

# Riggs High Class of '63

## Alumni News

If you enjoy reading about your fellow classmates, please take a few moments to let us know what's going on in your life so others can enjoy reading about you too.

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### Bauer Hoffman, Doris (2008)



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I am going to retire May 1. Hopefully time will be more abundant. Everyone I know that is retired says I am dreaming. Oh well. Chuck has been mostly retired for a couple years and it really hasn't seemed to give him more free time to do what he wants to do.

We have taken the time to do some traveling. The time traveling just makes you want to do more. Cruises is one of our favorite ways to go.

We have three children: Jan ( husband Chris) in Austin, TX has a son Craig in Kuwait, and Steven starts school in June. Glen (wife Karen) in the Air Force stationed in Rapid City, has a son (Jeremy)graduating from SDSU in May, and Brandon is in high school. Jay (wife Lori) in Palmyra, VA has two children, Lauren and Michael in high school and middle school.

We have a Bauer family reunion the same weekend of our class reunion, so we won't be able to make it this time.

Hello to everyone and I hope you all have a wonderful time. Doris

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### Bruce, Kenneth (2008)



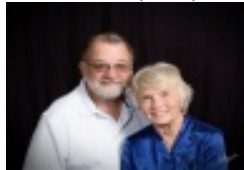
Graduated Riggs High School 1963. Joined the US Air Force Aug 1, 1963, went to South East Asia June 1964. Back to the United States to Barksdale AFB, LA Oct 1965. Discharged from the Air Force July 31, 1969. Went to work for Olivetti Corp, Nov 1969 as a contractor at Barksdale AFB. Was transferred to Longview, TX as a Service Manager. While living in Longview, TX was very active in the United Methodist Church. The local church appointed me to serve on the first Board of Directors of a community day care center. Relocated to Lafayette, LA to work in research and development for a Computer Company that built min-mainframe systems. While in Lafayette, got active in the United Methodist Church, was trained as a Lay Pastor. Was transferred to the Washington, DC area with a Computer Company June 1982.

Got active in the United Methodist Church there as a District Vice President and then elected as President. Was on the National Board of Industrial Commercial Ministries that supplied Chaplains for different types of companies. I was the Director of Chaplains for Nursing Homes & Retirement homes, which I served 6.5 years as a Chaplain. Was elected as the National Training Director for a week long International training event. Was transferred to Marietta, GA to work on Government Contracts at Dobbins ARB in 1991 and am still working there at the present as the Telephone Systems Manager.

Was very active in the United Methodist Church at District, Conference, Jurisdictional & National levels with United Methodist Men. Married Sue Welch Perry in 1979. We have 4 children from previous marriages. We have 6 grown children, 12 grand children, and 1 great grandchild.

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**Carr, James (2008)**



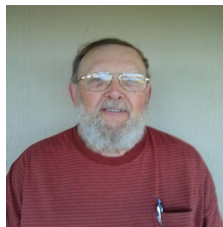
Jim & Karen Carr 2013

Here is an update on what I have been doing since 1963. After graduating from General Beadle State Teachers College with a teaching degree, Adrian High School in Minnesota hired me and I spent my entire career there. Thirty-four years of teaching social studies to grades 7-12. They hired me to coach football and wrestling after my second year. Thirty-one years of coaching wrestling treated me real good considering the only experience I had wrestling was as a cowboy wrestling steers. Our teams went to state four times; placed third twice, fourth and fifth the other times. 333 wins, 124 losses and 5 ties. Did I mention that the program was in the second year and about to be dropped. We had many state entries and place winners including six state champions. The coaches voted me into the Minnesota wrestling hall of fame in 1993. In 1999 I quit coaching so I could spend the last years as a teacher without having to spend time on coaching duties.

Throughout my teaching career I served locally and regionally as a leader in our education associations. In 2002, I retired from teaching and began to pursue my other interests full time. My other interests: grandchildren Josh 8 and Sara 5, restoring old cars and tractors, collecting die cast toys, golf, remodeling our home, auctions, hunting, driving public transit, and substituting in the Yankton school system. My wife Karen (of 42 years) and I have moved to Yankton to be close to our grandchildren. Our son Todd is a teacher in the Yankton school system. I am known there as Todd Carr's father. After three years the school now includes our first names on the intercom instead of "Mr. Carr stop in the office between periods." See you at the reunion. Jim Carr

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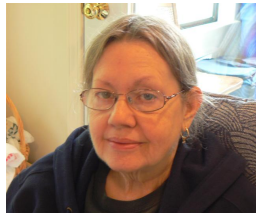
**Noel Erikson, Noel (May 2013)**



After graduation, I joined the Army in June 1963. Rather than Vietnam, I was sent to Southern Germany as a dental specialist. Life was good there. I was discharged in 1966, returned to South Dakota and went to school in Spearfish, following my love of history and geography. My whole Erikson family moved to Milwaukee, WI in 1969, where I again studied dental lab technology. I followed the Jesus People movement in Milwaukee, being baptized in Lake Michigan in May with high waves and cold water. I later joined The Church (Witness Lee) in Chicago and Minneapolis until I married in 1979. I have one son, Andrew. A second marriage took me to several Western states ending in Washington, helping in any way I could with a street ministry until 2010. The seven of us Erikson kids are now in our 60s. Several of my siblings and I now live on the Washington peninsula in a sleepy old logging town with views of the Strait

of Juan de Fuca and Hurricane Ridge. I enjoy watching the ships go by, lawn and garden work and, of course, the library. The Olympic Peninsula is beautiful and green!

