

We need
time to dream,
time to remember,
time to reach
for the infinite,
time to be.

GLADYS
TABER



Mark Horey

2009

So very, very sorry to hear of this tragic loss. May the good memories live long in the lives of those he touched.

Jacqueline A. Worrell Hitchcock

The class of '69 will remember Mark at our 40th reunion – the way he was then – young and full of promise.

Cris Hicks-Usta

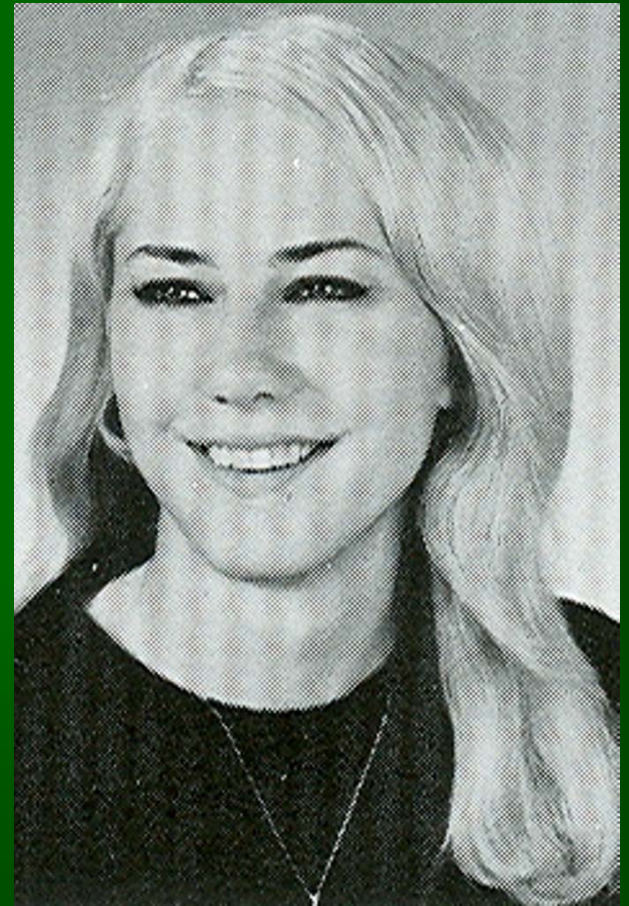


Lorrie E. Bessell (Redmond)

2008

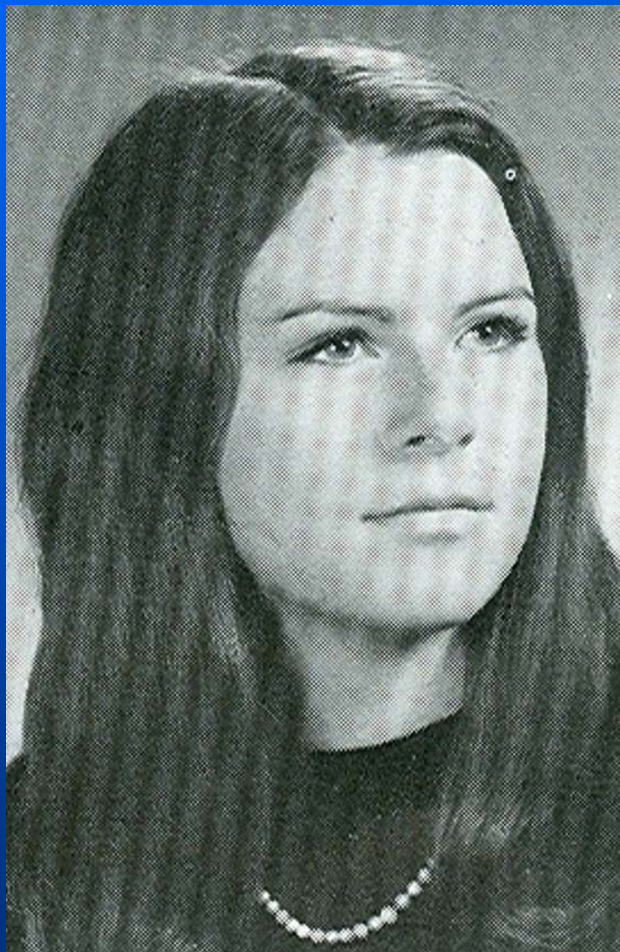
Lorrie lived in the city of Buffalo, but she was still a country girl at heart. She had made a lily pond with goldfish in her yard. She loved plants and flowers a lot from her mother's beautiful rose garden. Lorrie had two white cats and hamsters. Lorrie was a Peace Officer, working for Canisius College I think for about 17 years. She was also involved with the college safety program. She did designing for the posters and seminars. Lorrie's love of her life was her daughter, Traci. She was very proud of her and considered her a most precious gift. Lorrie is buried in Forest Lawn on a hill with two majestic trees looking down upon her. Lorrie will be in my heart forever and I miss her very much.

Ann H. Giolando Vohwinkel



Laura A. Cox (Lucas)

2008



We had some crazy good times together early on in High School (notably driving the GTO her daddy gave her, going so fast the screws fell out of the roof :)). Laura, you had an infectious laugh, high spirits and a strong desire to connect, hope you are healthy, happy and at rest. We will raise a glass to you at the reunion darlin'.

Cristine E. Schultz Connor

Laura and I were very close from junior high until I left Williamsville and headed West. She was one of a tight circle of girlfriends that formed in Jr. High. We inherited Theta Chi, skied, went to the bars (both before and after we were legal!), drove fast and took chances and lots of times just laughed our asses off. We reunited years later and kept in touch. When I was in the area I often stayed at her condo. Laura passed away suddenly on Valentine's Day 2008 and my last visit to Buffalo was for Laura's funeral. It was a touching reunion for those of us who could be there and we were all struck by the pictures that represented her incredible beauty, smile and infectious laugh. When I look at pictures of all of us together its hard to imagine the group without her. No doubt more toasts will be made to her memory and our love for each other in July.

Melinda J. Gleason

Charles R. Voigt 2008



“Think where man’s glory most begins and ends, and
say my glory was I had such friends”

William Butler



..."He referred to the dates on her tombstone..."

