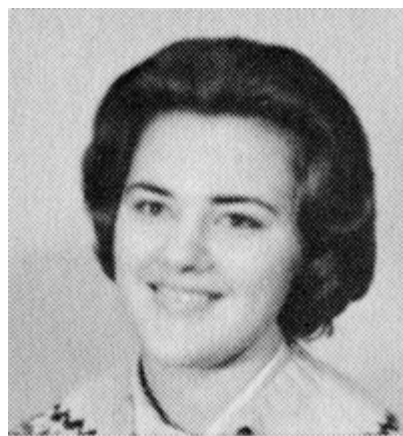
2007- Retired as Information Technology Specialist.

2016- Travelled around Bangkok and Bangladesh, enjoying a boat trip through the Sundarbans and rode the Rocket. I also enjoyed the best honey in the world, Sundarbans honey.

2017- Spent time in Porto Portugal for a week-long 70th birthday party and took a train ride up the Rio do Ouro.

Cheryl Rose Jacobsen

It has only been the last three years that I've finally "gotten out of school," having retired from higher education as both a faculty member and academic administrator. My first teaching positions were in high schools in both Minnesota and Missouri. In between, I completed an M.A. in humanities at



Arizona State University and taught part-time at community colleges. By the 1980s, I was teaching at Wartburg College in the English and history programs, eventually finishing a Ph.D. in American studies at the University of Iowa. After twenty years at Wartburg, I had served on almost every college committee. Because of that institutional service, and a short period at the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, I was ready to move from the classroom to academic administration and service in regional accreditation consulting and evaluation. I served as a provost and academic dean at Loras College for fourteen years and in a similar interim position at Grand View University. I retired in 2015, and then again in 2016.

During my career, I came to know many small, private institutions—those well-endowed and those extremely fragile, those which remain committed to the liberal arts tradition and those blending core learning with career-oriented offerings. St. Olaf College provided my first exposure to the richness and strength of this sector of higher education.

My daughter and son, and their spouses, are Ole alumni; three are in mental health professions in school- and community-based programs, and one is an associate district judge. Since I live only a few hours from either family, my time "in school" is now as an audience member for grandchildren's activities across their K-10 experiences. Good novels, travel with friends, including some from my first year at St. Olaf, and time without an agenda keep me occupied and satisfied with retirement.



Janet Schrader Jacobson

Forty-nine years married to my classmate Stan Jacobson, two wonderful sons and three awesome grandchildren sums up the highlights of my 71 years!

My husband and I resided in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, with brief interludes in Ethiopia and Perth, Western Australia, where Stan taught at the law school and I cataloged school library books for the state Department of Education.



An organizer at heart, my first career included stints as head librarian at several large law firms in the Twin Cities. In my second career, I worked to promote life-long learning: first as administrator of the Minnesota Humanities Commission's grant program for older adult learning groups, and later as coordinator of an intergenerational volunteer program offered by Minneapolis Public Schools. As a volunteer, I've planned educational events for older adult groups throughout Minnesota and, more recently, weekly adult forums at our church.

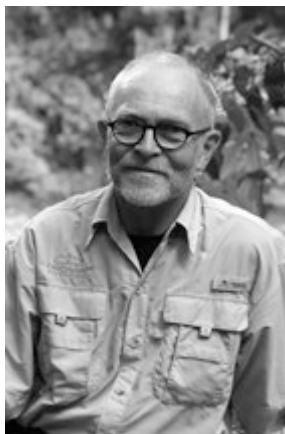
Of course, parenting is a learning activity too. I've learned from our architect son Rolf '01 about sustainable design and cold climate building techniques. From our younger son Andrew '06, I've learned about "big cats" and their struggle for survival in East Africa. I am now taking advantage of new learning opportunities with our three grandchildren – there's nothing quite like seeing the world through the eyes of a 3 year old.

Eight years ago, Stan and I sold our St. Paul house, bought a condominium and also purchased a lake home in northwestern Wisconsin. We divide our time between the two, relishing the proximity to family, friends and cultural events while in St. Paul, and enjoying the somewhat different challenges and pleasures of life at the lake – gardening, canoeing, monitoring the lake for zebra mussels and organizing a lake shore owners association. We've enjoyed recent trips to England, Norway, Alaska, California and the East Coast. One of the greatest pleasures of retirement has been the ability to reconnect with old friends, including a reunion in 2017 of St. Olaf graduates who traveled to Thailand and East Asia in 1967-68 – another 50th reunion.



Paul Jacobson

Having already travelled east to St. Olaf from Montana, I continued eastward at the behest of my piano teacher, Dr. DeWayne Wee, to study composition at Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music in Connecticut. Like my mentor, Dr. Wee, who had met his wife Dr. Theo Wee at UTS, I met my wife Diane Levy Jacobson in the halls of



Union in 1970. We were married in 1971 and lived in New York City for another 11 years. During that time, I worked as a church musician, taught on the music faculty of Concordia College, Bronxville, New York, studied composition at Columbia University School of the Arts and free-lanced around NYC as a recorder and baroque flute player. Diane and I were blessed with two boys, Nathaniel and Benjamin.

In 1982 we moved to St. Paul as Diane had received an appointment at Luther Seminary, where she taught Old Testament until 2010. By 1985, I had, with three colleagues, founded The Lyra Baroque Orchestra, now in its 34th season. I also co-founded a Mozart-era historical instrument ensemble, The WolfGang, now in its 23rd season. While in St. Paul, I served in the roles of board president, business manager, director of development, executive director and chief bottle-washer of Lyra for 24 years. Over these years, I have performed with many ensembles across the country and abroad, including The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Bach Society of Minnesota, Chicago Baroque Ensemble, Ensemble Musical Offering of Milwaukee and Atlanta Baroque Orchestra.

Our family expanded in 1994 to include a young Tanzanian man, Evaristo Sanga. He is married, has three boys, and lives in Minneapolis. Nathaniel is father of Cameron (a freshman at WPI in Massachusetts), and Benjamin now has a young son, August.

I continue to perform on baroque flute and compose music for the church and for chamber ensemble. I serve on the boards of Luther Seminary and Lutheran Social Services Minnesota Foundation. I continue to garden, do woodwork, hike, fish and travel with the love of my life, Diane.



Cathie Johnson Jacquat

50 years! Where did the time go? I, like you, probably can't answer that completely. I can, however, take time to reflect and share my personal journey over the past 50 years since graduation.

After graduation I taught junior high physical science for one year in Osseo. Then for two years I taught 5 science courses in a small high school in Missouri while Michael attended medical school



at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. I “retired” from teaching in 1972 to raise our family.

I have been blessed by the Lord. I married Michael Jacquat on December 20, 1969, and we have been celebrating throughout this year leading up to our golden anniversary. Whoever thought that one little kiss in Norway Valley would lead to this?

The blessings of family have been remarkable. Our oldest son Christopher (11/21/72) is a corporate pilot for the Kohler Company. He and his wife Mindy have blessed us with 3 wonderful grandsons – Jack (13), Max (11), and Joe (10). They reside in Plymouth, WI in the home in the woods that we built and raised the family (we downsized). Our second son John (6/6/79) lives in Erie, CO where he owns his own insurance company, the Old Mine, and Sweets. He and his wife Amy have blessed us with 3 more beautiful grandchildren—Elena (8), MJ (6), and Anna (4).

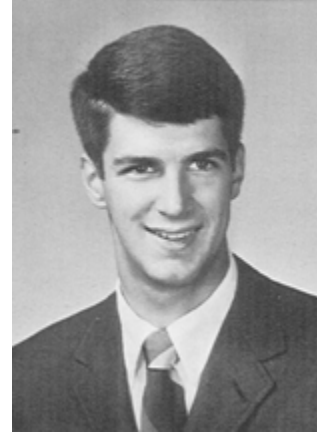
Michael and I have both had the privilege and honor of serving our community in our church, hospital, children's schools and a variety of community projects.

An additional blessing is that we are able to winter in Arizona. Come see us in the small town of Rio Verde.



Michael Jacquat

After graduating from St. Olaf and marrying Cathie Johnson, I graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO. After further post graduate training in Flint, MI, I joined a family practice group in Plymouth, WI. I really enjoyed and found the greatest satisfaction and reward in the more “personal” small town, small hospital, cradle to grave, 24/7 on call medicine of that era. I was blessed!



With the changes in the world of medicine and in the last part of my medical career I joined an urgent care department at a multi-specialty clinic as director/staff physician until early retirement in 2000.

Since then, Cathie and I have kept busy enjoying our blessings and trying to be a blessing for others. We have traveled with family and friends across the U.S., throughout Europe, and to Israel, perhaps the most memorable. We walked where Jesus walked.

One of the highlights of my early retirement has been to help promote and develop the ministry of the Tree of Life Retreat Center. Cathie has helped a dear friend and cancer survivor facilitate women’s cancer retreats – Always Hope. I facilitate and lead men’s silent spiritual retreats each fall. These ecumenical retreats led by the Holy Spirit have touched many lives for which we are thankful.

In the true spirit of our time at St. Olaf I share with you the following Scripture verses for you to reflect upon.

II Corinthians 5:14-21 MSG and Philemon 1:6 AMP

Fram! Fram! Kristmenn, Krossmenn!



Susan Carlson Jambor

Little did I realize when I went on a St. Olaf semester abroad to France that it would be a life-changing experience. I fell in love with the country and married a Frenchman. In 1970, I moved to Provence, a small town in southeastern France. After five years of working at different jobs- running an antique shop and teaching children with severe heart



conditions, I started teaching English to adults in different companies for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This was my job until retirement in 2008. The many human connections formed over the years made this a rewarding career.

In 1979, I bought a country farm house in Aveyron about 50 km from Albi, a world heritage site, where I continued working at the Chamber of Commerce in Albi. Restoring the house has been a lifelong project.

Since retirement, I've been active in many local associations, some for the environment, others for the restoration of churches and a local castle, and still others for Haitian children and helping villages in Burkina Faso.

Living in the country has been a joy with activities such as gardening, mushroom hunting and hiking. I enjoy cooking, canning and reading when I have the time. I would love to hear from former St. Olaf friends.



Randall Johnson

FAMILY: I married Barbara in 1976. She had 3 children from a previous marriage. We had none together. At latest count, there are now 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren! It does not seem possible.



WORK: I spent most of my career in the vegetable processing industry and worked for companies such as Green Giant, Stokely, and Seneca Foods. Because of transfers, I worked at many locations scattered across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. I retired at the end of 2013.

WHAT AM I DOING NOW: Not much! Barbara and I have lived in Fort Atkinson, WI the last 15 years. We are within an easy one hour drive of all of the kids and grandkids. Life is good. I send my best wishes to all of my classmates. You were a wonderful part of my life for 4 great years.



George Allan Johnson

The summer following graduation was filled with a wedding, honeymoon and a few short months of employment with Bell Telephone in Golden Valley, Minnesota. In late August 1969, my wife, Jean, and I left the Midwest and headed to North Carolina to begin graduate school at Duke University. Five years later, I defended my thesis and earned a Ph.D. in physics; within a week of



that major event, Jean was awarded her doctorate in biochemistry. We both remained loyal to Duke and pursued careers in scientific research there. I began as a postdoctoral fellow in the department of radiology, rising through the ranks and being named the Charles E. Putman Professor of Radiology, Physics and Biomedical Engineering. I have directed the Center for In Vivo Microscopy for more than 35 years and carried out extensive research in MR microscopy, pushing the limits of the technique to achieve ultrahigh resolution. I have had the privilege of working with and directing the research of many talented students, residents and fellows.

Jean and I built our home on wooded acreage in Orange County, doing much of the work ourselves, and raised two sons also strongly interested in building things. Both earned master's degrees in mechanical engineering, one from Stanford and the other from Duke. We have a nine-year-old grandson who carries the same creative genes.

Our church home has been New Hope Presbyterian, where I have served as elder and participated extensively in committee activities. Music has remained an important part of my life, from the club band in graduate school days to continuing roles in the church choir and saxophone quartet.

I still have my lab at Duke and also enjoy building fine furniture and turning art pieces on the lathe. My newest shop acquisition is a CNC router, a gift from my oldest son. Designing pieces in 3D and transferring those formatted designs to the control of a woodworking machine presents new challenges to an aging brain – richly rewarded when the vision becomes reality.



James A. Johnson

Three days after graduation, we were married in Margaret's hometown, Grand Forks, North Dakota. We spent the summer there, expecting to migrate to Iowa City for law and graduate school that fall. The draft intervened and Jim was inducted into the U.S. Army in October of that year. At Fort Polk, Louisiana, we added Kristin Margaret to our family in 1970. Following Jim's



stint in the army, we found our way to Madison, Wisconsin. Jim graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School and our family moved to Rhinelander in 1974, where he entered private practice. Our second child, Arthur Andrew, was born in 1975. When the children were 14 and 10 respectively, Margaret returned to school at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul. She was ordained in 1993 and called to a three-year-old congregation in Eagle River. Jim found himself in a position he had never imagined: "pastor's wife." He began commuting to his law office in Rhinelander. In 2009, Margaret retired after serving 17 years in one congregation. The tug of grandparenting had become too insistent for her to ignore. Jim retired three years later after 45 years as a civil trial lawyer and together we took up this new stage of our life with enthusiasm.

We enjoy sports—tennis, biking, hiking, and golf. We have been able to travel to a number of different countries and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy other cultures. Our favorite trip was a two and a half month journey to Spain during which we spent time in a garret apartment and struggled to learn Spanish, doing the vagabond exploring we missed while we were young.

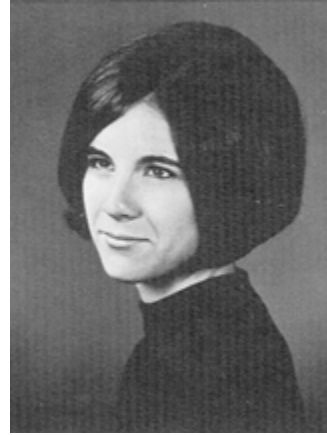
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Margaret Stokes Johnson

Three days after graduation, we were married in Margaret's hometown, Grand Forks, North Dakota. We spent the summer there, expecting to migrate to Iowa City for law and graduate school that fall. The draft intervened and Jim was inducted into the U.S. Army in October of that year. At Fort Polk, Louisiana, we added Kristin Margaret to our family in 1970. Following Jim's



stint in the army, we found our way to Madison, Wisconsin. Jim graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School and our family moved to Rhinelander in 1974, where he entered private practice. Our second child, Arthur Andrew, was born in 1975. When the children were 14 and 10 respectively, Margaret returned to school at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul. She was ordained in 1993 and called to a three-year-old congregation in Eagle River. Jim found himself in a position he had never imagined: "pastor's wife." He began commuting to his law office in Rhinelander. In 2009, Margaret retired after serving 17 years in one congregation. The tug of grandparenting had become too insistent for her to ignore. Jim retired three years later after 45 years as a civil trial lawyer and together we took up this new stage of our life with enthusiasm.

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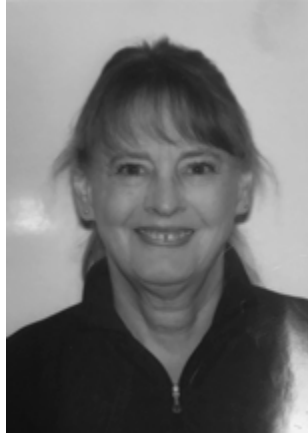
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Marjorie L. Olson Johnson

I married my St. Olaf sweetheart and classmate, Mark Johnson, in Boe Memorial Chapel one week after graduation in 1969. By the time of our class reunion, we will have been blessed with 50 years of marriage. We have lived in the western suburbs of Minneapolis, currently in Minnetonka.



I attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota the next fall where I earned a master's degree in speech-language pathology and began a 40+ year career as a speech-language pathologist in health care settings, primarily Park Nicollet Clinics/Methodist Hospital. In addition to direct patient care, my career highlights included opportunities to teach stroke and Parkinson's Disease rehabilitation throughout the US and twice with a medical team in China, writing patient care handbooks and participation in neurorehabilitation research. Although I "retired" in 2013, I have not been able to totally give up the profession I love and I continue to work intermittently in transitional and long term care settings.

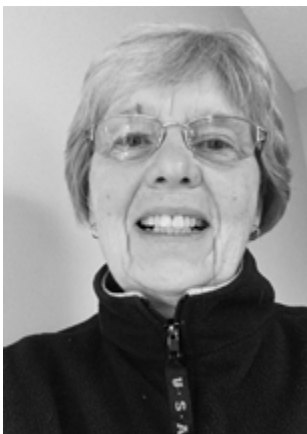
Mark and I have raised two sons, Nick and Michael, and have also been blessed with 2 beautiful grandchildren, Boden and Maren, all of whom live nearby. They are such a joy! We have been active in Wayzata Community Church for over 40 years and still find it the perfect faith community for us. I have climbed the highest point in 34 of the 50 states as part of the Highpointer's Club but retired my climbing gear several years ago. I now enjoy more sedentary pursuits, especially time spent with family and friends.

My years at St. Olaf shaped my life! I found my life partner, discovered my career path and made lifelong friends. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to spend such formative years on the Hill.



Susan Steber Johnson

After graduation, I married Lee Johnson '68. We celebrated our 50th anniversary last year by spending a wonderful week at Holden Village with our family. Our family consists of Luther and his family of three, and Holly Johnson, our daughter. We are blessed to have both children living again in Minnesota.



During my career, I practiced as a nurse primarily in the maternal-newborn area. I earned my masters from Northern Illinois University. This led me to becoming an educator in several nursing programs over the years. I retired from St. Catherine University in 2012. I enjoyed teaching nursing as it allowed me to have one foot in academia and the other in the real world of health care. It was also gratifying to be part of the development of students into competent and caring nurses. Caring for women and families during the childbirth experience was a privilege.

Over the past 40 years I have always sung in a church choir and been involved in various church activities, advocated and practiced a lifestyle of wellness and have been drawn to literature on spirituality. My goal in retirement was to lead a more balanced life. The activities now part of my life include being a hospice volunteer, volunteering for the Gathering (a program for early to mid-stage memory loss) weight-lifting, walking, biking, Yoga-devotion, book club, classes and seminars, traveling and a variety of other volunteer activities.



William E. Johnson

I enjoyed a teaching career for nearly four decades. In the 70s, I completed two additional degrees. Later I finished Ph.D. requirements including my thesis. Unfortunately, my committee experienced attrition resulting from retirements, relocations, even a death. Lacking readers, my program ended. My research included presenting at national conferences, always in the winter and in warmer locales.



I served the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics as a director, later chairing the foundation. I worked on a state-wide initiative implementing standards-based math programs. Promoting this involved teaching at a summer institute in Boston as well as west-coast speaking engagements.

Retirement brought me to Northfield's Cannon Valley Elder Collegium (CVEC) as a student, occasionally a teacher. My studies included architecture, philosophy, physics, and psychology. Reconnecting with former professors and classmates comes with CVEC, too.

Residential architecture has always been an avocation. Four of my designs were built for family and friends. A design for my parents was built in 1967 and rebuilt 35 years later. A lightning strike and ensuing fire prompted my father, age 93, to request design and construction supervision from me. After four years as Junior, then Senior Warden at church, my term is complete. I leave with a greater appreciation for the service others have given on the Vestry.

Five years ago I got a cancer diagnosis, stage IV. Thanks to my caregivers at the University of Minnesota, I am cancer-free. Expressing gratitude, I founded and funded a research program with the University Medical Foundation.

I've learned some strategies for charitable giving, funding them with appreciated stock and using my required minimum distributions from an IRA. One of my annual gifts goes to Carleton where I support our family's initiative at the Weitz Center. Three weeks after our reunion I will be attending the annual luncheon of Carleton's Heywood Society where I've been a member for a decade. Often I'm asked my class year. My reply: "1969, on the west side of town."

My parents' maxim: "Whatever you try to keep, you will ultimately lose. Whatever you give away, you may enjoy forever."



Gwen Newhouse Jones

Following graduation, and being as yet uncommitted anywhere, I returned home to Poplar Grove, Illinois. After working briefly in Belvidere, Illinois, at St. Joseph's Hospital, I began teaching physical education at Poplar Grove Elementary School. I spent five years there, walking and working in the same K-8 building where I began my own education.



I married my husband, Bruce, an Illinois state trooper, and settled down about two miles from where I grew up.

In March 1984, our long-tenured church organist died. Since I had taken organ lessons from her while in high school, I at least knew how to turn on our pipe organ. So began an unexpected career as church organist lasting nearly 31 years. I really value the time spent as a church musician and am grateful to have had the opportunity. Also, early in those years, I was given the opportunity to serve as the first female president of our church council, something of a novelty for that time.

More recently, I worked part-time in the Circuit Clerk's office in the Boone County Courthouse in Belvidere. Retirement came two years ago, after nearly nine years of work there.

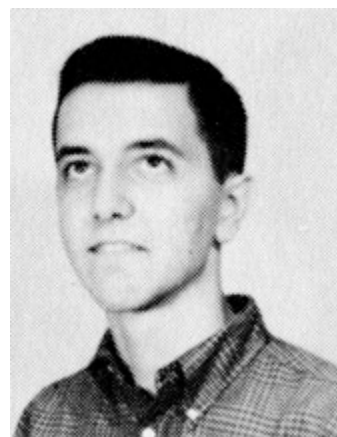
My time is spent now on walking, quilting, experimenting with photography and trying my hand at writing. The writing is a new venture for me and runs the gamut from essays, poems, reflections and journaling. To date, I have compiled my dad's stories from World War II covering his time in France and Germany with the 3rd Armored Division. I have also edited a collection of family stories written in 1977 by my aunt. Both remain works in progress but are nearly finished. I find it is the process of writing that I am most enjoying. The goal of that process is to see them in print for family and friends.



Terry Kachigan

Following graduation, I lived in the Chicago area for over five years, dividing my time between work at Bell Telephone Laboratories and study at the University of Chicago (business school) and Northwestern University (computer science).

I then took a year-long sabbatical spent mostly in the United Kingdom, including time in Cambridge where Ole classmates and I had studied during our senior year.



Afterwards, I came back to my geographic origin, southeastern Wisconsin, and settled into a career and married.

My wife, Janis, is a retired member of the United Methodist clergy. In the course of her career, Janis served several congregations, provided spiritual direction to individuals and organizations and (primarily) served hospitals, training and managing spiritual services staff.

My own career was in the electronic payments industry: developing technology, managing customer relations, financial planning and product management. Eventually, my employer was acquired by Deluxe Corporation which then enabled me to visit Minnesota occasionally. My work took me to banking centers and payment processors in the United States and United Kingdom.

Janis and I love music and theater, so we have frequently vacationed in New York and London. We are currently going through the downsizing of our household, having converted from ownership to rental, settling in a community on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Throughout the years since graduation, it has been my great fortune to be able to stay close to some classmates through visits, recreational outings, weddings and family events, vacations, reunions and retirement celebrations. Our friendships have deepened and new friendships have been made through our families.



Carol Ittel Kantar

My career in teaching German and English spanned the years of 1969-2008, including a 12-year break while raising our 3 daughters. Along the way, I completed a master's in liberal studies at Hamline University and studied jazz piano with Herb Wigley in Minneapolis. My husband of 44 years, Ned Kantar, is a professional musician and retired Augsburg music professor.



When our first daughter was born, our pediatrician advised us not to treat her like a china doll on a shelf. Consequently, all 3 daughters have become independent, successful young women, with one living in Jerusalem and two in the New York City area. Frequent visits with their families (8 grandchildren) have resulted in side trips to New England, Rome, Amsterdam, Paris, Prague and Vienna.

Upon my retirement in 2008, Ned presented me with the music and three recordings of Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2*. It may forever remain a work in progress

I remember with gratitude my professors:

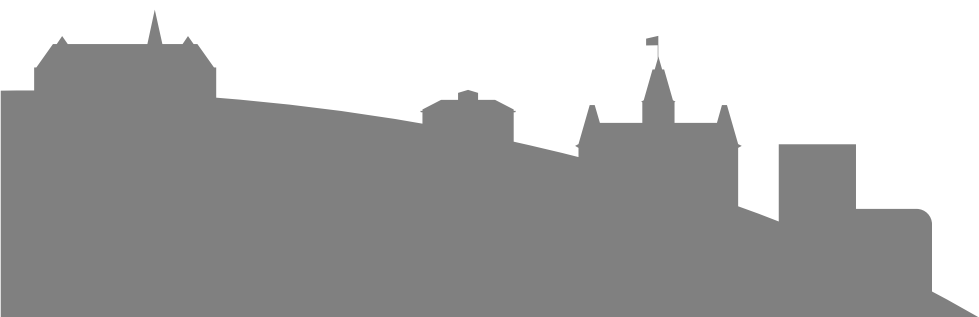
Mity Johnson — The definition of Menschlichkeit

LaVern Rippley — Do not remove your head with your hat when you enter the theater (Brecht).

Hanno Klassen — It is immoral to bomb women and children.

Carol Ann Pesola — The ultimate multi-tasker

Ivar Ivask — We live on a volcano, so why not dance on it?



Richard Kark

After leaving St. Olaf, I attended medical school in Milwaukee. I stayed there for a residency in Family Practice. After two and a half years as a “real family doc” in Madison, Wisconsin, I moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1981 where I lived until 2005.



During my final 18 years, I was a physician at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Student Health Service. I also served for 15 years on the Board of Health for the town, having earned a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Minnesota along the way. I retired in 2005 and moved back to Madison for a couple years. Various factors lured me to Asheville, North Carolina, where I moved to in 2008. This great town is very likely where I will stay.

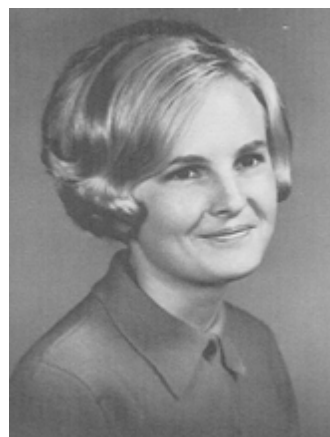
I was married for a number of years in Eau Claire, but have since been divorced. I have not given up on finding a life partner. I have no children, but keep close track of my siblings and their children. My biggest passion has been the exploration of rivers by canoe. More recently, I returned from paddling the canyons of the Rio Grande at Big Bend National Park. In Wisconsin, my biggest claim to fame was my exploration of 309 different rivers. I wrote about those experiences and gave talks around the state. Here in North Carolina, I continue to explore new whitewater and quiet water streams.

Besides exploring rivers, I have other interests these days: I hike frequently, exercise daily, take life-long learning classes, listen to live music and frequent Asheville's many brew pubs. I also sing in the Unitarian choir and volunteer frequently. I enjoy excellent health and hope to live long enough to see our nation return to a more progressive direction.



Dorothy Radius Kasik

I entered St. Olaf in 1966, but after summer school and doubling courses, I was able to graduate in 1969. Kurt and I were married on Saturday, May 24, and slipped into the graduation procession on Sunday. Two weeks later we were in San Jose, California, for his first Air Force tour.



We traveled with the Air Force for 20 years, mostly in the southern United States, and eventually settled on the Atlantic coast in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where we raised our three daughters. During the Air Force years, I taught art and music in both public school and privately. Wherever we lived, I worked as music director for the Air Force chapels.

I went back to school and earned an M.A. in journalism at the University of New Hampshire, then a Ph.D. in composition and literature. I taught in English departments at UNH and Salem State, Massachusetts, and finished out my university career as a faculty writing consultant at UNH.

Kurt and I have three brilliant daughters, three brilliant sons-in-law, seven brilliant grandkids, and one brilliant cat. Most summers you'll find us either teaching/working at Iringa Lutheran University in Iringa, Tanzania (through the St. Paul Synod Bega Kwa Bega), or traveling in Europe with our Seacoast Community Chorus. Two published books—*Who Owns Knowledge*; *Who Owns the Classroom* and *Actions Mightier than Boastings*—will hopefully be followed by *Lutheran Mzungu* which awaits publication.



Kurt Kasik

Since our families were coming to our graduation Dorothy and I scheduled our wedding for the day before (and had to get special permission to miss graduation practice). Two weeks later I was assigned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and spent a year at San Jose State College where I received a degree in meteorology. For the next seven years, I was assigned as a weather detachment



commander at numerous Air Force bases in the south and southwest, as well as in Thailand. I opted for flight training and was assigned to the FB-111A at Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire. For the next twelve years, I was an aviator, life support officer, simulator instructor, director of the safety division, and a senior controller, retiring in 1989 after 20 years of service. We became New Hampshire residents.

While in the Air Force I earned Master's Degrees in Public Administration and Business Administration. We had three daughters, Ari Elin, Kristina Eve, and Bethany Ruth.

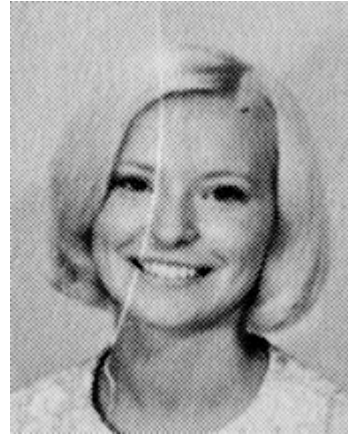
Using my experience at working with classified material, I started a company which developed computerized management and processing systems for classified material for the Air Force. I sold the company seven years later. I then became a securities and insurance representative with Thrivent and other major companies. Although I've retired, I started an accounting and medical claims company, Prime Bookkeeping, just to have something to do.

I'm now using the right side of my brain: I am a sound and lighting technician for a local theater and singing in a choral group. We have taken two trips to Europe. I am the coordinator for a trip in 2020 to Russia and Finland. As a representative of our church, I work with a community in Imani, Tanzania, and have supported them with student high school and college scholarships and provided other community assistance needed. This work involves organizing and leading our congregational tours to Tanzania to expose our members to life in areas which are not as fortunate as us.



Trina Docken Keller

I began teaching French at Richfield Senior High School right after graduation. It was there I met my husband, Fred, who was teaching in the room next to mine. I hadn't intended to teach for more than a few years but, as life unfolded and our daughters were born, I realized where I was and loved my teaching work. I have been fortunate to take many groups



of students to France over the years. My husband and daughters love traveling as well and we've shared wonderful trips. I attempted retirement after 36 years, experimented with teaching at the university level and realized that teaching high school was much more fun. So In 2006, I began teaching again, this time at Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley, Minnesota, and have been there ever since. As my students are eternally seventeen, it can be challenging to keep things interesting in the classroom, so I'm forced to stay current with technology.

My junior year experience in Aix-en-Provence, escorted by Dr. Knecht, ignited my love of France, the language and travel. Before leaving campus for Aix, I have vivid memories of living in the St. Olaf French House with several other French majors and a young French exchange professor named Martine. I recall "Bud" making his nightly rounds to check that doors were securely locked. I also remember class with a Belgian French professor. He smoked everyday as he taught us in those Old Main classrooms with creaky floors.

For the past forty years, Fred and I have made our home in Edina. Our two daughters and their families live in the metro area. Sara is a French teacher and Chelsea teaches elementary special education. It is wonderful to spend time with them and share their lives.



Janis Hustad Kellgren

Although I did not graduate from St. Olaf, I am proud of and grateful for the two years I spent there. It was the beginning of a lifetime of learning. Some of it academic: I received a bachelor's from the University of Minnesota and earned my master's and Ph.D. in psychology while living in San Diego. At the same time, I was helping to raise my two



daughters and three step-daughters. Post-doctoral work in sexuality completed my "formal education." But learning from the front of the classroom, rather than from the seats, has been just as valuable. As an "Instructor at Sea" with the US Navy and moving back and forth through the Strait of Hormuz, I learned how to abandon ship: Wrap one arm around your chest, use the other hand to hold your nose, take a long step off the deck, cross your legs while in the air and inflate your life vest only after swimming under any flames on the water's surface.

Teaching, whether at sea or in an onshore classroom, is always a learning experience. I have taught children of the Tlingit and Haida Native American tribes in Alaska, kindergarten through 8th grade in an alternative one-room school on the northern coast of California, and inner-city teenagers in Melbourne, Australia. Later, after finishing my graduate degrees, I spent nearly 20 years teaching college students the ins and outs of sex. I've conducted seminars for the general public on sexuality and intimate relationships and hosted a call-in radio talk show.

However, the most important lessons of my life, both difficult and wondrous, have been those learned through interaction with others: my children and grandchildren, extended family and friends and life partners. Because of them, I can say, "Thanks. I love my life."



Peter Kirkegaard

Five weeks after becoming a St. Olaf graduate, I married the woman who says she fell in love with me in kindergarten Sunday School. True or not, it will be 50 years with Kathy when we celebrate on the cruise, we'll be taking with our family 5 weeks after the 50th reunion.



Kathy taught music in Connecticut for three years and got her master's while she was putting me through Yale Divinity School. Then back to Wisconsin. In a few months, we adopted Lars Christian '94. Three years later we adopted Maren Kristina. Lars married Kris, and Maren married Lucas, both in 2009. We have really *grand* children, Amelia and Charlie.

I served Lutheran congregations in Wisconsin and Minnesota for thirteen years and then became an HR Director. We spent 25 years in Minnetonka, MN. Kathy taught at all six of the elementary schools with the last seven at Minnewashta where she produced many outstanding music programs and wrote the school song they still use today. She is loved by many hundreds!

When not at work, I played softball (until I was 59), gardened, rode bike, and enjoyed watching Lars play trumpet and pitch for the Minnetonka High School and Legion baseball teams (including pitching and winning the state championship game) and watching Maren play French horn, perform in musicals, and compete in Odyssey of the Mind (including going with her team to three world championships).

By the time they reach retirement, most people have begun to downsize. We, however, designed and built our big dream home with the panoramic view from the Mississippi bluffs south of La Crosse, Wisconsin. I made stuff from the oak and walnut trees that grew on the lot and have enjoyed canning the produce from our raised bed and straw-bale gardens on the steep hillside.

I have made way more than my share of mistakes and serious errors of judgment since '69, and I have experienced way more than my share of undeserved love and forgiveness from family and friends along the way. Thanks be to God.



Jeff Knapp

After graduating from St. Olaf in June 1969, I managed to talk my way into an Army Reserve Unit the day before I got drafted. I married the girl of my dreams, Connie Christenson, in June 1970. We lived at the end of Grand Avenue in St. Paul until the summer of 1971. We then moved to Washington, D.C., where I attended Georgetown Law Center.



After law school, I practiced law in Washington, D.C. for 22 years. With some law school friends, we formed a firm in 1980. Connie and I enjoyed D.C., renovating an old row house in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay during the summer. Our oldest son, Jordan was born in 1981, and in 1989, we adopted Corey. Connie has had a successful career as interior designer, eventually forming a firm with three of her coworkers.

In 1996, we decided to return to Minnesota. Our thought was to return to the Twin Cities and retrieve our aging parents so we could share taking care of them with brothers and sisters. It turned out to be an excellent decision. It also gave me the opportunity to renew contacts with many of my old Ole classmates. Connie has since retired from interior design and is now an artist. The boys are all grown. Jordan, who always loved automobiles, manages a repair shop in Minneapolis and Corey, after 8 years in the Navy, is pursuing a degree in Computer Science at the University of Minnesota.

I secured my real estate license in 1999. I have been a realtor since then and have truly enjoyed helping buyers and sellers. I am able to use my legal background and negotiating and communication skills to achieve results for my clients. It gives me great joy to do so.

So, what did I learn at St. Olaf? First, learn to think. Use your God-given intelligence to be inquisitive and creative. Second, to care. We are all God's creation and deserve to be treated as such. Finally, to look for the opportunity to share grace every day. My grandfather taught me at an early age that it was a good idea to try to do a good deed every day. If you live with that intention, you will find that abundant opportunities will find you.



Keith Kostial

Hard to believe that the big 50th reunion is fast approaching. I have never been one to submit my “life updates” over the years, but the 50th is a notable milestone that should be recognized.

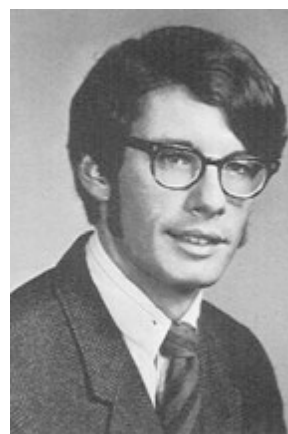
My Life in 60 seconds:

One of the major events of my life occurred at St. Olaf. I went on the first date with my wife-to-be, Maureen Olson '71. It was not an auspicious start. It was a blind date, and she had one leg in a full cast, from a tennis injury. I was not made aware of this prior to meeting her. I recall we went to a movie in Faribault via one of those “illegal cars”. It didn't seem like a good start at the time, but 2 years later we were married and this year will be happily celebrating 50 years of marital bliss.

We initially settled in St. Paul for our first few years, but ultimately landed in Minnetonka, Minnesota where we have lived for the last 35 years. As Maureen embarked on her career, ultimately starting her own companies, I went to work at Dayton-Hudson/Target Corporation and worked my entire career there until retiring from my position as Director of Corporate Real Estate in 2005.

Along the way, in 1988 to be exact, a beautiful baby girl from Korea entered our lives, and Anna has been our never-ending joy. As we have continued to maintain our primary residence in the Twin Cities and coped with the arctic climate, I believe that walking the hill at St. Olaf in January or going to my Experimental Psychology class in the Ytterboe Annex where the temperature never exceeded 45 degrees, have conditioned me appropriately. However, we now enjoy our summers at “the cabin”, as real Minnesotans call it, and get away to Florida for a couple of warm winter months.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with old (in the truest sense) St. Olaf friends in May.



Perry Raymond Kruse

I began working at St. Olaf as a maintenance electrician right after graduation. A few years later, I was made assistant director of facilities for engineering services and in 1996 I became a master electrician. I worked at St. Olaf for 43 years as part of a maintenance crew made up of talented, hardworking and dedicated people. I now have my own one-man shop — Perry Kruse Electric.



In 1965, I joined Alpha Phi Omega and began volunteering with the Faribault State Hospital scouting program, where I continued to serve for over 20 years. I received two awards from the Boy Scouts of America: The District Award of Merit in 1972-73 and the Max Hoemke Award for Excellence in Service to Handicapped Youth in 1985. Twice, I took Faribault scouts to Tomahawk Scout Reservation for a week of camping.

Another highlight of my career was working with students on the St. Olaf Light Crew. We did light for the St. Olaf Christmas Festival and shows and concerts like Victor Borge, Kenny Rogers, The Association, Asleep at the Wheel and John Denver. I did lighting for the St. Olaf Band on three of their tours, two in the United States and one in Eastern Europe.

My family includes my wife, Ruth Erickson, a 1970 St. Olaf nurse, son Scott and daughter-in-law Jenny, both Oles, a grandson Aidan, and a daughter Sarah, a Gustie. Because of my children I have been coaching youth hockey for 33 years. I have coached all levels from 4-year-old Mites to high school girls. Ruth and I helped raise \$10,000 to start the Northfield High School girls' hockey program in 1996. I also enjoy professional hockey and have been a Minnesota Wild season ticket holder for 14 seasons.

I have liked trains since I was a kid and still enjoy them. In 2009, Ruth and I started traveling by Amtrak and VIA Rail Canada around the United States and Canada. I am building a model railroad layout in our basement and, in August 2018, I began work with a 1/8 scale train that the Rice County Steam and Gas Engines Inc. recently acquired.



Kathy Kroll Kunze

Before my final year at St. Olaf I was accepted in the United States Navy and after graduation, commissioned as an Ensign and sent to Newport, Rhode Island for officer indoctrination. I then served at Naval Hospitals in California, Florida (where I met and married my husband, Lee), and Illinois. I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences during eight years of active duty and cherish the many friends I made.



I loved the opportunities I had in and out of nursing as a result of my education at St. Olaf. After detachment from the Navy I returned to Sheboygan, Wisconsin to keep an eye on my widowed dad. I (mostly) loved the challenge of a variety of work opportunities including teaching in the local ADN program; working at St. Nicholas Hospital (staff nurse, assistant head nurse, and ultimately Director of Nursing Education); teaching continuing education classes; working as copy editor for Nursing Matters, (a monthly newspaper sent to 44,000 registered nurses in Wisconsin); doing home care supervision and running the Visiting Nurse Association Shoo the Flu Program in Sheboygan County, Parish Nursing, driving school bus, creating a program to request free medications from drug companies for clients who could not afford them, telephonic health coaching to discuss health risk assessment results and assist clients to develop goals to improve their health.

Although I loved my work, the birth of our son Eric after more than a decade of infertility is a touchstone of my life. He and his wife have blessed us with three wonderful grandchildren aged four to eight. They are what keep me young and exhausted!

This year provided the most amazing experience. As veterans, Lee and I were able to participate in a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to visit our national military memorials. Our son, Eric, accompanied us as our guardian and when we returned to Milwaukee our grandkids, our daughter-in-law and her parents were among the thousands who welcomed us home after an emotional day.

Has life been all sunshine and flowers? No! Has it been an amazing blessing? Absolutely!



Marit Oden Kvamme

It is astonishing that two years on the Hill could have had such a profound impact on the person I was and who I would become.

Learning it was acceptable to question the deep-seated religious teachings I had inherited both enhanced my faith and altered the way I confront the world. Memories of Manitou Singers and Chapel Choir concerts under Alice Larson and Kenneth Jennings still give me goosebumps and have fueled an intense love of choral music.

My evolving views of the local and global world began with St. Olaf classes, professors, chapel, visiting artists and the many long discussions with friends. They shaped my political views, my commitment to community and even how I raised my children.

But the greatest benefit of four short semesters was the lifelong friendships made. We have shared so much with each other and have grown so close, close enough that our children have been in each other's weddings and our grandchildren are friends. Oh, and I met my husband.

I transferred to the University of Minnesota for medical technology, married John Kvamme '67 and lived in Philadelphia and New York City before moving back to Minnesota, where we raised Kristine Elizabeth, Anna Margrete and Johan Peder. We have spent forty years in St. Peter in an 1870's house while remodeling and gardening – before and again after the 1998 tornado.