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**Feurt Lombaer, Jeanne (April 2013)**

Synopsis of what I have been doing for the last 50 years: Jeanne Feurt Lombaer

After I left Pierre in 1961 and was graduated from high school in Flossmoor, Illinois, I went on to college at the University of Arizona for a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and then on to Arizona State University for an English Master's degree and teaching credentials. I taught high school English in the Chicago suburban area, served as theater director, met and married fellow teacher Budd Lombaer (the love of my life), had two wonderful children, Frank and Jill, and retired from teaching in 2005. Through the years I served on our public library board for 17 years, was a Girl Scout leader, taught quilting, held various offices for our local PTA and helped out at our church.

I now teach at a local university in their Renaissance program offering classes in mystery reading, Greek mythology, Carl Sandburg, and children's literature.

Budd and I have traveled to all fifty states, England, France and Ireland, and are always interested in seeing more of the world. We visited Pierre in 1973, but have not been back since. I am excited to return again in June.

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**Forney Mattick, Bonnie (2008)**



**Freiberg, Al (2008)**



I am still working about every other week as an engineering consultant at a Plant near Jackson, MS. My son, Trent, has been working in China for about 3-1/2 years now and will stay there about another 2 or 3 years before he comes back to the US.

Would you believe I have 2 grandchildren that were "Made in China" - one was made in Houston.



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Hansen Milbrandt, Vicky (April 2013)





Vicky riding her horse Diamonds N Chex as they compete at the Reining Horse Association North West show in Moses Lake, WA.

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**Hanson, Joe (June 2013)**



Except for the time I spent at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, I've lived in Pierre since high school. I worked as an insurance representative for Woodmen Accident and Life Insurance Company until 1994. I then worked as a sales rep for Custom Marketing Company for several years. In 2003, I began working for Morris, Inc. (yes, our classmate, Milt Morris was my boss) and I retired from there just a few weeks ago. Last October I had a couple of heart attacks and in November I had triple by-pass surgery. I've had a good recovery but found I don't have the energy nor the stamina as I previously did so decided it was time to retire, slow down, and enjoy life while I can.

Sally and I have been married for 34 years. I have three sons; Tim, Daron and Christopher. Tim and his wife, Jennifer, live in Castle Rock, Colorado. They have two daughters, Hillary and Nicole. Daron and his wife, Lisa, live in Barrington, New Hampshire. They have two children; Kyle and Katie. Christopher is a special needs resident at the Aldrich House (operated by the Adjustment Training Center) in Aberdeen.

In my spare time, I enjoy hunting, golfing, and playing pool. I always enjoy seeing and visiting with my classmates, so when you're in Pierre, please look me up (224-7479).

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**Harris, Michael (2008)**



After being graduated from Riggs HS, went to Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. After 2 years, went to dental school at Emory U., being graduated in 1969. Got married to Rose Wilson in Atlanta, June, 1969. Served 2 years in the US Air Force as a dentist, stationed at Eglin AFB, FL (tough assignment, but someone had to do it!!) Then went to the U of Ky and studied orthodontics, being graduated in June 1973. Opened practice of orthodontics in June, 1973, in Elizabethtown, Ky., with 2 branch offices. Have 3 children Mikki, (born 1975), Holly, (born 1976), and William (born 1982). Now have 2 grandchildren with a 3rd on the way.

Interests are boating, basketball, politics, and religion. Have a vacation home in Pensacola Beach, FL. Avid UK basketball fan (suffering terribly this year); very active in Republican politics; served on Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for 10 years.

Hope to make the reunion in June. Have not made one since the 20th, because there always has been a conflict. Actually, there is one again this year, but hope to resolve it and attend. My thanks and cudos to Joe and Sally and others that have done such a great job of putting together these reunions and this web page. My best wishes to all!!

Mike Harris

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#### **Hawkins, Merl (2008) - Deceased October 26, 2008**



Hi there:

Graduated from High in 1963, Went to University of South Dakota, Joined Army in 1967, was Pilot. served 2 tours in Vietnam. Got Masters degree in management from Troy State. Retired from Army in 1987, Moved to Florida. Taught Business at Pensacola Junior College. Started Hawkins and Associates Realty in 1992, Been doing that ever since. Love to play golf, fish, and hunt. Ride Motorcycle when I get a chance. Been Married to Doris for 40+ years. Plan to retire in 2008. Joe can fill in the missing parts. Merl



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### Hunsley, Jerry (2008)



Hi, classmates. Here is a short summary of my last 40 plus years after graduation. I went into the service and spent 4 years in the Navy, which I will never regret. Some good times and exciting times for a small town boy. Got out in 1967 and pursued an electrical career and was able to land a good job at the Oahe Power House right here in Pierre. I worked my way up the ladder to become electrical foreman and retired there after 35 years of civil service. Since then I have been on cruise control; golfing, fishing, and a little traveling with wife, Paula. We have two grown boys; Miles and Colby, who are in business in Sioux Falls. Makes it kind of nice as we get to see them on a regular basis. Have one Granddaughter, Lily, who is 4years old. She keeps us hopping. Paula and I wear out pretty quick. If you are ever in town , look us up or email us at [jerryhunsley@pie.midco.net](mailto:jerryhunsley@pie.midco.net).