Cindy S. Carpenter

2007

I am so sad to hear of the passing of Cindy. She was my first true Best Friend...many, many years ago at Academy Elementary in the Village

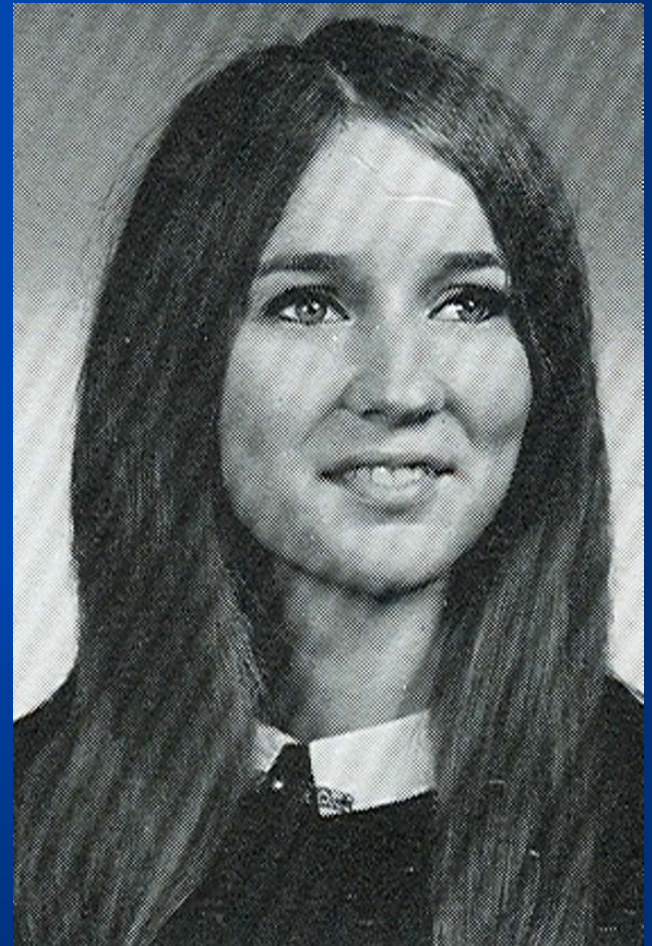
Karen A. Fradin Menton

I remember you two being inseparable, Karen, and was sorry to hear she had passed.

Carolyn Grunthaner

Cindy was a sensitive person in high school. This song by Jewel reminded me of her after seeing in these pages that Cindy survives only "In Memory." I hope Cindy found peace and happiness in her life. If not, I trust she has found it now.

Curtis Christy



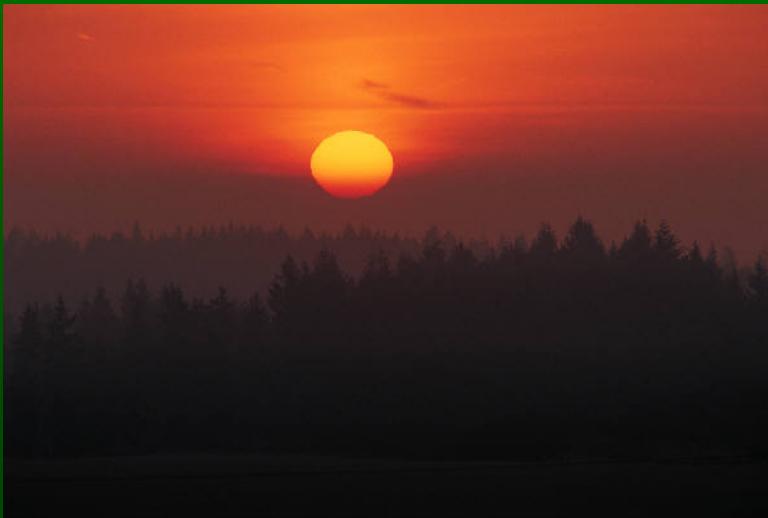
David P. Holfelner

2006



“Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow; Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend forever.”

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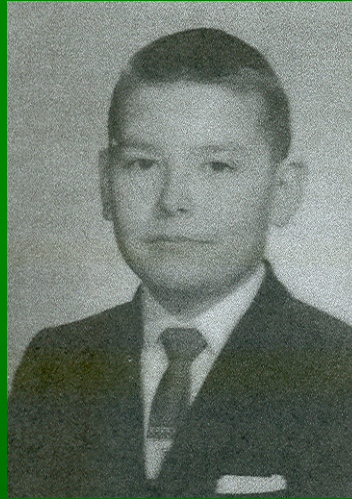


Mark E. Damian

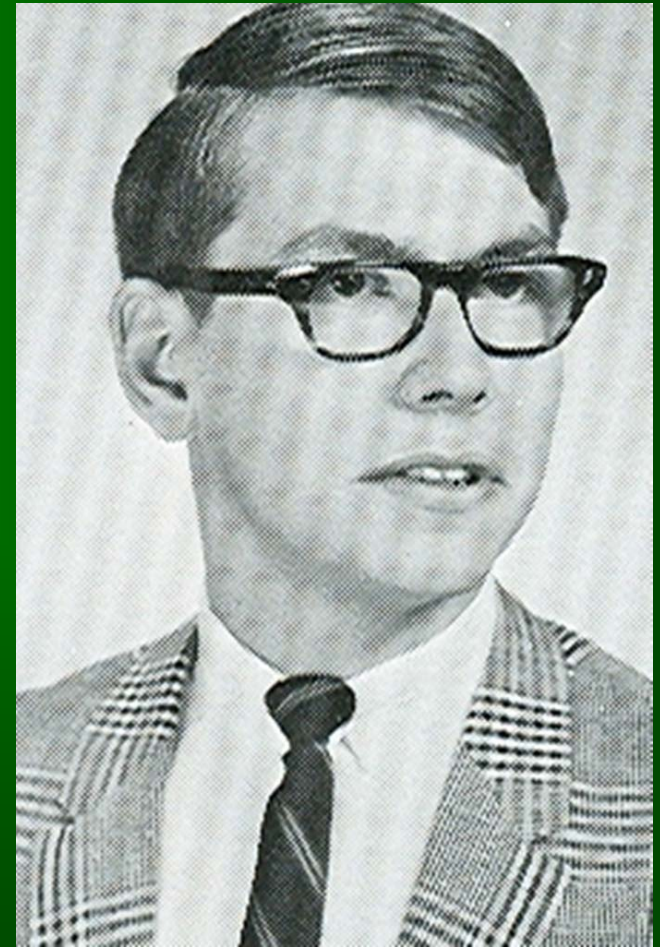
2005



1996



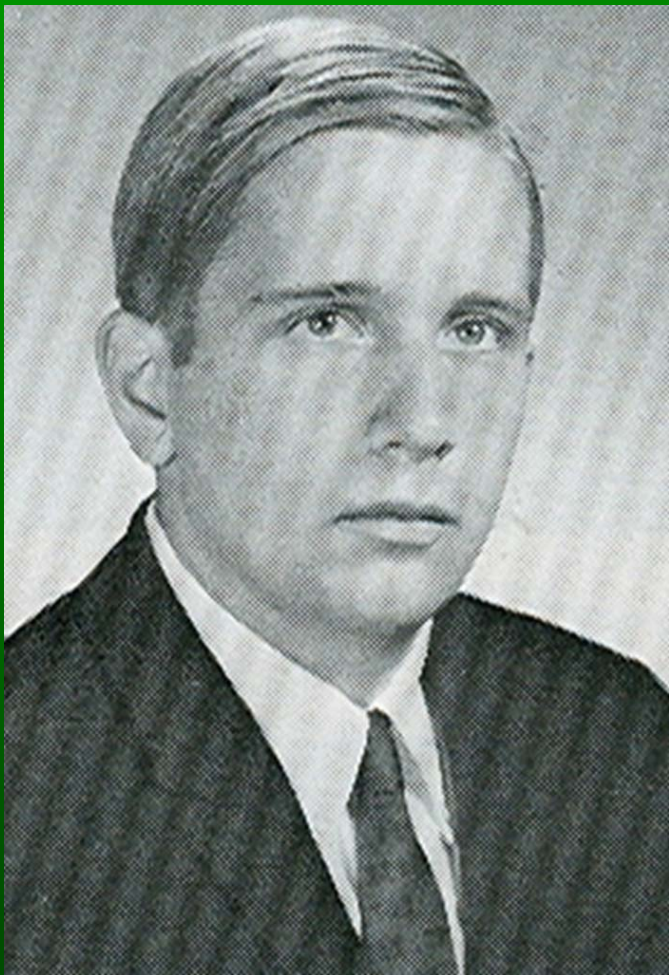
1961



2004

Nelson J. Miller

2005



Senior Prom
June 1969



Miss you Nels
Randi Maxon

There was a special event that Nelson and I had the honor to do. Christmas 1968 we were able to erect the First Christmas Tree at the school in the enclosed inner area of the school. There is a photo in the yearbook. Nelson was always fun and a great guy.

