

THE CLASS OF 1950  
Cranford High School  
Cranford, NJ

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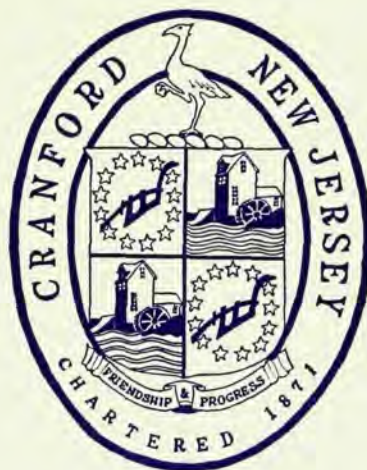
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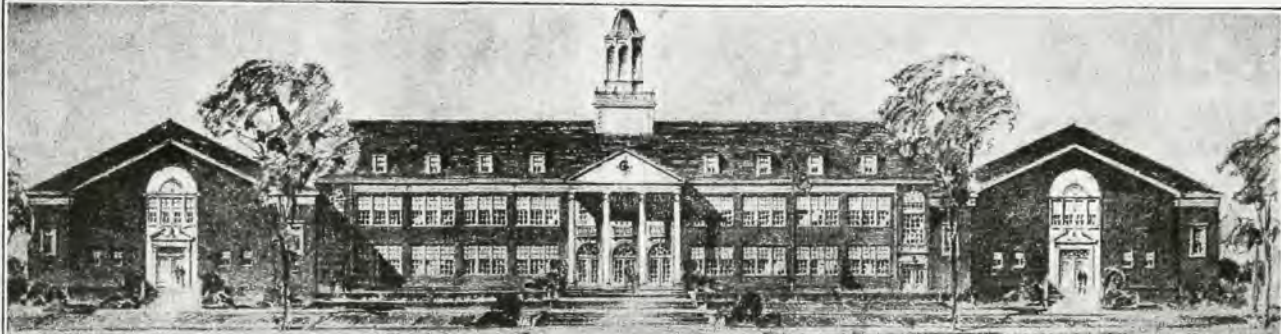
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Above—New High School.  
 Left—Cleveland School.  
 Right—Grant School.  
 Lower Left—Roosevelt School.  
 Lower Center—Sherman School.  
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**Dedicated to the Memory of**  
**The Deceased Members**  
**of the Class of 1950**

**No date**

Ralph Daniel Dorsey

**1950**

Ruth Naomi Price

**1952**

David Lester Hamilton

**1957**

George A. Rankin

**1963**

Jules Albert Gilbert

**1966**

Edward David Rouvet

**1974**

John Richard Meyer

Adele Keith Bradbee

David Gerald Sanyour

**1977**

Edgar Charles Morganweck, Jr.

**1982**

George Robbins Shepherd

**1984**

Lois Watson Wessells

**1985**

Joan Anderson Suttles

**1986**

Albert Gerald Barnes

John Francis Greer

**1987**

Hariette King Maney

Ruth Ann Hanson

William L. Collins

**1989**

Irene Roberts Koobs

**1991**

Elizabeth Lennon Courter

**1993**

Robert Leo Varley

George Bochnovich

Berhard Albert Wagenblast

**1994**

Mary Elizabeth Kelsey Davis

Suzanne Joerndt Reveille

Patricia Darby Hulse

**1995**

Barbara Louise Sudimack

Raymond Wayne Plisco

Dolores Carter Mickens

Joan Karaffa Angle

**1997**

Alice Schacht Bradford

Jean Mackiewicz Anderson

Harvey William Merwede

**1999**

Walter Keyser

Roger William Sherman

**2000**

James Prentiss Hale

Virginia Kiamie Anter

**Class Roster**  
Cranford High School  
Class of 1950

**Bold** - Biographies included in the supplement  
Underlined - Deceased  
*Italics* - Lost

<u>J. Anderson</u>	Gillings	MacConnell	<u>Sanyour</u>
Austin	<i>Giordano</i>	<u>Mackiewicz</u>	<u>Schacht</u>
<u>Barnes</u>	<b>Goodman</b>	<i>Mandoni</i>	<b>Schait</b>
Bennis	<b>Grant</b>	Markey	<b>Schermerhorn</b>
Benoit	<u>Greer</u>	<b>F. Massa</b>	<i>Schimmel</i>
Billington	<b>Gregory</b>	<b>G. Massa</b>	<b>Schott (Waring)</b>
Bird	<b>Grossman</b>	J. Massa	Schroeder
<b>Black</b>	<i>Hahn</i>	McClintock	Shaffer
<b>Blackman</b>	<u>Hale</u>	<i>McChure</i>	<i>Shell</i>
<u>Bochnovich</u>	<b>A. Hall</b>	<u>Merwede</u>	<u>Shepherd</u>
<b>Boone</b>	<b>H. Hall</b>	Meyer	<u>Sherman</u>
<b>Bosch</b>	<u>Hamilton</u>	Milazzo	<i>Sherry</i>
<b>Burke</b>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<b>Simmons</b>
<b>Butland</b>	J. Hanson	Moditz	<b>Skerbisch</b>
<b>Carroll</b>	<u>R. Hanson</u>	Morgan	<b>Sloat</b>
<u>Carter</u>	<b>Hemleb</b>	<u>Morganweck</u>	<b>Smiley</b>
Cipolla	<i>Holroyd</i>	Murray	<b>Spalding</b>
Cisar	Hopkins	Muzik	<u>Sudimack</u>
Clavin	<b>Horn</b>	Myers	<b>Starr</b>
<b>Clement</b>	<b>Huetteman</b>	Neebling	<b>Tanzer</b>
Coffee	<b>Hunn</b>	<b>Newman</b>	<b>TenEyck</b>
<u>Collins</u>	Hunter	<b>O'Connor</b>	Thall
Colville	Hurt	Ossman	Treacy
Crane	<b>Jacobs</b>	<b>Owen</b>	Trotta
<u>Darby</u>	<b>Jeffries</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Tunner</b>
<b>Dentz</b>	<u>Joerndt</u>	<b>Paine</b>	<u>Varley</u>
<i>DiFabio</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Park</i>	<b>Vettel</b>
<b>Dimock</b>	<u>Karaffa</u>	<b>Parry</b>	Vicci
<b>Dixon (Anderson)</b>	Keane	Pearlman	<u>B. Wagenblast</u>
Dolan	<u>Keith</u>	Plisco	Walker
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Kelly</i>	<u>Price</u>	<b>Walters</b>
<u>Dorsey</u>	<u>Kelsey</u>	<b>Priddy</b>	<b>Waring</b>
<b>Douglas</b>	Keve	<b>Purcell</b>	<u>Watson</u>
<b>Dunham</b>	<u>Keyser</u>	<b>Putscher</b>	<i>Wehrum</i>
Edwards	<b>R. Kiamie</b>	<b>Rader</b>	<b>Weidner</b>
<b>Eichinger</b>	<u>V. Kiamie</u>	<i>Rambow</i>	Weis
<b>Eisenberg</b>	<u>H. King</u>	<u>G. Rankin</u>	Weismantel
<b>Fair</b>	<i>Kirkland</i>	J. Rankin	<b>Welch</b>
<b>Fairweather</b>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	Reese	<b>Wells</b>
<i>Fennelly</i>	<b>Kissack</b>	<b>Reinert</b>	<b>Wessells</b>
<b>Fenner</b>	<b>Klusch</b>	Rich	<b>Whaley</b>
<b>Fischer</b>	Koromi	<b>Richards</b>	<b>Wilson</b>
Fortenbaugh	<b>Kushner</b>	<u>Roberts</u>	<b>Woolley</b>
<b>Frigola</b>	<b>Lackey</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	
Frost	<b>Lassi</b>	<i>Roden</i>	<u>Former classmate</u>
<i>Fulkrod</i>	<u>Lennon</u>	Rosendale	<b>Hetzke</b>
<b>D. Fulton</b>	<b>Lissenden</b>	<u>Rouvet</u>	
<b>P. Fulton</b>	<b>Lloyd</b>	<b>Rutz</b>	<u>Faculty</u>
Gesker	<b>Lovett</b>	Ryan	<b>Avery</b>
<b>Getz</b>	<b>Lyons</b>	<b>Salway</b>	<b>Haver</b>
<u>Gilbert</u>	<b>MacClary</b>	<b>Sangiuliano</b>	

# ANDERSON



Walter Dixon Anderson

"Wally"

Single

(Adopted name of stepfather after leaving high school)

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## Education

Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 1950-1954, B.A. (History); University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 1956-1958, M.A. (Journalism)

## Military service

U. S. Army, Ft. Jackson, SC, 1954-1956

## Work History

Entire career with trade associations: 1959-1962, State Director, Florida March of Dimes; 1962-1969, Director, Florida Turf-Grass Association; 1969-1985, Executive V.P. The Irrigation Association, Washington D.C.; 1987-1997, Managing Director, Resilient Floor Covering Institute. Retired.

## Hobbies

Swimming, Reading, Gardening, attending theater and music events.

## Favorite TV shows

Very few

## Books recently read and recommended

The Horse Whisperer

## Favorite music

National Symphony, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky

## Community Service

Methodist Church: Chairman, Pastoral Relations Committee, President, Men's Club

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Remember the first time seniors (unnamed) came to school in jeans? What an uproar! The prom ('49 or '50?) when everyone came down with measles. Alice Matthews throwing her arms around Mr. Terregino acting out Tarkington's "Sixteen." Acting out a scene for a book report with Sue Clement. We did the jail scene from "Gone With The Wind" where Scarlett visits Rhett.

On a more serious note, I don't believe any of us could have received a better high school education. Top-notch teachers in all subjects, a close-knit student body. We should all salute a truly great school and faculty. How fortunate we were!



# BLACK

Robert M. Black, Jr.

"Bo"

Wife: Marilyn

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## Children

Robert, 39

Patricia, 38

Jennifer, 32

Alison, 31

Six grandchildren

(June through September)

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Lavallette, NJ 08735

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## Education

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, 1950-1954, B.A.; Newark State College, Union, NJ, 1960-1964, M.A.; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1968-1973, Ed D.

## Military Service

U. S. Army, 1954-1956, Sp3, Personnel

## Work History

Elementary School Teacher (3 years), Middle School Teacher (4 years), Elementary School Principal (26 years). Retired in 1991.

## Hobbies

Tennis (doubles), Golf, Fishing, Classical Music, Walking

## Favorite TV shows

Frasier, 60 Minutes, Biography, History Channel

## Favorite Music

Dixieland Jazz, Classical Music (Mozart, Beethoven), Opera

## Community Service

President, Union County Elementary Principals' Association, 1974. President, Educational Improvement Center (NE), 1984-1985. Little League, Manager, Chief Umpire, 1969-1990. Co-Founder and President, Moss Creek Community Association, 1992-1995 (with Marilyn). At present, I am quite busy with sports, clubs and community activities.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Looking back, I feel quite fortunate to have gone completely through school (K-12) in Cranford. In comparison to the present, things were simple and peaceful, don't think I'd want to be of high school age today. High school was a wonderful time for me, and there are too many fond memories to life.

I've always tried to follow the adage, "Treat other as you would want to be treated."

# BLACKMAN



Carol Adair Blackman Kredt  
Spouse: Wolfgang Paul Kredt  
Happily married since 1957

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Canada  
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Children  
Andy (Andreas) - 38  
Mike (Michael) - 35  
Three grandchildren (Mike's)  
Michael - 8, Kyle - 6, Sutton 21/2

## Education

Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, 1950-1954, B.A. with major in Spanish.

## Work History

Secretary, freight forwarding firm, NYC, 1954-55; Teacher, CHS - Spanish, 1955-56; Secretary, Exxon, Los Angeles, 1957; Secretary, GMAC, Vancouver, B.C., 1958; Secretary, US National Bank, San Diego, 1959-61; Teacher, Switzerland - English, ab 1974-76, Current Work Status: housewife

## Hobbies

Genealogy, sailing (although not active past three years), travel, recreation: movies, concerts, reading, visiting with friends. Interests: archaeology, history, art, music. Fitness: Tai Chi Chih, walking.

## Favorite TV shows

Documentaries (travel, nature, history, archaeology), Mysteries (esp. Hercule Poirot, Murder She Wrote), Jeopardy!, A&E Biography, All Creatures Great and Small, Heartbeat, Antiques Roadshow (although I'm not a collector)

## Books recently read and recommended

*Three Harbours* - vanWyck Mason; *The Blue Bedroom* (and several others) - Rosamunde Pilcher

## Favorite music

Gregorian chant, classical, folk music, "Big Bands", Handel's *Messiah*, some opera

## Community Service

Past: teaching "Cultural Refinement" for church women's group, canvasser for Kidney Foundation, circulating petitions against local gambling and child porn, co-ordinating church women's visitation teams.

Present: volunteering with husband at adult day centre (for past 6 years), directing music for church women's group.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

We generally listened to and appreciated our teachers - many were our mentors and friends ("Uncle Ollie", the Ramseys). Teachers stood for something and for the most part let us know their expectations. The classes I remember best were music and choir with Olga Specht as well as Freshman English (the teacher's name escapes me, but he was a "pal" of Uncle Ollie) and Mr. Loveland's Latin classes. I am deeply indebted to those men for a good grounding in language and got a kick out of Mr. Loveland's Latin humor ("Ducks do kiss," etc.) I have a really good feeling about the values we seem to have developed and the ties that still bind us. We seem to have been able to pass on those values to our children, and let's hope they are able to pass them on to their posterity. That, along with all the blessings that strong family ties bring with them are, in my opinion, the only means for saving this world of ours.



# BOONE

Jane Boone Keating

"Janie"

Husband: Bob Keating

117 Castleton Drive  
Toms River, NJ 08757  
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Children

Robert, Jr. deceased at age 30

Joanne - 45

Mary - 42

Barbara - 40

Michael - 36

Ten grandchildren

Work History

Executive Secretary at Englehard Industries. Retired.

Hobbies

Knitting, sewing, reading, walking.

Favorite TV shows

*Law and Order*, and old movies.

Books recently read and recommended

Mostly mysteries.

Favorite music

Just listening to country music and older bands.

Community Service

Active in Women's Club and Rosary Society.

Reflections on Cranford High School

Spent only my last two years of high school at C.H.S. but still have many happy memories

Philosophy

Having experienced the loss of a child, you realize just how fragile and precious life really is.

# BOSCH



Joan P. Bosch Pigott  
"Joanie"

Husband: Robert J. Pigott

Married: 1956

Retired Manager, Ford Motor Co., 37-1/2 years. Received his Real Estate license and sold one home—ours, then retired!

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## Son

Jeffrey R., 12-26-63, MBA, University of Detroit. Presently the Corporate Controller of Kelsan, Inc., Knoxville, TN. Two grandchildren: Michael, 1-16-90, Katherine, 9-1-92

It is not possible that fifty years have passed since I walked the hallways of Cranford High School! At our 40th Reunion I was amazed to see the marvelous condition in which the school had been maintained. I was very proud to say, "This was MY high school!"

The last fifty years of my life have basically been happy, productive, varied and blessed: with a few bumps and detours along the way. I have moved 25 times in my life having lived in five states and one foreign country, Mexico, for two years.

This last move was to Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, Michigan. It is a 1,000 person-plus independent living retirement and care facility that is a town within a city. It meets our needs and we have a lovely large apartment with a spectacular view. We could not locate anything in Florida like it, which is surprising in view of the average age of a Floridian. My husband Bob has Parkinson's Disease and requires a lot of care. The help is here for me to have various people take care of him. This was a very large bump on our highway of life.

We were "Snowbirds" for quite a few years, shuttling back and forth between our condos in Dearborn and Florida. We finally made the decision to move permanently to Florida in August, 1993. Seven months later Bob was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He also has a secondary problem with a neurological disease which complicates matters.

I entered into the wonderful world of business as a secretary for the Detroit Bank and Trust, 1950-1951. The next ten years, 1951-1961, I was employed by the Ford Motor Company, where I met my husband. My final position was as an Executive Secretary in the International Division. (As far as I am concerned, ten years with the Ford Motor Company is equal to an MBA! No kidding!) I retired in March, 1961, with a baby expected in July. Two weeks later I lost our second child. Our son Jeff's birth on December 26, 1963 was a miracle and indeed a gift from God (considering all the shots I had, medications and bed rest). There were to be no more children for us.

We traveled extensively before my husband became ill. His early retirement at 56 years allowed us to travel before and after his retirement. We took seven cruises and four "land" trips. Places we were fortunate to see were: Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico City, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Newfoundland, Switzerland, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Fiji, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Russia (St. Petersburg, Yalta, Odessa), Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Gibraltar, France, Austria, Australia, North and South New Zealand, Germany, and Cape Eleuthera in the Bahamas. Whew!

We both volunteered at the hospital. Bob installing Life Lines for the elderly in their homes. I worked in the Pathology Transcription Lab and was the first volunteer they allowed to work in this highly confidential area. We

John enjoyed our time there and it was very gratifying. I was a Den Mother when our son was in Cub Scouts. When he became a Boy Scout we both were very active in the troop. Our son became the youngest boy in his troop to ever achieve the rank of Eagle Scout at age 13. He turned 14 just before his Court of Honor. I taught sewing to teenagers and private lessons to adults. Jeff managed to volunteer me as Room Mother (A.K.A. cookie and cupcake maker) for each of his classes, first through sixth grades. I will never forget his sixth grade class play about the Civil War and featuring "General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses S. Grant". (My child was Grant!) I made up 25 children in mustaches and beards in various hair colors three times. Once for the dress rehearsal for the school, a performance for the parents, and a third one for the senior citizens.

Another big bump in our lives was our son's divorce. Unfortunately, I must admit this had to happen. There was no hope for the marriage. He is now remarried (March, 1998). Kerri and Jeff were destined for each other. They are soul mates. Parents' hearts are also broken when their children's hearts are broken. However, I finally have a daughter-in-law who is caring and loving, and a very happy son.

We were both avid readers before my husband became ill. Now I just see all the new books that have been published by some of our favorite authors. Jeffrey Archer, Tom Clancey, Mary Higgins Clark, Sidney Sheldon and Robin Cook, to name a few. No time to read.

My years at CHS have left an indelible print in my memory bank. I recall so vividly events in school, my teachers, my likes and dislikes, various school events, my friends, the football games and a couple of boys I had secret crushes on (I'll never tell). These were happy times for me.

With a husband who is chronically ill, it makes me really appreciate each day I have on this earth. Every day is very precious. As long as I have my health, and all my marbles upstairs, I look forward to living the years that God allows me into the exciting 21st Century!

I was really looking forward to attending the 50th Reunion, but it is not possible now, considering my husband's health. My very best wishes and love to the members of the Class of 1950, a very special group of people! I think we all turned out to be great role models for our children. I do not think I would want the responsibility of raising children in today's world. We worry about our grand-children and the environment that surrounds them. The world has certainly changed in 50 years. We witnessed, live on television, the awesome walk on the moon by Neil Armstrong. Fifty years ago that would have been pure fantasy. Each year brought more unheard of technology. What would we have said 50 years ago if someone mentioned...Internet, E-mail, Modems, Hard Drive, Software, and especially the word "menu" and it was not referring to food!

I will be making my 26th move, to Farragut, TN, in May or June. We purchased a condo which is not yet built. We are very fortunate to have a son and daughter-in-law who want us to move and be closer to them so they can help us. I wonder how long it will take to lose my Midwestern accent and develop a Southern accent.

Good luck and best wishes to everyone in the Half Century Class!

# BURKE

Ross B. Burke

Wife: Eleanor

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Montgomery, TX 77356  
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Children

Scott, 41

Bryant, 39

Slade, 33

Seven grandchildren



## Education

Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, OH, 1950-1954, B.A.; Cornell Law School, 1954-1957, L.L.B.

## Work History

Attorney, then trust department head, then independent financial consultant. Retired.

## Hobbies

Golf, waterfowl and upland bird hunting, work fitness.

## Books recently read and recommended

Books authored by Ludlum, Dick Francis, John Gresham, Mary Higgins Clark, etc.

## Community Service

Chapelwood Methodist Church, Houston, TX

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Was there too short a period of time.

## Philosophy

Strive to eliminate or, at least, diminish government's encroachment on our freedoms.

# BUTLAND

Beverly Ann Butland Buettner  
"Ann"

Husband: Jack

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## Children

Amy - 43, Brockton, MA

Douglas - 41, San Diego, CA

Jonathan - 40, Los Baños, CA

Four grandchildren (in photo, top-bot )

Heather Carlsen

Megan Carlsen

Zachary Buettner

Lauren Buettner



## Education

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, Sept., 1950 to June, 1954, B. Fine Arts in Illustration.

## Work History

Illustrator, Visual Aids Department, NY State Agriculture School at Cornell, 1954-1956. Homemaker since then.

## Hobbies

Skiing, Camping, Bird watching, Swimming.

## Favorite TV shows

Jeopardy, PBS, Nature

## Books recently read and recommended

*The Holy Bible* and *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. Also Christian Science periodicals including the *Christian Science Monitor*.

## Favorite music

Classical

## Community Service

Christian Science Church clerk, San Jose, CA, 1979-1987.

Sunday School teacher, 1988-1994.

During construction of the new church Reading Room, Building Committee co-chairman, 1990-1991

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Enjoyed doing the yearbook illustrations, artwork and decorations for the Homecoming dance.

Walking to school with "Uncle Ollie" (Mr West)

## Philosophy

As a Christian Scientist I strive to follow the example of Christ Jesus and daily put into practice my growing understanding of His words and works. I pray for healing not only for myself but for all those that I think about and for our country and the world situations. I think of God as Father-Mother guiding, guarding and governing His spiritual universe.

## Remarks

After many fond memories of camping, socializing, being snowed in, skiing and bird watching in the East, we

hated to leave our many friends to sample the West coast. IBM transferred Jack to their San Jose, CA, plant in 1977. From '77 to '87 our brood of three left the nest and our new found freedom permitted the two of us to get familiar with western ways: ghost towns, the national parks, and a sampling of the beauty of our long coastline. While at home we loved our swimming pool but various escapes took us from Baha, Mexico, up to Vancouver Island, B.C., with camping and salmon fishing in Canada and a record catch, a 27-pounder, a true fish story. We enjoyed watching bald and fish eagles catching fish also. Jack and I took a course in western landscaping, it being so different from eastern.

In 1987 Jack retired from IBM and we moved to and built our dream house on an acre in San Diego County to be closer to family. Fallbrook is the Avocado Capital of the World. We have taken up bridge; citrus growing; Jack started his own mfg. rep. business (special labels), and we both are active in our church doing what we can to improve the world.

I'd love to see you all again, and wish you God's best.



# CARROLL

Joseph Michael Carroll

"Mickey"

Wife: Patricia

Married 42 years

2-C Spray Terrace

Winfield Park, New Jersey 07036

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Daughter

Maryann Carroll Carolan - 31

One grandchild

Kate Carolan - 3

## Work History

Airtron Inc. -- Vare Ind. -- Hatfield Wire and Cable -- Tingley Rubber. Retired 1998

## Hobbies

Photography



# CISAR

Thomas E. Cisar

"Tom"

Wife: Patti

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Fenton, MO 63026  
(636) 343-1599

## Children

Are you kidding?

Fourteen grandchildren

Latest grandson born Jan. 1st, 1999

Twin grand-daughters born in 1997

Watch out, Ruth!

## Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1950-1954, B.S., Engineering Administration. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, 1964-1965, M.S., Engineering Statistics and Quality Control

## Military Service

1954-1968, Active; 1970-1982, Reserve. Retired Lt. Colonel, USAF

## Work History

Various management positions including ten years as Director of Manufacturing for Daisy Air Rifle Co. in Rogers, AR. Currently own my own retail sales business, dealing in window treatments and table pads and tablecloths. When you own your own small business, I don't know if you ever really retire; you just try to do less each year.

## Hobbies

Fishing; basketball (recently retired with bad knees)

## Favorite TV shows

Old movies, J.A.G., sports, financial news, Seventh Heaven, Everybody Loves Raymond, Martial Law.

## Books recently read and recommended

Barf!

## Favorite music

Kenneth Copeland songs

## Community Service

Greeters and occasional usher, Life Christian Center. Patti teaches Sunday School, 4-year-olds. We're also assistant home group leaders for our weekly home group

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Still tell my grandkids how far I had to walk to school in the snow!

For all the great track teams we had at CHS, it's still hard to believe we never had a good training field. We sometimes practiced at "The Oval", but all our dual-meets were away.

I also remember the football helmet I had as a freshman. I used to fold it up and put it in my pocket

## Philosophy

Wow—this is deep! Actually, I am deeply impressed every time I read the reports in *FOCUS 50*. It is obvious that we, as a group, had some excellent moral upbringing. Patti and I meet and counsel with people every week that were brought up in an environment that had to be 180° out of phase with this.

God is Good; Devil is bad!

# CLEMENT



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"Sue"

Edward (CHS, '48)

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## Children

Cathy, 41

Beth, 39

Patty, 33

Ted, 30

Before starting this questionnaire, I browsed through the '50 Golden C and the 25th anniversary annual and I am happy to see how many of our class have found great peace and have achieved wonderful things. Tragically, we have lost too many of our classmates, too soon.

I graduated from Hood College in 1954 with a BS in Home Economics and married Ed (CHS '48, Dartmouth '52) three weeks later. He was a naval air intelligence officer stationed in California and I always thank the Federal Government for sending him west, or we might not have left the east coast. We will celebrate our 46th anniversary very soon and during those years we have moved a few times living in California, Oregon, Illinois and finally in Arizona.

Our four children are realizing their dreams. Cathy is married with two sons living in Colorado; Beth is CEO of Avent America living in Illinois; Patty is an English teacher married to a High School Vice Principal with one daughter living in Arizona; Ted is married to a teacher and is in business with Cathy's husband in Colorado. My Dad, who wanted me to get into education, would be pleased that we have so many of our children and their spouses as educators.

Ed and I are both retired. Our previous work history outside the home...I can't remember! Our hobbies, in this gated retirement community, are daily attendance in the exercise room, singing in chorus and barbershop groups, gardening, quilting, and lots of reading. Favorite authors...too many to mention. We watch sports on TV, and we entertain our friends at dinner and liquid libation often. With few exceptions, the vote of preference is Republican and listening to Sinatra swing is the choice of music. I sing the Messiah at Christmas at the Lutheran church in the neighborhood; the children have all been confirmed either Episcopalian or Lutheran. We are an ecumenical family.

My reflections on my years at CHS are varied. Since Dad was principal it made it difficult to just be me. The teachers expected more of me than the average and the pressure was great. I did enjoy the music, drama and sport activities and made sure our children participated in all that was offered to them giving them a broad base of interest for life. Fortunately, they were excellent students and each graduated with honors from high school and college. Ed and I laughingly comment that the IQ's came from the grandparents!

I have had the exact career that I always wanted, to be married, raise a family, and tend a home. Any work that I did outside the home was to help the children further their goals.

1999 was a watershed year for us. Hal retired from Lockheed Martin, we sold our house in McLean and we built a post and beam home, a barn, in Waterford, VA, an early eighteenth century Quaker village that is on the National Historic Register. Although we are still unpacking, organizing and hanging pictures, we are thoroughly enjoying the quiet, unspoiled countryside.

Each winter Hal and I go either out West or to Canada to ski, an activity that we both enjoy. We also like to bike. In the Washington metro area there are numerous bike trails that we have explored, and in the spring we take advantage of these trails to condition ourselves for our biking trips in Europe. For us, biking through the Dordogne Valley in France was a marvelous adventure in which we stepped back in time, so rustic were the countryside and its villages. We savored the produce and products of the local markets, mingled with the villagers in our halting French, toured prehistoric caves and walked the ramparts of the bastides. Biking in Tuscany and Umbria was a gastronomic delight. Biking does give one an appetite!

#### Books recently read and recommended

I am a rather voracious reader, usually reading several books at a time, and have been a member of a book club wherever we have lived. Right now I am reading *A Place Called Princeton* by Schmirer, *Living and Writing in the West* by Stegner and *A Fine Balance* by Mistry. Not much time for TV except when the Blue Devils are playing in the ACC and in the big dance, aka "March Madness".

#### Family

Our first child Meg is married to Stanley Grubb. They have one child, a son Benjamin who, after a rocky start on the road of life, is now a healthy and active pre-K. A lean, tall Texan and a towhead to boot, Ben weighs a mere 40 lbs., plays soccer and recently took up street hockey. His mother, who has her Masters in Speech Pathology, is the administrator of a nationally recognized Early Childhood Identification Program in Fort Worth, Texas. Stan, a transplanted Tennessean, produces videos for the Southern Baptist Convention. Meg's sister Kathryn lives with her husband Glenn, a lawyer, in a two hundred year old house in Old Town Alexandria that seems to require relentless maintenance inside and outside as well as revamping of the garden each spring. They are committed professionals who, according to Hal, exemplify the essence of yuppiedom. Kathryn heads up the lobbying efforts of the American College of OBS & GYNS, traveling extensively to inform and to coordinate efforts of the individual state organizations as they lobby their respective legislatures on women's health issues. Curtis, Princeton 1986, and his wife Sophie, Princeton 1987, and their two daughters now live in Princeton just a few blocks from the Firestone Library in a house whose front door along with others in Princeton is featured on a postcard entitled "The Doors of Princeton". This convenient location, that allows them to walk instead of drive to almost everything, made the transition from Manhattan to the borough a relatively smooth one. In fact, Curtis walks to work at Nassau Capital, an investment company that manages a portion of the Princeton Endowment. Sophie, giving up her commute to the city, now serves on the board of Teach America.

#### Community Service

During the twenty years that we lived in McLean, we were involved in the community outreach of our church, Immanuel Presbyterian. I served on the board of directors that managed a non-profit child care center which had been established by local churches in the late sixties, committed myself to annual fund-raising efforts and chaired that board during the center's silver anniversary celebration. Hal and I also tutored inner-city children who participated in "The I Have A Dream Program", a national program that encourages, through extensive support services, children to complete their high school education and then guarantees them a college education.

#### Reflections on CHS

I would like to recognize the tremendous efforts of the Fiftieth Reunion Committee and the inspiring leadership of our class president, John Sloat. His commitment to producing *FOCUS 50* throughout the years has kept the fifty-fifty class in touch and intact, sustaining the camaraderie of classmates and enlivening the memories of those days at C.H.S. I am indeed grateful. Thank you all. I would like to remember our parents who were so much a part of our years at C.H.S. My memories of those years from seventh through tenth grade are particularly vivid. For example, our parents drove carpools before that term entered the vernacular. Seeing an away game, either football or basketball, was possible because they drove us. Mr. Watson was a stalwart driver. Mrs. Lackey, too. The Owens often provided those wonderful trips to the shore. Homes were gathering places. The Lackey's rumpus room was an ideal, upscale hangout. The homes of the Halls, Starrs and Ossmans were conveniently located en route to wherever, the welcome, warm, Mr. Lloyd's marvelous jokes, Mrs. Fair and Mrs. Weidner's patient instruction in the game of bridge and the dazzling smile of Mrs. Dunham whose gracious and generous hospitality we sometimes stretched, I am certain, to the limit. Truly they were positive role models of generous spirits.



# COLVILLE

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## Children

Glenn

Brian

David

Seven grandchildren

## Family

Three boys, Glenn aged 42, Brian aged 40 and David aged 37. All are married with children. Seven grandchildren and no great-grandchildren. . yet!

## Education

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, NY, 1950-54, BChE.

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1954-55, Master of Science in ChE.

Mass. Inst. of Tech. (MIT), Cambridge MA, 1955-59, Doctor of Science in ChE.

## Military Service

U.S. Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, 1959-60.

## Work History

After a brief stint working in the chemical industry, I ended up with IBM for 31 years, starting in Houston TX, moving to Westchester County, NY, then Tokyo, Japan and finally Washington DC. Retired in 1992. Now I spend most of my time playing golf and bridge and dabbling a bit in genealogy.

## Favorite TV shows

Sporting events, particularly golf and football, *NYPD Blue* and *The Practice*.

## Recent Books and Favorite Music

Books: *Blood Sport* by James B. Stewart, and lots of Tom Clancy and John Grisham (who lives nearby in Charlottesville, Virginia, by the way) Music: Big bands and Jazz.