Our phone number is 605-224-7072. Paula and I wish you many prosperous years and good health. See you at the reunion.

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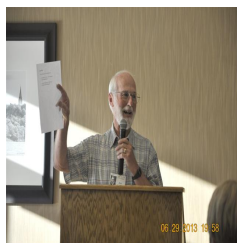
### Kindt Lorenzen, Nancy (2008)



What a nice surprise to see this website and read about fellow classmates! I decided if I wanted to read about others, I better put something on this site myself and encourage others to do so, too. Tom and I have lived in Thermopolis, WY now for 41 years. I have worked most of these years at various jobs in the accounting field, the last nine with the school district doing payroll and general ledger. We are both retired and trying to sell our home in order to move to Casper, Wyoming to be closer to our son, Chris, and his family. We are looking forward to making the change and spoiling our grandchildren. We have a daughter, Michele, in Phoenix, AZ, and try to see her a couple times a year. Between the two families, we have three grandchildren less than 3 years old and 1 grandson, age 14. Besides a work career, I have also been active in the Lutheran Church, both as organist and Treasurer. For fun we both love to fly fish and camp in our RV. I hope to make it to the 50th reunion. Hope to see you all there!

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### Lamster, Richard (June 2013)



### My life Since High School

After high school I enrolled in South Dakota State University and graduated in 1968. (Yes, I squeezed four years into five.) I had a great time at State participating in Freshman Football where I

learned that some of those big guys really hit hard. So the next year I went over to the track team and lettered in Track two years. I was active in student government and was the Hobo Day Committee Chairman in 1967. I knew I would probably be drafted after graduation, so I went through ROTC and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation.

I served 4 ½ years in the Army spending 1 ½ years in North Carolina with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, one year in Vietnam with the 91<sup>st</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai where I was promoted to Captain and the last two years at Ft. Ord in California.

After getting out of the Army I was accepted to Graduate School at the University of Oregon and received an MS in 1974. After touring Europe for eight weeks I decided to get a real job and was lucky to land a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers back in Eugene, right where I wanted to be. I worked for the Corps for 8 years as a Park Ranger and Park Manager and then the last 20 years as the Chief of the Natural Resource Branch, where I managed 13 Corps reservoirs in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. The Corps also gave me a scholarship to attend the University of Michigan where I received a Master of Public Administration Degree in 1984.

While living in Eugene, I have been very active in the Audubon Society of Lane County serving on the Board of Directors for 25 years, 15 as President. I am still a volunteer for Audubon doing presentations on bird identification and backyard habitat, leading bird watching field trips, (one is by canoe very year) and answering the Audubon phone. I was also on the Board of Directors of Mt. Pisgah Arboretum for ten years, five as President. I served on the Board of the Oregon Track Club Masters for nine years, two as President. I presently serve on the Board of the Oregon Track Club and was vice-president last year. We are the sponsor and host of many of the great track meets held in Eugene at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus, including the past two Olympic Track and Field Trials, several NCAA national championship meets, Prefontaine Classic, PAC-12 Championships Meets and more.

I retired in January 2002 and have not slowed down. My wife Maeve and I have been married for 18 years and neither of us have ever had children. She is still working at the University of Oregon but will probably retire next year. She is working half time now which is very civilized! We live on ten acres of partially forested land a few miles south of Eugene.

We both enjoy bird watching, international travel and local travel, walking for exercise (I still jog and participate in Masters Track Meets in the sprints and horizontal jumps), planting and eating the results from our big garden and orchard, canoeing, white water rafting (I was a part-time river guide for ten years in the 1980's and 90's), cross country skiing, drinking wine and eating good food with friends, attending sporting events at the University of Oregon and taking in cultural events on campus and at the performing arts center in Eugene. I have been a track and field official at the University of Oregon for the past 12 years and was selected to work at the Olympic Trials last year from among all the officials in the U.S. I mostly work the throws events, but can do most things that need to be done at a track meet.

We maintain 45 bird houses on our ten acres and have had great success with providing homes for cavity nesting birds. We also maintain at least a dozen bird feeders for the wild birds. We have observed 119 species of birds on our property since 1994 and we have over 40 species of wild flowers and over 15 species of mushrooms. I spend a lot of time getting rid of exotic, noxious plants and encouraging native plants while restoring the land to attract more birds and other critters. We have one dog at this time but we usually have two and sometimes one or two indoor house cats. We like having a big dog to help keep our property safe.

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**Lewis Cassel, Ruth (2008)**



Hello to the Class of 63.