After my medical technology career, I spent 25 years in accounting and human resources. I have enjoyed church council and am active in the League of Women Voters. Quiet time now includes reading, traveling and visiting friends and family.

I wouldn't be who I am without my St Olaf experience.



John Lang

The Saturday following graduation from St. Olaf, I married Esther Anna Anderson, my high school sweetheart and the mother of our two children: Nathan and Sarah. On June 7, 2019, we'll celebrate our 50th anniversary, although our marriage faced an early challenge when I was inducted into the U.S.



Army on Sept. 18, 1969, my local draft board having announced proudly that it was taking college graduates first. Fortunately, I didn't end up in Vietnam and in June of 1971 received a three-month early release to enroll in graduate school at Stanford, where I completed a Ph.D. in English and American literature in 1975. My first teaching job was at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, but I moved on to Emory & Henry College in Emory, VA, in 1983 and taught there until retiring in 2012.

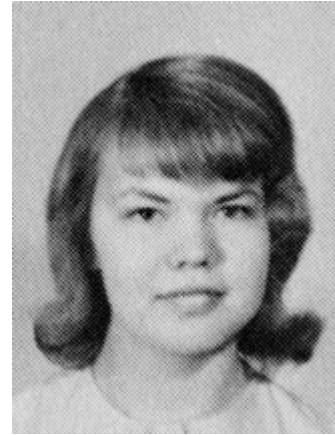
At Emory & Henry I taught mainly composition and American literature courses, specializing in Southern literature, including Appalachian literature, because in 1986 I became the coordinator of the college's annual literary festival, which featured authors with strong ties to southern Appalachia, writers like Lee Smith, Robert Morgan, Charles Wright, and Barbara Kingsolver. I've published three books on some of the region's best known authors – *Understanding Fred Chappell* (2000), *Six Poets from the Mountain South* (2010), and *Understanding Ron Rash* (2014) – and have also edited annual issues of *The Iron Mountain Review*, which publishes the proceedings of each literary festival, including a transcribed public interview with the featured writer.

It wasn't until after we retired that Esther and I became grandparents, so we've spent much time over the past few years with Lucia (age 5) and Samuel (age 3), our daughter's children. She and her husband are both ELCA ministers, though Sarah has remained at home with the kids since Samuel's arrival eighteen months after his sister's birth. Luckily for us, our son and his wife also live in Richmond, where he manages a neighborhood restaurant, the Northside Grille. All of us remain in good health and enjoy being together.



Jeanne Christianson Langeland

Before I had the chance to visit St. Olaf, I applied to attend. I had heard about the college from a good friend whose parent had graduated from there. I am so blessed that I did and it was a very good place for me.



When I married John Langeland '68, I still had a semester and an interim left before graduation. We moved to Grinnell, Iowa, in January 1968, because John took the position of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company's director of education.

Grinnell, Iowa, was a lovely place to live for eight years. We had 2 children there, Grethe and Erik while I started teaching English at Grinnell High School.

The move to Ames, Iowa, in 1977, where we have lived ever since, brought new adventures. John ultimately bought and expanded Gateway Insurance Services, and I was a stay-at-home mom for a few years. Happenstance and volunteering in the Ames community introduced me to the real estate industry in 1981.

For almost thirty-eight years, I have enjoyed the opportunities as a realtor, helping buyers and sellers find their way through the myriad of challenges in selling or purchasing houses. St. Olaf College provided me the "well" to draw upon for creative and analytical expertise that I benefited from learning there.

John and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past August with our whole family: 2 adult children and 6 grandchildren. We now look forward to enjoying parts of our winters at our new second home in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Christelle “Chris” Springer Langer

I was just a “fledgling” when we first graduated. I managed to get a job to pay the rent for scruffy apartments while my husband Dick (Carleton '68) finished law school. But, my first real attempt to fly, professionally, was to teach high school English, which was okay, but not something I wanted to continue doing. Dick's first big job took us to Decatur, Illinois, where we bought a little house and had our two wonderful daughters, Sara and Karin. After four years, we moved back to Minneapolis. After landing a few freelance writing jobs, I started what became a career in communications which included public relations, press relations, executive speechwriting, and lots of interesting travel. I was fortunate to have worked with some incredibly talented and smart people — computer developers, entrepreneurs, academics, politicians, and a few well-known celebrities (e.g., Garrison Keillor).



Our jobs and lives took us to Colorado (beautiful), to Pennsylvania (historic), Colorado again, and then back to Minnesota. I worked at the Minneapolis Foundation, a community foundation, and developed public information campaigns to support advocacy efforts for social justice, education, housing, and racial equity.

After retiring, I've taken classes on a wide range of subjects and meet each week with a *New Yorker* discussion group, where I've met very smart, active, and articulate people — many of a “certain age.”

One of my goals is to see the National Parks. Dick and I go to California as often as we can to see our daughters and family. Sara is an artist, tutors kids in elementary school and is a mom of granddaughter Sinclair. Karin is a winemaker and accomplished athlete.

Two years ago, on one of those trips, I was hit by a car, critically injured, hospitalized, and in rehab for several months in California before I was home. I learned a lot. Life is precarious, time is short, family is important, and blessings may not be obvious, but they make themselves obvious as needed. I found them now every day. So, still learning, but not a fledgling anymore.



Dianne Larson

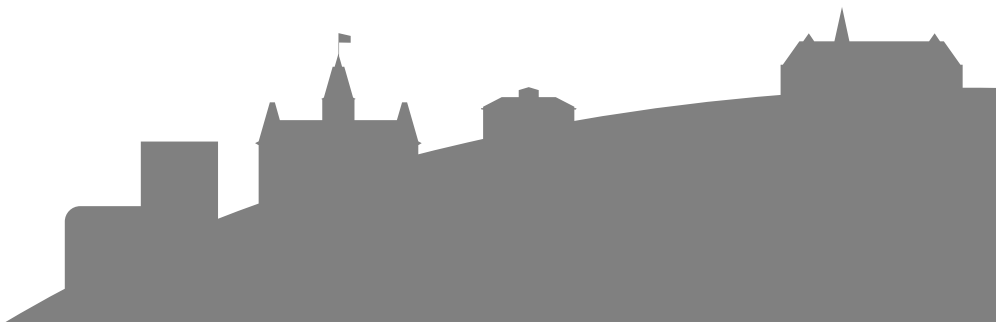
Three weeks after graduation I married Paul Larson '68. I taught middle school English in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, and he commuted to Madison for medical school. After a year we moved into Madison, two weeks before the bombing of Sterling Hall which was next door to the medical school. Scary.



After med school, it was a year in Duluth for internship and high school subbing. Then two years in the Air Force, Indianapolis, Indiana and Plattsburgh, New York where our son, Erik '97, (yes, we have one kid who's an Ole) was born. We settled in Rhinelander, Wisconsin where our daughter, Karin was born. Then Paul decided to specialize. We moved to Anchorage, Arkansas, to play for a year before he could get into school.

Actually, he had a job, but it felt like vacation, and we called it an early retirement year. We moved back to Madison where our daughter, Krista, was born. Paul completed a subspecialty in Mohs Surgery (skin cancer). After a year in Janesville, Wisconsin, the university wanted him back, so we moved to Madison for the third time. Paul practiced there until early retirement. During this time, we were busy with kids' activities, life in general, and had many fun trips both nationally and internationally.

I became a quilter and had an at home business with my sister-in-law selling quilt hangers and spent many years vending quilted items at art fairs. After a year of early retirement, we had too much time on our hands. We bought a large quilt store which we had for ten years, literally sharing an office. Our daughter, Krista, worked with us at the store, and we shared many fun trips going to market and designing projects. Now we are mostly into retirement although Paul is busy with multiple boards and I do an occasional quilt lecture. We enjoy our family, grandkids activities, our cabin on Lake Wisconsin, and traveling. We discovered Grandparent University at the University of Wisconsin, and now the two older grandkids (ages 10 and 11) can't wait to "graduate" in two years. Life is a circle.



James Larson

My journey after St. Olaf began with decisions about the military obligation given that the Vietnam War was still raging. I was accepted into the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School but opted instead for a trial year at Luther Theological Seminary. During that year, I married Leone Jordahl '70 and we applied and were accepted into the Peace Corps, with assignment to a university TESOL program in South Korea. We have two wonderful daughters, Grete and Katie, both of whom are St. Olaf graduates.



Upon our return from two years in the Peace Corps, I began work as a writer/editor in the Worldwide English division of the Voice of America in Washington, DC. I continued my education, gaining a Ph.D. in communications at Stanford University, landing a Stanford graduate fellowship. I then taught at the university level for a period, including stints at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Washington, Yonsei University in Seoul and the National University of Singapore. In 1994, I became the executive director of the Korea Mobile Telecom Global Training Program at University of Colorado-Boulder. I was also the associate and deputy director of the Korea Fulbright Commission in Seoul from 1996 to 2010. Currently, I am serving as a chaired member of the Department of Technology and Society at SUNY Korea

Upon reflection, it is the people I've met, and the friendships formed which are most important. Quite a few of those are in Korea, but many others are from different parts of the world, thanks to South Korea's remarkable digital development over the past four decades. My hobby these days continues to be Korean language study.



Phyllis Hyland Larson

I came from Japan to St. Olaf as a junior. Prior to that, I lived with my missionary parents in Japan. The two years I spent at St. Olaf were grand: I made lifelong friends, I enjoyed the musical culture on campus and the chance for conversations with faculty. I had never before experienced a place so American.



When I graduated with an English major, I had only the vaguest idea of a career I might pursue, but I plunged ahead with graduate studies in English and Education and began earning my living as a junior high school teacher. I then taught at Golden Valley Lutheran College, completed a Ph.D. in Japanese literature, started a couple of high schools Japanese language programs. I then taught for a few years at Macalester College before I joined the Russian and East Asian Languages Department (now Asian Studies) at St. Olaf. The twenty years I taught there were wonderful: I had great colleagues, motivated students, and the chance to serve for a time as Associate Dean and Assistant Provost.

In 1975 I married Ken Larson, who spent his social studies teaching career at Farmington Middle School. We have two children. Ann-Marie '99 who now teaches in the English Department at Winona State University, and has two children, Liam (9) and Fiona (6). She married a classmate, Alan Dunbar who teaches in the music department at Winona State and continues his performing career. Jon lives in Northfield, works on the grounds crew at St. Olaf and has one son, Henry (10).

Retired since June 2013, I continue to live with my husband in Northfield. I enjoy having time for family, especially grandchildren, friends, volunteer work, travel, and reading.



Sharon Ufer Lavell

After I graduated from St. Olaf, I went straight to the University of Oregon to get my master's in librarianship. I ended up working at four Washington State library systems over the next four decades. One highlight from those years was working at Holden Village, 1978-1979, running the tape library, hiking, learning to cross country ski and enough carpentry to build a loom.



Another highlight was my dream job, being hired at Pierce County Library System (PCLS) in 1988 to select adult materials for 18 new or remodeled branches. I retired from PCLS in 2009, as supervisor of the materials collected for the system.

Single life was fun—working, traveling, kayaking, spinning, weaving, reading, but in 2004 I met Paul Lavell as we passed the peace at First Lutheran in Tacoma. It turned out libraries and tugboats are a spectacular combination, and we were married in 2005 with Naomi Nelson Colburn, Jean Husby Milton, and Gwen Newhouse Jones (all '69) as Flower Girls. One important legacy of St. Olaf has been the friendship we five (add Karen Everingham Andersen) have shared over the years through a continuous round-robin letter and occasional get-togethers.

Paul and I enjoy our six grandkids (ages 5 to 19), the offspring of three Lavell sons. We keep busy with kayaking (more carpentry), riding recumbent trikes on the Foothills Trail near Mount Rainier and on the Tucson Loop in the winter, and traveling with our 17-foot egg-shaped Casita trailer.

My legacy from St. Olaf has continued over the years when pipe organs play (thank you, Dr. Ensrud); when I hear “O Day Full of Grace” (Dr. Thorson) or “Earth and All Stars” (David N. Johnson); when I find the Christmas program on PBS or online. Paul and I toured Ireland (searching for Irish music in pubs) last September and followed the route of my 1968 tour of Ireland (with Elisabeth Sovik and Jeanne Rittmueller, '69, before fall's Study Abroad in Cambridge). Book of Kells, Blarney Castle, Lots and lots of scones! What song did we hear both in 1968 and 2018? “Those Were the Days.”



Teryl “Terry” Bailly Lawson

When I tell friends that I received a B.A. in drama & psychology from St. Olaf College, they always ask me the same question: How did this degree help you in your career as a school teacher?” And so I begin.



I graduated in 1969 from St. Olaf and after a few adventures along the way, I ended up getting a master’s of Science in elementary education-culturally diverse populations, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After going our own ways after our time at St. Olaf, John Lawson and I decided to marry on April 8, 1972.

We moved to Denver, Colorado to live and work. There was a teacher glut, so I started out checking groceries and later found a job teaching Elementary Reading & Writing Intervention (IAP) in Denver Public Schools. I also taught 2nd grade for 5 years, when many Intervention positions were cut from budgets.

I found ways within my schools, to incorporate my love and knowledge of drama, psychology, and music. I always had a piano in my classroom and anytime anyone wanted to do a musical production with students, I was vehemently recruited to play piano and teach students how to project their voices, instead of screaming! In my own classroom, my work in drama helped me be “on” for students and my psychology knowledge helped me figure out how and why students struggled every day.

In the midst of all this, our son Adam was born in March of 1979. He was and still is, the pride and joy of my life.

I’m retired now. I spend winters in Denver and a good part of my summers in Minnesota, at a family lake home. When in Denver, I find great joy in the Denver music scene. I like jazz, rock, Indie, blues, and classical the most. I usually go out to hear live music pretty late at night. My neighbor's joke that they are heading for bed at night and they notice the taillights of my car. That’s because I’m off to hear a band somewhere!



Letty Hibben Lie

I grew up in Minneapolis. Looking at colleges, St. Olaf seemed the best fit for the major I had chosen: nursing. Being “off campus” for nearly half of those four years, I wasn’t as involved in campus activities and didn’t get to know as many of you as I would have liked. However, the nursing group had a strong bond and I cherish these friendships.



During my sophomore year, I met Greg Lie. We were married in the summer of 1969 and settled in Minneapolis. I initially did hospital nursing, but soon found my heart was in public health. After Greg completed his Ph.D., I completed a masters in public health/ maternal child health. I developed and managed Public Health Nursing programs at the Minneapolis Health Department. Greg developed and managed programs in Environmental Services at Hennepin County.

Our two children, Ole '94, now lives in San Francisco and works at Google. Kari, a 1996 Concordia Moorhead graduate, is now chair of the Norwegian department at St. Olaf College. Greg died unexpectedly in 2000. I retired in 2002 and I’m now either busier than ever before or things just take longer to do.

I met a great guy and we married in 2004. His four grandchildren and my own two grandchildren give us six reasons to know we are blessed. I volunteer at church and our local library, care for grandchildren and am addicted to genealogy research. I came to St. Olaf thinking I had no Norwegian roots. Some years after graduation, I found I was at least a fourth Norwegian and found a branch of my family many generations back in the St. Olaf library!

I wish Greg could have known his grandchildren, and we could have spent retirement years together, but life seldom goes as planned. I am thankful for the paths we journeyed together. I’m also thankful for new chapters that opened in my life.

I have tremendous gratitude for the education I received and friendships I made at St Olaf. Although only four years of my life, its impact will remain with me forever.



Mary Nasby Lohre

I married John Lohre '67, a now-retired ELCA pastor, on May 25, 1968. We have two daughters and one son-in-law: Sara Beth Lohre, Kathryn Mary Lohre and Timothy Seitz. I taught high school English from 1968 to 1977 at Minnehaha Academy, Fairfax and Coon Rapids High Schools. I owned and painted for Folklohre between 1977 and 1985. I earned



a M.A.L.S. degree from Hamline University in 1990 and worked for Augsburg Fortress Publishers in multiple roles as their Executive for Organizational Development, Staffing Director, Corporate Trainer, Fundraising & Curriculum Development for Adults and Teens.

Since retirement, I have consulted and written curriculum, served as Board Chair for Thrivent Zumbro Cannon Valley Community, volunteered at area food shelf and church, written poetry, created art, and been a grandmother to John, Hannah, Benjamin and James Lohre Seitz. We have enjoyed travel to Europe, Scandinavia, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Croatia, China, Tibet and within the United States. We live along the Mississippi River in Lake City, where the beautiful sunrises over Lake Pepin begin each new day. We are thankful for family and friends who share God's love, their faith and pray with us for healing for husband John who is battling bladder cancer with the amazing help of Mayo Clinic oncologists and teams. I am grateful for my St. Olaf experience, the network which has made such a difference over a lifetime and the way that St. Olaf continues to evolve so as to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the world today with the skills to bring meaningful and faithful change.



Rex Loker

I first came to St. Olaf with two friends for a senior year visit – each of us donned green beanies the next September. The years have separated me from most of the classmates I met that fall, but a few precious friendships rooted in that time and place carry on. I continued my education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1969. I then spent time in Vietnam with the US Army. After spending some time in Vail, Colorado, as a ski bum, I got married and attended the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. I later moved to Utah, becoming a private architect. I eventually built my own home. Though time away from the Midwest was enjoyable, I eventually returned home and now live in Madison, Wisconsin. I retired in 2015 after a long career in public architecture.



My family life these days revolve around my wife, Juli, and our daughters Ali and Emily. I still enjoy being in my church's band and trail running to stay active.



Sandy Londin

Spring 1969. Left the Hill to experience life “on the outside”. Find a job. At \$7,000 per year, I was rich and gas was 29 cents a gallon.

Teaching high school seniors British literature/social studies in North St. Paul. Most students had never ventured out of town. Ditto masters, manual typewriter, grades done by hand, no calculators. Rewriting curriculum, directing a musical, teaching



Beowulf/Macbeth using the universal themes of violence, greed, incest, and love.

Be creative, wear high heels, walk with authority, study human behavior for relevant lesson plans, expect the unexpected multiple times in the school day (i.e. patrolling lavatories for “smokers” and overzealous lovers in stairwells). Marry a Norwegian Ole who also teaches. Working too hard is sometimes a threat to others so...

Move on in 1971. Find teaching position in Woodbury’s undeveloped suburbs. School principals were Oles. Sometimes it is who you know. Um! Yah! Yah! Junior high???

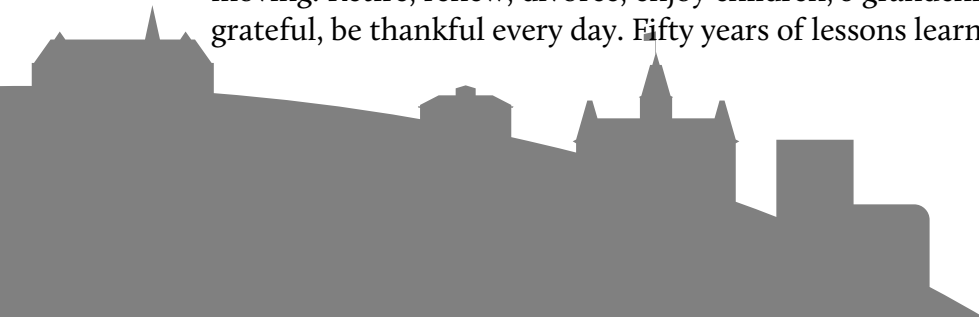
Fascinating, often predictable, most often not. Words and actions are perfect for standup comedy.

Buy a house. Get a dog. Have 2 children (boy and girl). Joy. Busy busy life. Highs and lows. Support kids sports, music, assorted activities, volunteer, stay active. Value faith, family, friends old, and new, good times, good health. Teach English in junior high/high school, Shakespeare’s universal themes, achieve master’s degree, direct theatre, supervise lunchroom (everyone should experience).

Restless. Keep moving/learning. Start business with Ole classmate, “Communication Skills” Start another business “Pet Splash” – the first self-service pet wash in Minnesota. Multiple valuable life lessons learned about small business ownership, management, measures of success, creativity, and balancing all this with parenting. Love what you do and who you can be.

Back to the classroom, onto school administration. More adventures. Thirteen years of stories. Multiple opportunities to learn, laugh, cry, judge, be judged, lead, toughen up, and examine personal values/expectations. Therapy? Golf. Fresh air, exercise, sunshine, birds chirping. Relaxing.

Through it all – “lifelong” friends, good times, laughter, keeping the faith, spirits up, keep moving. Retire, renew, divorce, enjoy children, 5 grandchildren, find happiness, be grateful, be thankful every day. Fifty years of lessons learned. Still learning.



Esther Heen Lowenstein

While at St. Olaf, I received a National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship that allowed me to attend graduate school in psychiatric nursing at Yale. The East Coast seemed far from my South Dakota roots, but siblings and St. Olaf friends helped the transition. While there, our father died unexpectedly, and I returned to the Midwest after graduating. I was offered a wonderful job as a clinical nurse specialist at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center where I also met Roy, my husband of 45 years.



After Roy completed his residency in psychiatry, we took a year off and backpacked around the world, meeting up with friends along the way. After our return to Denver, I received a doctorate in clinical psychology and then completed post-graduate studies at the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis. I've continued to maintain a private practice and serve as clinical faculty with the Department of Psychiatry and the Psychoanalytic Institute. In 2016, Roy and I jointly received the Brandt Steele Award from the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis in honor of accomplishments in the areas of teaching, research or community service.

We have two children, Jacob, a biologist, and Sophie, a nurse midwife.



Tiiu Lukk

My career has encompassed work as a journalist, a foreign correspondent in southern Africa for ABC News and the Washington Star, a documentary filmmaker, an author, a cruise ship lecturer, and most recently, as a “Smithsonian Expert” leading safaris in Africa.

After I graduated from St. Olaf, I left Minnesota and moved to New York City. I earned an M.S. degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, then went to South Africa to work as a foreign correspondent, from 1975-1977 the beginning of the end of apartheid. The PBS film I wrote, “Trobriand Cricket,” won an Emmy Award. My book “Movie Marketing: Opening the Picture and Giving it Legs,” was a staple for movie marketing executives for many years.



By 1986 I was living in Los Angeles and I married Mark Litwak, an entertainment law attorney and author (www.marklitwak.com). We have two sons, David and Michael, and I was fortunate enough to be able to be a stay-at-home mother while they were growing up. In 1994, I began my intermittent and still ongoing career serving as a cruise ship enrichment lecturer (most recently for Viking Ocean Cruises), giving presentations focusing on the history, culture, art, architecture and natural history of destinations. I have been able to take my family along on these adventures, and so far, have visited 120 countries. I am a Smithsonian Journeys “Expert” on safaris in Africa and loving every minute of it. It combines my love of Africa, reporting, wildlife, and creating audio-visual presentations to share my knowledge and educate my fellow travelers. <https://www.smithsonianjourneys.org/experts/tiiu-lukk/>

We have a wonderful family and are very proud of our sons: David (UC Berkeley EECS) is an internet entrepreneur, and the founder and CEO of Mozio “the Kayak of ground transportation,” with 65 persons working for him around the world (www.mozio.com); our son Michael (NYU Tisch) is a film director, and has directed commercials, short films and recently directed the third season of “Snatchers,” for Warner Brothers (www.michaellitwak.com). I consider myself very blessed.



Katherine “Kate” Purvis Lund

Fifty years after graduating in 1969 and fifty years since getting married makes me realize just how young we were when we left the Hill. I graduated from the nursing program and deeply appreciated our curriculum, our instructors and the clinical experiences. Since then, this outstanding education has continually supported me.



My career started in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota where I helped design and develop their first neonatal intensive care unit. Later, I taught pediatrics to junior and senior nursing students. In 1972, our first daughter was born. While teaching I was able to use baby Julie for bath demonstrations; she was very cooperative.

Mark finished seminary and we moved to northern Minnesota, where our second daughter, Kristine, was born. Due to my work in public health, school nursing, clinical research and home care, our moved to various locations. I was recruited to start a hospital-based home care agency in suburban Chicago. The agency opened with four employees, and fifteen years later we had grown it to 275. It was the most rewarding position I held. During this time, I earned my master's in health service administration. Later, I consulted for other home care agencies to prepare them for JCAHO accreditation. I ended my career working with a group of twelve orthopedic surgeons, instructing pre- and post-operative total joint replacement patients.

Mark and I now live in Chicago, happily retired. We have two beautiful, successful daughters nearby, both St. Olaf graduates, and three happy granddaughters. We love the congregation we joined, the many friends we've made and the wonderful worship and congregational life we experience. My avocations include painting, sewing and knitting, crocheting, writing letters, and making greeting cards.



Mark A. Lund

We all knew when we left the Hill there would be many differences ahead: different locations, different people, different relationships and even different occupations along the way to this 50th Reunion. Since Kathy and I were married on March 29, 1969, the differences began even before graduation. Living in Axel Bundgaard's basement was hardly the same as life in one of the dorms.



After graduation, it was off to Luther Seminary. Following my first year, we took a seven-week camping trip to the West Coast, out through Canada and back through the United States, seeing many different places and meeting many different people. During my internship year, our first daughter, Julie, was born. Finishing seminary, we moved to northern Minnesota. It was here that our second daughter, Kristine, was born. Once again, a new person meant changes in our world. Locations, people and relationships continued to change as we moved to parishes in Wisconsin and suburban Chicago.

And then there was the change in occupations. For five years, I taught verbal communication skills to adults in the United States, Canada and the UK. For another five years, I did outplacement counseling in the US and Canada.

Following a ten-year hiatus, I returned to the parish in suburban Chicago. I took early retirement and, for the past eleven years, have lived in Chicago with all this wonderful city has to offer. Our two daughters and three granddaughters are all nearby, providing us with one of the great joys of life.



John Lyons

After leaving the Hill, my first job was with a firm in St. Paul producing industrial films. The following year, I headed to foggy and cold Northern California to escape the Minnesota winters. With my underwhelming performance as an English major at St. Olaf, I landed a job in business communications. I soon discovered the job had nothing to do with my degree. Five years later, I spread my wings to work as a senior medical photographer at the University of California Medical Center before returning to the corporate world of business communications. In 1984, I started my own multimedia business in San Francisco, which I sold in 2001. Following retirement from the corporate world, I began the second phase of my career as a finish carpenter for several years. Working for a friend, who owned a construction company remodeling homes, was one of my most pleasurable and rewarding occupations.



My passion for photography led to an opportunity to document the work of Partners Asia in Myanmar, formerly Burma, as a volunteer. From 2003 to 2015, I made multiple trips, falling in love with the country and the people. The Foundation continues to do projects involving health and education. I am delighted that my photographs are used to promote their work.

In addition to editing my thousands of photographs, I also enjoy fishing the coastal waters of California, hunting birds in North Dakota, trying to lower my handicap on the golf course, playing music, and collecting antiques and folk art. I am still enjoying life in California with my wife, Nancy. I have two adopted daughters, Elizabeth and Molly, who live close by, and two grandchildren, Sander and Ava, who are growing up much too fast.

Last May, I suffered a serious spinal cord injury due to a fall. Much of my time since has been spent in physical and occupational therapy. With the promise of a full recovery, I push on. As MacArthur said, I shall return, but, unfortunately, not in time for the reunion!



Julie Mjos MacGregor

My life story is very intertwined with St. Olaf. Returning from the St. Olaf Christmas concert in 1967, my father was killed by a drunk driver, my mother permanently injured. My future husband, Scott, cared for me and my brothers during this time. Not wanting to risk losing another good man, I married Scott in 1968. We traveled to Seattle for a summer visit before planning to



return to Minnesota for our graduate programs. We fell in love with the Seattle of that time; we were fortunate to transfer our programs to the University of Washington, where we completed our graduate degrees, Scott in architecture and mine in psychology. Our careers developed here; we remained in the Puget Sound area for our lives.

We built a passive solar home on Bainbridge Island and raised our children, Matt and Siri, as well as many animals and gardens. I enjoyed my career working with children in schools, especially as an elementary counselor. One of my satisfying accomplishments of that time was working for 8 years to co-lead the legislative team to prohibit the use of corporal punishment in public schools in Washington state.

I have enjoyed singing for 30 years with Bainbridge Chorale. For many years I was the flutist with North Winds Quintet. With Scott, I sailed the waters of Puget Sound and hiked and skied the many beautiful areas of Washington state. This led to lifelong involvement with environmental causes. I now enjoy those activities with my grandchildren, Gavin and Avery MacGregor.

When Scott and I traveled to places around the world, he would sketch, and I would photograph. I have continued traveling on my own, at times enjoying house exchange travel with friends Steve and Jo Zimmerman.

At this time in my life, I feel gratitude and satisfaction and hope. St. Olaf contributed to my education in finding what is important and valuable in life, a fine family tradition.

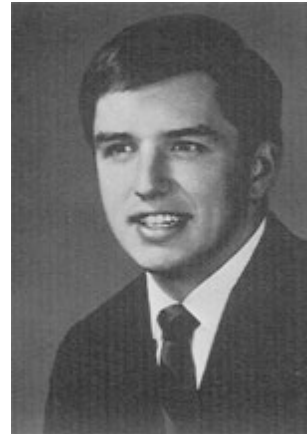


Paul Maland

Susan Edmiston and I began dating late in our senior year at St. Olaf and have been together since. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this year.

We moved to Phoenix, Arizona, for work with Amerco. I then purchased a laundry and ran that for 13 years. After selling the laundry, I entered the insurance business, representing a Lloyd's of London syndicate as a managing agent. I later represented American Family Insurance and finally became an independent agent representing 40 insurance companies. I retired seven years ago.

Sue and I have two sons and four grandchildren. Our older son is a chemical engineer working for the University of Missouri in a technology transfer group. Our younger son is a project manager for multi-million-dollar construction projects.



Susan Edmiston Maland

Paul Maland and I began dating after the 40 Day March, married in November of 1969, and have been together ever since. This year we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

I have worked in education in a variety of positions since graduating from St. Olaf. Initially, I taught elementary Spanish to 6th grade students in St. Louis Park. After our move to



Phoenix, I taught adult English language learners in a Department of Labor program. When our children started school, I began teaching high school Spanish and English at Sunnyslope High School. Eventually, I went to the district office as the Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator, and then became an assistant principal and principal at Apollo High School, a large urban school. After retiring in 2011, I returned part-time to the district office as the Hearing Officer. I am presently beginning my second term on the school board of the Glendale Union High School district where I taught and served as an administrator.

Paul and I have two sons. Our older son is a patent attorney and works for the University of Missouri. Our younger son is in construction management, presently living in San Diego. We have four grandchildren.



Donald Chance Mark, Jr.

Following graduation from St. Olaf, I attended Vanderbilt University School of Law, obtaining my law degree in 1972. I had a military commitment after graduation and spent time at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia as a Military Police Officer before beginning my reserve obligation. I began working as a trial attorney in the fall of 1973 with a well-known insurance defense firm in Minneapolis. I remained there for twenty-six years before starting my own firm in 1999 with two other partners. Since our humble beginnings of three lawyers and one secretary, we have grown to be a law firm of over thirty attorneys and a nearly equal number of staff members. I have tried over one hundred jury cases in nine different states and had one of my cases reach the United States Supreme Court.



After beginning my law practice, I married Jane from Tennessee, who was in the master's program at Vanderbilt University in the School of Social Work. We have three children and five grandchildren under the age of six. Our oldest son played on a Division I National Championship soccer team and coaches' soccer; our middle son has a master's degree in electrical engineering, works for a high tech company, and is married to a social worker; our daughter is a nurse practitioner working on her doctorate. She is an Ole and is married to an orthopedic surgeon.

We enjoy travel (Hawaii is the best), boating, and recently got involved with RV'ing. We live on six acres and enjoy our five dogs, three cats, twenty-plus Koi and pet pig "Rosie." Over the years I have stayed in touch with great Ole friends that include Tom Nelson, Dr. Mike Jacquat, Tom Driscoll, Gary Mosiman, Dr. Geof Witrak, Charlie Silvey, Dan Walseth, Mark Gorder, and Brent Mueller. Several years ago, Brent and I served as co-chairs to raise money for St. Olaf on behalf of our class.

I am grateful for my time on the Hill, its enduring values and all the wonderful experiences.



Carl Marquart

I was amongst the first group of students to participate in the Global semester abroad. It is there that I met and later married Bobbie Lee. Together we had 3 sons but after 14 years we went our separate ways. Sadly, Bobbie passed away of cancer October 22nd, 2017. She will be missed by her sons, her husband John and all of us who knew her.



I was blessed with a wonderful career serving most recently as Senior Vice President of Sales for Recycled Paper Greetings. After helping the owners sell their company, I took early retirement at 59 and with my wonderful wife Linda of 30 years we have traveled the world. While working, I would go for a week with our church to El Salvador and do relief work. After 15 years of relief work, I realized my 7th grade German wasn't cutting it, so I attended a 6-week Spanish immersion class in Cuenca Ecuador. I fell in love with the people, the culture and arts of this world heritage city... my Spanish is mas o memos! Linda and I bought a condo in the historic area and are residents of Ecuador. Our typical year is visiting our 4 married sons and 7 grandchildren, 3 months in Cuenca, a month in Dordogne France and somewhere we have never been (Amalfi Coast?). As you can see the Global Experience impacted my life. We have a home in New Glarus, Wisconsin home of the Spotted Cow with plans in late summer to move to Madison and be closer to the University and cultural activities.

Life is good!

P.S. I still bike every summer on RAGBRAI, a 600-mile week long bike ride across Iowa with my New Glarus friends and 20,000 other crazies.



Susan Brown Martens

Dr. Ditmanson was right – one should expect more than one career in a lifetime. After I left St. Olaf, I spent 14 years on a path in academic mathematics– thesis at Columbia in New York, then a teaching post at York College (CUNY). When a job opened at AT&T Bell Labs near our New Jersey home, I jumped. The work at AT&T was itself a series of careers. I started out as a traffic engineer for the telephone network. Eventually, though AT&T built systems to do my switch deployment calculations; mathematicians were unnecessary. Next, I moved to Internet services for a whole series of assignments. My last post was as peering coordinator, where I was responsible for the business and technical relationships with the various (and often international) interconnecting networks we needed to provide full Internet access.



When I was first teaching, I met the man who would become my husband, Harold Brown. We celebrated our 40th anniversary this past year. When we met Harold had 2 nearly-grown sons, Harold Jr. and Kirt. We went on to have 2 kids of our own, Heather and Erik. Of the 4 children, only two are still with us though. We lost Harold Jr. in 1981 and Heather in 2015, both to car accidents.

The family that remains are thriving. Kirt does computer security work in northern Virginia and has contributed 2 grandchildren. Erik is an aerospace test engineer out in San Jose. Heather's daughter Heavin, now 12, lives just across town with her father.

I retired from AT&T in 2013 but seem to have continued the pattern of projects in series. First, it was genealogy. Among other things, I found out that my husband's line was actually traceable back to a Virginia estate in the 1820s, something of a miracle in African-American genealogy. Next, I spent a couple of years keeping watch over Heavin after her mother's death and am still rather involved there. Lately, I have gotten involved in overseeing our church preschool.

Still looking for the next projects...



Stuart Mason

Soon after graduation, I moved to New Zealand where I taught chemistry at the junior college level and then at the first-year university level. Intermittently, I assembled a crew and delivered sailing yachts to new owners in various islands across the South Pacific. I also developed a passion for rugged backpacking and mountain climbing. I have summits on four continents but am not an extreme sport enthusiast.

Recognizing that at my core I am a Minnesotan, in 1975 I returned home and graduated with a masters from the University of Minnesota, pursuing a career as a commercial banker and then as an investment banker largely doing work in the medical device and telecom industry sectors. In 2002, I embarked on a second career as the chief investment officer of the University of Minnesota, managing all of their financial assets. Due to my professional careers, I've traveled quite extensively and feel fortunate to have developed personal and professional friends in most major cities in the United States, as well as several locations across Asia, Latin America and Europe. In most major cities, there's almost always a friendly dinner guest or someone to share a glass of wine with.

I've been married to Martha Thomson Mason for 38 years, we live in Minneapolis, and have two daughters, Sarah Mason Mitchell and Elinor Mason Mullins, both of whom are very recently married.

In our free time, we plan active and adventuresome activities or vacations. We enjoy reading great literature with a long-standing couples book group, we also enjoy downhill skiing, fly fishing, sailboat racing and cruising yachts in my old haunts across the Pacific. I've not yet finished my first novel, qualified for the Boston Marathon, or developed an action plan as a reason for retirement. But being blessed with good health and many friends, there's still time.



Carol Gilbertson Maursetter

After graduation, I moved to Willmar, Minnesota, to begin my 34-year career teaching physical education and health. In December of 1969, Rick Maursetter '68 and I were married. Like many others, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary this year. We built our home north of Willmar in 1975 and still live in the same house. I was involved in the inauguration of the girls



interscholastic sports program, an exciting time to be a teacher and coach. To see the girls, have the same opportunities as the boys to participate in athletics was so rewarding. The changes in the ways of teaching physical education were also profound – co-ed classes, addition of lifetime fitness and wellness, new sports alongside the traditional ones - made teaching PE very enjoyable.

Rick and I have two children – Laura and Erik – who, along with their spouses are involved in healthcare in Madison, Wisconsin. We have three grandchildren – Annika, Asher and Britta. They are such a blessing to us.

Six months after we got married, Rick and I bought a small cabin on Green Lake, and what a joy it has been to host Rick's Ole pals and their families each summer for over 50 years. Two years ago, Mary Duckstad Nelson and I started the same tradition with some of our friends as well, so we will host our third gathering this summer too. The friendships we made during our four years at St. Olaf are priceless to us.

Rick and I try to stay physically active with biking, hiking, water sports and taking care of our garden and yard. We are both quite involved in our church. We have been to Norway a few times and enjoy going to Disneyworld. We hope to do more traveling now that he is finally going to join me and retire.



Allen J. McClintick

After graduation from St. Olaf, I attended the Naval Officer's School located in Newport, Rhode Island. I then completed UDT/SEAL at Key West and spent three weeks at Jump School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. My mother's prayers kept me out of Vietnam.



I was fortunate to spend winters in the Caribbean and Platoon

OIC with 24 men for a six months summer cruise to the Mediterranean in 1971, where I visited many Biblical sites in Italy, Greece, Crete and Turkey. I later backpacked across Europe, ending in Norway where I visited Vibeke Steineger and stayed with a family in Oslo.

I stayed in the Naval Reserves for eight more years and attended Northwestern College of Chiropractic on a G.I. Bill after talking to former roommate, Craig Brue. I spent three summers competing in military pentathlons during NATO meetings in Rome, Oslo and Athens. I married my first wife in 1976 and we had two children. In fact, I helped deliver my son at home in Idaho, where I practiced for 13 years. At one point or another, I held all of the offices in our State Chiropractic Association, including President and Vice President.

I met my second wife at a Lutheran Christian Singles Conference in Fort Collins. We put our four teenagers together and moved to Victor, Montana, where I bought a practice and continue to reside. I taught a class on "Creation vs Evolution" and served as both a deacon and elder at Lutheran Church in Hamilton. We had one son, Matthew, who is now 26. I visit my daughter and family every spring in Miami. She teaches children with autism.

Singing is a passion of mine, performing at weddings, funerals, Messiah Concerts and helping lead worship in several churches. Currently I lead worship and assist with the food pantry at a Nazarene Church. I have also coached youth baseball and church men's basketball teams. I have been a ski instructor for seven years, still excelling in downhill and cross-country ski.

My other outdoor passions include hunting, camping, hiking, golf, fishing, and being in Alaska.



Virginia “Ginny” Stone McMillan

My life since the wonderful days at St Olaf has been rich and full. I was in the nursing program at St Olaf. After graduation, I went to Wayne State University in Detroit for a master’s in teaching public health nursing. I didn’t teach “formally” but enjoyed various jobs in Minnesota for seven years: migrant health nurse for the state of Minnesota, public health nurse for a county, and a school nurse for a school district.



I had always been interested in serving overseas so went to western Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), to teach in a small church-run hospital and nursing school. I fell in love with the people and the work and then fell in love with a missionary doctor who was also working in the DRC, Ken McMillan. We served together in Africa until December of 1996 when we, along with our two young children, were evacuated due to a civil war

We settled in Crystal, Minnesota. Ken still works as a safety-network doctor for Native Americans with the American Indian Community Development Corporation. I just “retired” in October of this year from my dream job/joy as the Faith Community Nurse for our church. Our daughter works as a pediatric physical therapist in Minneapolis and our son works at a community center in the Balkans.

I thank the Lord for the great education I received at St. Olaf, the many wonderful classmates I met and the emphasis on serving others. One of the “health” verses from Scripture that I love is from 2 Corinthians 4:16 (ESV) — “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. “



Elisabeth Minge Mellema

The summer after graduating from St. Olaf, I married my high school sweetheart and lived in Minneapolis. He was in medical school at the time and I received a master's in social work from the University of Minnesota. Employment experience, included social work in medical settings, a school's early intervention program, hospice and counseling in a church setting. I also earned a second master's in counseling psychology at Bethel University.

We lived in Oklahoma for three years while my husband served in the Indian Health Service. For the last 43 years, we have made our home in Willmar, Minnesota. The most gratifying experience in our lives has been raising four children, who are all now grown and have children of their own. Two are surgeons and the other two are on mission trips in Asia, working with young people. We also have seven grandchildren, the oldest of whom died eight years ago at age 10 and the most difficult experience in our lives.

Our passion is serving Christ in our lives – whether through formal employment experiences, the local church, mentoring young people or supporting and encouraging mission outreach globally and in our community. Our hobbies include reading, walking, cooking, antiquing and spending time and minimal money in thrift shops. The only new furniture we have is upholstered items or beds. The rest is restored, refinished, refurbished – a reminder of how God can turn ashes into beauty as He rescues and restores us.

I continue to study, organize and present material in Bible study groups and community settings. Interestingly, the research, organization and presentation skills learned in my high school debate team have been the most practical and useful lifelong skills.

