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Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 12 October 1956

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## 2 Injured Get Tickets

Almost identical accidents here Thursday night and early Friday morning landed two motorists in hospital emergency ward and led to their arrest.

Robert M. Johnson, 43, of 3323 Washington ave., was driving north in the 500 block of N. Larch Thursday at 9:25 p. m. when he slammed into the rear of a

train at the C. & O. railroad tracks.

Mr. Thornton suffered head and knee cuts. Sparrow hospital attendants gave him first aid treatment, and city police gave him a ticket for driving in an unsafe manner.

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Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 22 September 1957

'WELCOME' GROUP AT MSU HEADED BY OKEMOS GIRL

Miss Louise Brauner of Okemos heads a group of six Lansing area students who will be taking part in "Welcome Week" starting today at Michigan State university.

The first week of the fall term is traditionally "Welcome Week" at M.S.U. It is designed to orient the new students, freshmen and transfers, to college life.

Miss Brauner is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Brauner of 2527 Arrowhead rd., Okemos, and is the chairman of the student executive committee on orientation, student governing body for the entire orientation program.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 1 February 1958

#### LOUISE BRUANER HONORED AT MSU

Louise Brauner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brauner, Okemos, is one of two recipients of the Student Government award for 1957-58 at Michigan State university.

Miss Brauner, who is majoring in speech, received the award for activities in student government and for contributions to the betterment of the student body and university.

Among her activities at M.S. U. are Orchesis, student government cabinet, policy committee on orientation, student guide steering committee, chairman of president's reception for new students, Spinster Spin and Coronation ball.

Beside her extracurricular activities, Miss Brauner is a member of two women honoraries, Tower Guard and Mortar board.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 3 May 1958

There have been four proprietors of Channel 60's "The Toyshop" since 1954 - two men and two women. These persons have been carefully selected because they carry a much heavier burden than most television performers. They must be very conscious of their choice of words, their grammar, and above all, of the values that they transmit to their audience of children. The current "Toyshop Lady" is Louise Bruner.

Louise, who has been the proprietress of the Toyshop since last December, is a senior at Michigan State university majoring in radio and television. She is the daughter of Professor and Mrs. Erling B. Brauner of 2527 Arrowhead rd., Okemos.

On 8 November 1958, Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan, Louise married William Lewis "Bill" Broecker. Bill was a US Army veteran and University of Michigan graduate.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Sunday 2 November 1958

The Erwin Broeckers will be away next Saturday to attend the wedding of their son, Bill, to Louise Brauner, whose father, Erling Brauner, is a professor of art at Michigan

State University. The wedding will be small and will take place at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Okemos.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Sunday 9 November 1958

## WEDDING IN OKEMOS HOME

### COUPLE TO RESIDE IN EAST LANSING

The home of Prof. and Mrs. Erling B. Brauner of Okemos was the scene of the wedding ceremony Saturday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Louise Brauner, became the bride of William Lewis Broecker of East Lansing. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin L. Broecker of 327 N.E. Capital ave.

The Rev. Gordon Jones, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing, performed the ceremony at 1 o'clock after which a bridal luncheon was served.

Miss Nikolina Brauner attended her sister as maid of honor, and Charles Broecker of Battle Creek served as this brother's best man. Arthur Brauner of Okemos, the bride's brother, was the groomsman.

For her wedding the bride chose an informal sheath dress of lace-covered satin with pearl embroidery. Her halo veil was of illusion and she carried a white orchid with feathered white carnations.

Miss Brauner wore a royal blue sheath dress with a small hat and shoes to match, and her flowers were yellow Fuji chrysanthemums.

Following the luncheon there was an informal reception after which the newlyweds left for a honeymoon trip to New York City. On their return Nov. 15, they will be at home at 231 Lewis st. in East Lansing.

The bride was graduated last June from Michigan State University and is affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Her husband is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is director producer of TV at MSU. During his two years of service in the U.S. Army he was associated with a television station in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Broecker went to Okemos for their son's wedding and also there were Mr. and Mrs. George F. Ames of 209 Chestnut st. Other guests from a distance



included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Olaf M. Brauner and Mrs. P.M., O'Leary both of Ithaca, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Drake of Birmingham, Mrs. Robert Drake of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. William Barton of Rockford, Ill.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Sunday 8 December 1963

Louise and Bill Broecker came on Wednesday from New York City to spend the next month going back and forth between the homes of his parents, the Erwin L. Broeckers, and hers, the Erling Brauners of Okemos. Both families plan many exchange hospitalities during the coming weeks.

On Christmas, Louise will have a chance to see her brother, Arthur, who is teaching wood technology in Cincinnati, and his August bride, Daphne, and Louise's twin sister, Niki, and her husband, Lee Worum of Morgantown, W. Va.

On April 1 Louise and Bill will sail from NYC aboard a freighter, going to the Pacific via the Panama Canal, with Japan as their ultimate destination. He is a free lance writer and she has a pottery studio in NYC., and both expect to pursue their careers in the Far East.