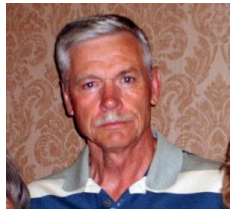
I have been happy to keep up with the news on the web site. You have done a wonderful job!

I seem to be one of the few who continues to work and am a unit nurse in the Alzheimers unit here in Broken Bow, NE. Soon I will be able to join the residents!!! My husband passed away 5 years ago and I am in extremely good health and am thankful to be able to work. I have one son who lives here in Broken Bow and he is married and has a daughter and 3 stepchildren. My youngest daughter lives in Hastings, NE with her 3 children. My oldest daughter lives in Denver and just graduated with her Bachelor in Health Care Administration. Her and her husband have 2 little girls with another on the way. Our oldest son, of course, was killed in an accident in 1997. He had one little boy, who is now 11.

We are having Christmas in July at my house this year so we will all be together for the first time in a while. I would love to see everybody but due to scheduling, I won't be able to make it this year. I will think of all of you the last weekend in June. God bless each!! Ruth Lewis Cassel

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**Morris, Larry (May 2013)**



JoAnn and I are now both retired but I still do some work at Morris, Inc. We bought a house in Sun City West, Arizona and will spend out winters golfing and hiking in the sun.

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**Naasz, Dennis (2008)**



I did receive your postcard with the dates of our class reunion this coming summer. Apparently you had found out we re-located back to Mandan, ND as it came to the correct address. We have sold our business, the National Impala Association in Spearfish, and are planning to slow down a bit and collect on some of that Social Security we have paid in before it's all gone!!! We still own our building in Spearfish and have leased it out so we will still spend some time in the Hills. We bought a home back in Mandan and plan to spend more time with our grandkids and and maybe escape south for a couple of months during the hard winter. We plan to make the reunion next summer unless some unforeseen thing comes up.

Thanks for all the work you and Sally do for the class of '63!!!

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**Neiber (McVean) Susan (June 29, 2013)**



Wish I was at the 50th.

Sue

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**Neiles, Daniel P., Danny Pat, Danny, Dan (Mush Jr.) (May 2013)**



After graduating in '63 from Riggs High School, I attended South Dakota State for two years (the beer was cold and the women were hot), then I attended Southern State College (before Janklow).

In August of 1968, I married Bev Schlack (approaching 45 years this August). We moved to Meridan, Iowa where I taught Industrial Arts and Art in the Meridan/Cleghorn School District, where I taught for seven years. Bev finished her college education at Buena Vista College and started teaching second grade for the Meridan/Cleghorn School District for four and one half years.

We both received our Masters from Northeast Missouri State University in 1974.

In 1975 we moved to Bode, Iowa where I became the Junior/Senior High Principal at the Twin-Rivers School District.

Bev stayed home caring for our first child, Megan Danielle, who is now an attorney in Lincoln, Nebraska and is married to Jordan Brasch, also an attorney in Lincoln.

In 1979, our son Patrick Daniel was born. He is currently living with us and is handling his illness very well.

In 1981 I received my Specialist Degree from Iowa State University.

In 1982, we moved to Brookings, SD where I became the Brookings Middle School Principal. I retired last year after 30 years in that position. Bev will retire this may after 27½ years as a second grade instructor at Medary Elementary in Brookings. I finished with 44 years in the "family business."

We are looking forward to doing some traveling, especially a trip to Ireland and maybe I'll finish updating the house I built 31 years ago.

**Nickels Linander, Mary (2008)**



Greetings from Mary (Nickels) Linander!! I am anxiously awaiting our Class Reunion! I made it back to Pierre last summer and had a wonderful time, thanks to Paula! My mom moved into Pierre when Dad died.

I went 3 years to SDSU and then got married to Terry Linander. We lived in Sisseton, Wis., Vermillion, Brookings, Oklahoma and moved to Columbus, Ga (100 miles South of Atlanta). in 84'! This is the longest I have lived anywhere J I taught school for 4 years on permits. I did day care when our kids were small. I have 3 children: Greg-37, Jason-35 and Julie-31. Both boys live nearby and Julie in Atlanta. I have 3 grandchildren. I started Mary Kay Cosmetics in 1980 and still do it! I also sell a health beverage that boosts your immune system. I have been divorced for over 10 years. I love creating a beautiful yard, much to my surprise! I walk 3 miles a day, rain or shine, and try to maintain my high school figure J Except for all the wrinkles, crinkles, bags and sags, I do ok! LOL

My email is [ml1000000@aol.com](mailto:ml1000000@aol.com) Would love to hear from old friends! See ya soon!

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**Olson Hageman, Eva (2008)**



How fun to log into this website and see what is going on with everyone. I love it (except for the bad news at times). After high school, I went to the University of South Dakota majoring, at first, in pre-med but graduating with a degree in French after falling in love with French during my sophomore year at USD. What happened there, I wonder?! Very stupid move on my part.