We have been blessed with good health and are enjoying our increased discretionary time to engage in the above activities and to enjoy our grandchildren. We love Minnesota's winters and have no plans to move south. A bucket list item for me is to write a book on forgiveness, a topic I have explored deeply. My goal is to continue to learn, to love, and to finish well.



Jeanne Marie Scherbert Mikkelsen

What have I done with the last 50 years of my life? That is a very sobering question. Hopefully, there is some good in it. There was probably more trials and testing than I would have liked, and many more mistakes than I want to admit. My life feels very segmented, with many interruptions. It did not go quite as I had planned. It seems as though I have lived many lives inside the one. But it is what it is, and here I am, still intact.



I am a graduate of the St. Olaf Nursing Program. I have worked in many fields of nursing; Pediatric and Neonatal ICU, Obstetrics-Labor and delivery and newborn, Cardiac ICU, general ICU, Private Duty, Chemical and Alcohol Dependency- both Adult and Teens, Neurology, School Nursing, Long Term/Geriatric Nursing, and Home Care Nursing. Also, one year in the Corrections system at a woman's prison. All this has served to give me a more broadened view of mankind and our world. I have met many walks of life, I am thankful for this, as I feel I have become a more compassionate, accepting, and caring person because of them. I still continue to be overwhelmed at the increasing amount of evil and sin arising in this world we now live.

I will not go into any length about my private life, except to say, I am a mother to four, stepmother to three, and grandmother to 11. All of them are doing well, and for that, I am very grateful. I am now in the season of retirement. I feel as though it is a "gift of time". I hope that I can use it wisely. I am making the most of the days I have left. My husband and I enjoy our church family, and we enjoy the out of doors; camping, biking, and kayaking.

Most importantly of all, I am a committed follower of Christ. All my joy and love come from Him and he gives meaning to everything for me. For that, I am eternally grateful.



Larry Mikulecky

As part of St. Olaf's free university summer program in 1967, I was employed at a steel mill and taught inner-city children to read. I turned down a literature study fellowship to move to Cleveland and work on a master's degree in urban education at John Carroll University. I taught English in inner-city Cleveland and received my degree in 1970 but



lost my teaching job when budget constraints cut jobs for all first-year teachers. I found another inner-city teaching job in Racine, Wisconsin and taught there for three years while pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A group of us who commuted to Madison to take courses also participated in an urban commune.

Judy Lonnes and I had been married during our senior year at St. Olaf. In 1973 our son, Peter was born. We moved to Madison in 1974 where Judy completed a master's degree in Adult Education, and I completed my doctorate in Literacy and Language Education. Judy and I separated and divorced in 1976. I accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Education at Indiana University.

In 1980 I married Carolyn Lee an Asian-American clinical psychologist to whom I am still married. In 1997 we traveled to China to adopt our daughter, Tai Lee Mikulecky, who is now is a high school band director and jazz teacher in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

At Indiana University, I held several teaching, research, and administrative positions and supervised several state, federal and foundation grants associated with adult literacy, workplace literacy, second language learning, and online education. I retired in 2013 but continued to be a research reviewer for journals in the U.S. and Europe. During 2016, I also represented Indiana University at meetings with the European Union in Berlin and Brussels on second language and workplace education of immigrants. Since retirement, I read quite a bit in areas I've neglected, drink beer with a group of fellow retirees every few weeks, travel and visit our daughter. I am waiting for Carolyn to retire so we can travel more.



Sharyl Vander Tuig Miller

It is hard to condense 50 years into a short summary but here goes. After graduation, I moved to Dubuque with my new husband Curtis Miller and started teaching 8th grade Social Studies. After Curt's graduation from Wartburg Seminary, we stayed in Dubuque for a couple more years while he was a pastor there. We then moved to Tama, Iowa for a few years and by this time we had three sons.



While I was at St. Olaf, I had studied in Germany during one of the first semester abroad programs and it was a great experience. My German teaching background got me into teaching English Language Learners in Storm Lake, Iowa. Our sons all graduated from high school there while I taught in the high school and Curt was an ELCA bishop. Teaching students from around the world was a wonderful chance to experience and appreciate other cultures. We were invited to Indian graduation parties, fiestas, birthday parties, Lao New Year's celebrations, and many other occasions.

While he was a bishop, Curt and I had the opportunity to make two extended trips to Tanzania. I never thought I would go to Africa once and certainly not twice. The Lutherans there showed us such graciousness and hospitality. They begged us to come back for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Christianity there and so we did. After Curt had a parish in Minnesota for a few years, we retired in 2007 and moved to be near family in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. We are now enjoying our three sons, three daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren. We are active at Spirit Lutheran Church and in the community. We are thankful for our dear friends from St. Olaf and all of the other people we have met along the way. We are grateful for all of God's blessings through the years.



Jean Husby Milton

Tempus fugit! Thanks to my double major in history and Latin, at least I can remember that much. The Latin did get me a teaching job; I taught social studies classes, and later Special Education, for 34 years in North St. Paul, Maplewood and Oakdale.



I had thought I would teach for a few years and then have a family. That didn't happen and I just

kept teaching until retirement at age 56. Through two failed marriages, I have lived for 38 years in the same house a mile from where I grew up in Roseville. I moved to an Applewood Cooperative at age 63. When my second marriage ended in the abyss of his addiction, his three children and seven grandchildren remained in my life and are still very much a pleasurable part of it.

Since retirement, traveling has been a big part of what I do, journeying to all seven continents and over 80 countries. I love piecing together the histories and cultural similarities as I travel. I try to understand the plate tectonics and geological intricacies that make our physical world the way it is.

I am thankful for my parents who got me off on the right foot by sending me to St. Olaf even though they had no college education. They taught me the importance of giving back to the greatest extent possible. I am thankful for my life-long friends from both high school and college who enrich my life constantly. I am thankful for the ability to make new friends too and I now travel with friends from Applewood.

Mostly, I am thankful for my health. Without it, much of the above would have been difficult or impossible. Though my knees are beginning to groan a bit, I look forward to the next chapter of my life.



Mary Blodgett Mitchell

Following graduation, I began work at Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, Wisconsin as a social worker for an adult in-patient unit, a fortunate opportunity which set the direction for the rest of my career in behavioral health. Sharing an apartment with several other St. Olaf graduates made the transition from academic life to the working world seamless and enjoyable.



Two years later, I returned to school and completed a master's in social work. Following graduate school, I worked at Mendota administering an adolescent treatment unit and eventually moved to Lutheran Social Services where I provided individual, couple and group therapy, as well as graduate student supervision.

While in Madison, I met and married Alva Mitchell, a graduate student from Fort Collins, Colorado. Following the birth of our second daughter, we moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where Al worked as a research scientist. This provided me with the opportunity to teach for four years in Moorhead State University's department of social work and one year at Concordia College, until Al's work took us to Bowie, Maryland, where we have lived since 1983. Our son was born two years later. Here my employment continued to be clinical social work, providing individual and family therapy, clinical supervision and out-patient clinic administration. We have felt blessed with our three children and the ability to combine parenting and rewarding careers until retirement in 2012.

Our church has given us meaningful opportunities to develop two emergency housing programs, sheltering homeless folks in the county just outside the nation's capital, a need that has not diminished since our arrival. Since retiring, we have enjoyed greater freedom to travel more internationally and particularly to spend each spring, summer and fall in the places we most love: my Maine family home, Al's Missouri family farm and Alaska with our three wonderful grandchildren. Our interests at home include volunteering, reading and for me, daily walking, choral music and crocheting; for Al, cycling and genealogy research. We have much for which we are grateful, including 50 years of St. Olaf friendships.



Judith Schuelke Mondloch

My four years at St. Olaf expanded the height, depth, and breadth of my life. In addition to the stellar education I received and the cherished friendships I formed during those years, my degree in psychology and my senior Scandinavian Interim prepared me for adventures unknown.



I have lived in the Minneapolis area since graduation. I was married for twenty five years, have two children, Carrie and Jeffrey, and am blessed with three wonderful granddaughters. They are my pride and joy.

During those early years of marriage and child-rearing, I volunteered at Planned Parenthood. That opened the door to a twenty-year career in OB/Gyn. I eventually moved into clinical drug research for another twenty years, concentrating in oncology. I managed a home office and traveled the country every week managing clinical research sites for Roche and Sanofi. I do not miss airports or rental cars. I was privileged to be part of several successful drug launches, not bad for a psychology major.

I retired in December of 2013. I love traveling with friends, family and my significant other, Paul. Over the years, I have explored my Scandinavian roots with several trips to Norway and have mastered lefse-making.

For fifteen years, I have sung with the St. John's Chorale performances of Messiah and Spring Masterworks concerts in Minneapolis. I will always regret backing down the stairs at Christiansen Hall during Freshman Week.

And now to wax philosophical. As we approach our 50th class reunion I am sure we have all experienced triumphs and losses and are now dealing with the infirmities of age. May we pray for courage and strength, the love of family and friends and our enduring Faith to face the challenges ahead. Fram! Fram!



Nancy Erickson Moore

After watching an amazing T.V. performance by the St. Olaf Choir which was preceded by many reminders to write my history, I realized I dare not procrastinate any longer. Only my first two college years were spent at St. Olaf. In that short time, I made lasting friendships with five other Oles. We have met yearly since 1967 and celebrated 50 years of our special bond in Paris.



From St. Olaf I transferred to the University of North Dakota where I met my husband Mark. Following my college graduation and Mark's graduation from University of North Dakota's two-year medical school, we moved to Denver for the continuation of his medical education and for me to return to school to obtain my teaching degree. As Mark pursued his career path, we lived in St. Paul and South Bend, Washington. Missing family, sunshine and Scandinavians we moved back to the Midwest. Fargo was our home for the next 13 years and it proved to be a great place to raise our three sons. Our last move 26 years ago was to Madison, Wisconsin. I have utilized my teaching degree in tutoring ESL, homebound work and some substitute teaching.

My current activities are being a docent at the Chazen Art Museum as well as volunteering at both a food pantry and a library. Some of my sporting activities have been curtailed due to failing body parts. Now the name of the game is golf, pickleball, water aerobics and biking on an electric bike. Bridge and mahjong are regular past times. Now that Mark is mostly retired, we are working on our bucket list of travel destinations. Our most precious time is that spent with our sons and their families including six grandchildren ages 3 to 13 as well as time with our friends.



Gary Mosiman

I briefly tended bar in Snowmass, Colorado immediately following graduation. I then joined my father's independent, third-party employee benefit plan administration firm in Minneapolis. Though not a lawyer, I became a recognized expert on the complex laws and regulations governing employee benefit plans and served as the president of several, related, professional associations. I spent my entire career in this field. There were, of course, many inherent challenges. Working in small companies gave me an opportunity to wear many hats, from legal and marketing to computer programming and website development.



In 1975 I met my future wife, Julie Carley. We courted (read cohabited) for 29 years before finally tying the knot in 2004. We do not have any children and have resided in Minnetonka since 1977, although we're partial snowbirds now, enjoying the Disney Vacation Club in Orlando for 7 weeks in winter. We also share a condo in Snowmass with other family members. I have been retired since 2010 and keep myself very busy. Both my wife and I volunteer at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and a food shelf in Minneapolis. I joined the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club in 1987 and we also participate in numerous volunteer opportunities available through the club.

My hobbies include fishing in Canada, skiing (I taught skiing for 25 years and am a level 3 certified instructor), drawing, singing in two choral groups, traveling, cooking, and gardening. We are avid Hosta gardeners and our garden has been featured in blogs and magazine articles and has also been on numerous local and national garden tours. Since we have a lot of shade, we focus primarily on Hosta gardening and feature about 875 varieties of Hosta.

The best thing that I learned at St. Olaf was how to get along with people who come from disparate backgrounds and experiences, and who have totally different viewpoints than mine. For four years, we were a small and relatively closed off community, and yet I found that we all managed to get along with each other and respect each other.



Brady Mueller

I had an incredible time during my years at St. Olaf. St. Olaf was the single college my twin brother, Brent, and I applied to for admission. As both our father and mother attended the college in the early 1940s, it felt only natural that my brother and I also attend. Having grown up in a small town in Minnesota, the feeling and atmosphere of a



more intimate campus was just what I was looking for and needed. The college's size also gave me an opportunity to participate in a great baseball program, headed by Coach Jim Dimick. Playing under the mentorship of such a great man helped keep me grounded in my faith and life.

St. Olaf also assisted in fulfilling my dream of being an architect. Because of St. Olaf College's association with a local architectural firm led by Ed Sovik, I was able to gain experience and knowledge about the field. Therefore, after graduation, I enrolled in the architecture program at the University of Minnesota and became a licensed architect in 1981.

Since 1985, I have been a member and founding partner of KOMA, a group of architects, structural engineers and interior designers located in Minneapolis. I have had the privilege to participate in the design of Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America, many corporate offices and manufacturing facilities. But my greatest joy in life is that I have been blessed with the most wonderful family. I have been married to my wife, Carol, for the past 37 years. I have three children, Andy, Jill and Lindsay, and two young granddaughters, Riley and Ella.

Now, after 44 years as an architect, my wife and I have downsized and moved to a condo in downtown Minneapolis. I am contemplating retiring and spending more time traveling to our favorite spot in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, spending quality time with my granddaughters and gaining more experience in my hobby as a photographer. My life has been very blessed, and St. Olaf had a large impact on my life's journey.



Brent Mueller

After graduating from St. Olaf, I attended the University of Minnesota to obtain my Master of Business Administration, but the Vietnam War brought that effort to an abrupt halt when in the fall of 1969 the draft lottery surprised me with my draft number...# 10! Shortly thereafter the Army cordially invited me to attend Fort Bragg and then Fort Polk. They then flew me to the sunny shores



of Vietnam where I was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division as an infantry soldier. After several months I was reassigned as a legal clerk to the JAG Corps and spent most of my remaining 14-month tour taking depositions and filing court-martial documents, along with an occasional ambush patrol. I always assumed it was my St. Olaf education that triggered this reassignment but, honestly, it probably was the fact I could type 60 words per minute without error.

Upon returning from Vietnam I worked at National Car Rental as an auditor and payroll manager and then moved to Control Data Corporation where I managed the Payroll Department. I also worked as a financial consultant and ended up as Director of the Pension Department. During this time, I met my wife, Diana, and had a daughter, Stacy, '97, and went to night school for two years at the University of St. Thomas to get my MBA. I then got accepted to law school but at the last minute determined that being away from my family for another three years was not what I desired so I gave up that aspiration. I spent the next couple of years attaining my certified financial planner designation. During this time, I managed the Benefits Department at Seagate/Imprimis Technology, then Pacific Dunlop (an Australian holding company) and then finally landed at Wells Fargo as Director of Retirement Programs. I finally tired of all the politics, quit the corporate world, and ventured out on my own as an independent financial advisor for the past 19 years.

I live in Northfield and am blessed to be married to a terrific woman for 44 years and have three wonderful grandchildren.



Denny Myers

Denny Myers graduated from St. Olaf with a teaching degree and job in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Denny was hired as a high school physical education and health teacher, as well as assistant football and basketball coach.

He and his wife have two children, Tamra and Patrick, born in 1974 and 1976 respectively, and now have six grandchildren.

In 1975, Denny became a high school guidance counselor after receiving a master's degree in guidance and counseling from University of Wisconsin-Stout. In 1977, he became one of the assistant principals at Marshfield High School. He was then hired as Marshfield Junior High principal and, in 1987, served as the Marshfield High School principal until retirement in 2002.

Denny resides in Marshfield, but also enjoys his lake home outside of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Retirement has been healthy, happy and active for him and his wife.



Stevie Peterson Myers

Stevanna Peterson Myers graduated from St. Olaf with a teaching degree and job in Marshfield, Wisconsin WI. Stevie was hired as a junior high English teacher while her husband Denny was hired as a high school physical education and health teacher, as well as assistant football and basketball coach.

They have two children, Tamra and Patrick, born in 1974 and 1976 respectively, and now have six grandchildren.

While working as the Marshfield School District homebound teacher, Stevie received her master's degree in guidance and counseling from University of Wisconsin-Stout. She became a middle school counselor in 1988 and remained in that role until her retirement in 2006.

Stevie and her husband reside in Marshfield, but also enjoy their lake home outside of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Retirement has been healthy, happy and active.



Janice Mills Needham

Five days after graduation, I married my St. Olaf sweetheart, Bob Needham, and we have been on this journey of life together for 50 years. It has been a lovely ride — filled with blessings, joys, challenges, and growth. Bob continued on to medical school at the University of Minnesota after we were married, and we lived in a dingy apartment in a lovely location by Lake Harriet. His journey took us to both ends of MN—Duluth for internship, Rochester for residency, and Waconia for Bob’s practice of internal medicine for 40 years.



In our second year of marriage we went to L’Abri in Switzerland to pursue answers to our questions of faith. That became a turning point for us, and we came to believe and understand the truth of our Christian heritage. This led us on a faith journey that has developed and grown over the last 50 years. My passions have become prayer, Bible study, and a deeper personal faith in Jesus.

I worked for non-profit organizations during the 1970’s. Then I settled into raising our four daughters and embraced the privileges and challenges of homeschooling them for 20 years. The results were worth it! (Homeschooling also gave me the confidence to teach ESL to immigrants for the past 6 years.) Our daughters and their husbands have blessed us with 8 grandchildren, most of whom are “above average,” like all grandchildren are. By the grace of God, they all strive to walk in integrity and faithfulness.

Traveling is the big topic for retired people. However, after our first big trip, we decided that traveling is a lot of work, and we have preferred to land on a beach in Mexico with a stack of books. We did, however, decide to go on a medical mission trip to Kenya, where I (the non-medical volunteer) taught 13-year-old orphans how to sew on a machine, thus providing potential future job opportunities for them.

Through the years we have enjoyed water sports, snow sports, and biking. Currently we sometimes choose a fire in the fireplace instead.



Barbara Calgaard Nelson

I enrolled at St. Olaf mostly because my mother, Beverly Haugen, had attended. I really didn't have an idea of what I wanted to be when I grew up. My parents said, "You have to be able to do something when you finish"! On that warning, I wandered into Elizabeth Olsen's office and asked if I could get into the nursing program, she had space and there my career took off.



After working for 10 years at Mt Sinai, Naeve and Mercy Medical Center, someone asked me to join a team that was building a new hospital. They asked me if we wanted the sinks in or out of the bathroom—I had no clue. I called my roommate at St. Olaf, Bobbie Lee, and asked her how I could get into grad school. I commuted from Iowa to the University of Minnesota and completed my MS in 1976. My next position was a Director of Nursing position in Monterey California, a great position in a beautiful place was a blessing every day. When the hospital was bought by its competitor, we relocated to Boise Idaho for 3 years when once again I worked with very bright colleagues and needed a different perspective to lead in a way that would help them and the organizations reach their goals. After 20 years, and again with advice from my St. Olaf colleague Bobbie, I was back in school at The University of Texas in Austin and finished my PhD in Nursing Administration in 1990.

While education was an interest, I was again recruited to California and have spent the last 25 years with Sutter Health as a Chief Nursing Executive, retiring in 2016. I had the intense pleasure to work with, coach and develop amazing nursing leaders and know now that my parents heeding led me to the most fulfilling purposeful work I could have ever hoped for myself.

With me on this journey was my husband Ron and we celebrated our 50-year anniversary this year. We relocated to Estero Florida to a Blue Zone community to be close to family.



Mary Duckstad Nelson

A pre-freshman summer school stint at St. Olaf plus a summer studying at the University of Oslo, Norway, led to my graduating in January of 1969. In June of 1969, I married my high school sweetheart Jim Nelson (class of 1968). How blessed our marriage has been!



Family is our joy! We have two sons: Jon, married to Kjersti with (grand)children Tagen and Kaija and Mark, married to Jamie with (grand)child Harper.

Church involvement has always been our priority. The variety of ages, personalities, and varied levels of faith sharing experiences occurred in Lutheran/ecumenical Bible studies and in the joy of youth work; directing children's, high school, and adult vocal and bell choirs; plus directing Christian based plays both in churches and schools.

As a minister's family, we moved about every nine years. Moving so often opened doors to a variety of jobs, all eye-opening educational experiences and life enriching. Working as a school administrator as Director of Community Education, ECFE, and Gifted and a Talented and also as a Catholic school teacher were my absolute favorite experiences.

Jim and I have traveled throughout Europe and in Israel and Greece. For me, the 2012 Mother Teresa mission trip to India was life changing. Currently, we have been traveling the 50 states, enjoying the unique and diverse beauty of this country. When home, I love reading, biking, and swimming.

My life analysis? I am thankful for and cherish each day knowing that every day IS truly a gift!



Richard “Rick” Nelson

After graduation, I enrolled in a master’s program at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Beforehand, however, I spent two years as a desk sergeant for the 139th military police in Fort Benning, Georgia. I finished my masters in 1972 and was hired by the International Division Libby Foods in Chicago. I later transferred to



a location in Toronto, Canada. In 1983, I began work for Hiram Walker Canada (Canadian Club) and transferred to their location in Bloomfield, Michigan. I would later transfer again to a location in Healdsburg California. I served as the company's marketing director from 1996-2003. I retired to Arizona in 2006. My wife passed away in 2011. I am currently living in Hamilton, a town in Ontario, Canada. I also spend time at my Michigan cottage on Lake Huron. I am currently engaged to Fern Merchant, a Canadian. I have travelled to 49 states, nine Canadian provinces and 33 countries. Just ask me if I ever want to get on an airplane again.



Tom Nelson

It seems like yesterday, not 50 years ago. Driving up the hill with my best friend, parking in Ytterboe's back lot, hauling shirts and other "stuff" up to the second floor; out of the nest, wings flapping clumsily. Meeting Rolf Sovik and George Somers across the hall, Paul Maland next door and Donny Mark in the huddle. Wondering what was going to happen next. What happened next was the rest of my life.



"Really, Dr. Kleber, I have no idea what you mean," I could have said. "Really, Dr. Johnson, I'm a better writer than you think I am" and "Nope, Dr. Palm, I don't get it." Finally, "Thanks, Dr. Pearson, for an almost-good grade, I better get out of this while I can." Then came philosophy. Thank you to Professors Stoutland, Hong, Narum, Stromseth, Faillettaz and Schwandt. I still have my notes and the memories. I've tried to live the lessons. Then the attack of the freshmen beanies at the Center's front door: Sig Tau, Sergeant Pepper, Parliament. Living in the "inner city" of Detroit during the summer of 1967. Next, 1968: MLK Jr, RFK, Malcolm X; HHH couldn't quite cut it. Lesson learned: don't make the perfect the enemy of the good. The draft and moratorium, then still more war. Graduation: Thanks Senator Mondale, you broke free and freed so many to oppose the war. Others served and came back to less than what they deserved.

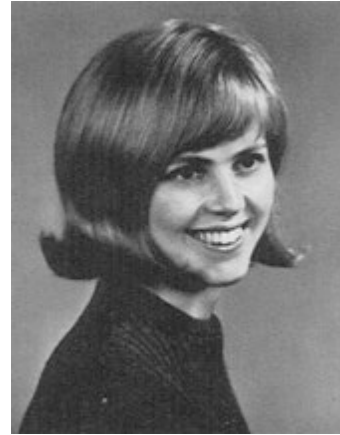
Warp speed. Our town: "You're 21 or 22 and you make some decisions, and whisssh, you're 70." New Haven. Yale Divinity School. Then a teacher myself: High School in the Community. Law school at UConn. Law clerk to Judge Meskill, Second Circuit; then Tyler Cooper. Trial group. Married Susan Richard Nelson, now a federal judge. We moved to Minnesota in 1983 - Popham Haik law firm; then Leonard, Street and Deinard. Two sons. Rob (married to Anna, with a son named Caleb); now working with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mike (married to Christine); happily thriving in the world of gourmet marshmallows (northmallow.com). "Liberal Arts & The Law;" then OleLaw, OleBiz, and OleMed. Thank goodness for Marco Island.

Currently arcing. Lots of boards, including even the Swedish Institute. Lots of bar association work. Folks now gone, peacefully and gently. All's well. And all's traceable to that drive up the hill to the Ytterboe parking lot and to that climb up the stairs toward friends and future.



Linda Ann Ness

My life since graduation from St. Olaf nearly 50 years ago has moved through 2 phases and is now in a third phase: The first phase was academic. I completed a Ph.D. in mathematics at Harvard, was an academic mathematician and professor for about 10 years, and then shortly after the release of the Macintosh Computer I returned to graduate school for a second time to pursue a master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Texas, Austin.



The second phase has been work and family. Nearly simultaneously I began a close to 30-year career in applied research at Bellcore and began a family. My husband Munir and our daughters Manette and Taara have enriched my life enormously. Munir is from Karachi, Pakistan with a large immediate and extended family. Manette and Taara have grown up experiencing two diverse cultures. Three years ago, as our daughters were embarking on their careers, I left industrial applied research. Fortunately, I'd begun focusing on math and data enabling me to re-engage with the math community and to be active in planning workshops, including several collaborative research workshops for women in mathematics and data science.

I'm grateful to St. Olaf for setting me off on this journey—especially the mathematics department, Professor Lynn Steen and the summer Research for Undergraduates program that he and Arthur Siebach led. I fondly remember sitting under a tree by the chapel in the summer learning and doing math. My oriental art history course, piano lessons, and experience in Manitou Singers were also memorable. As some of my classmates have recounted their significant memories from St. Olaf during reunion planning, I've realized that each person's experience at St. Olaf was really quite unique. I am confident that St. Olaf will continue to provide a rich forward-looking liberal arts environment for future classes.



Carolyn Sylvia Nitz

Life since St. Olaf has been defined by the word variety. I've had the pleasure and opportunity to live in some interesting places (Atlanta, GA; Boston/Cambridge, MA; Stamford, CT; Washington Island, WI) and work in the business, education, and nonprofit sectors. At various times, I have been a Montessori teacher, an insurance risk manager and safety director, a loan officer, and the director of an art and nature center. My working life concluded at St. Olaf with 15 years in Alumni and Parent Relations, study travel, and prospect research.



Volunteer work has offered variety as well. It has included serving on the boards of Twin Cities Loaves and Fishes and Northfield Youth Choirs. Church involvement has included teaching in a Montessori-based Sunday School program, speaking at Twin Cities churches on behalf of Bread for the World, and playing in a hand bell choir.

Five years ago I became what one of my siblings called "annoyingly happy" as a retired person, delving into new hobbies including genealogy and photography. I bought a piano and have resumed learning to play after a 60-year hiatus. Much of my family has concentrated itself in Minnesota, so I enjoy life in the midst of a happy family circle.

My St. Olaf education is a significant part of what prepared me for this life of variety. It has been a rich and textured half century. I look forward to the next 50 years!



John Njus

Upon graduating from St. Olaf with a math degree, I started work at Roland-Story High School in Story City, Iowa, teaching math, and assisting with the boy's basketball and girls track teams.

After four years of teaching, I accepted a position as a buyer with Sundstrand Hydro-Transmission in Ames, Iowa. I worked in a variety of roles in new product planning, production planning and international logistics. However, I always seemed to be involved with business system implementations. Who knew that when I started out majoring in international relations, only to switch to Math, the latter would end up being a bigger part of my business experience?



During my time with the company, I traveled extensively to Germany and Denmark and other countries.

My family and I were able to move to Wenatchee Washington, our planned retirement location, in 2005 while I was still working for Sauer-Danfoss. I took an early retirement from Sauer-Danfoss (after 37 years) in 2010. After doing some consulting, I retired in April of 2013.

I married my wife Helen in 1976. We have a son and two grandchildren.

I was active in the local Lutheran church, serving as a Luther League sponsor, singing in the choir and serving on the Board of Deacons and as Church President.

With the inception of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988, I served on the first Northeastern Iowa Synod Council.

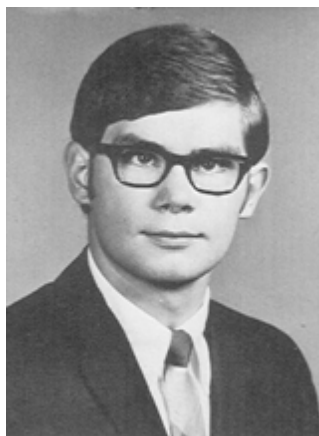
Traveling and camping in our motor home is a big part of lives. We started camping at the Iowa State Fair 25 years ago and still come back each year for the State Fair.

Our latest endeavor is with the Wenatchee Kennel Club. We adopted a puppy and I am now a member of the board of directors. We have been actively involved on the building committee in property search and planning, and now constructing a Wenatchee Kennel Club Training Center.



Kendal Ohlrogge

Upon graduating St. Olaf with the class of 1969, I had two ambitions: avoid Vietnam and enter graduate school to become an English professor. I never became an English professor, but did teach high school English for a year in Fulda, Minnesota. This led to, not in a straight-line progression, six years in the Army Reserves and law school at the University of Minnesota.



Graduating from law school, I began work for CENEX, managing their employee benefit programs and advising on labor relations and union negotiations. I then took consulting positions with the Wyatt Company and, later, Coopers & Lybrand. I joined the law firm of Mackall, Crouse & Moore as a partner in 1987 and transferred my practice to Larkin & Hoffman as a shareholder in 1997. My main areas of practice were employee benefits and executive compensation. I later served as Chair of the Employee Benefits Section of the Minnesota Bar Association. I've been retired since 2007.

In 1981, I re-met Cynthia Olsen (we'd first met in a St. Olaf art class). We married on December 28, 1984, and were happily married until, after a long illness, she passed away on September 12, 2014. We made our family and home in Minneapolis, with her daughter Emily and our daughter Julia. We had a wonderful life together, spending time along the lakes in Wisconsin and in Florida, with travels around the U.S., Europe and Asia. Both daughters are doing great and I have two grandsons, whom I hope will someday be St. Olaf students so we can exchange stories about dorm life and the local Heath Creek.

I live in Florida now, but have met a wonderful Canadian woman, prompting many visits to Canada. We've traveled to Greece, Italy, St. Lucia and Iceland and have trips planned to Hawaii, Morocco and China.



Betsy E. Olson

In July of 1969 I married Paul '68 and we moved to Waukegan, Illinois, where he had just finished Basic Training and was becoming a Hospital Corpsman at Great Lakes Naval Center.

I worked at St. Therese and then Victory hospital there until he got orders to Bermuda. We were sure it was Burma at first with the war so close. I worked some in the Base daycare there and we explored the small island on our motorbikes.



When Paul got out of the Navy, I worked at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, while he got his Medical Technology degree there. We remodeled an old farm house and had our daughter Kirsten there.

Paul got a job with Beckman Instruments, which makes and services hospital laboratory equipment, and we moved to Rogers, Minnesota. In 1984 we traveled to Brazil to adopt our son, five-year-old Edson. I worked part-time at the Rogers Library and both of us were involved with church.

We are enjoying retirement, Paul with volunteering and I with cooking and baking to accommodate my allergies and autoimmune problems as well as reading, a few crafts, and gardening. We have a few hazelnut trees through the Arbor Day Foundation, a few blackberry plants as well as a small woods we planted ourselves. We enjoy our grandchildren, Sam 19, and Lucy 14.

In October, Edson and his wife, Mariana, visited for a whole month after he had a job interview in Washington D.C. They live in Rio de Janeiro where Edson works for the U.S. Consulate and Mariana is working on a master's degree in Latin American Colonialism. It was fun to have them here.



Judy Olson

By the time of our reunion, I will have just retired from working for the City of Madison, Wisconsin as a grant writer. The last stop (I think) in a career of grant writing, project management, and direct service for non-profits and government agencies. After a master's degree in English at the University of Chicago and a year teaching Freshman English at Ohio State, I moved to Madison, WI, in 1972 to attend graduate school, a program I never finished.



Instead, I have worked with community organizations developing affordable housing, connecting young people to education and careers, and revitalizing neighborhoods. I was honored to serve on the Madison Common Council for 6 terms. In that capacity, I served as Council President, developed and sponsored our Living Wage ordinance and Madison's program replacing all lead water lines in the city. When I have free time, I enjoy gardening, bird watching, hiking, and completing projects around the 100-year old house I own. I have no kids, but many nieces and nephews, and now their children to enjoy.



Laird Olson

My Life So Far (highly abridged version):

I graduated from St. Olaf in 1969, majoring in physics. I then began graduate study in physics at the State University of New York. My draft number was called, and I began serving in the US Navy. I married Cynthia Baynon in 1971. Our son, Erik Olson '10, was born in 1987.

I continued school and finally earned my M.D. from the University of Illinois. I did my residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, then stayed there as faculty for another 12 years. Afterwards, I opened my own private practices in both Wisconsin and Ohio. Currently quasi-retired, I currently live in the Cleveland area with Cynthia. I plan to keep working, but will slowly begin ramping down my commitment, while at the same time increasing my recreational travelling.



Elizabeth “Libby” Olson Olstad

After graduation Keith and I moved to Chicago where I taught high school English for one year, he attended seminary and our first son was born. The big city was exciting and enlightening but teaching in the public schools was not. My major was put to short use, though my love of literature endured. Our child quickly taught us about relinquishing our needs to “another”. We moved to



Oberlin Ohio where I taught a special education class and worked for the campus YWCA (focused on social justice issues). Returning to Minneapolis, Keith and I shared a position with campus ministry. Our second son was born with medical problems giving us ample experience with hospitals and anxiety, though the problem, gratefully, resolved. Our daughter was adopted from Korea broadening our cultural values and parenting skills. We now have eight grandchildren and relish any time they can share with us.

Graduate school led to a master’s degree in clinical social work and a 35-year career in health care. Most years involved both clinical work with patients and families and management. The mind-body perspective on health taught me much about the intersection of these vantage points. Walking with patients and families through often life-threatening illness was a humbling lesson in the importance of resilience. Management taught me strategic planning and the flexibility (and rigidity) of organizational systems. I feel very fortunate for the opportunities that came my way.

Now retired with an empty nest (except for Keith), I’m learning how to use time, energy and self-care. I read, garden, hike, bike, travel, cook, and take classes. Our church nurtures and nudges my beliefs and offers opportunities around social justice. I volunteer with an immigration court observer program, with a voter rights organization and with a food supplement program. Movies (British mysteries) provide leisure. Family members and friends are treasured gifts; we’ve lost a few along the way and value their memories. How I should invest the remaining years of my life? I try to be grateful for all I’ve been given and enjoy one day at a time.



Keith E. Olstad

Libby (Olson) and I married in July 1969. That fall, I began two years of study at Chicago Theological Seminary while Libby taught at Chicago Public School. Our first son was born in December 1970, so we trundled him off to Oberlin, Ohio, where we spent two years on the campus ministry team. From there we moved to four years of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. Our second son was born in 1975, and our daughter arrived from Korea in 1984. Since then, our life has been immeasurably enriched by our eight grandchildren.



After finishing seminary at Luther Seminary in 1979, I served four parish ministry calls, one stint as director of a neighborhood development coalition of churches, and nine interim ministry appointments. I also served for several years on the National Clergy Caucus of the Gamaliel Foundation. In my middle-aged years, I thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and completing sixty cross country ski marathons. A constant source of support has been a men's support group I helped found in 1974 that continues today.

Since 2000, I've had the privilege of leading six ecotours about birds and sustainable development eco tours to Nicaragua, as well as one to Namibia and another to Vietnam, initially with Augsburg College's Center for Global Education. I've also enjoyed nine years serving on the board of Project Minnesota/Leon (Nicaragua). Since retiring from my call to St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran in St. Paul in 2013, we have been active at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, where I've served on environmental concerns, worship and racial justice committees. Shortly after retirement, I lived for two months in rural Nicaragua, teaching English to guides and hosts of inns. I am active in the local chapter of the Audubon Society. My continuing passion in spare time is birding and wildlife photography, although a second passion has been travelling: Libby and I have been fortunate to visit Alaska several times, as well as Scandinavia, France, Egypt, Tanzania, Peru, Colombia, and El Salvador.



Rich Omland

In the early summer of 1965, I wasn't sure where I would attend college in the fall. When my friend, Tom Driscoll, invited me to join him on a trip to Northfield with a St. Olaf parent from our hometown, I took advantage of the opportunity. I didn't know much about the college, but in a few short weeks I was enrolled in the class of 1969. Our class was one of the last to take advantage



of the Guaranteed Cost Program, a real blessing for my parents and me. I am grateful to all the people, both past and present, who made possible my education at St. Olaf.

I always think about that whirlwind trip to St. Olaf when reflecting on key turning points, or God moments, in my life. I received a good education, made life-long friends, and met my spouse of nearly fifty years. Julie '68 and I were married in June of 1969, and we're now the parents of two daughters. They and their spouses have blessed us with four grandsons. We spend much of our time with them, going to their concerts and ballgames, and just watching them grow up and blossom.

I thought I wanted to be a history teacher and coach but sensed a calling by the Spirit to the public ministry of the church. Julie taught in Burnsville while I attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul. We headed west after my graduation from the seminary. I served as a mission developer and parish pastor in Wyoming and Montana, headed up the pastoral care and Church Relations ministry at a large senior community and was elected as bishop of the ELCA's Montana Synod. We returned to St. Paul in 2007 and I joined the staff at Luther Seminary until my retirement in 2016. I still serve as a part-time visitation pastor for the congregation.



Dennis Paulson

In recent years, I have sometimes described myself as a “misguided historian.” As a student at St. Olaf, I was on a path toward graduate study in history and aiming to become a history teacher or historian. But then I began down a different path—the well-worn path between St. Olaf and Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Graduating from Luther in 1974 with a Master of Divinity degree, I was ordained in the American Lutheran Church and called to my first congregation in northeastern South Dakota. Along the way, I was married to Jeanette Floyd '71. We had two children: Noelle '02 and Joel. Noelle and her husband, Andreas Vitalis, are parents to my only grandchild, Pavel, and they live in Zurich, Switzerland. Joel lives and works in the Twin Cities.



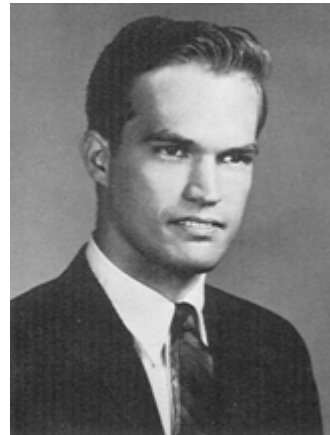
The winding path led us to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, then to Dubuque, Iowa, where I did graduate study at Wartburg Seminary and earned a Master of Sacred Theology in liturgical studies in 1988. From Dubuque, the path led us back to Minnesota where I served two congregations at Peterson in the Root River Valley, and then a congregation in Amboy, just south of Mankato, before moving to Duluth 25 years ago. Since then, the long and winding road has led to serving in intentional interim ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in 21 interim ministry assignments in three synods. I am currently serving what will probably be my last interim assignment at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Superior, Wisconsin.

If the meandering path down which I have been led has brought me to many unexpected and unfamiliar places, it has also brought me back to the dear old Hill many times—where it still feels like coming home.



Douglas Paulson

I have been living in Southern California since St. Olaf and earned my Ph.D. and master's in physics at University of California San Diego La Jolla in the fields of superconductivity and quantum fluids. Since then I have enjoyed studying the fields of superfluid He3, heat engines, dilution refrigeration (2mK), SQUID, cryocoolers, magnetic detectors, and biophysics (MEG



for brain/TMS/liver Fe/fetal cardiography/magnetic microscopes), geophysics and NDE. I have worked at six cryogenic and physics companies in San Diego and with many other researchers around the world. I have helped produce unique research devices and been mentioned in more than 120 publications and patents while in the role of PI/VP/President/Chief Scientist/CEO/CTO/IT. This work has involved research, software, computers, cryogenics, marketing, contracts, IT and management. Presently, I am working with the small company I founded - Tristan Technologies, Inc. I find retirement hard since there are lots of projects and devices in the process in my business; however, I have succeeded in cutting down to part-time.

My enjoyment activities have been bicycle touring and hiking in the US, Canada, France, the Netherlands and Italy. My interest in building, design, architecture and gardening is reflected in my custom-built ocean view house, which I designed based on my interests and style. I have lived in Del Mar for many decades and now enjoy time with my wonderful wife of eight years, Hengameh Motaghed, Ph.D. clinical psychologist. We enjoy our productive active life with intellectual and spiritual growth with the added gardening, exercise and bicycling.



LoAnn Haeussler Petermann

After graduation from St. Olaf, I practiced nursing in a downtown Milwaukee hospital. I then went on to graduate school at Marquette and earned an M.S.N degree. Then post-graduation I worked as a clinical nurse specialist in critical care and medical/surgical areas. I married Earl Petermann who is self-employed with his own business and still working.

I have two stepchildren. I was very involved in the nursing community in Milwaukee and active in the Wisconsin Nurses Association. I was a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society and was awarded Outstanding Nurse for clinical practice in Milwaukee in 1982. I loved nursing, but after the birth of 3-month premature triplet girls, I became a stay at home mom. I was very involved with many volunteer endeavors while raising children. We presently have 4 grandchildren with another expected in May. Life is full and we are blessed.



John Lynner Peterson

What I've Learned

Small-town Minnesota rooted me in Lutheran piety, but with grace and the surprising legacy of visiting missionaries from China, South Africa and Papua New Guinea, I have formed a worldview far beyond the prairie.

Despite not being serious about academics, I received an extraordinary education from St.

Olaf professors Christiansen, Ken Jennings, Ansgar and Gertrude Sovik and Arne Flaten. Choral music and artistic expression through photography gave me a frame for my life experiences. Students from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee once came to the Hill, beginning my lifelong learning about the need to address racism.

My extensive global travel is built on the St. Olaf foundation. Teaching in Papua New Guinea, and traveling by bus from Kathmandu to London, solidified my world view. Returning home to graduate programs in divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary and a master's in communication at the University of Texas at Austin helped me focus my studies.

My career has been in communication and religion. I have created a TV ministry, a commercial television studio, the new ELCA public media ministry, an interfaith website and a professional photography studio.