Bill and Louise lived for many years in New York State. Bill, born 21 November 1932, Michigan, died 4 June 2007, New York. As of 2017 Louise was still living in New York.

BROECKER, WILLIAM

Published: June 10, 2007 New York Times

BROECKER--William, on June 4, 2007. It is with great sadness that the School of Visual Arts announces the death of a distinguished faculty member and dear friend, William Broecker. Born on November 21, 1932 in Detroit, he began teaching in the Photography Department at the School of Visual Arts in the fall of 1967. Over the years he offered his original courses, including Photo Techniques and The History of Photography, and mentored students in independent-study projects. In 2001 he received SVA's Distinguished Art Historian Award, and has also received honors from the Art Directors Club and the Society for Technical Communication. William was a highly regarded historian who applied his writing, editing and design talents to an array of books, magazines, encyclopedias and technical manuals in the fields of photography and magic. He died at his home in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, after an extended illness. Our condolences go to his wife Louise and brother Charles.

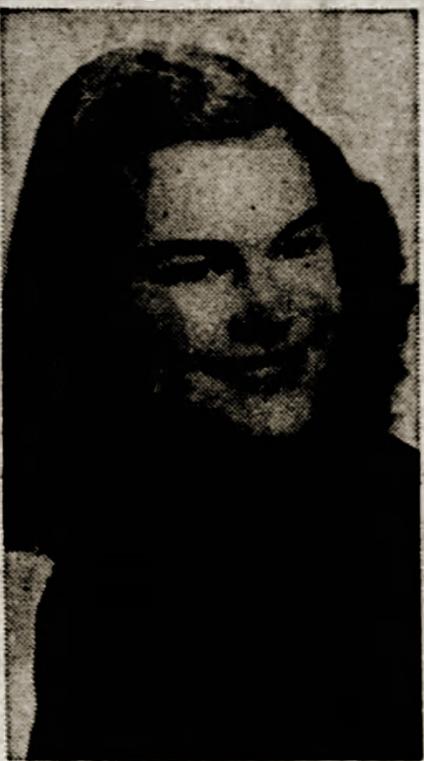
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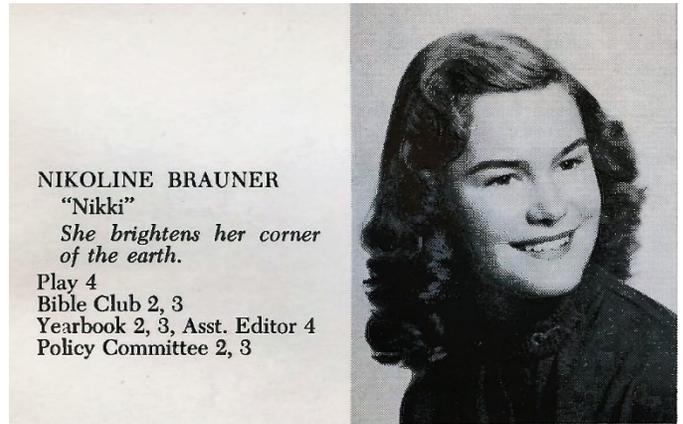
NICKOLINA — This is a portrait of the daughter of Erling Brauner of the Michigan State university art faculty, the only portrait showing in the art exhibit at The Style Shop. (State Journal Photo)

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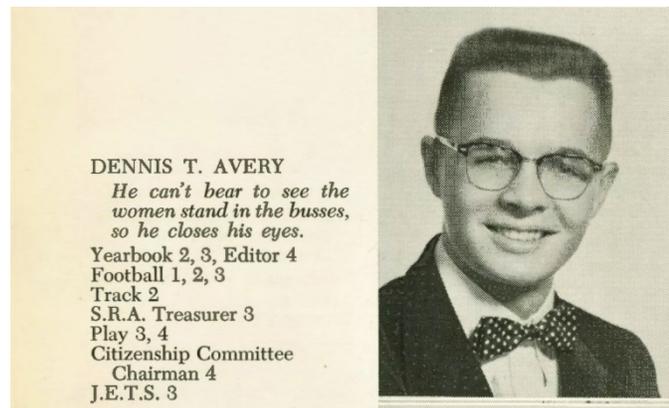
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Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 5 April 1954