I married a boy from USD, moved to Omaha, Las Vegas, then Hoven, South Dakota!! for ten years. Four children later, I moved back to Pierre (1980) because of divorce. Two years later, I married Steve Schultz; we had one child. I lived in Pierre (divorced again) until 1995 when I moved to Sioux Falls and went back to college, following along with two of my daughters who were in attendance there. I re-enrolled at USD for graduate studies and, somehow, 140 semester hours later, I left without a PhD. Stupid move again. :-)

I have been living in Glendale, Arizona for five years. I work as a school psychologist in two elementary schools. Primarily, I test children for special education, giving IQ tests and other assessments. My mother moved with me to Arizona, but I lost her great company two years ago when she was almost 95 years old and still very witty and charming.

My children live all over except for one, who lives here in Glendale with her husband. She is a primary care doctor in an Acute Care setting. They have one daughter, who I babysit for often. I have two children in the armed forces: a daughter who joined the Navy two years ago and my oldest, a son, who is a Major in the Air Force. I have one daughter in Kansas City, who is a speech therapist. My youngest (and Steve's) is in her final year at LSU Law School (#1 in her class). I have 6 beautiful grandchildren.

I cannot wait to attend the class reunion this coming summer. I hope many of you all will be there. If you visit the Valley of the Sun, please contact me so we can get together.

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**Otto Tessier, Maxine (2008)**



After graduation in 1963, I attended Sioux Falls College for one year. In 1965, I began working for the State of South Dakota. I was able to retire in April, 2002, and I now work two days a week at the Hallmark Card and Candy store. That is a fun job.

A short summary of my life from 1969 to the present: I lived in Puerto Rico for two years as my husband was in the Air Force. From Puerto Rico, we moved to San Bernadino, CA. I lived and worked there for thirteen years before returning to Pierre in 1983. I thought Pierre would be a better place to raise my daughters Jennifer and Brenda. I also have a lot of family members living in Pierre, so it was like coming back home.

I now enjoy quilting with friends one day a week and going for walks. Pierre really is a wonderful place to live.

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**Palmer, Laurel (2008)**



Hi everyone - I'm very sorry to have missed the reunion last month, but the only excuse to miss the 50th will be The Big One.

I retired from teaching this year after 40 years, having started in Mobridge in 1967. After four memorable years there, I attended Western Illinois University two years full-time as a Graduate Assistant, and spent the next four years teaching in a small community college in Illinois. A retail music business opportunity reared its ugly head in 1977, which took me to the East Coast, where I operated the store in Newport, Rhode Island. Two years later, I was offered a teaching position in the Newport Schools, and after fighting the new- business- retail-battle that long, was glad to be back "home" teaching. I was named District Teacher of The Year in 2006 - 2007, and was very gratified to be able to leave the profession on my terms on a high note (you should pardon the expression) after 30 years.

Newport is a resort community on the east coast, so if your travels ever get you this way, I hope you'll let me know. I'll be your personal travel guide! Give me a call or e-mail!

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**Parlet, Mary (2008)**



A quick update: I retired in 2001 after 35 years with Honeywell. I moved/transferred from Minneapolis, Mn in 1992 to Rio Rancho, New Mexico with Honeywell. I dearly love being retired. This coming year, I will be able to join the baby boomers in collecting social security (can't wait!!).

I love golfing & do so every day that I want to! I also love gardening ( I have a large garden) & working in my yard. I also work every year at the New Mexico State Legislature as the Judiciary Committee Secretary. It is not exactly where you would think I would end up but it is fun & I have learned a whole new aspect to our society. It is like South Dakota's legislature - meets for 60 days one year & the next year is 30 days.

I have been on your website & really enjoy it. Will send another update after the first of the year as I am currently in Tucson, AZ spending the months of Nov & Dec with friends. Then I go back to NM (home) & work at the legislature in Jan/Feb & then usually go back to Tucson for Mar/Apr. Then I will include a photo.

Thanks again for such a great web site & hope to see you all in June.

Mary Parlet

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**Pyncheon Whitney Carol (2008)**



Hi to everyone!

We have 2 children Terecia and Brian. Teri has 3 girls and Brian has a son and daughter. Everyone lives in the Sioux Falls area so that is where we usually spend the majority of our summers. We have been truly blessed.

We retired in September of 2001 and have had the privilege of traveling ever since. We travel in a 40 foot motorhome towing a Trailblazer so home is where we park it. We are so sorry we missed the last reunion in Phoenix; we were in southern Florida. We do plan on attending the one this summer. We plan on spending the upcoming winter in a suburb of Phoenix by the name of El Mirage.

Truly enjoy everyone's messages and we'll try to keep ours updated. Our e-mail is [jjlwhitney@hotmail.com](mailto:jjlwhitney@hotmail.com) and we love hearing from people. Our cell phone is 605.695.0887 - keep in touch.

God is Good! Jim and Carol (Pyncheon) Whitney

### Quenzer Gerlach, Joyce (April 2013)



Married to Lambert Gerlach, June 21, 1964. Have 2 children (Brenda and Timothy) and 6 grandchildren (Jerry III, Breanna, Joshua, Erin, James and Emily).

I will not be attending the 50th class reunion.