## Community Service

Currently serving as President of the Lake Monticello Owners Association, a much bigger job that I wanted it to be. In a past life, was also Chairman of a School Board and Board of Finance in Wilton, CT.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have lots of fond memories of my days at CHS but they are fading fast as I approach my dotage. I really look forward to renewing and refreshing these memories when we get to see each other at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in May. To help me get prepared for this event, I went to the Internet to find out what life was like for us back in 1950 when we all graduated. I learned that "Mona Lisa" by Nat King Cole was top song of the year, Ezzard Charles defeated Joe Louis in his comeback attempt, cars cost \$1,750 and gasoline was \$.20/gal., a loaf of bread was \$.14 and a postage stamp was \$.03. And, of course, the Korean War started. In some ways, it was the 'good old days' but in other ways, it certainly was not.

## Philosophy

My philosophy has been to enjoy life, my family and my friends, and to take whatever paths have been open to me so that I could further that enjoyment.

# DENTZ



Grace Dentz Mullen

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## Children

John - 45  
Mark - 41  
Mary Ann - 38  
Caroline - 30  
Six grandchildren

Sometime back in high school, when I was babysitting, I looked out the window through the darkness. In the little house next door, in a golden glow, sat the silhouette of a contented looking man reading his paper. I don't know why I remember this vision to this day: it may be that it represented the thing I wanted for my life--a companion who would share my life and my children.

In 1952 I was working at Esso Research & Engineering. My sister kept telling me about a boy who came to senior CYO at St. Michael's. I finally became curious enough to go to a meeting. He was sitting at a table with Father Mark and the group. They tell me that we kept sneaking glances at each other. Later we talked and danced to the jukebox. When John Mullen went back to work at Tidewater Oil, and his boss asked him what he did on the weekend, he told him that he thought he'd met his future wife. Six months later we were married at St. Michael's.

Most of what I've done since then has been for family and church. God has given us the grace to live happy, productive, healthy lives. Being a wife, raising four children, and being a grandmother to six grandchildren, is what is most important and meaningful to me.

John started working at Esso in 1954. We transferred to Danville, CA, for two years from 1967 to 1969. We then came back to Florham Park and bought our fourth new house, never thinking we would be here for thirty years. We have had overseas assignments in Italy and England, giving our kids, and us, numerous opportunities for travel and fun. Our kids say they had a wonderful time growing up, and John and I have poignant memories of our times together.

Our children, starting with the oldest on down, are working as electron microscopy scientist, computer analyst, patent attorney, and homemaker. The girls are raising their families here in Florham Park, after living elsewhere, because they say it's a good place to grow up. Our sons live near Hackettstown and Blairstown. The oldest grandchild of the six, is nine. For the last two and a half months we have cared for five-month-old Daniel, as we did his two brothers before they started daycare. We're happy to say they are all happy, healthy, handsome, and bright as can be! (Forgive me, this is grandma speaking!)

In addition to family gatherings, John and I like to have a little time to spend alone. We go to the YMCA and to movies, etc. We both sing in the beautiful St. Vincent Church choir. I have enjoyed working with art in many ways over the years. We also love to slip away to our house in the Hamptons, through all seasons. We love the air, the natural beauty, our friends, and the change. We are also preparing for a happy event--our oldest son is getting married June 10th!

I want to thank my husband, John, for helping me with my work on the last three reunions. It has been very special to have shared our lives--our environment, our times, and our struggles with such a fine group of people as those who graduated from CHS in 1950, and their teachers. Happy millennium to you all! May God continue to shower you with his blessings all the days of your life, and may we all live in the house of the Lord forever.



# DIMOCK

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## Children

Tina - 46

Mark - 42

Five grandchildren

Tina's: Chad - 17, Kelli - 15

Mark's: Jason - 19; Tracy - 15; Chris - 10

## Education

Anderson Business College, San Jacinto College, Accounting and Business courses

## Military Service

After high school, a short stint at Union Junior College and a New York City job, I enlisted in the Air Force. I spent basic in San Antonio, Radar School in Biloxi, Mississippi and then went to California. After receiving Ground Control Approach training at Gorge Air Force Base, I traveled extensively up and down the West Coast. During this time, I met my husband (Ed), from Alabama. After a whirlwind courtship, we married and he was also in the Air Force. He was shipped to the Philippines for 24 months. Upon his return, we were stationed in North Carolina, where Tina came into our lives.

## Work History

Tenneco Oil Company, Payroll Supervisor. Retired in 1980. Currently self-employed. When Ed was discharged, we went to Alabama. He started college, going at night, and working for the Boeing Company part time. Mark arrived and I was a full-time, busy mother-typing term papers in my "spare" time. Ed graduated and became a fulltime employee with Boeing, and after the fire on Apollo 1, we went to Houston on an ISC special assignment for six months. Thirty-three years later I am still here and I love it. I also went to work for Boeing in 1967. I worked in one of their control rooms. It was an exciting and rewarding job. The moon landing was the most challenging and thrilling. I was laid off in 1970 and went to work for Tenneco Oil Company. I attended college at night and worked for Tenneco as Payroll Supervisor for 5,000 employees until the oil bust and the company was sold. I lost Ed in 1984 to a heart attack.

## Family

Tina graduated from Texas Christian University with a French/English major and is teaching school. She married a childhood friend and they have two children: Chad, 17, a junior in high school and Kelli, 15, a freshman. Mark went to Southwest Texas State University and has been with Johnson Engineering for 20 years. He works at JSC in the NBL training the astronauts. He married a girl he went to high school with and they have three boys: Jason, 19; Tracy, 15; and Chris, 10. All of my grandchildren are honor students of which I am very proud.

## Hobbies

Reading, YMCA Daily Fitness Program

## Favorite TV shows

*Once & Again, The Practice, ER, Chicago Hope.*

#### Books recently read and recommended

Any new mystery novels by Scott Turow, John Grisham, historical novels.

#### Favorite music

Neil Diamond, Whitney Houston, Verdi's operas.

#### Community Service

Eastern Star, American Business Women's Association, Woman of the Year, 1967.

#### Remarks

The past 50 years have been really great for me. I have been in every state in the Union, met famous people and many good Americans. I have had ups and downs, as we all have, but God has been good to me and I am most grateful. I had a stroke two years ago but am doing very well. I walk with a limp but still do just about anything I want to. I am in a daily fitness program at the YMCA. I live in the Clear Lake City Community, two miles from the Johnson Space Center and 16 miles from downtown Houston. Clear Lake City is called the All-American Community and is highly active in the Space Program and politics. I am a member of our local Presbyterian Church and so are my children and grandchildren. I am a registered Republican and an active supporter and volunteer for our governor, George W. Bush.

#### Reunion

I look forward to at least 25 years more of *FOCUS 50*. I wish the best to all of you as we begin this new century, and I know the reunion will be fabulous. I regret that I will be unable to attend, but I will think of you all on the 19-21 of May.

# DOUGLAS

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## Children

Susan, 41

Diane, 39

Philip, Jr. 37

Cindy, 32

Five grandchildren



## Education

Vermont Junior College, Montpelier, VT, 1950-1952, A.S.

## Work History

Five years in Personnel Department of Guaranty Trust Company in New York City, 1952-1957.

## Hobbies

Gardening, photography, traveling, quilting, aerobics

## Favorite TV shows

Biography, Arts and Entertainment, British Shows

## Books recently read and recommended

Angela's Ashes, Plum Island, Wild Swans

## Favorite music

Mozart, Three Tenors, Organ CD's

## Community Service

Presbyterian Church, Cranford, birth until 1955; Presbyterian Church, Westfield, 1962-1984, Westfield Service League until 1984, United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, NC; Volunteer work at the local hospital.

## Reflections

50 years is such a long time. My school years blur into hazy insignificance. I find it extremely difficult to recall memorable experiences. Getting to school on time was never easy although I lived only two blocks away. I now wonder if the reason was my shyness and disinterest in going at all. I had a small group of friends but I never really felt a part of CHS activities.

On Sept. 25, 1947, my life changed when I met Phil Heston at an after-football game party at Mafalda Porcella's house. Phil was attending Pingry but came to the party with friends. We began dating after that and were married Sept. 10, 1955.

In 1957 our first child was born and then three more came along during the next ten years. We lived in Ringoes, NJ for a few years, then moved to Westfield when the children became of school age. It was a tough commute for Phil into NYC from Ringoes, anyway.

Westfield was a great town to bring up the children and it was close to my parents, who lived in Cranford until their deaths.

Phil's career began at Citibank Farmers Trust Co., which is now Citigroup. He had various investment jobs in the Bank for over 40 years and became a VP in the mid 60's. In 1983 Phil was transferred to London. Two of the children were married so only the two youngest came with us. It was a marvelous experience developing friendships with peoples of varied nationalities, cultures, etc. It also allowed us the opportunity to travel around the British Isles and the Continent. Phil's travels to his clients also took us regularly to the Far East and Australia. We also had the experience of living in Kilchberg, Switzerland (near Zurich) for two years.

We returned to the USA in 1995 and found our "dream house" in the mountains of Western North Carolina on 2.2 acres on a steep hillside. Our son lives nearby and the others are located in Colorado, Delaware and Connecticut. We manage to get everyone together once a year. This year will be a repeat of last year at Kiawah Island in South Carolina.

We are looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, I hope the name tags will be large so we can identify one another.

# DUNHAM



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## Children

Pam  
Freddie (deceased)  
Michael  
Amy  
Addie  
Jean and Garry (stepchildren)  
Eleven grandchildren

## Education

Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, 1950-1953

## Work History

Paralegal, 23 years, retired 1997

## Hobbies

Knitting, reading, walking, hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing

## Favorite TV shows

The Practice, Mystery (PBS)

## Books recently read and recommended

The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver

## Favorite music

Almost anything—classical, jazz, blues, etc!

## Community Service

School building committees (1971-1974, 1992-1994); Gilford Recreation Commission; Gilford Budget Committee; Gilford Planning Board; Board of Trustees, Gilford Public Library; Historic District Commission; Court Diversion, Mediation

## Reflections on Cranford High School

What wonderful years! The older I get, the more I realize how much my high school years shaped my life—the importance of friendships, involvement, *fun*, disappointments, coping, etc.—all valuable life lessons that have been my guideposts



# EDWARDS

## Arthur A. Edwards

"Sonny"

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## Children

Stephen, 33 and single  
Karen, 32, married to Bob Klug:  
son Bobby, 1½ years  
daughter, Lauren, 4 months  
Gary, 28 and single

## Education

Union Junior College, Cranford, NJ, 1956-1957, A A.; University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 1958-1960, B S.

## Military service

U. S. Air Force, Air Police, 1950-1954

## Work History

Moore Business Forms, Sales, Sales Education, Management, 1960-1983. Moore Business Communication Systems, Sales, 1983-1993. Retired in July, 1993.

## Hobbies

Golf, Walking, Reading.

## Favorite TV shows

60 Minutes, Law and Order, Jeopardy, History Channel, old movies

## Books recently read and recommended

Many fiction novels, some history.

## Favorite music

Big bands, Boston Pops, Frank Sinatra, Barbra, good jazz

## Community Service

President of fraternity in Union Junior College; House president at University of Missouri; St. Frances Cabrini, Spring Hill, FL

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Mr. Gerhard Kellner (The Colonel) - Terrific person!

Ms. Malpezzi - Great history teacher.

Ms. Harriet Strein, Science - I'll make you sweat!

Mr. Seth Weekly - A unique individual

Mr. Cortland Daley, Biology - Hang the mice!

My love for the studies - I repeat, my love for school.

We were all very fortunate to have been students at C.H.S.

## Philosophy

Doing work you enjoy, Family, Family, Family (a truly great wife), Guiding your children towards success, Maintaining a young outlook, Always try to reach a little further



# EICHINGER

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## Children

Cynthia Alice Mann Payne, 44  
Pamela Joy Mann McShane, 42  
David Timothy Mann, 40  
One grandson, Marshall, 12

## Family

Bill and I were married in 1979. Bill was much older than I, and we've had a very comfortable, compatible marriage. He passed on February 3, his ninetieth birthday.

My first marriage was in 1953 to Michael Mann. He was a British subject who lived and was educated in the US during the second world war. We met and were married in San Francisco, where subsequently our three children were born. We moved to Oregon in 1962. Been here ever since. At that time we thought the Northwest was almost our last frontier. In the years since, it has become overrun with "outlanders" And they all have three cars. And drive them all!

My eldest daughter, Cynthia, lives with her husband and son in a Portland suburb. They have my only grandchild, Marshall, who is severely disabled, and is the light of my life. He had his third birthday on February 29--and is twelve years old!

Middle child Pamela is recently divorced and lives in Vallejo, California where she is employed by the California Highway Patrol in their district office. She comes often to be with me.

David lives and works in Marietta, Georgia with his wife, Loris. He is active in the Civic Air Patrol! He retired from the U.S. Navy after serving in the US and Japan.

## Work history

After high school I emigrated to San Francisco where I studied voice full time. I met and married Michael there, and after returning to the east coast for his job and career, I eventually had a small career myself. It was mostly in church solo work and other professional singing. When we decided to start our family, we chose to have a live-in mother, and so I was at home during the years my children were growing. I began teaching embroidery techniques at my kitchen table, and began a career in that field, eventually teaching for almost thirty years at Portland Community College. I'm still teaching, and realized one day that I'll be doing that the rest of my life. I have a strong feeling to getting students to learn properly, even if it is only leisure activity for most of them! I teach all count-thread techniques, mainly needlepoint, and do designing for my students as well.

## Favorite music

My favorite music is orchestral--from before Bach and onward. But *not* much of contemporary music! I also enjoy what I gather is called "new age" music. I *love* singing choral music, but with some exceptions don't really enjoy listening to it! Of course, we're not talking Bach chorales here, or the Brahms requiem.

## Books recently read and recommended

I'm unaffiliated with any church. I've grown so far and have a long way to go, spiritward! I think "*Conversations With God*" are the high spots of my reading these days, three volumes, and a subsequent "*Friendship with God*".

### Hobbies/recreation

I've had the joy of a great deal of travel, to the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, and most of Europe and some of the Middle East. It has been my joy to plan and accompany tours to many countries to study the needlework of those ethnic areas.

### Philosophy

I feel I've had a blessed life. I never was a good student or mixer in high school, and have a strong sense that my education really began on graduation day, and my coming to the west coast. I've had the joy of a marriage to my young ideal, and when that was cut short after twenty years, the companionship of my dear Bill. I have known so many dear people in every walk of life and from every country who have blessed my own experience. I've been through adversity and come out on top! I have an artificial hip and two knee replacements--but I'm still up and sort-of running! I love life and I love people and love sharing whatever is worthwhile with whomever comes into my life. I guess that's enough.

I have learned so much about my relationship to God and to my fellow man. Both those learnings grow each day. We got our three kids raised without calamity or even major problems. For that I'm thankful. I trust I'll keep growing, keep learning. That's important. My best wishes go out to each one of you and your families. Let your lights keep shining!



# EISENBERG

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## Children

Adam, 36

David, 35

Eric, 33

## Education

George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1950-1954, B.S.

## Military service

U. S. Army Reserve, 1957-1963, active duty, Ft. Sam Houston, TX, Nov. 1957-May, 1958.

## Work History

**New York:** Editor, Fed. Reserve Bank (NY) 1958-1962. **Philadelphia:** Editor, PA Guardian, political weekly, 1962-1963; Political Editor, Philadelphia Magazine, 1964-1966. **Washington:** Legislative Assistant to US Rep. William Green (D-Pa) 1967-1971; Administrative Assistant to Rep. John Heinz (R-Pa) 1971-1976; Council on Environmental Quality, 1977; Director, Public Affairs, B'nai B'rith, 1978-1997; Retired in 1997; Public affairs consulting since then.

## Hobbies

Daily exercise at Y; hiking excursions, canoeing boundary waters, Minnesota last summer, sea kayaking Eastern Shore, MD, mediocre skiing; Family events, travel (domestic and international), wife's good food, theater, movies, and many freebies Washington offers.

## Favorite TV shows

Frasier; Masterpiece Theater; The Lehrer Report; History / Science documentaries

## Books recently read and recommended

Snow Falling on Cedars (Guterson), No Ordinary Time (Goodwin), A Necessary Evil (Wills)

## Favorite music

E. Fitzgerald, Sinatra, A. Franklin, Gershwin, Mozart, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Great Bands, Musicals of the 40s to 70s.

## Community Service

American Jewish World Service, chairman overseas projects, 1985-1990; political work on human rights, i.e., coalition of Jews, Arabs, Muslims to end war in Bosnia, 1993-1994; humanitarian trips to Cuba, 1992 and 1995; UN Association, 1985-1997; Boards of Hillel Jewish Student Organization, George Washington University, and Palace Arts Foundation to exchange art exhibits—current project from Topkapı Palace in Turkey in 2000; Washington College of Law program to expose Latin American lawyers to anti-discrimination law.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

It's hard to appreciate a place when you're growing up in it. Looking back, Cranford provided a firmer base for enjoying life than I thought. (How could I enjoy it when I was told that my initiation to CHS was to be thrown off the Eastman Street bridge? I wasn't.) There were teachers who expanded my horizons: Mr. Daly in Science, Miss Matthews who dramatized English, and Mr. Wilson who terrorized the class with the significance of Physics. They come to mind most vividly.

## Philosophy

My family was not religious, but they transmitted the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, healing the world. And though politics is smarmy today, I was fortunate to both report and work on civil liberties and human rights with people I admired. What impressed me most was the undaunted human spirit of those who stand up against repression, violence and meanness with the conviction and selflessness to do what's right, morally and ethically. I've been lucky to live for 32 years in a close knit community of diverse people who share common interests in good times, outdoor and cultural activities. My wife, Rita, who appears low-key, knows how to bring people together.

# FAIR



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Children

Catherine - 45  
Cynthia - 43  
Bruce - 42  
Two grandchildren

Family

Dr. Catherine Morin, Community Project Director, Alamosa, CO.  
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Bruce Morin, Craft Services, Columbia/Sony Motion Pictures, Los Angeles.

Two children: Tony - 14, Chantal - 9.

Education

University of Maine, 1950-1954, BA.

Work History

Travel Consultant since 1967, Linden Travel Bureau, Inc. 41 East 57th Street, New York, NY, 10022. (212) 421-3320

Hobbies

Travel, boating. In past years we have traveled to China, Africa, Egypt, Pakistan, Europe, Central America, South America, and Caribbean.

# FAIRWEATHER



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## Children

Judy

Nancy

David

Tom

Pat

Ten grandchildren

Although I have never written one, this letter for the 50th class reunion yearbook must be similar to writing a Christmas letter. I have chosen to write only about the good things in our lives. There have been some not so good things but I've decided not to mention those. My faith in God has helped me over those rough spots. I'm extremely proud of all my kids. They have become commendable and responsible adults and, as far as I know, none of my grandchildren are on drugs or are in trouble with the law. For me that's a blessing. Now let me tell you in brief about my life since High School.

Richard LeDuc (class of '46) and I were married when I was just a year out of High School. I was 18 and he was 22. By today's standard we were just kids. We have five children and ten grandchildren.

Our oldest daughter, Judy, is an RN and works in Hardwyck Rehabilitation Center in Edison. She and her husband Mike have 2 daughters, Jayme, 19 and Becky, 17. They live in Cranford.

Nancy, our next oldest, is a nurse in Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. She and her husband Jack have 3 children, Debbie, 19, Donna, 16, and Brian, 14. They live in Colonia. Her husband Jack and Judy's husband Mike are brothers. So five of my grandchildren are named Turner.

David, our eldest son, is pastor of the Franklin Lakes United Methodist Church in Bergen County. He and his wife Karen are the parents of Beth, 15, Scott, 13, and Billy, 12.

Tom works for Connaught Labs. He and his wife Wendy live in East Stroudsburg, PA. They have 2 boys, Zachary, 4 and Wyatt, 21 months.

Our youngest daughter, Pat, is an RN and works for a group of surgeons in Eugene, Oregon. She's unmarried.

I worked for many years for Dr. Fidler. Some of you may remember him. He was the pediatrician for my children. When he sold his practice, I continued to work for the new pediatrician until I retired about five years ago. To celebrate, Rich and I bought a tent, cots and sleeping bags and spent a month traveling. We camped the entire Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway. We also checked out numerous Civil War Battlefields. My grandfather was Historian for the 88th Penn. Volunteers, so he left a wealth of information about their battles. It was a beautiful trip.

Having five kids kept me busy but I managed to do a lot of volunteer work over the years. Rich and I have always been very involved in our church, the Cranford UMC. I also worked with the PTA's of a variety of schools. Together Rich and I started and for several years led the Band Boosters of the AL Johnson High School in Clark. When the kids were older, we went into Leadership Training and led more than thirty Marriage Enrichment weekends. Most recently, I'm involved with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Auditorium Ushers in Ocean Grove on the Jersey Shore. This group of almost 400 women raises money during the summer in order to support the many needs of Ocean Grove. Rich is treasurer of the Auditorium Ushers. The whole town is a National Historic Site. The architecture is mostly victorian. For four months, we live in one of the tent cottages

that surround the Great Auditorium. I work part-time in the Auditorium Book Store, and docent at the Historical Society's Centennial Cottage. We really enjoy the many benefits of summering in this unique little Christian Community.

We have been spending part of our winters in Florida and enjoying it. We also travel when we can. We've made several trips out to Oregon to visit our daughter there.

Pat Horn Harker and I have been best friends since third grade, and we still see quite a bit of Pat and her husband Bob. They're very good friends. We keep in touch, too, with Dot Rader Settlemire. Her husband Jim was Rich's best friend. We have a great time when on rare occasions we all get together, such as in Florida last year.

Two of our granddaughters have attended Cranford High School, so we've been to the old High School auditorium many times. Being there takes me back to a simpler, less stressful time in my life. I don't think I realized how lucky I was to be part of such a great class. I expect to be at the 50th Reunion and I chuckle when I think of the guy that went to his 50th Reunion and complained that "all the kids sent their parents." I'm sure that won't happen to us. We must all look just like our yearbook pictures. I'm going to bring my yearbook, so I can be sure.

My life today is busy and fulfilling. I have a wonderful husband and family. I'm in pretty good health and I have some great friends. God has richly blessed us and I give him thanks continually.

Paul tells us in Ephesians: "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God has prepared before hand to be our way of life." I like to think that my life is filled with "good works" and will continue to be in the years ahead. Blessings to you all.



# FENNER

## Robert Fenner

"Bob", "Fen"

Wife: Shirley - "Abby"

Married 46 years and loving it!

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Wellington, FL 33414

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## Children (two sons)

Jeffery T. - 44

Dana C. - 41

Four grandchildren

Warren, 13; Catherine, 8;

Emallee, 12, Robert, 6

## Education

Norwich University, Northfield, VT, 1950-1954, B.S., Business Administration

## Military Service

U. S. Army, 1954-1957, Armor Platoon Leader, Munich and Furth, Germany. 1957-1959, New Jersey National Guard, S-2 officer.

## Work History

U. S. Army, 1954-1957. Standard Oil of New Jersey, Elizabeth, NJ, Financial Accounting, 1957-1963. Killington Ltd. and S-K-I Ltd., winter and summer resorts in Vermont, New Hampshire, and California, Accounting, Treasury, Insurance responsibilities. Retired July 1997. Currently Director, Ski Insurance Co.

## Hobbies

Vegetable gardening, skiing, golf, ice skating, roller blading

## Favorite TV shows

*Everybody Loves Raymond*, ESPN, Public TV

## Books recently read and recommended

*Up Island*, Anne Rivers Siddons; *Purple Dots*, Lehrer

## Favorite music

Jazz, all kinds, and anything else below 2 dcbls

## Community Service

Sherburne Town Selectman, 7 years; Sherburne Town Auditor, 3 years; Sherburne Town Planning Commission, 1 year. St. James, Woodstock, VT, Board of Trustees. College of St. Joseph, Data Processing Advisory Board

## Reflections on Cranford High School

The dedication of the teachers, the enthusiasm of our classmates which is evident as the *FOCUS 50* and the reunions continue to bring us together, sharing memories of Cranford

# FISCHER

William Frederick Fischer

"Willy"

Spouse: Lydia Freida Fischer

"Lidd"

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Neshanic Sta., NJ 08853  
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## Winter address

Hopefully, the good Lord willing, starting next November I will be going to Florida for the winter months. My father willed me his little bungalow in Hollywood, FL - (954) 922-8175

## Children

Susan - 39, married with one adopted grandchild, 4

Ruth - 35, nurse anesthetist at Morristown Hospital, married to a professional photographer

Eric - 30, single, computer consultant with MTV, Viacom Networks, NYC

## Military Service

Air National Guard, based at Newark Airport, 1950-1957

## Work History

Moved from Cranford in 1952 to Neshanic, worked for Ford car dealer five years as mechanic in Flemington, NJ. Opened my own business in 1958 until 1988 specializing in repairs on Volkswagens and all American cars, and selling Mobil gas and products. I am currently working 25 hours a week parttime for an auto parts supplier as a parts delivery person.

## Hobbies

Keeping up with the automotive world, reading several different car magazines, enjoy listening to CDs. Also enjoy going on adult education trips with my wife. We have a wonderful Adult Ed program. Also go to free music concerts in our area.

## Favorite TV shows

60 Minutes, Touched By An Angel, NFL Football, Nascar Auto Racing, X-Files, Discovery Channel, musical programs, Bill Cosby.

## Favorite music

Chamber music, opera, classical, country western and soft rock. Boston Pops, Keith Lockhardt, Pavarotti, Bach, Beethoven, Strauss, Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lombardo, New York Philharmonic, John Phillip Sousa music.

## Service to community

Member, Flemington Presbyterian Church 45 years; member, Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 40 years.

## Reflections

High school was a wonderful time and there were many memories we all shared together. What makes life especially meaningful to me now is all the wonderful experiences I have had with good people in business and family. I thank God for a wonderful wife and three wonderful children, and for health and happiness.



# FRIGOLA



Alfred K. Frigola

"Al"

Wife: Viive

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Children

Michelle

Mark

Mitchell

Beth

Three grandchildren

Education

Georgetown University, Washington DC, 1950-1954, BSFS.

Seton Hall University, Newark NJ, 1957-1960, JJD.

Military Service

U.S. Army, 1954-1957. 1st Lt., Infantry

Work History

Lawyer, 1960-1999. Retired 1999

Hobbies

Fishing, golf

Favorite TV shows

Biography

Books recently read and recommended

Anything by John Grisham

Favorite music

Jimmy Buffet

Community Service

Florida Bar Board of Governors

Reflections on Cranford High School

A wonderful time and place. No hate, bigotry, crime or discrimination that I can recall.

Philosophy

Do No Harm!



# FULTON

Dorothy Lillian Fulton-Cirnigliaro

"Dottie"

Husband: Joseph Anthony Cirnigliaro

Married in 1957, died Feb. 16, 1995

3913 Prado Drive

Sarasota, Florida 34235-3530

(941) 351 4571 - Year-round

Children

Dorothy Theresa - deceased

Nancy Joyce

Two+ grandchildren

## Family

Two daughters. Dorothy Theresa at 17 was killed by a drunk driver in 1982 in NJ. Nancy Joyce is married to Ben Jackson, musician and auto body man. Ben and Nancy have given me two granddaughters, Jianna, 2 and Bianca, 1. A new baby is due in September, 2000.

## Work History

Attended Professional School of Business. Real Estate Associate, licensed in NJ only. Bookkeeper, Telephone Operator, Accountant, Secretary, Statistician. Married my boss. Administrative Assistant, Assistant to an inventor in laboratory, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Daycare Center teacher for infants class of eight babies at a time under one-year-old. Currently Nanny to two, a four-year-old and a two-year-old in one family. I love it. My work loves me back.

## Hobbies

I have many hobbies: sewing, knitting, crocheting, crafts, walking the beach and shelling, photography, teapot collection, swimming, and poetry. Watching sports.

## Favorite TV shows

I guess my favorite TV show is *Golden Girls* because I can relate. Y'know what I mean?

## Books recently read and recommended

The Holy Bible is #1, read over and over again, highly recommended. Currently reading: *If Thou Shalt Confess*. Superb reading. There are so very many good books with good information, and entertaining too.

## Favorite music

Hmmm, Ben writes rock music so I guess I like it a little. But I really like the old love songs that told a story, like *Unforgettable*, *She Wore Blue Velvet*, and *Love is a Many Splendered Thing*. But most of all I love the Worship and Praise songs we sing at my Church.

## Community Service

Sarasota County Sheriff's Department as Captain of DeSoto Lakes Civic Association, Security Patrol. Also on the board of directors of the association. Work in the nursery of The Tabernacle, my church, and with the computer I project the worship music onto the giant screen in the sanctuary.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I still carry many of you in my heart. I had many friends guide me into the wonderful life I have today. Y'all know who you are and I love you very much for being my friend.

## Philosophy

I just have one more thing I want to share with you and that is My GOD, Jesus the Christ, and His Holy Spirit, Whom I Love and serve. I acknowledge his LOVE for ME and want all of my friends to know Him too. He is coming back very soon, Are you ready? Prayer sent heavenward here regularly. Join me, PLEASE. Prayer is answered always. AMEN.

# FULTON



Phyllis Fulton Williams  
"Steamboat" or "Phyl"

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Children  
Stephen  
Joseph

## Family

I have two sons: Stephen (youngest) who lives in Phoenix with his wife and son; and Joseph. He and his wife live in Bradenton, FL. At the moment I'm spending as much time as possible with Joe, as he has terminal cancer of the lungs, which has spread to the brain and lymph system. It's difficult to see your child dying before your eyes, but it is truly amazing to see the courage and

My hope is that he is trusting the Lord.

strength of spirit as they look into the face of death and "fear no evil"  
Your prayers for Joe, and for our family, are appreciated.

## Work History

My career in marketing, was very exciting--and exhausting! I worked in a variety of industries and positions--from New Jersey to Chicago to California. I retired from Nissan Motor Corporation in Pleasanton, CA in 1997 and moved to Tennessee. God has blessed me with a wonderful new home in the country. I love it! On a lighter note, I'm working as a Temp on an assignment I started over a year ago. This company, and the people I work with, are wonderful. I take off for Florida for two months at a time, and they hold my position open for me. I am truly blessed in many ways.

## Hobbies

I have a lot of interests such as swimming, hiking, camping, entertaining, reading, singing, etc.

## Books recently read and recommended

I'm a great fan of Max Lucado's writing and have most of his books. It would be hard to recommend just one. Other reading includes authors like Michael Phillips, Charles Stanley, Charles Swindall, Bodie Thoene, and many others. Joni Tada Erikson's *Heaven, Your Real Home* is excellent. I'm currently in a Bible study entitled *Breaking Free*, by Beth Moore. It promises to be exciting as are her seminars.

## Favorite music

My musical tastes include mostly contemporary, classical, soft rock, jazz, etc. Praise music, however, is my favorite. I'm in my Church choir and together with our orchestra we have a ministry of music which is very effective and rewarding. We'll be joining in the Billy Graham Crusade choir which will be Mr. Graham's last crusade, I believe. It will be held in Nashville in June of this year. I'm looking forward to that.

## Community Service

Three days a week I volunteer with Mission O.N.E. at my church. This is a mission work that sends out nationals instead of missionaries from the U.S. I am very excited to be a part of this ministry.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have a good memory--but it's short, so memories of CHS are rare. I do remember math class and tossing "spit balls" around with John Thall and Bill Lassi, history class with Ruthie Price (our teacher overlooked it when we

shared our answers on tests). Friends passing me in the halls "tooting" and calling out "Steamboat" Joe often came at lunch time, and there were also lunches with girlfriends at the drugstore downtown--tuna on rye toast with a lemon coke! Then there were the prayer times at the home of a lady who lived across the street from school. We prayed for you every morning before school--didn't know about that, did you? I won't know until the last minute if I can join you for the reunion. It depends on how my son is doing, but I will truly miss being there if I can't be with you. The 40th was outstanding, and one memory I hope to retain for my lifetime. God Bless.

# GETZ



Joanne Getz Silverstein

"Joanna" or "Jo"

Husband: Donald - deceased, 1975

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## Children

Lisa - 38

Karin - 36

Four grandchildren

Laura - 7

Hannah - 4

Otis - 4

Lewis - 20 months

## Education

Lasell Junior College, graduated 1952, AB in psychology and retailing.

## Work History

Galmour Magazine - US

Ambassador Magazine - UK

Chanel Model - Paris

Photographic Studio - UK

Simplicity Pattern Co. - Fashion US

Own business - dresses, UK

Marketing Company - UK

Photographic representative - UK

Manager, Cricket Club - UK (joke, eh, for an American; still don't understand cricket!)