Philip E. Alexander



"...from the beginning to the end..."



Lance R. VanDusen 2003



Lance was a great guy. He died of a heart attack while in the prime of his life. He was a Dentist and happily married (Cindy) at the time of his death. If I recall correctly he had about five children. Lance did me the honor of attending a graduation celebration I had in 1993, and on my profile you can see a photo of Lance from the event. Lance had a gentle spirit and a good sense of humor. At the time of his concussion (football injury), he was also practicing to play the role of Cardinal Wolsey in AMFAS. Jeff Hayden stepped in and took that role when Lance was sidelined

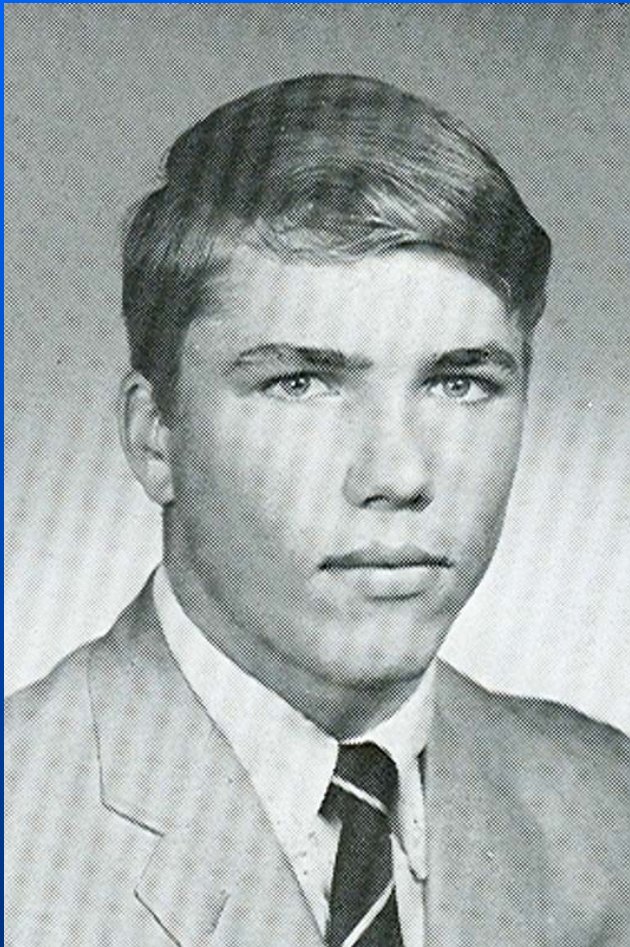
Bruce Sabantino.

I remember the night Lance was injured on the football field and they took him away in an Ambulance. Don't remember if we won, we were all so concerned about him. I also double dated with him to our Senior Prom. How sad to learn of his death.

Dawn Andrews Matot



Senior Prom

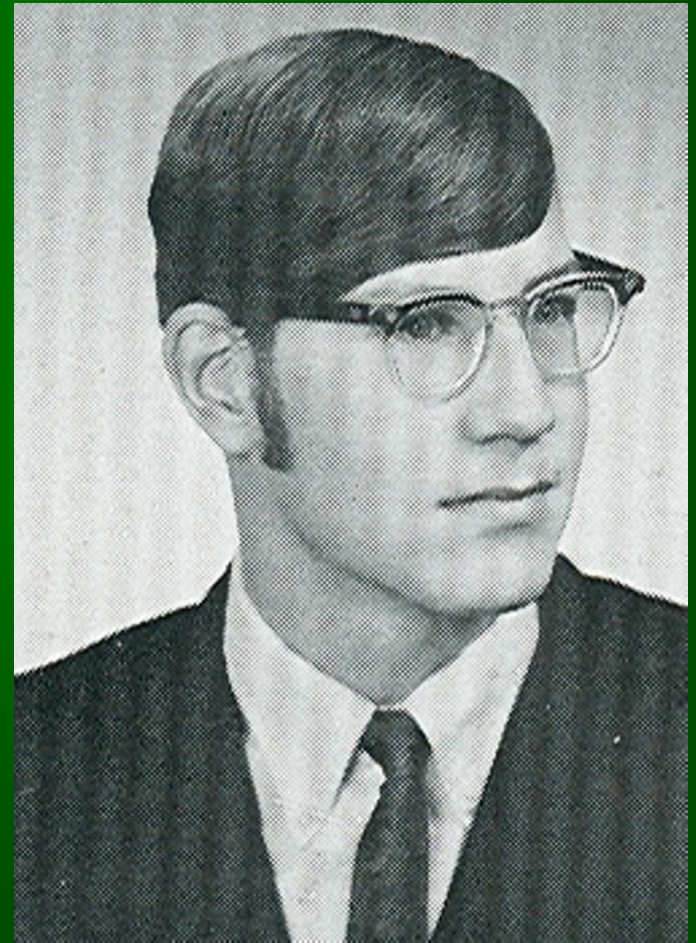


Michael J. Hufnagel

2002

The class of '69 owes a debt of gratitude to Mike, as he tirelessly worked on the 10, 20th and 25th reunions to bring us together. His expertise in managing data kept the committee up to date on lost and found, and his great mind was just fun to dabble in. Thanks, Mike, from WCHS Class of 1969...