Joyce

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### Rogers Holstein, Trula (May 2013)



## My Life Since High School

### Leaving Pierre, SD

In December of 1963 I had to leave Pierre because my father had accepted a job as hospital administrator in Las Cruces, NM. I thought the end of the world was here! My family had moved to Pierre in April of 1963 but I felt very welcomed and had ever so much fun with my new friends. Everyone in the class made me feel like I was part of a family—the advantage of belonging to a small class. As we drove to our new home, I remember one of the songs on the radio was “Big Girls don’t Cry”—ha! When I moved to Las Cruces, there was one high school and our senior class was over 450 students. The country side was dry, little or no vegetation and the winds blew 40 to 60 miles an hour on windy days. I missed my friends and Pierre.

I graduated from high school and returned to the Midwest to go to Bethel College and Seminary in St Paul, MN; graduated in 1967 with a degree in Psychology and Social Science—what to do? Couldn’t find a job in that field, at least not one that I wanted, so returned to Las Cruces and picked up education courses at New Mexico State University. Got my first teaching job in El Paso, TX, got married to the boy that I had met on my first day in Las Cruces High School. That was in 1968—he was a Lieutenant in the Army and we were lucky to spend two years at Ft Bliss, TX.

I taught in the Las Cruces School system for 28 years. Taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, spent 3 years working with the gifted program, taught high school World History and also Government. I had my Masters by this time so became an Assistant Principal at Onate High School. The last few years of my teaching career in LC was spent as the Director of Secondary Curriculum. I retired but soon went back to work as a Professional Development Specialist for the Ysleta Public Schools in El Paso—just 55 miles from home. Commuted for 10 years and then retired again. Now I am working for New Mexico State University as a supervisor for Student Teachers. Maybe someday I will retire!

Ben and I have two great kids, Ross who lives near Iowa City, IA and Jenny who lives here in Las Cruces. Ross works for Pearson—the big standardized testing company—and has three children, two girls and a

boy. Jenny teaches social studies at our brand new 4<sup>th</sup> high school and has two boys. Love having the grandkids nearby. Make about 2 trips per year to Iowa to see the other three.

So-for one who was so miserable in moving to Las Cruces, NM-I have lived in the near area for the 50 years since I left. I would invite all of you to come and visit—especially in the fall! We truly live in the Land of Enchantment.

We love to travel and have gone on several cruises; really enjoy those. Our high school class here in Las Cruces took a cruise to Alaska for our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion—maybe you folks could plan one for our 55<sup>th</sup>! I would have loved to come to the reunion and renew acquaintances but we just couldn't get it accomplished this time. Thanks to Joe and Sally for looking for me and keeping us informed about all the happenings of the Class of '63!



May 2013, with my grandkids

(Since I usually take all the pictures, this is about the only one that I have that is recent.)

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#### Samco McKenna, Charlotte (Tinker) (2008)



How wonderful this website is! Hi! it's Tinker Samco (also Charlotte McKenna/Crawford and I am going to be there and am grateful if anyone remembers me....since no one was really sure where I graduated from.

I only went to school in Pierre through 9th grade...then to Philip through my Jr. year...then to Denver where I had a baby girl that I gave up for adoption. Then to Hollywood High School where I finished my senior year and actually walked on the stage of the Hollywood Bowl to receive my high school diploma. That's where I met husband Johnny Crawford.

My daughter, Brenda found me when I was 34 years old in California. I raised Jamie and Brenda found me in 1979. Jamie was 7, Brenda was 16, Ruth (my adopted mom whom I found 2 weeks later in 1979 was 52 and I was 34. NOW...Brenda is 45, Jamie is 36...I am (you know).63....and Ruth (my birth mother) is 82..WOW!

My mom Rachel was 93 when we lost her at Mary House two years ago..my brother Mason and I still are very close and I miss him so I am coming to Pierre to the reunion. I am grateful to be invited and I need to see my brother, Mason....and I will be staying with him.

I have a grandchild from each daughter and Brenda lives in Texas. I will be leaving Pierre to meet my kids, my boyfriend and Ruth, my biological mom in Texas the next day after the class reunion. We are all very close and have been together each year since 1979. We love each other very much. Enough for now.

Thanks for this opportunity to tell my story. Love you guys. I look forward to this very much!!  
[charlottesckenna@charter.net](mailto:charlottesckenna@charter.net) is my email. I live in Burbank with 2 dogs and 2 cats and am in the senior care business in case you need to know anything about that.....haha

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**Simmons, Mark (2008)**



I was born in Los Angeles, CA & graduated from high school in Pierre, SD in 1963. Enrolled @ OSU in Fall of 1963. The Simmons family moved to Hot Springs, AR in fall of 1964 but I continued studies @ OSU where I graduated with an Accounting major from Business (Commerce) College.

I Joined Pi Lambda Phi Brotherhood in 1965 @ the 1988 Iuka location. Served as Rex & KOE during my tenure. Upon graduation (12/67) I went to work for NCR ( National Cash Register ) for whom I Worked 27 years in financial Management (was a Mfg Group Controller ) in a variety of positions.

