

Updated: January 28, 2021 through September 3, 2021 (Updates are performed as frequently as possible. If you don't see your story and/or an image you sent, and you submitted your bio by 12:00 pm MST on 8/29/2021, please contact onamarielfp@gmail.com) The "final deadline" for submissions is August 30th, 2021, right before the reunion, since said "Keeper of the Files" will be hitting the road, bound for Denver, after that!

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HIGH SCHOOL LAST NAME, First Name (current surname)

BACA, Roberta (Bobi) (Sondgeroth)

After High School, I attended UNC in Greeley, CO and graduated with a B.A. in Secondary Education with Instrumental Music Emphasis. Followed up with some post-graduate work at Univ. of Arizona at Tempe. Then I went on the road with my band. We played all types of music in all the lower 48 states. Concerts, Supper clubs, Lounges, nightclubs, biker bars and parties. Fun! In the 70's, 80's, unless you were one of the lucky 'one-in-a-million' to become a super-star, a working musician rarely had enough bookings to work throughout the year. When I wasn't playing music on the road, I would substitute teach in whatever town I landed in - Phoenix, Dallas, Memphis, etc. At some point, common sense U.S. Army to 'be all I could be' in 1980 with an age waver. I was an Expert marksman and also won the FORSCOM Army-wide talent show in 1983. Honorably Discharged/medically retired in 1984, a disabled vet, I started up the band and we played music again until my former husband/lead-player, Larry Patton, and I parted company. I met my current husband, Scott Sondgeroth, playing eclectic folk music at 'The Shabeen', an Irish Pub in Aurora, CO in 1990 and we have been together ever since. If his name sounds familiar, he is the oldest son in a family-dynasty of Collegiate and National wrestlers.

That year I landed an opportunity to work for the U. S. Department of Labor/Wage & Hour Division as a Federal Investigator. I did that for 20 years (13 years in Seattle), then Asst. District Director for 4 years, and finally a Senior Investigator Advisor based in Denver. It was interesting work and I was able to help a lot of people. I traveled a great deal teaching the fine points of Federal Labor Law until I retired in 2016.

Since then, I have been painting landscapes, learning to cook, practicing my instruments and waiting for Scott to retire so we could spend more time fishing together (his first love). Scott plans to retire in January. Then we'll see... Scott, me, one German Shepherd Dog and the open road, once again.

See you all at the Reunion!

BARKER, Lynn Marie (Herndon)



Living in Fallbrook, CA in the winter and Incline Village, NV (Lake Tahoe) in the summer. Retired and married 9 years to Bryce Herndon. Spend time traveling, boating, hiking and with the family.

Would love to hear from you. lynnherndon@charter.net (e-address supplied to website with permission)

BELL, Bruce

A late entry but I'm killing time at my brother Paul's house in Aurora before we get together at AHS this afternoon. So, quickly, after graduation I attended Cornell University graduating with a history degree. I then went to the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia, S. C. where my older brother, Dick, lived. I practiced in Charleston with Dick for several years. While there I met my lovely wife Nancy who was a Legal Aid attorney at the time. Nancy is from Long Island and wanted to get closer to home so she accepted a position at Albany Law School where she has been a professor since 1983. We relocated to the Albany area where I worked as a trial lawyer primarily defending doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice cases. I retired from that practice the beginning of 2020, just in time for Covid. We raised 3 great sons, Matt, 35, Dan, 33 and Tommy, 30. They are living in Austin, Jerusalem, Israel, and Nashville so we have good places to visit. That's it in a nutshell. We had a lot of fun along way. See ya'll soon.

BUSH, Elizabeth (Bush-Ivie)

I continued to follow in my father's footsteps in the oil and gas industry. I retired after 35 years. The last 20 years in regulatory, government and public affairs. I supported our ND operations the last 4 and it was great to be able to travel there and visit family in the area. I now live in Sparks, NV. Close to Lake Tahoe. I resumed skiing for a couple of years but in the interest of my artificial knees now focus on walking the dogs and golf. We have a 5th wheel and like to get out on the road visiting new and familiar places, friends and family. We also enjoy other travel and especially Alaska, Iceland, New Zealand and Australia.