I learned that photographing stained glass and separating it from original context created new appreciation through a book and exhibition. I learned the mere joy of being together from photographing a homeless family with a single dad. I learned that hospitality in Afghanistan meant being welcomed into an empty room so I could lay my sleeping bag on the floor. I awoke at 5 A.M. to a room of Muslim men in prayer. And in D.C., I learned that even presidential candidates sometimes need to be taught the difference between interfaith and ecumenical before an interview.

And, finally, I learned that accepting authentic love from my wife Brenda has broken through my sarcasm, silliness, and occasional depression. Shared music, culture, and faith are our daily joys in Lexington, Kentucky.



Michael “Mike” Joseph Peterson

I graduated St. Olaf one year early – spring 1968. My plan was to immediately start graduate school in economics, but that had to be delayed to fall 1969 due to my draft board’s plan. I began the PhD program at the University of Michigan, but before the end of my first year, realized that this was not the right decision for me. I was able to work at the University of Michigan Medical Center and enroll in the graduate program in healthcare administration in the fall 1970.



In May 1972, I graduated with my masters and began my first job in Indianapolis, Indiana. I was there for eight years and during that time, met and married my wife, Pamela. Our daughter, Heather, was born there.

From Indianapolis, we began an “odyssey” of places to live and work – Northwest Indiana (south of Chicago), Santa Cruz, CA, and Springfield, OH. In Springfield, I was the President/CEO of a regional health system. Despite enjoying the professional opportunity, Pamela and I realized that we had “left our hearts in Santa Cruz”.

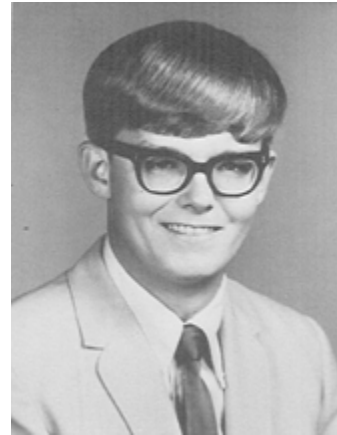
We decided to make the most significant change in our lives. I resigned my position and started an interim healthcare management company with three other colleagues. In 1997, Pamela and I moved back to Santa Cruz. The company’s clients were all over the country, and I travelled extensively. One of my clients was Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA. I ended up staying there for over 10 years, retiring in 2011.

Since retirement, I have been doing some consulting and governing board work in healthcare and graduate business education. Outside that work, I have been sailing as much as possible and travelling. I have a sailboat with two other partners, and in 2016, we sailed from San Francisco to Hawaii. Pamela and I have travelled to Europe, Russia, China, and Southeast Asia. We are fortunate to have our daughter living 30 minutes from us. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and is a counselor at an all-girls high school in San Jose, CA.



Tim Peterson

After graduating from St. Olaf, I enrolled in the School of Dentistry at the University of Minnesota, earning my D.D.S. in 1973, followed by a master's in prosthodontics in 1975. In 1970, Charlene Bond '69 and I were married. Coincidentally, Charlene had found employment at the School of Dentistry, where I was training, so our first few years centered mainly on school and work.



In 1975, I started a 36-year career at Hennepin County Medical Center's Dental Service in Minneapolis. My job was to help develop a general practice residency program for some select recent DDS graduates and to teach them the finer points of dental practice, specifically reconstruction, while giving them valuable first-hand experience. Our patients were often part of the underserved population, needing a lot of care. I taught the students how to reconstruct the mouths of these patients who were without teeth, so they could eat and smile with dentures. During those years, I taught approximately 130 residents how to restore a complete dentition. I am proud to say many of the present restorative dentists at Hennepin County Medical Center, including the present chief of dentistry, were former residents in the program. I know my time in the program will be remembered by many.

In 1977, I began a 40-year part-time private practice in prosthodontics. While in my private practice, I was able to treat more complex treatments and was one of the first in Minnesota to restore implants outside of teaching centers.

Charlene and I have always loved to travel and have made many friends around the globe. Since retiring from dentistry at the end of 2017, we look forward to more opportunities to travel and, of course, to fish. I will always cherish the friendships I made at St. Olaf, many of which have lasted a lifetime. I'm thankful for what I learned and experienced at St. Olaf and feel that those years taught me to be a caring and respectful member of humanity.



Charlene Bond Peterson

In the fall of 1965, I set off from California alone, on a train headed for St. Olaf College and the start of what turned out to be four wonderful years. When I disembarked the train at that little tiny train station in Northfield, little did I know I would end up staying in Minnesota after graduation forever. My parents ended up moving from California to Minnesota, as well, so this truly became home.



With my biology degree in hand, I set off to find a job in a research lab at the University of Minnesota, where I ended up staying in the same lab for more than 35 years. I was very fortunate to have landed in a very productive and successful microbiology/virology lab, where my role grew from a starting lab technician to eventually being the lab manager. Coincidentally, this lab was located in the School of Dentistry, where my soon-to-be husband, Tim Peterson '69 was about to begin his dental training. We married in 1970, and so for many years, our lives were focused on his schooling and our careers.

Throughout the years, I have been an active volunteer youth leader, with not only our Episcopal Church in Woodbury, but also with leadership roles in Episcopal youth programs throughout the Twin Cities and the state. I took an early retirement from the University of Minnesota in 2004, which gave me even more time to volunteer. I am not actively doing youth work anymore, but I do spend a lot of time volunteering at our church, helping with data entry and financial tracking, among other things. I also volunteer at our local food shelf once or twice a week.

We have always loved to travel and have been lucky to have visited many places throughout the years. Now that Tim has finally retired, we are planning even more trips.



Noel Petit

I graduated from St. Olaf in 1969 and then spent a year at Cornell University in the physics graduate school. However, I received a low draft number, so I walked down to the Navy recruiter in Ithaca and signed up for the US Navy. I spent the next five years in Rickover's Nuclear Navy as a submariner and nuclear power instructor. I left the Navy in 1976 and restarted graduate school in physics at the University of Minnesota. I spent a year teaching physics at St. Olaf while Dr. Duane Olson took sabbatical. I finished my Ph.D. in atmospheric physics in 1982 and spent a couple years in the private weather business. I joined the computer science faculty of Augsburg University in 1984, where I stayed until retirement in 2017.



My personal life involved marrying Elizabeth Fedde in 1970, whom I divorced in 1999. We have two children, Brent and Karla. Both are now married and live in the Twin Cities. I married Sharon Hanson in 2001 and now live in Harris, Minnesota, located nearly 50 miles north of St. Paul. I volunteer with the Minnesota Transportation Museum, operating trains in both Osceola, Wisconsin, and St. Paul and serving on their board of directors. I also serve the St. Paul Synod's Bega Kwa Bega program, supporting a church in Tanzania.



Jacqueline (Jackie) Pflaum

Hello all:

I chose St. Olaf for a couple of reasons; family members had attended and the excellent reputation of the nursing program.

Following graduation, I worked at Mt. Sinai in Minneapolis and then changed my career trajectory moving to public health at the Minneapolis Health Department.

I believe my years at St. Olaf instilled in me a belief in social justice and advocacy that have been with me throughout my career.

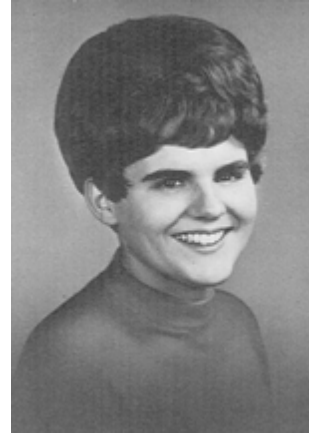
In 1973 I migrated to Alaska for a one- year adventure that has become a 45- year journey primarily here in the state. It was my honor to serve as itinerant public health nurse in southwestern Alaska learning from the Yupik.

Following my time in the Bush, I headed to the sun and earned two master's degrees at the University of Hawaii and returned to Alaska taking a teaching position at the University of Alaska Anchorage. During my tenure I held several positions including associate director, acting director, and associate vice provost of Health Programs. I added a doctoral degree to my schooling in the 90's.

In the early years, I traveled extensively to Europe, China, and Africa. Now that I'm retired, I look forward to more travel. I must say, I'm still figuring out retirement and looking for new challenges.

I'm really looking forward to renewing friendships with many of you during the reunion weekend.

Best!!!



Charles Plaster

After graduating from St. Olaf, I went on to Luther Seminary in the fall of 1969. I married my wife Connie in 1970 and then graduated from Luther in 1971. Off I went to do my one-year internship in Ketchikan, AK. After the internship, I was assigned to the Eastern North Dakota Synod. I served out on the prairies of North Dakota for 26 years. This was quite a change for somebody who had grown up in the Twin Cities, but North Dakota was good to our family. In 1999 we moved to Wisconsin and I served three congregations there, the last two being interims. I retired in 2013.



We moved back to the Twin Cities and are now living in the home I grew up in located in Richfield, MN (everybody else in the family has died). Life has been interesting. It has been fun to live in different communities and to serve different congregations who were so different and yet so alike. It has been a joy to see our children Brad and Heidi grow up and have their own families. The best part of this is that we have all gotten to the point in life where we even enjoy being together. Cannot ask for much more when you are 71.



Karen Reiher Ploetz

A St. Olaf degree in social studies education led me to a love of foreign cultures and a life filled with children.

While I was participating in the 1969 Interim class focused on Malta as a developing nation, I was sure that it would be my only opportunity to travel to foreign places. But my life turned out to offer much more than reading travel books and



experimenting with international recipes. Much to my surprise and delight, I was given numerous opportunities to travel, explore and experience world cultures. Especially exciting was a year living in Belgium and last year's visit to the Slovenian hometown of my immigrant grandparents.

After graduation, I began substitute teaching in Colorado, which was then followed by 15 years working as a classroom volunteer coordinator for Community Resource Pool. We provided extracurricular resources for the teachers and students of many south suburban Minneapolis school districts. It was fun and challenging to find speakers for K-12 classrooms and partner with teachers on projects such as field trips, mentorships and career fairs.

Volunteering has always been a part of my life. Working with community, church and school groups has given me a chance to use my organizational skills and help fill community needs. During my years as a "grandma-wannabe," I taught and volunteered at Kaleidoscope Place, an after-school and summer program for children in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Working with these children from challenging backgrounds was a rewarding learning experience. I have also been a long-time board member and active volunteer at Hats & Mittens, an organization that collects and distributes winter hats, mittens and gloves annually to 35,000 children in need within the Twin Cities. In addition, this organization sponsors an annual gala dedicated to raising funds for a selected local children's charity.

Of course, adventures with Dick, parenting our children Linnea and Alek and finally attaining grandma status to Travis have been at the center of the past 50 rewarding and eventful years.



Richard “Dick” Ploetz

My first time on campus was when I arrived for first-year orientation. I quickly fell in love with two things: the liberal arts curriculum and a brown-eyed brunette named Karen. Four years later, with a dual major in history and English and newly married, the two of us headed west so I could enlist in the Army Reserves and enroll in the master’s program in history at Colorado State University.



After two years, I found myself with a master’s in European history and a military occupational specialty in carpentry. I was at a career crossroad. Should I continue down the academic road? Needing a break from microfilm research in subbasements, I accepted an offer to enter the merchandise management training program at Dayton’s. This decision kept our options open. It returned us to Minnesota, established residency for possible future graduate work at the University and presented an interesting alternative path. Thus began a 37-year business career in retailing at Dayton’s and high tech medical devices at Medtronic.

After my initial merchant roles at Dayton’s, I found three principle focuses for the rest of my career: a human resources track in both companies, a love of travel and culture that led to international assignments culminating in the head of European HR in Brussels and an interest in teaching that led to roles in customer, sales and management education and twenty year adjunct faculty position in the evening MBA at St. Thomas.

I retired in 2007. Karen and I have visited over 70 countries and will add India and parts of Southeast Asia to that list later this year. My interest in art history and education is satisfied as a docent volunteer at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. We have two children. Alek and his wife Susan live in Burnsville with our only grandchild, Travis. Our daughter Linnea and her husband Scott live in Austin, Texas, with their terrier Emmylou. We have a second home in Austin so we can be close to them. Family, travel and learning make the third chapter of our lives fun and fulfilling.



Jari (Mary Jane) Foster Pulford

It all started when a Presbyterian Board of Missions representative spoke in chapel during my sophomore year, hoping to recruit students for volunteer work with inner-city kids in Jersey City. My friend, Mary Ann Hager, had participated the previous summer and recommended it. I spent that summer in Jersey City, the next in Newark and the following in Minneapolis. I learned more from the kids than they did from me.

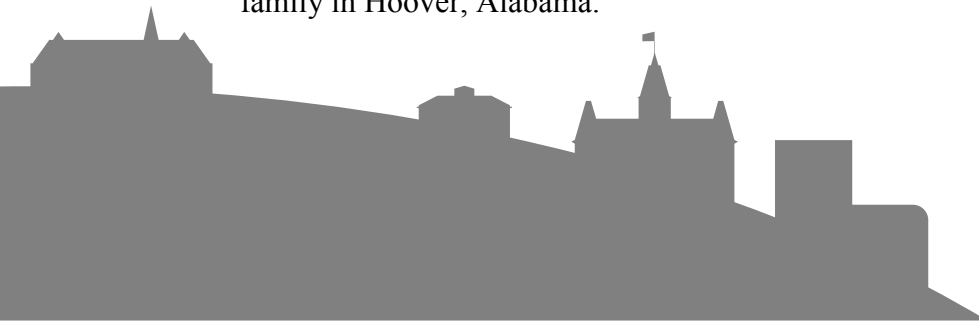


After graduating from St. Olaf with a major in social psychology, I moved to Washington, D.C. I worked for a consulting firm providing race relations and affirmative action training to federal employees and was part of a team that set up the U.S. Navy Race Relations School in Key West, Florida. While working on a project for Harlem Hospital, I developed an interest in public health, eventually earning a master's of public health from the University of Michigan in 1974. I have lived in Michigan ever since.

After three years at the Michigan Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Division, and becoming licensed as a paramedic and EMS instructor, I became executive director of a regional EMS agency serving the lower peninsula of Michigan. I spent over 30 years working in EMS. My proudest accomplishment was developing Camp 9-1-1, a day camp held at ambulance services and fire stations, teaching kids about injury prevention, bystander care, and careers in EMS. The program spread throughout Michigan.

In 2009, I began a second career in affordable housing, working as the business manager at Open Doors Kalamazoo. With a mission of building relationships and overcoming homelessness, Open Doors has two shelters and 100+ apartments for low-wage working individuals and families who can't afford market-rate rent. I will be retiring in March.

I have been married to Mike Pulford, a recently-retired nurse anesthetist, for 40 years. We have three grown children and six wonderful grandchildren. As a cancer survivor, I love spending time with my family, especially during our trips to Disney World. We are also becoming snowbirds, spending part of the year near our oldest daughter and her family in Hoover, Alabama.



Mary Ann Skram Reddall

After graduating in 1969, I journeyed to Minneapolis with Adrienne Tinderholt Miller and worked as

a purchasing agent for Vincent Brass Co. and International Dairy Queen. I then spent 14 years at Donaldson Company as a buyer of custom-molded rubber products and insulation exhaust filtration equipment for the over-highway truck and agriculture equipment markets. I also worked part-time in market research.



I was married to Robert Reddall in 1974 and we made our home in Burnsville, Minnesota, where our two children grew up. Our son John is an attorney in Lakeville and our daughter Kristin is a pharmacist in St Paul. Both are St. Olaf graduates, as is our daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. We have two awesome granddaughters, Emma and Linnea. In addition to caring for my granddaughters, I'm involved in many church and community organizations, particularly enjoying choir and my book clubs.

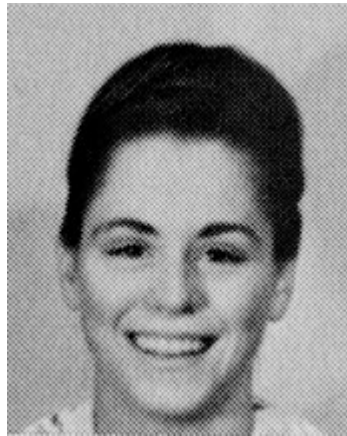
We have been fortunate to travel to the Scandinavian countries and met my grandfather's family and cousins in Norway. We have also journeyed to England and Scotland. Despite our international travels, we look forward every year to summers at our lake cabin with our family.

We have managed to attend almost all Christmas Festivals, and remain connected to the college. My granddaughters are already planning their days on the Hill.



Cheryl Grangaard Reinertsen

One year after graduation, Jim Reinertsen and I married. We lived in Boston until his graduation from medical school, and then moved around from San Francisco and later Bethesda, before finally settling in Minneapolis. Along the way, I taught Latin and English at varying levels from seventh through eleventh grade. I also had a career diversion, taking



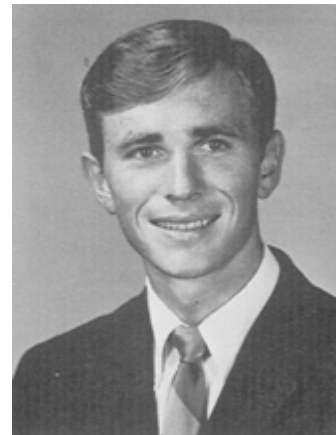
night classes in accounting, bank operations, bank law and management. I worked as an officer at a bank in the financial district of San Francisco. For over thirty years, I played my violin in the civic orchestras wherever we lived. I volunteered in our children's schools in music listening and Great Books programs. I later became a USGA rules official for the Minnesota Women's Golf Association, which made social golf difficult as my friends feared I would find fault with their play. I also served on boards of civic organizations and church councils and was the first female president in the hundred-year history of our golf club.

As empty-nesters, we returned to Boston for a few years before finally deciding to move to the mountains of Wyoming. We were drawn to hiking, skiing – both alpine and cross country – kayaking and fly fishing. We also discovered a love of biking together – on a tandem. Our daughter and son have blessed us with five lovely granddaughters. When not enjoying the mountains around us, I help Jim with his consulting by writing his contracts, making his travel arrangements and, most importantly, managing the financial aspects of the business. As he doesn't intend to retire, I don't believe I will be either.



James Reinertsen

From graduation at St. Olaf, I continued on to Harvard Medical School and, at the end of the first year, was married to Cheryl Grangaard. A good thing it was, too, because she worked two jobs getting us through my training years in Boston, San Francisco and Washington DC. She occasionally reminds me of that, even 49 years later.



I practiced 20 years in Park Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis. I loved patient care—working in the system—but also found myself drawn into various leadership roles—working on the system. I spent twelve years as CEO at Park Nicollet and another three years as CEO of a large Harvard system and its flagship hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess. In 2001, I had enough of board meetings, budget crises, dysfunctional faculty and institutional politics. I started my own consulting company, doing what I'd always liked to do—improving the quality and safety of clinical care. It was a great decision has given me the opportunity to work with exceptional leaders around the world on challenging issues. I'm still active in my consulting and teaching practice and have no plans to retire.

Cheryl and I have two wonderful children, Emily and Anders. Both are married and we have five lovely granddaughters, ages 2 to 10. They live far away, but we see them as often as possible.

For almost 20 years we've lived on a stream on the west side of the Tetons. It's a terrible place to commute from, but a fabulous place to come home to. I'm an avid fly fisher, both freshwater and flats. Cheryl and I love riding our road tandem, and have seen Tuscany, the Pyrenees, Costa Brava, Provence and the Mountain West from the perspective of cyclists. A few years ago, I dusted off my trumpet and now play regularly in a jazz group. I am a fairly serious Nordic ski racer (as serious as you can be at age 72) and my most recent hobby is fine woodworking, my current project being a unique jewelry box for each granddaughter.



Karen Rhodes Iseminger

After graduating from St. Olaf, I taught physical education in California for two years, eventually living most of my life in the mountainous western states and the California coastal areas. I obtained a nursing degree in 1986 and pursued a career in ICU and ER nursing, which I greatly enjoyed. After retirement in 2015, my partner, Mike, and I began campground



hosting for three years in state parks. I am passionate about the outdoors and still enjoy hiking, mountain biking, backpacking and water sports. Mike and I settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico, two years ago and have become very involved with our local volunteer fire department. I am currently getting started with the county search and rescue tech team and am looking forward to learning many new skills.



Beverly Middough Reihl

My memories of events fifty years ago involve my graduation from St. Olaf, of course, along with a return to Cleveland, Ohio. I had a job for the summer with the research group with which I had done my nursing independent study. I was also finishing the planning for a September wedding to John Reihl.



I moved to the West Side of Cleveland with John and began work at the newborn nursery of Fairview Hospital. Sarah and Gretchen were born in 1970 and 1973 respectively; I took a break from my nursing career, embraced volunteering in both PTA and Lutheran Church arenas, but always kept up with my friends from St. Olaf. My nursing classmates have had a “Christmas” newsletter for the entire fifty years! I attended reunions and corresponded with other friends wherever they had settled.

In 1989, while Sarah was a student at St. Olaf and Gretchen was finishing high school in Strongsville, I took a refresher course in nursing at Cleveland State University and returned to the work force in 1990, obtaining a job in ortho/trauma at MetroHealth Hospital in Cleveland. At the same time, John tried out for the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, a wonderful group of singers with whom he has performed, toured and become friends. Jane Serkland, one of my college roommates from St. Olaf, came to visit us and hear the Orchestra Chorus perform and even met me in New York City to hear them sing at Carnegie Hall. Once I retired from nursing in 2006, I tried out for the Blossom Festival Chorus, where the Cleveland Orchestra performs in the summer, and have had the joy of singing major works with this world-famous orchestra.

I have sung in choir at Bethel Lutheran Church for 49 years now, played hand bells, attended a book discussion group of Carleton, St. Olaf and Grinnell graduates, enjoyed biking, hiking, reading, cooking, baking and just being a grandma.



Jean Rittmueller

I was fortunate to marry Curt Dohan, a kind, smart, old-fashioned man and neuropathologist. We have two children, Katherine Oberlin '11, a filmmaker and musician, and David Princeton '15, a researcher at Google Brain. I received a Ph.D. in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University in 1984. I specialize in the Latin literature of the pre-Norman Irish church as an editor of Bible commentaries and homilies from unpublished manuscripts.



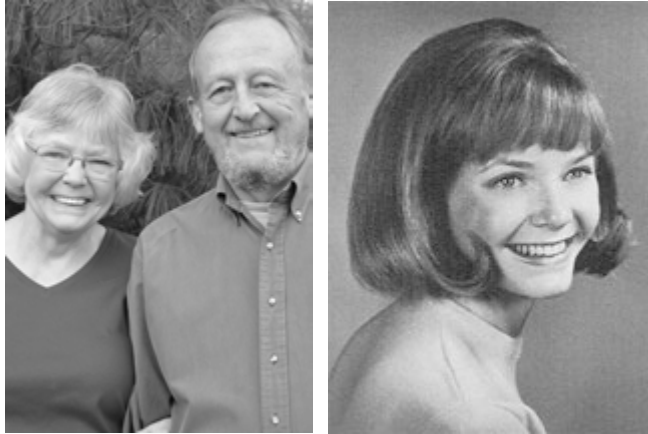
Marsha Lindskog Rokke

After graduation, I began my thirty-eight-year teaching career specializing in high school and middle school language arts. Thirty-seven of the years were in the Westonka school district near Lake Minnetonka.

Joe '70 and I married in 1970 and are blessed with a son and a daughter as well as a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, and another on the way. We have lived in the same house in Orono, Minnesota, for 46 years.

We are fortunate to have inherited part of a resort near Ely, Minnesota, that my grandparents began in 1930, so spend our summers enjoying the lake life as well as maintaining our old log cabins. We love this wonderful gathering place for family and friends from near and far. Our son and his wife were married on our dock.

Our travel goal is to visit all 60 of the United States National Parks and have ten remaining on our bucket list. We also try to see as many of the over 400 National Monuments and National Historic Parks as possible.



Roald J. Rolfson

From St. Olaf it was on to University of Wisconsin, Madison to obtain a master's degree in social work. This was followed by five wonderful years serving as Director of Social Service at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. Then it was on to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where I also became Director of Social Services for the 1,100-bed tertiary care hospital. In Iowa City I met my wife Mary Lou Portais (MPH, Johns Hopkins, '78), who was originally from Plymouth, MA.



In 1981 we moved to the Boston area, we were married, and I started a 23-year career at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged (HRCA). What a change—a one-time midwestern “Lutheran boy” working in a Jewish facility staffed by people of all races, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds from all over the world—the diversity was wonderful. I guess it was the comparative religion course that helped the transition. At HRCA I started out as Director of Social Service, was promoted to Vice President of Operations, and ended my years of service at the 725-bed chronic disease hospital in charge of Center Operations.

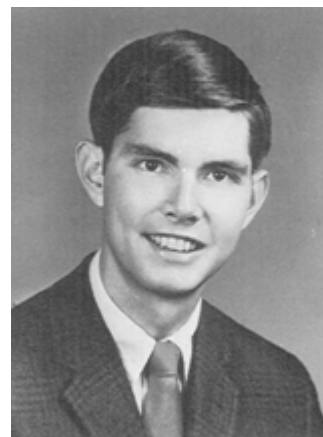
My 45 year career in geriatrics and health care ended in 2016 when I retired after also working for several years as Executive Director for a number of Assisted Living Facilities managed by Welch Healthcare and Retirement group.

I have become a true New Englander. My wife, daughter and I have totally enjoyed the past twenty-five years living in and taking advantage of all the beautiful coastal community of Duxbury, MA has to offer. I have become an avid Red Sox fan, love seafood, and walking on the beach.



Richard Francis Rortvedt

Five days after graduation Dick Rortvedt began duty as an Air Force Lieutenant serving in IL, TX and Okinawa. During her spring break in 1970, Sylvia Steinbart '70 and Dick eloped to Mexico City. Following an early-out from active duty, he earned an MA in Latin American Studies at the University of New Mexico, including living a year in Ecuador.



In 1975, Dick began a 30-year Washington, DC career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) making official visits to 28 countries and holding 12 different jobs including conducting economic research on agriculture in the Americas and on international fertilizer markets. At USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development he helped mobilize USDA involvement in the Caribbean Basin Initiative and Cancun Presidential Agricultural Task Forces for which his unit received the Department's Superior Service Award. Following over a decade of global responsibilities (including with China and the Soviet Union) directing bilateral scientific and technical cooperation in agriculture, food and forestry and promoting international agricultural trade and investment, he specialized in Latin America, serving four years as USDA Liaison to the Inter-American Development Bank.

He was elected by Western Hemisphere agricultural Ministers to the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) in Costa Rica, serving six year - two as Board Chairman. In 2005, he retired from USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and currently serves as CATIE's Representative in Washington.

He received St. Olaf's Distinguished Alumni award in 2009, was Past President and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development, served twice on the Lutheran Volunteer Corps Board, and is a founding member of the steering committee of the Steinbruck Center for Urban Studies at Luther Place Church.

Dick and Sylvia (retired community college librarian) live in Arlington, VA. They have two children, Victor, born 1980, formerly a DC lawyer, now a Blockchain developer/entrepreneur and Helen '04 born 1982, Executive Director of Kids Gardening, a national non-profit. Victor and wife Marissa have two children Axel born 2016 and Lana born 2018.



Rebecca Rottsolk

After graduating from St. Olaf, I went on to graduate school for voice at the University of Washington and got caught up in the anti-war movement. Seeking a more “relevant” profession, I changed to education and completed my masters at Pacific Lutheran in a Teacher Corps program. I taught elementary music, conducted the district’s girls’ honor choir and attained a



broad range of training for what turned out to be my perfect profession. In 1982, I was named artistic director of the Northwest Girlchoir in Seattle. I served with this organization from 1982 to 2001, building it into a highly-respected youth choral organization during a time when community-based children’s choirs were blossoming across the country. It was a perfect job for me, combining both my passion for singing and conducting and for sharing my love of music with young people. During this time, I had two daughters, one failed marriage and a second marriage to the love of my life, Tony Costa. Between us, we have five daughters and nine grandchildren. Our retirement took us from Seattle to charming Port Townsend, the latter of which we have lived since 2000. In Port Townsend, I have an auditioned mixed-voice adult choir, RainShadow Chorale. In Seattle, Beth Ann Bonnecroy and I co-founded Mirinesse Women’s Choir, now in its 12th season. I also adjudicate for festivals, edit a choral series, have conducted many all-state and regional honor choirs and led workshops on inspirational teaching and techniques for maximizing performance. I have refreshed my Minnesota accent annually with visits to our cabin. As far as life goes, I feel I have been incredibly fortunate. The richness of family, my music and good health make me happy to get up every morning and enjoy the day.



Nancy Brome Rude

I chose to attend St. Olaf for the nursing program and Lutheran heritage. The nursing program and its students became very special to me, especially after spending over a year together in the Twin Cities. We've remained in touch over the years. Hal Rude '67 and I were married December 28, 1968. I started my first job at Bethesda Hospital, located in St. Paul. Later, I took a public health nursing



position in Minnetonka until the birth of our first son, Chris. In 1973, I enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Minnesota, eventually earning a master's of science. Our second son, Mark, was born in 1976. My first job after completing the program was a position in sleep research at Hennepin County Medical Center. At completion of that project, I started work at the International Diabetes Center in St. Louis Park, working on a National Institute of Health-funded study on diabetic complication prevention. The study was highly significant and terminated early. In 1986, Hal was transferred by 3M to the United Kingdom to manage a research laboratory. We spent the next four years learning a new culture and making some lifelong friends. We returned to the United States in 1990 and I took a position as a clinical research manager at Medtronic, designing and conducting studies on their devices so as to have them approved by the FDA. Sadly, 1997 was a tragic year for us when our youngest son, Mark, took his own life due to depression and I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Only support from our family, friends and our faith got us through the following years. I retired in 2005 from Boston Scientific. I was again diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. Today, we have 2 beautiful granddaughters and love to travel, volunteer and sing in the church choir. I also take flute lessons, play in a flute choir and study French.



Mark F. Sather

Just out of St Olaf, I was drafted into the US Army and served in Stuttgart, Germany as a Chaplain's Assistant. Overall, good duty during a difficult time.

Lillian Amundgaard (fellow '69 Ole and Ole Choir member) and I were married in June 1971. We moved to the Sather family farm near Hanska, Minnesota in early 1972. Kids followed: Daniel (1977), Erik (1980) and Amy (1986). We built a large

family farming operation producing several crops and a large swine enterprise. I was also active in many local, state and national organizations. We loved the farm life. It was a great place to raise kids, but the financial realities of the late 1980's forced us to figure out another way to make a living.

In 1989, I entered the corporate world and found that skills developed through farming and volunteer organizations translated well into new disciplines. We moved to Lakeville, Minnesota in 1994 and the entire family transitioned from rural life to a large metropolitan area. I worked as a Project Manager and Business Process Manager for several companies and consulting groups.

Things changed dramatically for me in January 2015. Lill was diagnosed with ALS. Her condition advanced very rapidly, and she passed away March 27, 2015. I was very fortunate to be surrounded and supported by our family and friends during this time. My employer graciously allowed me to care for Lill and worked out a retirement severance package.

Widowed and retired at the age of 67, I traveled the country and reconnected with family and friends from Alaska to Florida. One unexpected reconnection was with Jean McCreight in Montana. We worked together at the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont in 1967 and had not been in touch with each other for 48 years. Over the next 18 months we renewed our relationship and were married in December 2016.

Jean and I now live with her two agility dogs just outside of Bozeman, Montana. We make frequent trips to Minnesota to visit kids and grandkids. I proudly wear the new title of Agility Support Spouse (ASS). Life is good.



Carol Hintzman Schefers

After graduation in 1969 from St. Olaf, I took my RN licensure exam and landed my first job with Suburban Public Health as a public health nurse. I worked there for over two years until deciding to be at home with my first child - Erik. During this time, we first lived in St. Paul before moving to Minnetonka. I then had my second child, Lara, in 1976. I returned to the workforce, starting in a



nursing home for a year and then found a public health nurse job in Wright County. I worked there for four years until becoming the public health director. I worked for Wright County for 33 years, eventually retiring in May 2017.

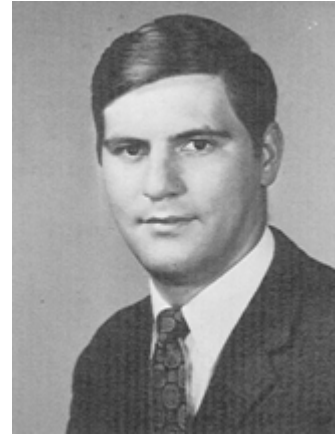
Throughout those years, I also worked on some national committees. This allowed me to meet and work with some outstanding public health directors throughout the country. I was appointed to some state committees for a variety of public health interests. I was fortunate to receive two state awards: one for distinguished service to public health as part of an emergency group I started in Wright County, and later an award given for my extended service in local public health.

I have two grandsons, both growing up very fast. Fortunately, my husband and I have been able to go on a few vacations with them. These past few years, my husband has had many medical issues and is now more dependent on me. Because of this, we mostly visit with family and have the occasional dinner at a nice restaurant.



Stephen Alfred Schendel

After St. Olaf I graduated from the University of Minnesota Dental School and subsequently the University of Hawaii Medical School. I am board certified in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic Surgery. From 1979 to 1980 I was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Nantes, France. Later, I was a fellow with Dr. Paul Tessier in Paris, where I was recipient of a Chateaubriand



Research Fellowship. I served as a full-time member of the faculty of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Stanford University Medical School from 1989 to 2008 and am now Professor Emeritus of Surgery.

While at Stanford, I was Chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Chair of the Department of Functional Restoration, and Surgeon in Chief of Packard Children's Hospital where I founded the Craniofacial Surgery Center. I was honored to serve as President of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons in 2001. I am now in private practice in Palo Alto, California.

Susan Brown, '69 and I were married and have two wonderful children, Elliott and Melisande. Subsequently we divorced and I am now married to Janice. In 1983, I was named a distinguished alumnus of St Olaf.

During my career I have been active in overseas surgical missions for children with cleft lip/palate and other deformities. While I worked in many countries, my main focus was Central America and Cuba. Based on my trips to Cuba, I produced an award-winning documentary; Yank Tanks, which ran on PBS and the Sundance channel for 2 years.

My research interests are computer simulation and regenerative medicine while my surgical interests are craniofacial and maxillofacial surgery, aesthetic surgery, and sleep surgery. I am a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons and The American Academy of Pediatrics.

At this time I continue to write and paint. We split our time between Atherton, CA. and Bigfork, MT.



David E. Schrader

After graduating from St. Olaf, I spent the next six years as a student, earning a Master of Theological Studies degree from Harvard and my M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Massachusetts.

I taught at Loras College (Dubuque, IA) from 1975 to 1979, Austin College in Sherman, Texas from 1979 to 1989, and Washington and Jefferson College (Washington, PA) from 1989 to 2006. I then completed my career as Executive Director of the American Philosophical Association from 2006 to 2012.



During my time in Washington, PA, I was an Associate and later a Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science. As part of my life in Philosophy I served as Secretary/Treasurer of the North Texas Philosophical Association, President of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, and as Secretary and President of the International Society for Value Inquiry. In 2008 I was elected to the Steering Committee of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie (FISP), on which I will serve through 2023. I presently serve as Chair of the FISP Committee on General Policy. My primary academic research centered in Ethics and the juncture of Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Religion, publishing two books and a number of scholarly articles.

Beyond my professional life I have been heavily involved in the Sons of the American Revolution for 33 years. I currently serve as the President of the Cape Cod Chapter of the SAR, the First Vice-President of the Massachusetts Society, and Vice President General for the New England District. I have written several brief articles on events and people connected with the lead-up to the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

My wife, Sandy, and I live in Sandwich, MA, on Cape Cod. We have two daughters, one of whom lives in Las Vegas with her husband and three daughters while the other lives in London with her husband and two daughters.

With family in Northfield, I have spent much time over the years in pleasant conversation with old St. Olaf faculty over coffee at St. John's Lutheran Church.



Judyanne Lonnes Schwenker

After graduation, I worked as a court psychiatric social worker in Racine, Wisconsin, for five years before moving to Madison to pursue a graduate degree in adult education. There I met my husband, Erich, and we moved to a suburb of Milwaukee.



After 15 years as director of student support services at the Medical College of Wisconsin, I spent the rest of my professional life as the national director of study skills with Kaplan Medical Programs. This position involved national and international travel as a lecturer and curriculum development work. Four years ago, I retired and have developed new interests in opera, cooking and birding. Living on the shore of Lake Michigan makes our area a prime spot for many types of migrating birds.

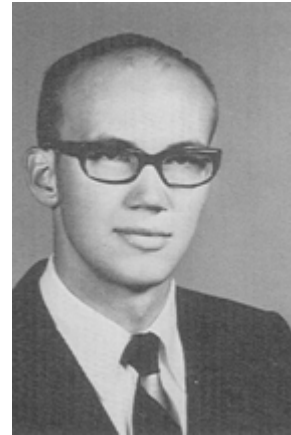
My husband and I have four children and grandchildren. Our oldest, Peter, has a Ph.D. in Cell Biology, but left research to become the headmaster of a private school and now does website design and leather working. Our second child, Sarah, is staff attorney for a disability rights organization. Beth, our third child, is a nurse practitioner who lectures and runs skills assessments for newly-hired nurses as an assistant professor of nursing. Our youngest, Ethan, is an attorney specializing in real estate in Madison. I'm proud that all of our children chose careers of service to others.

Erich is president and CEO of a special needs housing development company. His company works in 16 states and creates customized housing with supportive services for Native Americans, deaf, visually impaired, disabled veterans and many other special needs groups. This past summer, Erich and I took 15 family members to locations around Italy to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. It was challenging to plan for our clan, with ages ranging from 2 to 71. I have been fortunate to have traveled to Scandinavia, Russia, India, North Africa, Hawaii and many European destinations. When at home, I love baking and cooking for friends, neighbors and folks in need.



Andris Sedlins

After graduating from St. Olaf, I continued my studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. I then took a hiatus from my studies to work in a high school program for troubled teens and built a wilderness camp and resort in Canada. After returning to complete my studies, I graduated with a master's of divinity in 1977. That year, I was ordained in the LCA, got married and began my first call in Ralston, Nebraska. My second call was in Omaha where I served for 12 years. During that time I was blessed with a daughter Mara and son David, both born on July 5, however two years apart. My third and final call was in Plymouth, Minnesota, where I served for 20 years until retirement in 2013.



As the Soviet Union began to collapse, I started travelling to Latvia to help rebuild the reemerging Lutheran Church there. With the help of my congregations, I spearheaded many mission projects such as church rebuilding, Sunday school development, disabled children's programs, theological education and hospital chaplaincy.

Mara is a St. Olaf graduate with a math and psychology major, and a proud member of the orchestra. She received her doctorate at the University of Washington. Last year, she left her post-doctorate position at Duke to become associate professor at the University of Colorado at Fort Collins. David is a cellist and a University of Wisconsin and Eastman School of Music graduate. He has played in various orchestras throughout United States and toured abroad. He is currently also the cello pro at the Claire Givens Studio in Minneapolis.

Since retirement, I continue to be active with projects in Latvia but also enjoy playing the piano, motorcycling across the country, biking, skiing, rollerblading, fishing, reading, and gardening.



Claire E. Selkurt

My St. Olaf years were among the most formative of my life. I developed lasting friendships, bound by our common adventure of self-discovery. I came to St. Olaf to explore my Norwegian roots and I eventually became a scholar of Nordic art history and design. I arrived a Republican and came out a lifelong Democrat.



After graduation, I relocated to Minneapolis with St. Olaf friends as we launched our careers. I eventually completed an M.A. in Design and a Ph.D. in Art History at the University of Minnesota. I began teaching at Mankato State University, where I taught European, American and Scandinavian art history, and concluded my career at the University of St. Thomas, directing graduate studies in the history of modern design. I did curatorial work at the Conkling Gallery at MSU, International Design Center and the American Swedish Institute, where *Swedish Life in the Twin Cities*, was opened by King Carl Gustaf of Sweden. In the for-profit sphere I had directing stints at the Suzanne Kohn Gallery and Groveland Gallery. One of my greatest pleasures has been working with artists in the gallery setting.

My research interests, Scandinavian immigration history and Nordic design provided numerous opportunities for travel in Scandinavia. Many happy months were spent in Copenhagen during my doctoral research. A lifetime travel highlight was a Smithsonian tour, where I served as a guest lecturer, along the west coast of Norway to Svalbard.

My life has been enriched by my forty-four-year relationship with Dianne Legg, my partner and spouse since 2010. I could have never imagined when I began my involvement in GLBT activism in the 1970s, that I would see the legalization of same sex marriage in my lifetime. In retirement I've continued as a foot soldier in various DFL campaigns, became a Master Gardener and am currently serving on the Board of the Loring Greenway Association, a group of devoted volunteer gardeners, who bring beauty to downtown Minneapolis. I've also returned to art making as a botanical artist.



Diane Bochler Shabino

I attended St. Olaf for my first year, then transferred to and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nevertheless, my one year at St. Olaf was doubly significant. First, I met Chuck Shabino '66 over a fetal pig. And secondly, after abandoning second semester German, I took my very first art class and rekindled a childhood passion. Chuck and I married in 1969, just after I graduated from the University of Wisconsin. We lived in Chicago, Kalamazoo, and Ann Arbor, all while completing Chuck's residency. We continued on to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, before returning to Kalamazoo for 20 years and then to Wausau, Wisconsin, for these past 25 years. We are blessed with two sons Peter and Patrick.



After the children were born, I devoted my time to raising the boys and continued to dabble in my preferred art medium: transparent watercolor. I earned signature status in the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Illinois Watercolor Society and Wisconsin Watercolor Society. I continue to enjoy painting at a leisurely pace primarily for personal gratification.

In addition to painting and art related endeavors, I would like to become a better photographer. I enjoy my computer and Photoshop, reading, cooking, gardening, visiting and spending time with children and grandchildren, volunteering, and have enjoyed numerous crafts over the years.