## Current Work

Antique Dealer

Future work - Studying to become a "Life Coach"

## Hobbies

Tennis, Tai Chi, Gym, Reading, Writing free-lance articles

## Favorite TV show

Frazier

## Books recently read and recommended

*American Pastoral*, Philip Roth, and *Everyone Was So Young*, Amanda Vail

## Favourite music

All classical music, particularly the "Trout Quintet" and the duet from "The Pearl Fishers" with Jussi Bjorling.  
Most jazz and "60's" music.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

For me personally, it was a time of great joy as a carefree young person with nothing more important or worrying to think about than what to wear on a "Saturday night" date. I think we were fortunate to have our teen years in a relatively calm era in the US after the war. We were really examples of an "Apple Pie America" which, sadly, now exists only in the movies.

### Philosophy

I truly believe that we have within us "all the resources" we need whenever we are faced with difficulties. An Irish gardener gave me the formula for happiness. It is "someone to love", "something to do" and "something to look forward to". He was right, you know.

# GOODMAN



Nancy Goodman Bacso (bay-show)

Husband: George Bacso

(College sweetheart)

(Passed away November 1998)

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## Children

George - Atlanta

Delia - Portland, OR

Michael - Boston

Uma - Boulder, CO

Two grandchildren

Lindsay, 10

Dillon - 6

## Education

Graduated Trenton State College in 1954 (now known as The College of New Jersey). Graduate work, Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 1987, certificate in substance abuse counseling.

## Work History

Taught elementary school in Piscataway, NJ and Livingston, NJ. Currently employed as an English instructor on a private tutoring basis teaching Spanish-speaking executives and their families.

## Hobbies/Recreation/Fitness

I walk two to four miles a day and do some yoga. My favorite hobby is traveling to visit my children and grandchildren.

## Favorite TV shows

This season I'm enjoying *The West Wing* and *Judging Amy*. TV is not my favorite thing--generally too violent.

## Books recently read and recommended

I enjoyed the Mitford series by Jan Karon. Also Harry Potter (what fun!) I actually lean more toward books like *Anatomy of the Spirit* by Caroline Myss or Thomas Moore's *Care of the Soul*.

## Favorite music

I enjoy Andrea Bocelli, a great guitar CD called *Guitar Odyssey* by Govi, a very nostalgic *My Funny Valentine* by Chet Baker, Ella Fitzgerald, the sound track from *Out of Africa* and *The End of the Affair*. I really enjoy music of any kind, except loud seemingly senseless music.

## Community Service

I'm still active in my church and hope to continue my teaching on a volunteer basis when I move to Arizona.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

One of the most interesting things I remember about CHS was the fact that we went there in seventh grade and stayed through twelfth grade. I cannot imagine this working in today's fast paced world. I can only speak for myself but I was so unworldly, so naive, so unlike the high schoolers of today.

## Philosophy

My guiding principles today are few and simple. I try to be open minded. I realize the older I get the less I really know, and I'm OK with it. Living one day at a time really works for me, and knowing I have a God of my understanding who will always be with me is very reassuring. Life is short so I try to do something pleasant each day. Some days that means walking on the beach, other days it means calling someone I haven't spoken to in ages. I'm very excited to be moving out west in April. Another new beginning for me. I've had many new beginnings in my 66 years, and I hope to have many more.

# GRANT



Marilyn Grant Layton  
Husband: Gordon

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## Children

Margy  
Jim  
Bob  
Three grandchildren

I added the nickname "Lyn" when I went to Cornell (B.S., Home Economics). Married to Gordon Layton, who has been my roommate for 47 years! For the past 42 years, our permanent address--winter and summer--has been in Paris, Kentucky.

Kentucky? Why Kentucky? The best place in the world to raise kids and horses, which we proceeded to do in that order. Building Gordon's practice--equine veterinarian--pushed us both to learn new tricks. I was a fulltime homemaker (which means "volunteer") as well as support system for the practice and the farm. I learned to do everything, except drive a tractor or ride a horse! And naturally our three wonderful children grew up thinking it was a treat to live on the farm. Thank goodness Kentucky doesn't enforce child labor laws! They all turned into good citizens--well balanced, highly productive (although a tad competitive) and much smarter than their parents. Since all live within 20 miles of us, we get a lot of help out of them (especially computer technology), and can watch our three grandchildren bloom. It is the best of all worlds.

Lest you think we lead an idyllic life, it comes at a cost. We are still committed fulltime to the equine practice, the broodmare farm and my successful antiques business--no "winter place" in Florida (or wherever) for us, as we scale back on our schedules! Most of the time, there is no time. I guess I'll never get that tree house built, learn to ski, or go up in a hot air balloon. And don't even talk to me about ice-skating...once the passion of my life.

But I have new passions--mostly centered around the interest Gordon and I share in collecting and selling antiques. We collect, and I have a fulltime shop--which means lots of time spent trying to acquire inventory. If my life were a television program, the title would be "The Antiques Roadshow." And the books I pore over are part of the ongoing detective game I play. What is it? How old? Who made it? Where and why? And is it real or fake? And, most importantly: "What is it really worth to a knowledgeable collector?"

While I have cycled through all the phases of volunteerism (schools, Presbyterian church, Garden Club and Homemaker's Clubs), currently I am focused on the redevelopment of our charming Main Street in Paris, as well as our local history and fine arts museum. Healthwise, I am most thankful to both my beautician and my massage therapist for keeping the gray and the aches at bay. And thankful that my maladies are no more serious than that. Now, if they could find a cure for cellulite.

I fondly remember:

- Iceskating parties on Nomahegan Lake
- Miss Olga Specht sharing her passion for singing.
- Miss Matthews teaching us how to speak and emote and love the theater.
- Endless miles of crepe paper streamers woven into fanciful settings for class dances--for which I baked countless dozens of toll house cookies.
- The pervasive smell of Coach Weekly's wintergreen liniment that followed the track, field and gridiron heroes.

- The agony of never knowing what "HLD" stood for... do you think they may tell us now? And why on earth should it still matter.
- John W. Sloat at his least impressive... just after he capsized my kayak and emerged with pond scum around his shoulders and shrieked, "Oh, my ciggy-butts!"
- Joan Lloyd at her most impressive... when she walked across the stage at graduation, her personal triumph and a celebration for us all.

And what does it take to make me smile? Lots of little moments make me smile:

- Listening to the Canadian Geese as they circle the house--a promise of spring.
- The expectation of each newborn foal. It's like Christmas every time one arrives.
- Solving the mystery of an obscure artifact and saving it from destruction or oblivion. History is still being written.
- Smiling inside as our "children" assume their role in looking out for us for a change. Not a bad trade-off!
- Watching three generations splashing in our pool... evolution at its best... telling me the world is in good hands and God is still watching. Come to think of it... it really doesn't matter *what* HLD stands for! !



# GREGORY

John J. Gregory  
"Jack"

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Children  
Tom Gregory - 42  
Joanna Scocchi - 40  
Gary Gregory - 39  
Jenny Internoscia - 37  
Eleven grandchildren

## Education

Attended Union Junior College.

## Military Service

US Navy and US Marine Corp - Medical Technician.

## Work History

New York Stock Exchange (SIAC) Responsible for maintaining communications systems related to the trading floor ticker operations. Retired in 1991. Used time to build my own home.

## Hobbies

I enjoy building things, reading, painting. Most of all I love the shore, swimming and walking on the beach.

## Favorite TV shows

I mostly enjoy documentaries broadcast on PBS stations.

## Community Service

St. Thomas church - Oak Ridge, NJ

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I remember driving around with the guys in our old cars. I especially enjoyed Biology, Chemistry and woodshop. I enjoyed many of my teachers.

## Philosophy

I love nature and the outdoors.



# GROSSMAN

Irene Grossman DaCosta

"Renie"

Husband: Don (deceased)

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## Education

Eastman School of Business,  
NYC, 1950-1951, Business  
Ctft.; Monmouth City Vocational,  
Eatontown, NJ, 1973-1974, Medical  
Sec'y Ctft.

## Work History

National City Bank, NYC; National Broadcasting Co., NYC; Lockheed Electronics, Plainfield, NJ; Medical secretary/Office Manager, Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory, NC

## Hobbies

Gardening, figuring out how to and then making my own brackets and shelves for hanging bird feeders/houses; storing "stuff"; reading; and if I can still stand up after gardening, I put in some time on the EZ-glider. Wish I lived closer to the beach again so I could add beach-combing to one of my pastimes. Maybe someday!

## Favorite TV shows

"Suddenly Susan" for fun, and Chris Matthews' "Hardball" for the "heavier" side of life.

## Books recently read and recommended

Cokie Roberts' "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" and Joan River's "From Mother to Daughter". Santa heard I admire these gals and brought me their books for Christmas. I highly recommend Joan's book to any parent who's got a daughter. You'll cry and laugh.

## Favorite music

Michael Crawford singing anything from hymns to "Phantom of the Opera". Vince Gill can sing to me anytime!

## Community Service

I haven't held any titles or offices. Just been a member of my Methodist Church; been a "go-fer," car washer, baker, dishwasher/dryer and—at times—a "ruckus" starter. (Haven't been thrown out yet! Guess they like my washing/drying/baking too much!)

## Reflections on Cranford High School

The Best of Times—is how I describe how I feel when looking back on my school days. I think we were very fortunate in our growing up years because things were "lighter" then. Seems to me, today's school kids feel much more pressured, perhaps this radiates down from their elders who are under pressure at work and then have pressures at home as well. Times have changed and in many ways, I wish they didn't have to.

## Philosophy

I am so grateful to have lived long enough to retire! It has given me the chance to get off the go-go-go roller coaster of work, eat, sleep, work, etc., etc., to once again appreciate the delicacy of a flower, the Carolina blue sky, to enjoy a gregarious puppy (Taffy) who replaces the love of 10-year-old "Mandy" who I had to put to sleep last year after ten years of devotion, to read and relish the act because I don't have to rush through it to do necessities, to have the time to say to a still-working neighbor, "Come on over for dinner and relax a while". I so appreciate all the mundane things I rushed through or didn't do while I had to work. (Let me add—I *did* like my job, but I sure like *not* doing it!)



# HALL

Adelene Hall Vogel

"Addie"

Partner: Jack Robinson

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Children

Dean Vogel, 41  
Elizabeth Vogel, 36  
Two grandchildren

Education

Wheaton College, Norton, MA, 1950-1954, B.A.

Work History

Frick Art Reference Library, 2 years. Partner, Village Pump Antiques, 15 years.

Hobbies

Gardening, Antiques, Cranford Historical Society, and other volunteer work

Books recently read and recommended

Cold Mountain

Favorite music

Jazz

Community Service

Board of Helen Baldwin Nursery School, Presbyterian Church, other town things.

Reflections on Cranford High School

It was a wonderful time. The fortieth reunion was also great. Everyone looked so well. Look forward to the 50th.



# HALL

Hansel Hall

"Hank"

Wife: Peggy

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Dover, DE 19904

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Daughter

Holly- 43

Six grandchildren

One great-grandchild

## Military service

NJ National Guard, 1950-1956, A. Co., 50th Recon. BN, 50th Armor Div.

## Work History

Auto mechanic, aviation mechanic, restoration of antique planes. Retire?—Never!

## Hobbies

Flying, also R.C. planes, bass fishing, painting, reading, fish pond (Koi)

## Favorite TV shows

History channel, some sports

## Books recently read and recommended

This Perfect Storm; West With the Night; The Greatest Generation, Brokaw; A Reporter's Life, Cronkite; Flight of Passage, Buck.

## Favorite music

From country to classical

## Community Service

In 60's, Deacon, First Presbyterian, Martinsville, NJ

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have good memories of my school years. Many have faded. A great time in my life.

## Philosophy

I am a happy guy and live each day that is given to me. I guess I am, like most of us, trying to figure life out. I like to "people watch", say, if I have to go to the mall. Where the heck are we headed with all of this? God help our grandchildren—and that's coming from an eternal optimist.



# HEMLEB

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"Hondu", "Uncle Al"  
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## Children

Alfred - 40

Cindy - 38

Glenn - 35

Kimmie - 34

Grandchildren:

4 girls and one tough boy

## Nickname

In the navy it was Hondu. he was an Indian fighter, a good fighter and a great lover, and loved to drink. [That was me.] In Florida for the past 20 years or so, my nickname is "Uncle Al", the kiddies' pal.

## Military Service

I was in the U.S. Navy for five years. I was attached to the White House Staff. I did duty on the presidential yacht, the *USS Williamsburg*. Then I switched to the Navy Sea Bees and was sent to the presidential camp, Shangri-La in the mountains of Maryland. This was under President Truman. President Eisenhower took over and renamed it Camp David. (Rough duty!) I also did work at Eisenhower's farm in Gettysburg, PA.

## Work History

Construction and alteration work in NJ. Built new homes with Al Frigola and his uncle. Moved to Florida. Started lawn business, steak & hoagie shop with pizza, 100-seat restaurant, another hoagie shop and a fish market. Then managed two grocery stores which is where I am now. Planing to retire at the end of April. Not fully, though. I have just started a new marketing business. Bought a dealership in Alpine Industries. We deal with indoor air pollution.

## Hobbies

I do wood work, wood carving of dragons, Corsicans, aliens, etc. Recreation: work at home--every year I have a battle with Mother Nature. Sailing is high on the list. I have a 17-foot Track catamaran with a 27-foot mast and sail racing system. Only flipped it over once. Fitness is good. I guess we all could use a little more around this time in our lives.

## Favorite TV shows

*JAG*, because Rab is so much like I was when I was in the navy??? *Walker, Texas Ranger*: The good guy, good action stuff, lots of girls??? Football, NASC Auto, Ice skating. Books: I'm just too busy now. Maybe when I get a little older!

## Favorite music

Classical, highbrow, the oldies, and of course, Elvis!

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Now I really miss all that we had together. It was a great time for me and all of us. I love Cranford and NJ and of course my White Castle Hamburgers. But I like Florida better!

## Philosophy

All of life, with all of the little difficulties that it has put in our path to conquer, no matter how we do it.

# HETZKE



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[Former class member]  
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## Children

John Scott Moore - 36  
Kathleen Marie Boshears - 34

## Education

Lasell Junior College, Auburndale, MA, Sept. 1950-June 1952. Retailing.

## Work History

Fashion Industry in New York City, until April 1962. Part-time Travel Agent, 1980 to present.

## Hobbies

Golf, traveling, reading. Attending University of Michigan football games.

## Community Service

Marshall Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. Marshall Historical Society

## Reflections on CHS

As many of you know, my father was transferred by Western Electric to Buffalo, NY between my freshman and sophomore year. I was so miserable my sophomore year in a new school without any friends, I just hated it. I missed Cranford so much my folks let me return quite often (to the delight of American Airlines).

All my "old" friends were so good about writing, particularly Betty, Deedle, Joanne and Melva. They also came up to visit and helped me to survive my sophomore year at Kenmore High.

After that year, I did cultivate new friends and my visits to NJ became less frequent. Cranford will always be "home" and I value my long time friendships with many of my classmates--some going back to kindergarten.



# HORN

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Children

Christian

Laurie

Cynthia

Six grandchildren

## Family

We have three grown children: Christian, Ph.D., Laurie Fuschetti, B.A., and Cynthia Nelson, A.A. They are all in their early 40's, married, and each have two children. Therefore, we enjoy six marvelous grandchildren: four in Monmouth County, and two in Portland, OR, a beautiful place to visit!

## Work History

Following graduation, I was employed by the U.S. Government (CIA), in Washington, D.C. and in Germany. We also lived in Europe, Mexico, and the Mid-West, due to Bob's employment. When our children were in college, I listed and sold Real Estate in Monmouth County, N.J., and am still a licensed N.J. Realtor. We have been retired for nine years, and spend our winters in Florida and the Southwest. We also spent a month last spring in the British Isles, and loved it!

## Hobbies

In addition to travel, I enjoy theatre, sailing, gourmet cooking, reading, watercolor, family, and friends. We belong to The Fair Haven Yacht Club, U.S. Power Squadron, and The Alumnae Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, and Little Silver, and love living in Monmouth County!

## Favorite TV shows

Recently, we enjoyed a few good films. *Music of the Heart*, *Cider House Rules*, *Snow on Cedar*, and *My Life So Far* (a Scottish Sleeper). We watch some television, mostly PBS, *60 Minutes*, *20/20*, *The Today Show*, and sometimes *ER*, *Chicago Hope*, and *Frasier*.

## Books recently read and recommended

I've enjoyed all of John Grisham's novels (haven't read *The Brethren* yet), and highly recommend *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt.

## Favorite music

I enjoy a variety: classical, golden oldies, and I still love country music!

## Community service

We attend Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, and The Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove, N.J. Life has been very good to us, and we thank God for our many blessings. We try to, in our small way, give something in return by supporting: Native Americans, Habitat for Humanity, Southern Poverty Law, Environmental Organizations, and a child in Ecuador.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have many happy memories of CHS. I think that the teachers were dedicated, and interested in us as individuals. The education I received provided me with a good start in life. Also, I believe that the times were more gentle and idealistic, and Cranford was a great small hometown. I still cherish many CHS friendships! I truly hope that life has been as kind to all of my fellow classmates, and look forward to the Millennium Reunion!

# HUETTEMAN

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Children

Cynthia Oberkofler - 42

Janet Huetteman - 38

Three grandchildren

David - 14; Stephen - 11; Anna - 4

Education

Rutgers Newark Colleges, AB Chemistry, 1955.

Work History

Johnson & Johnson, 1955-1994. Retired.

Hobbies

Golf, travel, woodworking.

Favorite TV shows

Eclectic.

Books recently read and recommended

*The Civil War*, Shelby Foote; *The Simple Truth*, David Baldacci; *Lee's Civil War*.

Favorite music

Classical.

Reflections on Cranford High School

Shirley and I often talk about the great teachers we had: Mr. Loveland, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Daley, the terrifying Mr. Wilson, Miss Schwoerer, and the great "Uncle Ollie", Mr. West. And, of course, we both remember Miss Specht: Shirley from the chorus and me from grade school.

# HUNN

Mary Hunn Walker

"Mare"

Spouse: Ian Davidson Walker, Jr.

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## Children

Bruce Davidson

Elaine Mary

Craig Edward (in photo)

Eight grandchildren



## Family

Bruce Davidson Walker, optometrist in Basking Ridge and head of Eye Clinic at Lyons, VA hospital and "top brass" in Air National Guard (medical), Elaine M. Walker Nelson, mother of four and "the world." Also a dental assistant. Craig Edward Walker, Jack of all Trades, my caregiver right now and manager, was in nuclear sub service, counselor and mentor to many. Trying to find a wife. Grandchildren: James Walker, 22, Chris Walker, 19, Andrew Walker, 14, Emma Walker, 11, Sarah Nelson, 19, Bryan Nelson, 14, Grant Nelson, 9, Weston Nelson, 5. The grandchildren call me "Mama Mare", spelled "MaMa Mere" (Mere meaning "grandmother").

## Education

Sept. 1950, attended Berkeley Secretarial School waiting for an opening in Trenton State for the second semester. Alice Schacht Bradford and I were going to go to Cazenovia Junior College together, but our parents wouldn't let us go the last of our senior year. Cazenovia was in Ithaca, NY. I had planned to major in interior design or physical education (teaching). Secretarial school was not my "thing", so I decided to wait until the fall of 1951 to go back to school. Attended North Jersey Academy of Floral Design from 1989-1994. Also took classes from top designers in country through Redbook Floral Design School and New Jersey Floral Association until 1997, and will still continue to take classes when I can. I never want to stop learning.

## Marital Status

Engaged 1951 instead of "back to college." Married in July, 1952. Ian living in Florida for two-and-a-half years, separated for now.

## Work History

Worked in offices in Cranford and Garwood until marriage in 1952. After marriage, worked in a shop in Manasquan where we lived. Also worked in Goerkes in Elizabeth. Mother and homemaker from 1953 to 1970. 1970-1971, assistant to assistant Principal in Watchung Hills High School, in charge of girls in school. My "boss" was in charge of drugs in school. We both had children in the school. Kids thought I was a "narc".

1972, worked as a Dental Assistant in Basking Ridge, NJ.

1972 on, worked as a "Nanny" to several families in Basking Ridge, Bernardsville and Far Hills area. Also helped my mom who lived with my sister in Basking Ridge.

1987-1989, worked at Curan Pharmacy in Basking Ridge in the gifts department.

1989-1995, worked in Gifts International in Basking Ridge while attending Floral Design School.

1991, started my own business: Sweetbriar Rose Creations. My business address is: P.O. Box 269, Smoketown, PA, Lancaster County, 17576-0269.

1993, started teaching floral design in Adult School and my own place.

1997, moved to PA but still taught and did work in NJ. I am doing a wedding here after May.

1999 until now, trying to set up "shop" in PA and a school here. Also trying to get wedding and special event co-ordinating started. I belong to an international company based in Richmond, VA. *Weddings Beautiful Worldwide*, a division of National Bridal Service.

## Hobbies/Recreation

Creating from florals, parties to cooking, sewing, music, piano, learning whatever I can. Studying nutrition to help myself and others. Working with my hands. Visiting Williamsburg, VA, Cape Cod, MA, Sandy Cove, MD,

treat and conference center on Chesapeake. Being with my family and grandchildren. Traveling to new places, camping, sitting around a campfire and singing and just talking., Walking!

#### Favorite TV shows

American Movie Classics, *Touched by an Angel*, Robert Shuller, Public TV, History Channel, Weather Channel.

#### Books read

*Turning Hurts into Halos and Scars into Stars* by Robert Shuller *In His Steps* (a must). Constantly read books on nutrition, Norman Vincent Peale's books. *Think and Grow Rich*, a must for my certification of "Weddings Beautiful " Devotional daily, *Streams in the Desert*.

#### Favorite music

All 40's and 50's music; Frankie S., etc. Gospels and hymns, country music (some), philharmonic.

#### Service to community and church

Girl Scout leader, and instructor for leaders (camping and fire building, etc.), 15 years or more; Cub Scout Den Mother and committee; first aider, mainly for Scouts and camping, Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher and Director; Counselor at Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp; Volunteer teacher at Matheny School for handicapped in Pepac (Cerebral Palsy), Church choirs, in choir for NJ Billy Graham Crusade in Meadowlands and Central Park; Executive Committee for New Jersey "Weekend to Remember" by Campus Crusade for Christ for Couples "Mother to Many" and counselor.

#### Reflections on Cranford High School

Starting out in CHS seventh grade, with braids being pulled constantly by naughty boys, soon cut off. Running back and forth for lunch, but only five minutes to eat. My mom picking up and taking back car loads at lunch time from ninth to twelfth. Ninth grade and senior cheerleading. Someday to be able to walk through the "front" doors of school in twelfth grade. Dances, Casino, Phils football games and riding on the Team Bus. Making Brownies for Jim Avery (even taking them to him to the boys' locker room.) "Blue and Gold" girls' Gym Exhibition. In senior year, Miss J. Voorhees left us with Olga Specht Leafgreen to practice in the music room (happened many times). Diane Wallace (my partner) and I left our basketball cheering uniforms in the office (locked up) in gym. We went to the school office for the key and Mr. Zimmerman was upset and opened the office for us. He questioned us--Why Miss Voorhees wasn't with us. A no-no! If there were any problems, we were to let him know right away. Miss Voorhees was in trouble with Mr. Z. and we were in trouble with Miss Voorhees. She tried to keep us from cheering, but Mr. Z said, "no way!" She sat in front of us the whole game and called us a few names. Well, I will *never* forget that. I believe she left the end of the year--back to grammar school. Years later when my children were in high school, I had to accompany my mom to a friend's house for lunch in Warren, and there was Jean Voorhees. She said, "Mary Hunn, what are you doing here?"

#### About Life

In my 23rd year, after giving birth to my second child, I *had* to change my life very quickly. My daughter was seven days old and my oldest, Bruce, was going on three. I went to my parents for help after the hospital and to stay a week or so. The second day there, I went to the kitchen window and saw my Dad coming out of the garage crawling and trying to put out the flames--he was on fire. He lived three days but was able to tell my brother what had happened. A wonderful, humble, brilliant, godly man of 60. It was a freak accident with a chemical. He was a chemist-scientist with Standard Oil. My husband lost his best friend and idol, and I lost my wonderful father who I was so close to and who taught me more than anyone else in my life. God told me that my Dad was with Him and he was at home and at peace and we must trust Him from now on. My Dad's hymns he played constantly were *In the Garden* and *Ivory Palaces*. I go over those words and that was his life. I was to go through a lot more, and after my baby was sick a year or more I gave birth to a son, a gift from God as he kept me going and never a dull moment. So God has plans for us and He won't leave us even though we go through trials. But we must be patient. God isn't in a hurry, but we sure are sometimes. He knows best but we must "Believe!" I prayed constantly raising my children and gave them all to God, dedicated their lives. And now my grandchildren. I'm grateful for the godly home I was raised in and our church, and though I have gone through trials, physical and emotional, they have made my faith stronger.

I'm so grateful for what God has given me. My wonderful godly children, grandchildren, family and friends. Thank God for wonderful memories of CHS and our friends. It was a good time to grow up. It wouldn't be easy now.

# JACOBS

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"Fred"

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## Children

Jeffrey - 40, married

Jill - 38, married

2 children, Nate & Rebecca

Janet - 36, married

2 children, Sean & Sara

James - 34, married



Front: Nancy, Fred, Jill. Rear: Jeff, Janet, James

## Education

Some college, Rutgers Univ. and various business courses by employers.

## Military Service

USAF, 1952 to 1954. Electronic technician.

## Work History

Last 16 years, Smith Corona Corp. as Manager of Electronic Procurement. Retired 1998.

## Hobbies

Walking, choral singing, stamp collecting, and I love to travel (over 30 trips to the Far East over the last few years of employment).

## Favorite TV shows

PBS, Mystery Theater, and Discovery channel.

## Books recently read and recommended

Patrick O'brian series of sea stories

## Favorite music

Classical and choral music by the great composers, Jazz: Kid Orey & Scott Joplin

## Community Service

Holy Spirit Luthern Church, Deacon and Board of Trustees. Nancy and I are both past presidents of the council as well as choir members.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I was only in this high school for my last 2 years, this being the 13th school I attended in 12 years of school. I do remember being in the senior play both years and enjoyed the trip to NYC to see *Annie Get Your Gun* which was my first live theater production. I have since enjoyed many more on Broadway. The Senior Prom was another highlight. For a skinny kid to get a tux was a problem, being 6'3" and only 117 lbs., and to be able to escort such a lovely girl was outstanding. The basketball season was not very memorable. I did get to play but not very well.

## Philosophy

Follow the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Love and Peace to all and God Bless You All!

# JEFFRIES



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Daughter  
Susan, born 5-9-57

During our forty years of marriage, we have lived in South Carolina and Florida. In South Carolina where Phil was stationed while in the Army, Susan had her formative school years. In Florida, Phil completed his education with a master's degree in accounting. We lived in Florida for 24 years and are now back in South Carolina.

I attended Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA after high school, majoring in math and secondary education. It did not take long for me to realize that I did not look forward to facing eager young people every morning. So...

I next enrolled at the Katharine Gibbs School in New York City. I have fond remembrances of the daily commute to Gibbs with Diane Ossmann. We were dressed to kill in our regulation outfits, including hats and stockings. We would breeze past the dean's office every morning with hats and gloves in place, then yank them off and stuff them in our briefcases prior to entering the classroom. This was done during the hottest months of the summer and before air conditioning and electric typewriters. At the end of our one-year course, we had to "certify" during a six week exam time. Diane had read that the more relaxed we were, the better we would do in our typing tests. So, during the lunch hour just before the typing test, we drank our lunch and were very relaxed during the test. I recall that we both got excellent scores!

From Gibbs I landed a secretarial position for an attorney in Newark. I lasted about a year when a job opening occurred at Esso Research and Engineering in Linden, which I grabbed. Linden seemed a better choice than Newark. When we were in South Carolina and later in Florida, I worked for attorneys, and took additional courses at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale to enhance my knowledge in the probate and estate planning fields of law. I worked 44 years in law offices and the last ten years or so specialized in those fields. I have been a retired paralegal since January 1, 1997.

Now that we are older and retired, we are finding new things to do. We both like to dig in the dirt, me with the vegetable garden and Phil with the rest of the yard and fruit trees. I think I am the original couch potato, curling up on the sofa with a good book being the only activity I ever pursued outside of the office. Time passes quickly while I'm in a good book. Light reading is my favorite and mysteries top the list. My library contains many titles by Robert B. Parker, James Patterson, Lawrence Sanders and Stuart Woods.

Favorite TV shows? Anything light in the evening, a habit picked up during all those working years when we just wanted to relax and forget the office. I think biographies on A&E interest me the most. It's fun to see who started out as "normal" as any of us and later went on to great things. I wonder who in our class will be remembered for accomplishments made after high school.

I love to listen to good music, not the stuff on the radio today. Our CDs and tapes include the best hits of Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, and that new fellow, Sinatra.

Another favorite pastime of mine is watching football games, a carryover from those days at CHS marching up and down the field with the band. While I was a student at Bucknell, our football team had an undefeated season, and the party that capped that year was truly memorable. Our 24 years in South Florida introduced me to the Miami Dolphins and I still enjoy watching them play, although this season's a bust. Wait till next year!

When Susan reached the age when we felt she should have some religious training outside the home, we decided to enroll her in our Reform Temple's young people's program. She seemed to get something out of it, so I decided to study the Jewish Faith with our Rabbi. I also volunteered to type his doctoral thesis. His writing and my study really clarified what I had believed all along: put the family first, then the life's work, and then the temple or church. I was taken into the faith at that time, a decision I have never regretted.

I recall our years at Cranford High School as fun-filled, educational, challenging and unforgettable. I cannot understand why some of today's young people shoot each other, have no regard for anyone or anything, demand their "rights" and never learned the fine art of listening. I am thankful that we did not grow up in such an atmosphere; that we were lucky enough to spend our formative years in a small town, and that we had dedicated teachers who passed on to us not only their knowledge of the subject they taught, but their knowledge of life. We knew they cared.

Upon reflection, the past 50 years of my life seems to be unspectacular. However, as a wealthy gentleman once said, "You know you have everything when you can afford to have your privacy when you want it." I hope most of my classmates are equally blessed.



# KIAMIE

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I retired in May of 1982. Or we can say I was unemployed (by choice) until I retired officially in June, 1994.

I spent two years on active duty with the Navy from Jan. 1954 to Jan. 1956. With the Navy I went to Cuba, Panama, Canada, Equador and the Mediterranean countries of Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Algeria, and Malta.

Later on, I did communication work in Morocco, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Spain, Sicily, and Italy. While working in these countries, I was also able to visit Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Lebanon, Syria, and Malta.

I did electrical work for a living both in New Jersey and overseas. In Libya, I was project manager for a NJ company. We had nine projects going and had men living in three different camps. The projects were spread out over 300 km. and about 1000 km. from my office in Tripoli. Most of my time was spent in the oil fields of the desert and not in Tripoli.

About a year after I finished in Libya, one of our competitors there, a British company, hired me to be Operations Manager for the eastern section of Saudi Arabia. We mainly installed oil pipe lines from the wellhead to the gas oil separation plants. My office was in El-Khobar where during the Gulf War a Scud missile hit and killed about twenty-eight American soldiers.

Upon leaving Saudi Arabia, I stopped in Damascus, Syria, for a vacation. The day I was leaving Damascus, my plane was delayed for four hours due to Israeli air attacks on Syria. Upon leaving Damascus, I flew on to London and a vacation in Brighton, England, where I have friends.

There is too much to tell in a letter. Such things as the Libyan Desert Police's repeated threats to put me in jail over *legal* business matters. Jail being an 8'x10' steel box in the desert. I better stop now. I don't want to bore you with too many sea stories, such as the one about me being robbed at gunpoint, bound and gagged and left in my motel room in Virginia. That one will have to wait for our *next* reunion!! A dangerous place, America!!

I never married. Close, a couple of times. I feel that I have done some woman a great favor by staying single!

These days I spend six months on my boat in NJ. The other six months I spend in the Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach area of Florida.

TV: I enjoy the English comedies on PBS and historical and current events on PBS, CNN, History and Discovery channels.

Reading: some fiction, but more history, biography and political books.