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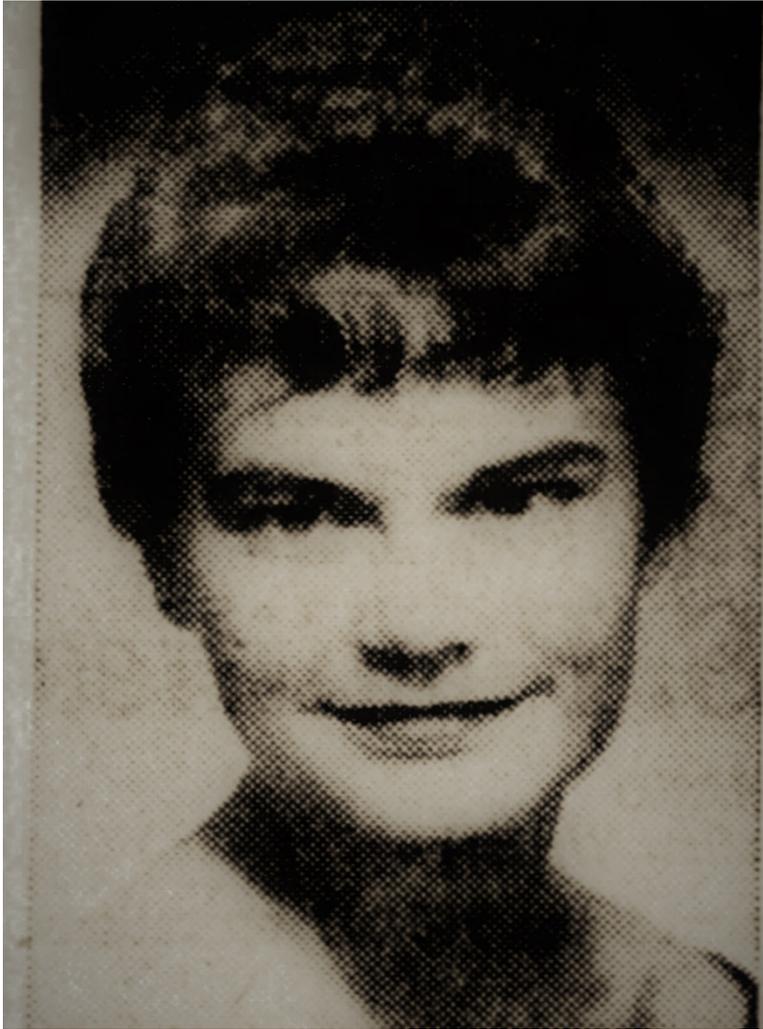
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Nikki attended and graduated from Michigan State University where as a senior she was named to Phi Kappa Phi, the national scholastic honor society.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 3 September 1959

#### MISS BRAUNER'S ENGAGEMENT IS TOLD BY PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Erling B. Brauner of 2527 Arrowhead rd., Okemos, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikolina, to Lee J. Workum, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Workum of Cincinnati, O.



The bride-elect, a graduate of Michigan State university, is affiliated with Kappa Alpha theta sorority.

Mr. Workum is a graduate of Miami university and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

A Nov. 7 wedding is being planned.

Lee Jephtha Workum, Jr., born 4 June 1930, was a Lieutenant in the US Naval Reserve. He graduated from Miami University with an degree in engineering. His father was an executive in the concrete and steel products industries in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. The Workum family immigrated from Holland about 1825 and settled along the Cincinnati riverfront. Lee's great-grandfather was the founder of the old Workum and Freiberg distillers of Cincinnati.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 8 November 1959

## COUPLE GOES TO EUROPE ON WEDDING TRIP

Now en route to Europe are the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Workum, Jr., who spoke their wedding vows Saturday in the All Saints Episcopal church.

The bride is the former Miss Nikolina Brauner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erling B. Brauner of 2527 Arrowhead road., Okemos, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Workum of Cincinnati, O.

Nicolina chose a floor-length gown of bridal satin designed with a modified scoop neckline and a bouffant skirt. At the neckline, the dress was inset with lace that belonged to her great-grandmother. An open work headpiece secured her veil of lace, which belonged to her grandmother.

The bride carried white roses accented with ivy.

Mrs. William Broecker, of New York city was her sister's matron of honor in a pale blue lace dress designed with a bouffant skirt. Her flowers were pink carnations.



Bridesmaids were Mrs. Gary B. Nash of Hopewell, N.J. sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. David Workum of St. Louis, Missouri, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Miss Julie Powell of Okemos.

David Workum, of St. Louis was his brother's best man and seating guests were Gary B. Nash of Hopewell, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, Arthur B. Brauner of Okemos, the bride's brother, and Joseph Mendelsohn of Cincinnati, O.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the bride's home. They will reside in Cincinnati after Dec. 1.

Nicolina, who is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, is a graduate of Michigan State university. The bridegroom is a graduate of Miami university in Ohio and is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio) Sunday 28 October 1962

## WORKUM JOINS SEABROOKE

Lee J. Workum, Jr. has joined the Seabrooke Construction Co., Mariemont Center Building, as field superintendent and remodeling manager. Seabrooke Construction is headed by Charles S. Marsh and is engaged in custom home construction and planned remodeling. Mr. Workum formerly was plant manager for Cinder Products, Inc., Of Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Miami University and served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War. He is married and resides in Golf Manor.

Nikki became a middle school math teacher in Wyoming, Hamilton County, Ohio school district. The Wyoming City School district was ranked, according to Google, first in the state of Ohio on the 2004-2005 State Report Card.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio) Tuesday 30 May 1989

The board's Mission Award was presented to sixth-grade teacher Nikki Workum.

Lee and Nikki lived for many years in the Wyoming area. Lee retired about 1995 and did volunteer work for the Wyoming City School District. Nikki retired from there after a long teaching career. As of 2017 they were living in retirement in Michigan.