J. Gary Shabino

After graduation, Judy Nielsen and I were married on August 30, 1969 in West Bend, Wisconsin. We have three married children, Jeffrey Shabino, Carrie Adolph, and Kristy Whipple. We are also the proud grandparents of Brittany Shabino, Erin Shabino, Mollie Shabino, Madeline Adolph, Parker Adolph, Grant Whipple, and Carter Whipple.



I was drafted into the U.S. Army on September 12, 1969 and was honorably discharged on August 20, 1971.

Upon completion of my military service, I joined the West Bend Company on September 1, 1971 as a marketing trainee. My business career progressed through being a field sales representative, Eastern regional sales manager, director of sales Western area, general sales manager, and vice president of sales. After 42 years of service with the West Bend Company, I retired in 2013.

Retirement has enabled Judy and I to split our time year round between our home in Barrington, Illinois and our lake house on Big Cedar Lake in Wisconsin.

We are very fortunate that all of our children live near us in the greater Chicago area. We are pleasantly kept busy with a lot of family get togethers and grandchildren's school activities and sporting events.



Jane Bangle Shoemaker

Since graduating, I've lived a wonderful life. I married the man of my dreams, Charlie Shoemaker, in 1970. We met where I first taught school, in Vallejo, California. Since he was a career Naval officer, we traveled quite a bit. I taught in a high school in Connecticut, and then worked in an unemployment office in Hawaii, Italy and Germany. We settled down in Sunnyvale, California, in 1984 with our two



sons. Since retiring from teaching ESL in an elementary school six years ago, Charlie and I have seen even more of the world, including spots like Croatia and New Zealand. However, traveling to Indiana to see our granddaughters is the best. This past November our younger son got married, so we are now a family of 8. We live where it is possible to play golf year-round and take advantage of that.



Donna Hollis Shy

Kirk and I moved to Seattle in 1973 and built our life here. Foremost was the delight of raising our two children. We have enjoyed participating in our church community, professional organizations, and friendship groups. We also appreciate easy access to outdoor activities here in the Pacific Northwest.



Five years ago I retired as a teacher with Seattle Public Schools. In retirement, I remain active with friends and neighbors and with our church. We travel frequently to visit our children and grandchildren, one family in Brooklyn and the other in Denver. We look forward to catching up with fellow St. Olaf students from the class of 1969.



Kirk Shy

Donna Hollis '69 and I were married in Overland Park, Kansas on June 14, 1969, three busy weeks after graduation. We spent a three-day "honeymoon" driving to Detroit where I had a summer job driving a lift truck in an auto parts warehouse. Our apartment was near Trumble Avenue and Tiger Stadium, and baseball games (deep left field stands) were an important



diversion during the next four years. I was in medical school at Wayne State University and Donna was a 3rd-grade teacher in Detroit Public Schools.

In 1973 we moved to Seattle for more training and work. I completed an internship, Ob/Gyn residency, and fellowship all at the University of Washington. Then, I was faculty at the University of Washington until retirement in 2014 and Donna taught 5th grade. We fell in love with Seattle's water and nearby mountains. Although we've lived in 4 different houses in Seattle, we stayed in the same small neighborhood for 45 years and counting. We raised two wonderful children. Our daughter, Eileen and her husband have two kids and live in Brooklyn. She is a business consultant. Our other child, Brad, is an ER doctor. He, his wife, and three kids (now also in Brooklyn) will move to Denver later this winter.

Hiking is our most consistent exercise. For other fun, I have a Japanese garden and a neighborhood vegetable P-patch. There is also sourdough bread baking, skiing twice a week during the season and of course, the Seattle Mariners. After many great years of sailing and racing our Geary-18 dingy, the crew (Donna) mutinied and we sold the boat. But mainly we travel back and forth to Brooklyn to be with our grandkids.



Sharon Gorsuch Siman

Jon and I were married during my senior year at St. Olaf, so we celebrate our 50th anniversary in April. After graduation, we returned to my hometown of Peoria, Illinois. Over the years, we have moved northward, following Jon's dream of returning to his childhood vacations on the North Shore of Lake Superior.



The closest we got was our home of twenty-eight years on one of the many lakes in Minnesota, just south of Eveleth. It was a wonderful place for our four children to grow up, playing hockey and swimming. Somehow, they all now live in Colorado. Five years ago, we followed them to be closer to our new grandchildren. After moving to Colorado, I retired from many, many years as a mental health counselor ranging from a locked psychiatric unit for severe and persistent mental illness to a residential treatment program for mental illness and chemical dependency. We have four children and six of seven grandchildren living within two hours of our home in Fort Collins. We enjoy being part of their lives in the land of mountains and sunshine.



Sandra Christensen Simmons

After graduating from St. Olaf, I went an additional year to Macalester for my elementary education teaching degree. I taught second grade at O.H. Anderson Elementary in Mahtomedi for two years and then transferred to Groveland Elementary in Minnetonka, MN.



In 1973 I married Cal Simmons and we lived for a short time in Scottsdale, Arizona. After moving back to MN, we had three sons, Tyler, Eric, and Kyle who we raised in Edina and who now all live in Minnesota. I was active in Children's Cancer Research Fund at the University of Minnesota for many years, chairing benefits and as president of the board.

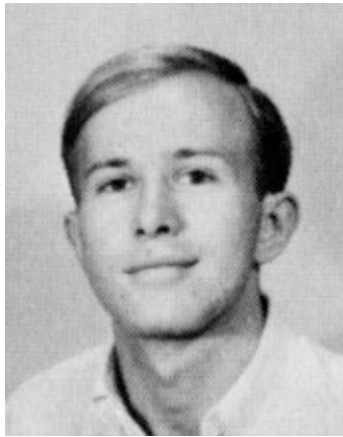
We now have 6 grandchildren ages 11-2 and I love having a role and influence in their lives. We have been fortunate to travel and some of our favorite destinations are New Zealand, Chile and Patagonia, Greek Islands, Europe, and Hawaii. Recently we have done two VBT bike tours in the Dolomite Valley of Italy and the Loire Valley of France.

We winter in Scottsdale, AZ where we love to play golf and hike. One of the most precious blessings from my St. Olaf experience is my life long friendship with Kathy Hallberg Huemoeller, Kathy Olson Thompson, Margaret Stokes Johnson, Nancy Peterson Boe, and Nancy Erickson Moore. We have not missed a year getting together since graduation.



Bert Sletten

After graduating, I interviewed for jobs with the hope of working for a few years and then continuing my education at graduate school for a doctorate in political science. I wanted to teach college-level political science but was instead surprised to find I enjoyed working at my first job. While I was originally in insurance, I later discovered a



love for the Information Technology field. I worked with punch cards on 1400/7070 IBM machines, programming Fortran. After progressing, I chose to stay as a “suit,” and managed people, systems and projects for 30 years. My last position was working for the city of Minneapolis, where I retired at 68.

I am one of those people lucky to always love my job, as I stayed in IT for 47 years.

When I was 36, I met Linda Foley, a coworker and graduate from St. Kate’s. She was my soul mate. We dated, married and later adopted our only child, Elizabeth, now 28.

We lived in Minneapolis 30 years, south of Lake Harriett. When Elizabeth was in high school, we moved to Apple Valley, where we have lived 13 years.

In my married life, I have enjoyed a wide social life. Linda and I have dinner, book and card clubs. Now retired, we travel more, attend concerts and author events, and take extension classes. I cycle, play dominoes, spend time in the outdoors and follow politics.

At my age, I still keep goals. I want more of everything, to see every great movie ever made, to read every great book ever written, to keep and expand groups of friends, have great conversations and to learn more about our world and maybe make it a bit better.



Carole Smith

Following graduation from St. Olaf, I married my college love Mike Smith '68 on June 2, 1969. He was an ensign in the United States Navy, stationed in Charleston, SC, where our son, Christopher '93 was born. The next twenty years took us to Monterey, CA, Fort Meade, MD, San Vito, Italy, San Antonio, TX, and Burke, VA, where we remain to this day.



In 1990, I dusted off my flute and piccolo after receiving an invitation to play with the St. Olaf Reunion Band. The experience was so enjoyable that I've continued playing with community groups and with a flute choir.

Twenty of the past 50 years were spent working in branch banking. Retirement in 2004 allowed me more time with family. We are indeed fortunate to have Chris, his wife Judy, and grandchildren Ben and Sara living in nearby Arlington, Virginia. Retirement also freed me up for various volunteer opportunities, many at our church, where I'll be stepping down as treasurer after 14 years.

In June of 2000, I was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. The next year was spent undergoing various surgeries, chemo and radiation. As strange as this may sound, cancer has been a blessing. Because my birth mother carried the BRCA2 mutation, she initiated a search for me and I was able to speak to her on the evening before her death. I've since met my four sisters and two surviving brothers. For the past almost ten years, we've formed relationships and have participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Grand Forks, ND.



Susanne E. Smith

St. Olaf was a long ways from Houston, Texas, where I went to high school. I think I arrived in Minnesota without a winter coat or a pair of socks. Cousin John Maakestad watched over me till I got oriented, and I was fortunate to have him as my advisor. I graduated from Luther Seminary in 1973, and took my first call in a Presbyterian congregation in Pine City, Minnesota. After a CPE residency at

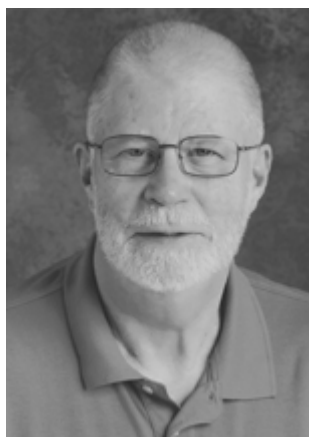


Hazelden in Center City, I worked nearly 20 years in chaplaincy and counseling in alcoholism treatment, then went back to the parish, Bethany ELCA in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. My children grew up in Denver. Luke is a Midland Lutheran graduate, presently in Appleton, Wisconsin. His romantic vocation is 'cloud consultant'. Johanna is a Luther grad, social worker and Air Force spouse in Anchorage, Alaska. I am nine good years into a call to Messiah ELCA in Burlington, Iowa, a generous and progressive congregation with yoga for children, an organist who sneaks Eric Clapton into postludes, a hundred LWR quilts every year, a backyard labyrinth, and an arboretum on the campus. I am married to a retired pastor, Wayne Weissenbuehler, sing in the community choir, and visit my children and grandchildren. I'm a walker, and last fall got a dual certificate for walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and the Kumano Kodo in Japan. Wayne is in nursing care, so I expect to be in Burlington for a while.



Wallace Myron Snesrud

My journey through the years started with advanced work in nuclear physics, but was interrupted to become a teacher. I taught on Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota, then moved to a career as a science and math teacher at the Minnesota Braille and Sight Saving School. During that time, I took the time to obtain a Master's in Biophysics, doing research into the impact of blindness in the healing of the blind.



I moved into the computer industry when Peg Yates '69 established the business program at Clark College. I moved from programming to management at a publishing company, a large food manufacturer, and a national bank, before becoming an independent consult. We then decided to open a computer business consisting of a store, and a computer support business. Although a success, after 10 years of long weeks we decided it was time to move to a less stressful life. We sold the business and I returned to teaching, which was always my first love.

After three years, Peg's health required moving to Las Vegas to escape the cold weather. I continued teaching in the Clark County system. I found my niche in teaching "difficult" and "failing" students. After five years we moved to Arizona. I again continued teaching difficult students in a rural school district. Over the ten years prior to retirement, I taught every science and math course taught in the high school, and became the Director of the Center for Success, an alternative high school for failing and recovering students.

After Peg passed away, I met and married a wonderful Russian woman who grew up in the Soviet Union. Being part of her Russian family (her entire previous family is here in Phoenix) has been a very interesting and exciting experience. The best part of the experience is finding that although we grew up on opposite sides of the world, during the Cold War, our lives were not very different.

We are now both enjoying our retirement, doing many of the things that we wanted to do over the years of our lives.



Dave Sorem

After graduation, I was drafted and spent under two years with the Army. I returned and spent some time with Control Data, then moved to Rosemount Engineering in materials management. I then continued work in New Richmond, Wisconsin with Doboy Packaging. I continued working in materials management when I moved to the East Coast, ending up at Saco Defense in Old Orchard Beach,



Maine. I love the region and beach, and moved into program management for the MK19. I eventually returned to Minnesota and worked for Hoffman, making custom electrical enclosures. I purchased a cabin on Gull Lake in Brainerd, Minnesota. Leaving Hoffman, I worked for Reuter Manufacturing in sales, making spindles for disk drives and medical devices. After leaving Reuter, I returned to New Richmond and re-joined Doboy/Bosch in sales, then sales engineering, operations, lean manufacturing, and continuous improvement.

I finally retired after 20 years in April of 2018. I enjoy the water, skiing-cross country and downhill, motorcycles, cars, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities.



John Russell Sorensen

After graduating from St. Olaf, I returned to my home in San Diego. The first consideration was addressing the draft. I decided to enlist with the reserves but found that I was too old for the regular reserves, but they did have an opening in the Army Special Forces Reserves, better known as the Green Berets. For the next twelve months I was on active duty training, parachuting out of airplanes from North Carolina to Okinawa. I undertook scuba training with the Seals in Key West, conducted a night time operations into Muskogee, OK to liberate several cases of Coors beer, and skied the slopes of Mammoth Mountain to make sure it was secure, along with several other maneuvers which shall remain classified. Needless to say, it was quite a change from the secure confines of The Hill.



Upon leaving active duty, I married my wife, Cindy, who I had first met in fourth grade but did not date until I was attending St. Olaf. We had two sons. Our older son, Erik was afflicted with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy and died at the age of twenty. Needless to say, during those years, our life largely centered around providing Erik as normal a life as possible. Our younger son, Todd, graduated from St. Olaf in 2000. He married an Ole and, after practicing law in Seattle for several years, accepted a position in the Cities. We recently sold our home in San Diego and moved to Excelsior to be near our son and two grandsons.

On the work front, I owned and operated a real estate brokerage in San Diego from 1972 to 1983. I became President of the local Association of Realtors and was very active in the community. During that time, I also obtained an MBA and a JD. In 1983, when the interest rates were 18%, my best salesman wanted to buy the brokerage and a law firm wanted to hire me, so I jumped ship and became an attorney. Since that time, I practiced law mainly in my own firm and I retired in 2018.



Paul Sorensen

I have dedicated much of the fifty years since my St. Olaf days to music. Immediately following graduation, I was an arranger for bands, a music copyist (pen and ink in those primitive days), a freelance trumpet player, a choir director, and a private lesson teacher. I made a symphonic arrangement of a piece for a salsa band I was playing with and the Milwaukee Symphony. It was performed in 1979.



I was married 26 years and had two daughters (and also a granddaughter). At that time, I lived in Chicago. I returned to school for teaching certification and taught in Chicago Public Schools, mostly high school, for 23 years. This included teaching ESL, Spanish, music, choir, and piano. The work could be frustrating, demoralizing and enervating, but I did my part and probably did some good. It was an accomplishment to get tough 17-year-olds to play the recorder. Having six students die, four of them murdered, was sobering.

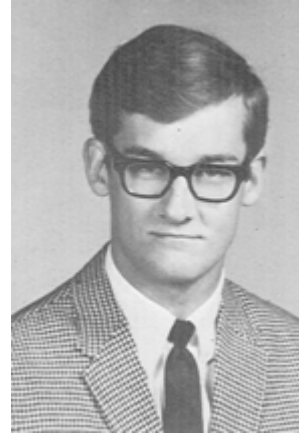
After retirement, I moved in with Beth Anderson '69 in Minneapolis. We are in a big jazz band together, play piano duets and frequent dance halls where we practice our creative versions of ballroom dances. I have gotten back to some composing, been giving piano and trumpet lessons and substitute teaching in Minneapolis schools once in a while. I'm still learning how to play jazz, and think I'm getting better.



Bruce Sorenson

Where is my blue book? This feels like a test and I know I'm not ready. 50 years go by so fast.

I could not have survived my St. Olaf years without the help of many people. Foremost on the list would be Keith Kostial and Jim Wilson, roommates and friends to this day. Others were there for me at various times in various ways and I will always be glad to have known them.



As for St. Olaf the institution of higher learning, I learned critical thinking and problem-solving skills which have helped me in life. I was challenged, inspired and enlightened with flashes of lucidity and contentment. It partly prepared me for the chaos and confusion our generation encountered in the 50 years since.

After graduation, I embarked on a blissful and carefree summer, interrupted too soon by my draft notice. The US Army was a profound reality check full of anxiety and frustration, but also excitement, comradery and humor. After training, I was assigned to the Burtonwood Army Depot in the United Kingdom. It was there I met my future wife, Louise Jones of North Wales. I immersed myself in British culture for the duration of my service.

What followed was marriage to Louise, a 31-year career in law enforcement for me and a teaching career for Louise, and three children.

These days, we spend time in Austin, Minnesota, where we have a cabin on the beautiful Bay Lake.



Owen L. Sorenson

As we are asked to look back on the last 50 years, it seems unlikely that 350 words will do, so having squandered 20 or so, here ya go.

After St. Olaf, I married my high school sweetheart, Susan, and started law school. Graduated in 1973 and have practiced in St. Paul my entire career, mostly civil litigation. Still at it but winding down. We settled in to St. Paul and have lived there since 1969. Our son, David, was born in 1979 (shunned the Hill). He, his wife and our grandson live nearby in St. Paul so we have lots of opportunity to do the grandparent thing.



It's been a fun and rewarding journey. I've enjoyed the practice of law, its challenges and the people I've met. We've pursued a number of extracurricular activities including skiing, scuba, sailing and fitness. Got into handball and ran a few marathons. Now-days it's a lot of golf and Susan is into biking. We are fortunate to be able to spend our winters in Arizona.

Susan has done a lot of volunteer work, something I hope to do more of going forward. I'm hoping (you have to pass a test) to read for the blind. My mother, 97 has lost her sight. I learned that the Society for the Blind needs readers (newspapers, etc.) for their private radio station. Since I can still pronounce a few long words, I'm hoping to help.

A few memories/observations: I recall the spring of senior year a few of us were discussing postgraduate economics and concluded that a salary of \$10,000 and a home worth \$30,000 was something we could achieve.

And who thought, in 1969, we would ever be getting Social Security and Medicare.

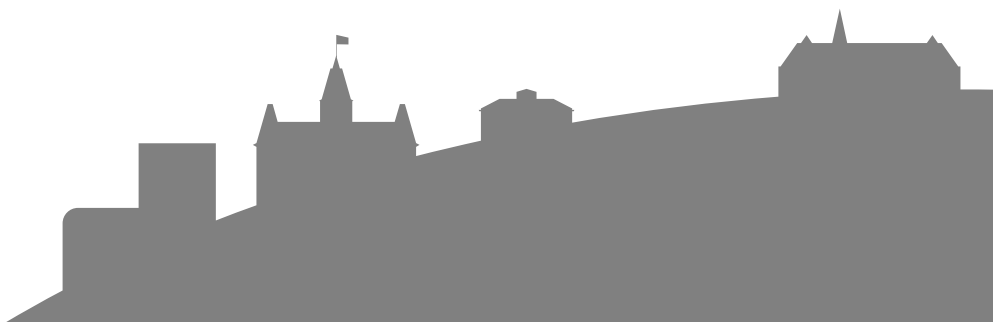
Bob Meslow, Assistant Dean of Men, now works part time in the pro shop where I golf. Finally found out what he did with all that beer he confiscated.

In 2009, I took my father to his 70th Ole reunion. The turnout was good, he was 94 and the oldest participant. I'm looking forward to the next 20 years...with cautious optimism.



Susan Brown Southworth

It has been my good fortune to have lived and worked in a number of interesting cities in the United States and Europe, where I've enjoyed music, the arts, and meeting fascinating people. Crowning that good fortune: my son and daughter, of whom I am justifiably proud. Northern California has been my home since 1984, but Minnesota draws me back every year.



Elisabeth Sovik

I had assumed I would become a teacher, but after a year in graduate school I figured out I was not suited for teaching. I love literature but can't think of much to say about it, and the thought of confronting a roomful of students was daunting. So, where could a booklover find gainful employment? Publishing! Dressed up in my miniskirt, clutching my (brief) résumé and a list culled from the Yellow Pages, I called on various Minneapolis publishers. Eventually I landed a job as an editorial assistant at the University of Minnesota Press. Later, I edited college textbooks at Burgess Publishing (where I met the man I would marry), and then, for 36 years, worked at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts editing scholarly books, gallery labels, and miscellaneous ephemera. I enjoyed it (mostly) while I did it. But now I'm glad to be done with it.



I married the most wonderful man, James Wicklatz. We were together until his death from cancer a few days after our 34th wedding anniversary, in 2018. Jim spent most of his career editing books for the American Phytopathological Society—pretty good for a guy who'd never taken biology. Early in our marriage we traveled some (autumn vacations in England and New England) but later stuck closer to home, with trips along Minnesota's North Shore and forays into Iowa and Wisconsin. Jim and I both had long-lived parents. During their last years, in their own homes and then in nursing homes, we visited regularly. They liked getting out, going for drives, and just being with us. My mother, in her nineties (she lived to 100), delighted in afternoon coffee at the Ole Store.

I'm still living in Minneapolis, in the 1920s house Jim and I bought in the 1980s. I love the backyard with its big silver maple and perennials both cultivated and wild—violets and bloodroots from Jim's mother, plants I've purchased, flowers supplied by friends, and goldenrod, tall asters, and other weedy beauties that appear and flourish on their own. I miss Jim. I'm grateful for dear relatives, good neighbors, and old friends.



Rolf Edward Sovik

Greetings and best wishes to the class of '69. I'm writing from a cabin at the forested edge of eastern Pennsylvania where my wife Mary Gail and I live. The campus here (home to 100 or so folks) is the US center of the Himalayan Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to the study and practice of yoga, meditation, and Eastern philosophy. The Institute has been the focus of my life and career.



At St. Olaf I was a philosophy major with a love of music (special greetings to orchestra friends). After finishing at St. Olaf, I studied cello at the University of Minnesota with two wonderful teachers and began a playing/teaching career. After a period of freelancing, I unexpectedly met the founder of the Himalayan Institute. He offered to teach me to meditate, and over the next twenty years until his death, I was fortunate to have him as a mentor and guide.

The discovery of the Himalayan Institute was an excursion into the unknown. I met and married a fellow meditation student, explored the philosophy of meditation, and revisited academia (MS in Eastern Studies and PsyD in clinical psych). All this led to a life filled with kind friends and colleagues.

Beginning in 1992 we lived for twenty years in snowy, but delightful Buffalo. During that time, I wrote (two books) and taught in the US and abroad. North India became familiar territory after a dozen or so trips there. I have been especially fortunate to travel into the mountains and to live at Institute centers in Allahabad and Khajuraho (photo).

For the past six years Pennsylvania has been home. I was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, not the career move I had planned, but an experience from which there is much to learn, both medically and spiritually. It's unlikely that I'll get back for the class reunion but do hope you enjoy sharing cherished memories and new times together.

Wishing you well,

Rolf



Diane Steen-Hinderlie

As life's landmarks, I would list two great-in-their-own-way marriages to Pr. John Hinderlie (dec.) 16 years and John Olson 30 yrs. this summer; two wonderful sons Pr. Peder, Erik, & wives; two lovely granddaughters Beatrice & Freja; Dad Julian (St. O. '31) reaching 100.



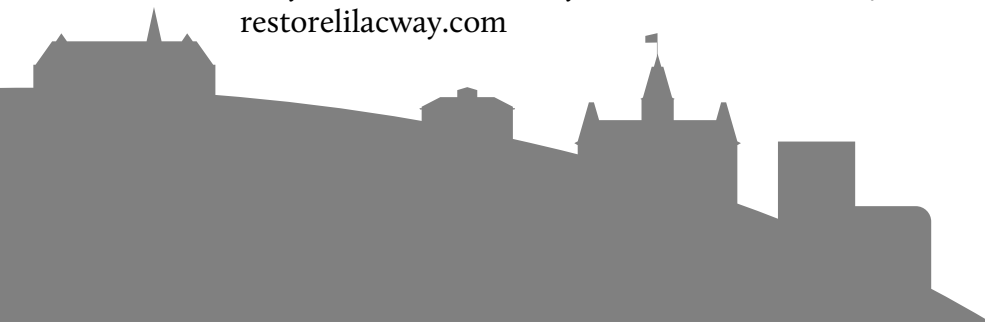
Being an early, female baby boomer from a pioneer family helped firsts arise on my path. 1 ½ yrs. after graduation, as a social worker for Hennepin County, I began the 1st training program for family childcare providers. After four yrs. on a new LWF program near Stuttgart, Pr. John & I co-led the 1st U.S. youth trip to then E. Germany with our Rochester, MN church in '79 – I music-directing performances en route.

An '83 move to the Twin Cities enabled co-leading the adoption of Singing as a study area for the Suzuki Assoc. of Amer. by '90, being 1st music teacher for Prince's godson '89-92, & getting my music B.A. equivalency by '91.

In '93 I initiated teen school day start time reform here in MN. In '94-5 two colleagues & I founded a nonprofit & sparked the group that eventually brought Ranked Choice Voting to Mpls., St. Paul, & St. Louis Park. '04 brought co-establishing the anti-torture committee for WAMM.

From '98 until my retirement in '09, it was my opportunity to give the 1st workshops on prenatal-plus churchschool/music for the Youth & Family Institute at Augsburg Coll., & start that program for Trinity Congregation there. (Last summer the MN Orchestra needed a boy soprano for a Bernstein choral work & chose a 13 yr.-old who'd been my prenatal-through-preschool student!) With family help I got the Steen Early Childhood Music/Educ. Fund going at Augsburg. In 2001 I was appointed the first Early Childhood Music Chair for the MN Music Teachers Assoc., the first state in the Music Teachers National Assoc. to create such a position.

It was humbling to be given a Native Amer. name by the Mendota Dakota cultural chair for being 1 of 4 women leading the lobbying to save Coldwater Spring from becoming a parking lot in the later '90s to being part of a National Park (MNRRA) by the early 2010s. This summer marks 10 yrs. trying to save a landscape art site along Hwy 100. A documentary I narrate - click Parks/Rock Island on website: restorelilacway.com



Richard Steen

St. Olaf seemed awfully far away from home (Staten Island, NY) when in August, 1965 I arrived in Northfield via train from the now demolished NY Penn Station. Ytterboe Hall inspired lifelong friendships, while faculty provided needed mentoring, especially Professors Jennings (music) and Professor Fjelstad (mathematics). Our graduating class descended into a world of social and military strife, yet punctuated by mankind's first steps on the moon and Woodstock!



Following graduation, I enrolled in a Doctor of Musical Arts program in voice and conducting at Yale School of Music. Amid turbulence in New Haven, I formalized my stance as a war resister, participated in demonstrations, produced anti-war concerts and traversed the country on my motorcycle. Settling down over the next six years, I directed choral and vocal music at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, managed extended choir tours and festivals and obtained tenure. Next, I moved to New York City, teaching in area colleges while operating a professional voice studio.

Professionally, I appeared as soloist in oratorios (Penderecki's Magnificat, St. Olaf and Detroit Symphony, The Messiah, Brahms Requiem), operas, vocal recitals, (NY debut at Carnegie Weill Hall) and participated in domestic and international festivals as singer or conductor (Yale at Norfolk, Aspen, Britten-Pears School for Advanced Musical Studies).

During the 1980s I earned a Master of Science in Computer Science at New York University and, pivoting from faculty to academic administration, took a job supporting Academic Computing Services at Queens College, CUNY. While in New York I met and married Robin Cameron Steen, then relocated to Boston where I spent most of the 1990s directing academic computing at Harvard University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

From 1997 to 2015, I shifted into a third career as Management Consultant developing Healthcare IT Interoperability solutions, initially as Associate Partner with Ernst & Young and then with IBM. In 2001 we returned to New York City and purchased a Condo near Lincoln Center.

Retired after 11 years at IBM we have recently renovated our condo, traveled to Norway and UK music festivals and restored a 1925 record/play Bluthner grand piano.



James Thomas Stensvaag

I married Paula Lindstrom in 1973. We have three daughters. I retired as chief historian for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia, in 2006. I went to work for three years as the CEO for the Lutheran Council of Tidewater, until merger with Lutheran Family Services of Virginia. In 2010 we went to Bratislava, Slovakia, as missionaries for two years to teach in the Evangelical Lyceum. We moved to Estes Park, Colorado (Paula's home state) in 2012 to volunteer for the Rocky Mountain National Park. We have three grandchildren.



Karen Schmeling Storey

After graduation, I lived in southwest Minneapolis with my husband, Mike Christian '67, and worked for an insurance company next to the Guthrie Theater. I left that job when our three wonderful children came along. After eleven years filled with volunteering and playing with the kids, I enrolled in a training program for computer programming. After six months, I was ready for the job market again



and felt validated when the hiring manager for my programming job said he valued a liberal arts education in his new technical employee since the ability to think analytically was critical. After several years working in software development, I began spending my evenings attending classes again. I received a master's in software design and development from the University of St. Thomas. This led to positions in project management, business analysis and heading departments. Mike and I eventually divorced.

I married again to Gordon Storey, a Canadian from British Columbia. My job in Minneapolis ended and I found another one in Seattle. Our ten years on the West Coast were filled with trips to mountains, rain forests and best of all, cruising on our 35-foot sailboat. We explored the Puget Sound, the San Juan and Gulf Islands and the coasts of mainland British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

We are now living in Florida, near my mother and the Gulf of Mexico. I retired in 2017 and am keeping busy with visitors from the north, beach trips and volunteering for the local Family Promise affiliate, a program focusing on providing transitional housing for families in crisis. Our six children and nine grandchildren are spread over Maryland, North Carolina, New York City, Montreal and British Columbia – all great places to visit while having fun with the family. We have been able to travel to Palestine and Israel, Europe and South and Central America. We are looking forward to many more journeys. My memories of St. Olaf College still make me smile.



Cathy Kassube Struck

It seems like yesterday I made the trip from my home in Bloomington through the farmlands to St. Olaf College. I met my husband, Ray Struck, during our junior year at counselor camp playing bridge and we were married in 1970. I started teaching literature at Anoka for one year and then moved to Robbinsdale to teach for another nine years.

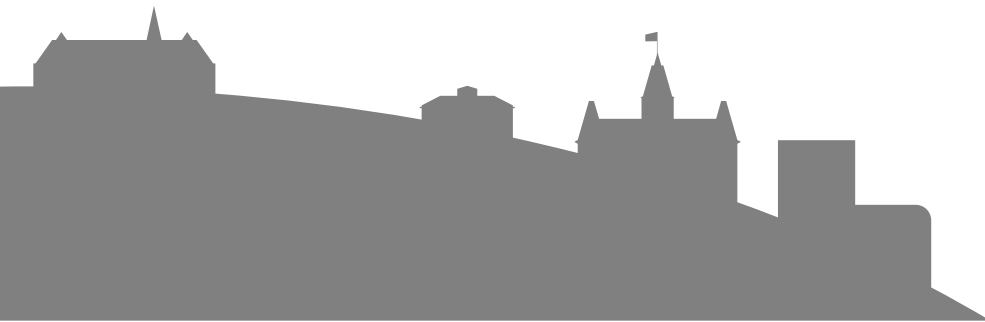


When Ray completed his orthopedic surgery residency, we moved to Willmar, Minnesota, where I continued teaching at the senior high school and community college. We added our daughter, Kara, to the family in 1974 and our son, David, in 1979. In 1993, we crossed a big hurdle when I survived a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. I'm now twenty-six years disease-free and grateful for my health.

After 23 years in Willmar, we moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and experienced the Deep South for eleven years. Following retirement in 2012, we moved to San Jose, California, to be near our children and grandchildren. Their many activities keep us young.

Forty-nine years later, we still play duplicate bridge and golf twice a week, although our handicaps have gone up. We are enjoying our retirement at The Villages Golf and Country Club.

St Olaf still enters our life at different times. Recently, our grandchildren enjoyed hearing the Ole Choir at Stanford Memorial Church in January of 2018. Recently, we met a fellow travelling Ole on a tender boat in Ha Long Bay in Vietnam. We drove her husband crazy singing "Um! Yah! Yah!"



Raymond L. Struck

Entering the field of medicine was my chosen profession following graduation at St. Olaf College. I received my M.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1973 and completed a five-year residency in orthopedic surgery at Minnesota in 1978. I practiced orthopedic surgery for twenty years, and addiction medicine and psychiatry for twelve years. My dual medical career came about



due to my personal experience with alcohol dependence. During my career, I had the good fortune to be certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and the American Board of Addiction Medicine, enjoying membership in Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry.

The most important part of my journey has been my forty-nine year marriage to my wife, Cathy Kassube '69. We have two healthy children in their early forties and three grandchildren. They all live within twenty-five miles of our retirement home in San Jose, California, so we are part of many family activities. We are very grateful for our health. Cathy and I met across a bridge table at counselor camp in 1967 and one of our current hobbies is competitive duplicate bridge. Golf and reading now occupy the rest of our time.

Reflecting back on life at St. Olaf, I personally have a deep and abiding affection for Dr. Wes Pearson, our organic chemistry professor, for his openness and kind demeanor. I can still recall the sound of the "Batman" theme, seemingly always playing, while waiting in line for dinner at the cafeteria. Skipping chapel for Ole Store doughnuts was always a favorite for those of us with second hour classes at Holland Hall.



Carolyn Sowles Struve

Before my arrival at St. Olaf as a freshman, I recall a welcoming picnic at Minnehaha Park for all the new students. What I remember most was meeting another student who became my then and still forever best friend, Ginny.



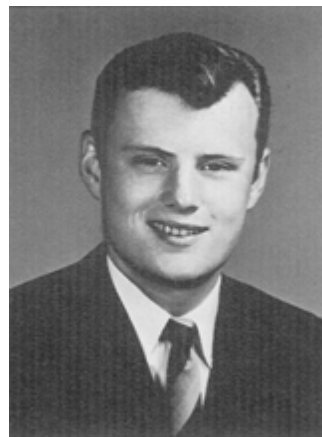
I still live in South Minneapolis, a block away from Minnehaha Falls, am married, and now retired from nursing. We have three grown and wonderful daughters, spouses and five grandchildren ranging from three to fifteen years old. We've traveled a bit, but have a cabin on the North Shore which we love. Family, faith, friends, and being a mother have been a large part of my life. If that sounds mundane, it certainly wasn't. It was the adventure in living that I wanted. As I reflect, my remembrances are overwhelming.

Truth to tell, studying at St. Olaf was hard, such as studying in the bathroom with a little lamp after lights out. If only I could have become a nurse and an English major at the same time.



Walter Sundberg

Except for three years in the early 80s serving a congregation as pastor, I spent my working life as a seminary teacher. Being a professor of church history at Luther Seminary in St. Paul was a dream job. I especially loved the classroom, getting to know students of two generations: from the tail end of the baby boomers to the coming of the millennials. Their choice of vocation is not an easy one and I admire those who take up the challenge, piling on student debt and resolving to serve the church where they are sent. It was a privilege to play a part, however small, in their lives.



I am blessed with two daughters, both St. Olaf graduates: Anna '05 and Eve '07. They are now pursuing their lives in New York City.

I am now five years into retirement and am thankful for the life I have had.



Paul N. Svingen

Following graduation from St. Olaf, I enrolled at the Luther Seminary in St. Paul, receiving my master's of Divinity there and later a doctorate in ministry from in 1990. I was ordained at Lake Nokomis Lutheran in South Minneapolis in 1975, having accepted my first pastoral call there. Upon leaving, I served the first of what has evolved into 36



intentional interim pastorates over 44 years. Having received the professional leadership training required to do the work effectively, I was associated with the Interim Ministry Network for 18 years, serving in its major non-profit leadership roles. I became closely associated with the ministry and mission of the Alban Institute. In 1994, I co-founded the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors and remain as one of the current faculty.

I have served mostly corporate and program-size congregations over the years. My ministry has taken me to twelve states and I have served under 18 different bishops. I led the Intentional Interim Ministry Training Program for 32 years. I am currently serving St. John Lutheran in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

My wife, Susan, and I have our permanent residence on the shores of Island Lake in Backus, Minnesota. Susan is employed by Northern Pines Mental Health as a therapist for students with autism. My married step-son Randy teaches in Kiel, Wisconsin. My step-daughter Kristy lives with her husband in Bloomington, Minnesota.

As my continuing connection to St. Olaf, I have always managed to attend every St. Olaf Christmas Festival since graduation in 1969 and it is the annual beginning of the holiday season for my wife and myself.



Carol Johnson Talley

I really had almost no choice where I would attend college, as my dad (a 1947 St. Olaf grad after returning from WWII) had my siblings and I singing “Um! Yah! Yah!” at a very young age. Four of my five siblings graduated from St. Olaf plus a grandma, aunts, uncles and cousins galore. I came to St. Olaf wanting to be a math teacher, but after taking Calculus from Lightning Art first year, I changed quickly to French. The best advice I received from my new advisor, Eileen Fehner, was to minor in another romance language so I chose Spanish and never looked back.



I took an education interim in Minnetonka my Sophomore year and that connection led me on my future career path. I spent a semester Junior year in Aix-en-Provence, student-taught the next year in Minnetonka and spent the following 39 years living in Tonka Bay, MN teaching French and Spanish (all levels from first grade to seniors) in the Minnetonka School District.

I met my husband, Bob, our Freshman year playing touch football next to Melby Hall and we got married right after he got home from his stint in Viet Nam. Next summer we will celebrate 48 years of marriage. We have 3 children, Chris (wife Denise and 3 kids), Steph (husband Bryant and 3 kids) and Jacque (husband Bryon and 3 kids) all living in Minnesota.

Bob and I retired to Arizona in 2015, but we still spend our summers in Minnesota, enjoying time with family and friends. In Arizona, we are involved in community politics, softball and golf. Bob coaches a men’s softball team and I manage our ladies’ team. We really enjoy the desert and all Arizona has to offer, but I do miss a “white” Christmas. My two oldest siblings, Judy and Doug, live in Northfield so we drive through campus often, even catching a football game now and then. Bob and I also see or are in touch with many fellow Oles – both in Arizona and Minnesota.



John Robert Talley

I moved from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to the St. Olaf campus in August of 1965. I met the love of my life the next day before classes even began. I quickly also met what have become lifelong friends in my Freshman corridor and later throughout campus. I was a proud member of the Sigma Delta Society where I met my closest comrades, many of which I stay in active relationship with today. We



we were required to become familiar with other local communities and establishments in those communities. I received my induction papers to join Uncle Sam a few months before graduating in 1969 and I entered the US Army in October 1969.

I served 15 months in Vietnam, mostly in Da Nang, before being honorably discharged in May 1971. My Ole love, Miss Carol Johnson, waited for my return (we were engaged in Hawaii in December 1970) and we were married in June 1971. Carol became a teacher and I became a businessman as we expanded our career choices. I worked for Carlson Companies in Minneapolis for 15 years, primarily as executive vice president of a design subsidiary that planned, developed and constructed new Radisson Hotels, TGI Friday's Restaurants, Country Inns & Suites and Country Inn Restaurants.

At the age of forty, I started my own architectural/design/development company in Minneapolis – the ICI Design Group which I solely owned and operated for over 25 years. It became one of the most prominent firms in the US specializing in casino and hospitality design for American Indian Tribes and resort owners in the Caribbean and Mexico.

For over 40 years we raised our family on beautiful Lake Minnetonka in the western metro. We have been blessed with wonderful children (3) and grandkids (9). We retired to Arizona in 2015 which is where we play in the winter – we still summer in Minnesota. Carol and I both have very active lives – we are involved in our community politics and we are both spending lots of time on softball fields and golf courses.



Else Benesh Thompson

50 years! It's amazing how fast those years have gone. And how busy they have been. Mike (you knew him as John), and I were married the summer after graduation. Two days after our wedding, we moved to Wisconsin and I started a real job - teaching 12th grade English. Other careers followed - training specialist for Planned



Parenthood of Wisconsin, strategic human resources director for Aid Association for Lutherans (now Thrivent), and for the last 16 years Executive for Human Resources at the ELCA Churchwide Organization. Woven into those years, were raising a son (Matt) and daughter (Maggie), acquiring a master's degree, countless committee meetings, thousands of hands of bridge, millions of trips to the grocery store - pretty much the usual.

Now, Mike and I are enjoying retirement. We have moved to Northern Kentucky to be near our son and his family and spend our winters in California near our daughter and her family. We travel, read, attend committee meetings, etc., etc. Oh yes, we also spend a lot of time with our grandchildren - Brady, Reese, Penelope and Scout.

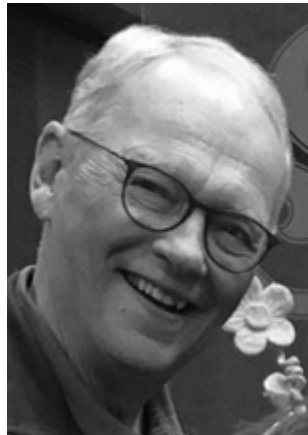
I have been blessed with dear family, close friends, interesting work and good health.

When I think to my days at St. Olaf, I find myself grateful for all I learned and for the friends, some who have been a part of my life ever since, and others with whom I have re-connected because of the 50th reunion. Thank you, St Olaf.



John “Mike” Thompson

St. Olaf provided me a sense of vocational calling. It certainly influenced my decision to pursue career in education. I was inspired by my favorite St. Olaf professor, Erling Jorstad, to pursue a master’s in education history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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I thought I would spend one year in Wisconsin while completing my graduate program, and later return to Minnesota. 46 years later, I am still a Badger. I couldn’t have had a better career than working in the public schools in Wisconsin, working in Columbus, Appleton, Sheboygan and Menasha. I taught for six years and then worked in administration for 29 years as a principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. Along the way, I completed my master’s and doctoral degrees in educational administration at UW-Madison. Following retirement, I served for eight years at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee as chair of the educational leadership program and as an associate dean, and then retired again.