Music: I like different types. Spanish, Italian, some opera and some country, but not rap, thank you. Also, the music of the 50's and 60's.

Politics: I'm in the middle. Depends on the issue at hand.

Religion: I have found that most religions wish to do good, be it Christian, Muslim, Hindu, etc. I have had men from the U.S., Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia working for me. I know a little about the religious question. I have found more good than bad in all of them. I also feel that some people do not take responsibility for their own actions. It's always someone else's fault. I hope that doesn't make me come across as a grumpy old man.

Cranford: All my family are still in Cranford or the area. I sold the family homestead three years ago. I was never there much except to visit the family and I wasn't keeping it up. The family has been there from about 1918. It's a great town and, as a lady friend of mine from England used to say when visiting me, "It's a Norman Rockwell town."

High School: I should have studied harder. I was a bad student. Hind sight!! I did have good times, along with *good friends*.

# KISSACK



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Children

David Andrew Wilson - 36

## Education

Washington School For Secretaries, Newark, New Jersey - Graduated - 1952. Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable, MA, 2-yrs. - Continuing education in Paralegal and Computer studies.

## Work History

The M. W. Kellogg Company, Chemical & Project Engineers, New York, NY - 4 years.  
Robert R. Daly, Esq., Attorney Newark, New Jersey - 4 years.  
Nicholas St. John LaCorte, Esq., Attorney, Cranford, New Jersey - 5 years.  
Mylod & Mylod, Attorneys, Newark, New Jersey - 1 year.  
Bannon, Rawding, & Bannon, Attorneys - Verona, New Jersey - 1 year.  
Oscar J. Cahoon, Esq., Attorney, Harwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts - 25 years as Paralegal.

## Current Work

Self-employed and owner of Wilson Secretarial Service - Paralegal services specializing in Probate and Estate Law & Planning. Presently affiliated with retired judge of the Barnstable County Probate Court.

## Hobbies, etc.

Studied voice since 1952 - Former student of Donald Gage of Upper Montclair, New Jersey and member of his Bloomfield Civic Chorus. Formerly soprano soloist at St. John's Episcopal Church, Jersey City, NJ, 1959-1962; studied with Anthony Amato of Amato Opera School, New York City. Performed the roles of Marguerite in *Faust*; Rosalind, in *De Fledermaus*; Mimi and Musetta in *La Boheme*; Member and Soprano soloist with the 100-member Chatham Chorale, and Chatham Chorale Chamber Singers, Chatham, Massachusetts. Studied with Alfred Nash Patterson, Director of the Tanglewood Choral Society, and Chorus Pro Musica, Boston; presently studying privately with Dr. Richard Winchell, Dennis, MA, and am presently soprano soloist at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Harwich Port, Massachusetts, since 1970. Former member and President of the Nausets Square Dance Club, Orleans, MA, and presently a member of Willy's Gym & Fitness Center, Orleans, MA, which I attend daily.

## Favorite TV Shows and Movies

*Little House on the Prairie*; *The Price is Right*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *Jeopardy*. Movies: Anything by Alfred Hitchcock; Mysteries, *Sound of Music*, etc.

## Books

Anything by Danielle Steel and Mary Higgins Clark.

### Favorite Music

All classical, sacred, ragtime, Brahms, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Scott Joplin, and, of course, John Philip Sousa, are my favorites.

### Community Service

Former member of First Presbyterian Church, Cranford, New Jersey, and member of its senior choir, Former member of First Methodist Church, Montclair, New Jersey from 1963 to 1970 and its soprano soloist, at present am a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Harwich Port, Mass., since 1970, serving as Clerk of the church and on various other committees, and member and soprano soloist of its choir.

### Reflections on CHS

Being a member of its high school band and orchestra since eighth grade, under the direction of "Uncle Louie" Haar, was a highlight. The concerts were always fun and he always treated us to a picnic in his backyard. Playing at all football games and basketball games. Carrying my glockenspiel with me wherever I went, particularly up the spiral staircase in the gym for basketball games; cutting Miss Malpezzi's (Mrs. Polglase) class to attend special rehearsals for band concerts. Uncle Louie and Mrs. Polglase didn't see eye to eye on that and she always won. Courtland Daley's Biology class. *That* was an experience. I remember that Ed (Red) Rouvet was in my class and Mr. Daley had some words to say to him. Ed Rouvet was very kind and had a marvelous sense of humor. Therefore, the teachers could never get real angry with him, but at times he really tried their patience. Ed Rouvet always made me laugh. I miss him.

### What makes life meaningful to me

My church, my faith in God, my family and all my wonderful friends. I have learned many lessons throughout my life, some good and some bad. But through our spiritual guidance and the strength from God, and the love we can share here on earth, I have learned that all lessons are meaningful, and help us tremendously to cope with everyday challenges. I had wonderful loving parents. (My mother is still alive at 98) She is my angel on earth. I think that family life is extremely important and when parents are devoted to one another, it is reflected in their children. I have had many different challenges in my life, and sometimes difficult ones. My faith in God has been a constant strength to me. He has given me many blessings. I find that it is very important to live in the present, look forward to the future, and not worry about the past. Living on Cape Cod year 'round is a gift in itself. It is especially beautiful in September and October when the weather is still warm.

# KLUSCH



Frederick William Klusch

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Married forty years on February 12, 2000.

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## Children

Glenda

June

Cheryl (deceased)

Karen

Three grandchildren

## Family

Glenda Lynn Wright, Jim Thorpe, PA; June Eileen Cheek, Somerville, NJ; Cheryl Beth Young - deceased April 29, 1998 - lung and liver cancer, seven years after surviving a malignant brain tumor; Karen Allison Klusch, Hopewell, NJ. Two grandsons, one granddaughter

## Military Service

United States Air Force - March 12, 1951 to 1955. Basic training, Sampson Air Force Base, New York. Welding, body and fender school - Prairie Mississippi for eight weeks. Two years, 9th A.V.R.S. at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa. Eighteen months at Lowry A.F.B. in Denver Colorado.

## Work History

After being discharged, I started work as a welder at Newark Metal Products in Kenilworth, New Jersey. After six years, I left and went to work at Republic Metal Products in Springfield, New Jersey. I worked four years as a welder, twenty years as the welding foreman and then four more years as the shop superintendent. The company closed in 1990 and I went to work at Alpine Metal Products in Edison, NJ. Retired in 1996, but still work part-time for the same company. I work on all the new jobs and the difficult ones no one else can handle.

## Favorite TV shows

*Everybody Loves Raymond, Frazier and Jeopardy.*

*Plus A&E, History Channel, Discovery Channel and Public Television.*

## Books recently read and recommended

No favorite books, but I like to read National Geographic, Yankee Magazine and the newspaper from beginning to end, every day.

## Favorite music

Country and Folk, performers are Gordon Lightfoot and Chet Atkins. I still love the 40's and 50's music but can't find it on the radio anymore.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I do think of the days when we all went to Cranford High School. In my mind I see all my classmates as they were, not as they are today. I know I always tried to be friendly with everyone. They were good days.

## Note

When my grandparents and mother came to this country in 1910 and settled in Cranford, Miss Almy was my mother's first grade teacher. My mother was ten years old.



# KUSHNER

Beatrice Kushner Phelan  
"Bea"

Husband: Al

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## Children

Albert, 44

David, 43

Keith, 40

Five grandchildren

## Work History

Household engineer (housewife!) Al retired 1991.

## Hobbies

Golf and bowling

## Favorite TV shows

Frasier

## Books recently read and recommended

I read two to three books each week.

## Favorite music

Yanni

## Reflections on Cranford High School

My special friendship all my life with Norma Simmons Nelson, our classmate.

## Philosophy

I thank the Lord each morning for my present health. Life is precious and I live each day to the fullest

# LACKEY

Susan Lackey Willoughby

"Sue"

Husband: Ron

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Children

Katie, 39

Richard, 37

Four grandchildren

Education

Middlebury College, Vermont, 1950-1954, B S

Work History

Research Assistant, Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto; President, C.W. Seminars, Training for Management of Volunteer Organizations, Farmer

Hobbies

Organic farming, travel

Books recently read and recommended

Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood!

Community Service

I don't even want to think about what I have done in this area in 50 years. Is it really that long!

Reflections on Cranford High School

I can't believe how far we walked to school! In Canada now they bus the students at half that distance. Maybe that is why we are all so healthy! I certainly have lots of good memories. Can you remember our women's football team? We were before our time.



# LASSI

William S. Lassi

"Lassi"

Wife: Janet F. Lassi, deceased

Married: May 5, 1956

Widowed: Feb. 2, 1999

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## Children

Kathy Jean - 42

Mark William - 39

One grandchild

## Family

Two wonderful children, Kathy Jean Lassi Pinchuk and Mark William Lassi. Kathy Jean is 42 years young and married, Mark is 39 and single. One grandchild, Seth Alexander Pinchuk, who is 10 years old

## Education

Union County College, Cranford, NJ

## Work History

Have been in the Graphic Arts industry for the past 30 years. Last position was with 3M Company for 18 years, sales and service in Printing and Preparation Division. Now happily retired since June 1, 1994.

## Hobbies

Golf, fishing, dancing and travel.

## Favorite TV shows

Baseball, football and golf.

## Books recently read and recommended

Last read, *Gold in the Deep Blue Sea*.

## Favorite music

Celine Dion, Cher, Whitney Houston.

## Community Service

Have been an usher at Millington Baptist Church for 27 years.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

"Joe Sang, John Thall and Bill Lassi still have dishwasher hands!"

## Meaning of Life:

What makes life especially meaningful to me.

That God gives us all only what we can handle and love that is returned by a wonderful wife who has passed on to her reward and two wonderful children that also give their love in return.

A circle of friends who help life to go on.

# LISSENDEN

Beverly Lissenden Burnett  
"Bev"

Husband: Lyle  
(Married 48 years this Sept.)

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Children  
Kenneth Lyle - 42  
Kurt Thomas - 39  
Karen Martha - 33



Kenneth lives in Sparta, NJ and has two children, Patrick and Jacqueline. Kurt lives in New Cumberland, PA and also has two children, Scott and Emily. And Karen lives in Buffalo, NY and has identical twin girls, Ashley and Nicole. Lyle and I are very proud of our children and six grandchildren.

I worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio while Lyle was stationed there. I also worked for Singers in Plainfield as a bookkeeper and an advisor for Financial Services in Newark before becoming a housewife and raising a family.

I still enjoy dancing, all kinds of sports, concerts, seeing Broadway plays and, of course, traveling. While the children were growing up, I taught Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church and also was secretary for the Sunny Acres Association in Cranford for many years.

When I look back on my years at Cranford High School, I remember all the good friends I met and some of us still get together after all these years. I also remember the football and basketball games that I cheered at. We had a great squad! I also enjoyed being a member of the R.C.C.'s and all the fun we had.

There are a lot of wonderful memories connected with the Class of 1950, and I'm glad I was a part of it. Can't believe it has been 50 years already!!!!!!!

# LLOYD

Joan Lloyd Swain

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## Children

George, 34  
Ellen, 32  
Two grandchildren

## Family

I have two children. My son, George, is married and has a daughter, Isabel (3), and a son, Elias, (born in October). George teaches history at Brooklyn

Friends School, where he is chairman of the history department. My daughter, Ellen, graduated from Vermont Law School in May and holds a clerkship in a New Hampshire trial court. She was married January 1, 2000. My mother (94) moved to NJ last year to an assisted living facility where her sister, Virginia Phillips (90), also of Cranford, lives. It's a joy to have her nearby after 30+ years in Texas.

## Education

BS University of Delaware, major in English, 1955.

## Work Experience

I retired from Hoechst Marion Roussel (now Aventis), a global pharmaceutical company, in 1998 after 18 years. My last several years were spent as manager of community relations and internal communications on our Bridgewater, NJ, site. It was a very busy and challenging job, and I loved it. Retirement is a vast change; and I'm thoroughly enjoying the freedom to pace my days, read, write, see friends and family, travel, and, best of all, no deadlines, and few crises.

## Favorite TV shows

ER, PBS, and movies of all eras.

## Books recently read and recommended

*Headlong*, by Michael Frayn; *The Kingdom of This World*, by Alejo Carpentier; *Pale Fire*, by Vladimir Nabokov.

## Favorite music

Bach's Double Violin Concerto and *Goldberg Variations*; anything Mozart, Elgar's cello concerto. Lots of jazz, show tunes, rock and roll, folk, etc.

## Service to Community

For the last dozen years, I have been active in organizations concerned with educating individuals and the health care community about post-polio syndrome. I edit a quarterly newsletter and serve as vice president of the New Jersey Polio Network, a non-profit organization. The Network's major event is an annual conference that features experts in the field and draws a large audience from New Jersey and beyond. This work has been both educational and rewarding. In the '70's, my community work included the presidency of the Bernardsville (NJ) Library Board and membership on the Bernardsville Board of Adjustment (first woman). During that time, I was a free-lance journalist for a regional weekly newspaper.

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### Reflections on Cranford High School

I've grown to appreciate that my experience at Cranford High School was tremendously significant in making me the person I am. This was never more evident than when I contracted polio 50 years ago. Classmates, teachers---all eased my journey from carefree teenager to one whose future was unsure, with the result that I never had any doubt that everything would be turn out ok. And it has.



# LOVETT

William Henry Lovett

"Bill"

Wife: Phyllis

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and January-April

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Children

William H. Lovett, Jr. - 44

Lori A. Cavelli - 37

Lisa M. Fitzpatrick - 34

Seven grandchildren

## Education

Seton Hall University, S. Orange, NJ, September 1950-June 1951.

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, September 1951-January 1955.

## Military Service

Lieutenant, U. S. Army, Fort Hood, TX, April 1955-April 1957

## Marital Status

Al Frigola and I both went to ROTC summer camp in Fort Meade, MD in 1953. He arranged a blind date for me with the roommate of the girl he was dating while he was attending Georgetown University. Phyllis and I were married in January 1956.

## Work History

Home Life Insurance Co., 1957-1959.

Remington Rand Corp., 1959-1962.

Hallmark Cards Inc., 1962-1995 (I retired in March 1995)

## Residence

Cranford, 1957-1964. Liverpool, NY, 1964-1986. Downingtown, PA, 1986-1995. Liverpool, NY, 1995-present.

## Hobbies

Like to travel and play a little golf which definitely doesn't show in the score. Fitness activities. Walk 1.5 to 2 miles, 3 or 4 times a week.

## Children

William H. Lovett, Jr., born 11-14-56, 2 children, 17 and 13.

Lori A. Cavelli, born 5-27-62, 3 children, 15, 13 and 11.

Lisa M. Fitzpatrick, born 9-19-66, 2 children, 4 and 1.

## Favorite TV shows

Phyllis and I watch a lot of sports and news and news shows, not much else worthwhile on TV.

## Community Service

Was a member of the Cranford Jaycees and was President for one year. Was involved with Little League, Boy Scouts, member of the church council, usher at church and have delivered Meals on Wheels the last four years.



# LYONS

Lois Lyons Kaye

Husband: Joe Kaye

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After CHS, I graduated from Katherine Gibbs and began working for Hill and Knowlton, Inc., a public relations firm in the Empire State Building. I married my best friend, Joe Kaye, Class of '49, and left H&K when the first of our two sons was born. Returned to work when the children started school and spent eighteen years as secretary for Saint James Church in Basking Ridge. Joe's transfer to the Medford area created an early retirement for me, and his retirement ten years later enabled us to move to the Cape May area where we have enjoyed the slower pace for the last twelve years. We have enjoyed traveling, including some interesting Elderhostels. We are now building a home adjacent to Jenkins Sound with room for visits from our sons and their families as well as the many friends we have made along the way. We feel blessed to have shared the years since attending CHS!



# MacCLARY

D. Bruce MacClary

"Bruce"

Wife: Jackie

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Birmingham, AL 35223  
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Children

Cay Bell

Donne Toomey

Four grandchildren

## Education

Bucknell University, PA, 1950-1954, B.S. in Finance.

## Military Service

1954-1956, U. S. Army

## Work History

NY Stock Exchange, 30 years, Building Construction and Land Development

## Hobbies

Golf

## Community Service

St. Mary's, Vestry and Treasurer

After leaving CHS, I attended Bucknell University and graduated in 1954 with a B.S. in Commerce and Finance. Off to the army for two years. Discharge 1956 as a 1st Lieutenant. Scott Paper Co. moved me to Atlanta, Chicago and many more before sending me to Birmingham, AL. Left Scott after 2 years to enter the securities world. As a partner in a NYSE firm, I traded the OTC stocks for the southeast. After 8 years I decided to work full time in my development and construction company. I have no plans of retiring as I still enjoy the chase and the enjoyment of taking land and turning it into a new vision. I guess I will continue until?????????

I've been married forty years to my wife, Jackie. We were married in Charlotte, NC. We have two daughters. Cay lives in Mobile, AL and has two girls. She also has a construction company. Donne lives in Nashville, TN. They have a girl and a boy. Hopefully they will move back to Birmingham very soon.

We look forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

# MASSA



Frank V. Massa

Wife: Gerri

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## Children

Frank, 38

Jimmie, 36

Michael, 33

Diane, 30

Five grandchildren

## Education

Union County College, Cranford, NJ, 1951-1953 (nights), Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, 1957-1960 (nights), Certificate in Transportation

## Military Service

U.S. Army, 1953-1955. Served in Korea for 1-1/2 years in artillery as supply sergeant

## Work History

I was employed at Esso Standard Oil (now Exxon), Cities Service Oil and retired in 1998 from American Cyanamid Co.

## Hobbies

Gardening, walking

## Favorite TV shows

Unsolved Mysteries, Dateline NBC, Johnny Carson (past)

## Books recently read and recommended

Biography of Thomas Edison

## Favorite music

Country music

## Community Service

1972 to 1980, Treasurer and Vice President, Ninth Ward Democratic Club in Linden

## Reflections on Cranford High School

While attending Cranford High School these were no drugs or violence. We also had good teachers. Today, schools have so many problems. My nephew, Dr. Michael Carbone, is a psychologist at Cranford High School for students who need counseling.

## Philosophy

Attending school in earlier years it seems you will be on this earth forever. When you reach middle age, and then become a senior citizen, you realize you are only passing through.



# MASSA

Gloria Massa Vivers  
Husband: William

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Children  
Timothy Alan - 33  
Married to Linda  
North Carolina

## Education

Nyack College, Nyack, NY, Sept. 1950-Feb. 1952 Night Classes at Union Junior College, Sept. 1952-Feb. 1953

## Work History

Several office positions, 12 years with Metropolitan Life Insurance, District offices, Plainfield and Westfield  
Retired in 1988.

## Hobbies

Collecting salt and pepper shakers. Fitness: Walking, bowling

## Favorite TV shows

*7th Heaven, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, Touched by an Angel.*

## Books recently read and recommended

Don't read much due to being legally blind.

## Favorite music

Gospel, sacred, some classical. Videos: Gaither gospel.

## Community Service

Church: Sunday School teacher, all ages. Pioneer Girls Guide, Junior High and High School, and committee coordinator. More recently, President of Ladies Group, Missions Chairperson and Governing Board Secretary, all with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Community: President, Women's Club, 2 years. President, First Vice President and Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, total 5 years. Also chaired Girl's State Committee for 5 years. This involved interviewing approximately 25-30 girls in 11th grade from Jackson Memorial High School and Manchester Township High School. I loved it!! Presently volunteering at America's Keswick, a retreat and Bible conference center and a drug and alcohol rehab center. Was volunteer of the year in 1998.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Since I was shy in high school, I was not involved, but I do remember that it was a good time in my life. I had good friends and teachers who cared.

## What makes me happy and makes life enjoyable

Serving my Lord, helping others and telling others about God's love. This time in my life, my biggest job is caring for my sick husband. I am looking forward to the reunion if I can get away.



# MYERS

Nicholas A. Myers

"Nick"

Wife: Carlita

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Son

Andrew John Myers  
Two grandchildren  
Megan, 6, Nicholas, 2

Education

Tri-State College, Angola, IN, 1950-1953, B.S.

Military Service

U.S. Army, 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne

Work History

Too many jobs, too little time to explain.

Hobbies

Golf, biking on the beach

Favorite TV shows

NBA finals, Crossfire

Books recently read and recommended

The Kingdom of Shivas Irons, Dereliction of Duty, The Ultimate Resource

Favorite music

Jerry Mulligan, Miles Davis, Beethoven

Reflections on Cranford High School

A great place, sometimes I wish I would have paid more attention.

Philosophy

Political: The only thing worth fighting about is freedom, yours and mine.

Philosophical: There are more good people in the world than bad.

Religious: God lives.

What makes life meaningful: My marriage (40 years), my family, one son, his wife, two grandchildren, and our business.

# NEWMAN

Charles G. Newman

"Chic"

Wife: Fran

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Children

Jeffrey, 43

Randall, 39



Military Service

U.S. Navy, 1951-1955

Work History

Real Estate Broker, retired 1990

Hobbies

Tennis, gardening

Favorite TV shows

Nature, History channel

Favorite music

Glenn Miller

# O'CONNOR



Gilbert J. O'Connor

"Gil"

Wife: Doris

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Boothbay, ME 04537

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## Winter Address

Sugarloaf Village II

RR#1, Box 2307

Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947

(207) 237-2413

## Education

Technical School RCA Institutes Advanced Technology Course, New York City, Sept. 1950-June 1954

## Military Service

NJNG EM June 48-Sept 56, Officer Sept 56-Sept 60. NHNG Sept 60-Sept 63. Active duty: 2Lt Fort Knox Feb 57-July 57, 1st Lt Fort Bragg (18th Airborne Corps Artillery) Oct 61-Aug 62

## Work History

Bell Laboratories Nov 52-Oct 83. Started as a technical aide. Retired in 1983 as a member of the Technical Staff.

## Hobbies

Summer: Boating, Gardening, Golf, playing with our dogs. Winter: Skiing (generally average 100 days/year)

## Favorite TV shows

CNBC, TLC, History, Home and Garden, Discovery, Sports-ESPN, etc.

## Favorite music

Most music except hard rock

## Community Service

1986 to present, Board of Directors of the Sugarloaf Mountain Interfaith Chapel - President 1994-1997. The United States Power Squadron - member 1966 to present - Past Commander Merrimac River Squadron. The United States Skiing Assoc. - Alpine Official. The Down East Yacht Club, Boothbay Harbor, ME.

## Philosophy

My wife and I continue to thank God for both of us to be able to live in and enjoy the beautiful coast of Maine in the summer and to enjoy the snow, the skiing, and the beautiful mountains of Maine in the winter.



# OWEN

Betty Owen Smith

"Betty"

Husband: Warren (Deceased)

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Children

Gwenn E. Cuzzo

Jeffrey O. Smith

Six grandchildren

Education

Southern Seminary Junior College, Virginia, 1950-1951; Union County College, Cranford, NJ, 1951-1952, A.B.

Work History

Service Representative for Bell Atlantic. Retired 1993.

Hobbies

I read, knit for craft shows, watch sports on TV and grandkids games

Books recently read and recommended

Anything by J. Kellerman, Tami Hoag, John Sandford, and on and on

Favorite TV shows

Mostly offerings on PBS channels or A&E. Special favorites are English mysteries.

Favorite Music

Nothing has ever beaten "Sing, Sing, Sing" (Benny Goodman)

Reflections on Cranford High School

Just all the wonderful (and often silly) times we had. The closeness of old friends. The great football games that we never won!

Philosophy

My family makes my life special because they are all so special

Politics?? I don't want to touch that one! I've alienated a few people with my opinions.



Having a tea party with Savannah, age 3

Bradley Marius Page  
"Dinky"

Wife: Carole Hackmann (CHS, '52)  
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Littleton, CO 80122  
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Guardians since 1966 for

Ray  
Harry  
John

Adopted in 1971

John  
Dan  
Elaine

Nine "grandchildren"

After High School, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, except play football with the Clippers and drive a truck. Apparently, however, my friends and neighbors knew, because I received a letter indicating they had selected me to join a team for training and an all-expense paid, two-year trip to Korea.

When I returned home after being in a small, totally foreign, wartorn country, I was even less sure what I wanted to do. I attended the University of Missouri for awhile, but dropped out and traveled around the country. I finally ended up working in data processing. At that time, I also took up bowling, skiing, and golf, which I learned while caddying at Echo Lake Country Club.

In 1959, I married Carole Hackmann (CHS '52), and we just celebrated our 41st anniversary. We didn't have any children, but spent a lot of time with nieces and nephews. In 1966, due to family circumstances, we assumed guardianship for my late brother Ray's three sons, and they came to live with us. They were then: Ray 14, Harry 13, and John 11. They had not had much structure in their lives, so it was a pretty challenging time for all of us. We had a lot of good times, and the boys graduated from CHS in '69, '70 and '73. They are all married, living on the East Coast, and their children are six of our nine "grandchildren." We adopted three siblings in 1971, John 7, Dan 5 and Elaine 4 (finally a little girl!) In 1978 we decided to move to Colorado. We had both traveled in the west and wanted to live here. The timing was right for the family and school.

Since moving to Colorado, I have worked in sales, and retired in 1994. I volunteered to be a "nanny" for Elaine's two children, who were 3 and 4. I had a great time with them, and did this until they were both in school fulltime--first grade. Time then weighed heavily, since Carole was still working fulltime. In October 1998, I found a job in retail, working from 6 am to 11 am, which is great. I like to get up early, so the times work out really well. My afternoons are free, and a couple of days a week I go to OTB to bet the horses. We have three grandchildren, 11, 10 and 3, living nearby, and we are the "on-call" baby-sitters, which keeps us close to them.

Over the years I've been involved in coaching football, UNICO, the Optimist Club and some local politics, but my main focus has always been "all my children," including a lot of nieces and nephews. My personal interests include reading--*When Pride Still Mattered* and *The Greatest Generation* most recently read, listening to talk and sports talk radio shows; listening to Frank Sinatra and Glenn Miller; and, of course, watching every football game. I'm a Cleveland Browns fan (but did have to root for the Broncos), a Red Sox fan (but also a "closet" Rockies fan).

About growing up in Cranford, I have almost total recall of numerous small incidents about almost everyone in my classes from Kindergarten through graduation. I'm glad I grew up in the times we did. Even though we lived through the Depression and WWII and didn't have any money, we had all the freedom in the world to play, to explore, and just to be a kid!!

# PAINE



Melva Paine Murray

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Children

Robyn - 38

Erynn - 33

One granddaughter

Rose Molnar, age 1

After twenty years of working at American Cyanamid Company, World Headquarters, I retired and am now on my second career. I am a Nanny and very much in demand. My avocation has been running competitive road races since 1984, including ten New York City Marathons. However, at this time I am taking a hiatus and just walking the walk -- not running at all, although I will return soon.

My daughters, Robyn and Erynn, are my lucky stars. In addition, I have a darling granddaughter, Rose. Rose is one year old.

I am a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and hold a State Chairmanship for Scholarships given to High School senior students in need of financial aid for college.

Reflections on Cranford High School: High school is a permanent place in my heart of hearts. Now that our 50th Reunion is at hand, it is a reminder of how much time has passed. Reunion is about connection: a Spiritual connection and a return to a sense of joy and freedom. It will be a revelation. May we be connected by the reunion, blessed by God and may we go forward with love and respect for each other.

My credo is: You have to like yourself, know what you are about and do it.



Rose Molnar, at 3 months of age

# PARRY

Betty Legh Parry Plisco  
Husband: Raymond Wayne Plisco (Died 1995)

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## Children

Legh Allan Plisco - 44  
Jonathan Scott Plisco - 39  
Allison Plisco Bradley - 37  
James Douglass Plisco - 35  
Seven grandchildren

## Education

Skidmore College - 1950-53 Douglass College - 1954 BA

## Work History

Department Store Buyer, Teacher, Lecturer, Corporative Executive, Museum Director, Farm Owner, Speaker  
Semi-retired - Lecture on local history.

## Hobbies

Tennis, Historic Research, Reading, Gardening, Clemson University.

## Favorite TV shows

Yr. 2000 - *West Wing*, *Judging Amy*.

## Books recently read and recommended

*The Faded Blue Coat* - Owen Parry (no relation!)

## Favorite music

Extremely eclectic - anything I can hum or move to.

## Community Service

Yr. 2000 - Board Member, Family & Community Leaders (Clemson University Extension Service); Board Member, Oconee County Museum Association; Project Director, Outhouse Restoration, Lunney Museum, Seneca, SC; Coordinator, "Oconee Remembers" (Oral History Project); Member: Oconee Bell Questers International; Live Wires; Horticultural Club of Oconee County, IPTAY; Attend St. Mark United Methodist Church, Seneca, SC

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I always knew that CHS gave me a remarkable education, but I am even more aware of how lucky we all were, as I watch my children struggling to find quality education for their children. I don't envy them. If I had to choose one episode that sums up my experience at CHS, it was the night I was sitting at home plowing my way through a Shakespeare assignment from Mr. Ramsey, when, literally, a light went off in my head, as I realized that what I was reading was an incredible use of language!

## Philosophy

"JUST GET ON WITH IT !!!"



# PRIDDY

Lawrence E. Priddy

"Larry"

Wife: Pat

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Hilton Head, SC 29926  
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Children

Larry, Jr. - 44

Jeanne - 42

David - 40

Susan - 38

Six grandchildren

Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1950-1954, BA

Military Service

U.S. Army, 1955-1957.

Work History

Johnson & Johnson, Vice President, Marketing and Sales. Retired in 1991.

Hobbies

Golf.

Favorite TV shows

*Law & Order.*

Books recently read and recommended

*The Disciple*, Grisham.

Favorite music

Roger Whittaker.

Community Service

Past: Elder, Deacon. Present: Stephen Minister, Bible Study leader, liturgist  
English tutor, mentor at high school.

Reflections on Cranford High School

Was a marvelous time--fond memories

Philosophy

As I grow older and hopefully mature, my faith has matured as well, becoming a significant part of my life.



# PURCELL

Audrey Purcell Rankin Slabaugh

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## Children

Mark Preston - 46  
Debbie Lynn - 44  
Court Royal - 40  
Cyndi Ann - 38  
Three grandchildren

## Family

George died of cancer in our fifth year of marriage. We have two beautiful children, Mark and Debbie. Jim died

of heart problems. We were married 27 years. We have two wonderful children, Court and Cyndi. Jim adopted Mark and Debbie when they were very young. Mark is in the lumber business. Deb is with Parks and Recreation, State of AZ. Court and Kathy own a "Three Dog Bakery." Cyndi is an insurance agent (Farmers) Grandchildren Jimmy is 20, a junior at University of Florida. Billy, 17, is a junior in high school. Jamie, 9, is in fourth grade. (They *are* wonderful!)

## Education

Courses at Albright College, Reading, PA, Rio Salado, Phoenix, AZ. But helped two husbands receive their MBA's! George was an ordained minister. Jim had his MBA in Engineering Administration

## Work History

Secretary; Assistant Matron, Berks County (PA) Juvenile Delinquency Home, Matron, Lancaster County (PA) Juvenile Delinquency Home. George was Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent while in school. I had my own catering company in Clearwater, FL for four years before moving to Arizona. I was an Administrative Assistant to a vice president for twenty years. Jim was with Honeywell for 25 years. I retired in 1998.

## Hobbies

Scrapbooking, knitting, most crafts, Bridge, and most card games.

## Favorite TV shows

Too many to mention, but I do love *Providence* copied after *Three Dog Bakery*.

## Favorite music

50's music, Neil Diamond, Barbra Streisand, gospel, anything Nat King Cole, the new Fantasia CD

## Community Service

Sunday School teacher, Leader, Brownies and Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, President, etc.; Babe Ruth Baseball, Secretary, etc.; PTA's, too many to elaborate, recently, *Three Dog Bakery*.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have nothing but fond memories of Cranford High School. Being best friends with Janet Douglas and, of course, George. I had wonderful teachers and think often of their wisdom and encouragement. I will never forget the clubs, dances, sporting events, etc.

(over)

## Philosophy

My very best accomplishment was raising four wonderful, thoughtful, caring children and now enjoying their children. Something I bet none of you know. George and I named our first child Mark Preston after Donald Preston Woolley!

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## PUTSCHER

The greatest surprise after 50 years is not that I am alive, but that I am a farmer. Life started in the suburbs (Cranford); moved to the city (Pittsburgh, PA); and now the country (Stow, MA). The most wonderful part of life is marriage to Dwight Passmore Sipler, a man as dependable as the seasons but as unpredictable as New England weather. Together we have weathered many storms--death of family members, illness, moving--but not without the knowledge, usually hindsight!, that all these are part of the journey.