Christine R. Adair Hicks-Usta

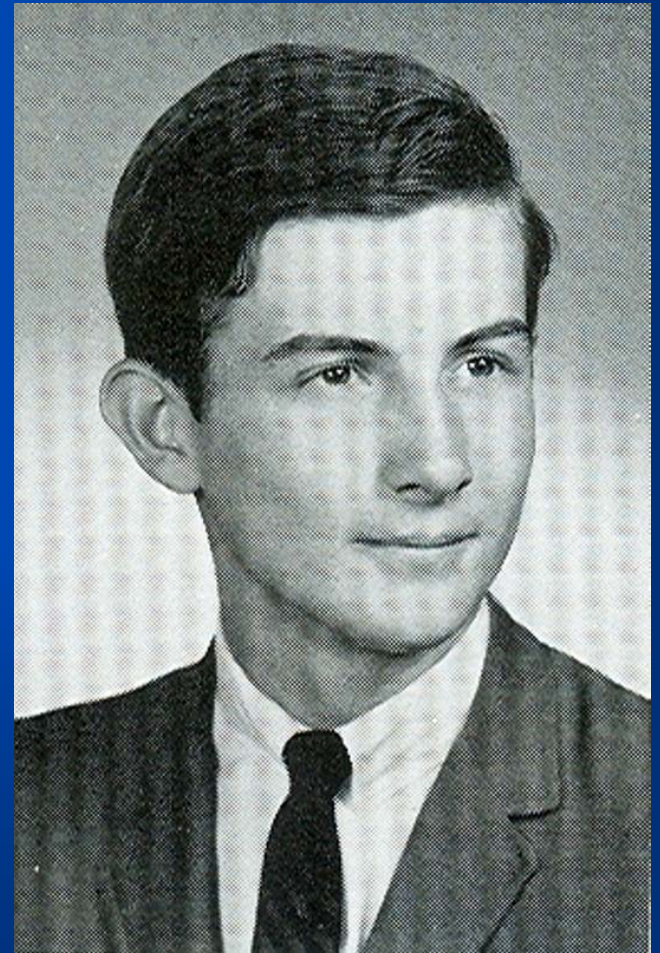


Mark A. Weber

2002

“When you ask God for a gift, Be thankful
if he sends, Not diamonds, pearls or
riches, but the love of real true friends.”

Helen Steiner Rice



Susan M. Richardson (Meiers)

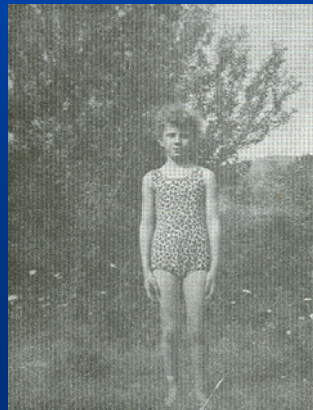
2001

Susie – I miss you! Your red hair and fun spirit – although we were “opposites” we were the perfect best friends. I will never, never forget you!!

Karen A. Fraden Menton

I first met Susie at 5 years old when our mothers brought us together for her birthday party. We became best friends in 5th grade and were inseparable until high school. We shared a locker and still did things together, but she became the social butterfly and I rode horses and dated “out of school.” We kept in touch over the years and visited each other, always able to pick up like it was yesterday. I had a plane ticket to Fla. to see her in the hospital, but 9/11 put an end to that. I had been visiting a friend in Buffalo on 9/10 and burst into tears about the time, I was later told, she died. Miss you a lot, Rich

Cynthia F. Eckis



I remember her as a fun-loving girl who was pretty daring and was sorry to see her on the list of those we have lost

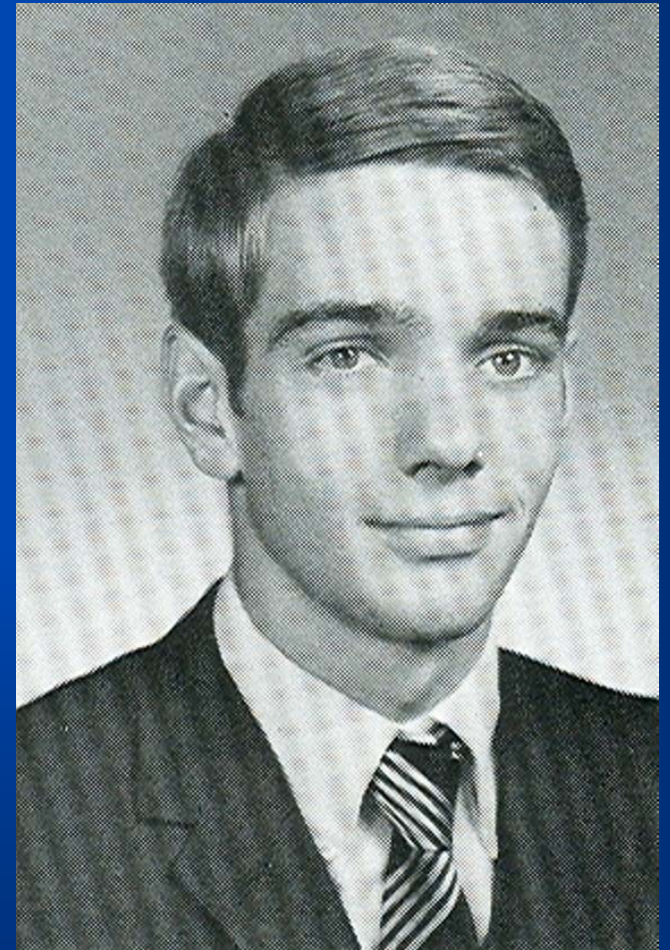
Carolyn Grunthaner

“Me Jane,
where’s Tarzan?”

"He noted that first came her date of birth..."

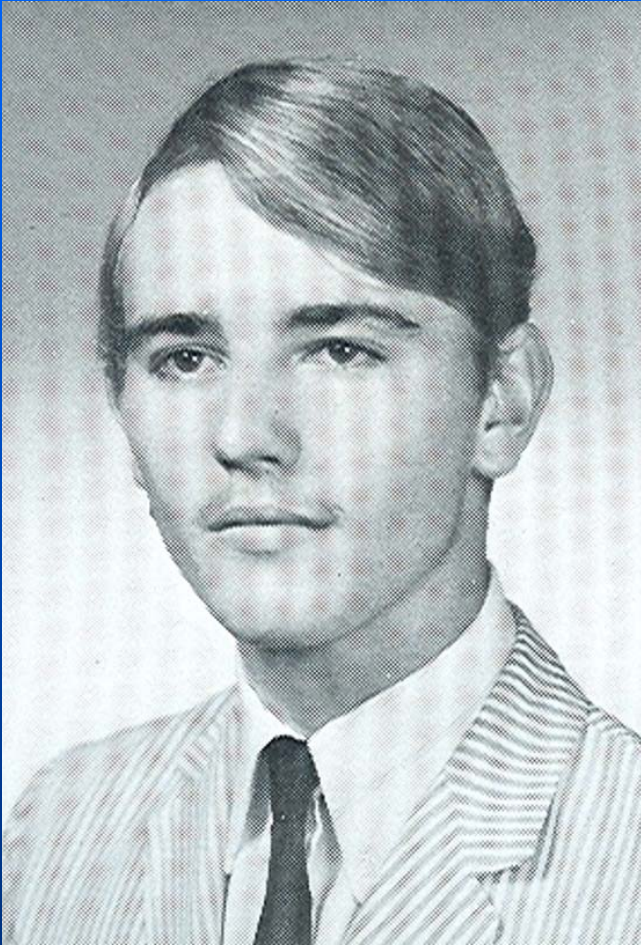
Paul J. Webster

2001



Scott R. Schoemann

2000



Hey there Scott, you will be missed Bro. The last I saw Scott was at the 20 yr reunion, and although it was great seeing him, and shooting the baloney about the ole days and the amount of skin & knuckles we left behind, it was noticeable that some demons were along for the ride. I pray that the Good Lord has shown Favor on Scott, and He has found Peace. Love Ya Bro.