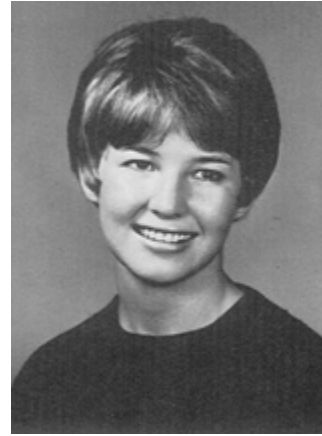
My greatest gift from St. Olaf is having met my wife of over 49 years: Elsie Benesh Thompson. Else and I have shared a vision for service and have been each other’s best friend and advocate for extending ourselves in our professional and community involvement. Most important, we have shared the single most significant aspect of our lives together – raising our two children and helping them launch their meaningful lives as adults.

In 2015, we relocated to northern Kentucky to be close to our son and his family. We spend winters in Los Angeles, close to our daughter and her family. We have been truly blessed.



Kathy Olson Thompson

After graduating from St. Olaf College, I pursued a career in teaching. That journey started with earning a master's degree in elementary education at the University of Wisconsin. Having expressed an interest in working with culturally diverse populations, I was assigned to an inner-city school in Chicago for my student teaching experience. That led to my first teaching position in an innovative elementary school in inner-city Portland, Oregon. I liked Portland and my job there, but the rain was a bit too much for me. After five years, I headed back to Minnesota.



Although I enjoyed teaching in the regular classroom, my desire to work with struggling children led to my enrollment in another graduate program at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. That wonderful preparation equipped me for working with learning disabled students, especially in the area of dyslexia, for the next three decades. I have loved becoming involved in the lives of these special kids and I am still doing individual tutoring at home.

While teaching in Minneapolis, I received a call from a friend whom I had met many years before—at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, when we were three years old. We were friends throughout our school years but went in different directions after graduation. The call with that fellow, Curt Thompson, went pretty well and we were married nine months later.

Curt and his children, Sarah and Josh, welcomed me to Chicago where Curt was studying at the University of Chicago Divinity School. The following year, during our time in Copenhagen, Denmark, we added Aaron to our gang. A couple years later, daughter Joran was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, where we had moved for Curt's teaching position at Thiel College. We have since added three grandchildren—Soren, Brekken and Eloisa—to our big happy family. In retirement, civic and church activities keep us busy. I am very grateful for my time at St. Olaf and am looking forward to the reunion!



Gregory Mark Tollefson

Upon graduation from St. Olaf, my local draft board was among the first to offer congratulations along with instructions to appear for a pre-induction physical.

Despite documentation of my physical flaws I was deemed fit for service. A timely barroom brawl left me with a broken jaw and delayed the inevitable, but when the wires were removed from my jaw, the bus was

waiting. I was surprised at the induction center to learn that the Marine Corps really was looking for a few good men, and I was among those few fortunate selected. Nobody bothered to ask my approval. Two years later, life began again.

My path has not followed a particularly well-planned course. I taught English and coached football and wrestling in high schools in Montana and California. I married, and later divorced. I managed an environmental consulting firm during the heady days when conservation was still considered one of our obligations to each other and to the planet. I was lucky enough to spend two decades guiding fly fishers on Montana rivers, both before and after the book and movie, "A River Runs Through It", changed it all. I worked as a newspaper reporter. I had the enormous honor of being a stay-at-home dad, while my son, Sander, was an infant. I wrote a weekly outdoor column for the *Missoulian* newspaper for 30 years, in addition to doing freelance magazine and scientific writing. At the same time, I did professional conservation work as Executive Director of the Five Valleys Land Trust, followed by consulting work with the Montana Nature Conservancy, the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation, and other clients. I guess I'm retired, or maybe semi-retired now. I never know if the next phone call will bring an offer I can't refuse.

I have lived a life graced by the mountains, rivers, and wild places that feed the soul. I have been blessed every day by the love of family and friends who share those passions with me. And yes, I am on a first name basis with several game wardens.



Susan Barger Turner

After I graduated from St. Olaf, I attended the University of California, San Francisco and received my Master of Science in Child Psychology. The next year, I returned to Minnesota and got married to a Naval Officer. This took me to Pensacola, FL, Brunswick, GA, and San Diego, CA. During the next 3 years I worked in hospital nursing, public health, and school nursing.



We returned to Minnesota, where I attended the University of Minnesota to get my Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Certificate. During the next 5 years I worked as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner until my husband was transferred to Lincoln, NE. At that time, Nebraska had not passed the nurse practice act, so I taught in the Nursing Program at the University of Nebraska for the next 2 years. We then returned to Minnesota and taught with St. Olaf and Gustavus for the next 3 years. I then returned to the clinic and worked as a PNP with Peds for Health for the next 5 years. I then got a call from Mike Osterholm asking me to work with him on a HIB study with the Minnesota Department of Health. I worked there until we were transferred to Fort Worth, TX in 1996.

In Fort Worth, I accepted a PNP position with Cook's Children's Hospital and worked in number of their clinics. In 2002, I returned to Minnesota to take care of my mother who was showing signs of dementia. At that time, I returned the Minnesota Department of Health and worked as an epidemiologist until I retired in 2008.



Margaret “Peggy” Wood Twedt

After graduating from St. Olaf, I attended graduate school at the University of California San Diego where I received a master’s in mathematics. In 1973, I moved to Carson City, Nevada, and married Carter Twedt, whom I had met skydiving. For many years our lives revolved around air sports – skydiving, hot air ballooning and flying small planes. Professionally, I taught math courses at Western Nevada College.



Soon after moving to Carson City, I became active in the League of Women Voters, focusing on environmental and natural resources issues and lobbying for the League at the Nevada Legislature. Because of this involvement, Governor Richard Bryan appointed me to the Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. These experiences encouraged me to go to law school. I received my J.D. from King Hall at the University of California Davis in 1988.

After a one-year clerkship with the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, my legal career centered on water right issues. I was a Deputy Attorney General representing the Nevada State Engineer and an attorney in a small firm where much of my practice involved water districts, utility companies and individuals with water right matters/disputes. During this time, I argued many cases before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1998, I became “of-counsel” with a firm where I continued with my water law practice but had greater flexibility with my work schedule.

While Carter and I had traveled abroad and around the U.S. throughout our marriage, between 1999 and 2005, we spent four months at a time touring a country or countries. Those extended stays took us to Costa Rica; the Scandinavian countries, particularly Norway where we visited Carter’s relatives; Chile and Argentina; Spain and Portugal; and Southeast Asia, China and Japan. Travel continues to be an important part of our lives. More recently, we’ve taken road trips to America’s national parks, national monuments and many state parks, hiking wherever we visit.



Rolf Fredric Ulvestad

The fall of '69 took me to medical school at the University of South Dakota where over 10% of the incoming class were St. Olaf grads. That says a lot about the quality of a St. Olaf pre-med education. After medical school and a residency in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, I took a position at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Nancy and I moved to Bethesda Maryland.



In 1980 I joined ENT Specialty Care of Minnesota and spent the next 38 years practicing with partners of great skill and integrity. During those years I also enjoyed volunteering at the University of Minnesota Cleft Palate Clinic and continue to volunteer there after retiring from full time practice in 2017.

In 1984 Nancy found a lot on Christmas Lake in Excelsior and in 1985 we built the only home our kids can remember, and it continues to be a place of wonderful memories and fabulous sunsets.

Highlights of the last 50 years: marrying Nancy Thompson, 2 fabulous daughters Lauren and Whitney, numerous father/daughter canoe trips to the BWCA, great trips to Thailand, Hong Kong, Europe, Morocco, Egypt, Tanzania, Peru, Chile, Costa Rica, Belize, Alaska, and more. I would still like to make it to Antarctica but Nancy's not so sure.

Following retirement in 2017 we had a great family trip to Copenhagen and Norway (including Ulvestad, just a few minutes and a couple of fjords from Balestrand). Boarding the train in Oslo, we found ourselves sitting across from '69 classmate Tom Nelson and his wife Susan doing a similar family trip!

Part of the pleasure that being on the reunion planning committee brings is connecting with classmates I didn't really know 50 years ago and reconnecting with those I did. I am looking forward to making more of those connections during the reunion.



Jim Urish

After graduating from St. Olaf, I began attending the University of Arizona, from which I graduated in 1972. I then lived in Switzerland until 1975 on L'Abri fellowship run by Dr. Francis Schaefer. I married Anne Penny in 1977, two years before receiving my Masters of Divinity in 1979. I was the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lander, Wyoming from 1979 to 2001. During that time, I received a Doctorate of Ministry from Covenant Seminary in 1994. After my time in Wyoming, was a pastor at Forestgate Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I honorably retired from pastoral ministry in 2014.



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I have three children, Luke, Mimi and Abigail. Luke is a Southwest Airlines pilot out of Denver. Mimi has masters in neuroscience and speech pathology, now living in Indianapolis. Meanwhile, Abigail lives in Rangely, Colorado. I have four grandchildren, with more on the way!



Tom Ursin

Campus life on the hill was exciting and interesting, but just before my junior year I married Diana and we lived off campus. We moved to Minneapolis after graduation and I went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota in mathematics. After receiving a Master's degree I went to work at Univac, working in computer language development. I had a long career in computer related activities with several companies and as an independent computer consultant. In 2009 I retired from Medtronic as a firmware engineer after working on pacemakers in the cardiac rhythm management division.



We lived in the same home in the northern suburb for thirty-seven years where we were involved in community activities and active in Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. We are also the proud parents of three St Olaf graduates: Maren '97, Sara '99, and Nikolai '02. This led to many trips to the campus and participation in lots of campus activities.

Since retiring, Diana and I have moved to a downtown Minneapolis high rise condo where we enjoy the local activities such as concerts, sporting events, gardening in the Loring Park and the Loring Greenway, weekly golfing, volunteering and traveling. We have participated in three St. Olaf sponsored travel events to Central America, the British Isles, and Greece.

Diana and I have just celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary and must be getting a little soft since we have spent the last nine winters in southern Florida. Life has been good!



Tryg Velde

After majoring in Chemistry and Biology and being part of legendary coach Jim Dimick's first two championship baseball teams at St. Olaf College, I headed off for four years of medical school at Northwestern University in downtown Chicago. Living right in the heart of this vibrant city with its spectacular architecture was a stimulating and fun experience. Most significantly, besides studying medicine, I was introduced to the incredible and moving music of Gustav Mahler through performances by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and their exciting conductor, Georg Solti.



Nevertheless, in 1973, I returned to the Twin Cities area to complete an internship and residency in Internal Medicine in the University of Minnesota Medical School program. Subsequently, I joined the staff at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center (now Regions Hospital) and remained there for my entire medical career. I practiced internal medicine in both clinical and inpatient settings. As an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the University of Minnesota Medical School, I was involved extensively in teaching medical students, interns and residents in both in-patient and out-patient settings. Although I retired in 2005, I have kept my medical license active and have more time for medical reading than when I was actively practicing. I've found it rewarding to function as a patient advocate for a number of patients facing some serious, complex illnesses.

My main non-medical activities include classical music, computer audio and video systems, photography, many sports, and foreign travel. Amazing trips to Europe, often with music festivals as a central impetus, help break up the medical demands on my life. For the past 40 years, I have enjoyed living in downtown Minneapolis on the Nicollet Mall, right across from Orchestra Hall.



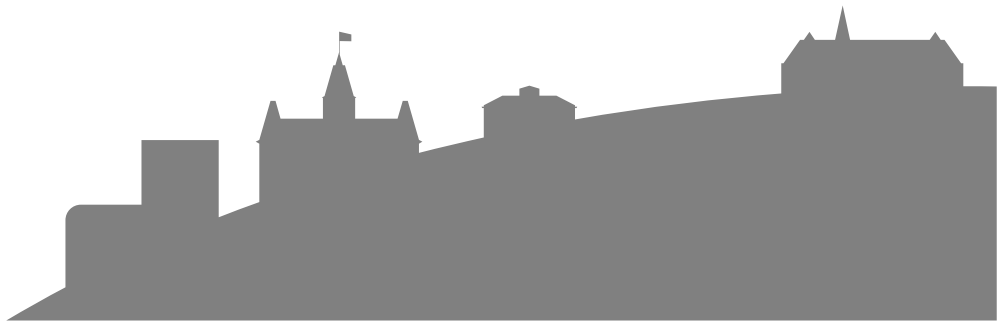
David Vigeland

Many students now take a gap year between high school and college. I took several years after St. Olaf before entering law school in 1977. I was hired at a small firm in Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1980 and spent the following 38 years as an attorney, judicial referee, and judge. I enjoyed the wide variety of litigants and their cases, and the five or ten-minute commute almost every day.



My best decision was made outside the courtroom, calling Marybeth Glad '71 after meeting her at my friend Bert Sletten's wedding. We now live in Bloomington and have a son and two grandchildren in Fargo and a daughter and two grandchildren in Hawaii. I might suggest the islands as the best destination of the two for a winter vacation.

I happened to be with my father when he attended the 50th reunion of his St. Olaf graduation class of 1941; there appeared to be a large number of gray-haired older people in the room. I am looking forward to learning if the Class of 1969 has changed as well.



Linda Larson Virden

After graduation I went to work for the IRS as a revenue officer and quickly learned a lot about the real world! In 1971 Richard Virden, a St. John's University graduate, and I were married. Dick, a Foreign Service officer, had just finished an assignment in Vietnam. We were soon off to Belo Horizonte, Brazil. That was followed by a stint in Sao Paulo. With our infant son in tow, we



returned to the US for a tour in the DC area before moving to Poland. We lived in Warsaw for three exciting, fascinating and often challenging years. We were then on to Bangkok for three years. We next lived in the Washington area before moving to Lisbon for four years. Three years in Bucharest right after the fall of Ceausescu followed. Dick's next assignment was back in Warsaw. The Warsaw Pact had collapsed, and Poland was experiencing rapid and dislocating change. My favorite time as a volunteer was in Warsaw where for two years, I taught English to a group of energetic and brave teenagers living in an orphanage. At that point our son was a student at Macalester College in St. Paul. After so many years of move after moving I vowed that I was nailing the furniture to the floor when we returned to our house in Virginia after Poland. As it happened, the siren song of one more overseas post eventually won out and we moved to Brasilia for two years.

While living in Brasilia we decided it wasn't realistic to return to the DC area as our parents needed some help. Dick and I are both from central Minnesota and our parents lived there. We have come full circle and now live in the Twin Cities, as does our son. We cherish the opportunity to get together with long-time friends here.

Mine has been an old-fashioned life. The "old" Foreign Service expected wives to be cooks, hostesses, stalwart and inventive when faced with difficult circumstances. Looking back, I'm surprised that I adapted as well as I did. We are fortunate to be leading fulfilling lives.



Dan Walseth

In the winter of 1969, graduation loomed in the very near future. Like many of my male classmates, I expected to spend the next few years in the military. However, after failing my draft physical because of a battle with polio as a child, I suddenly needed a new plan. I asked my favorite professor, Erling Jorstad, for advice. He suggested law school, and I was accepted to the



University of Minnesota. Little did I know how valuable my St. Olaf College education would be in preparing me for a career in law. More importantly, my time at St. Olaf demonstrated the tremendous impact of a residential liberal arts education. The St. Olaf values of critical thinking, integrity, respect, engagement, faith, community and hard work have led to a fulfilling life.

I have had a long and satisfying career in corporate and insurance law. I have worked in senior executive positions at ITT/Hartford, Lutheran Brotherhood/Thrivent, Conesco and Hays Companies.

Thankfully, my high school sweetheart, Kris Yung class of '71, followed me to St. Olaf and we married in 1970. She, too, had a terrific experience at St. Olaf and a satisfying career in education.

We now keep busy following each other around to our cabin in northern Minnesota, traveling around the United States and foreign countries, especially Norway, and to sporting events. We especially enjoy basketball as both our daughters, Maren and Annika, played Division I basketball and Maren continues to be involved in coaching.

We have tried to stay active on our new bikes and old downhill skis. I have a growing interest in the world of photography. I expect my retirement days will give me time to further indulge that passion as well as more lake time, more travel, and more time to read. In the meantime, Kris and I attend concerts, the Guthrie, wine events, lectures and classes.



Richard “Dick” Waters

These past 50 years have been a wonderful journey. God has truly blessed me with good fortune; family, health, vocational opportunities, and so much more. I was a pastor in the United Church of Christ for 23 years and served churches in Ohio, Iowa, and Minnesota. I have so many wonderful memories of the good people I served, I could not begin to recount them all. Just to share one moment: It was my first Sunday at (for me) a new church. After the worship, as I was shaking hands, one woman said, “Pastor, I want you to know that was the best sermon I’ve heard today.” She had a keen sense of humor, and we became fast friends.



In 1996 I left the ministry for a time, returning to Northfield to open a book store. I sold rare and out-of-print books. Book collecting, especially older editions, was a passion that started at St. Olaf.

A professor at St. Olaf, Ansgar Sovik, kindled my interest in rare books. For eleven years I owned and operated the book shop in downtown Northfield. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience but, eventually, the internet had come into play, and I found myself sitting at the computer for hours at a time. So, in 2006 I sold the business and returned to the ministry. I served a church in Richfield, Minnesota for seven years until my retirement in 2013. I continued to live in Northfield and commuted to Richfield.

I have been happily married to my lovely wife Jeanne for 48 years. We have three children, Laura, James, and Mark, five grandsons, and one more little one on the way.

For the past 12 years, I have been active in the Northfield Historical Society. I serve on committees, help out in the gift shop, and I especially enjoy giving tours of the actual bank that Jesse James and the Gang attempted to rob. In 2016 N.H.S. published a small book I had written about the bank raid, and that was gratifying.



Carolyn McCown Weeks

Most of my working life I was a library administrator in medical and public libraries, establishing hospital libraries in Illinois and fighting for free speech and intellectual freedom for public libraries in suburban Kansas City. I rarely had a day in which I did not want to go to work. Few are blessed enough to be able to say that. No one who knew me as an undergraduate party girl would ever have guessed that I would become a librarian.



I was one of those trendy older mothers, having my daughters in my 30's. My girls and I have had the usual difficulties over the years, but they have developed into the kind of women I admire. Brit and Marit Anderson are incredible women: intelligent, beautiful and terribly funny. Did I mention that they have blessed me with four remarkable grandchildren?

When my 27-year marriage to Mark Anderson '69 ended I learned to live as an independent woman. This was an often difficult and lonely time, but some blessings come in disguise, and the ability to live alone and flourish is one of them. This was the part of my life in which I came into myself.

After wandering seven years in the dating wilderness, I met my wonderful husband, Art Weeks, also a public library administrator, and of course we met in a bar at a library conference! We've had adventures both abroad and at home including camping the full length of the Alaska Canadian Highway only to be held at gunpoint by North Dakota cops. But that's another story. Suffice it to say, we keep each other amused.

And what about friends? For me, those friends that I met on my first day as a freshman at Hoyme, whose youthful friendship I shared, and whose wisdom I now enjoy are gifts beyond measure. We always take up where we left off as if it were just yesterday that we said goodbye.



Charles Weeks

I met Judy Anderson during our first year at St. Olaf. On June 14, 2019, we will celebrate 50 years of marriage. After St. Olaf, I went to the University of Minnesota and obtained a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry. We have two beautiful children, Shelley and Jonathan. I worked for three pharmaceutical companies developing new drugs and now have over 50 publications and six patents.



I am now retired and live in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Judy and I also have a lake home on Swan Lake, near Pengilly, Minnesota. Far beyond my career, family and friends have provided for life's meaning and our joy. Our two children and four grandchildren have always kept me learning new things and showing me how to have fun. We have traveled with family throughout the United States, from Disney World to the Rockies, and from New Zealand to Europe, including Norway. Our kids and grandkids are our love and our hope for the future.

Life is wonderful and so very precious.



Judith Anderson Weeks

Graduation from St. Olaf College began a new journey for me. On June 14, 1969, Chuck Weeks and I were married. I worked at Northwest Airlines for four years as a clerk. It was a good job, with lots of travel perks, but not exactly the challenge I was looking for. I worked at Northwest until the birth of our daughter, Shelley, in February of 1974. At that point, I decided to stay at home for the first few years of Shelley's life. In April of 1977, our son, Jonathan, was born.



After Jonathan started kindergarten, I returned to school to obtain a 2-year degree in data processing – a field I became interested in once I went back to work. My first job was at NCR Comten – a manufacturer of telecommunication processors. I was happy to discover that I really enjoyed this work and the challenges it provided. A few years later, I joined Target Corporation in their technical services area. I worked there for 24 years, the last 10 years as a senior business analyst. The opportunities for analysis and programming at Target were amazing in just about every area of the company. During those years Jon and Shelley grew up, graduated from high school and attended college. Jon graduated in mechanical engineering and Shelley graduated with a biology major.

Chuck and I are now happy grandparents to four grandchildren ranging in ages 6 to 18: Ben, Chloe, Reagan and Erik. We are now both retired and have kept in touch with most of our friends and relatives, including some very special St. Olaf couples. I feel we have been very lucky and blessed.



Karen L. Weiss Berget

On August 9, 1968, I married Jerry Weiss, a 1968 Carleton College graduate. After graduation from St. Olaf, I began work at the University of Minnesota as a Psychometrist and later as a Research Fellow. While at the University of Minnesota, I earned a master's degree in educational psychology.

In 1976, our son Erik was born, and my husband, Jerry, accepted a position in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania. The three of us moved into an 1876 Victorian house needing much updating.

Moving and restoring old houses has been a continuing theme, as our family moved from place to place following my husband's finance career. We have lived across the United States in Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, St. Paul, Dallas, Ft. Wayne, and South Bend.

In each city, I continued to work in a variety of positions in the field of education, including early childhood teacher and administrator, special education teacher, teacher of the hearing impaired, kindergarten teacher and instructor at an art museum.

Since my retirement from full-time teaching in 2011, I have been working in Buchanan, Michigan, teaching after-school and summer classes for elementary-aged children. Last summer, the Art Center received a state grant and I taught art classes to cognitively and physically challenged adults.

Our son Erik and his wife Jennifer, and our granddaughter Audrey, live in Atlanta, Georgia. We enjoy visiting them as often as schedules permit.

In August 2018, Jerry and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We marked the occasion with a trip by train to Glacier National Park in Montana. It was a remarkable trip and a wonderful way to celebrate our years together.



Becky Wright Werner

Wow, 50 years??!!

By graduation, I was engaged to Dick Werner '68. While he was in pilot training, I went back to school to earn a teaching certificate. Dick accomplished his "dream" sheet and we stayed in Topeka for the rest of the war. He spent half his tour in Europe, and I traveled as a substitute teacher. A high point was several wonderful months in Orleans, France with a terrific family.



After the Air Force, we moved to Milwaukee. Greg and Karin were born, and I taught Childbirth classes and was Mom. Eaton moved us to Kalamazoo. I got to be that Gal. I continued with birthing classes and volunteered at the kids' schools.

We moved to North Carolina: Gastonia, then Winston-Salem. Greg and Karin went off to college and I volunteered and taught a manners class to preschoolers. I worked with a puppet and talked a lot about washing hands after using the bathroom.

Indianapolis was next. After three years, Dick was willing, able and ready to retire early. We sold almost everything and moved to Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

I had begun playing tennis in Kalamazoo and continued until my knees gave out. I served on several condo boards and am a docent at the Calusa Indian Mound House Museum. Archeology fascinated me early on, and history and ecology are continuing interests. The Mound House encompasses all three.

Dick plays tennis and I join siblings and cousins on birding trips. We spend a lot of time in D.C. and Boulder with our children, and with extended family in Florida and up north. Dick does handyman jobs and I am the go-fer. Granddaughters, Caroline 5, and Elise 2 are a special delight. They are bilingual and we are learning by hearing things like "Mas cookies, Abuela".

We feel very lucky to live where we do and to continue doing things we enjoy. St. Olaf was a great beginning for the rest of our lives. Fram! Fram!



L. Christine Hubbert Wertman

The beautiful sounds of the 2018 St. Olaf Christmas Festival fill my mind as I sit down to summarize the fifty years since our 1969 graduation from St. Olaf. We enjoyed the live steam of the program this year. Music has been and continues to be an integral part of my life.



I met my husband, Donald, in a choral group in the fall of 1969.

We celebrated our forty-seventh wedding anniversary in August of 2018. Our daughter, Roberta, is an attorney in the UAE and is married with two sons. I taught elementary music in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and in the Finger Lakes Region of New York for seven and a half years. I earned a master's degree in elementary education from Nazareth College in 1986, and subsequently taught first grade and pre-first in Waterloo, New York, for 20 years, using music as a wonderful catalyst for learning.

During the past fifty years, twenty-six were spent as Director of Music in our Presbyterian Church in Geneva, New York. I served as director of our Adult Vocal Choir for those years. My husband and I have sung in several choral groups over the years and have taken seven singing tours to Europe, the United Kingdom, Jamaica, and the Caribbean with the Central Moravian Church Choir of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the Rochester Oratorio Society of Rochester, New York.

In retirement, my husband and I have traveled extensively to the UAE to visit our family and on Viking River and Ocean Cruises. I was delighted to visit Scandinavia this past fall. What a treat to experience fjords! When at home, I enjoy memberships in an art club, reading club, a book club, our Presbyterian Church Choir, and a walking group. I have done various types of volunteering and am presently a Deacon in our church.

This past fall, in the small Upstate New York City of Geneva, there were four former St. Olaf singers spanning several generations singing in our local Community Chorus! As I reflect on the last fifty years, I consider myself truly blessed.



Nancy Wilber

William Stafford's poem "The Way It Is" says: "There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change.... While you hold it, you can't get lost..."

St. Olaf helped connect me with the threads I have followed. I learned that, although I had been raised as a woman to assume a quiet, supporting role, it was



important that I made my voice heard. Another thread was spiritual, at the time primarily a separation from my religious upbringing that eventually enabled me to grow into what is for me a more expansive spirituality.

I studied philosophy of education at Harvard, stopping short of the Ph.D. There a St. Olaf grad introduced me to feminism. I worked in the nascent violence against women movement, fighting abuse against women at home and sexual harassment in the workplace. Later I returned to Harvard, completing a Doctorate in Education in 1987. I then worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a researcher and manager for programs related to children, people with disabilities, and community health.

I retired in 2011 and became a volunteer chaplain in a nursing home. Then I trained for professional chaplaincy but chose to continue volunteering, now as an interfaith chaplain at Boston Medical Center. About 20 years ago, I joined a Unitarian Universalist congregation. That plus years of study with a group that looks across religious traditions for spiritual development, serve as another foundation for my work as a chaplain.

My spouse, Mary Ann Millsap, and I have been together for 35 years, legally married since 2004. We lived in Boston for 29 years. Last year, we moved to independent living in nearby Milton. We continue our social justice and congregational activities. I bike and garden. We love dancing and traveling. Our favorite trips were to Bali (with our spiritual study group), East Africa (interviewing local girls sponsored to complete high school by a U.S. nonprofit that Mary Ann now chairs), Turkey (a phenomenal learning experience), and Spain (a St. Olaf tour). Oh, and yes, I love poetry.



Arvin Wilson

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Since then we have enjoyed all the many activities that life in Montana has to offer: skiing at Big Mountain, fishing, camping, hiking, hunting, golfing, floating the rivers, and instilling in our sons a love for all these wonderful past times. Raising our sons was a busy time, with their school activities, soccer and baseball games, ski race teams, and keeping track of busy and mischievous young boys. They all survived their teenage years intact and have all transformed into responsible, hard working men and husbands, giving us five grandchildren, and we couldn't be prouder. They have also excelled in Alpine Ski Jumping and have all won their share of competitions.

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Jim Wilson

I married my high school sweetheart Susan, two weeks after graduation. Two weeks later, I started Army basic at Ft Benning, as an Army ROTC cadet. There were no more graduate deferments, but the Army would accept me and let me finish Law school at the University of Minnesota. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1972 and the Army had too many young officers. Instead of four years, I was granted three months of active duty and ten years of being ready if needed. God Bless them.



Susan and I then left St Paul for rural Minnesota. We settled in Fairmont, South-Central Minnesota, where we raised two sons and a daughter. St. Olaf hockey qualified me to coach youth hockey at all levels, referee, and to coach girls High School hockey for six years. Now, it's grand-daughters playing the game.

My law practice connected me with local health care. I helped establish the county's first hospice program, run it and turn it over to Mayo Health System. I also served on our local Hospital Foundation, and later on the Fairmont Mayo Foundation.

My passion for golf led me to serve as a director of the Minnesota Golf Association. Now, in addition to golf, my spare time is filled with the local City Band. I have just recently, resumed the saxophone after being quiet for over fifty years. Very different!

My wife Susan passed away in 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. Life changes. I am still practicing law but at a slower pace. On occasion, I still run into Ole friends through golf and otherwise.



Julia Boatright Wilson

After graduating from St. Olaf, I left for a doctoral program in sociology at Yale. Midway through the first year, I married Tom Wilson '67 and at the end of the year moved to New York City. I worked in market research and completed my Ph.D. at the City University of New York's Graduate Center while Tom was working and completing an MBA/MPH at Columbia. In 1976



we moved to Boston, when Tom was offered an attractive job there. After arriving in the Boston area I finished my dissertation, working short gigs for state government and individual researchers.

In 1978 I joined the faculty of the City and Regional Planning Program at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. In 1980 that department was moved to Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government where I have been ever since, with the exception of taking a 3-year leave to direct the Office of Program, Planning, Analysis, and Development for the New York State Department of Social Services. My current work focuses on issues of child welfare and juvenile justice, particularly on strategies for generating evidence of effectiveness of initiatives designed to improve the well-being of children and youth.

Tom and I have two children – Sarah and Ander. Sarah, her husband and two children who live in Washington, D.C. Ander, his wife and son live in Ft. Collins, Colorado. As a family we have been involved with the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter since it was founded in the basement of University Lutheran Church 35 years ago. Until four years ago, it was the only student-run homeless shelter in the country. In January 2014 two Harvard alums who had worked in the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter for their four undergraduate years opened a second student-run homeless shelter, this one for youth 18-24. We have been involved in raising funds, supporting and mentoring students and volunteering in both of these shelters since their opening. Tom and I enjoy travel, music, visiting our grandkids and their parents, and spending time at our tree farm in New Hampshire.



Eldri Anderson Wittkamper

It was foreordained. As children we Anderson kids loved running up and down the steps on the campus. Grandpa Roe and Ella lived down the hill in Norway Valley. Both Roes and Andersons have been attending St. Olaf since the early 1900's. Were we forced to go there? Not at all! We couldn't wait! It's hard to wrap up the last 50 years in a neat little package. But it was pure gift! The highlights rise to the top and all the challenges, losses and disappointments fade away.



Gratefulness is the overall feeling: For a loving, inspiring husband who puts up with me. Michael '67. For our wonderful children who brought us joy and love. And, surprise, they are Oles!

Aaron - '00 and Becca - '04

- For a 30 year satisfying and meaningful career in Early Childhood Education, with the last 25 in the Anoka Hennepin School District.
- For the opportunities to accompany and support Mike in his ministry. Such a variety that brought wonderful people into our lives.
- St. Olaf's lasting influence on me is the 3 years singing in Ole Choir. Singing sacred choral music has enriched my life and become a passion hence spending 30 years in The National Lutheran Choir. We are a close knit family with a ministry of our own. Being the "vintage" woman in the choir they lovingly call me "The Queen Mum." Hanging around young folks keeps me laughing.

Retirement is about opportunity. We love our time at our cabin near Hayward. Being close to nature is pure bliss! We share the place with hummingbirds, loons, occasional bears and my beloved chipmunks who eat from my hand. Free time also means a chance to design and make jewelry. We celebrated big anniversaries with trips to the UK, Paris, Rome, Florence and Tuscany.

Random loves, in no particular order:

Chocolate, toddlers, gardening, reading, Poldark, choir tours, naps, Guthrie, Lifetime Fitness, and Holden Village. My newest hobby- Talking to Strangers! It is an antidote to today's political climate. Spread joy, connect with people and make them smile. We are all children of God!



Barbara “Barb” Phillips Wooleyhan

As a St. Olaf junior, I went on the Middle East semester led by Dr. Ansgar Sovik. It created a love of travel and spiritual growth in all of us. After graduating, I worked as a travel agent, specializing in International travel. I left to get my master’s degree in Social Work at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. While there, I met the love of my life, John



Wooleyhan, a law student from Quincy, Illinois. John planned to join his father’s law practice in Quincy. After graduation, I became a School Social Worker in Quincy while John finished his last year of Law School. We married after John’s graduation in 1974.

I decided to change paths and became an Academic Advisor (for 29 years) at John Wood Community College. Helping students find their life paths was invigorating! I worked part-time so I could be a Mom to our only child, Laura. I worked until Laura had been married for a few years, had her first child (a girl) and needed a baby sitter so she could go to work. Five years later, Laura had her second (a boy) and I was blessed to babysit both until the oldest turned 12. Amazing fun to be part of their lives! John has been a judge for our circuit for 35 years, primarily for Juvenile Court. He plans to work several more years before he retires.

My brother Fred died in 1988 and my parents in the last few years. My sister lives in a small group home, Orono Woodlands, Inc., in Long Lake, Minnesota for developmentally delayed individuals. For the last few years, Minnesota has not increased state funding for these homes. With everything else getting more expensive, it is difficult to maintain our quality group home. If you are looking to donate money to a wonderful **501(c)(3)** organization, we are it!

God bless the people in our class and St. Olaf for giving us tremendous educations and times to experience our beautiful world!



Patty Tosseland Wulf

Here are some things that you may want to know about Patty Tosseland Wulf.

My husband Al and I have two children and now four young grandchildren, three girls and one boy. We all live in the Denver metro area, so we get to be involved in each other's lives.



After many years of being a passenger in MG sports cars, I am enjoying driving my own sports car, a Mini Cooper S with six manual gears. Al still plays with Little British Cars. We enjoy road trips to surrounding states in our MGs and have seen spectacular scenery at National parks like the Grand Canyon, Carlsbad, Arches and Mount Rushmore.

I am singing in two groups. One is The Lutheran Chorale and the other is Joyful Noise. The Lutheran Chorale has been performing in the Denver area and internationally for over 40 years. I went on a chorale trip to Great Britain in 2007. We have a fantastic music library that can now be used as a lending library. We receive money from the Scientific and Cultural Foundation which really helps to keep the Sacred and Classical tradition viable. My other singing group, Joyful Noise, is from my church. We sing hymns and include secular seasonal songs at assisted living facilities where a church member lives.

I am retired from working as a nurse and as a music teacher. As a nurse, I worked first in the hospital, public health and school nursing area and later as a home care and home hospice care nurse and nursing instructor. In the middle of that, I taught beginning to intermediate piano. This included becoming certified by the Colorado State Music Teachers' Association.

Currently, our focus is spending time with immediate and extended family and pursuing our hobbies.



Solveig Tweet Zempel

I would never have believed on graduation day in 1969 that I would be helping organize our 50th reunion in 2019, but so it is.

Although my career goal in college was to be a Norwegian teacher, I also did not anticipate that following graduate school at the University of Minnesota I would spend 38 years back on the hill, teaching Norwegian language and literature, and even less that I



would do a stint in the Great Conversation—an extremely rewarding opportunity. It certainly was not one of my goals to spend time in administration, but in addition to several periods as department chair, I served as the faculty representative on the president's Senior Administrative Leadership Team (SALT) and later spent 6 years as Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary and General Studies (otherwise known as "Dean of Everything Else"). After a month-long NEH seminar in Washington DC in 2009, *American Immigration Revisited*, I was fortunate to end my career at St. Olaf by serving as the Boldt Distinguished Teaching Chair in the Humanities with a focus on American immigration. Along with other Boldt Chair duties I developed and taught a course entitled "Chronicles of American Immigration." I've done a fair amount of translating from Norwegian, including a novel, collection of short stories, and collection of essays by O.E. Rølvaag, and a collection of immigrant letters *In Their Own Words* (still in print!)

So that's the work part of my life. Elden and I were married on the Friday BEFORE I graduated—getting it out of the way while all my friends were still in town, I guess was our rationale. Of course, we didn't think about the fact that our anniversary would always inconveniently coincide with graduation. We lived in inner-city Minneapolis for the next 14 years, until finally making the move to Northfield. All three of our children are Oles, Liv '94, Synneva '97, and Torfinn '01. Even with a faculty/staff discount, that's a lot of tuition dollars! We are blessed with three grandsons and a cabin "up north." Retirement is great with cabin time, travel time, and grandchild time.



Jo Hohenstein Zimmermann

Graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology, my career choices were limited. I spent 12 years as a social worker, a secretary in a variety of settings, and finally as the administrative assistant and registrar in a small graduate training program for psychotherapists at an adolescent facility in Faribault. I gained life-long friends there and was stimulated to pursue graduate



education to work with children. Waking up one bitterly cold morning, I had a huge "AHA" moment. Having recently divorced my first husband, I realized that I didn't have to remain in Minnesota. I considered only graduate programs south of the Mason Dixon Line and was awarded a fellowship to enroll in the doctoral program for school psychologists at The University of Texas at Austin. Not only did I get my doctorate, but also met and eventually married (for 35 great years) Steve Zimmermann, coincidentally from Minnesota. After a brief sojourn back in Minnesota, we followed the advice of "best places to live" articles and moved to Washington State where we both worked as school psychologists. And I got to reconnect with classmate Julie Mjos MacGregor, also a Washington school psychologist.

One of the advantages of working in public education was that we had a couple of months "off" every summer. To celebrate my 50th birthday in 1997, we went on a great hiking tour in the Italian Dolomites. At the end of the tour my husband somewhat facetiously said to the tour leaders/company owners, "If you ever need help with these tours, let me know." To our continued appreciation and joy, this led to both of us being hired to lead hiking tours for eight years in the Dolomites, Switzerland, and Norway. Who could ask for a better summer job?!

I retired in 2012, Steve in 2014. On a whim, while vacationing in Minnesota in 2016, we explored the possibility of buying a home on a Minnesota lake. We now reside in a lakeside home in Forest Lake, with easy access to the Twin Cities to visit all of our close relatives and for cultural/sporting events.





REMEMBERING

Some of our classmates have passed through the final season of life.
They have crossed the horizon to a new plane.
We no longer hear their voices, their laughter, their music.
But we remember their lives and give thanks.

Douglas Leo Anderson

1947–1997

After graduating from St. Olaf, Douglas Leo Anderson briefly attended Luther Seminary where he pondered the mysteries of Lutheran theology, improved his ping-pong game and waited for the Vietnam War to pass. After discovering that the seminary was not his calling, Douglas entered dental school, obtaining a D.D.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1974. He practiced dentistry until 1992, mainly working out of the Metropolitan Office Building in Minneapolis.



In June of 1978, Douglas married Rita Ann Butler in the backyard of their home in New Brighton. They traveled widely together in the United States, the Caribbean and Mexico before starting their family. In 1982, they welcomed Joel Douglas Anderson and, in 1987, Katelyn Elizabeth Anderson. A patient and attentive father, Douglas loved spending time with his family; favorite home activities included reading to his children, walking his dogs at the park and spinning records on his hi-fi stereo. He also loved taking frequent rides on his Ducati and refurbishing his 1952 Cushman motorbike.

Douglas met some of his best friends at St. Olaf. The 70s and 80s featured many Gopher basketball games with Bert “Norby” Sletten, trips to the Winnipeg Folk Festival with David Vigeland, and gourmet meals with Charlie Wilson, Steven Anderson and other Oles.

Douglas was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1992 and passed away peacefully at his home on December 20, 1997. A gentle man with a quick wit, he rarely celebrated his own talents and accomplishments, preferring instead a life of quiet service to others and devotion to his friends and family.

Philip George Anderson

1947–2016

Philip George Anderson died August 15, 2016, at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife, Mavis, and daughters, Sarah Coleman and Susan Anderson. Phil was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on March 13, 1947, to Rev. Vern and Ann Anderson. Phil graduated from Lincoln High School in Manitowac, Wisconsin, in 1965, continued his education at St. Olaf and later attended Luther



Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, he tirelessly fought for the vulnerable of the world and dedicated his ministry to peace, justice and human rights. He was an activist for migrants and refugees, particularly those from Southern Mexico and Central America. As a Lutheran World Federation Representative in El Salvador, Phil was an observer whose presence was intended to deter government crackdowns against Salvadoran church officials and relief workers. When army troops surrounded Lutheran headquarters in 1989, Phil was forced to flee the country with El Salvador's Lutheran Bishop Medardo Gomez. Later, Reverend Anderson served as Interim Pastor at Washington, D.C.'s Oromo Evangelical Church, which serves the Ethiopian immigrant community. He spoke out for the human rights of the Oromo ethnic community and participated in rallies on their behalf at the State Department and the White House.

By Dick Rortvedt '69 from Minneapolis Star-Tribune obituary and guest book and November 11, 1989 article

Sandy McKanna Anderson

1946–2005

Sandy was kind, brave, trusting and intelligent. She was blessed to marry her best friend in 1970 and to be with him for 35 years. They lived and worked in myriad of cities in the United States, including New York City, Los Alamos, Batavia, and later retired in Driggs, Idaho. They also spent time working at CERN in Geneva Switzerland.

During her high school years in Green Bay, Sandy received top rating in state competitions in mathematics and also as a soloist. In 1969 she earned her bachelor's in music education from St. Olaf. She completed graduate courses in music at Barnard College and learned French at University of Geneva, Switzerland.



Sandy was adventurous and, with her husband, explored over 30 countries, climbed mountains and attained her pilot's license in single engine and sail planes. They enjoyed over 150 plays, operas and ballets in NYC alone. After initially teaching music, she focused her career on data systems analysis and computer programming, and finally as executive secretary to the director of Fermilab in Chicago.

As a social person, Sandy excelled as a hostess to many, and conversed easily with internationally acclaimed scientists. She meticulously planned trips for her parents as she and her husband guided them through Spain, France, Portugal, Ireland and Scotland. They shared an enthusiasm for cheering on the Green Bay Packers even in the coldest of weather.