Together we operate Small Farm, an organic vegetable and flower farm, in the small town of Stow, 30 miles west of Boston. We have part-time employees without whom farming would be impossible because Dwight still works full time as a physicist with MIT. I am the market manager--sounds lofty doesn't it? What it means is that I manage the small farmstand, deliver to small restaurants and florists, and love the sunshine and the kids who work for us. Despite its idyllic sound, it is hard work, and if you would like to lose weight and gain a deep tan, please visit us during the summer.

My chief interest, however, is my church home, Acton Congregational Church, Acton, MA. I have served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, chair of Missions & Outreach, Prayer Team co-captain, and Stephen Minister. (God bless Larry Priddy who also is a Stephen Minister in another state. It's a world wide lay ministry program for caring, compassion and listening).

Stow's history and archives also consume some of my spare time, and I was privileged this year to be co-editor of a 128-page picture book on Stow, published by Arcadia Press. We have sold almost all of the 400 copies we ordered--I told you we lived in a small town! I cut my teeth on journalism in 6th grade in a newspaper published under Miss Gilbert in Cleveland School; then was editor of my college newspaper (Rutgers-Newark); was baptized in lead at the Cranford Citizen and Chronicle as the news editor (Charlie Ray, the publisher, was a great man); and then as information specialist for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, large school agency in Pittsburgh, PA, where we lived while Dwight was in graduate school.

May I share these words with you from Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., "Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete." Each day is new, and each memory and friendship is to be cherished. Amen



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Children  
Roszel - 41  
Stewart - 38  
Laurence - 32  
Six grandchildren



## Education

Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA, 1950-1954, A.B.  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 1985-1987, M.L.A.

## Work History

Alumni Feature Editor, *Harvard Alumni Bulletin* (1954-57)  
Headmistress, St. Paul's School for Girls (1978-86)  
Various part-time jobs in education or development. Retired.

## Hobbies

I am a compulsive exerciser - 5-7 hours a week of aerobics or walking

## Favorite TV shows

Mostly, I watch CNN or The Weather Channel. Some baseball.

## Books recently read and recommended

David Guterson's *East of the Mountains*

## Favorite music

Ragtime - and it's great for exercising.

## Community Service

Past: I've served as president of The Junior League, and of The Union Memorial Hospital and Roland Park Country School Boards. I was an elder of my Presbyterian Church and chairman of advance gifts for two capital campaigns.

Present: I tutor in an Adult Literacy Program; am still raising money for two institutions; and am a Board member of the hospital and The Johns Hopkins Club (faculty and alumni). I'm to be president of the Club as of January.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I loved being editor of *The Spotlight*, and remember what a faithful staff we had. And I still have some of the decorations from class dances. Cranford was a wonderful small town.

## What makes life meaningful

I have a wonderful husband and family and feel very lucky.



# RICHARDS

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Children

Heather

Jill

Three grandchildren

After my graduation, my family moved to Florida. I spent a few months there with them, and then decided to join the Air Force. My basic training was spent in Texas. From there, I was sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado where I was trained in Electronics and Fire (guns) Control Systems for the F 94 Night Fighter. I stayed at Lowry and became an instructor at their electronics school. During my time there, I was selected to teach the first class of Air Force Academy cadets in Basic Electronics. In the winter of 1952, part of my duties involved running a mountain cabin for the Lowry Ski Club. We had to contend with primitive conditions and deep snow, but it was a great assignment. I only got to do this for two months before being sent to Korea (remember this war?)

I worked on a flight line near Suwon, Korea, dodged "Bed Check Charlie's" nightly raids, and sang in the base chapel choir. I remember our Chaplain was collecting things to be given to some of the local orphanages. I asked my church in Clark, NJ to send me a case of powdered milk to contribute, and was asked to take the milk, and some clothing to an orphanage. After spending just one afternoon with those kids, I was hooked! For the rest of my year in Korea, I worked with the orphanage: buying rice, shoes and fruit for them on the local economy with funds we collected from my squadron. (Whenever the guys of our squadron played poker, 10% of each pot went to help the kids).

I returned to the states in January, 1954, was discharged and decided to go to Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV as a major in the ministry. While there, I was a cheerleader, produced the freshman class minstrel show, sang with a local dance band and worked at the college radio station as a disc jockey. I also met and married my wife, Suzanne. After two years at D&E, I decided to reenlist in the Air Force, was able to return to Denver and began teaching again at Lowry, this time in the Fire Control School and worked on the F104 Star Fighter. We settled in the Denver suburb of Aurora. Suzanne worked as a school teacher and our first child, Heather, was born during this time.

After seven years at Lowry, I was reassigned to Kadena AFB in Okinawa and retrained to be a Crew Chief for the MACE, a short range defense missile that targeted China and Russia during the Cold War era. Our underground silo was located in a remote area accessed by a narrow road that ran along the edge of the ocean. I can recall several harrowing bus trips in typhoon force winds along that road during the time I worked there. My family was able to accompany me, and my second daughter, Jill, was born on the island. When I left the service, it was our mutual choice to return to Denver to raise our family. We love the Rocky Mountains, the blue skies and "wide open spaces", and have enjoyed being part of the generation that changed Denver from a "cowtown" to the "Mile High City" it is today.

About three years ago, I retired from my job as a Computer Tech for the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO, and went right back to work, part time, as Television Engineer for the Journalism Department at the University. Part of my current job is to work with students and help them to master the intricacies of computers, cameras, sound and technical equipment used in modern broadcast journalism. Over the years, I have also "moonlighted" for a company that handled security at various sports venues around the area (including the Broncos Football Press Booth at Mile High Stadium and the Air Force Academy). I have sold baseball novelties for both the Denver Bears and Rockies baseball teams, and manned ticket booths for concerts at Red Rocks Amphitheater, the National Western Stock Show, and various trade shows. A few years ago, I went to Blackjack dealers' school in preparation for working at the new gambling towns of Central City and Blackhawk, located in the foothills near Denver.

As for interests: Some of you may remember that I sang in a double quartet during my high school years, and enjoyed hamming it up in school plays. Well, that interest in music and drama continued past high school. In the early 80's, I was chosen to sing in the chorus of Camelot, an outdoor musical production presented as part of the Denver "Summer in the Park" series. For the seven day run of the musical, I got to "be" a medieval knight complete with armor, sword, *and* fair maiden. Then, in the early 90's, I worked as an "extra" on four Perry Mason TV movies that were filmed in this area. Although I never landed a speaking part, just being on the set of these shows was loads of fun, and it was fascinating to witness the inner workings of a television production first hand.

However, the sport of hockey is by far my biggest "obsession". I have been lucky enough to have season tickets to every professional hockey team that has been based in Denver for the last 40 years. Our current team, the Avalanche, won the Stanley Cup four years ago. I've been a member and supporter of the Blueliners, a club for hockey fans here in this area, for many years and have served as president, auctioneer for fund raising events, and volunteer-as-needed for Kids Roller Hockey Tournaments and charity events sponsored by that group. In January, 1999, some Blueliner friends and I traveled to Tampa, FL to attend our first hockey All Star Game, and last fall we were able to watch our favorite team play its first game in a brand new hockey arena in lower downtown (The Pepsi Center). As you might guess, hockey memorabilia threatens to overrun my townhouse, but there is still room for a few other hobbies, i.e., a collection of antique gaming devices, casino chips, and a few Trade Stimulator machines, which I often refurbish myself.

My daughter, Heather, is married and has three children: Brian, Bradley and Amanda. She is an accountant at a local bank. Daughter Jill trained in television production, but after a few years decided to follow her dream and work with animals (she has 3 dogs, 2 cats, a parrot, and a dove). Her pet sitting service is called Have Leash Will Travel, and is doing reasonably well in its second year of operation. Suzanne is retired now, but volunteers at her school several mornings a week. She enjoys building miniatures and collecting antiques, shells and lighthouses.

I'd like to send my very best wishes to former classmates and friends, and look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Cranford High School Reunion.



# ROBINSON

## Edward Robinson

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## Children

Mark - 37

Christopher - 35

Neil - 31

1 Grandchild - Molly (Neil's)

## Family

Three sons: Mark, Cranford, married to the former Karen McKienze, Christopher, 35, California, married to the former Linda Fregreio, Neil, 31, Millstone, NJ, married to the former Michelle Faulkner.

## Education

Attended Union Junior College, Cranford, NJ, 1950-1951. Set school scoring record. First team, All-State Junior College. Adelphi College, 1951-1953. Varsity Basketball and Baseball. Attended Rutgers, 1956-1959. Landscape Design-Horticulture

## Military Service

U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, 1951-1958. Active 1954-1956, Boston. Leading scorer, basketball. 1956: All Boston service team, basketball. All Boston Navy team, basketball. Navy New England team, basketball.

## Work History

President, M. Robinson and Son, Inc., since 1965. Seventy-one year old family business.

## Hobbies

Roselle Golf Club. Tennis, golf, writing, ocean swimming. Director, Actor, Playwright, Board member, Cranford Dramatic Club. Director, Children's Plays. Junior League, Church groups. Wrote full-length historical musical, "Myles To The Moon," performed 1960.

## Favorite TV shows

Court TV, History TV, March Madness.

## Favorite books and music

Books: Anything by Nelson DeMille. Music: Anything by the Bee Gees.

## Community Service

Basketball coach, C.Y.O., ten years; One county championship; Four time All-Star County coach. Youth Director, St. Michael's C.Y.O., ten years. Commissioner--Finance, Public Works, Recreation, Planning Board, Library Board, Downtown Improvement. Township of Cranford. Mayor of Cranford, twice. Commissioner, Rahway Valley Sewage Authority, 7 years, Chairman, 1998. Member of Channel 35 Board of Directors. NJ Farm Bureau, NJ Nurseryman's Association, NJ Board of Agriculture.

## Concern for our children

Our leaders, especially our President, tell our children that it is alright to lie under oath. It's OK to have others lie for you. To use your power in the workplace to take advantage of an intern. To be in favor of killing fully-formed babies.

# RUTZ



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Children  
Jeffrey - 37  
Elizabeth - 36  
Elizabeth's children  
Jacob - 9, Hannah - 7

## Education

Michigan State University, Jan. 55 to Mar. 58. BS, Criminal Justice.

## Military Service

U.S. Army, Mar. 53 to Dec. 54. Rank of Sergeant.

## Work History

1958 to 1961 - Inspector (Agent), Illinois Division of Narcotic Control.

1961 to 1995 - Security Supervisor, The Applied Physics Laboratory of The Johns Hopkins Univ., Laurel, MD.

## Hobbies

Fishing, hunting and outdoor activities.

## Favorite TV shows

Sports, ice hockey

## Reflections on Cranford High School

It was my privilege to be part of and associated with such a wonderful group of people. Time has proven that doing things the right way, as was our custom at C.H.S., allowed the enrichment of our lives.

Although now being slowed by Parkinson's, I still find time to fish and enjoy the out of doors. My wife, children, and grandchildren are all a pleasure to me more than ever in retirement. I send best wishes to all my classmates and hope they too are enjoying their family.

# SALWAY

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## Children

Trish (Virginia)

Bruce (Florida)

## One Grandchild

Summer - 5

## Family

I have two children: Trish, my daughter, and her husband, Russ, along with my only grandchild, 5-year-old Summer, live in the mountains of Virginia. It's very rural and lovely (except in the winter). My son, Bruce, lives in Florida. Very urban and beautiful (except in the summer).

## Education

As I look over our 50th Reunion questionnaire, I find myself reminiscing rather than writing this bio, and wondering how to keep it short. Spent my early school days moving from state to state, landing in Cranford for the 8th grade. It was the longest I had lived in one place. After high school graduation, I attended Seton Hill College in Greensburg, PA where I received a BS in chemistry. I continued taking courses at Newark State College which later became Kean College, aiming at a teaching certificate, but found I wasn't suited for it.

## Work History

My work history is short. Worked five years as a millinery buyer at Bambergers. When the hours interfered with raising my two children, I took a job with an advertising agency. I worked there over 45 years, ending up as Controller, until the company went out of business. I haven't tired of my five years of freedom from the 9 to 5 grind. Working part time in a gift shop with just enough responsibility besides sales has been perfect.

## Hobbies

Unfortunately, health problems have curtailed my traveling but, with any luck, the next few tests I have scheduled will clear things up and I'll be on the go again. There still don't seem to be enough hours in the day to do all those things I thought I'd be able to do once I retired. Am still refinishing and furnishing old doll houses and, after completing six, I still don't find it boring. I do a lot of walking and reading, and am continually taking courses but only in subjects that interest me (everything from history to cooking).

## Community Service

Have dropped out of all my old clubs and organizations. Time for the younger members to take over. I still do volunteer work at the Jumble Store and serve as treasurer of the Tenant Association for the building I live in. What a relief not to have to be out so many nights every week.

## Reunion

A special thanks to John for *FOCUS 50*. I'm looking forward to our reunion.

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12 Grandchildren

1 Great-grandchild

As of Oct. 1999



## Education

Metro State, Denver, CO, B.A.

## Military Service

U. S. A. F.

## Work History

Retired from F.A.A., now helping with our restaurant!

## Hobbies

Swimming, golf, cruising

## Favorite TV shows

Mysteries

## Books recently read and recommended

*Switcheroo* by Olivia Goldsmith

## Favorite music

Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Kenny G., Pavarotti

## Community Service

Past: President of local Optimists Club

Present: Board of Directors of local Business Association

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Graduation!

## Philosophy

Live every day like it will be your last!!



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Children

Joanne - 1967

Both of our homes are located in Retirement Communities. "Greenbriar Woodlands" is in New Jersey and "The Villages" Community is in Florida. We enjoy the lifestyle and the various activities. Also, golf courses as part of the "Woodlands" and "Villages" were a major factor when we decided to relocate, after living in Cranford until 1991. My husband is an avid golfer and it's great to be able to just get in his golf cart and be able to play a few minutes from the house.

Until December, 1999, we visited Cranford as often as possible to see our daughter, son-in-law and grandson. Toms River area is nice but we miss the small-town atmosphere and friends, churches, etc. that were so much a part of our years in Cranford.

In January, Joanne and family moved to Ann Arbor, MI for a three-year assignment that Chris has accepted with his company. We are looking forward to visiting in Michigan and touring in the area.

I worked on Wall Street, New York City, for J. P. Morgan and Co. for about seven years after graduating--finally got tired of commuting and joined the staff at Union County Trust Co. Also, spent a few years as a secretary at The First Presbyterian Church in Cranford. I've been "retired" since 1967 when our daughter, Joanne, was born.

We enjoy the productions at Paper Mill Playhouse, Cranford Dramatic Club, etc., and travelling--especially cruising. Have met a lot of interesting people through the years! Country music is very popular in our area in Florida and we attend as many shows as we can while we're there.

We have a daughter, Joanne Geschickter, son-in-law, Chris Geschickter and grandson, Ryan Geschickter. Ryan was born Nov. 8, 1998, the night of my husband's 50th Class Reunion. It was really a day of celebration.

During the years I lived in Cranford, I held various volunteer positions at the First Presbyterian Church. I was Treasurer of the Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School, Financial Secretary of the Women's Association and also served on the Board of Financial Stewards. My husband and I were Presidents of the Couples' Club for several terms.

I have many happy memories of the years at C.H.S., and am especially thankful for the good friends from those times. We still have "get-togethers"--have managed to attend all of the weddings, etc. of the group's children. It's great to have friends for over 50 years.

Looking forward to seeing all at the Reunion.

# SCHERMERHORN



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## Children

Pam  
Laura  
Janet  
Richard  
Jeffrey  
Eleven grandchildren

## Military Service

USMC - stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

## Work History

Retired--worked for County of Orange for 29 years as secretary, last five years as secretary to County Administrative Officer. Retired in May, 1994 (just six months before Orange County declared bankruptcy). Timed that right!

## Hobbies

No hobbies but still an avid reader--usually read a book a day now

## Favorite TV shows

Not a great fan of TV but favorite shows are *NYPD*, *Law & Order*, *JAG*, *The Sopranos*, and the History Channel. Never watch soaps or sitcoms.

## Books recently read and recommended

Favorite authors--McMurtry, Clancy, Koontz, Cussler--favorite books--anything action, spy, mystery

## Community Service

Do not belong to church or civic organizations but have a keen interest in what the NOW organization is involved with--seem to get more liberal with age, not more conservative!



# SIMMONS

Norma Ruth Simmons Nelson  
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(deceased)

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Children  
Lee  
Kenny  
Kenneth  
Victoria  
Three+ grandchildren

## Family

My oldest son, Lee (wife Sally), has a daughter, Victoria. He works in Washington for *The Voice of America*. My second son, Kenny, lives in Florida with his wife, Tammy, and his two daughters, Kristin and Kara. He works for "Executive Jet" as a pilot. My third son (step-son) is Kenneth (his wife is Missy). He lives in New Jersey and works for Vytran. My only daughter, Victoria, is expecting her first child May 14 (husband Jay) and she works for US Air.

## Work History

Lucky to have lived in Cranford all my life, until graduation (oldest of five), after which worked in payroll (Singer, with my dad, time study engineer), later Secretary, office manager, employment recruiter. Moved to Warren over 38 years ago, and am still here, alone now since Ken passed away. After moving to Warren, no longer employed outside of home. My husband's company (Stamping, Inc., and a second business venture, "4 Seasons Farm") was so time-consuming, I was lucky enough to be able to stay home with the children. *But* about the age of 40, went to Real Estate School (had to laugh, thinking of my math teacher who thought I'd never understand figures), passed the test the first time, math and all. Worked part time for a few years, then decided if I had to work, real estate would be the last job I'd want.

## Community Service

Kid stuff: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Class mother, etc. Volunteer Overlook Hospital over 28 years, last 18 on Information desk. Love it! Overlook Auxiliary, Raritan Valley Hospital (until closed). Mountainside Hospital for a while, Board of Elections, just been sworn in on Senior Citizen Board (Warren), Mail box committee, and, of course, my church! Parsonage committee, Staff Parish, also Ad Council, Nominating Committee, UMW, Counter with church collection (do bank deposit; still working with math!), S. S. teacher about 35 years, 22 here at Union Village. When asked to be S. S. Superintendent, I formed S. S. Advisory Board (working great). As my kids say, "If Mom's not home, call church."

## Reunions

Our 40th Reunion was great! Brought back into my life many old friends (old in time, not in age!) See Janet Wagenblast often, so appreciate the time together. Sara Milazzo Pollera, who I bump into often, literally with the cart at Shop Rite. Bea Kushner Phelan, who crocheted my first grandchild's blanket. Joan Hanson--had a great talk about Sherman School and all the boys we had crushes on. Gloria Massa Vivers, then bumped into Ornella Vicci a few days ago after 50 years. "Friends are one of God's greatest gifts." Still get together with girls I worked with 50 years ago, and treasure each new person I meet!

### Reflections on Cranford High School

That old song: "If I had my life to live over, I'd still do the same things again!!" As I began my freshman year, life was hard for a 14-year-old. My 3-year-old brother was killed on North Avenue and my Mom had a breakdown. I became second Mom. Mom later had another baby who was born preemie, and at seven months contracted polio. I was just 17 and much was expected at home. Looking back, I did miss some fun at school. Scott now has Post Polio, a wonderful man with an "I can do anything" attitude.

Attended a program called "Laughter, The Best Medicine." They asked us quickly to think of two things that gave us pleasure. First, driving my car. Loved it since I was 17. Second, my back porch. The driving brought to mind the Class of 50's first loss, Ruth Price, who took me for my driving test. Dear Ruth, thank you.

The photo is from Vickie's wedding in June, 1999. My handsome escort is my middle son, Kenny. God bless you all.

# SKERBISCH



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Children

JoAnne

MaryAnne

Here it is fifty years since we left Cranford High School. I have had a full life and enjoyed every minute of it.

I served a four year stint in the navy. After my discharge I attended Newark College of Engineering. I was married while still in the Navy to Mildred Brooks (Class of '53) and we've been married for 47 years. We have two daughters: JoAnne and MaryAnne. JoAnne is married and living in High Bridge, NJ, and MaryAnne is living in Portland, OR.

We sold our little farm in Clinton, NJ and moved to the Jersey shore. We are presently living in Brick, NJ, near the water which I love. I had a sail boat for many years but sold it after I realized I had access to my attorney's sail boat, who I taught how to sail.

I worked for New Jersey Bell for twenty-six years and left after my by-pass surgery, taking an early retirement (I had five by-passes in 1982). After my operation, I went on to a less stressful occupation. I'm still semi-active on a consulting basis.

My wife and I are both certified Scuba divers and love going to the Caribbean to vacation and dive there.

Last summer we drove across country to Oregon to visit our daughter MaryAnne. The country is just beautiful and a sight to behold, but now I know why they call it "fly over country."

We are leaving for Italy in March, 2000. Our first trip to Europe. We are really looking forward to going.

I can speak Italian fluently and we have a really great itinerary lined up. We will start in Rome and go up to Venice.

I still don't have a computer and hope I won't need one. I guess the world is going to pass me by.

I'm a staunch conservative and never thought I would see a president the likes of what we've had for the last seven years. A disgrace to our country.

I guess my good high school education and high morals have made a lasting impression on my life. I thank God for that.

Well, I'll say good-bye now and hope everyone stays well. I'll see you all in May at the reunion.



# SLOAT

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## Children

Linda Ruth Sloat Burig - 42

Laurie Ann Sloat Silverstein - 40

David John Sloat - 32

Seven grandchildren

## Family

My family, and especially my grandchildren, are a major part of my life, as I am sure yours are for you. We began our grandparenting with twin girls, Amanda and Melissa Burig, who stayed in our home for their first month or so. Today, they are 20 and completing their second year at Gannon University in Erie, PA. They are planning to become nursing specialists, following in the footsteps of their mother and grandmother. Robert John Burig is 16, Alex Silverstein is 12, Rachael Silverstein is 8, Madison Sloat is 3 and Dylan Sloat is 1. The Burigs live in town, where Linda is a nurse. The Silversteins live near Harrisburg, four hours away. Laurie is a artist/sculptor, a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. And the David Sloats live near Pittsburgh, an hour from here. David is a film major grad from NYU, and is currently working for an internet company in Pittsburgh.

## Education

I graduated from Denison University in Granville, OH in 1954 with a B.A. During my second year there, I met a fellow classmate, Helen Burdick, and by the end of the year we were planning to be married. However, she left school at the end of that year and went to Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore for three years. So I was a bachelor on campus my last two years, as well as my first year in seminary. We wrote every day for three years, when stamps cost 3¢, and still have all the letters, displayed now in notebooks. I started at Princeton Theological Seminary in the summer of 1954, studying Greek, and we were married in 1955 at the end of my first year. We lived in a hay loft over a corn crib for which we paid \$60 a month, plus \$5 to park the car in the corn crib! Helen worked in the Princeton Hospital where she nursed Einstein's sister, among other patients, and earned her PhD degree (Putting Hubby Through). I graduated in 1957 and was ordained at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ. In 1977, I earned a Th.M. degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in advanced pastoral studies with an emphasis in counseling.

## Work History

My first pastorate was near the college where Helen and I met. It was the First Presbyterian Church in Pataskala, OH, a little town of 900 with four churches. My congregation numbered about 200, and we were close to Columbus where our first daughter was born. Our second daughter was born in Newark, OH, 27 months later. After four years, I was called to Northminster Presbyterian Church in New Castle, PA where I stayed until retirement, 31 years later. I served as Moderator of Shenango Presbytery in 1970. In 1992, I took a part-time interim pastorate in New Castle, and a year later served in the same capacity in a church in Hubbard, OH. Then, in retirement, I served for three years as Minister of Visitation at the New Castle church where I had been interim. Now, I just sit in the pew on Sunday mornings and complain about the poor preaching like everyone else!

## Hobbies

Too many to enumerate! I designed a cut-and-assemble kit of my interim church in New Castle for the 100th anniversary of the building. While she was still in high school, my daughter, Laurie, and I formed a company which designed, packaged and distributed needlepoint and latchhook kits of denominational logos. We sold kits to churches and individuals in 42 states. I rebuilt a 1942 Chevrolet fastback sedan. I bought a 14' boat and taught the kids to waterski. We rented motorhomes when the kids were small and took long trips. One week, we spent Wednesday in Carowinds Theme Park in North/South Carolina, Friday in Six Flags Over Georgia, and began a

week at Disney World on Sunday! We've been to Scotland (the Mother of Presbyterians) twice and England once. I also spend lot of time on work for the Class of '50, especially on *FOCUS 50*. I love that work and am very grateful for the support and interest which the class has shown over the years. I took up the french horn again after a hiatus of 35 years. I am taking lessons and playing in four different groups. I have taught 9 or 10 neighbors and friends, mostly kids, the play the piano. And a friend and I are hosting a website on Spirituality. You can visit it at [www.spiritualbridge.com](http://www.spiritualbridge.com). The presbytery, however, doesn't like it, and it may result in getting me defrocked! A heretic at my age! Who'd have thought?

#### Favorite TV shows

I love British comedies: *Keeping Up Appearances*, *Rumpole of the Bailey*, *The Vicar of Dibley*, *Fawlty Towers* etc. Also Discovery, A&E, PBS, Disney stuff. I have every major video which Disney has produced (for the grandkids, of course!) And I love anything that stars the Olsen twins. (I have a thing about twins!)

#### Books recently read and recommended

I do a lot of reading, but mostly in connection with the Spirituality classes I teach. I am running several groups at present, and we have studied all forms of spiritual experience. *Conversations With God* by Walsch is of major importance, although, when it first came out, *Life After Life* by Moody had a profound effect on me

#### Community Service

I'm currently board chairman of a Presbyterian Community Center which six churches set up in a former school building.

#### Reflections on Cranford High School

I have college, seminary and grad school classmates, but the only group I keep in touch with is you guys. Those years in Cranford had a powerful influence on who I am, and I treasure my memories of the things we did together. I think our high school years were happier than many kids experience today, and I'm grateful to all of you for staying in touch. But how can our graduation have been *fifty years ago*?!



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Sandra - 40

Steven - 39

Shelly - 35

Six grandchildren: Jacqueline, 15;

Meredith, 12; Olivia, 9; Ryan Eliz., 8;

Jillian, 6; Sean, 1-1/2

Military Service

U. S. Navy

Work History

Thirty-seven years with Boyle Midway, Cranford. Retired 1-91

Hobbies

Computer, Stock Market, Golf

Favorite TV shows

Stock Channel, History Channel

Books recently read and recommended

You've Earned It, Don't Lose it, Courage To Be Rich (Suze Orman); Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, It's All Small Stuff; Guide to the Market; any stock market books

Favorite Music

Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Michael Bolton

# SPALDING



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## Children

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Caitlin (16), Sean (13), Ryan (11) and

Casey (7)

Carol Louise Gillespie

Divorced

Rebecca (9) and Erin (7)

Donald Lerda Spalding

Wife: Marta

Kirsten (7) and Kelsey (5)

I attended Duke University from 1950 to 1954 where I earned an AB in Psychology. Took my graduate work at Northwestern University. Received a MSHA in healthcare administration, 1958 to 1960. During the years between school I spent two years in the Army where I spent time both in the states and Korea. I also managed to get married and start a family.

Real work began in 1960. From 1960 to 1963 I was an administrative resident and then administrative assistant at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, Belleville, New Jersey. From 1963 to 1968 I served as assistant administrator at Memorial Hospital, Roxborough, Philadelphia, PA. From 1968 to 1996, I served as President and CEO of the Sewickley Valley Hospital and then in November 1996 became Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Valley Health System which was the consolidation of the Sewickley Valley Hospital and the Medical Center, Beaver County. I retired from that position on December 31, 1998. Have not done much in the past four months other than vacation in Florida and try to learn the intricacies of the computer.

Hobbies consist of golf, tennis, lawn care and reading. Also, I plan to get back to fishing, a sport I used to enjoy but have not done in years.

We are very fortunate in that all the kids live in Sewickley and so we have at least one grandchild in the house most of the time. I don't have a favorite TV show but I do read a lot of books. I suggest the author Cormac McCarthy. Among others he wrote, "All The Pretty Horses", "The Crossing", and "Cities of the Plain". He writes somewhat like William Faulkner, but not quite so difficult.

Over the years I have served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church, on the board of the Sewickley Academy, and am currently on the zoning hearing board of the Edgeworth Borough. In my profession, I have served on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, chair in 1987. Also served on the Board of Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania and for the past ten years have served as a director of the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Company (PHICO), a malpractice company licensed in all fifty states.

As I look back on my days at Cranford High, I remember it as a good experience. My classmates were fine and I have managed to keep in touch with some of them. *FOCUS 50* has helped to keep the class together. Since I was not a good student, I try to forget that aspect of school, but I do remember the golf team and my feeble attempts to play hockey.

# STARR



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Children

Douglas - 1962

Jennifer - 1965

Two grandchildren

After four years at Cornell University and a summer of study and travel in England and elsewhere, I settled in New York City for the next 40 years. (The quick bio version!) I was an advertising copywriter with J. Walter Thompson for 10 years. Initially I shared apartments with Addie Hall, Joanne Getz and Marilyn Hetzke (and many others )

I married Patrick in 1960, had Douglas Spencer in '62 and Jennifer in '65. We spent almost every weekend at our 1840 farmhouse in Bridgewater, CT. I eventually left work to cope with school and travel schedules. Subsequently, after a divorce and as the children grew more self-sufficient, I took a job as research librarian with a shipbrokering firm where I remained for 18 years writing newsletters, editing books, and running our in-house desktop publishing operation.

In 1992 I bought a house on Cape Cod. By then both children appeared to be settling in permanently in the Boston area and it worked well as a weekend retreat for us all. After three years of commuting every weekend from Manhattan (5 hours each way!), I decided to take early retirement. I had thought to find some part-time employment on the Cape, but I found myself thoroughly enjoying my leisure time. I joined a couple of clubs and I do volunteer teaching through the CC Literacy Council--English as a second language, mainly to adults from Brazil and the Far East. I also enjoy group nature walks.

Both children had daughters in the summer of '98. They live just five miles from each other in the Boston suburbs, so I can visit and babysit almost every weekend. Free room also for my regular visits to Boston Symphony rehearsals (same shows, 1/3 the price.) Otherwise, recent travel has been limited. I did a house swap with a family from Normandy two years ago and it was marvelous. Both children and spouses were able to join me and we traveled extensively. Now, what with babies and graduate school and demanding jobs, it may not happen again soon.

My mother finally moved to Meadow Lakes in Hightstown (she'll be 97 in April) and I get down every other month or so. Occasionally I take her up to Cranford for appointments and visits and, unhappily, a memorial service and burial for my kid brother, John, last July. As to the future, I would like to get in some more travel--walking tours of Great Britain are high on my list of want-to-dos, but I better get going before my legs tell me no! I am truly content reading the day away with periodic interruptions for a swim. (I'm on a pond.) It's a lovely, stress-free life which I hope to enjoy for another 30 plus years, so here's to the 75th reunion

# TANZER

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## Son

David L. Tanzer - 44

## Military Service

Completed six years of service, honorably discharged in May, 1956

## Work History

Joined Cranford Fire Dept. as a paid member in 1957. Was supervisory in-house mechanic. Retired from dept. after 30 years service in Feb. 1987.

## Hobbies

Avid radio controlled model airplane builder and designer. The planes have wing spans in excess of 8 feet. I am also paid for articles published in leading model plane magazines.

## Favorite TV shows

History Channel, Discovery - Speedvision

## Books recently read and recommended

Any and all with reference to World War II aircraft

## Favorite music

Really enjoy all music

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Had a great time at old C.H.S. Appreciated it even more after I entered the "real world."

## Remarks

I still live at 166 No. Lehigh Ave. I've been here sixty-one years and will remain here until I die or hit the lottery! Beanie Guertin Tanzer and I have been married since Jan. 9, 1954. Forty-six wonderful years!

Our son David, who went through the Cranford school system, is a 1974 graduate of Cranford High School. He is employed by the Twp. Of Cranford as a certified tree trimmer. He has also made Cranford his home, with his wife Elizabeth.

Since I retired from the fire service, I have been designing and building giant radio controlled model air craft. I have written many construction and "how to" articles for all the major model aircraft magazines.