Steven L. Rich

Judith L. Percival (Thuman)

1999



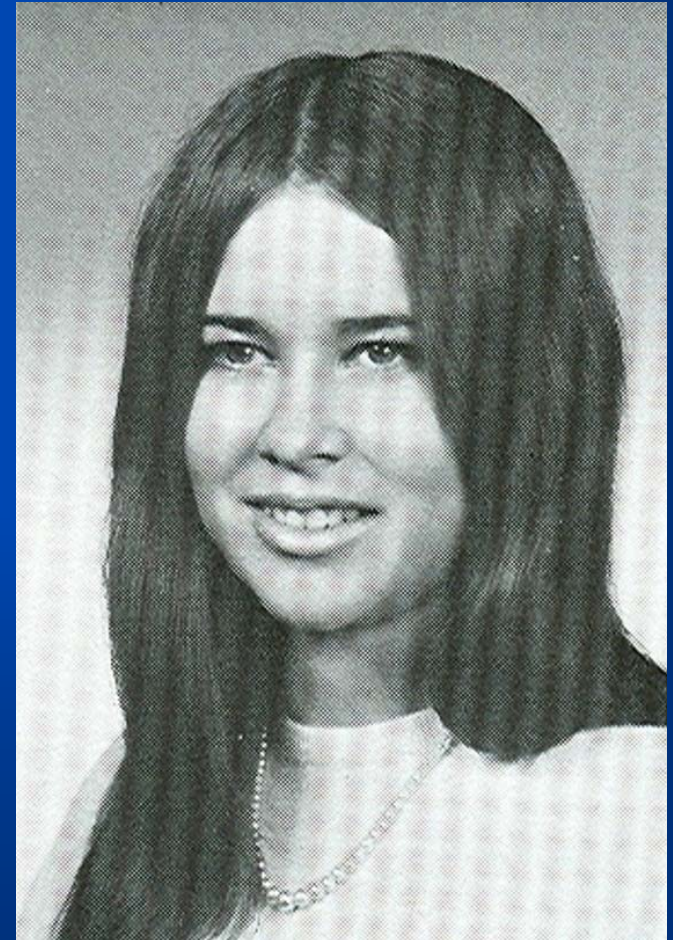
Judy and husband
Bill



Bathsheba
(Judi Percival)

Wow...we had some crazy times together.
Sorority sisters. Football games. Double
dating. My heart is heavy. Angels watch
over us forever...fly little angel...fly

Cynthia C. Meyer Smith



Judith Binner (Schwab)

1998



Graduation 1969



5th grade

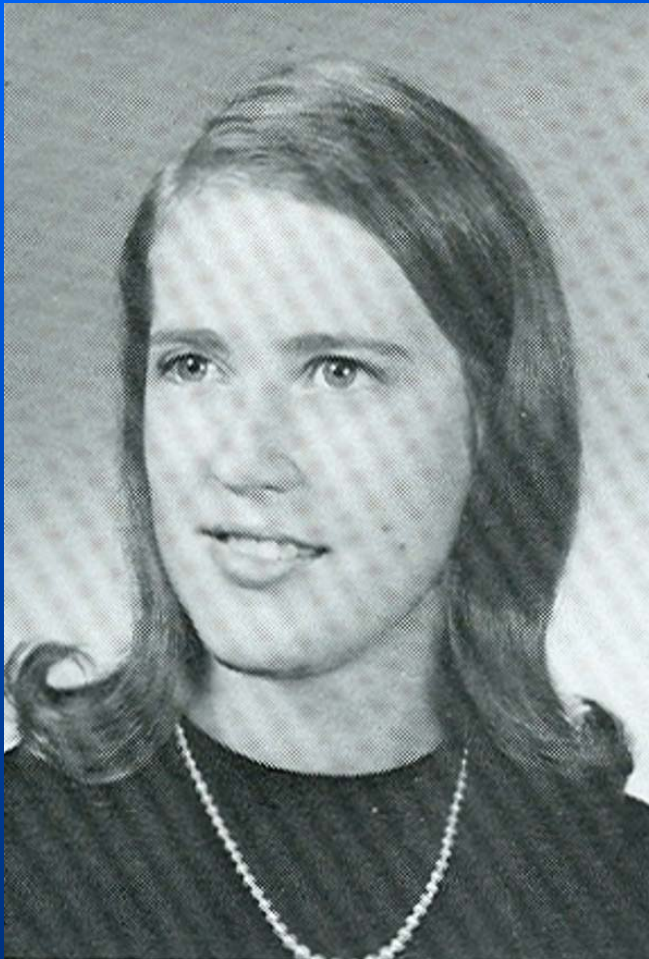
Judy's parents and mine were best of friends. We had fond memories at the Getzville fire Hall. It is so sad of her loss at such an early age in her life.

Marilyn G. Wannop Matisz

"...and spoke the following date with tears."

Christine E. Schmink

1998



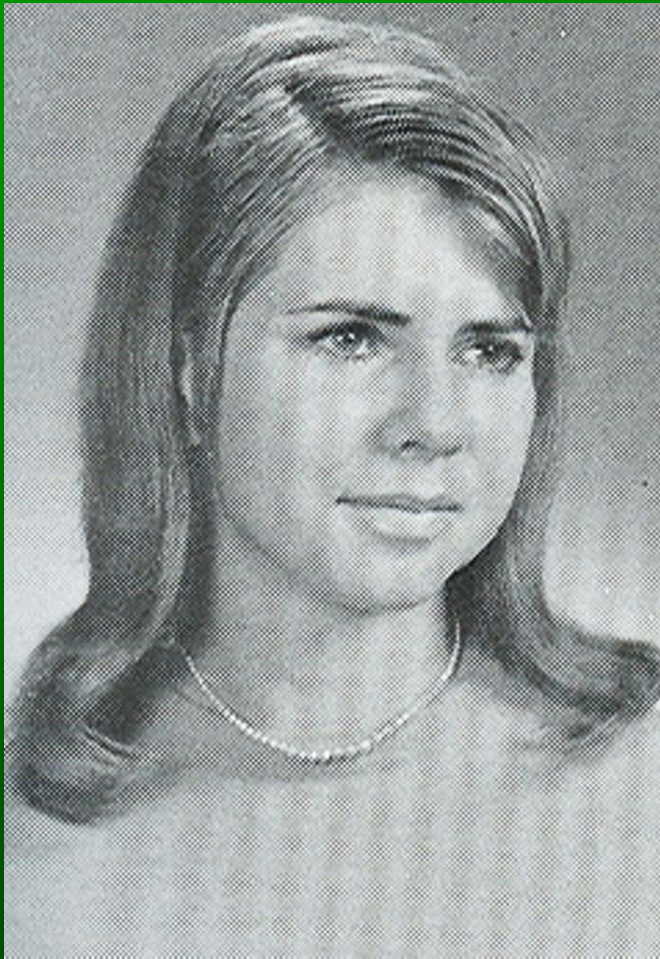
AP Chemistry
Class

Carol Olejniczak (Groce)

1996

Carol was a loyal friend and gifted artist. We shared many good/difficult times together. Eternal be hers and all of our other classmates' memories.