COMBELLICK, Janet (Showalter)

Life after high school took me to the University of Colorado at Boulder where I majored in music education, only to find out in the last year that classroom teaching was not for me. After graduating I decided to find out if I wanted to be a professional

musician. That took me to Bellingham, WA, where I was concert master of the Western Washington State College orchestra, coached chamber music, and gave violin lessons while I was pursuing graduate studies in violin. Discovering that this was not right either, I concluded that my talents lay in business so I moved to Seattle, learned the mortgage business, became an escrow closer, and eventually managed the department and 7 branches. Having married Mike (met at CU) in 1978, in 1983 I left the mortgage bank and began helping him in his custom home construction business. By 1993 Mike decided to change careers and became a construction expert witness, mediator and arbitrator. We built the business together and still own it – although I mostly bowed out about 5 years ago and work only a few hours a week. We have a wonderful place in Mercer Island, WA, and have three great kids – Whitney (38), Lena (36) and Clay (33). We have traveled to fun places in the world, but mostly enjoy our summer road trips and time at our cabin on Grand Mesa in western Colorado. I still play my violin, volunteer at church, enjoy biking, hiking and macro photography, and have a new hobby of jewelry wire wrapping the rocks we have collected over the years that Mike polishes in his shop.

Since my parents and sisters still live in the Littleton area I get to Denver a few times a year, but making it to this reunion didn't work out. As all of you alums are getting together this weekend, I am packing and will be on the road in a caravan on Saturday the 4th, moving my son across country to Vermont. It has been fun to read all of the bios on the reunion website. I wish you all a great time!

COOPER, Connie (Vigil)

50 years is a long time, but as you all know, it is a very short time. After graduation from AHS, I went to CSU and graduated as one of the first to obtain a BA in Social Work. Loved all the classwork - Social Work and Psychology, but didn't love the job-hunting when reality set in. Gave it a rest for a while by joining VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) now known as Americorps. My job assignment was at Ridge State Home and Training School (in Wheatridge, Co.) working with developmentally children and youth. Here is where I met my future husband, Gilbert. We were married about 2 weeks before our AHS 10th reunion.

I was finally able to get a job with my degree by going to work at the Denver Department of Human Services as an Adult Protection Caseworker followed by several years as Child Protection and Adoption Caseworker. I moved up to Supervision in Adoption at the same agency. I worked at this for 27 years! My last job was as Colorado's Adoption Program Administrator. I monitored, supervised and oversaw public and private adoption agencies across our state. What a great job - traveling across this wonderful place! I retired in 2016, but have been providing consulting services and participating in creating and enacting legislation related to adoption. I sing in, and support, a choir that combines adults and children and youth from Foster Care and Adoption.

Gilbert and I have been married for 41 years. We live in Denver, but just a few hundred feet from Littleton (guess we didn't go far after graduation). We have had lots of fun, many challenges and lots of joys. We have one son, Bill, and one grandson, Harrison. You all know that statement - "If I'd known how much fun grandchildren were, I'd have had them first...." (Tacky grandparent humor that I'm sure would embarrass both he and his parents) We spend time with him and go back and forth to our mountain home in Hartsel, Co. It's been a long time since we experienced the original Earth Day, being the 3rd or 4th graduating class from the AHS building and being "out in the middle of nowhere."

CREAGER, Clayton



This story starts in mid-June 1970 shortly after the AHS graduation ceremony at DU with my brother (Steve Creager AHS class of 72) giving Jeff Schiff and myself a ride out to the Arapahoe Road I-25 North on ramp to begin our epic cross-country hitch hiking trip to San Francisco via Canada. Jeff, I believe, is still on that journey. I'll be coming home for the reunion. Currently living and working in northern California working as an environmental scientist for the North Coast Regional Water Board. Proud father of two sons who live nearby, allowing me to see them and grandkids regularly. No longer married to their mother and have a loving partner who also has grandchildren making for a vast swirling family. Love my work as an Environmental Program Manager working to restore watersheds in northern California. I am looking forward to retiring next summer. I was holding out until we were able to remove the dams on the Klamath River, but due to inevitable bureaucratic delays I ain't gonna make it. Tending a large garden and feeling just fine about where I have landed. I have been blessed with regular reunions with my AHS Little Chill compadres (Charlie Davis, Susan (Kinghorn) Broyles, Shelly Sink, Denise (La Forge) Van Rheen, and Mike Leuchars. The enclosed picture is from a family and friends Bluebird Winemaking Co-op bottling event (June 5, 2021 -- all vaccinated) of our 2019 Cabernet (winemaker Joel Creager). Pictured is my older brother Jeff (AHS class of 68), younger brother Steve (AHS class of 72), yours truly (AHS class of 70). I'll let you figure out which is which. Though after all these years it hardly matters what we look like, it matters that we will reconvene and get to swap stories. THANK YOU SUE (and others)!!!!!!