Dementia symptoms began stealing her mind in 1993 at age 47, yet our beloved Sandy and her husband faced it with grace and courage. Finally in 2001 at age 55, she was given the diagnosis of Alzheimer's; she and her husband took early retirement from Fermilab and built a log home in their favorite place. They stayed healthy, enjoyed skiing Grand Targhee, and strenuous hikes with their dog in the Teton mountains. Her husband lovingly cared for her in their winter wonderland.

Sandy lived a good life and is now at peace.

Stephan “Steve” Charles Anderson

1947–1999

Stephan Charles Anderson died on February 2, 1999, from a bone marrow disease. He is survived by his wife Beth Ranes '69 and sons Jesse, Luke '02, and Gabe.

Steve began his career as a chemist at 3M Company, then moved to selling gas chromatographs for Waters Associates. Steve would later work for Cargill, first in the lab, and then in marketing. At the time of his death, Steve was director of specialty plant products. His home was always in the Twin Cities.

Steve had so many interests and wanted to know how everything worked, but probably his biggest loves were motorcycles, guns, and above all, his clarinet and sax. Over the years he played in several big bands and concert bands. He would also often play in his church.

Steve was a good man and a wonderful father and husband.



Victoria Christine Anholt

1947–1989

Victoria Christine Anholt was from Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She married James Johnson, a fellow Ole from the class of 1967. They moved to California and divorced in 1976. Victoria died on December 12, 1989.



Myrtle Jayne Trytten Baltrukonis

1995

Myrtle Jayne Trytten Baltrukonis was a member of the St. Olaf College nursing program and graduated in 1969. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as an officer in the Navy Nurse Corps where she proudly served from 1969 to 1972, during the Vietnam War. While stationed in Guam, she cared for those evacuated directly from MASH units. During her tour of duty, she met her husband Joseph. They had twin daughters who now live in the Boston area and a son who lives in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Jayne received a master's degree in nursing and worked primarily in pediatrics. She passed away on March 3, 1995.



Her sister described her this way: "Jane had a bubbly, vivacious personality. She reached out to people because she liked them. She had a wonderful sense of humor and seemingly could bring a severely depressed person to laughter." Classmates also commented that Jayne was crazy funny. She could make you laugh at the drop of a hat with her silly antics.

Marjorie "Marji" Bauman

1947-2007

Marjorie Kathryn Bauman was born October 14, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio to Margaret Virginia Bauman, RN and Edward Bauman, MD. She died March 17, 2007 in Berkeley California of cancer.

Marjorie graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in Warren, Ohio. Next, she graduated from the St. Olaf nursing program in 1969 and, in 1973 from the University of Colorado (Denver) with a master's degree.

Marjorie dedicated her career to helping patients in Madison and Denver and while teaching in the nursing program at St. Olaf. She held progressively more responsible positions in management and administration in Denver, Seattle, Baltimore, and the Bay area, most notably Johns Hopkins Medicine and as the CEO of Sutter VNA and Hospice in northern California.



Her brother, George Bauman, is a 1967 graduate of St. Olaf.

Robert Allen Bergh

1943–1993

Robert Allen Bergh was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 24, 1943. Originally a member of the class of 1965, Robert graduated in January of 1969. He married Sharon Jo Nicholson in Alexandria, Virginia, on May 19, 1975. Robert was a veteran of the Vietnam War. After the war, he worked for six years at Burlington Industries and served as Vice President of Bergh Bros, Inc. for another 15 years. After a long illness, Robert died on January 12, 1993 in Haverford, Pennsylvania, where he was living at the time. Survivors include his father, Wm. Clifford Bergh, brother Barry, and sisters Barbara and Vera.

Erik Kenneth “Ken” Bonde

1970

Ken was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and lived in Denmark for part of his childhood. During his time at St. Olaf, Ken was active in student government and on campus in general. He was elected to student government during our first year, and continued in that role in the subsequent years. He also served as vice-chair, and then chair, of the winter sports week. Ken was a member of SAC and a Junior Counselor, a student representative on a faculty committee, and was elected to Blue Key Honor Society in his junior year. As a member of student government, Ken participated in the campus discussions which led to the establishment of the Paracollege in the fall of 1969.



Ken and fellow classmate, Jane Ann Thomsen, were married while still students. Ken's brother David '74 described him as, "A kind, thoughtful, responsible person who people looked to as a leader." Ken's family established an endowed fund at St. Olaf in his name. The Ken Bonde award honors "exemplary demonstration of student initiative, intellectual creativity, constructive integration and academic achievement" in a senior's work in the Center for Integrative Studies. After graduation, Ken entered the United States Army. He died on September 12, 1970 of a brain aneurysm while serving on active duty at the rank of Private, First Class.

Karen Lee Paulson Brand

1947–1997

Karen Paulsen Brand was born on January 1, 1947 and died at home surrounded by her family and friends on March 8, 1997, after meeting the challenges of cancer for over five years. She is survived by her husband, John, and her children Jessica, Sarah, and Joshua. Her close family were her parents Harold and June Paulsen, and brothers H Jay Paulsen and Craig Paulsen.



After obtaining her bachelor's of science in nursing from St. Olaf, she was commissioned in the Navy Nurse Corp before obtaining her master's of science in nursing as well as her masters in health and human services administration. She was certified as a clinical specialist in gerontological nursing. She went on to teach at the University of Minnesota for 20 years where she was recognized as a master teacher who believed in the innate capabilities of her students. She fostered critical thinking, taking risks and the independent ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

Karen found meaning in her journey with cancer by sharing aspects with her students as well as publishing her experiences. She provided support to cancer survivors as a professional volunteer to the National Coalition of Cancer Survivors, Pathways, and the Women's Cancer Resource Center.

Karen loved the outdoors, spending much of her time with her family hiking, camping and canoeing. She deeply touched the lives of those who knew her and is missed by her family and her nursing colleagues.

Linda B. Leirfallom Brewer

1947–2015

Linda B Leirfallom Brewer of Roseville, Minnesota, grew up in St. Paul and attended Alexander Ramsey High School. After her time at St. Olaf, she studied at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Linda passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2015. She was known for her piano and flute music and also remembered for her love of family, nature, history, and books. Linda is survived by her husband Jack and other relatives.



David Brunet

2014

After graduating from St. Olaf, David Brunet married Maria Aukee '69 and the pair moved to New York City so David could attain his Ph.D. in comparative literature at Columbia University. During that time, he received a conscientious objector status from the draft board and did alternative service at an inner city hospital in New York City. He loved living in the city, taking advantage of every opportunity to see theatre and opera, concerts and museums. He did some teaching as a grad student and shared an office with Billy Collins, which became a lifetime bragging right. He loved cooking and had a catering business on the side. Every summer, when Maria had to be in Europe for work, he would join her for a vacation.



David moved back to the Midwest after graduating from Columbia and spent many years working as an English professor at both the University of Wisconsin and St. Olaf. He spent these years working with a community theater company as a playwright. He loved working with community groups and school children as an artist-in-residence, writing stories, plays and poetry. He even created a game called LifeStories, produced by classmate Karen Bockelman's father. David was awarded a prize from The Loft for his poetry and bought a car. He joked he was going to make a bumper sticker, "Purchased with 13 Pages of Poetry." In 1992, he was named as a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey, an extraordinary experience for him and his family. He also worked at State Farm Insurance in communications. If you asked him what he did for a career, David would say he was a writer.

David always felt a commitment to work for his community. He volunteered for KBEM Radio, was active in a local environmental group, loved to be assistant minister at church, and sang in two choirs and several different small groups. He loved doing carpentry and renovated two old houses.

David died from a rare form of ALS which began with frontal temporal dementia. He is greatly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Robyn M. Christensen

2010

Robyn M. Christensen of Farmington, New Mexico, passed away on December 27, 2010. A graduate of Washington Park High School in Racine, Wisconsin, and St. Olaf College, she also attended the University of Oregon and Williams College. She taught in both California and Iowa before moving to Farmington, Minnesota, in pursuit of a career in respiratory therapy. Her interests included camping, golfing, and traveling around her adopted home state of New Mexico. She continued to study and teach anatomy and massage. Robyn had a passion for teaching her entire life and always found ways to express it. She is survived by her brother Alan and nephew Scott.



Leonard E. Christenson

1942–2001

Leonard E. Christenson of Spicer, Minnesota, died unexpectedly on January 7, 2001, in St. Paul after an apparent heart attack while working. Leonard was born December 18, 1942 and graduated from New London High School in 1960. He spent four years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, he enrolled at St. Olaf and graduated in 1969. He and his wife, Beverly, lived in St. Paul, Andover and, Coon Rapids before returning to Spicer in 2000. He worked as a computer design engineer at Cintel Data, ETA Systems, BullMical Co., and finally at Micron Technologies. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Ayodeji O. Coker

1943–2016

Ayodeji O. Coker, M.D. was born September 23, 1943, in Omu Ijebu, Nigeria. To his family and friends, he was also known as Ade. He spent two semesters at St. Olaf in 1966 and 1967, living in Ellingson Hall. While at St. Olaf, he met Clarine Sorbo '67 from Lake Mills, Iowa, and they married September 27, 1968. They were blessed with six children. Ade and Clarine were married for 47 years.

Drs. Ayodeji and Clarine Coker both graduated from Howard University's medical school in Washington, D.C. After their internships, Clarine joined a clinic in Belmond, Iowa, and Ade traveled to Lagos, Nigeria, and opened a clinic there. Clarine joined him in Nigeria for about two years and then returned to Belmond. Later, she moved to Council Bluffs and practiced medicine there. Ade traveled back and forth between Iowa and Nigeria for many years, balancing work and family. He did not practice medicine in the United States. Eventually Ade became ill while in Nigeria and was forced to close his clinic and return to Iowa for treatment. He never went back. He died on April 5, 2016.



Submitted by Neal Holtan '69

Kirk Edgar Dean

1947–2013

Kirk Edgar Dean was born in Canton, South Dakota, on August 4, 1947, the youngest of three. He graduated from Canton High School in 1965 and from St. Olaf in 1969. He continued his education at Northwestern University and the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.

On June 21, 1969, Kirk married Stepanie Dean, also of Canton. During 43 years of marriage, they raised three children and enjoyed spending time with their ten grandchildren.



Kirk began his banking career with Banco/Norwest/Wells Fargo in 1969 and continued with them for over 35 years. He moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1970 as a Banco management trainee. When Kirk left in 1996, he had been president of the Rapid City Bank and senior vice president and regional manager of Wells Fargo Banks of South Dakota. From 1998 until his retirement in 2004, Kirk served as regional president of Wells Fargo Banks of North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota.

Kirk was active in his communities. He volunteered for numerous leadership positions such as chairman and president of the boards of Rapid City Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Rushmore Memorial Society, YMCA of Rapid City and South Canyon Lutheran Church. Kirk served as a trustee of Augustana College and on the boards of South Dakota's Bankers Association, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota, Black Hills Corporation, Black Hills Regional Eye Institute Foundation, United Way of Rapid City, North Dakota Statue University School of Business, Northern Lights Council of Boy Scouts and Atonement Lutheran Church.

Kirk's productive life was cut short by cancer. He passed away at home May 4, 2013.

By: *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*

Ellice Mitchell DeBenedetto

1947–2016

Ellice was born on July 14, 1947, in Oregon, Wisconsin, to Vernon and Bernice Mitchell. She attended St. Olaf and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She married Richard DeBenedetto, a Lutheran Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and they resided in several different Wisconsin towns while he served a variety of congregations. These included Hudson, Eau Claire, Sturgeon Bay, and Wausau, before moving to Oconto, Wisconsin, where Ellice died in December of 2016. Ellice had two children, Crista and Aaron, and four grandchildren.

Thomas “Tom” Dietz

1973

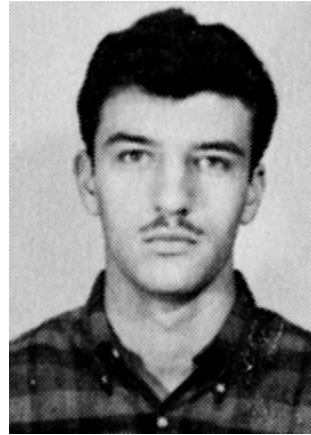
After commencement, Thomas Robert Dietz, originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from the St. Olaf ROTC program. That summer, Tom married fellow Ole, Marcia Lachmund '71, and they went to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, for a year of pilot training. Tom was assigned to McGuire AFB in New Jersey and flew C-141s for over two years. He was promoted to the rank of Captain while at McGuire AFB. His next assignment was to be a training instructor pilot. In August 1973, he died when his C-141, on which he was flying as off-duty crew, crashed on approach to Torrejon AFB in Madrid, Spain.



Kent William Dreyfuss

1947–2009

Kent William Dreyfuss of Trumbull, Connecticut, passed away on March 12, 2009. He was born on December 12, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois, to Morton and Phyllis Drefuss and grew up in Glen Ellyn. He graduated from Glenbard West High School in 1965 and then from St. Olaf four years later. Kent enjoyed a long career in marketing at the Reuben H. Donnelly Company and later in product development at CitiBank. An enthusiastic hobbyist blacksmith, Kent was a popular guest instructor at the Handcraft Center located in Guilford, Connecticut. He resided in Trumbull since 1976 and was semi-retired at the time of death. He is survived by two brothers, Dale and Bruce, along with nieces and nephews.

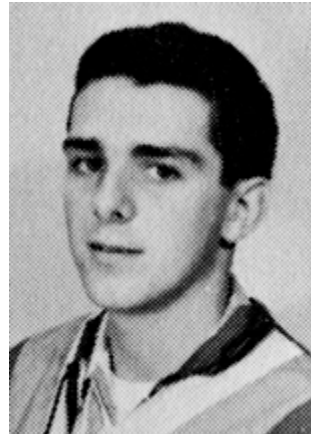


By: Dale Dreyfuss

Michael Joseph Thomas Durante

1947–1987

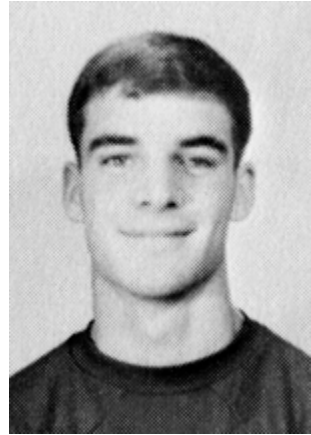
Michael Joseph Thomas Durante was born February 22, 1947 and died January 22, 1987. The 1969 St. Olaf Commencement program lists his hometown as West Allis, Wisconsin, and indicates that he received a United States Air Force Commission on graduation. During his college years, he was active in ROTC and track/cross country. He enlisted in the Air Force on Sept 21, 1969 and was released on Sept 4, 1974. Michael served in Vietnam and attained the rank of major.



William Albert Erdman

1947–2014

William Albert Erdman was born April 17, 1947, in Bloomington, Illinois, and grew up on his family's farm in McClean county. He graduated near the top of his high school class and attended St. Olaf for one year on a chemistry scholarship. He then transferred to the University of Illinois in Urbana to earn a bachelor's in psychology. He later obtained a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law.



Bill's career started at the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He later joined the legal department of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals in St. Louis and worked there for several years before moving to St. Joe Minerals Corporation's legal department for two years. The remainder of his legal career was at Auto Club of Missouri as their General Counsel. The family lived in Webster Groves, MO.

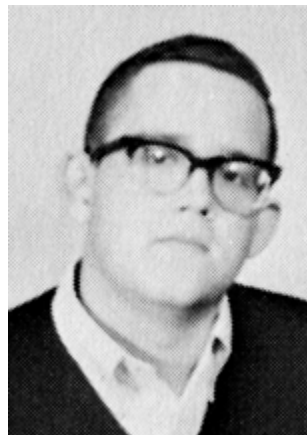
In his community, he volunteered with the public schools as a tutor, with the YMCA and with his church. He and his wife, Jan, took several trips to Europe and Egypt. They and their two children vacationed each summer at Holden Beach, North Carolina. Bill played the guitar and coached his kids' sports teams. At times, he declined work promotions to choose the best interests of his family instead.

In 2008, Bill developed a form of Parkinson's disease. He passed away on December 14, 2014,

Gregg E. Erickson

1947–1967

Gregg E. Erickson was born February 3, 1947, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Erickson. Gregg tragically died as a 19-year-old St. Olaf sophomore on January 6, 1967. He fell unconscious in Thorson Hall, a half hour after taking a heaping teaspoonful of chloral hydrate. He was declared dead after being taken to Northfield Hospital. His funeral was attended by many of his St. Olaf friends and classmates. One of the chimes in the Memorial Chime Tower in the center of the St. Olaf campus is dedicated in memory of Gregg and engraved with his name.



By Dick Rortvedt '69 from The Manitou Messenger, January 13, 1967

Mary Ann Fabel

1946–2018

Mary Ann grew up in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood of Minneapolis and graduated from West High School. At St. Olaf, she majored in English and received her bachelor's degree from Winona State University and a master's in experimental education from Mankato State. She taught in the Minneapolis Public Schools for 33 years.

Mary Ann was a strong advocate for children, becoming involved in Open Schools and progressive education. She loved dogs. At Clara Barton Open School she became known as the "Plant Sale Lady," helping develop a major fundraising venture. Even as dementia progressed, she never lost her love of children and dogs. She was a survivor of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Mary Ann loved reading, playing games and spending time with her family. During their 46 years of marriage, Mary Ann and Lee traveled to many places around the world.

Mary Ann died of complications of Alzheimer's dementia on April 30, 2018. Her first husband, Don Salzer, preceded her in death. Her current husband, Lee, and sons Grant and Ben and two grandchildren survived her.

Kathy Ferguson-Fillmore McStay

2008

Kathy Fillmore McStay was a unique combination of generosity and talent. Although a sociology major, her real love was clothing design. While a student at St. Olaf College, she created and sewed numerous outfits for friends and roommates, a welcome gesture for us on tight budgets.

After graduation, Kathy worked at Lee Jeans designing baby clothes and then began work for Levi Straus. Among others, she helped introduce the concept of women's sizing in jeans. Kathy passed away in December 2008, in Mill Valley, California, of a neurological disease. She was born and raised in Minneapolis.

By: Lorna Anderson '69



Susan Glenn

1968

Susan was the life of the corridor while we were living at the Fairview dorm in Minneapolis for our clinical experience. You could hear her laugh from down the hall. She was just a happy person who loved life. She was born in New York state.

Like her adventurous personality, she and two others in our nursing class took off to work at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in NYC for the summer. While on a trip to Cape Cod, their car was hit from behind and rolled over on August 3, 1968 killing Susan. Her memorial was held in the Boe Memorial Chapel that summer. For many of us, this was the first death of someone our age to whom we had become so close. While many of us were learning how to handle grief and loss for our patients and their families, we were truly stunned by this loss.

Susan was a bright light that burned out all too quickly, but her memory is still alive and remembered fondly by her nursing family.



Mary Lynne Golberg

1947–1967

Mary Lynne Golberg graduated from Marshall High School in Rochester, Minnesota. She attended St. Olaf for her freshman and sophomore years and was enrolled in the nursing program. Mary left the St. Olaf nursing program to complete her last two years in the Army Nurse program at Georgetown. Unfortunately, she died in a car crash shortly after arriving in D.C. She is remembered by her classmates as intelligent, ambitious and fun to be around. At the time of her death, she was survived by a sister and parents.



The 59th Bridge Song reminds Mary's nursing classmates her. It was a favorite and they could sing it with gusto:

*Slow down, you move too fast
You got to make the morning last
Just kicking down the cobblestones
Looking for fun and feeling groovy
Ba da-da da-da da-da, feeling groovy*

*Hello lamppost, what'cha knowing
I've come to watch your flowers growin'
Ain't you got no rhymes for me?
Doo-ait-n-doo-doo, feeling groovy
Ba da-da da-da da-da, feeling groovy*

*I got no deeds to do, no promises to keep
I'm dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep
Let the morningtime drop all its petals on me
Life, I love you, all is groovy*

Stephen H. Gravrock

1947–1972

Stephen graduated from Washburn High in Minneapolis. His father, Howard Gravrock, was a Lutheran pastor. As a first-year student at St. Olaf, Steve wrote regularly for the Manitou Messenger. After leaving St. Olaf, Steve attended the Air Force Academy from where he graduated in 1970 with a degree in humanities. His tour of duty in Vietnam began on November 28, 1971. 1st Lieutenant Stephen H. Gravrock was killed on July 23, 1972, while on a combat mission in South Vietnam. The A-37 aircraft he was piloting was struck by hostile fire and crashed. He was shot down while supporting a Vietnamese army unit with American advisors. Steve was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and Purple Heart. Steve's home town at the time of his death was Fullerton, California.



Joan Taylor Gross

1947–2011

Joan Taylor Gross of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away on January 28, 2011, at age 63. She was born on March 23, 1947, in Sioux City, Iowa, and moved to Yankton with her family at a young age. Joan graduated from Yankton High School in 1965 and continued her education attending St. Olaf, where she received a bachelor's in music. After graduation, she earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1971. In that same year, she married Charlie Gross. She taught music for much of her career to young people from kindergarten through college. Later in life, she worked at the local Walmart, stayed active in her church, participated in service organizations, contributed to the Yankton Children's Choir and played clarinet in the summer band. Her hobbies included singing, sewing, baking, and volunteering at church and in the community. She had two daughters and two grandchildren.



Carol Ann Haaland

1947–2013

Carol Ann was born in Los Angeles on April 12, 1947. She was the only child of Christian Chris Haaland and Beatrice Lund Haaland, both of whom moved to California from rural Minnesota before Carol Ann was born. After majoring in history at St. Olaf, Carol Ann received a master's in 1974 from California State University, Long Beach. She was employed as a teacher by the Huntington Beach Union High School district and was a lifelong resident of Long Beach. Carol Ann died on November 26, 2013.



Mary Anne Hager

1947–2005

Mary Anne, born on July 15, 1947, was raised and educated in Billings, Montana. Her family's business was prominent in the community for supplying the largest percentage of eggs throughout the Billings area. Mary Anne was diagnosed with diabetes as a child, but she did not let that slow her down. While at St. Olaf, she was (usually) good about checking her blood sugar level and responding appropriately, whether that meant giving herself insulin or eating candy. She preferred the eating candy intervention.



Mary Anne died alone, but peacefully, at her home in Billings at the age of 53. After graduating *summa cum laude* from St. Olaf, Mary Anne traveled extensively and went into social work in Colorado. After her return to Montana, she joined the family business, Hager Brothers Eggs, until 1988. She later worked for US West Inc. and, at the time of her death, was secretary for Unity Church of Christianity. Mary Anne's caring spirit was evident in the memorials she'd requested at the time of her death, with contributions directed to either Help for Homeless Pets or the Mary Anne Peace Garden Fund at her church.

Mary Anne married twice, was disappointed by both choices, and eventually divorced her husbands. While attending a social work conference in Seattle and visiting classmate Julie Mjos MacGregor, Mary Anne said of her second husband, "I should have been suspicious when we got married. He chose to take my last name."

In our sophomore dorm corridor in Kittelsby, Mary Anne's room was usually the place where a number of us would meet up for popcorn, pop and gossip at the end of most weeknights. She was always an eager host, up for fun and interested in the happenings of others' lives.

By: Jo Hohenstein Zimmermann '69

William Jack Hansen

1947–1969

William Jack Hansen was born May 4, 1947, in San Francisco, California, to Charles John Hansen and Florence Iona Jackson. He graduated from high school in Indio, California. Jack enrolled at St. Olaf and only attended through the first semester of the 1966-67 school year, living in Kildahl Hall. During his time on the Hill, he went by the name Jack. He was on the KSTO staff and his picture can be found in the 1966-67 yearbook. After Jack left St. Olaf, no word was heard from him again and his name does not appear in any military records. The college received notice that he died on July 20, 1969.

Barbara “Barb” Jean Harms

1947–2006

Barbara (Barb) Jean Harms, died October 26, 2006 at the age of 59. Barb was born in St. Joseph, IL, the daughter of Margaret and John Harms and sister of Gloria Harms and Leon Harms. She was the only member of her family to leave home for a college out of state—albeit in the small farming town of Northfield.

Those of us who knew her well, remember her for her exuberant personality and for being a wonderful and generous friend. As a student, Barb acted in multiple theater productions at St. Olaf. She knew how to connect with an audience, to share the stage with cast members, and loved taking a curtain call or two.



From graduation on, Barb lived in Chicago, a city she loved and enjoyed. She hosted many of us – her classmates and friends – in her Old Town Chicago apartment from the early 70's on. Always welcoming, she remained her exuberant self as she built her career. Her successful career at Chicago Title and Trust took her at one time to Santa Barbara, CA (aptly named in her case). But, she preferred living in Chicago and chose to move back to live in the center of the vibrant city near the Loop. She later became a vice president at Chicago Title, and took great pride and pleasure in her work.

Never one to spare her thoughts, or words, she was loved by friends and professional colleagues alike. After her death, one of her colleagues said, “Barbara and I worked together at Chicago Title from 1987 to 2001. She had special talents which served the company well. She brought her wonderful spirit to everything she did, and she gave those of us who worked with her many good laughs. Her zest for life was always admirable.”

Karen Wicks Helz

1947–2016

Karen Wicks Helz, passed away on May 24, 2016, in Atlanta, Georgia, after living with pancreatic cancer for two years.

In 1967, Karen participated in the second Far East Semester, with 22 other St. Olaf students. Her experiences in Thailand, and the life-long friendships she made, influenced much of her future life.

Karen met her husband of 47 years, Bill Helz, while studying at St. Olaf. Bill and Karen dedicated their careers to the teaching of English as a second language. They began by teaching in Thailand through the Peace Corps, and subsequently in other countries, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Yemen, returning to Thailand, and in the U.S. Personally and professionally, Karen's life was focused on furthering international peace and understanding. Karen made many lifelong friends all over the world.

Karen also dedicated herself to her loving and close family. Karen's husband died in 2017. She is survived her daughters Maya Pack, Kristin Helz and Katrina Helz, and grandsons Jonah Pack and Julian and Eliot Helz Delicata. She is also survived by her sister Arlinda Wicks Klempin '71 and nieces Serena and Bonnie.



Richard L. Henrickson

1947–1995

Rick was born Dec 23, 1947, in Minot, North Dakota, to Leonard and Ione Henrickson. Rick, a history major at St. Olaf, was active in the student congregation, serving during his junior year as a vice-president for extra-campus activities. Rick lived in several locations in California, and died in San Francisco on March 19, 1995. He is survived by his mother, Ione, and sisters, Sheila and Diane.



Lee Sanford Hill

1949–2002

Lee Sanford Hill, of Minneapolis, and formerly of Hibbing, Minnesota, died on February 10, 2002, after a battle with cancer. He was born in Brainerd, Minnesota, and at an early age moved with his parents, Clyde and Louise Hill, to Hibbing. Lee graduated from Hibbing High School where he participated in the band and swimming. He went on to graduate from St. Olaf four years later. During summers, he served as a counselor at Wilderness Canoe Base. After college, he was called up to serve in the armed forces during the Vietnam War. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Lee was employed both in the security systems industry and at the Target Center. Lee is survived by a daughter, Tracy, his parents (both members of the St. Olaf Class of 1941), a brother, Paul '73, and a niece and nephew.



Linda Umland Holte

1947–2002

Linda Umland Holte's road led from the Hill to marrying Carlton Holte '67, to Decorah, Iowa, and then finally to Davis, California, where she had a 25-year career as a junior high and high school teacher of English and Drama-Speech and parented two marvelous children. Linda also found time to enjoy reading (including a book-and-wine club that sometimes discussed books), served in many church leadership roles, directed school plays, spent time with her two sisters and their families in southern California, and journeyed on summer trips to visit family and friends in Minnesota. Unfortunately, she could not survive the ravages of progressive supranuclear palsy – a rare, untreatable and devastating neurodegenerative disease – and died far too young in 2002. Linda was recognized by the California legislature at her passing for her contribution to the state's curriculum-planning and evaluation programs.



Written by Carlton Holte '67

Kathryn Lynn (Kathy) Corey Horvath

1947–2000

Kathy was born at home in a blizzard in Olivia, Minnesota. While at St. Olaf, Kathy served on the campus Environmental Studies Committee and was the sophomore class secretary. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from St. Olaf and received a master's in teaching from Yale University. She also studied in Tubingen, Germany, leading to a successful career as an outstanding teacher of German in San Antonio and Michigan. Kathy was awarded two grants by the Goethe Institute to study in Germany and in Minnesota. She also received a grant from the Texas Education Agency to produce a teacher training video and she addressed the National Press Club in Washington D.C. to promote distance learning.



Kathy enjoyed reading, traveling, and cooking and she was involved in many cultural and civic groups, including the Junior League of San Antonio. She was a faithful member of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. Kathy is survived by daughters Erika and Naomi as well as other family. She was preceded in death by husband William (Bill) Horvath '67.

Nancy Jimieson

1947–2013

Nancy was born, raised and educated in Chicago. While in Chicago, Nancy spent many years singing in youth choirs in her home Lutheran church: Edgebrook Lutheran. During her time at St. Olaf, Nancy majored in psychology and, upon graduation, began work as an administrative assistant for the Early Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit in the psychiatry department of the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis. In 1972, Nancy moved to Neenah, Wisconsin, where she helped develop the office management system for an art supply and frame store. Two years later, she was hired by Lakeside Harvestore in New Holstein where she was the office manager responsible for the management of the dealership serving five counties in northeastern Wisconsin. Nancy moved to Minneapolis in 1985 to help care for her aging parents and to be near the family of her brother Jim. After her mother passed away, Jim and his family, as well as her father, moved to Arizona. Nancy soon followed and relocated to Scottsdale in 1988. Nancy worked for 25 years in the Relocation Division of Russ Lyon/Sotheby's International Realty. While living in Scottsdale, Nancy was an active member of La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church. She served as a Stephen Minister, a youth volunteer, and was the treasurer for many years. Nancy passed away on September 30, 2013. She is survived by her brother Jim and his family.



Dianne Lubinski Key

1947–2004

Dianne was born on July 11, 1947 in Berea, Ohio and later graduated from Berea High School in 1965. During her time at St. Olaf, Dianne was active in the student congregation, serving as secretary and heading up the congregation's Grounds of Bean project. She also published poetry in *Touch*, the student literary journal.

While at St. Olaf, Dianne grew to love English literature, writing and classics. After graduation, Dianne attended graduate school at Ohio State and later taught at Columbia Bible College, now known as Columbia International University. One of her former students said "Dianne was my teacher at Columbia Bible College. She was a great teacher and a better friend. Her passing was way too soon."



After her tenure at Columbia Bible College, Dianne taught English at Ben Lippen High School in Columbia, South Carolina, until her retirement. She became head of the English Department at Ben Lippen in the early 1990s. Her death came on February 18, 2004 in Lexington, South Carolina after a long fight with breast cancer. Dianne is survived by husband Dale Key, son Jonathan, daughter Bethany and brother Dale Lubinski.

Frances Spiers Kimball

1949–2009

Frances Patricia Spiers grew up in Galena, Illinois, her parents were James R and Irene J (Carroll) Spiers. Frances graduated from Galena High School in 1966.

At St. Olaf, Frances majored in psychology. She married fellow student Ronald Kimball on December 20, 1969. Frances and Ronald had a daughter, Angela. They were later divorced and Frances re-married, to Robert Greives. She subsequently changed her last name to her mother's maiden name of Carroll. As well as Frances, she sometimes used Fran or Francine for her first name. She lived for some years in Columbia, Maryland and later in Baltimore. As her illness progressed she moved in with her daughter Angela Martin, and died on August 27 in 2009. She was predeceased by her mother Irene (Carroll) Spiers and survived by her daughter Angela and a brother, Ted Spiers.

Willard Carl Klunder

1949–2015

Willard C. Klunder, a beloved husband, father and history professor at Wichita State University passed away September 24, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; daughters, Kristin, Catherine, and Erica Klunder; mother, Dorothy Pollack; brothers, Scott Klunder, Walter and Jim Pollack; sister, Paula Dwyer, and numerous friends.

Will's great work was his biography of Lewis Cass (1782-1866) published in 1996. Drawing upon his subject's private papers, correspondence and published works, Will provided a detailed biography of the man who was a Democratic politician in the Old Northwest for more than 50 years before the Civil War. Cass was an ardent expansionist and nationalist who served as a governor of the Michigan Territory and in the United States Senate. Will wrote many other books and papers about American history in the first half of the nineteenth century.



Caroline “Carol” Knell

1947–2013

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, in 1947 to Raymond Edward Knell and Catherine Peck Knell, she is survived by her brother Raymond. Carol grew up in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where she was a member of the madrigal group when she graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1965.

Carol’s love of singing developed at St. Olaf, where she earned a degree in music education and performance. She was soprano section leader of the St. Olaf Choir. After receiving a master’s in music performance at Indiana University, she started her full-time teaching career as voice professor and leader of an early music group at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and pursued a doctorate of music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her teaching then took her to Saint Mary’s College/Notre Dame, Oregon State University and William Paterson College. She continued throughout in study, teaching and performance in New York City, where she studied with Martin Katz and as an artist-in-residence at music festivals and concert series throughout the United States. One of her lyric mezzo soprano solo programs is featured in “The Art of the Song Recital.” (2001) She was also a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.



Carol moved to North Carolina in 1987 and worked as an administrator in University of North Carolina Psychiatry Department until retirement in 2008. Her other interests included being a pet lover (cats!), cooking, gardening, and needlework. Sarah Caroline Knell passed away on November 2, 2013, in Durham, North Carolina, after a brief illness.

By: Dick Rortvedt '69 based upon information received from Carol’s sister-in-law Iris.

Peter B. Krusa

1948–2008

Peter B. Krusa of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, passed away on August 20, 2008, at the age of 60 following an accident at his home which led to many months of hospitalization prior to his death.

Peter was born in Northport, New York. During his high school years, he spent one year in Lagos, Nigeria, and a year in Italy before returning to graduate from Northport High School.

At St. Olaf, Peter joined the Sigma Delta Men's Society and served as president. Friends remember him as a fun-loving, good-hearted gentleman. After graduating with his bachelor's in 1969, he attended Rochester Institute of Technology for graduate studies in graphic arts.



Peter spent his entire career in the printing industry beginning with PBM Graphics, Inc. His vision, drive and leadership were instrumental in the company's growth. A respected leader and innovator in the printing industry, he was intensely active in the Printing Industries of the Carolinas and president of the PICA Foundation.

In 2005, Peter joined the faculty of the Appalachia State University as a distinguished professor in the Graphic Art and Imaging Technology programs. He was to be inducted into the Ben Franklin Society of the PIA/GATF which recognizes and honors industry leaders who have made lasting contributions to the printing and graphic communications industries.

At the time of his death, Peter was survived by his wife Candy, father Hans Krusa, sons Peter Strommen (now deceased) and Jay Strommen, two daughters, eight grandchildren, brother Paul, and sister Joan Asplin.

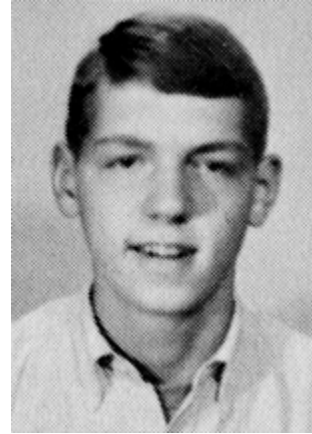
He is remembered as a wonderful husband, father and doting grandfather, as well as an accomplished businessman and leader in the printing industry.

By: Sandra Londin '69

Eric J. Larsen

1947–2009

Eric was born September 10, 1947, in Seattle, Washington. He grew up in Ostrander and Zumbrota, Minnesota, and lived most of his adult life in Oregon, where he was a probation and parole officer for Multnomah and Yamhill counties. He returned to Minnesota in April of 2009, where he died of pancreatic cancer on September 13 of that year. Eric was preceded in death by his sister, Kari. He is survived by his wife, Mary Eastman of Portland, Oregon, stepson George Sexton and his parents Alton and Helen Larsen, a brother, Trygve Larsen, and sisters Kristi Larsen and Karla Larsen, all of Minneapolis.

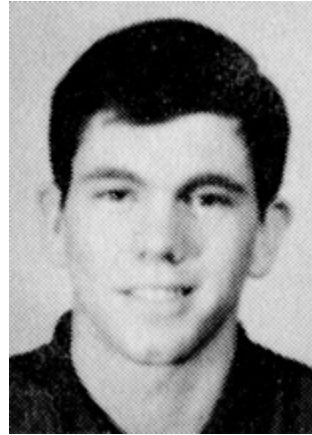


John Arnold Lawson

1947–2013

John Arnold Lawson was born on August 26, 1947, in Jacksonville, Florida. His mother, Melba Wall Lawson, was a St. Olaf graduate. John died January 13, 2014, in Denver, Colorado, survived by his wife, Teryl Bailly Lawson '69, his son, Adam Lawson, his sister Maren Lawson Mahowald and many nieces and nephews.

John developed Type 1 Diabetes at a young age and died at age 66 from complications resulting from the disease. His last statement to the world sums him up entirely: "Everything was so damn interesting!"



John received his bachelor's degree in English literature in 1969. He was elated that he was able to spend part of his senior year at Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois. He enjoyed his participation in several St. Olaf productions, including "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Zoo Story." After St. Olaf, John attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and received a master's in secondary English education.

John married Teryl Bailly on April 8, 1972, and the couple moved to Denver, Colorado. His work history included technical writing for Jeppesen Sanderson and the co-writing of a scuba diving manual for NAUI. He started his own business called Lawson & Associates. With a graphic design group, they wrote and produced many marketing workbooks and brochures for Denver area companies. He was very proud of teaming up with Teryl, who taught in elementary inner-city Denver schools, to connect area businesses willing to donate computers to students lacking access to technology. He ended his career as a freshman English composition teacher at Rocky Mt. College of Art & Design (RMCAD) in Denver. While there, he was proud to be part of the committee which finally brought accreditation to the school.

Roberta “Bobbie” K. Lee

1947–2017

Roberta “Bobbie” K. Lee was born in Zumbrota, Minnesota, on November 30, 1947, and passed away at her home in Lakeway, Texas on October 22, 2017, due to complications of lung cancer. She is survived by her husband, John Foley, her brother Brian, her sons Josh, Bill and Tim and her stepdaughters, Alice and Sherrill. She loved spending time with her grandchildren Keely, Natalie, Jonah, Brody, Claire, Adrian and Drew.



After she graduated from St. Olaf, she continued her studies to receive a doctorate in public health from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She became an endowed scholar at the University of St. Louis. Much of her work focused on the epidemiology of gunshot injuries. She was published in many journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine. She loved teaching and mentoring her students.

Bobbie did everything with vigor, from golf to scuba diving to bridge. She started many bridge games between classes while we were in school. She is cherished in the memories of the nurses who knew her and was always there urging us on. As a testament to her commitment to service, she participated in several clinical trials for new cancer medications, the ultimate commitment to the work she did to help the lives of others.

Gregory Brant Lie

1947–2000

Greg was born in Helena, Montana, and grew up in the small town of Webster, South Dakota, as the third of four children. After high school graduation, he followed his older sister Teresa to St. Olaf, majoring in biology and chemistry. He received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in botany and related sciences from the University of Minnesota.



Greg and I met during our sophomore year at St. Olaf. We were married shortly after graduation

Greg was manager of the hazardous waste division of Hennepin County where he worked for 20 years. He was also active in the development of hazardous waste programs in the Minneapolis metro area. He harbored an intense passion for the environment and did what he and his staff could do to prevent industrial pollution and clean contaminated lands.

Greg was also passionate about his Norwegian heritage. Baking *krumkake*, cooking *lutefisk*, researching his family history and traveling to Norway were highlights for him. Greg's interest in his Norwegian heritage was passed on to our daughter, Kari Lie Dorer, presently the chair of the Norwegian department at St. Olaf College.

The many years of diabetes took a toll on Greg, but his death in 2000 was quite unexpected.

Greg always saw the glass as "half full." His infectious smile, positive attitude on life, kindness and quick sense of humor are greatly missed

Greg was preceded in death by his sister, Teresa "Tessa" Lie Kelley '67, who died in a 1997 automobile accident. He is missed by many, but especially his wife, Letty '69, and children Ole '94 and Kari Lie Dorer. Although he never met them, I am sure Greg is keeping watchful eyes on our two wonderful grandchildren.

By: Letty Hibben Lie '69

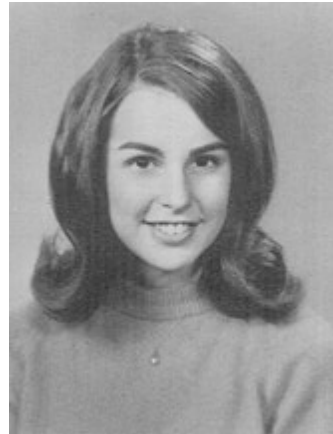
Barbara Lien

1949–2016

Barbara Elizabeth Zahn (Lien) was born July 25, 1949, to Milton and Pearl Lien of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Barb had one sibling, her “little brother” Jeffrey. The two were always close and remained best friends.

Barb graduated from Bloomington High School in 1965 and from St. Olaf at 19 with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Barb was deeply spiritual and ever tolerant of others. Barb was extraordinarily intelligent and always humble. She was gracious, generous, giving of herself – the well-being of others more important than her own.



Barb spent most her adult life in commercial insurance as Vice President with James Econn & Company in Los Angeles, CA. Greg Econn remembers: “Barb was one of the finest persons with whom I’ve ever had the pleasure of working. Her intellect and integrity coupled with a sharp sense of humor set her apart from the pack.”

Pasadena was home in California, picking lemons, avocados, and figs in her backyard. Barb had many good friends; loved and supported music and the arts. She enjoyed hiking in the San Gabriels, caring for her many dogs, and volunteering at All Saints Church where she was a valued member.

Barb was always able to find a bright side to any situation, even when she was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s disease in 2007. “Barbie was simply beautiful, inside and out,” shared a friend. “Though ill, her grace, kindness, beauty and love came through like a gentle white light that always shone no matter what her mind and body were going through.”