Kathleen Tassy



Beverly Baum
& Carol 1973



Thomas A. Panzarella

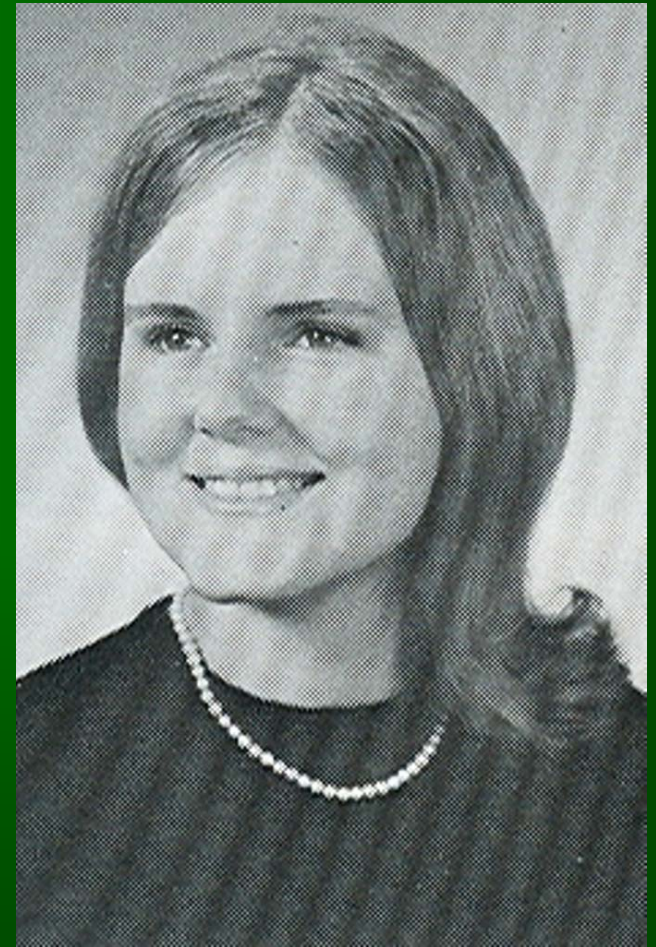
1996



Elizabeth J. Ridge (Rawlings) 1995

For those that do not remember Liz, you should remember her mom who worked in the WHS South office. Had the honor to have talked to her back in 1993. Remember double dates with her and her boyfriend during our soph/jr years. God bless her and all our classmates that have passed on, and protect those who are still with us.

Philip E. Alexander



"But he said what mattered most of all..."

Barbara Moses (Hipp)

1978



Barb graduated from the University of Kentucky, with an elementary teaching degree, married her high school sweetheart, Fred Hipp, class of '68. They started out in Wmsvl., & moved several times before starting their family in Texas. Their son, Adam was born only 9 weeks before Barb died suddenly, at the age of 28. She was my best friend throughout high school. & I have many fond memories of our times together, especially our senior year at North, when both of our sweethearts were away at college. Fred did remarry about 8 years later, & had a daughter, Kaitlin. We still keep in touch.

Kathleen Maier Johnson



"Did you hear
Freddy got 2nd
man on campus?"
(Barb Moses)



1974

Fred's
prom 1968

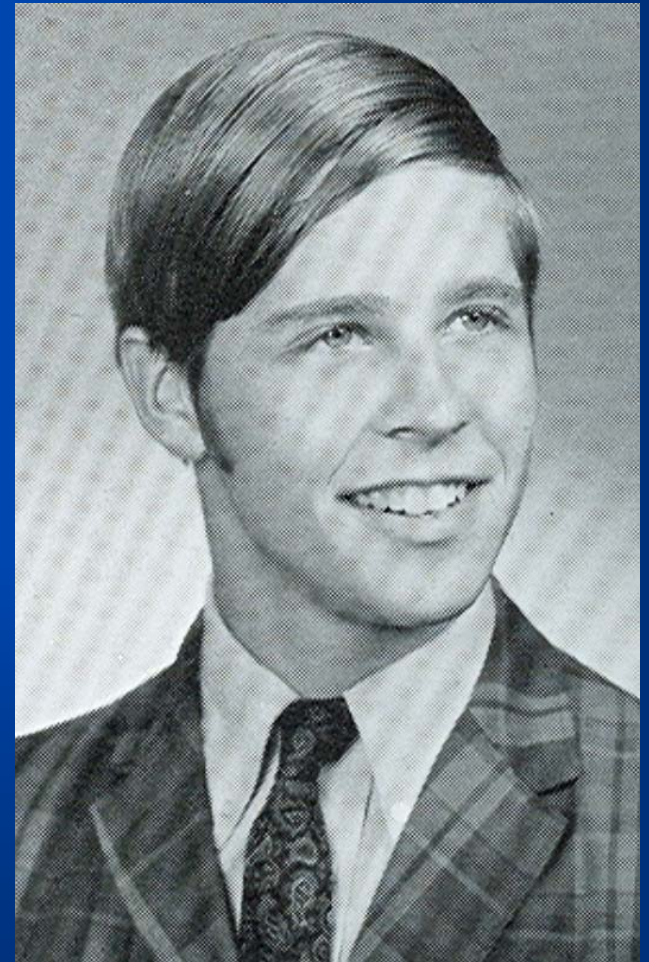


James Hengerer

1972

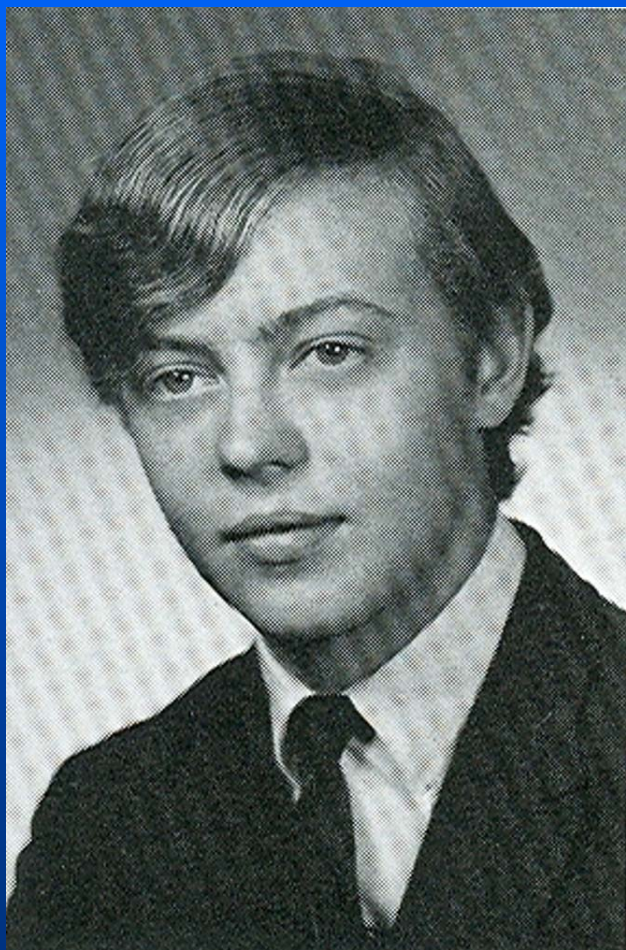
I'll never forget our times in Orlando! We had an absolute life experience. We had a riot. You were a great and loyal friend? Hope you are started on your next life, kick'n ass and taken names! Take care buddy.