DAVIS, Charles (Charlie)



Many of you probably remember me as reasonably likable and not the most athletic guy at AHS. When I was in my late 40s, I was very belatedly diagnosed with lifelong asthma. With some daily meds I was able to increase my lung capacity by 25%! What a new world! Since then I have run half and full marathons, ridden the Seattle to Portland bicycle ride several times, climbed Mt. Rainier, among other things I had always thought impossible. During the pandemic year, I took up swimming as my workout of choice. Mike Leuchars, AHS70, has generously been providing me with swim workout plans that have kept me challenged and amused.

In general, I've pretty much let life take me along with it and I feel lucky to have had a long, happy marriage, interesting children, and an engrossing career! Of course, life has also brought some bumps and bruises but I guess that's part of the ride.

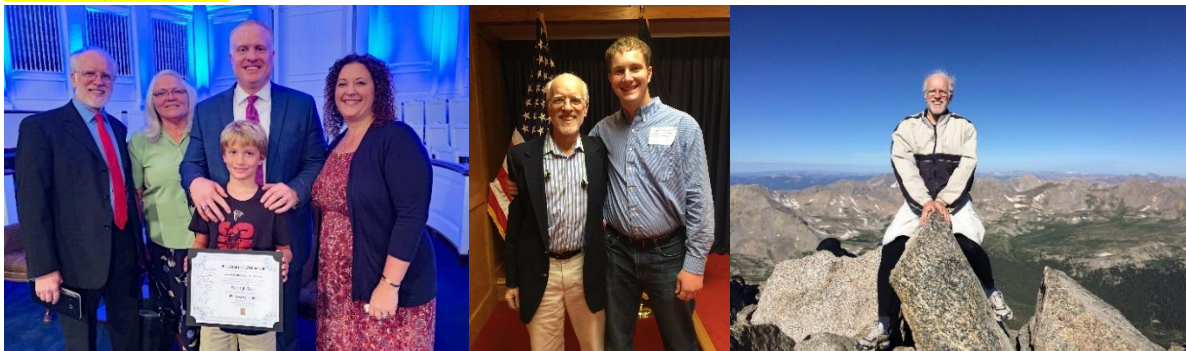
I left Littleton in the fall of 1970 to go to the University of Washington and have pretty much been in Washington ever since. I transferred from UW to The Evergreen State College in Olympia the first year it opened where I met my wife, Nancy Stevens. We moved in together on my 23rd birthday and got married two years later on my 25th birthday. She's a family doctor and has been a Professor at UW for 40 years. We have two 30-something sons who both live in Seattle with their partners.

My first job out of college was as a park ranger at Discovery Park in Seattle where I worked with Penny Currier, AHS70. In 1983, I returned to college and became an architect. That, over time, evolved into exhibit design and for the past 21 years I have run my own business, EDX Exhibits. The firm designs exhibits for National Park Visitor Centers all across the country including Bryce Canyon, Great Sand Dunes, Arches, Mesa Verde, Grand Canyon, and Big Bend —50+ parks in all. I feel fortunate to have stumbled into a career that has allowed me to travel to, learn about, and contribute to our nation's great places!

I've been lucky to maintain some close friendships with AHS70 fellow grads over the years. Sue (Kinghorn) Broyles, Denise (LaForge) Van Rheen, Shelley Sink, Clayton (Rhino) Creager, Michael (Coach) Leuchars, and I with whom I have gotten together every few years over the past several decades. These connections that go way back mean a lot to me.

I'm looking forward to seeing many other old friends at the reunion!

DAVIS, Donald



After graduation, I attended Cedarville College (now University) in Ohio, graduating with a Secondary Education degree with Social Science emphasis. I spent a year helping to build a school at a church in Kansas City, KS, where my father had become pastor while I was in college. I met my wife, Jan, there, and we were married just before I started law school at U of KS (she still puts up with me 46 years later)(Picture 1). Our first son was born just after graduation, and moved to Denver to start practice in CO. While taking the bar exam, I changed direction and took a position with a worldwide missionary organization headquartered in NJ. We were there for nearly 15 years, having six more children (total 5 boys, 2 girls). Spent a year as VP at a college in IA, then went back to the missionary organization as in-house counsel after their move to PA, living in Carlisle. Still live in the home on 10 acres where we had horses, cut and baled our own hay, had chickens for a while, and taught the kids hard work. Homeschooled all the kids through

graduation. Interestingly, one now has his PhD and is Head of School at a large private school in Houston. After leaving the charity in 2012, I purchased and ran a senior care business in Hershey, PA, which I am now in the process of selling. Do a little law practice on the side, but focus on business. I bought and rehabbed some properties for rentals beginning in 2008, and this past year (*Picture 2*). Since all but three live nearby, we have them over a lot, enjoying the acreage and pool. My Mom and younger daughter live in CO, I get out once a year (*picture 3: me, on top of Mt Harvard*), but won't be able to get to the reunion due to business sale timing. Kept active through the years with running and jogging, including marathons in Bermuda and Disney World. Bucket list includes through-hike the AT, hopefully 2022.