My wife and I are still in good health, fortunately. We like to travel. We have driven across the country to the west coast, visited the Grand Canyon, and stopped in Las Vegas. We have been on a trip to the Bahamas and were fortunate enough to take a trip of a lifetime, for us, to Ireland. We also like to visit Atlantic City in NJ.

My super healthy mother-in-law, eighty-eight year old Gladys Guertin, lives with us and is a good companion for Beanie when I am away flying and demonstrating my aircraft. There isn't enough room to relate everything we did in the past 50 years, so I'll end now and see everyone at the Great 50th Reunion.

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# TEN EYCK

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Education - Attended Drake College, Graduated and received a diploma in Floral Design from Everetts School of Floral Design

Marriage - Married 35 years, at Hope Presbyterian Chapel in Lakewood, NJ on December 5, 1964; weekend in Atlantic City. We live in a two-bedroom cottage close to the ocean and have been fixing it up and did some remodeling on it. The home is 73 years old. Now we get pros to do the work. We have nice neighbors. This covers 50 years of my life, I was never in the 25th yearbook. Best of luck to all. Sorry I will not be able to come to the reunion, I don't drive, and Jim cannot drive long distances because of knee pains from driving.

Work History - Statistical Typist, Cost Accounting, Advertising Department, Lakewood Daily Times Proofreader and Social Columnist. I was secretary for the Lakewood Civic Symphony, Heddy Mahler (Musical Conductors' daughter) and I were members of the Lakewood Civic Symphony Group. Met Jan Pierce, the opera singer from the Met, at a reception for him, and saw Mimi Benzell at Georgian Court College where she gave a concert. I met our second family 36 years ago, the Silvers, owners of the Lakewood School of Dance and Theater Arts, when my parents and grandmother and I moved to Lakewood in 1963, where my brother's family had moved before us. Jim and I worked in Newberry Store in Millville, NJ. He was manager and I was cashier. We had our own locksmithing business for 12 years.

Retired - I retired in 1994 to take care of my husband after his first knee replacement operation. Since then he has had his second knee replacement, and lots of therapy. Thank God the therapy is over, more than two years of it.

Hobbies - Floral design, basket designs, crafts, photography, flower gardening, feeding birds and squirrels. Doing Word Wise puzzles, collecting classic and new VHS's and music cassettes. Walking and sitting at the Point Pleasant boardwalk, where old timers can exercise and relax. Fun shopping, watching game shows on TV, mysteries, westerns, and Hallmark shows, comedies and baseball and football games. Years ago we fed a stray cat at our front door. One evening we had a delightful visitor. The cat was eating and an opossum joined him. And of course I didn't have film in my camera! Jim and I were given two kittens two-and-one-half weeks old which we fed with an eye dropper. An Angora, white longhaired with gold eyes we called Cotton, and an Abyssinian, black and white, which we named Patches. Cotton lived five years and our sweet, gentle Patches lived 18 years and three months.

Reading - I enjoy reading *The Cat Who* books, *Murder She Wrote* mysteries, and *The Readers' Digest*. Jim reads mysteries and westerns, and *The Readers' Digest*.

Music - I enjoy playing my Lowery Organ. Ray Boughler was my teacher. I play all kinds of music.

Old Times - I remember the old times at Cranford with Barbara Bird, Joan Karaffa, Ornella Vicci, Phyllis Fulton, Ruth Mandoni. We had some great times. Barbara Bird called me last time she was up here and we talked for an hour. Had lunch with Joan Hanson several times.

For my Graduation Present - I spent four weeks in Northeast, Pennsylvania with my brother Howy (Class of 1944) and sister-in-law Jess. I picked 837 lbs. of cherries, got to tour Welch's plant with our neighbor's daughter

(her dad was president of the Welch's plant in Erie, PA). Jess, Howy and I went to Presque Isle and toured Commodore Perry's ship, the *Niagara*. I did a lot of traveling before I was married. Washington, DC two times, the Capitol, White House, Smithsonian Museum, Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, VA, the Poconos, West Point, NY, a 3-hour boat cruise through the Everglades to Port Everglades, FL, stopped at Indian Village in the Glades to watch an Indian wrestling alligators. My girlfriend (former co-worker) who lived in Florida went with my parents and grandmother and me to the Parrot Jungle. During the show, my friend and I were kissed by the trainer's cockatoo. I had my photo taken with four macaws on my shoulders and one on my head. They weigh 5 lbs. each. We also went to Vizcaya (the Deering Estate) with its beautiful gardens and stone boat dock. Visited the First Safari Park in the US (Africa U.S.A.) in Florida. They drove us around in an open truck past wild jungle animals. It was exciting. We rented a home at Pompano Beach. On the way back, we stopped at Cypress Gardens. On one of my aunt's visits from Germany we toured Howe Caverns, the Corning Glass Works, Finger Lakes, Niagara Falls, stayed in Canada and photographed the Horseshoe Falls.

1957 - May 1st - Mom and I went to Germany to visit my aunt and uncle and their son and his wife. We traveled by ocean liner, the *S.S. America*. We saw Cobb, Ireland, a lovely island with little cottages and green land, Southampton, and docked at Bremerhaven, Germany after being checked out by customs. I spoke German to them and they thought I was from Germany. We left with my aunt and uncle by Volkswagen for Frankfurt A/Main at 3 a.m. We saw my cousin who I hadn't seen since 1937, and met his wife. We toured Heidelberg the Castle, the town, picnicked by the Rhine River, drove through the Black Forest, and went through the clock shops. We saw the beginning of the Danube River in Germany, Bludenz, Austria, Lake Como, Milan, Lugano, Italy, St. Moritz and Zurich, Switzerland, Gotthard and Bernardino Passes. Spent the day on the mountain at a restaurant near the Susten Stein (Ice Glacier) writing postcards. We visited Bad Nauheim and Bad Soden spas. My aunt and uncle owned a movie theater so I got to visit a movie premier. I watched Victor Mature speaking German in the movie. In May of 1999 my niece's family visited all of us. We had never seen my nephew, their son. They live in Peachtree City, GA.

In July we returned home via train to Paris, and spent the day there. Visited the Eiffel Tower, Church of Madeline, Arch of Triumph, the gold domed Napoleon's Tomb, saw his brown marble casket. We took the night train to Le Havre, France to get the *S.S. United States*. We saw Rossano Brazzi and Dennis O'Keefe on board ship. Jim and I went with the family to my aunt's home in Harwichport, MA. Her home was formerly President Taft's home. Cape Ann, visited cousin Artist Doris Ten Eyck Grassos' Art Gallery, stopped at Gloucester and Rockport, MA. We drove to Portsmouth, NH and visited my former ballroom dance teachers (former Harvest Ballroom Dance Champions) who taught classes at the YMCA in NJ. Then we drove to Orchard Beach, ME, and also went to Mystic, CT. We love the Henry Morgan and the houses and museum there. Our whole family drive to Kiesler Air Force Base for my brother's daughter's wedding at the base. She was a nurse there. We toured Jefferson Davis's home and the town of Montgomery, AL.

On our 13-day honeymoon cruise, Jim and I went on the *Homeric* to Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Martinique, Curacao and Jamaica. Learned a little Italian at a class on board. Spent our 25th anniversary in Atlantic City, saw a show, gambled and toured the casinos. We are sponsors of the Dance for Diabetes for Juveniles, which our friend holds in Lakewood over year. We donate to local charities, food drives, clothing drives, recycling, also support animal shelters and environmental groups.

October 1999 - We spent eight days at Virginia Beach, VA, toured the Coast Guard Station, visited the two Fort Henry lighthouses and the Waterfowl Museum. Revisited Williamsburg, Norfolk Botanical Gardens and the Virginia Marine Science Museum and their I-Max. Saw the Norfolk Naval Base, with subs, a battleship and the new rescue ships used in the recovery of the plane crash victims in NY.

December 1999 - Jess and my brother Howard (Cranford High Class of 1944) drove us to Bethlehem, PA to see the lights and the decorations. The Moravian part of town is decorated with white lights and the outskirts are decorated with colored lights. We listened to Christmas songs played by an organist and sung by a soprano soloist. Took the trolley tour and the night light bus tour, saw the Christmas Putz Program—a light show about the birth of Christ with figurines, lights and music, narrated by townspeople.

January 2000 - Our first snow storm, so I thought I would write. I enjoy reading the *FOCUS 50* newsletter. I would have liked to have seen all of you and spoken with you all. Good luck with the reunion.

# TUNNER



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## Children

Joe, Jr. - 35  
Tim & Tom -32  
No grandchildren

## Family

Our sons are spread from coast to coast. One lives with his wife just north of San Diego, where he is a biochemical engineer for a pharmaceutical company. Another is working on a doctorate in social work at Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia. The third lives in Breckenridge, Colorado, where he does a lot of skiing and mountaineering, and also is a CPA.

## Education

After graduating from CHS, I enrolled at Lafayette College in Easton. These were four good years. I pretty much paid my way by working as a waiter, dishwasher and houseboy in the Faculty Club. The new environment gave me a chance to reach in new directions, and I became quite active in campus activities—a real change from CHS. I earned a BS in Administrative Engineering in 1954. In 1963, I also completed an MS degree in Industrial Statistics at the University of Rochester.

## Military Service

In 1954 I went to work for Kodak in Rochester, NY as an industrial engineer. But I was soon called into the army, as I had been deferred from military service while in college through ROTC. I spent the next two years (1955-57) as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, and most of that time I was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. My platoon's main job was building roads and bridges through military lands in the Oahu jungles, but I did manage to spend a few weekends at Waikiki.

## Work History

On returning to Kodak, I shared a house with three other engineers that I worked with. However, I soon became captivated by a next door neighbor who dropped by seeking help with math studies. Fortunately, I am still entranced by the same girl. We were married in 1960 and now have three grown sons. While in Rochester, I went back to school in the evenings to study statistics, and eventually got a master's degree. My work at Kodak evolved into quality engineering and later into quality management.

In 1971, Kodak moved us to Colorado to help start up a new manufacturing plant. This gave us a chance to enjoy somewhat better skiing than found in the east, plus lots of other good outdoors activity. I became increasingly involved in the American Society for Quality and chaired the editorial review board of one of their technical magazines for several years.

In 1986 I retired from Kodak and began doing consulting work in quality improvement and statistical methods. I've developed and taught many courses in that field, and have had one book published. I've started work on a second, but it is rather slow going.

### Hobbies

Hiking, skiing, reading

### Favorite TV shows

Denver Bronco football, PBS shows. (occasional Masterpiece Theater, Mystery)

### Books recently read and recommended

*Stealing Jesus*, by Bruce Bower. *For Common Things*, by Jedediah Purdy. *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, by Bishop Spong

### Favorite music

Mostly classical, but almost anything except hard rock & heavy metal.

### Community Service

My wife Carol got very interested in historic preservation, and now is a preservation planner for the city of Fort Collins. She spearheaded the restoration of an historic trolley line and has been responsible for saving many of the buildings in the "old town" area. She's a lot better known in town than I am.

Presbyterian Church: elder, and lately I've gotten involved in Presbytery work (member of Presbytery Council) and am finding this an interesting challenge. American Society for Quality: fellow, chair of several committees and task groups. Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity: past board member.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

Overall a very positive adventure. Many excellent teachers. Remember especially Mr. West, Miss Mathews, Mr. Terregino, Mr. Loveland, Mrs. Selby, but lots of others too.

### Philosophy

My life and my thinking are both works in progress.

I'm a republican but have seldom voted for a major republican candidate in recent years.

I'm a Christian, but am dismayed by much of what is reported as "the views of Christians."

I try to make a difference, not always successfully, but once in a while I do.

# VETTEL



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## Children

David

Laura

Rob

Six+ grandchildren

## Family

Our lives are very full. We have three great kids--David, Laura, and Rob; two terrific daughters-in-law; a wonderful son-in-law; and 6 super grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven, and another one on the way [due date Easter Sunday].

## Education

I graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, with BS in Psychology and Education; having attended from fall 1950 'til June, 1954. Lloyd and I met there. He has a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering and was also commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army at the time of his graduation in 1953. Lloyd went off to fulfill his military commitment while I finished my final year at Cornell. We were married Sept. 4, 1954 in Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford.

## Military Service

Our first year of marriage was spent at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, MD. There I worked at the Child Care Center.

## Work History

When Lloyd was discharged from active duty in June 1955, we moved to Park Forest, IL and he began a 39 year career with Standard Oil of Indiana. I took a job teaching nursery school in Park Forest. There were thousands of children in our new town, which had been a prairie before 1948. Perhaps you have read *THE ORGANIZATION MAN* by William H. Whyte. He has a lot to say about Park Forest. I taught for a year and then became a fulltime mom when our first child was born in 1956.

In 1964 when our youngest was three, I was asked by the YWCA to develop a pre-school program for youngsters while their moms were in classes. I did this for a couple of years, taking Rob with me. In 1968, when he went into second grade, I started teaching at the Park Forest Co-operative Nursery School. In 1970, besides teaching my four-year-old class, I became Director of the school. My class was three afternoons a week so I had time for all the administrative duties and continued doing that until June, 1994. Lloyd had retired a year and a half before, and seemed to be having so much fun that I was lured away, and have never regretted my decision.

## Community Service

Both of us are very involved in our church, Church of the Holy Family, Anglican-Episcopal. I sing in the choir and have served on the Vestry, Search committee for a new Rector, and Stewardship committee. We also volunteer for PADS [Public Action to Deliver Shelter]. It is a band-aid solution to a nationwide problem of homelessness. But here in the south suburbs we answer a need during the six coldest months of the year. Each night two or three churches open their doors to serve a hot dinner; provide a warm, safe place to sleep, provide breakfast and send our guests off with a sack lunch. For Lloyd and me it is a small way for us to give back, in thanksgiving for all our blessings.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

My memories of CHS are of a group of good friends; striving to do well and make my parents proud; and just the beginning of finding out who I was and would become. I don't think I really blossomed until I went away to Cornell, but CHS gave me a good foundation

I had looked forward to being at the reunion. A small group of us have corresponded each Christmas since 1954. It would have been so great to really catch up in person. Unfortunately I was not clear on the dates and we committed to go to Palm Desert, CA to be with my daughter and her family. Since we don't see them that often, I'm sure you all understand the importance of the visit.

I will look forward to the post-reunion FOCUS 50 for a detailed report of the festivities, and no doubt will spend many hours pouring over the year book.



# WALTERS

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**The Years: 1950-1955**

**The Places:** Trenton State Teachers College  
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Union Jr. College

**The Events:** College (BS Education),  
College football, basketball  
and baseball

**Other Highlights:** Met and Married my wife  
of always "Joan"

**The Years: 1955-1958**

**The Places:** Quantico Va., Japan, Okinawa,  
Indian Ocean, NAD Earle, NJ

**The Events:** USMC- Active duty from Basic School  
to The Third Marine Division, to  
Marine Barracks, NAD Earle, NJ

**Other Highlights:** Sons Glenn and Graig born in Trenton, NJ and Fort Monmouth, NJ

**The Years: 1958-1960**

**The Places:** High Bridge, NJ, North Hunterdon Regional High School

**The Events:** Teaching and coaching basketball at NHRHS and getting used to civilian life

**Other Highlights:** Our third son Geoffrey was born in Flemington, NJ

**The Years: 1960-1984**

**The Places:** 3 Heathermeade Pl. Cranford, New York City, Picatinny Arsenal, Camp Lejeune NC,  
Little Creek VA, Camp Pendleton CA, Quantico VA and Coronado CA

**The Events:** New York Telephone (Sales and Commercial), AT&T (195 B' way) and USMCR  
(commands and schools; company, battalion plus, and work for a future CMC)  
Our daughter Stacey is born at Muhlenberg hospital and the kids grow up and go  
through the Cranford school system (Brookside, Orange Ave Jr. High and graduate  
from our alma mater CHS)

Cranford Boys Baseball and CHS Booster Club. The Boys play football and baseball  
and Stacey cheers for CHS. This is a memorable part of my life!

**Other Highlights:** The kids went off to college and started their own families;

Glenn (CHS 72) B.A. Lebanon Valley, M.A. Indiana of Pa., PH.D. Texas Tech,  
U.S. Army, married a college classmate Patti and they have a son Chris  
and a daughter Tara; Psychologist US Prison System

Graig (CHS 74) A.B. Union College, B.A. Lycoming; Computer Technician  
Wakefern Corp.

Geoffrey (CHS 76) B.A. Wake Forest, M.B.A. Temple, married a college  
classmate Lynn, they have two boys, Nathan and Ryan; Sr. VP Willey Bros.

Stasia (CHS 79) B.S. Humboldt State, married a college classmate Dave;  
teaches at Humboldt State in Arcata CA.

**Dick Walters**

The Years: **1984-NOW**

The Places: 19 Salters Farm Rd. Califon, NJ, Basking Ridge, NJ, NWS Earle, NJ

The Events: The Bell System is split up and every one scrambles for a job. Found a good one, one that called for travel to neat places and a long association with the Walt Disney World. Continued working until 1994 when I retired to lawn keeping, golf and tracking the growth of our grandchildren and their activities. Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at NWS Earle NJ with a parade and reception. I really enjoyed the Marine Corps, most of all my association with the Marines and sailors I served with throughout the world, during those 34 memorable years. I still try to help our Marines through volunteer work with the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation.

Other Highlights: Joan and I Finally got to go west instead of far east, visited Luxembourg, while Stasia was teaching there, also toured Germany and Paris. Saw Belleau Wood, a Marine's Mecca and George Patton's gravesite. Oldest grandson Chris is a senior at Davidson College, North Carolina Granddaughter Tara graduated from Emmaus High School in Pennsylvania last June

Grandson Nathan is in the 6th grade and is tearing up the baseball diamonds, soccer fields and basketball courts of East Greenwich RI and

Grandson Ryan is in the first grade and is the best worker in the family, he never stops, but he does require ice cream sodas and cookies!

The Memories: -My favorite teachers, those who taught me something; Mrs. Croft (4th grade), Harriet Strein, Mrs. Leslie, Patrick Cater, Ollie West., my basketball coach, Paul Selby and Olga Specht who gave me a life long puzzle; whoever recorded The Ballad of Roger Young and where can I get it?

-Winning a state basketball tournament game in our senior year against Clifford Scott when little Joe DiMarco scored on a 50 foot heave as the buzzer sounded the end of the game. We won by one point!

-Playing football on The Casino lawn on the night before Halloween against our freshman girls who were lead by that triple threat Mary Lib Coffee. When the Cops showed up and we all moved out quickly and smartly!

-The walk to school every morning and deciding who the greatest athletes of our time were, I think we changed our minds, at least 10 times between Retford Ave, Joe Richters store and the high school every day of the week. Art "Sonny" Edwards was always the final word; he was the only one who ever bought a newspaper!

-The Friday night movies and The Cranteen on Saturday night helped create a social life that really was Cranford. And I remember Mrs. Watson's dancing school where we learned to --- step together/side together and back together/ side together, upstairs in the Casino ballroom. WOW! !

# WARING SCHOTT

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## Children

Wayne - 45

Linda - 44

Glenn - 41

Neil - 39

Leigh - 33

Nine grandchildren



## Family

Our five children have done well over the years and Dick and I are quite proud of them. Our oldest son, Wayne, lives with his wife and son in Jacksonville, Florida. Our oldest daughter, Linda, lives with her husband, son and stepdaughter here in South Florida. Our middle son, Glenn, also lives with his three daughters in South Florida. Our youngest son, Neil, lives with his wife and three children in Wilmington, Massachusetts. Our youngest daughter, Leigh, lives with her husband in Derry, New Hampshire. Between them there are nine grandchildren and hopefully more to come.

## Work History

After graduation Dick worked for Centric Clutch in Cranford. Meanwhile I began working at J.P. Morgan in New York City. A year later Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army and served two years in Korea. When he returned, he got a new position with Schmultz Dairy. We moved to Westfield and I continued to work until the birth of our first child. As our family grew larger we decided to purchase a new home in Belle Mead, New Jersey. After visiting my parents in Miami, Florida we decided to sell our home in New Jersey and move to Miami. We have lived in Miami now for over forty years. Even though all our children consider Florida their home, Dick and I still consider Cranford our home. After moving to Miami, Dick and my Dad opened a Texaco service station where Dick did the mechanical work and management of the business for over 23 years. After numerous changes in the oil business Dick decided to change industries. He then worked for Kelly Tractor, a Caterpillar Equipment distributor. In time he became the manager of their Pompano Beach operations.

After working for Kelly Tractor for ten years, Dick's health took a turn for the worse. He was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and diabetes. He was ordered by his doctor's to retire. After his retirement he became interested in nutrition therapy to assist with his medical regimen. He found that nutritional therapies and his medications made a tremendous difference in his health overall! Though he has to pace his activities and watch his diet, he has felt well enough to take on a part time position as a driver for an auto repair shop in Hollywood.

I remained a housewife caring for our five children and along the way did volunteer work for Dade County Schools. In 1973 the School System offered me a full time position working for a nearby school as a behavioral paraprofessional. I worked my first two years with emotionally disturbed children and the past 27 years with autistic children. I find the work with autistic children both interesting and rewarding. I should retire within the next year.

## Activities

As for activities over the years, I have taught Sunday School in Cranford and Belle Mead in New Jersey and then here in Miami at the various Lutheran Churches we have attended. Both Dick and I were involved as Scout leaders and always enjoyed camping with the Scouts and family. Dick has also enjoyed salt-water fishing with friends and family. Since moving to Florida most of our family activities involved our boat and camper.

## Reflections

Dick and I have been blessed with 47 wonderful years of marriage, in spite of the normal ups and downs that every family experiences. As well, we have great pride in our five children and nine grandchildren and their accomplishments. We hope to both retire to our second home in Central Florida located in Lake Wales, where we spend many weekends. Our vacations will continue to be trips up north and elsewhere to visit our children and grandchildren.

# WEIDNER



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## Children

Tom - 43

Kris - 41

Karl - 37

Kate - 35

Six grandchildren

## Education

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY, 1950-1952, AAS.

## Work History

Secretary, Bell Labs, Murray Hill, NJ, 1952-1956. Secretary, Dekalb County School System, 1971-1992. Retired 1992.

## Hobbies

Traveling, reading, boating, computer, hiking.

## Favorite TV shows

*Jeopardy*, *20/20*, *Keeping Up Appearances*, *Nova*.

## Books recently read and recommended

*Cold Mountain*, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, *The Greatest Generation*, all books by Jan Karon.

## Favorite music

Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, classical.

## Community Service

Past: Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, PTA officer, Faculty Wives Clubs (Clemson Univ and Georgia Tech), various organizations within the school district where I worked, hospital volunteer---a little bit of everything except politics.

Present: Church--various committees. Community--tutor (elementary school), Book Club (chairman), Thrift Shop volunteer, and committees, committees, committees!

## Reflections on Cranford High School

A great place and a good time to be there--weren't we lucky! I appreciate more and more the excellent teachers we had--just wish I had paid a bit more attention!

## What makes life meaningful for you

The joy of living in a retirement community as part of one big happy family, the beauty of our mountain area, the delight of watching our grandchildren grow; the fun of family get-togethers, the pleasure of participating in community and church projects; the wonderful experience of traveling all over the world--all these contribute to a meaningful and wonderful life.

# WELCH



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"Bo"

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## Children

David - 42

Mindy - 40

Kathy - 37

Rob - 34

Seven grandchildren

## Education

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, 1954-1960. BS in Business.

## Military Service

U.S. Army Airborne, 1951-1954

## Work History

Burroughs Corp./Standard Register, 1960-1996, Sales, Sales Manager, Financial Account Director. New Jersey, Poughkeepsie, NY, Philadelphia, West Palm Beach, Richmond, VA. Retired in 1996.

## Hobbies

Golf, eating out, running Wednesday Golf League. Village Treasurer, Village Rep.

## Favorite TV shows

Sports: football, golf, hockey. News.

## Favorite music

Big band sounds

## Community Service

Past President of National Sales Club, 1995, Standard Register.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Too much fun and not enough work!!

## Philosophy

Having a wonderful wife, good friends and good children with great grandchildren! We also live in Timber Pines which is a wonderful community.

# WELLS

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Children  
Bernie - 1956  
Richard - 1960  
Karen - 1962  
Four grandchildren



My first job was at the Cranford Citizen and Chronicle in my junior year of high school. I stayed there during my senior year as part of the work-study program. This set the pattern for all of my future employment, where I worked in advertising, printing or graphics. I eventually became a computer typesetter and mark-up specialist for a typographic sales company in Cranford with headquarters in St. Louis. In between, I took time off to go to Germany where Bernie was stationed with the Army, and to raise three children.

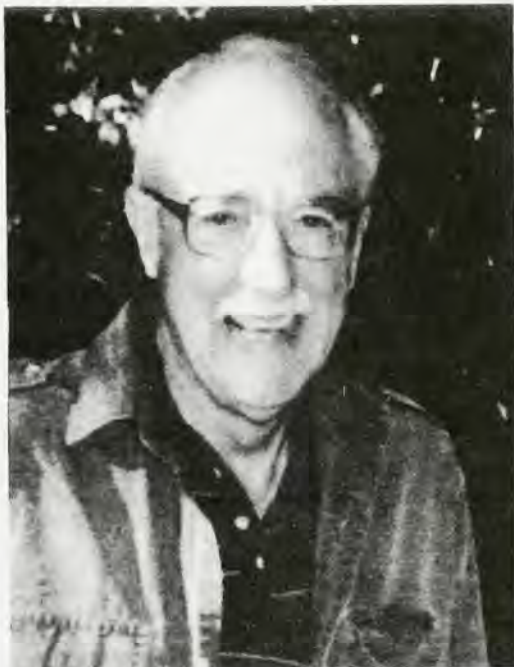
I returned to work when Karen was in school all day, and was employed until 1992, when I was diagnosed with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). I had quit smoking in 1982, but obviously not soon enough. The following year, in 1993, my lifelong partner died, and a part of me died too. I had always thought there was one thing I could never survive, and that was becoming a widow. To me that was the ultimate test in life!

Although I had always been a Christian, and was very active in church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and becoming an elder, it wasn't until later in life that I realized how much we need the Lord in our lives. Not just an untouchable, far-off God, but a personal relationship with a loving God who cares about me. He made His presence known to me in such a real way after Bernie's death, and He also made me realize that I could survive even that, with God's help. I will always feel a void in my life, but I feel joy as well. I discovered the difference between happiness and joy. Happiness depends on our circumstances, but joy is an inner peace, no matter what happens in our lives. When Christ is our anchor, the storms of life can be survived--with all the glory going to Him.

I sold our home in Cranford and bought a small condo in Scotch Plains. My two sons and their families live in Cranford, and my daughter lives in Mt. Pocono, PA. Bernie and Joy have three girls: Julie, 9, Laura, 12, and Kirsten, 15. She is a third generation Wagenblast at CHS, and is a sophomore. Richard is divorced and is a full-time single dad to his son, Kyle, 9. Karen and Joe have no children and both work for a pharmaceutical company in PA. [In the photo: back row - Laura, Kirsten; front row - Kyle, Janet, Julie]

There is not much worthwhile to watch on TV these days, but I manage to find some good shows. There is the Game Show Network with all the old shows, and Pax TV is a favorite of mine. I am not an avid reader, but do spend some time in the #1 Best Seller. I like music from the 40's and 50's, and I recently got a CD of the original recording of *Unchained Melody* by Al Hibbler.

My biggest regret was being so shy in high school. I feel I missed out on a lot because of that.



# WESSELLS

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Children

Colin Deane Wessells - b. 1985

Elizabeth Grace Wessells - b. 1988

(Mother: Catherine Briggs Wessells)

Philip Gregor Wessells, b. 1963

Stephen Matthew Wessells, b. 1961

Christopher Watson Wessells, b. 1960

(Mother: Lois Watson Wessells, Class of 1950)

Four grandchildren in 1999

## Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1950-1954, B.S.

Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1956-1960, Ph.D.

## Military Service

U. S. Naval Reserve, Mediterranean, Caribbean, 1954-1956

## Career

American Cancer Society Post-Doctoral Fellow at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California from 1960-1961.

Faculty member (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor) at Stanford University, 1962-1988. Chairman, Department of Biology, Stanford, 1971-1978. Director, Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford, 1973-1975. Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford, 1977-1980. Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford, 1980-1988. Professor Emeritus, 1988-.

American Cancer Society Senior Scholar in Cancer Research, University of Washington Medical School, 1968-1969.

John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, Cambridge University, England, 1975-1976.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Oregon, 1988-1994. Professor, University of Oregon, 1988-1999.

As a research biologist and teacher at Stanford, I was author of about one hundred research papers, including two published in *Scientific American*. I authored some twelve books, including introductory biology books used in universities, colleges, and for advances placement in high schools in some states. I retired in 1999.

# WILSON

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## Children

Garrett, 42

Gregory, 40

Robert, 36

Rebecca, 35

James, 29

Five grandchildren

My major peeve throughout high school was the lousy NJ winters—not enough ice and snow. So, after the University of Maine and 14 years with the Bell System, Penny and I finally settled in NH in 1969. I retired in 1990 after 21 years with C.R. Bard. Our four sons and our daughter are on their own, spread out around the USA. Two are married and we have 5 grandchildren.

Current activities include maintenance of our home and its 8 acres of woodland and gardens, travel (and not just to visit the kids), board and committee duties at our UCC church and on the boards of the local YMCA and the NH Brain Injury Association. Now that playing ice hockey is a thing of the past, I am doing some biking and still skiing some and trying to hit golf balls accurately—not easy taking up the sport at 65. Also, much hiking here in southern NH, up north, and out west (our oldest boy lives in Utah).

We read quite a bit. One of the best was Robert Caro's Power Broker—Robert Moses's bio. Although I read it around 15 years ago, if you want a lesson on vision and how to get things done, it's the best. Also, Truman by McCullough. I like bios. Penny and I enjoy the same music, and I'm talking Ella, Mel, Frank, Edie—the 40's and 50's.

Some family stuff. Our clan met in NYC in late '98 to witness our youngest son, Jim, receive his PhD in Microbiology from Columbia. I mention this because 1) we are proud of Jim and 2) we seldom gather as an entire group—too many, too far, plus scheduling. We do, however, manage to see them individually or in smaller groups quite frequently and enjoy the grandchildren ranging in ages from 16 down to 6. Travelwise we have concentrated on the US and Canada. My Dad was raised in Canada and there are still a few Wilson relatives up there. Additionally we have visited Ireland, Scotland, England Switzerland, Alaska, and Bermuda with quite a few trips to the Caribbean islands with a group of friends from Keene. Two weeks of bareboating in the BVT's was the highlight of one trip.

Reflections on my days at CHS are good. Mostly fun with no real problems. Spent several days not long ago with Olga Specht Leafgreen at her lovely place in Sheffield, MA. We visited Tanglewood and did some reminiscing. My mother knew many of the teachers at CHS, so obviously my behavior was of the highest quality—not marks, behavior. Ed Robinson and I stay in contact, so I know everything (almost) that goes on in Cranford.

# WOOLLEY



Donald Woolley

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After graduation from Cranford High School, I went to Ithaca College for three years working toward a degree in health and physical education. While at Ithaca, I lettered in soccer, wrestling and track.

I volunteered for the draft in 1953 and spent most of my time at Fort Carson, CO. In 1955 I got my discharge as a staff sergeant and went back to Ithaca to finish my degree.

In 1956 I landed a job in physical education at Sachem High School on Long Island, NY, which is about 60 miles east of Manhattan. I taught and coached guys and girls in many different sports but mainly soccer, wrestling and track.

I retired after 35 years and was honored to have the school district name the soccer field, "Woolley Field."

My daughters and six grandchildren still live on the Island. We lost our son in a motorcycle accident in 1986 at age 25. My wife, Kathy, and I moved to St. Augustine, FL full time in June, 1994. My favorite pastimes are golf and paddle tennis. I do a lot of recreational reading, especially Clive Cussler, James Patterson, John Sandford, and Jack Higgins.

Feeling great at 68 ! ! ! ! !

# SANGIULIANO

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12 Grandchildren

1 Great-grandchild

As of Oct. 1999



## Education

Metro State, Denver, CO, B.A.

## Military Service

U. S. A. F.

## Work History

Retired from F.A.A., now helping with our restaurant!