William Lohr



Ernest Gamin

1969



Ernie Gamin. Keith introduced us. Ernie's mom was a school principal, as I remember. She was raising Ernie alone when I knew him. She did a great job. He is a stand-out kid in my memories of high school: warm funny accepting ... and without doubt a bona fide genius. He created a little wheeled robot that would come out into the middle of the room when he flicked on the light switch ... it was like a small rolling tray, and could have a can of Pepsi or something on it. He rigged up an alarm (before you could buy such a thing) that he kept under his pillow, that turned on a tape recording of his pretty girlfriend saying "Get up, Ernie, Time to get up" ... instead of a buzzing alarm going off. I remember him working on some early computer terminals at school, doing stuff that most of us had no clue about. What would he have become if he had not perished in that car accident? I have thought of Ernie many hundreds of times since those days.

Curtis Christy

Ernie was one of my closest friends in high school. While I was away at college one evening in the fall of 1969 I was half listening to the evening news when I saw Ernie's picture on the TV announcing his death. Ernie was attending college at Alfred and was involved in an auto accident that took his life. I was in shock and disbelief. But God used this tragedy and other events in my life to draw me to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thomas H. Davis

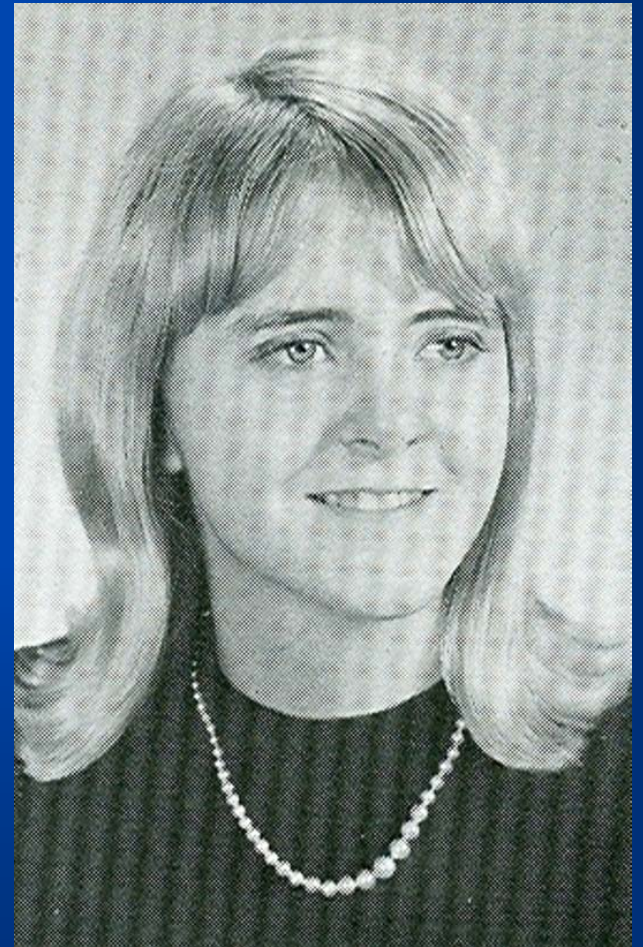
Ernie left us way too soon. He was always ready to bring some light into anyone's path, not to mention a smile or giggle. (remember-it was the late 60" EXHALE!) Ernie! Some of the best times were when we set-up for the Magic Mushroom. Memories always bring a smile! Hope you are paving a way for Us all, Ern. Love Ya Bro. You're already in Christ's arms.

Steven Rich

Jennifer L. Allan (Marriott)

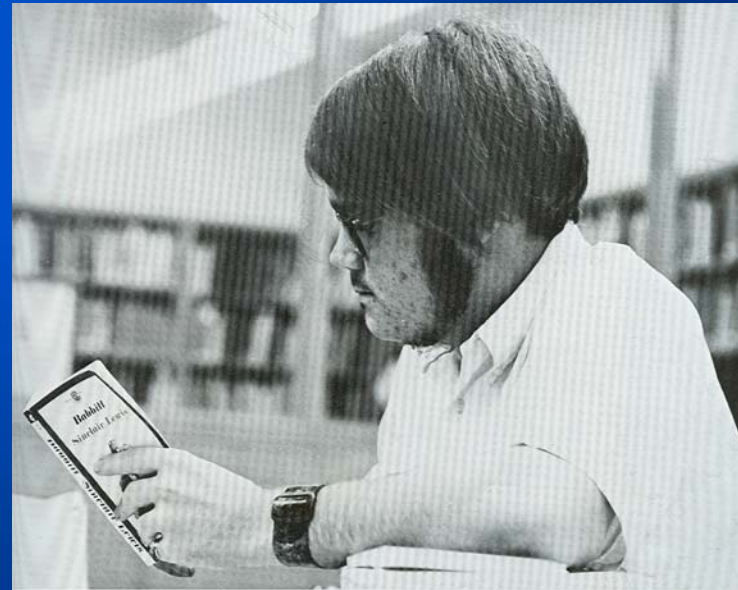
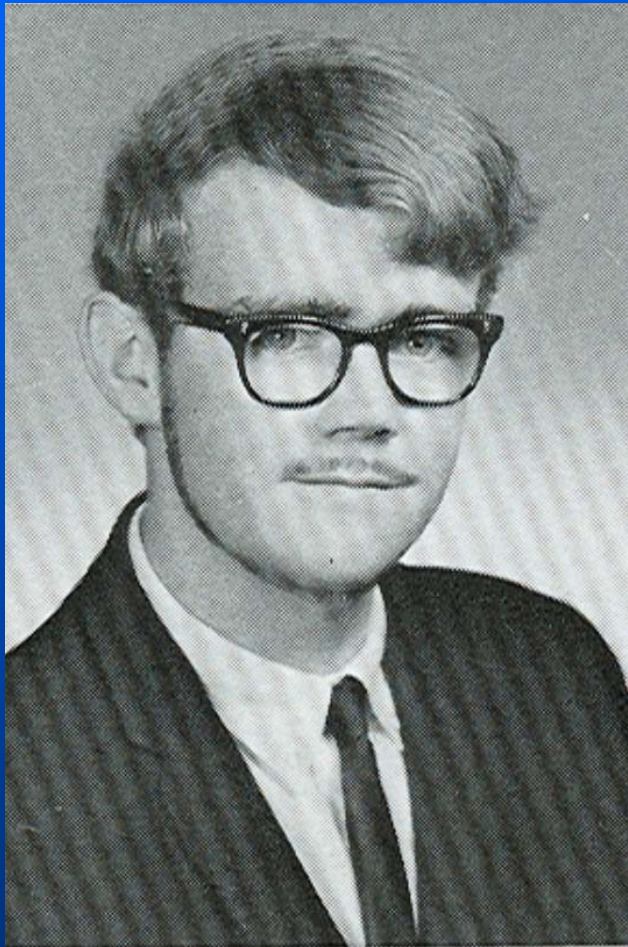
“A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.”