DECKER, Sheri (Humphreys)

Haha. I wrote a long, detailed narrative of my past fifty year history of school and work and deleted it. You didn't want to read all that detail, did you? So here are the highlights. Married for thirty-one years and divorced. We had no children--it just never happened. I was a nurse, starting as an LPN and ending as an RN with a BS in nursing. Most of my nursing career (30 out of 37 years) was spent at a hospital in Fresno, CA, where we moved when my husband's Air Force enlistment ended. I worked in the ER for twenty-five years and was the ER clinical instructor for seven years, then ended my nursing career in radiation oncology and as a breast cancer nurse navigator. I loved nursing, especially emergency nursing, which reveals and teaches life-truths in a way I feel privileged to have experienced. After retirement and post-divorce, I moved from the Central Valley of California to the Central Coast. I live in a small village right on the coast, halfway between SF and LA. I have deer and wild turkeys in my backyard. I also have a new career as a writer. I wrote and educated myself on writing fiction prior to retirement and after, and sold to a small publisher in 2016. I have four (soon to be five) historical romance novels out. My debut novel was a Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2016. After my next release, I am changing genres to historical fiction. If you're interested, you can check out my novels at sherihumphreys.com. Writing is far more difficult than I ever dreamed it could be, but I wouldn't change the roads I've traveled. My lifestyle includes frequent jazz and 60's rock concerts and a significant other who is a winemaker and musician. I've learned a lot about wine; this area is a significant wine growing region. :D Thank you to those who've created this website and those doing such a superb job of organizing the AHS '70 reunion and reconnection!

ENABNIT, Jill (Stokes)



Hi Everyone! It has been so fun reading the stories submitted so far. I appreciate the news of those who have passed on as well. Hearing about the reunion has really taken me back. I'm not

sure where (in the garage) my year books are, but I would rather see who everyone is now anyway.

I have been married to the same saintly person for 43 years. We moved to Spokane, WA in 1980 and stayed. Both of us are retired elementary teachers, so retirement is like waking up on Christmas morning every single day! We had two feisty, independent, creative daughters.

I am a fairly quiet person who loves plants and animals, and making stuff. We hike whenever we can and have a big back yard full of fruit trees and bushes, herbs, and veggies this time of year. It's my favorite place on earth from June to October. I like to forage for wild edibles and eat creatively. Come on by for dandelion cake or nettle bread.

I had a small side business, for a while, selling personal care products and still make awesome healing salves for skin, arthritis, muscle aches, etc. I still make things for friends and family.

Wish we could sit out somewhere, with a view, and have a glass or two of wine and catch up. Many thanks to those putting this reunion together. Kind regards to all, reach out if you wish to elaromatherapy@gmail.com

FAYE-PETERSEN, Ona Marie (husband Kerry L Nivens)



So, I followed a dream and went to CU in Boulder, Med School in Denver and residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology in Denver (Denver Pres-St. Luke's System), then on to NYC for fellowships in Surgical Pathology (Memorial Sloan-Kettering) and Pediatric Pathology (Mt. Sinai). A lot of challenges for sure, but a lot of rewards. After three years as a practicing pediatric pathologist at Primary Children's, in Salt Lake City, I moved with my new husband to Birmingham, AL, in 1990, for a position at Children's of Alabama. This soon turned into a move to academic medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where I have been the perinatal pathologist for the last 30 years. I've been lucky to have opportunities to work with specialists and researchers in Obstetrics, Neonatology, and Medical Genetics and to do a lot of teaching. Among the best benefits have been the opportunities to make many friends from around the globe through professional meetings and courses. Another pediatric/perinatal colleague was recruited to UAB about three years ago, so, this, along with the start in July 2021 of yet another pathologist with expertise in perinatal pathology, has enabled me to plan to retire, on Sept 1, 2021, with a good feeling. Thus, the AHS Reunion will be a celebration on many levels!

I have two amazing and beautiful daughters. Alexandra (aka "Ali-bama") is now an MD in Neurology residency in Baltimore with her Med School classmate husband, a resident in Internal Medicine at the same hospital. Tara, who will be 26 in August, has severe autism, and now lives in a care supported house with two other young women, and participates in a day program at the Autism center, here in Birmingham.