I married my wife, Gloria, in June, 1970 in Troy, OH. We have twin daughters (born in 1972) and four grandchildren. Daughter Diane Simmons Tettau is an OSU grad too (Registered Dietitian). I have traveled to 47 of the 50 states and enjoy genealogy, bowling and especially golf (NCR Country Club), playing over 100 rounds annually.

I am very active in the Church of the Cross United Methodist teaching Sunday school, Church Treasurer, mow the lawn, coordinator for soup kitchen with other churches and sing in the choir. I am a season ticket holder to OSU football, University of Dayton basketball and share Dayton Dragon Class A baseball season tickets. We reside in Kettering, OH a suburb of Dayton.

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**Smith Martinson, Sharyn (2008)**



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**Sorenson, Ed (2008) - Deceased August 26, 2008**



**Tobin Talley, Janet (2008)**



What a nice web page! It's fun to keep up with what classmates are up to.

I moved to Rapid City in 1973. Larry and I were married in 1993. He retired in 1998 and I retired from the bank in 2003 after 30 years. We have taken several trips from Alaska to Key West and Maine to Mexico - and places in between. We love to travel the back roads.

I have 7 grandchildren, ages 18 yrs to 7 months, scattered around the country, but only 2 in Rapid City. My many hobbies keep me busy throughout the year and we try to go fishing as often as we can. I know that I have missed the last 2 reunions, but I'm hoping to see everyone in 2008.  
Thanks so much for all you do in keeping us in touch.

Fondly,  
Janet Tobin Talley

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**Tommervik, Dave (2008)**



Great website, Anne and I plan to attend. We were impressed with the last reunion and look forward to this one. I currently manage a convenience store and Anne is the Assoc Registrar for Framingham State U. My son Sean is a sophomore at Dowling College on Long Island majoring in Aviation - plans to be a commercial pilot. Recently visited my two daughters and their families in Killeen, Texas. Have 3 grandchildren. Don't think we had a motto, but if we did it might be "Soak them Suds". See ya all in June.  
Dave Tommervik

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**Tyler Zulk, Mary (2008)**



I'm married to Gene Zulk. We have two children: Chris and Pam and a daughter in law, Sue. We have two grandchildren: Emily 9 and Connor 6. Our Minnesota summer address is: 1400 Cherry Place, Mound Mn 55364 (phone: 952-471-8001). Our Phoenix winter address is: 14126 W. Springdale Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375 (623-584-5696). The picture attached is from our visit to the Grand Canyon this past winter of 2008.

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**Volk Hunsley, Paula (2008)**



I have been retired from a bank here in Pierre for 5 years now, and love my life. Jerry and I do some traveling, my friends and I still go searching for antiques, and I spend a lot of time with my Mom, she lives in Pierre also. Our Granddaughter Lily is 4, so we do lots with her and our sons.

It's a Good Life!!

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**Ward Hensel, Shirley (May 2013)**



After graduation in 1963 I worked a year as a secretary for the Highway Department in Pierre before attending Presentation College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I graduated from college in 1966 with an Associate Secretarial Science Degree. After college I worked as a secretary for a law firm in Pierre and later moved to Rapid City where I worked for a Life Insurance Company.

I left South Dakota and moved to Minnesota in 1970 where I worked as a clerk for an advertising agency in downtown Minneapolis. I met my Husband, Bob Hensel, in Minnesota and we were married in 1971. We have 2 sons, 3 granddaughters and 2 grandsons.

After raising our boys, I worked for the public schools in the library and attendance office in the elementary, Jr. and Sr. High Schools here in Cottage Grove, MN until retirement in 2007. Both Bob and I are enjoying retirement now and feel very blessed to spend time with our grandchildren, doing volunteer work and some traveling. I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at our class reunion in 2013

Shirley Ward Hensel

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**Walsh De Yonge, Marie (Terry) (2008)**



I live in Vermillion on a small acreage, am divorced, with 2 terrific kids and 2 beautiful granddaughters. I am retired and slowly getting my M.A. at the U. (very convenient, as I can bicycle to class in good weather.) I am involved in several volunteer organizations and I am happy.

I am excited about the 2008 reunion and getting back to Pierre for a visit. It has been a long time. Also, I can't wait to see everyone and catch up on all the news. I will try to attach a picture ( no promises that I can

make that happen!). If I can be of help, in some long distance way, in preparation for the reunion please let me know. Always have time for the Class of '63.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,  
Marie (Terry) Walsh DeYonge

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### **Westby, Dale (April 2013)**

Dale graduated from Riggs High School in Pierre, SD in 1963. Not being sure what he wanted to do when he grew up; he worked in Pre-Stress Concrete Construction in Sioux Falls for a year prior to attending college. He attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD and Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. While attending Northern State University, he worked at Krueger-Shriver Mortuary in Aberdeen, for nearly three years. He graduated from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, Cum Laude at Louisville, KY in 1969.

Dale has been married to his bride, DeElda (Dee) Shaffer, since 1966. Dee is a 1963 graduate of Burke, S.D. High School. They have two grown children. Their son Dale Jr. (Rick) and their daughter Shanna live in Denver, CO. We have no grandchildren, so you will not hear any grandchildren stories from us. We have a very special niece, which we helped raise, Mrs. David (Alexia) Eaglin. Dave is a LTC in the US Air Force, stationed on Okinawa, Japan. Alexia and Dave have two sons, Alexander and Andrew.