Jeffrey and his wife, Mary, moved Barb along with her dog, Chloe, back to Minneapolis to be with family as her disease progressed. The sad journey had its laughter and many joyful moments. Barb passed away January 17, 2016.

Wendy Lou Amundson Lindlief

1947–2017

Wendy was born in Bagley, Minnesota. During her time at St. Olaf, she majored in music education and minored in religious ethics. She played bass clarinet in the St. Olaf Band. Upon graduation, she was hired as the band director in Mora, Minnesota, where she met her husband, John. They were married in 1971 and moved to Wadena, Minnesota, where John directed the high school band. Here she gave birth to Jeff in 1974 and Monica in 1977. They subsequently lived in Battle Lake and Buffalo, Minnesota.



Wendy's passion for enriching the lives of children through music was reflected in her career as a band director as well as 50 years as a piano instructor. Wendy's faith was instrumental in her life as demonstrated by her active involvement at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, where she was the senior choir director, and at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo, where she was a member of the women's ministry and sang in the choir.

Wendy and John loved to travel and took family trips throughout the States including Hawaii, and to Europe, where they visited Germany and toured Scandinavia. Wendy's grandchildren were the love of her life. Wendy died of ovarian cancer and is survived by John, her husband of 45 years, her son Jeff Lindlief, daughter Monica Pogatchnik and her five grandchildren.

Judith Elizabeth Isaacson Luna

1947–2017

After graduating from St. Olaf, Judy obtained a B.F.A. in film production at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Later in life, she was awarded two master's degrees from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, the first in political science in 1996 and the second in photojournalism in 2017. With her son, Nicolas, himself a film producer, Judy made a film about her hometown of Eveleth. The film was screened at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth in 2017.



In 1978, Judy joined the Peace Corps and lived in Honduras for two and a half years, where she taught audiovisual production of materials for the training of rural auxiliary nurses. In Honduras, she met and married her husband, Jorge. During their 33 years of marriage, they lived in Miami, the Washington D.C. area and Arkansas. She is survived by her husband, Jorge R. Luna of West Fork, Arkansas and their son Nicolas Maximilian of Brooklyn, New York.

Ole Lundby

1948–2011

Ole was born in Hurdal, Norway. Very much a self-made man, he came from a humble background to become noted diplomat. He passed away in Vienna from prostate cancer in February of 2011. His daughter, Ingvild Melby wrote, “He spoke very fondly of his years at St. Olaf and it was a topic during his last few days. I am sure he would have joined you for the celebration.”

Ole had a long and distinguished career as a diplomat and trade negotiator. He was the driving force behind *Making It*, a well-regarded e-journal and platform for the discussion of global industrial policy. He attended St. Olaf from the fall of 1968 to the spring of 1969. After returning to Norway, he completed his military service and obtained a masters from the University of Oslo, focusing on history and political science. It was there that he met his first wife, Kristen. Their daughter Ingvild was born in 1977. After a stint as an assistant to his professor at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, he joined the Foreign Ministry. His subsequent postings took him to the Norwegian Embassy in London (1980-83) and the Norwegian Consulate in Vancouver (1983-86). Ole and Kristin had two sons, Kristian and Sebastian.

Until Christmas of 2010, Ole worked as the Special Advisor to the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as well as advising on Focal Point for Ethics and Accountability and UNIDO’s Millennium Development Goals. UNIDO promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. He and Kristin divorced in 1992 and Ole later remarried in 1993 to Therese. They moved to Geneva where two daughters, Catharina and Henriette, were born. Ole is also survived by grandchildren Sunniva, Embla, Matilde and Laniakea.

By: Claire Selkurt '69

Scott T. MacGregor

1947–2008

Scott T. MacGregor died of a heart attack while riding his bike near his home. At the time of his death, Scott T. MacGregor was the chief architect of a naval architecture project. It was one of his favorite projects during his career as an architect and solar designer.

Scott attended graduate school at the University of Washington, completing a master's in architecture and urban planning. He settled in the Seattle area, building a solar house on Bainbridge Island. He discovered he enjoyed smaller architecture firms and working with individual clients to design their living places. While his children attended college, he became a facilities architect at Boeing. While there, he completed a master's degree in project management.



Scott was passionate about many things, his family, his community, friends, sailboat racing with his children and exploring the Puget Sound area. He continued performing music throughout his life, singing with Bainbridge Chorale and madrigal groups and playing trombone in local bands and brass groups. After his daughter, Sirianna, returned from a semester abroad in Florence, she developed a tour of Italy based on her recently acquired knowledge. This was the start of many travels abroad and later to other parts of the world. Scott documented those travels with pen and ink sketches. Scott lived his life with joy and kindness and thoughtfulness for others. He exemplified being a lifelong learner, sharing his experience and talents freely. Scott blessed this world from 1947–2008. For Scott, it was the dash between those dates that he lived so very well.

Patricia A. Larsen Malmanger

1947–2017

Patricia A. Larsen Malmanger, a Manitowoc, Wisconsin, resident, died September 21, 2017 at a hospice in Sheboygan Falls. She was born on March 13, 1947 in Oconto Falls, daughter of William and Pearl Larsen. Patricia attended Oconto Falls Public Schools and received a bachelor's in mathematics education from St. Olaf.

Pat met her future husband during her freshman year at St. Olaf. On June 7, 1969 she married Byrl Malmanger at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. Shortly after their wedding, the couple moved to Manitowoc. Pat taught for four years at the Mishicot School District. In 1972, she joined Byrl in the Manitowoc Public School District where she taught for another 26 years. Pat retired from teaching in 1999.



Pat and Byrl were members of First Lutheran Church where she played hand bells and sang in the choir. Pat and Byrl began playing duplicate bridge and attained the distinction of becoming Bronze Life Masters in 2005 and 2007 respectively. They met many people at games and tournaments from Hawaii to Myrtle Beach. In 2005, they moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas, in the foothills of the Ozarks for the nice winter weather and the weekly bridge games they could play. Pat is survived by her two children and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Byrl in 2009.

Carol Lynn Transeth Nielsen

1947–2000

Carol Lynn Transeth Nielsen passed away peacefully at her home in Poway, California, on March 18, 2000. Diagnosed with cancer, she bravely endured and continued to be a wonderful mother to her daughters, Sonja and Britt, and wife to Bill Nielsen '70, to whom she was happily married for 28 years.

Carol graduated from Del Mar High School in San Jose, California, and majored in music at St. Olaf. She brought grace and style to any occasion and developed lifelong friendships on the Hill.

A gifted violinist, Carol was with the orchestra on tours and pursued a career sharing her gift as a music teacher/orchestra conductor at high schools in various Chicago suburbs.

She passed her love of music to her daughters and was a continual source of support to them in in whatever activities they chose, including music, volleyball, soccer, and education.

She was active in her tennis club, a gracious hostess, member of the local orchestra and other civic organizations. She continued to teach violin.

Carol was a truly loving daughter to Clifford now deceased and Evelyn Transeth of Aptos California, an exceptional mother and wife, a supportive sister to Paula Pugh '67 and brother, Don.

Carol will always be remembered for her many talents, faith, caring for others, and her generous spirit.



Laura Niemeyer

Laura was my first, great friend in the German House. After graduation, Laura came to Germany to work in a childrens shelter. She was the only American I know to not only speak German without any accent, but also the Rhenish dialect. But I will always remember the fun we had together and her “big heart.”

Laura and six of us drove through the heaviest snow on our way to La Crescenta, California over the Christmas holiday, an adventure none of us will forget. Neither will I forget the pink Christmas trees welcoming us to California.

By: Sylvia Roscher Bukowski: retired Lutheran pastor, Wuppertal, Germany



Janice Oftedahl

1947–2008

Janice Oftedahl, born November 24, 1947, grew up on a farm outside of Cottonwood, Minnesota. She was a good student who participated in band and many activities at Christ Lutheran Church. As a youth, she developed a passion for figure skating. After graduating from St. Olaf, she worked in Minneapolis at TCF Bank and later for Methodist Hospital. She pursued figure skating while in the Twin Cities. Janice struggled with mental and physical illness during her adult years. She spent her last years on the family farm in Cottonwood and passed away June 24, 2008.



Cynthia Olsen Ohlrogge

1947–2014

Cynthia was our classmate during our first and second years at St. Olaf before she later transferred to the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. She earned her teaching degree and taught elementary school until she married James Balogh and transferred her talents to raising her daughter, Emily. With her love for art, she worked at a Minneapolis art gallery and became a docent at the Walker Art Center.

Her marriage ended, but her St. Olaf connections didn't. She and Ken Ohlrogge had become friends in their freshman art class, and, although they never dated in college, they did when they met up again and were married in 1984. They made their home in Minneapolis with Cynthia as the center of everything, both as a much-loved wife to Ken and much-loved mother to daughters Emily and Julia. Cynthia loved to travel, with many trips around the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Although the effects of post-polio syndrome slowed her in later years, they never kept her down. While touring London, Cynthia was once forced to stand up from her wheelchair to walk across a street. An astonished man in the crosswalk said, "My God, I'm witnessing a miracle."

Cynthia passed away unexpectedly on September 12, 2014, from complications of medical conditions she'd been battling for several years.

Everyone who knew Cynthia will never forget her. She was smart, classy and always true and loyal to her friends and loved ones. She could hold her own in any conversation and would happily exchange zingers with anyone. You always knew exactly where she was coming from and, with her wry sense of humor, could never wait to see where she was going to take you. We're all blessed to have had her in our lives.



Leavy W. Oliver, Jr.

1948–1996

Although he held a unique presence in our class, being the only African American and student body president of our senior year, little can be found of Lee's life after graduation. He partially attended training at Luther Seminary in the fall of 1969. There are later records of him practicing law in California, doing so in North Hollywood at the time of his death on January 27, 1996.



One vivid memory I shared with him was from spring break in 1969. Five of us set off for the south. Scott and Julie MacGregor were going to the Florida Keys for a belated honeymoon while Lee was taking his roommate, Joel Erickson, home to Birmingham Alabama. I was going to visit my godmother in Miami.

Four naïve white Christian Midwesterners and one black guy travelled together just six years after the Birmingham campaign of diner sit-ins and protesters accosted by police with batons, dogs and water hoses. Though the campaign was considered a “success” with agreement to desegregate lunch counters, remove “Whites Only/Blacks Only” signs on restrooms, drinking fountains, and such, violence continued.

As we neared Birmingham, on a dark rainy night, Lee was sleeping with a jacket over his head in the back seat between Julie and me. Scott pulled over to help a fellow with a stalled truck. Julie and I both felt Lee's body go rigid upon hearing the stranger's voice as he got into the car. As soon as we let the stranger off at the next exit, Lee told us in very explicit terms that we would not stop, we would not help strangers and we would continue on straight to the Birmingham bus depot where he and Joel were to be dropped off. When we arrived at the depot, there were still “Whites Only” signs over the drinking fountains.

By: Jo Hohenstein Zimmermann '69

Torger Omdahl

1947–2014

Torger Omdahl was born January 28, 1947, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the only child of Gilbert and Rosemarie Omdahl. He was named for Torger Tokel, the world champion ski-jumper and Gilbert's comrade in the 10th Mountain Division who was killed in Italy in 1945. The family settled in Iron River, Michigan, where Torger's father built a chain of service stations on the Upper Peninsula.



Torger graduated from St. Olaf where he played football and basketball. He received a law degree from Tulane University in 1973 and returned to Iron River to practice law. For 30 years, he represented injured persons against insurance companies and people accused of crimes by the government. He had many friends and clients throughout the western Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

In his most famous case, Torger represented the family of George Gipp (the famed "Gipper") who died at age 20 in 1920 shortly after graduating from Notre Dame where he set football records that still stands. In 2007, Gipp's body was exhumed so DNA tests could be conducted to eliminate a claim that he had produced an illegitimate heir. Torger stopped ESPN from showing the exhumation on TV but couldn't prevent severe damage to Gipp's and his sister's graves. Torger was quoted on the front page of the *New York Times*, saying, "Only a fool would use a backhoe to dig up graves that are 87 and 97 years old. With this, you use small shovels like the ones archaeologists use." Torger and the Gipp family sued governmental agencies, a funeral home and the cemetery in Calumet, Michigan, for allowing the "desecration" of the graves.

Torger had a wife and family. He loved life, including sports and cars. His wry sense of humor often showed itself in the courtroom. He died at home of natural causes on December 16, 2014.

Neil Omvedt

1948–1983

Neil was born in Minneapolis on May 22, 1948. While at St. Olaf, Neil participated in a National Science Foundation-funded undergraduate research group under the leadership of Lynn Steen and J. Arthur Seebach which led to the publication of Steen and Seebach's *Counterexamples in Topology*. Neil was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received an NSF grant for graduate study in mathematics at University of California Berkeley. Neil married Joan Welch in Minneapolis in the spring of 1970. Shortly thereafter, he changed his interest from graduate work in mathematics to urban planning, and eventually trained as an actuary. He lived for a time in South Dakota, and then spent eight years in Florida. Neil was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and worked for Gulf Life Insurance in Florida before returning to Minnesota in 1982 to start an independent actuarial practice in Roseville, Minnesota. In the early 1980s, Neil authored several articles in computer magazines, including *Commander* (for Commodore users) and *Microcomputing Magazine*. Neil died on February 15, 1983 in St. Paul.

Curtis “Curt” L. Overbo

1947–2008

Curtis was born on July 16, 1947, at Devils Lake, North Dakota, as the son of Fred and Myrtle Overbo. Curt died on April 22, 2008, at Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake. He grew up in Starkweather, North Dakota, and graduated from Starkweather High School in 1965. He graduated from St. Olaf with a bachelors in English and religion. After graduation, he served with the Peace Corps in the Philippines. He later returned to North Dakota and married Kathlyn Rajala on June 5, 1971. Kathlyn and Curt had three children: Anna, Michael, and Alycia, the latter of whom was also a St. Olaf graduate.



Curt was a lifelong learner and a very forward thinker. He had an entrepreneurial spirit. In that vein, he farmed in the Starkweather area, growing and marketing organic wheat with his cousin, Gordon Overbo. He later became involved in the Captive Column construction concept and co-founded the Grayling Boat Company and Contag Data Systems. He would later work with Transport Data Systems of Brookings, South Dakota, and Central Futures of Clyde, North Dakota. Curtis was a member of Trinity-Bergen Lutheran Church, Starkweather and St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake.

Curtis thrived on the adventures of the high plains. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting; he was a skilled marksman and ammunition reloader, and enjoyed attending gun shows throughout the state. He belonged to the National Rifle Association. During his years at St. Olaf, he was politically active in several organizations on campus including Students for a Democratic Society. Other hobbies included travel, reading, photography, nutrition, alternative medicine, and computers.

Donna Sanders Painter

1947–2008

Donna was born in Greenville, South Carolina, and grew up in Charlotte with brothers Eddie and John. She first attended Furman University, then received her bachelor's in education at St. Olaf. She then obtained a master's in counseling from Western Carolina University. She was ordained in 2005. Donna served as the minister with senior adults at First Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina, from 2002 until her death in 2008.

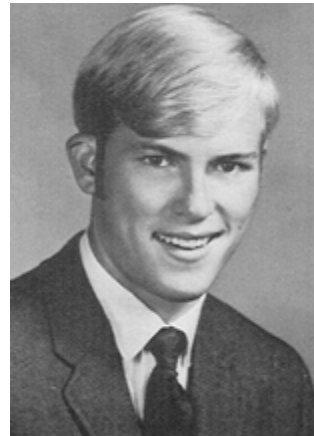
The impact Reverend Painter had while in this role was reflected in memorial comments recalling her as a loving and kind-hearted individual. Her successor at First Baptist, Rev. Leah Brown, described her as a strong and compassionate woman who provided extraordinary programming and pastoral care to the senior adults in the First Baptist congregation. She had a bright, beautiful smile and many, many friends.

She is survived by her husband, Ladd Painter, Noel, Frankie, Connor and Aidan Painter of Deland, Florida; Paul, Heather, Bryson, Jacob and Hayden Painter of Avon, Indiana; and Alan Painter.

David Alan Paulson

1947–2019

David Alan Paulson of Minnetonka, Minnesota, passed away on January 10, 2019. He was born July 29, 1947. After his time at St. Olaf, he graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School. David had a successful psychiatry practice for many years at the Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He was a compassionate caregiver who changed the lives of countless patients. He enjoyed spending his free time with his wife, children, grandchildren and dogs. David was an avid reader, ice-cream aficionado, and loved watching golf and tennis. He was treasured for his words and breadth of encyclopedia-like knowledge. He was passionate in sharing his knowledge with his family. A simple roller coaster ride with David was a lesson in centripetal force. He will be dearly missed for his dry wit and humanity. David is survived by his mother, Bernice; sister, Kathy Burns; wife, Sandra Schoonover Paulson; ex-wife, Katharine Kivett; children, Ingrid Paulson, Erik, Julia and Chris; grandchildren, Ryland and Whittaker Pugh; and many nieces and nephews.



Julianne Hubbard Peterson

1947–2011

Julianne Hubbard passed away on September 3, 2011, at the age of 63. Julie was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on October 2, 1947, to Robert and June Ann Hubbard who preceded her in death. She was a longtime resident of the Lake Minnetonka area.

Julianne graduated from St. Olaf and continued her education to become a licensed medical technologist working in a variety of capacities during her 33-year medical services career at Hennepin County Medical Center and Abbott Northwestern Hospitals. Since 2004, she served as a cardiovascular diagnostic services manager at Abbott Northwestern.



Julie maintained her spirit and met life's challenges day by day as she battled Leukemia for almost 20 years, working and raising her family with husband Greg. She was active at Woodridge Church in Edina, loved the small groups there and was an accomplished gardener. She always displayed a caring and sweet spirit because of her deep love for, and commitment to, her Lord Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her loving husband and longtime caregiver Greg, her beloved sons, Joshua and Chad, brothers, sisters, family members, friends, and her wonderful Abbott Northwestern colleagues.

By: Sandra Londin '69

Grete Ramborg

1944-1999

Grete was born in Oslo in 1944 and grew up in Tofte. She left Tofte as a teenager to attend Nansenskolen in Lillehammer. After short stints as an assistant in a college of veterinary medicine and as an airline stewardess, she left for the States. She spent 1966 and 1967 at St. Olaf. After her return to Norway, she married Svein Erik Odden in 1970 and the couple settled into Grete's family home in Saetre in Hurum. Svein Erik became a member of the Norwegian Parliament from the Buskerud district from 2001-2005. Grete had a life-long career as a journalist. She began working for a regional paper, *Tønsbergs Blad* and later as a writer for *Alle Kvinner*. This was followed by a lengthy tenure with the progressive newspaper *Ny Tid*. Her free-lance work focused on development projects and politics and she spent two years in Kenya between 1986-88. She continued her studies in anthropology and began working for *Journalisten*, a trade magazine for journalists, a position she held until illness prevented her from working.

She died of cancer just after her 55th birthday. Her daughter, Marte writes that one of Grete's greatest joys was meeting her first grandchild, August, a year before her death. Three additional grandchildren followed, Stella, August's sister, and Ariane and Hugo, the children of Grete's son, Jens. Marte noted, "All of the grandchildren have inherited Grandma's lust for seeing the world. She was such a cool Mom and for a very short time a loving grandmother."

Submitted by Claire Selkurt '69

Gregory Reindal

1947-1993

Gregory Scott Reindal was born November 10, 1947, and grew up with his three sisters on their parents' farm near the hamlet of Scarville, Iowa. Greg graduated from Lake Mills Community High School in May 1965. He received a two year degree from Waldorf College in Forest City, IA, and then transferred to St. Olaf where he stayed for one academic year, 1967-1968. In November 1970, Greg earned a bachelor's degree from Augsburg College as a music major. He also completed the NCATE Accredited program for teaching music at the elementary and secondary school levels.

Sadly, Greg passed away at a young age, 45 years, from complications of HIV/AIDS on May 3, 1993. He is still missed by friends, including one who found a copy of the program she had designed twenty-five years ago for Greg's memorial service at Hoversten Chapel at Augsburg College May 17, 1993. The postlude was "Cowboys Amble By," from Aaron Copeland's *Rodeo*, arranged for piano. That title perfectly reflects Greg's relaxed attitude and zest for life.

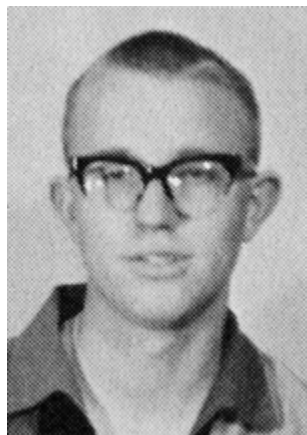
Submitted by Neal Holtan '69

Richard “Dick” Ritter

1947–2008

Dick Ritter died at age 60 on February 16, 2008, at the VA hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dick was born in LeMars, Iowa, and moved at a young age to Lake Benton, Minnesota, where he spent his early life. He graduated from Lake Benton High School. He attended St. Olaf for two and half years before enlisting in the Army in January 1968. He served in the Signal Corp and served in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star. After two and half years of service, he was honorably discharged and enrolled again at St. Olaf to eventually finish his degree in mathematics in 1972. He then returned to Lake Benton.



While juggling various jobs, Dick worked towards earning a teaching degree from South Dakota State University, which he received in 1980. He then moved to Lake Preston, a small town near the Minnesota-South Dakota border, where he taught math at Lake Preston High School.

Dick was head of the SEEK program for gifted students, advisor to National Honor Society and scorekeeper/statistician and official for local sports teams.

In 1999, he was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award from SDSU, and in 2003 was honored again at a banquet by the SDSU Electrical Engineering department.

Dick was much loved by his students. In the Memories section of his obituary, they describe how he encouraged students with math anxiety and mention a film he showed every year, “Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land.”

In 2002, he was diagnosed with colon cancer and beat the cancer into remission. The cancer returned in 2004. He is survived by his sister, Margaret Nagel, of Sioux Falls, and his brother, Martin Ritter, of Lake Benton.

Susan “Gail” Roberts

1947–2016

Susan G. Roberts, born on September 12, 1947, lived in Des Moines where she worked as an artist and quilt-maker for most of her life. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, friends, and cats. She died on December 23, 2016.

Susan was cremated and her cremated remains were scattered over her garden.



Georgia “Carol” Scott Robinson

1947–2016

Georgia “Carol” Scott Robinson, originally from Bethesda, Maryland, passed away on July 31, 2016. Carol lived in Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Edward Nahim Robinson on November 13, 1977, in Los Angeles, California. She is survived by her husband, her children Jennifer and Jacob and their families.



Kenneth W. Rolf

1947–2018

Kenneth grew up on the family farm in Hancock Township, Minnesota. As a child, he was an active member of 4-H. He graduated as class salutatorian Belle Plaine High School in 1965. At St. Olaf, Ken was an active member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and worked at WCAL as a sound engineer. Ken met his first wife and mother of his first two children, Ruth '69, while at St. Olaf. Following his divorce from Ruth, he married Juanita, who had four children from a previous marriage.



An insurance agent by trade, Ken's real passion was his volunteer work with Y's Men International, an organization in which he served for 40 years. His activities included fundraising for YMCA summer camps and providing maintenance services to Camp Kici Yapi. He participated in many Y's Men conventions, which included travel to Singapore, Norway, Hawaii, Cambodia, Hong Kong and Western Africa. Ken and Juanita also sponsored a Cambodian family for a period of time, providing support and assistance to them as refugees.

Among Ken's favorite activities were canoeing and camping with his family. He was a talented photographer and produced many beautiful photographs on these family trips. Ken was also a devoted member of several Twin Cities Bible study groups. Kenneth Rolf died in 2018.

Susan Elizabeth Nepstad Rollins

1947–2006

Susan Elizabeth Nepstad Rollins was born May 15, 1947, to George and Clara Gunderson Nepstad of Lake Mills, Iowa. As her mother died shortly after the birth of Susan's little brother, John, the two were raised by their step-mother, Margaret Nepstad.

At Lake Mills High School, Susan was dedicated to music, playing in the band and singing in the chorus. She participated in multiple small groups such as women's trio and mixed quartet, winning top scores in music contests. She also starred in the class play and excelled in the Speech Club.



At St. Olaf, Susan majored in English and speech, and continued to enjoy music as a member of the St. Olaf Choir where she sang second soprano. After college, she received a master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin. She spent one year in England as a Fulbright Scholar before beginning her career as a teacher.

Susan married Donald Rollins MD, class of 1969 and a pulmonologist. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated from St. Olaf in 2011 while their step-son, Matthew, graduated in 1997. Don first practiced in Loveland, Colorado, but they later moved to Lewisburg, West Virginia, in 2000 for Don to join the Greenbrier Clinic. Susan took care of her family, traveled, participated in music and volunteered. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church.

Sadly, Susan's time in West Virginia was difficult. After a year-long illness, she died from a brain tumor on December 15, 2006. As she became sicker and sicker, Don said she ordered hordes of clothing for him and Elizabeth to be sure that they would have what they liked when she was gone.

Everyone who knew Susan loved her. She was positive, intense and self-confident while being humble, loyal and loving. One of Susan's proud achievements was moving her high school music contest's judge to tears during her beautiful vocal solo. Such an image sums up Susan's personality perfectly.

By: Neal Holtan '69

Eric Ian Saffell

1947–2014

Eric Ian Saffell was born on November 5, 1947, in Richland Center, Wisconsin. His father, Carroll '36, owned a music store. Eric began taking piano lessons at an early age and by thirteen was playing organ for St. John's Lutheran Church until high school graduation in 1965. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and earned the highest scout honor of the Lutheran church, the Pro Dei et Patria. At St. Olaf, Eric was in the orchestra and traveled to Norway on a concert tour. He graduated with a bachelor's in music education.



On September 18, 1969, Eric enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He arrived at the USAF Academy in early November, where he served for more than 20 years. He was keyboardist for the Falconaires, Blue Steel and Moods in Blue bands. As the leader of two bands, Eric played tuba in a marching band and was a copyist and arranger for another. During his career, he received numerous ribbons, medals, and awards. He retired in 1990.

Following retirement, Eric joined the Broadmoor Trio, taught piano, gave brass workshops in schools and accompanied students at music festivals. He was involved in the casual music scene as a piano soloist and as a member of several local bands.

Eric met his wife, Joyce Hanagan, while playing in the pit orchestra for a show. They were married on July 26, 2001 and shared many common interests such as music and the outdoors.

When Eric wasn't playing music, he composed and arranged. He lectured about the history of Rock n' Roll at the college level. Beyond music, Eric read extensively and wrote several novellas. He was a train enthusiast, avid outdoorsman, and world traveler.

Eric became seriously ill in 2007 but recovered. In 2013, his health started to decline again, and he passed away on April 26, 2014.

By: Neal Holtan '69

Lillian Amundgaard Sather

1947–2015

Lillian was born on July 19, 1947, the daughter of Benjamin and Delirene Amundgaard, and sister of David and John Amundgaard. She died on March 27, 2015 after a short and difficult struggle with ALS. She is survived by her husband, Mark Sather '69, her children Daniel, Erik and Amy, and beloved grandchildren Stian, Ayumi and Haaken. Grandson Lars Wolter was born after her passing.



Lill was a lifelong music teacher of many, though especially children. She taught early childhood music classes at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church for over 15 years, and taught piano to children for over 40 years.

Like many musicians, she both taught and took lessons. She performed, and held positions in churches throughout her career. She was the organist at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church in rural Farmington, Minnesota, until her death.

She met her husband, Mark Sather, in Ole choir and they continued to sing together in choirs throughout the years. Church members at Highview still remember them singing the Holden Village Magnificat together. Mark cared for her until she died. According to their minister, also an Ole, Lillian was much loved and is very much missed by the choir and congregation.

Her love of music continues to shine brightly through her students. She was not only a wonderful teacher, but a friend. In many cases, Lillian was “a second mom”.

Her love continues to shine through her many friends and her beloved family.

She is dearly missed by all.

Marguerite Augusta Schmitter

2011

Marguerite Augusta Schmitter passed away in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 23, 2011, from pancreatic cancer. She was the daughter of Theresa and Max Schmitter and sister of Albert W. Schmitter. She is remembered for her kindness, uproarious laugh, love of music and good literature and her lifetime commitment to academia. When she first arrived at St. Olaf, "Marge" was on total voice rest to treat her vocal nodes; her friends all thought she was a shy and quiet girl. She became Ole Choir Alto section leader and 1969 Class Correspondent. Marguerite went through a weird cake-baking phase best exemplified by a birthday cake featuring a chocolate/pineapple/cherry layer cake with pumpkin orange and pistachio green frosting.



She lived in California and New York before returning permanently to her hometown of Cleveland. Her later career was largely in adult education, with experience in student recruitment, college administration and career counseling/coaching, including nearly a decade at Cuyahoga Community College. She pursued a master's in education in adult learning and development at Cleveland State University.

By Dick Rortvedt '69

Ann Nodland Schrader

1947–2014

Ann Nodland Schrader was raised on her family's farm in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and followed the tradition of her mother, Alta Nodland '41, when she enrolled at St. Olaf in 1965. Her younger siblings, Helen '72 and James '73 followed in her footsteps. While at St. Olaf, she is remembered as a kind and caring friend who loved playing bridge and late night chats.

Ann received her BSN at St. Olaf and an advanced degree from the University of Iowa. She spent the remainder of her professional career in the Twin Cities and was a leader in the health care field. Ann was a Director of Nursing and hospital administrator at Midway Hospital prior to becoming Chief Operating Officer of the Health East Care System, a position she held for more than 30 years. She received numerous honors for her leadership in health care, including the Jean Harris Award from the Women's Healthcare Leadership Trust and the Health Care Hero in Administrative Excellence from the Twin Cities Business Magazine. Ann was on the boards of several organizations in the Twin Cities, which reflected her broad areas of interest and her philanthropy. She also served as a mentor to aspiring leaders in health care and business. In addition to her busy professional life, Ann loved traveling, music, reading and the arts. She had a luminous smile and infectious laugh. Her positive outlook and attitude were in evidence as she spoke about her journey with ovarian cancer, a challenge she faced with grace.



Ann's family and friends, especially her husband Joe to whom she was married for 40 years, were the center of her life. They had 2 sons, Andy and Nick. At the time of her death on January 29, 2014, she was survived by her husband, sons and their wives, three grandchildren whom she adored, and her mother.

Ann will be remembered for her professional accomplishments as well as for her devotion to family and friends.

Pat Scott

1970

Pat Scott was from Rice Lake, Wisconsin. We remember him as spirited, witty and very much a man of his times. His knowledge and appreciation for the '60s counterculture made him the ultimate "cool" in our eyes. He was always exciting company.

Pat was a biology major and his particular love of marine biology led him to Cross City, Florida, where he taught high school biology after graduation. In 1970, Pat Scott was caught in a riptide off the coast of Florida and died.

By: Carolyn McCown Weeks '69



Robert Peter Seal

1947–2013

After graduation, Bob lived in Palo Alto, California. He received advanced computer certification from Control Data and was employed by Calma Company of Sunnyvale. Bob traveled extensively for Calma, setting up computer-aided mapping projects around the United States and the world. After Calma, Bob moved his family to Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for Net Library and Mesa Labs coordinating computer archival functions for clients including the Goddard Space Flight Center.



Bob retired to Olympia, Washington, where he lived until his death in 2013. In Boulder, friends and co-workers celebrated his life with a dawn hike up to his favorite lookout in the Bald Mountain Recreation Area where the sunrise and moon's setting were simultaneously visible. It was a fitting celebration of Bob's love of friends, nature and the celestial events. His family and friends gathered again on the shores of South Puget Sound in 2014, on what would have been his 67th birthday, to celebrate his life. Per Bob's wishes, some of his ashes were placed in a model Viking longboat, which was subsequently set aflame and launched into the Sound.

Bob is survived by daughter Kendra Pedersen and husband Mark Pedersen, daughter Nadya Seal Faith and husband Luke Faith, sister Jo Ann Lincoln and husband Richard Lincoln, sister Barbara Ogle and husband Peter Reid, by grandchildren, nephews and by the many friends and co-workers who shared his life, his work and his many hiking, rafting and other adventures.

Bob is greatly missed by his family for his unrelenting optimism, his intelligence and excitement at problem-solving, his sometimes wild and crazy adventures and his great love and happiness in parenting his daughters, Kendra and Nadya.

Remembrance by Barbara Seal Ogle '70, edited by Jack Aaker '69

Jane Serkland

1947–2015

Jane grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, where she graduated in 1965 from Fargo Central High School. While attending St. Olaf, she spent a summer at the Oslo International Summer School 1968, an experience she later described as life-changing. She went on to attain master's degrees from Syracuse University in child and family Studies and Cornell University in industrial and labor relations (1983).



Jane had several successful careers including teaching in Minneapolis and Chicago, director of State University of New York Upstate Medical Center Day Care Center, research assistant on a sudden infant death study at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, and process analyst on an international study of the family at Cornell University. She was also employed for 18 years at Hewlett Packard Company, where she worked in human resources. She finished her professional career at Towers Perrin Reinsurance in marketing in Norwalk, Connecticut, and after moving to State College Pennsylvania, at the Frost and Conn Insurance Agency.

Travel, music, fine dining, wine, and her beloved family and friends were Jane's staff of life. She traveled widely in the U.S., Europe, South America, Russia, South Africa and Antarctica. Music was a continuous source of enjoyment for Jane. She loved to attend classical, jazz, gospel, opera, theater and cabaret. She was also an accomplished pianist, flute, and recorder player.

As a life-long friend, Jane's *joie de vivre* never failed to amaze me. She embraced life itself as an adventure and even during her battle with breast cancer, she retained her wonderful sense of humor and lived life to the fullest. She is survived by her children Laura, Andrew, and Viviana, and her cherished grandchildren, Tommy and Catherine.

By: Claire Selkurt '69

Charles “Chuck” D. Silvey, Jr.

1947–1999

Chuck Silvey died October 30, 1999, at age 52 of cancer in Yankton South Dakota, his birthplace and his mother’s home. As a boy, he and his younger siblings followed his father’s military career across the country. Chuck graduated from high school in Aurora, Colorado. After attaining a degree in economics from St. Olaf, he then received a law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1972. He was a captain in the Air Force Judge Advocate Corps and first stationed at Elemdorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska.



In 1974, he married Mary Ann Wiese in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they celebrated their 25th anniversary before he died. They had two sons, Charles D III and William Scott.

After four years in the Air Force, Chuck returned to Alaska and settled in Fairbanks. He practiced law for 19 years as a partner in a local law firm. He specialized in the fields of mining, eminent domain, and construction law. In 1995, he left the law firm and purchased a concrete manufacturing business where he worked with his wife. As a lawyer, he was greeted with skepticism by the teamster employees as well as the contracting community, but by the end of the first season, all recognized his earnestness and success in rebuilding the company and his care for the employees.

While in the Air Force, Chuck directed the protestant youth of the chapel, and helped found the Big Brothers of Anchorage. As a member of the Fairbanks Lutheran Church, he served as president and worked with the youth. He was also a director of Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ), a social services organization.

Chuck and his family took a sabbatical in 1990, teaching in the political science department at St. Olaf, and enrolling his sons in the Northfield schools. During his semester, Chuck organized the "Liberal Arts and the Law" symposium, which continued for several years after he left. Chuck was a big Vikings' fan. He also adopted some of the "Alaskan lifestyle" dip-netting salmon, spear fishing, duck and geese hunting, and cross country skiing along with other Alaskan activities.

David Sjoberg

1947-2004

David Sjoberg was born in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, to Eric and Ruth Nelson Sjoberg. At St. Olaf, he majored in English and economics. He married Deborah Erlitz on August 22, 1970. David was known for his love of ministry, and his abilities as a singer, philosopher, actor, photographer, playwright and sports enthusiast. David died on June 26, 2004, in Stillwater, Minnesota. David is survived by his beloved wife, Deb, son Erik, parents Eric and Ruth Sjoberg, and many other friends and relatives.



Melody D. Kee Smith

1947–2001

Melody Kee Smith was born June 26, 1947, and adopted at age two in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Donna and Harold Kee. After 14 years as a cancer survivor of extraordinary courage and grace, she passed away peacefully on September 3, 2001.

As a graduate of Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville, Minnesota, and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of St. Olaf with a B.A. in Spanish and French, she later received her master's in social work from the University of California Berkeley and began a 30-year career in family counseling. She was a founder of Passageways Counseling in Fremont, California, where she received numerous citations and awards for civic and human service.



She and her husband, Reverend Richard Smith, continued her work in human services in Sioux City, Iowa. She was named “Woman of the Year” in the field of human rights and justice (1995), was the Sioux City Scrabble Champion (1996), and engaged in theater productions and worked with other civic organizations.

In Bloomfield, Connecticut, Melody was ordained and became director of parish care at the First Congregational Church in 1997.

At the time of her death, Melody had just returned from a visit to Scotland and her first book, *On Living with Cancer*, was published.

Melody was gifted with an extraordinary capacity for compassion and love, a deep spiritual beauty, a quality soprano voice, an absolute zest for life and a faith of passionate substance and involvement.

Melody never stopped giving of herself to others and will be remembered by her husband Richard Smith, brother Daniel Kee, son Joshua Kee-Markle, numerous relatives, friends and her closest forever friend since age 4, Sandy Londin.

By: Sandra Londin '69

Marion “Kathleen” Ringham Teigland

1947–2002

Kathy was born on June 28, 1947, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Reverend Fred '45 and Marian Conley Ringham. She graduated from St. Olaf with a degree in nursing. She worked as a nurse at the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa, caring for newborns and their mothers as a certified lactation consultant.

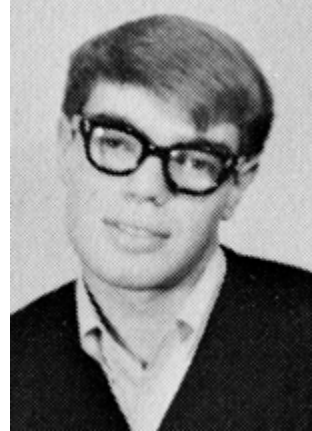
Kathy married Bruce Teigland '69 on June 20, 1970. A pianist and organist, she was also an accomplished artist. She loved children, flowers and the seashore. Kathy is survived by her husband, Bruce, her son David and her daughter Emily '99, and a sister and brother.



Jay Arthur Telfer

1947–1987

Jay Arthur Telfer was born April 14, 1947, to parents Arthur M. Telfer and Marie D. Clark. Hailing from Morris, Illinois, he later graduated from Morris High School. Jay enrolled at St. Olaf in 1965 and attended for four years but did not graduate. He participated in the first Global Semester at St. Olaf. Jay died in Chicago on July 9, 1987.



Ruth Floyd Thompson

1947–2003

Ruth and her sister, Jeanie Paulson '71, grew up in a variety of states including Illinois, New Mexico and Wyoming following the calls of their pastor father. At St. Olaf, Ruth met Ken Rolf '69 who was to be the father of her two children: Shannon and Nathan. They were divorced in 1984 and in 1993 Ruth married David Thompson.

Unfortunately, Ruth did not live long enough to meet her two grandchildren, Kalia Guzman and Elijah Rolf.

Ruth brought a wide range of talents to her varied professional career, which included time as a piano teacher, medical library assistant, purchasing agent, manager and production planner for bio-medical companies. After a diagnosis of amyloidosis forced her into retirement, she became an avid gardener, cook and learned how to throw pots at the Northern Clay Center. She became a neighborhood activist and worked on the campaign of Senator Paul Wellstone.

Many years after graduating from St. Olaf, Ruth and I re-connected in the Twin Cities. We bonded over our mutual love of gardening and for four years planted seedlings together. The peak summer blooms were satisfying, but it was during the dark days of late winter, watching our seedlings grow in our basements that we experienced the true excitement of gardening. I admired Ruth for her intelligence, her willingness to see the best in people and her unstoppable optimism.

By: Claire Selkurt '69



James “Jim” Eddie Wallace

1947–2001

James “Jim” Eddie Wallace, born March 5, 1947, died on September 5, 2001. A suburban Minneapolis boy active in chorus, Boy Scouts, theater, outdoor activities (including fishing at the family place on Gull Lake) and Luther League, James became part of a group of friends in Ytterboe Hall that his freshman roommate Ralph Hanson described as “country mice and city mice.” These friends are still a close-knit group and they greatly miss their friend Jim.



Upon graduation, Jim entered a U.S. Navy aviation training program. After he had successfully completed training, the Navy discontinued his particular program and Jim dropped his name in the lottery for duty in Vietnam. His number was not called.

Jim got a job as a market research analyst with the Hamm Brewing Company in St. Paul. During this period, on a ski trip in the Canadian Rockies, he met the love of his life, Linda. They married in 1975 and grew into a family with three wonderful children: Dana, Matt, and Dave. Jim joined Toro Inc. in 1975 and worked in marketing for the next 23 years, followed by several years at BI Inc. of Bloomington, MN.

Jim and Linda raised their children in Bloomington and were active in Transfiguration and Peace Lutheran Churches, where, of course, Jim sang in the choirs. He was active in the community as a volunteer coach, referee, advisor, and member of church councils.

Linda, her three children and Ralph’s group of friends from St. Olaf and beyond, remember Jim as one of the kindest people they knew and a master at the lofty art form of creative puns.

Barbara Bothun Young

1947–2018

Barbara Jean Young was born January 5, 1947 in Northfield, Minnesota, to Elmer and Marion Bothun. She grew up in Northfield and attended St. Olaf and then Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught in Kenyon, Minnesota. She met Keith Young through a teaching friend and they married in 1971. The couple moved to a lake house in Mitchell, South Dakota. Barb was a substitute teacher and part-time teacher while her children were young. She went back to full-time teaching when her kids were in school and taught at Whittier Elementary School and first grade at LB Williams School in Mitchell and retired in 2008. She volunteered at LB Williams for many years after she retired.

Barb had an intense passion for education and teaching and was beloved by many in the community. She was also a member of the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) and held many leadership positions in that organization. Barb enjoyed bowling, sewing, reading, and gardening.

She loved her two sons and one daughter and enjoyed her eight grandchildren. Barb was survived by her husband, Keith.