In 2002, I got remarried to a remarkable man, Kerry Nivens, who was an instructor of a class in white water canoeing I took. A most unexpected, often humorous and event-filled friendship

evolved to become a marriage (no, I did not add another hyphen to my name...) He is a photojournalist with 36+ years in the field of TV news coverage, and an Alabama native with a large family. He's kind of an orienteering and capable, patient wizard, which is good, since there are NO mountains here to tell me where WEST is, and I have a real partner for our daughters!

Truth be told, I never expected to end up in ALABAMA?! But it is a beautiful, multi-ecosystem state (although I still can't eat catfish or crawfish...) and we remain here for Tara, whom we see often and have at home on holidays and some weekends. We still enjoy canoeing, hiking, live music and theater, getting to the Gulf shore, and travel, whenever we can, including to international destinations. And, we have a great family of friends with whom to share these experiences. We are looking forward to returning to Cajun, zydeco, and contra dancing, and entertaining friends when Covid is further behind us.

Life is good, but made better by the friendships I've maintained with many from my Colorado roots, including several from as far back as first grade at South Elementary School! I look forward to seeing all of you, who can make the Reunion, and hearing about your lives. If you can't attend and want to connect, my email is: onamariefp@gmail.com (e-address supplied to website with permission)

FISHER, Patti (Gatzke)



After graduation from AHS I went to St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN (along with Kurt Petersen and Nick D?). I graduated in 1974 with a degree in English Education. I started working at the University of Denver in the Graduate School of International Studies in the fall of 1974 where I met my future husband, Ron Gatzke. We were married in 1977 and will celebrate 44 years of marriage in October. We started our marriage in Omaha, Nebraska where he worked for Union Pacific Railroad. I was the Alumnae Director for College of Saint Mary and then went on to the University of Nebraska at Omaha for my M.S. in Guidance and Counseling. While working on my degree I was a counselor at the University. In 1981 and 1983 we were blessed with daughters and I quit paid employment to be at home with them. I continued with lots of volunteering with the Junior League at the YWCA creating a career support program for women in conjunction with the Displaced Homemaker Program.

From 1986-1990 we lived in Shoreview, Minnesota where I continued offering career development workshops to a variety of organizations and volunteering at my daughters' school. In 1990 we moved back to Littleton (to the delight of my parents) and moved into The Knolls. My daughters attended Carl Sandburg, Isaac Newton and Arapahoe. (A bit of deja vu for me.) I was very involved in each of their schools and worked as the Grant Development Coordinator for Littleton Public Schools for three years. Unfortunately my father was killed in a car accident on

Arapahoe Road in December 1997 and it was great to renew my friendship with Bob Steiert who was our attorney.

My husband worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Denver so when they merged with Union Pacific we found ourselves back in Omaha in 1997. I was again an active volunteer with the girls' high school (Omaha Central) and directed a Federal After-School Community Learning Center grant there for three years. I also did family support for a state-of-the-art daycare center for children in poverty before I became a School Counselor for Omaha Public Schools. I retired from that job in 2017 after serving as a counselor, director and district supervisor in the School Counseling Department.

Retirement has been good for me. My older daughter is a middle school vocal music teacher who is married with three children ages 5, 9 and 12 and lives in West Linn, Oregon. My younger daughter is an Assistant Professor of Ancient History at SUNY New Paltz who is married with a 4 year old son and lives in Kingston, New York. In July 2019 Ron and I moved to Portland, Oregon to be closer to our older daughter and family.

It has been an interesting time to get to know a new place and new people with the Covid-19 lockdown, wildfires and crazy weather, but we are enjoying the beauty of this area. There are mountains, forests and beaches - all great places to go when everything is shut down. It has also been great to have a lot of time with the grandkids. I'm looking forward to catching up with my classmates at the Reunion. Thank you to the committee who is putting this opportunity together for all of us.

GRAY, Donna (Marshall)



Happy 51st Reunion to my fellow classmates. If you don't really remember me, that is okay as I was not very involved in high school activities. (Unless you count Latin Club in the 9th grade.) Oh, and bowling club with a strong average of about 96. But I am grateful to AHS for launching me to CU Boulder, then to CU School of Nursing. I met Skip, the love of my life at Boulder, and we were married in 1974. After 33 years of skiing, fishing, camping, and two wonderful children, sadly he died in 2007. I worked for several years at the Denver Health Emergency Department (aka the Knife and Gun Club) and later finished my MBA. The last 21 years of my work career I served as Executive Director of a non-profit working in health care policy and then, the self-professed workaholic retired in 2017. I keep active in community work by serving on the Commission on Family Medicine, another non-profit board, and I volunteer for the Highline Canal Conservancy. My three grandchildren keep me busy too, and now I am gearing up for a renewed travel schedule post-Covid!