## Hobbies

Swimming, golf, cruising

## Favorite TV shows

Mysteries

## Books recently read and recommended

*Switcheroo* by Olivia Goldsmith

## Favorite music

Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Kenny G., Pavarotti

## Community Service

Past: President of local Optimists Club

Present: Board of Directors of local Business Association

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Graduation!

## Philosophy

Live every day like it will be your last!!



# SCHAIT

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Children

Joanne - 1967

Both of our homes are located in Retirement Communities. "Greenbriar Woodlands" is in New Jersey and "The Villages" Community is in Florida. We enjoy the lifestyle and the various activities. Also, golf courses as part of the "Woodlands" and "Villages" were a major factor when we decided to relocate, after living in Cranford until 1991. My husband is an avid golfer and it's great to be able to just get in his golf cart and be able to play a few minutes from the house.

Until December, 1999, we visited Cranford as often as possible to see our daughter, son-in-law and grandson. Toms River area is nice but we miss the small-town atmosphere and friends, churches, etc. that were so much a part of our years in Cranford.

In January, Joanne and family moved to Ann Arbor, MI for a three-year assignment that Chris has accepted with his company. We are looking forward to visiting in Michigan and touring in the area.

I worked on Wall Street, New York City, for J. P. Morgan and Co. for about seven years after graduating--finally got tired of commuting and joined the staff at Union County Trust Co. Also, spent a few years as a secretary at The First Presbyterian Church in Cranford. I've been "retired" since 1967 when our daughter, Joanne, was born.

We enjoy the productions at Paper Mill Playhouse, Cranford Dramatic Club, etc., and travelling--especially cruising. Have met a lot of interesting people through the years! Country music is very popular in our area in Florida and we attend as many shows as we can while we're there.

We have a daughter, Joanne Geschickter, son-in-law, Chris Geschickter and grandson, Ryan Geschickter. Ryan was born Nov. 8, 1998, the night of my husband's 50th Class Reunion. It was really a day of celebration.

During the years I lived in Cranford, I held various volunteer positions at the First Presbyterian Church. I was Treasurer of the Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School, Financial Secretary of the Women's Association and also served on the Board of Financial Stewards. My husband and I were Presidents of the Couples' Club for several terms.

I have many happy memories of the years at C.H.S., and am especially thankful for the good friends from those times. We still have "get-togethers"--have managed to attend all of the weddings, etc. of the group's children. It's great to have friends for over 50 years.

Looking forward to seeing all at the Reunion.

# SCHERMERHORN



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## Children

Pam  
Laura  
Janet  
Richard  
Jeffrey  
Eleven grandchildren

## Military Service

USMC - stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

## Work History

Retired--worked for County of Orange for 29 years as secretary, last five years as secretary to County Administrative Officer. Retired in May, 1994 (just six months before Orange County declared bankruptcy). Timed that right!

## Hobbies

No hobbies but still an avid reader--usually read a book a day now.

## Favorite TV shows

Not a great fan of TV but favorite shows are *NYPD*, *Law & Order*, *JAG*, *The Sopranos*, and the History Channel. Never watch soaps or sitcoms.

## Books recently read and recommended

Favorite authors--McMurtry, Clancy, Koontz, Cussler--favorite books--anything action, spy, mystery

## Community Service

Do not belong to church or civic organizations but have a keen interest in what the NOW organization is involved with--seem to get more liberal with age, not more conservative!



# SIMMONS

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Children  
Lee  
Kenny  
Kenneth  
Victoria  
Three+ grandchildren

## Family

My oldest son, Lee (wife Sally), has a daughter, Victoria. He works in Washington for *The Voice of America*. My second son, Kenny, lives in Florida with his wife, Tammy, and his two daughters, Kristin and Kara. He works for "Executive Jet" as a pilot. My third son (step-son) is Kenneth (his wife is Missy). He lives in New Jersey and works for Vitran. My only daughter, Victoria, is expecting her first child May 14 (husband Jay) and she works for US Air.

## Work History

Lucky to have lived in Cranford all my life, until graduation (oldest of five), after which worked in payroll (Singer, with my dad, time study engineer), later Secretary, office manager, employment recruiter. Moved to Warren over 38 years ago, and am still here, alone now since Ken passed away. After moving to Warren, no longer employed outside of home. My husband's company (Stamping, Inc., and a second business venture, "4 Seasons Farm") was so time-consuming, I was lucky enough to be able to stay home with the children. *But* about the age of 40, went to Real Estate School (had to laugh, thinking of my math teacher who thought I'd never understand figures), passed the test the first time, math and all. Worked part time for a few years, then decided if I had to work, real estate would be the last job I'd want.

## Community Service

Kid stuff: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Class mother, etc. Volunteer Overlook Hospital over 28 years, last 18 on Information desk. Love it! Overlook Auxiliary, Raritan Valley Hospital (until closed). Mountainside Hospital for a while, Board of Elections, just been sworn in on Senior Citizen Board (Warren), Mail box committee, and, of course, my church! Parsonage committee, Staff Parish, also Ad Council, Nominating Committee, UMW, Counter with church collection (do bank deposit; still working with math!), S. S. teacher about 35 years, 22 here at Union Village. When asked to be S. S. Superintendent, I formed S. S. Advisory Board (working great). As my kids say, "If Mom's not home, call church."

## Reunions

Our 40th Reunion was great! Brought back into my life many old friends (old in time, not in age!) See Janet Wagenblast often, so appreciate the time together. Sara Milazzo Pollera, who I bump into often, literally with the cart at Shop Rite. Bea Kushner Phelan, who crocheted my first grandchild's blanket. Joan Hanson--had a great talk about Sherman School and all the boys we had crushes on. Gloria Massa Viviers, then bumped into Ornella Vicci a few days ago after 50 years. "Friends are one of God's greatest gifts." Still get together with girls I worked with 50 years ago, and treasure each new person I meet!

### Reflections on Cranford High School

That old song: "If I had my life to live over, I'd still do the same things again!!" As I began my freshman year, life was hard for a 14-year-old. My 3-year-old brother was killed on North Avenue and my Mom had a breakdown. I became second Mom. Mom later had another baby who was born preemie, and at seven months contracted polio. I was just 17 and much was expected at home. Looking back, I did miss some fun at school. Scott now has Post Polio, a wonderful man with an "I can do anything" attitude.

Attended a program called "Laughter, The Best Medicine." They asked us quickly to think of two things that gave us pleasure. First, driving my car. Loved it since I was 17. Second, my back porch. The driving brought to mind the Class of 50's first loss, Ruth Price, who took me for my driving test. Dear Ruth, thank you.

The photo is from Vickie's wedding in June, 1999. My handsome escort is my middle son, Kenny. God bless you all.

# SKERBISCH



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Children

JoAnne

MaryAnne

Here it is fifty years since we left Cranford High School. I have had a full life and enjoyed every minute of it

I served a four year stint in the navy. After my discharge I attended Newark College of Engineering. I was married while still in the Navy to Mildred Brooks (Class of '53) and we've been married for 47 years. We have two daughters: JoAnne and MaryAnne. JoAnne is married and living in High Bridge, NJ, and MaryAnne is living in Portland, OR.

We sold our little farm in Clinton, NJ and moved to the Jersey shore. We are presently living in Brick, NJ, near the water which I love. I had a sail boat for many years but sold it after I realized I had access to my attorney's sail boat, who I taught how to sail.

I worked for New Jersey Bell for twenty-six years and left after my by-pass surgery, taking an early retirement (I had five by-passes in 1982). After my operation, I went on to a less stressful occupation. I'm still semi-active on a consulting basis.

My wife and I are both certified Scuba divers and love going to the Caribbean to vacation and dive there.

Last summer we drove across country to Oregon to visit our daughter MaryAnne. The country is just beautiful and a sight to behold, but now I know why they call it "fly over country."

We are leaving for Italy in March, 2000. Our first trip to Europe. We are really looking forward to going.

I can speak Italian fluently and we have a really great itinerary lined up. We will start in Rome and go up to Venice.

I still don't have a computer and hope I won't need one. I guess the world is going to pass me by.

I'm a staunch conservative and never thought I would see a president the likes of what we've had for the last seven years. A disgrace to our country.

I guess my good high school education and high morals have made a lasting impression on my life. I thank God for that.

Well, I'll say good-bye now and hope everyone stays well. I'll see you all in May at the reunion.



# SLOAT

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## Children

Linda Ruth Sloat Burig - 42

Laurie Ann Sloat Silverstein - 40

David John Sloat - 32

Seven grandchildren

## Family

My family, and especially my grandchildren, are a major part of my life, as I am sure yours are for you. We began our grandparenting with twin girls, Amanda and Melissa Burig, who stayed in our home for their first month or so. Today, they are 20 and completing their second year at Gannon University in Erie, PA. They are planning to become nursing specialists, following in the footsteps of their mother and grandmother. Robert John Burig is 16, Alex Silverstein is 12, Rachael Silverstein is 8, Madison Sloat is 3 and Dylan Sloat is 1. The Burigs live in town, where Linda is a nurse. The Silversteins live near Harrisburg, four hours away. Laurie is a artist/sculptor, a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. And the David Sloats live near Pittsburgh, an hour from here. David is a film major grad from NYU, and is currently working for an internet company in Pittsburgh.

## Education

I graduated from Denison University in Granville, OH in 1954 with a B.A. During my second year there, I met a fellow classmate, Helen Burdick, and by the end of the year we were planning to be married. However, she left school at the end of that year and went to Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore for three years. So I was a bachelor on campus my last two years, as well as my first year in seminary. We wrote every day for three years, when stamps cost 3¢, and still have all the letters, displayed now in notebooks. I started at Princeton Theological Seminary in the summer of 1954, studying Greek, and we were married in 1955 at the end of my first year. We lived in a hay loft over a corn crib for which we paid \$60 a month, plus \$5 to park the car in the corn crib! Helen worked in the Princeton Hospital where she nursed Einstein's sister, among other patients, and earned her PhT degree (Putting Hubby Through). I graduated in 1957 and was ordained at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ. In 1977, I earned a Th.M. degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in advanced pastoral studies with an emphasis in counseling.

## Work History

My first pastorate was near the college where Helen and I met. It was the First Presbyterian Church in Pataskala, OH, a little town of 900 with four churches. My congregation numbered about 200, and we were close to Columbus where our first daughter was born. Our second daughter was born in Newark, OH, 27 months later. After four years, I was called to Northminster Presbyterian Church in New Castle, PA where I stayed until retirement, 31 years later. I served as Moderator of Shenango Presbytery in 1970. In 1992, I took a part-time interim pastorate in New Castle, and a year later served in the same capacity in a church in Hubbard, OH. Then, in retirement, I served for three years as Minister of Visitation at the New Castle church where I had been interim. Now, I just sit in the pew on Sunday mornings and complain about the poor preaching like everyone else!

## Hobbies

Too many to enumerate! I designed a cut-and-assemble kit of my interim church in New Castle for the 100th anniversary of the building. While she was still in high school, my daughter, Laurie, and I formed a company which designed, packaged and distributed needlepoint and latchhook kits of denominational logos. We sold kits to churches and individuals in 42 states. I rebuilt a 1942 Chevrolet fastback sedan. I bought a 14' boat and taught the kids to waterski. We rented motorhomes when the kids were small and took long trips. One week, we spent Wednesday in Carowinds Theme Park in North/South Carolina, Friday in Six Flags Over Georgia, and began a

week at Disney World on Sunday! We've been to Scotland (the Mother of Presbyterians) twice and England once. I also spend lot of time on work for the Class of '50, especially on *FOCUS 50*. I love that work and am very grateful for the support and interest which the class has shown over the years. I took up the french horn again after a hiatus of 35 years. I am taking lessons and playing in four different groups. I have taught 9 or 10 neighbors and friends, mostly kids, the play the piano. And a friend and I are hosting a website on Spirituality. You can visit it at [www.spiritualbridge.com](http://www.spiritualbridge.com). The presbytery, however, doesn't like it, and it may result in getting me defrocked! A heretic at my age! Who'd have thought?

#### Favorite TV shows

I love British comedies: *Keeping Up Appearances*, *Rumpole of the Bailey*, *The Vicar of Dibley*, *Fawlty Towers* etc. Also Discovery, A&E, PBS, Disney stuff. I have every major video which Disney has produced (for the grandkids, of course!) And I love anything that stars the Olsen twins. (I have a thing about twins!)

#### Books recently read and recommended

I do a lot of reading, but mostly in connection with the Spirituality classes I teach. I am running several groups at present, and we have studied all forms of spiritual experience. *Conversations With God* by Walsch is of major importance, although, when it first came out, *Life After Life* by Moody had a profound effect on me.

#### Community Service

I'm currently board chairman of a Presbyterian Community Center which six churches set up in a former school building.

#### Reflections on Cranford High School

I have college, seminary and grad school classmates, but the only group I keep in touch with is you guys. Those years in Cranford had a powerful influence on who I am, and I treasure my memories of the things we did together. I think our high school years were happier than many kids experience today, and I'm grateful to all of you for staying in touch. But how can our graduation have been *fifty years ago*!)



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Scott - 43

Sandra - 40

Steven - 39

Shelly - 35

Six grandchildren: Jacqueline, 15;  
Meredith, 12; Olivia, 9; Ryan Eliz., 8;  
Jiltian, 6; Sean, 1-1/2

## Military Service

U. S. Navy

## Work History

Thirty-seven years with Boyle Midway, Cranford. Retired 1-91.

## Hobbies

Computer, Stock Market, Golf

## Favorite TV shows

Stock Channel, History Channel

## Books recently read and recommended

You've Earned It, Don't Lose it, Courage To Be Rich (Suze Orman); Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, It's All Small Stuff; Guide to the Market, any stock market books

## Favorite Music

Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Michael Bolton

# SPALDING



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## Children

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Husband: Casey

Caitlin (16), Sean (13), Ryan (11) and

Casey (7)

Carol Louise Gillespie

Divorced

Rebecca (9) and Erin (7)

Donald Lerda Spalding

Wife: Marta

Kirsten (7) and Kelsey (5)

I attended Duke University from 1950 to 1954 where I earned an AB in Psychology. Took my graduate work at Northwestern University. Received a MSHA in healthcare administration, 1958 to 1960. During the years between school I spent two years in the Army where I spent time both in the states and Korea. I also managed to get married and start a family.

Real work began in 1960. From 1960 to 1963 I was an administrative resident and then administrative assistant at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, Belleville, New Jersey. From 1963 to 1968 I served as assistant administrator at Memorial Hospital, Roxborough, Philadelphia, PA. From 1968 to 1996, I served as President and CEO of the Sewickley Valley Hospital and then in November 1996 became Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Valley Health System which was the consolidation of the Sewickley Valley Hospital and the Medical Center, Beaver County. I retired from that position on December 31, 1998. Have not done much in the past four months other than vacation in Florida and try to learn the intricacies of the computer.

Hobbies consist of golf, tennis, lawn care and reading. Also, I plan to get back to fishing, a sport I used to enjoy but have not done in years.

We are very fortunate in that all the kids live in Sewickley and so we have at least one grandchild in the house most of the time. I don't have a favorite TV show but I do read a lot of books. I suggest the author Cormac McCarthy. Among others he wrote, "All The Pretty Horses", "The Crossing", and "Cities of the Plain". He writes somewhat like William Faulkner, but not quite so difficult.

Over the years I have served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church, on the board of the Sewickley Academy, and am currently on the zoning hearing board of the Edgeworth Borough. In my profession, I have served on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, chair in 1987. Also served on the Board of Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania and for the past ten years have served as a director of the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Company (PHICO), a malpractice company licensed in all fifty states.

As I look back on my days at Cranford High, I remember it as a good experience. My classmates were fine and I have managed to keep in touch with some of them. *FOCUS 50* has helped to keep the class together. Since I was not a good student, I try to forget that aspect of school, but I do remember the golf team and my feeble attempts to play hockey.

# STARR



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Children

Douglas - 1962  
Jennifer - 1965  
Two grandchildren

After four years at Cornell University and a summer of study and travel in England and elsewhere, I settled in New York City for the next 40 years. (The quick bio version!) I was an advertising copywriter with J. Walter Thompson for 10 years. Initially I shared apartments with Addie Hall, Joanne Getz and Marilyn Hetzke (and many others.)

I married Patrick in 1960, had Douglas Spencer in '62 and Jennifer in '65. We spent almost every weekend at our 1840 farmhouse in Bridgewater, CT. I eventually left work to cope with school and travel schedules. Subsequently, after a divorce and as the children grew more self-sufficient, I took a job as research librarian with a shipbroking firm where I remained for 18 years writing newsletters, editing books, and running our in-house desktop publishing operation.

In 1992 I bought a house on Cape Cod. By then both children appeared to be settling in permanently in the Boston area and it worked well as a weekend retreat for us all. After three years of commuting every weekend from Manhattan (5 hours each way!), I decided to take early retirement. I had thought to find some part-time employment on the Cape, but I found myself thoroughly enjoying my leisure time. I joined a couple of clubs and I do volunteer teaching through the CC Literacy Council--English as a second language, mainly to adults from Brazil and the Far East. I also enjoy group nature walks.

Both children had daughters in the summer of '98. They live just five miles from each other in the Boston suburbs, so I can visit and babysit almost every weekend. Free room also for my regular visits to Boston Symphony rehearsals (same shows, 1/3 the price.) Otherwise, recent travel has been limited. I did a house swap with a family from Normandy two years ago and it was marvelous. Both children and spouses were able to join me and we traveled extensively. Now, what with babies and graduate school and demanding jobs, it may not happen again soon.

My mother finally moved to Meadow Lakes in Hightstown (she'll be 97 in April) and I get down every other month or so. Occasionally I take her up to Cranford for appointments and visits and, unhappily, a memorial service and burial for my kid brother, John, last July. As to the future, I would like to get in some more travel--walking tours of Great Britain are high on my list of want-to-dos, but I better get going before my legs tell me no! I am truly content reading the day away with periodic interruptions for a swim. (I'm on a pond.) It's a lovely, stress-free life which I hope to enjoy for another 30 plus years, so here's to the 75th reunion.

# TANZER

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Son

David L. Tanzer - 44



## Military Service

Completed six years of service, honorably discharged in May, 1956

## Work History

Joined Cranford Fire Dept. as a paid member in 1957. Was supervisory in-house mechanic. Retired from dept. after 30 years service in Feb. 1987.

## Hobbies

Avid radio controlled model airplane builder and designer. The planes have wing spans in excess of 8 feet. I am also paid for articles published in leading model plane magazines.

## Favorite TV shows

History Channel, Discovery - Speedvision

## Books recently read and recommended

Any and all with reference to World War II aircraft

## Favorite music

Really enjoy all music

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Had a great time at old C.H.S. Appreciated it even more after I entered the "real world."

## Remarks

I still live at 166 No. Lehigh Ave. I've been here sixty-one years and will remain here until I die or hit the lottery! Beanie Guertin Tanzer and I have been married since Jan. 9, 1954. Forty-six wonderful years!

Our son David, who went through the Cranford school system, is a 1974 graduate of Cranford High School. He is employed by the Twp. Of Cranford as a certified tree trimmer. He has also made Cranford his home, with his wife Elizabeth.

Since I retired from the fire service, I have been designing and building giant radio controlled model air craft. I have written many construction and "how to" articles for all the major model aircraft magazines.

My wife and I are still in good health, fortunately. We like to travel. We have driven across the country to the west coast, visited the Grand Canyon, and stopped in Las Vegas. We have been on a trip to the Bahamas and were fortunate enough to take a trip of a lifetime, for us, to Ireland. We also like to visit Atlantic City in NJ.

My super healthy mother-in-law, eighty-eight year old Gladys Guertin, lives with us and is a good companion for Beanie when I am away flying and demonstrating my aircraft. There isn't enough room to relate everything we did in the past 50 years, so I'll end now and see everyone at the Great 50th Reunion.

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# TEN EYCK

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Education - Attended Drake College; Graduated and received a diploma in Floral Design from Everetts School of Floral Design.

Marriage - Married 35 years; at Hope Presbyterian Chapel in Lakewood, NJ on December 5, 1964; weekend in Atlantic City. We live in a two-bedroom cottage close to the ocean and have been fixing it up and did some remodeling on it. The home is 73 years old. Now we get pros to do the work. We have nice neighbors. This covers 50 years of my life, I was never in the 25th yearbook. Best of luck to all. Sorry I will not be able to come to the reunion, I don't drive, and Jim cannot drive long distances because of knee pains from driving.

Work History - Statistical Typist, Cost Accounting, Advertising Department, Lakewood Daily Times Proofreader and Social Columnist. I was secretary for the Lakewood Civic Symphony. Heddy Mahler (Musical Conductors' daughter) and I were members of the Lakewood Civic Symphony Group. Met Jan Pierce, the opera singer from the Met, at a reception for him, and saw Mimi Benzell at Georgian Court College where she gave a concert. I met our second family 36 years ago, the Silvers, owners of the Lakewood School of Dance and Theater Arts, when my parents and grandmother and I moved to Lakewood in 1963, where my brother's family had moved before us. Jim and I worked in Newberry Store in Millville, NJ. He was manager and I was cashier. We had our own locksmithing business for 12 years.

Retired - I retired in 1994 to take care of my husband after his first knee replacement operation. Since then he has had his second knee replacement, and lots of therapy. Thank God the therapy is over, more than two years of it.

Hobbies - Floral design, basket designs, crafts, photography, flower gardening, feeding birds and squirrels. Doing Word Wise puzzles, collecting classic and new VHS's and music cassettes. Walking and sitting at the Point Pleasant boardwalk, where old timers can exercise and relax. Fun shopping, watching game shows on TV, mysteries, westerns, and Hallmark shows, comedies and baseball and football games. Years ago we fed a stray cat at our front door. One evening we had a delightful visitor. The cat was eating and an opossum joined him. And of course I didn't have film in my camera! Jim and I were given two kittens two-and-one-half weeks old which we fed with an eye dropper. An Angora, white longhaired with gold eyes we called Cotton, and an Abyssinian, black and white, which we named Patches. Cotton lived five years and our sweet, gentle Patches lived 18 years and three months.

Reading - I enjoy reading *The Cat Who* books, *Murder She Wrote* mysteries, and *The Readers' Digest*. Jim reads mysteries and westerns, and *The Readers' Digest*.

Music - I enjoy playing my Lowery Organ. Ray Boughler was my teacher. I play all kinds of music.

Old Times - I remember the old times at Cranford with Barbara Bird, Joan Karaffa, Ornella Vicci, Phyllis Fulton, Ruth Mandoni. We had some great times. Barbara Bird called me last time she was up here and we talked for an hour. Had lunch with Joan Hanson several times.

For my Graduation Present - I spent four weeks in Northeast, Pennsylvania with my brother Howy (Class of 1944) and sister-in-law Jess. I picked 837 lbs. of cherries, got to tour Welch's plant with our neighbor's daughter

My dad was president of the Welch's plant in Erie, PA.) Jess, Howy and I went to Presque Isle and toured Commodore Perry's ship, the *Niagara*. I did a lot of traveling before I was married. Washington, DC two times, the Capitol, White House, Smithsonian Museum, Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, VA, the Poconos, West Point, NY, a 3-hour boat cruise through the Everglades to Port Everglades, FL, stopped at Indian Village in the Glades to watch an Indian wrestling alligators. My girlfriend (former co-worker) who lived in Florida went with my parents and grandmother and me to the Parrot Jungle. During the show, my friend and I were kissed by the trainer's cockatoo. I had my photo taken with four macaws on my shoulders and one on my head. They weigh 5 lbs. each. We also went to Vizcaya (the Deering Estate) with its beautiful gardens and stone boat dock. Visited the First Safari Park in the US (Africa U.S.A.) in Florida. They drove us around in an open truck past wild jungle animals. It was exciting. We rented a home at Pompano Beach. On the way back, we stopped at Cypress Gardens. On one of my aunt's visits from Germany we toured Howe Caverns, the Corning Glass Works, Finger Lakes, Niagara Falls, stayed in Canada and photographed the Horseshoe Falls.

1957 - May 1st - Mom and I went to Germany to visit my aunt and uncle and their son and his wife. We traveled by ocean liner, the S.S. *America*. We saw Cobb, Ireland, a lovely island with little cottages and green land, Southampton, and docked at Bremerhaven, Germany after being checked out by customs. I spoke German to them and they thought I was from Germany. We left with my aunt and uncle by Volkswagen for Frankfurt A/Main at 3 a.m. We saw my cousin who I hadn't seen since 1937, and met his wife. We toured Heidelberg the Castle, the town, picnicked by the Rhine River, drove through the Black Forest, and went through the clock shops. We saw the beginning of the Danube River in Germany, Bludenz, Austria, Lake Como, Milan, Lugano, Italy, St. Moritz and Zurich, Switzerland, Gotthard and Bernardino Passes. Spent the day on the mountain at a restaurant near the Susten Stein (Ice Glacier) writing postcards. We visited Bad Bauheim and Bad Soden spas. My aunt and uncle owned a movie theater so I got to visit a movie premier. I watched Victor Mature speaking German in the movie. In May of 1999 my niece's family visited all of us. We had never seen my nephew, their son. They live in Peachtree City, GA.

In July we returned home via train to Paris, and spent the day there. Visited the Eiffel Tower, Church of Madeline, Arch of Triumph, the gold domed Napoleon's Tomb, saw his brown marble casket. We took the night train to Le Havre, France to get the S.S. *United States*. We saw Rossano Brazzi and Dennis O'Keefe on board ship. Jim and I went with the family to my aunt's home in Harwichport, MA. Her home was formerly President Taft's home. Cape Ann, visited cousin Artist Doris Ten Eyck Grassos' Art Gallery, stopped at Gloucester and Rockport, MA. We drove to Portsmouth, NH and visited my former ballroom dance teachers (former Harvest Ballroom Dance Champions) who taught classes at the YMCA in NJ. Then we drove to Orchard Beach, ME, and also went to Mystic, CT. We love the Henry Morgan and the houses and museum there. Our whole family drive to Kiesler Air Force Base for my brother's daughter's wedding at the base. She was a nurse there. We toured Jefferson Davis's home and the town of Montgomery, AL.

On our 13-day honeymoon cruise, Jim and I went on the *Homeric* to Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Martinique, Curacao and Jamaica. Learned a little Italian at a class on board. Spent our 25th anniversary in Atlantic City, saw a show, gambled and toured the casinos. We are sponsors of the Dance for Diabetes for Juveniles, which our friend holds in Lakewood over year. We donate to local charities, food drives, clothing drives, recycling, also support animal shelters and environmental groups.

October 1999 - We spent eight days at Virginia Beach, VA, toured the Coast Guard Station, visited the two Fort Henry lighthouses and the Waterfowl Museum. Revisited Williamsburg, Norfolk Botanical Gardens and the Virginia Marine Science Museum and their I-Max. Saw the Norfolk Naval Base, with subs, a battleship and the new rescue ships used in the recovery of the plane crash victims in NY.

December 1999 - Jess and my brother Howard (Cranford High Class of 1944) drove us to Bethlehem, PA to see the lights and the decorations. The Moravian part of town is decorated with white lights and the outskirts are decorated with colored lights. We listened to Christmas songs played by an organist and sung by a soprano soloist. Took the trolley tour and the night light bus tour, saw the Christmas Putz Program--a light show about the birth of Christ with figurines, lights and music, narrated by townspeople.

January 2000 - Our first snow storm, so I thought I would write. I enjoy reading the *FOCUS 50* newsletter. I would have liked to have seen all of you and spoken with you all. Good luck with the reunion.

# TUNNER

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## Children

Joe, Jr. - 35  
Tim & Tom - 32  
No grandchildren



## Family

Our sons are spread from coast to coast. One lives with his wife just north of San Diego, where he is a biochemical engineer for a pharmaceutical company. Another is working on a doctorate in social work at Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia. The third lives in Breckenridge, Colorado, where he does a lot of skiing and mountaineering, and also is a CPA.

## Education

After graduating from CHS, I enrolled at Lafayette College in Easton. These were four good years. I pretty much paid my way by working as a waiter, dishwasher and houseboy in the Faculty Club. The new environment gave me a chance to reach in new directions, and I became quite active in campus activities—a real change from CHS. I earned a BS in Administrative Engineering in 1954. In 1963, I also completed an MS degree in Industrial Statistics at the University of Rochester.

## Military Service

In 1954 I went to work for Kodak in Rochester, NY as an industrial engineer. But I was soon called into the army, as I had been deferred from military service while in college through ROTC. I spent the next two years (1955-57) as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, and most of that time I was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. My platoon's main job was building roads and bridges through military lands in the Oahu jungles, but I did manage to spend a few weekends at Waikiki.

## Work History

On returning to Kodak, I shared a house with three other engineers that I worked with. However, I soon became captivated by a next door neighbor who dropped by seeking help with math studies. Fortunately, I am still entranced by the same girl. We were married in 1960 and now have three grown sons. While in Rochester, I went back to school in the evenings to study statistics, and eventually got a master's degree. My work at Kodak evolved into quality engineering and later into quality management.

In 1971, Kodak moved us to Colorado to help start up a new manufacturing plant. This gave us a chance to enjoy somewhat better skiing than found in the east, plus lots of other good outdoors activity. I became increasingly involved in the American Society for Quality and chaired the editorial review board of one of their technical magazines for several years.

In 1986 I retired from Kodak and began doing consulting work in quality improvement and statistical methods. I've developed and taught many courses in that field, and have had one book published. I've started work on a second, but it is rather slow going.

### Hobbies

Hiking, skiing, reading.

### Favorite TV shows

Denver Bronco football, PBS shows. (occasional Masterpiece Theater, Mystery).

### Books recently read and recommended

*Stealing Jesus*, by Bruce Bower. *For Common Things*, by Jedediah Purdy. *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, by Bishop Spong.

### Favorite music

Mostly classical, but almost anything except hard rock & heavy metal.

### Community Service

My wife Carol got very interested in historic preservation, and now is a preservation planner for the city of Fort Collins. She spearheaded the restoration of an historic trolley line and has been responsible for saving many of the buildings in the "old town" area. She's a lot better known in town than I am.

Presbyterian Church: elder, and lately I've gotten involved in Presbytery work (member of Presbytery Council) and am finding this an interesting challenge. American Society for Quality: fellow, chair of several committees and task groups. Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity: past board member.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

Overall a very positive adventure. Many excellent teachers. Remember especially Mr. West, Miss Mathews, Mr. Terregino, Mr. Loveland, Mrs. Selby, but lots of others too.

### Philosophy

My life and my thinking are both works in progress.

I'm a republican but have seldom voted for a major republican candidate in recent years.

I'm a Christian, but am dismayed by much of what is reported as "the views of Christians."

I try to make a difference, not always successfully, but once in a while I do.

# VETTEL



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Children

David

Laura

Rob

Six+ grandchildren

## Family

Our lives are very full. We have three great kids--David, Laura, and Rob; two terrific daughters-in-law; a wonderful son-in-law; and 6 super grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven, and another one on the way [due date Easter Sunday].

## Education

I graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, with BS in Psychology and Education, having attended from fall 1950 'til June, 1954. Lloyd and I met there. He has a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering and was also commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army at the time of his graduation in 1953. Lloyd went off to fulfill his military commitment while I finished my final year at Cornell. We were married Sept. 4, 1954 in Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford.

## Military Service

Our first year of marriage was spent at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, MD. There I worked at the Child Care Center.

## Work History

When Lloyd was discharged from active duty in June 1955, we moved to Park Forest, IL and he began a 39 year career with Standard Oil of Indiana. I took a job teaching nursery school in Park Forest. There were thousands of children in our new town, which had been a prairie before 1948. Perhaps you have read *THE ORGANIZATION MAN* by William H. Whyte. He has a lot to say about Park Forest. I taught for a year and then became a fulltime mom when our first child was born in 1956.

In 1964 when our youngest was three, I was asked by the YWCA to develop a pre-school program for youngsters while their moms were in classes. I did this for a couple of years, taking Rob with me. In 1968, when he went into second grade, I started teaching at the Park Forest Co-operative Nursery School. In 1970, besides teaching my four-year-old class, I became Director of the school. My class was three afternoons a week so I had time for all the administrative duties and continued doing that until June, 1994. Lloyd had retired a year and a half before, and seemed to be having so much fun that I was lured away, and have never regretted my decision.