Dale and Dee both enjoy golf, and have a group that we go with fairly often. In fact, during nice weather, it is most every weekend. We have had special trips to Florida, Alabama, North and South Carolina with our friends. Dale likes to hunt and fish, and bought another boat after his retirement to get back into fishing since Dee took up golf with him.

After graduating mortuary school, Dale began working at Baue Funeral Home, St. Charles, Missouri (just outside of St. Louis) on March 15, 1969 as apprentice funeral director and embalmer. He was promoted to Assistant Manager, Manager and then General Manager of Baue Funeral Homes and St. Charles Memorial Gardens in 1987. In 1998 he became the Vice President of Cemetery Operations at St. Charles Memorial Gardens.

Dale is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of Missouri. Dale attended the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) University for four years. That along with numerous other cemetery seminars he was able to earn the designation of Certified Cemetery Executive (CCE) in 1995. Prior to that Dale earned the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) through the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, and continued that designation for 25 years until his retirement.

Dale joined the Associated Cemeteries of Missouri (ACM) in 1979. He has served on the Board of Directors and Secretary/Treasurer for several years. He served as the President of ACM during two different terms. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors, Legislative Committee and Program Chairman. This truly became his passion.

Dale is also a member of the Greater St. Louis Cemetery Management Association since 1980, serving on the Board of Directors and President on two different occasions.

Dale also served on the board of directors and past President of the Central States Cemetery Association, which was an association of eight surrounding state cemetery associations.

Dale is a charter member of the Optimist Club of St. Charles, joining in April 1971 and remains active today. He has served on the Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer and received the distinction of Distinguished President. Dale also served three terms as Missouri District Lt. Gov, District Achievement and Awards Chairman and other district positions.

Dale has served on the Advisory Board of the Missouri Heart Association, St. Louis Heart Association and Past President of the St. Charles County Unit of the American Heart Association. Dale was chairman of the Heart Association Bike-A-Thons in St. Charles for about 10 years.

Dale also served in the South Dakota and Missouri Army National Guard from 1966 to 1972 as a Combat Engineer and Military Policeman.

Dale is a Life Member of AMVETS Post # 106 in St. Peters, MO.

Dale retired from Baue Funeral Homes and St. Charles Memorial Gardens as Vice President of Cemetery Operations in September, 2007. He continues to be involved as a consultant in the development of the cemetery and other requests by ownership.

Dale and Dee enjoy working in their back yard flower garden and water feature with about fifty Japanese Koi. Dee has most of the koi named after family and friends. We spend a lot of time enjoying the view from our patio from early spring through late fall.

**The attached photo is of Dale, DeElda (Dee), daughter Shanna and son Dale, Jr. (Rick)**



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#### **Whitney, James (2008)**



We have 2 children Terecia and Brian. Teri has 3 girls and Brian has a son and daughter. Everyone lives in the Sioux Falls area so that is where we usually spend the majority of our summers. We have been truly blessed.

We retired in September of 2001 and have had the privilege of traveling ever since. We travel in a 40 foot motorhome towing a Trailblazer so home is where we park it. We are so sorry we missed the last reunion in Phoenix; we were in southern Florida. We do plan on attending the one this summer. We plan on spending the upcoming winter in a suburb of Phoenix by the name of El Mirage.

Truly enjoy everyone's messages and we'll try to keep ours updated. Our e-mail is [jjlwhitney@hotmail.com](mailto:jjlwhitney@hotmail.com) and we love hearing from people. Our cell phone is 605.695.0887 - keep in touch.

God is Good! Jim and Carol (Pyncheon) Whitney

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**Williams Smith, Judy Jo (2008)**



Well, here it is 2012 and almost time for our 50th reunion and I am finally getting around to read about all of you and fill you in on my life. I lived in Pierre until I graduated H.S. and then headed to Colorado State College. I graduated with a BA. in 1969. During this time I also went to the "University of the Seven Seas" (on a ship) for 4 month's. I traveled around the world to 26 countries. What an adventure for a farm girl from S.D. My last year of school in Colo., I met and married my husband Vince. We moved to Nanuet, New York (10 mi. from New York City) another shock!

I started my career as an educator and continued for 30 years. During this time I earned a double Master's degree. I moved to Albany and then to Syracuse and have lived here ever since with my family. I have two daughters; DeDe and Dawn, and three grand boys; Jesse, Vinny and Kody. Last year my youngest daughter, Dawn, died from cancer. Some of you may recall she was diagnosed near the time of our 45th reunion. We have since set up an endowment in her name (Dawn Steber) at the Upstate University Cancer Center, Syracuse, N.Y. If you wish to donate or just learn more about this go to "The Rise of Dawn" on Face book.

My life is filled with fund raising for the Rise of Dawn, enjoying my family, golfing, boating, reading, traveling in our RV (Tampa FL in winter's), studying and doing genealogy. That's it in a nut shell. Hope to see you all at the 50th.