HEALEY, Kathleen

I left Littleton for the feedlots of Greeley and started UNC as a chemistry/pre-med major. After one year I transferred to a small liberal arts school, Hastings College, in Hastings, Nebraska to major in Philosophy and Pre-Med. Luckily the U. of Colorado School of Medicine accepted me, saving me from a career as a cocktail waitress. I joined the Navy to get through school and after a grueling internship in San Diego, I entered the Naval Flight Surgery program, to get out of the hospital for a few years and learn to fly! It was a wonderful time--flight school with the Navy pilots, then assignment to a squadron that deployed to northern Japan and toured the Indian Ocean--even to Australia. I attended a residency in Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgery in Oakland, CA and completed my Navy obligation in Jacksonville, FL, where I met my husband (now of 32 years!), who was a Navy lawyer. I convinced him to come to California with me and we settled in the Napa Valley, where we worked and raised our two wonderful children, Emily and Max. I love living here and am now retired. Writing, painting, and music (cello/viola), and some road cycling keep me busy, and I am an activist for single payer/Medicare for all. I would love to travel more, and am waiting for the green light! I have good memories of my high school days and look forward to seeing so many classmates.

HEKTNER, Claire (Porter)

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the Reunion, but I reside in Orangeburg, SC and continue to work full time at Zeus Industrial Products as a safety administrator. (Zeus manufactures polymer and Teflon tubing - I have been employed here for 17+ years).

After finishing AHS, I went to UNC for one year and discovered nursing was not for me. I came home and went to work. At that time the Vietnam War was still on going and men were being drafted. My friend, Linda Hrivnak (Schroeder) and I decided we wanted to be hostesses at the USO in downtown Denver. New Air Force recruits would come in to socialize, eat hamburgers, and dance with the hostesses. Little did we know, we'd meet our future spouses there. Mine was a southerner named Al Hendrick and we were married in 1972 before he was shipped off to Thailand. I was able to join him there for 6 months. When he was discharged from the Air Force, we moved to SC so he could go to school on the GI Bill and I continued to work. I also decided to go back to school - this time to Midlands Tech to get a business admin. 2 year degree that has served me well all these years.

Al was the love of my life - in 1976, our daughter Rachel was born. He tragically passed away in 1978.

In 1979, I remarried (became Claire Bliesner) and obtained 4 step children with that marriage. I decided to quit my job and stay home to raise children who ranged in age from 6-1 with Rachel in the middle at 3 years old. Too many high and low spots to document but I was married to my husband for 25 years.

During this time, I was able to work as a ministry assistant for two different pastors and loved that job. I also was able to be a part of a worldwide global Christian ministry which allowed me to travel to Israel every year with a tour group which has been one of the highlights of my life.

2004 found me alone and needing a better paying job to survive. All the kids were adults by that time and through doors being opened, I was hired as the benefits administrator for Zeus Industrial Products in Orangeburg, SC (one of the leading manufacturers of Teflon and polymer tubing in the world - much of it medical tubing). I did relocate to Orangeburg, SC and thoroughly loved my job as the benefits administrator for 16 years.

I met and married a fellow employee of Zeus in 2005 and relocated to Cordova, SC (very rural tiny town - not even a stop light). Our marriage lasted for 15 years; we were divorced in early 2021. So now I find myself back in Orangeburg, SC living behind my daughter and son-in-law's home in a tiny house (more like a cabin) which is perfect for me and my cat, Gracie. I am blessed to be able to see my 4 grandchildren every day.

I continue to work full time and enjoy my job as safety administrator at Zeus which I have been doing for the past two years. I don't see myself retiring anytime soon. I enjoy the people I work

with and the job I have. My hobbies include working out at Planet Fitness, reading (especially in the summer outside), attending a women's Bible study and my church and just enjoying my life and am very content.

So many good memories for me and my years at Arapahoe. So thankful for the good education that I got there as well as the friends I made. Seems like yesterday in so many ways....hard to believe it is 50+1 years.