## Community Service

Both of us are very involved in our church, Church of the Holy Family, Anglican-Episcopal. I sing in the choir and have served on the Vestry, Search committee for a new Rector, and Stewardship committee. We also volunteer for PADS [Public Action to Deliver Shelter]. It is a band-aid solution to a nationwide problem of homelessness. But here in the south suburbs we answer a need during the six coldest months of the year. Each night two or three churches open their doors to serve a hot dinner, provide a warm, safe place to sleep, provide breakfast and send our guests off with a sack lunch. For Lloyd and me it is a small way for us to give back, in thanksgiving for all our blessings.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

My memories of CHS are of a group of good friends; striving to do well and make my parents proud; and just the beginning of finding out who I was and would become. I don't think I really blossomed until I went away to Cornell, but CHS gave me a good foundation.

I had looked forward to being at the reunion. A small group of us have corresponded each Christmas since 1954. It would have been so great to really catch up in person. Unfortunately I was not clear on the dates and we committed to go to Palm Desert, CA to be with my daughter and her family. Since we don't see them that often, I'm sure you all understand the importance of the visit.

I will look forward to the post-reunion FOCUS 50 for a detailed report of the festivities, and no doubt will spend many hours pouring over the year book.



# WALTERS

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**The Years: 1950-1955**

**The Places:** Trenton State Teachers College  
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Union Jr. College

**The Events:** College (BS Education),  
College football, basketball  
and baseball

**Other Highlights:** Met and Married my wife  
of always "Joan"

**The Years: 1955-1958**

**The Places:** Quantico Va., Japan, Okinawa,  
Indian Ocean, NAD Earle, NJ

**The Events:** USMC- Active duty from Basic School  
to The Third Marine Division, to  
Marine Barracks, NAD Earle, NJ

**Other Highlights:** Sons Glenn and Graig born in Trenton, NJ and Fort Monmouth, NJ

**The Years: 1958-1960**

**The Places:** High Bridge, NJ, North Hunterdon Regional High School

**The Events:** Teaching and coaching basketball at MHRHS and getting used to civilian life

**Other Highlights:** Our third son Geoffrey was born in Flemington, NJ

**The Years: 1960-1984**

**The Places:** 3 Heathermeade Pl. Cranford, New York City, Picatinny Arsenal, Camp Lejeune NC,  
Little Creek VA, Camp Pendleton CA, Quantico VA and Coronado CA

**The Events:** New York Telephone (Sales and Commercial), AT&T (195 B' way) and USMCR  
(commands and schools; company, battalion plus, and work for a future CMC)  
Our daughter Stacey is born at Muhlenberg hospital and the kids grow up and go  
through the Cranford school system (Brookside, Orange Ave Jr. High and graduate  
from our alma mater CHS)

Cranford Boys Baseball and CHS Booster Club. The Boys play football and baseball  
and Stacey cheers for CHS. This is a memorable part of my life!

**Other Highlights:** The kids went off to college and started their own families;

Glenn (CHS 72) B.A. Lebanon Valley, M.A. Indiana of Pa., PH.D. Texas Tech,  
U.S. Army, married a college classmate Patti and they have a son Chris  
and a daughter Tara; Psychologist US Prison System

Graig (CHS 74) A.B. Union College, B.A. Lycoming; Computer Technician  
Wakefern Corp.

Geoffrey (CHS 76) B.A. Wake Forest, M.B.A. Temple, married a college  
classmate Lynn, they have two boys, Nathan and Ryan; Sr. VP Willey Bros.

Stasia (CHS 79) B.S. Humboldt State, married a college classmate Dave;  
teaches at Humboldt State in Arcata CA.

## Dick Walters

The Years: **1984-NOW**

The Places: 19 Salters Farm Rd. Califon,NJ, Basking Ridge, NJ, NWS Earle, NJ

The Events: The Bell System is split up and every one scrambles for a job. Found a good one, one that called for travel to neat places and a long association with the Walt Disney World. Continued working until 1994 when I retired to lawn keeping, golf and tracking the growth of our grandchildren and their activities. Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at NWS Earle NJ with a parade and reception. I really enjoyed the Marine Corps, most of all my association with the Marines and sailors I served with throughout the world, during those 34 memorable years. I still try to help our Marines through volunteer work with the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation.

Other Highlights: Joan and I Finally got to go west instead of far east, visited Luxembourg, while Stasia was teaching there, also toured Germany and Paris . Saw Belleau Wood, a Marine's Mecca and George Patton's gravesite. Oldest grandson Chris is a senior at Davidson College, North Carolina Granddaughter Tara graduated from Emmaus High School in Pennsylvania last June

Grandson Nathan is in the 6th grade and is tearing up the baseball diamonds, soccer fields and basketball courts of East Greenwich RI and

Grandson Ryan is in the first grade and is the best worker in the family, he never stops, but he does require ice cream sodas and cookies!

The Memories: -My favorite teachers , those who taught me something; Mrs. Croft (4th grade), Harriet Strein,Mrs. Leslie, Patrick Cater, Ollie West,, my basketball coach, Paul Selby and Olga Specht who gave me a life long puzzle; whoever recorded The Ballad of Roger Young and where can I get it ?

-Winning a state basketball tournament game in our senior year against Clifford Scott when little Joe DiMarco scored on a 50 foot heave as the buzzer sounded the end of the game. We won by one point !

-Playing football on The Casino lawn on the night before Halloween against our freshman girls who were lead by that triple threat Mary Lib Coffee. When the Cops showed up and we all moved out quickly and smartly!

-The walk to school every morning and deciding who the greatest athletes of our time were. I think we changed our minds, at least 10 times between Retford Ave ,Joe Richters store and the high school every day of the week. Art "Sonny" Edwards was always the final word; he was the only one who ever bought a newspaper !

-The Friday night movies and The Cranleen on Saturday night helped create a social life that really was Cranford. And I remember Mrs. Watson's dancing school where we learned to ---- step together/side together and back together/ side together, upstairs in the Casino ballroom, WOW! !

# WARING SCHOTT

Richard Lee Waring  
Carol Ann Schott Waring

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## Children

Wayne - 45  
Linda - 44  
Glenn - 41  
Neil - 39  
Leigh - 33  
Nine grandchildren



## Family

Our five children have done well over the years and Dick and I are quite proud of them. Our oldest son, Wayne, lives with his wife and son in Jacksonville, Florida. Our oldest daughter, Linda, lives with her husband, son and stepdaughter here in South Florida. Our middle son, Glenn, also lives with his three daughters in South Florida. Our youngest son, Neil, lives with his wife and three children in Wilmington, Massachusetts. Our youngest daughter, Leigh, lives with her husband in Derry, New Hampshire. Between them there are nine grandchildren and hopefully more to come.

## Work History

After graduation Dick worked for Centric Clutch in Cranford. Meanwhile I began working at J.P. Morgan in New York City. A year later Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army and served two years in Korea. When he returned, he got a new position with Schmultz Dairy. We moved to Westfield and I continued to work until the birth of our first child. As our family grew larger we decided to purchase a new home in Belle Mead, New Jersey. After visiting my parents in Miami, Florida we decided to sell our home in New Jersey and move to Miami. We have lived in Miami now for over forty years. Even though all our children consider Florida their home, Dick and I still consider Cranford our home. After moving to Miami, Dick and my Dad opened a Texaco service station where Dick did the mechanical work and management of the business for over 23 years. After numerous changes in the oil business Dick decided to change industries. He then worked for Kelly Tractor, a Caterpillar Equipment distributor. In time he became the manager of their Pompano Beach operations.

After working for Kelly Tractor for ten years, Dick's health took a turn for the worse. He was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and diabetes. He was ordered by his doctor's to retire. After his retirement he became interested in nutrition therapy to assist with his medical regimen. He found that nutritional therapies and his medications made a tremendous difference in his health overall. Though he has to pace his activities and watch his diet, he has felt well enough to take on a part time position as a driver for an auto repair shop in Hollywood.

I remained a housewife caring for our five children and along the way did volunteer work for Dade County Schools. In 1973 the School System offered me a full time position working for a nearby school as a behavioral paraprofessional. I worked my first two years with emotionally disturbed children and the past 27 years with autistic children. I find the work with autistic children both interesting and rewarding. I should retire within the next year.

## Activities

As for family activities over the years, I have taught Sunday School in Cranford and Belle Mead in New Jersey and then here in Miami at the various Lutheran Churches we have attended. Both Dick and I were involved as Scout leaders and always enjoyed camping with the Scouts and family. Dick has also enjoyed salt-water fishing with friends and family. Since moving to Florida most of our family activities involved our boat and camper.

### Reflections

Dick and I have been blessed with 47 wonderful years of marriage, in spite of the normal ups and downs that every family experiences. As well, we have great pride in our five children and nine grandchildren and their accomplishments. We hope to both retire to our second home in Central Florida located in Lake Wales, where we spend many weekends. Our vacations will continue to be trips up north and elsewhere to visit our children and grandchildren.

# WEIDNER



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## Children

Tom - 43

Kris - 41

Karl - 37

Kate - 35

Six grandchildren

## Education

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY, 1950-1952, AAS.

## Work History

Secretary, Bell Labs, Murray Hill, NJ, 1952-1956. Secretary, Dekalb County School System, 1971-1992. Retired 1992.

## Hobbies

Traveling, reading, boating, computer, hiking.

## Favorite TV shows

*Jeopardy*, *20/20*, *Keeping Up Appearances*, *Nova*.

## Books recently read and recommended

*Cold Mountain*, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, *The Greatest Generation*, all books by Jan Karon.

## Favorite music

Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, classical.

## Community Service

Past: Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, PTA officer, Faculty Wives Clubs (Clemson Univ. and Georgia Tech), various organizations within the school district where I worked, hospital volunteer---a little bit of everything except politics.

Present: Church--various committees. Community--tutor (elementary school), Book Club (chairman), Thrift Shop volunteer, and committees, committees, committees!

## Reflections on Cranford High School

A great place and a good time to be there--weren't we lucky! I appreciate more and more the excellent teachers we had--just wish I had paid a bit more attention!

## What makes life meaningful for you

The joy of living in a retirement community as part of one big happy family; the beauty of our mountain area; the delight of watching our grandchildren grow; the fun of family get-togethers; the pleasure of participating in community and church projects; the wonderful experience of traveling all over the world--all these contribute to a meaningful and wonderful life.

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Children

Scott - 43

Linda - 40

Michelle - 37

Ann - 33

Seven grandchildren

Education

Washington School for Secretaries, Newark, NJ. Graduated 1952.

Work History

Secretary to the Principal, Lambertville, MI (Bedford Schools). Retired.

Reflections on Cranford High School

Can't believe it has been 50 years!

# WELCH



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"Bo"

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## Children

David - 42

Mindy - 40

Kathy - 37

Rob - 34

Seven grandchildren

## Education

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, 1954-1960. BS in Business

## Military Service

U.S. Army Airborne, 1951-1954.

## Work History

Burroughs Corp./Standard Register, 1960-1996, Sales, Sales Manager, Financial Account Director, New Jersey, Poughkeepsie, NY, Philadelphia, West Palm Beach, Richmond, VA. Retired in 1996.

## Hobbies

Golf, eating out, running Wednesday Golf League. Village Treasurer, Village Rep.

## Favorite TV shows

Sports: football, golf, hockey. News

## Favorite music

Big band sounds.

## Community Service

Past President of National Sales Club, 1995, Standard Register.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

Too much fun and not enough work!!

## Philosophy

Having a wonderful wife, good friends and good children with great grandchildren! We also live in Timber Pines which is a wonderful community.

# WELLS

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Children  
Bernie - 1956  
Richard - 1960  
Karen - 1962  
Four grandchildren



My first job was at the Cranford Citizen and Chronicle in my junior year of high school. I stayed there during my senior year as part of the work-study program. This set the pattern for all of my future employment, where I worked in advertising, printing or graphics. I eventually became a computer typesetter and mark-up specialist for a typographic sales company in Cranford with headquarters in St. Louis. In between, I took time off to go to Germany where Bernie was stationed with the Army, and to raise three children.

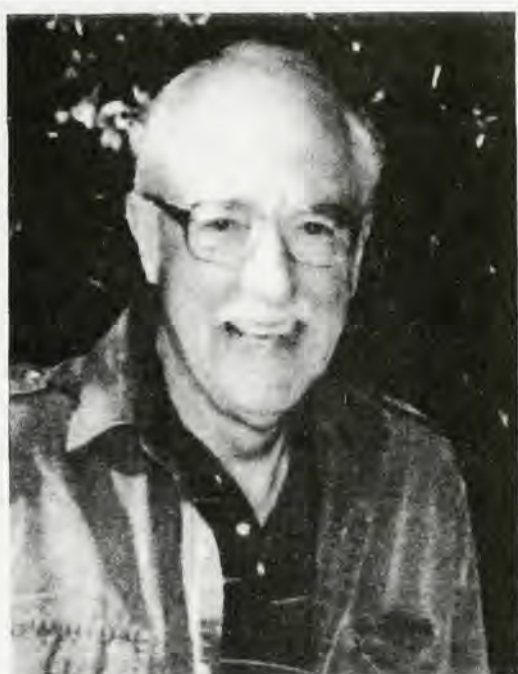
I returned to work when Karen was in school all day, and was employed until 1992, when I was diagnosed with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). I had quit smoking in 1982, but obviously not soon enough. The following year, in 1993, my lifelong partner died, and a part of me died too. I had always thought there was one thing I could never survive, and that was becoming a widow. To me that was the ultimate test in life!

Although I had always been a Christian, and was very active in church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and becoming an elder, it wasn't until later in life that I realized how much we need the Lord in our lives. Not just an untouchable, far-off God, but a personal relationship with a loving God who cares about me. He made His presence known to me in such a real way after Bernie's death, and He also made me realize that I could survive even that, with God's help. I will always feel a void in my life, but I feel joy as well. I discovered the difference between happiness and joy. Happiness depends on our circumstances, but joy is an inner peace, no matter what happens in our lives. When Christ is our anchor, the storms of life can be survived--with all the glory going to Him.

I sold our home in Cranford and bought a small condo in Scotch Plains. My two sons and their families live in Cranford, and my daughter lives in Mt. Pocono, PA. Bernie and Joy have three girls: Julie, 9; Laura, 12; and Kirsten, 15. She is a third generation Wagenblast at CHS, and is a sophomore. Richard is divorced and is a full-time single dad to his son, Kyle, 9. Karen and Joe have no children and both work for a pharmaceutical company in PA. [In the photo: back row - Laura, Kirsten; front row - Kyle, Janet, Julie]

There is not much worthwhile to watch on TV these days, but I manage to find some good shows. There is the Game Show Network with all the old shows, and Pax TV is a favorite of mine. I am not an avid reader, but do spend some time in the #1 Best Seller. I like music from the 40's and 50's, and I recently got a CD of the original recording of *Unchained Melody* by Al Hibbler.

My biggest regret was being so shy in high school. I feel I missed out on a lot because of that.



# WESSELLS

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Children

Colin Deane Wessells - b. 1985

Elizabeth Grace Wessells - b. 1988

(Mother: Catherine Briggs Wessells)

Philip Gregor Wessells, b. 1963

Stephen Matthew Wessells, b. 1961

Christopher Watson Wessells, b. 1960

(Mother: Lois Watson Wessells, Class of 1950)

Four grandchildren in 1999

## Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1950-1954, B.S.

Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1956-1960, Ph.D.

## Military Service

U. S. Naval Reserve, Mediterranean, Caribbean, 1954-1956

## Career

American Cancer Society Post-Doctoral Fellow at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California from 1960-1961.

Faculty member (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor) at Stanford University, 1962-1988. Chairman, Department of Biology, Stanford, 1971-1978. Director, Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford, 1973-1975. Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford, 1977-1980. Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford, 1980-1988. Professor Emeritus, 1988-

American Cancer Society Senior Scholar in Cancer Research, University of Washington Medical School, 1968-1969

John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, Cambridge University, England, 1975-1976

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Oregon, 1988-1994. Professor, University of Oregon, 1988-1999.

As a research biologist and teacher at Stanford, I was author of about one hundred research papers, including two published in *Scientific American*. I authored some twelve books, including introductory biology books used in universities, colleges, and for advances placement in high schools in some states. I retired in 1999

### Vocations

Fly fishing for trout and other game fish is my prime recreation and serious focus. Oregon, Montana, and elsewhere in the northwest provide the marvelous wild places to go for such pleasures. Since 1995, I have been spending about six weeks each autumn in New Zealand catching the huge rainbow and brown trout that fill the lakes and rivers of both the North and South Islands. Tying flies for all these places is a hobby and source of satisfaction (at tricking those trout with their pea-sized brains!)

Golf, learned from my dad and my room-mate at Yale, is also a source of fun, whether played near home or while traveling, and with my children.

### Favorite TV shows

*Mystery* on Public Television

### Books recently read and recommended

*Guns, Germs, and Steel*, by Jared Diamond, Norton 1997 Pulitzer Prize, 1998, Magnificent!!

*All the Little Live Things*, by Wallace Stegner.

*Giving Good Weight*, by John McPhee. Just one of McPhee's superb collections of essays.

### Community Service

I served on many committees and gave advice to the National Academy of Sciences, The National Geographic Society, The Howard Hughes Medical Institute, The National Science Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health. I have also served in various ways a variety of libraries, art galleries, and fund-raising efforts for nonprofit institutions.

I was an officer in and was elected President of the Society for Developmental Biology, the world's leading professional society of scientists who work on issues of normal and abnormal development, cancer, etc.

### Reflections on Cranford High School

We went there at an ideal time: after the Depression and war, and before the complexities of anti-communism, Viet-Nam, and the 1960's so changed American society. Life, at least in hindsight, was simpler, less violent, less overtly-sex oriented, less taudry. Our teachers, in memory anyway, seemed more professional, better educated, more fitting role models for young people than what I see in public education around the United States today. Those of us who went on in science / technical fields were blessed by having Ollie West, Harold Wilson, and Courtland Daley as articulate, demanding, and encouraging mentors. They and others, such as Alice Matthews in English, prepared us so well to succeed in later studies, but more important, to enjoy and appreciate science and literature and the arts all our lives. Somehow, the Principal, Sue's father and later, Mr. Zimmerman, the School Board, or Cranford assembled those fine teachers at C.H.S., and we were the unknowing beneficiaries.

So both friends and teachers are sweet memories for me these fifty years later. Life was good then, and it still is because of C.H.S.!

[Note: We are at our summer address at various times from May through October. It is located 2 miles outside the Northeast Entrance of Yellowstone National Park, so call if you're coming through!]

# WHALEY



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Children

Barbara Van Emmerik - 42

Ron Whaley - 40

Four grandchildren

## Education

Vallejo Junior College, Vallejo, CA, 1953-1954, night school while in the service.

Union Junior College, Cranford, NJ, 1955-1956.

## Military Service

United States Air Force, 1950-1954.

## Work History

Forty years sales and management for world's largest independent aircraft parts distributor. Retired, Dec. 1997.

## Hobbies

Boating, fishing, walking, beach bums. Have had a boat for 20 years. Latest is a 27 ft. Sea Ray which we use to cruise Long Island Sound.

## Favorite TV shows

All sporting events, Cosby, 60 Minutes

## Favorite music

Dixieland, country western

## Community Service

Little League baseball coach

## Reflections on Cranford High School

A. Best time of my life and still I wonder how I survived!!!

B. Being on "CHS's" first soccer team and getting killed by soccer powerhouses such as Kearny, Thomas Jefferson, and others. Great fun, though. Head Coach, Mr. Daley, Ass't. Coach, Mr. Thatcher.

C. Jumping "center" at the seniors vs. faculty basketball game against Mr. Kellner (He was 7 ft. tall!!!)

D. Being in the classroom when Al Frigola put the tack on Mr. Terregino's chair and it worked!!!

E. Walking home from football games, smelling the burning leaves and discussing whose party we'll go to that Saturday night.

## What makes life meaningful

Being married to a wonderful woman for 42 years.

Watching our kids grow up and succeed in life, and now watching the grandkids grow up.

Thank the Lord for everyone staying relatively healthy.

# WILSON

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## Children

Garrett, 42

Gregory, 40

Robert, 36

Rebecca, 35

James, 29

Five grandchildren

My major peeve throughout high school was the lousy NJ winters—not enough ice and snow. So, after the University of Maine and 14 years with the Bell System, Penny and I finally settled in NH in 1969. I retired in 1990 after 21 years with C.R. Bard. Our four sons and our daughter are on their own, spread out around the USA. Two are married and we have 5 grandchildren.

Current activities include maintenance of our home and its 8 acres of woodland and gardens, travel (and not just to visit the kids), board and committee duties at our UCC church and on the boards of the local YMCA and the NH Brain Injury Association. Now that playing ice hockey is a thing of the past, I am doing some biking and still skiing some and trying to hit golf balls accurately—not easy taking up the sport at 65. Also, much hiking here in southern NH, up north, and out west (our oldest boy lives in Utah).

We read quite a bit. One of the best was Robert Caro's Power Broker—Robert Moses's bio. Although I read it around 15 years ago, if you want a lesson on vision and how to get things done, it's the best. Also, Truman by McCullough. I like bios. Penny and I enjoy the same music, and I'm talking Ella, Mel, Frank, Edie—the 40's and 50's.

Some family stuff: Our clan met in NYC in late '98 to witness our youngest son, Jim, receive his PhD in Microbiology from Columbia. I mention this because 1) we are proud of Jim and 2) we seldom gather as an entire group—too many, too far, plus scheduling. We do, however, manage to see them individually or in smaller groups quite frequently and enjoy the grandchildren ranging in ages from 16 down to 6. Travelwise we have concentrated on the US and Canada. My Dad was raised in Canada and there are still a few Wilson relatives up there. Additionally we have visited Ireland, Scotland, England Switzerland, Alaska, and Bermuda with quite a few trips to the Caribbean islands with a group of friends from Keene. Two weeks of bareboating in the BVT's was the highlight of one trip.

Reflections on my days at CHS are good. Mostly fun with no real problems. Spent several days not long ago with Olga Specht Leafgreen at her lovely place in Sheffield, MA. We visited Tanglewood and did some reminiscing. My mother knew many of the teachers at CHS, so obviously my behavior was of the highest quality—not marks, behavior. Ed Robinson and I stay in contact, so I know everything (almost) that goes on in Cranford.

# WOOLLEY



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After graduation from Cranford High School, I went to Ithaca College for three years working toward a degree in health and physical education. While at Ithaca, I lettered in soccer, wrestling and track.

I volunteered for the draft in 1953 and spent most of my time at Fort Carson, CO. In 1955 I got my discharge as a staff sergeant and went back to Ithaca to finish my degree.

In 1956 I landed a job in physical education at Sachem High School on Long Island, NY, which is about 60 miles east of Manhattan. I taught and coached guys and girls in many different sports but mainly soccer, wrestling and track.

I retired after 35 years and was honored to have the school district name the soccer field, "Woolley Field."

My daughters and six grandchildren still live on the Island. We lost our son in a motorcycle accident in 1986 at age 25. My wife, Kathy, and I moved to St. Augustine, FL full time in June, 1994. My favorite pastimes are golf and paddle tennis. I do a lot of recreational reading, especially Clive Cussler, James Patterson, John Sandford, and Jack Higgins.

Feeling great at 68 ! ! ! ! !

# AVERY



James S. Avery (Faculty)  
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Born and raised in Cranford, New Jersey, James S. Avery attended the public schools there. He was a student leader in high school where he was elected Student Council president; mayor of Youth Week, a program sponsored by the local Rotary Club, and chosen for membership in the National Honor Society. He was also co-captain of three sports, an all state back in football and a state hurdles champion in track.

After graduating from high school he attended Columbia College and Columbia University where he received his BA and MA degrees. His college years were split by service in the U.S. Army during World War II.

From 1949 until mid-1956, he served as a teacher and later as chairperson of the Social Studies Department of Cranford High School. While there, Mr. Avery was Student Council Advisor, assistant coach for football, basketball and track, Indoor Track coach and a Practice Teaching Coordinator working with student teachers from Rutgers University and Montclair State.

During his teaching career, his supervision of the high school's Citizenship Program drew widespread attention in several publications and on a TV program in which the students participated. He served as secretary of the Cranford Boosters Club from 1953 to 1956. He was a member of the Cranford Community Council and for two years was active in the Civil Defense Police Reserves. From 1951 to 1956, he was Sports Supervisor for the summer municipal recreation program. He was elected chairperson of the town's first Juvenile Conference Committee, appointed by the then mayor Fred Anderson.

In January 1956, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Cranford/Kenilworth awarded him their Distinguished Service Award for contributing most to the welfare of the Cranford Community.

In 1956, he retired from teaching to join the Exxon Corporation (then known familiarly as Esso Standard Oil) as a public relations representative. In 1968, he was appointed Public Relations Manager for Exxon's largest sales region in the country, an area covering Maine through Maryland. In 1971, he was promoted to Public Affairs Manager for the same section of the United States.

From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Avery participated in Exxon's Loaned Executive Program as Executive Vice President with the Council on Municipal Performance, a national non-profit organization whose mission was management efficiency and fiscal accountability in local government. While there, he co-authored the *Book of American City Rankings*, a compendium of information dealing with the environmental, economic, demographic and social aspects of one hundred of America's largest cities.

From 1983 until his retirement in 1986, Mr. Avery served as Senior Public Affairs Consultant for Exxon Company, U.S.A.

Mr. Avery has had a long and distinguished career in civic life in positions of leadership in a number of national and state-level organizations. Over a four year period in the 1960's, he served as vice chairperson and chairperson of Vice President Hubert Humphrey's Task Force on Youth Motivation during the Lyndon Johnson administration. He was a national vice chairman of four annual campaigns of the United Negro College Fund during the sixties.

He served three terms as national president and one as board chairman of the National Association of Market Developers, Inc., a professional association composed chiefly of minority executives and other management people in sales promotion, public relations and marketing fields.

He served three years (1970-73) as Orand Basileus (national president) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. During that period, he was listed by EBONY Magazine as one of the one hundred most influential African Americans in America.

During his years with Exxon, Mr. Avery held several prestigious positions relating to energy development. He was chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York Petroleum Council. He served four years as vice chairman of the American Petroleum Institute's Committee on Exploration Affairs, Offshore Sub-Committee. He also served as vice chairman of the Energy Policy Committee of Associated Industries of New York State, later known as the Business Council of New York State.

He served for many years on the boards of trustees of the New York State Traffic Safety Council, the New York State Council on Economic Education and the New Jersey State Council on Economic Education.

A great deal of his civic life has been dedicated essentially to the field of education. He served as chairperson from the inception in 1968 to 1981 of the Union County Coordinating Agency for Higher Education, an agency charged initially with utilizing the services of then Union College and Union County Technical Institute to meet the higher education needs of the county in lieu of a county college. His leadership led the groundwork for the establishment of Union County College.

Mr. Avery was appointed by the Governor of New Jersey in 1992 to the New Jersey State Educational Opportunity Fund Board (EOF), a program designed to provide opportunities for higher education for capable economically and educationally disadvantaged New Jersey residents. He served as EOF's Board Chairperson for the past three years. This program impacts close to 14,000 students a year.

He was commissioned in 1993 by the Governor to membership in the New Jersey State Student Assistance Board, whose responsibility was to oversee state tuition aid and other financial assistance for New Jersey students. In 1999, he was appointed by the governor as EOF's Board's representative on the prestigious New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, which has oversight for millions of dollars in all educationally related grant programs in the state.

Since 1992, he has been a member of the Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) Board of Trustees, serving on the Board's Student Affairs Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee, the Evaluation Committee and the periodic Task Force for Middle States Accreditation.

Mr. Avery is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who Among African Americans* and is listed in the *Ebony Success Library*. While Public Affairs Manager for Exxon Company, U.S.A. he was listed in *Who's Who in Business and Industry*.

He is a trustee of the Westfield Community Center Association and a member and past president of its Board of Directors. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Cranford, N.J. having served on its Trustee Board and as president of its Laymen's Association. He also serves on the church's Credit Union Audit Committee.

# HAYER

## Ella Margaret Haver (Faculty)

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## Education

Montclair State, Montclair, NJ, 1930-1934, B.A.  
Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, Summers: 1940, 1941, 1943, 1945, M.A.

## Work History

I taught 34-1/2 years, 20 in Cranford. After retiring in 1970, I got a license for real estate. For 9 years I helped raise 4 orphans from Colombia who were adopted by my best friends, for 6 years I lived with my mother and then helped care for her at my sister's 5 more years. She went to be with the Lord at 101 years of age.

## Hobbies

Gardening, Collecting Teddy Bears and cardinals, Raising chrysanthemums, Reading, Entertaining.

## Favorite TV shows

Charles Stanley, *In Touch Ministries*, Lawrence Welk, National Geographic, The Waltons

## Books recently read and recommended

*Over What Hill?* by Effie Leland Wilder, *Out to Pasture (Not Over the Hill)*, by Effie Leland Wilder, *Living Beyond the Limits*, by Franklin Graham, *Donor*, by John Pekkanen.

## Favorite music

Classical and religious music

## Community Service

I have always been active in church and Sunday School. Served on Franklin Township Recreation Committee, been Senior Citizen Coordinator and County Liaison, worked as a Vita Volunteer for Income Tax Assistance and been president of the Jennie Haver Memorial Scholarship Fund since 1971. We've given 292 Hunterdon graduates \$626,110. Been president of Riverside Cemetery Assn. and treasurer of Union Cemetery Assn. of Grandin. I'm active in Flemington A.A.R.P.

## Reflections on Cranford High School

I have many, many happy memories.

## Philosophy

In many yearbooks I quoted Prov. 3:5,6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." The Lord Jesus Christ has given my life hope and purpose. He has met all my needs for which I am very thankful.

## Read God's Word daily

- Be the best you can be.
- Eliminate the negative
- Emphasize the positive.

Relationships in life are most important.

Joy is found in:

- Jesus first.
- Others second.
- Yourself last.

True success in life is found when we seek God's will for our lives and become what He has created us to become.



**Alice Schacht Bradford**

"This is a nice way to remember Alice -- at Christmas time, surrounded by her collections of ornaments, nativity scenes, etc. Hope they have Christmas trees in heaven." A family member

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**Miss Ruth McKee's Kindergarten Class**  
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1937-1938



First Grade Class

Lincoln School

1938-1939

[Thanks to Elsa Eichinger Potticary]



Cleveland School

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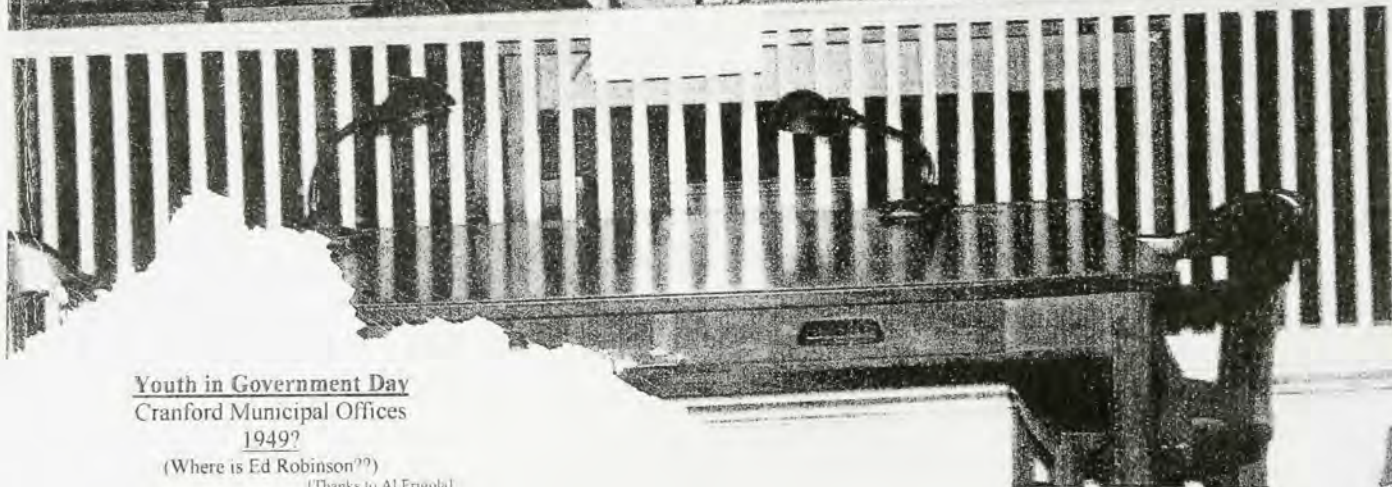
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**Confirmation Class**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**

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