Barnard Meltzer



"...was the dash between those years."

Daniel Dougherty



During a free module before English class, Dan Doherty reads Sinclair Lewis's *Babbitt* in the library.

Bonnie A. Greskiewicz



I will always remember the time
her dad caught me sneaking in
her house.

Denise D. Miller Bardwell



Michael Kelley

“Many people will walk in and out of your life, but
only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”

Eleanor Roosevelt



Michael Spence



During Mike's first year home from college in November 1969 he suffered a fatal injury in a car accident. He was a good friend and we had some great times together.

Bill Dougherty



I had a crush on Mike way back in third grade. When I heard of his passing years ago, I was heartbroken. I think of him now and then even today.

Carolyn Grunthaner

That's right Bill, I don't exactly remember who went, but about 5 or 6 of us went to a bar on Transit Rd., almost to Lockport, I can't remember the name. Somehow on the way home, there was a one car accident. We all found out the next day. Anyway, I would rather remember sitting over at Spence's house, drinking cheap beer and smoking Hav A Tampa Jewel cigars by the box. He was a great guy and way to young.

Dennis Newkirk



**They taught us, in some
cases befriended us,
Helped to shape our lives,
We remember them**



SOUTH

William Sawin

William Measer

Vincent Stearns

Edward Jenkins

Mr. Kunz

Salvatore Barone

Robert Everitt

Edward Baron

Fred Murphy

Marian Long

Robert Bedell

Lawrence Hemink

Mr. Lederer

Henry Schoelles

NORTH

Carol Gagliardi

Joseph Schanzer

Patrick Sennott

Mrs. Shearer

Bernice Long

Madalyn Naish

John Obenauer

Russell Longley

Howard Schmitt

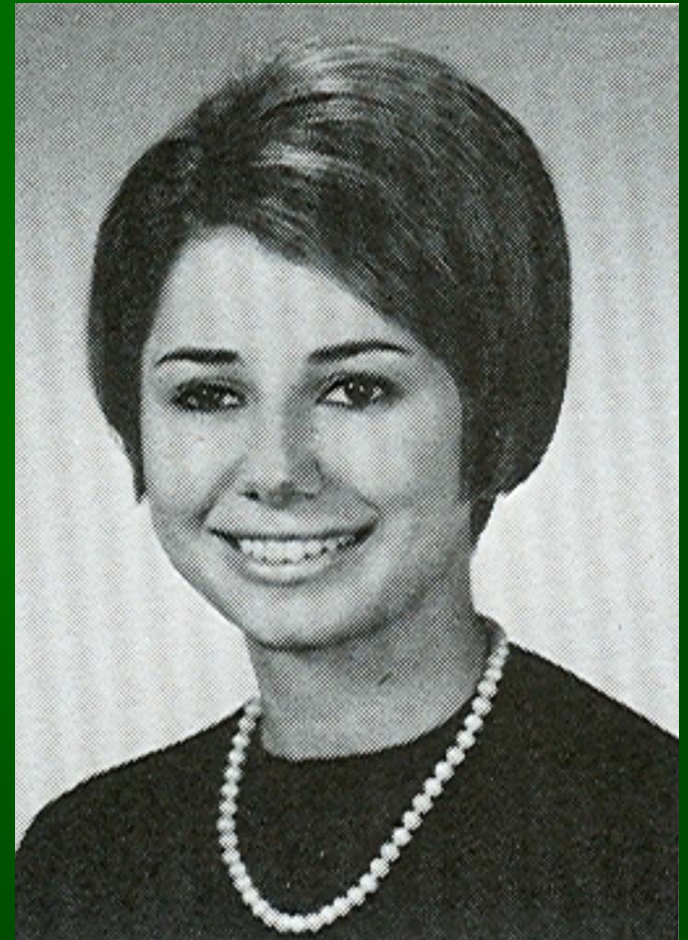
Clara McCabe

Dale Soos

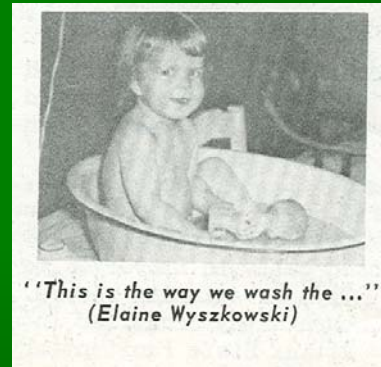
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Jane Spencer



Elaine J. Wyszkowski



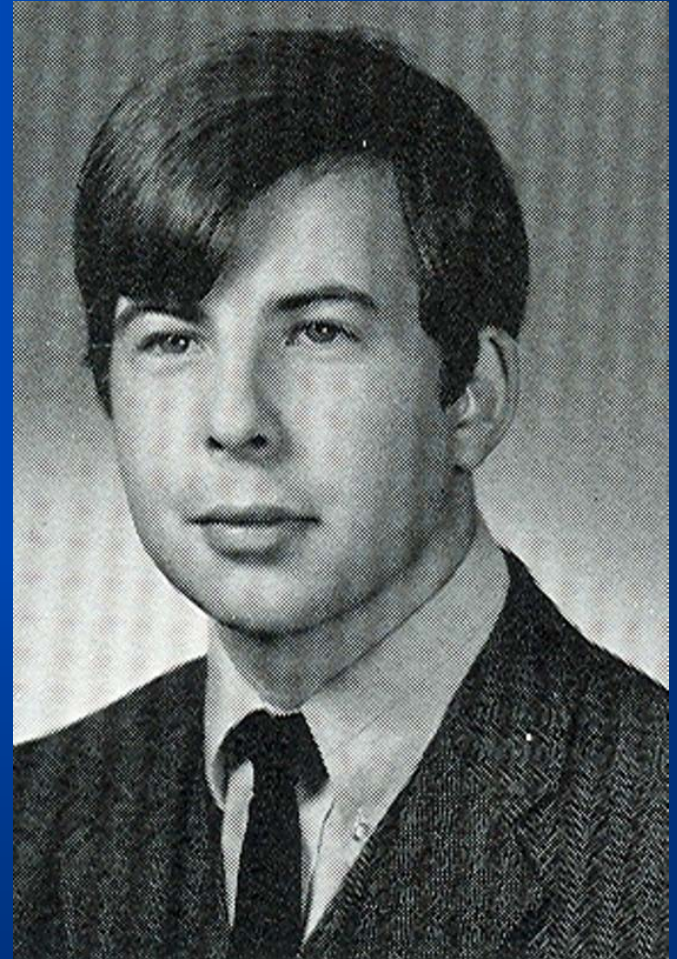
This gal was so smart! She solved calculus problems without even really trying. And, she had a big , beautiful smile. She was also an excellent athlete. I remember seeing her hit that ball in the tennis court and calculate where the return bounce would be before the girl on the other side hit it. She was also one that got picked early to be on a softball team in phys ed. I was impressed with and admired Elaine Wyszkowski.

Linda Yohn

Kenneth C. Zemke



Chess Club 1969





Forever in our memories