HRIVNAK, Linda (Schroeder)



Following high school, I attended UNC to get a BA in Elementary Ed. 48 years ago, I married Gary, an enlisted Air Force man I met at the Denver USO. Gary and I have 2 kids, Erin, 40, and Mark, 38. When Erin arrived, I left a retail supervisor job and became a stay-at-home mom. Because my husband had gone to Officer Candidate School with the Colorado Air Guard, he needed to find a different full time civilian job so we moved to Oviedo, FL (near Orlando) in 1986. I continued to stay home with the kids 'til Mark was in school. I then volunteered in the library at that school, because my heart has always been in the library, and ended up working there. Over the years I earned a MA in Library Media and Technology from the University of Central Florida. I spent 24 years running 3 different school libraries where each school year was different from the last. In the middle of this we moved to Tampa where I had the opportunity to open a new library at my last school. Over the years I dressed up as book characters, bought a lot of library books, kept up with school technology, taught students to run a simple TV news show, took them to reading competitions, taught some book care and reference skills, and I performed a lot of other responsibilities in a very busy job. After years of working with elementary students in suburban and title 1 schools, I retired from my career as a School Library Media and Tech Specialist in 2015. My husband had spent 42 years in the military as an enlisted member then as a commissioned officer, and was also retired. It was time to see more of the state and country.

We enjoyed our time in Florida, hurricane preparedness was always a highlight, and we'd experienced several Cat 1 hurricanes which shook the house some. We have been to different parts of the state, went to Disney, Universal, Busch Gardens, Bok Tower, musical and sporting events, the Keys and many different beaches. We also took 2 cruises to AK, visited other states, Washington DC when my husband worked there, and more. We were set to stay in Florida in retirement. Then, in the crazy year of 2020 we decided to run away to the countryside east of San Antonio, TX, to be near our 2-year-old grandson. He's our only grandchild, so, why not? What a hoot this tiny man is! We enjoy being involved in his life, and we see him and our daughter and son-in-law often. Unfortunately, we don't see our son and his wife as often as they live in Maryland. He is happy there, where he started out with cell phone game design and development and is currently doing programming for corporations. Post high school he graduated from Full Sail in Winter Park, FL, and his sister has a degree in Finance from USF, Tampa.

With careers behind us, Gary and I are enjoying the quiet of the countryside where I have a haphazard garden containing tomatoes, herbs, and sunflowers. I keep the hummingbird feeders stocked, and I'm always on the lookout for recipes for authentic Mexican food. We all want to see more of Texas as a family and to get to know San Antonio and surrounding areas as a city and a culture. In the meantime, thank you to the committee for trying again and organizing this reunion! I have the best memories of school at AHS with my friend Claire Hektner. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

JOHNSON, Pam (Machol)

Married 45 years to Jacques. Retired Dental Hygienist. Two sons, Jay and Nick, both married. Three grandkids. Jacques still has a large law firm and is a developer. Still live in Denver. Stay close with family and several long-time friends. My brother Scott Johnson married to Audrey, HS sweethearts. They live in Westminster. Brother Steve Johnson, passed away this past December. He was 66. He was married to Cindy Bruno, whom he met after graduating from CU Pharmacy. Erica is their daughter. They had moved to Florida when Steve was dealing with less mobility from a chronic cancer. He was scheduled for a flap surgery and died from COVID at the hospital. Both of my folks have passed but Jacques' dad is 93 now and doing very well. He still lives in his home in Southern Hills. Jacques and I have been able to stay fit and active. Travel, entertainment, working out are keep us going. I love spending time with my family, especially the grandkids. They are still young 8, 6, and 4 so they enjoy being with us. Best wishes to everyone!

JONAS, Mary (Wallan)



Reflecting on the past 51 years, I count myself fortunate to have gone to AHS. What a good education we received there, along with a side of unforgettable characters. Our teachers were so inspiring and motivating, I hardly knew what to major to pick at CU. There were lots of things to become involved in and enthusiastic people to join you in doing so. For me that was forensics, theatre, American Field Service, synchronized swim club and even an early morning breakfast club. Moving to AHS mid-Sophomore year, I was struck by the welcoming atmosphere there. Whether it was the relaxed Western influence, or the unique folks there, I hope that sense of acceptance has persisted.

I followed a couple of CU college friends to the Boston area and have been here ever since. The majority of my career was in public relations for energy, and later health care companies. I have been married for 38 years to a guy with a genuine Boston accent. We have one son, Joe, now 33, who lives nearby. Not long after our 20th reunion appearance, Joe was diagnosed with autism, which has made for a challenging, mostly happy, sometimes completely flummoxing

journey. On the plus side, I am very blessed to still be able to keep up with him (somewhat) – hiking, kayaking, bike riding, often at our weekend place in New Hampshire.

I have been retired for four years, and the freedom of that has been wonderful. I haven't joined anything new, signed up for classes or become a super volunteer, and that's just fine. My husband and I have enjoyed travelling near and far and hope to pick that back up soon. Of course the Rockies are one of our favorite places to be.

That's my story; I look forward to hearing yours during the great AHS class of 1970 reunion.

KERSHNER, Bill

I have had a very fortunate life, and now I am newly retired as of June 30th, after 34 years of teaching theater. I went to UNC for undergraduate work where I met my wife, Nancy. We fell in love, in literally, a weekend and have never parted. We celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary last month in June. We had two boys, Geoff, born in LA (at Cedars-Sinai in LA which had just opened at that time. Nancy supported us by working in the pathology dept there, while in I was in grad school). We moved to Virginia in 1987 when they hired me to chair the theatre program at Sweet Briar, and we have lived here, happily, ever since. Greek drama has always been important to me, and I taught classes in Greek history and Drama, and directed about 6 Greek Comedies and Tragedies. And, of course, Shakespeare has been a great love of mine! I was able to direct 18 of the Shakespearean canon. One can spend so much time going over every line dozens of times, it was a great thrill to do it with drama that is so rich it rewards the work. Of course the pandemic really changed so many lives. For me it meant learning to direct my last play over Zoom, a very new experience!

Nancy and I had our first son, Geoff, when I was still in grad school, so he is 41 now. He took after his old man and became a theatre major at the University of the Arts and got an MFA in Directing from Florida State. He then started a theatre company here in Virginia, and due to its success, he was hired by the Academy Center of the Arts to be the Executive Director, for which he has now been for about seven years. They have a restored historic theatre built in 1905 that houses all kinds of shows. I am the unofficial historian (!), so my main project in retirement is to be a docent there and lead historic tours. Our second son, Philip, was born in Missoula, Montana, during my first job out of grad school at the University of Montana. Philip was interested in music from very early, and majored in Music with Piano his major instrument from the College of William and Mary. He became a high school and middle school chorus teacher - and of course directs the musicals in his school. I am very proud of them both. In addition, both of them have married quite wonderful women and both have settled within 15 miles of us, so we have three grandchildren, Harrison and Violet (8 years and 4 years old to Philip and Lauren), and Theo (4 years old to Geoff and Ashley).

My father passed away in 1993, but my mother lived until 2017. So, I was able to visit Littleton a couple times a year to visit her and my cousins, enabling me to see a bit of Littleton's growth and change over the years. But I haven't been back since, so I am really looking forward to the reunion and seeing it and my friends!

KINGHORN, Sue (Broyles)



I am not inclined to look back at my AHS years as the rosiest of times. There was the predictable angst that I am sure we all felt: fitting in, peer pressure, who to eat lunch with, getting good grades, dealing with acne, etc. etc. Title 9 only came on the scene in 1972 so competitive swimming was not an option for me as it had been for my brothers. Still, I came away from my senior year with some amazing new friends and re-discovered the wonder of old friends. And many of these friendships have endured over all of these years!

I graduated from CU with French and Italian degrees and I followed my love of languages on many adventures – to the Sorbonne, to Genoa and Paris as an au pair, to Italy and Egypt with Club Med and finally to Washington D.C., where I met my husband, Jim. What luck! And he followed me back to Colorado where we married in 1980. We've been here ever since. Our two daughters, Kate and Emily, live nearby and have given us the incredible gift of grandparenthood – 5 year old Natalie, named after my mom, and 18 month old twins, Scarlett and River.

My mother still lives in Littleton and recently turned 93. Her townhouse is on the site of the former Centennial Race Track so my Littleton roots are ever present.

Jim and I have been working diligently at the Italian villa rental business that we created in 1998. It has been a labor of love allowing us to travel extensively in Italy and rediscover my grandfather's village and all of my cousins. We are dragging our feet about retirement but after this past year are definitely moving in that direction.

And so here we are and look at me! Super involved in organizing this reunion. Who would have thunk?! Please come! It's going to be a lot fun.

KROL, Christina (LaRow)

Greetings fellow classmates!! What a life!! Joined the Air Force after graduation where I became a dental assistant. Went to basic and tech school in Texas and was assigned back to Lowry AFB in Denver (this base no longer exists there). Who knew the world was really square!! after leaving the Air Force I was a dental hygienist, dental office manager as well as continuing to be a chairside dental assistant. I was instrumental in creating the first dental office in a mall in Phoenix, AZ. During this time I had two children as well as two bonus kids.

As time traveled on, I tried my hand at different interests from insurance biller, to leasing agent. Went to Phoenix College and majored in marketing where my design ended up on the front cover of their catalog! My last working adventure was as a Training Coordinator with a contractor associated with the NV Test Site.

I have lived in Germany and Alaska and have seen most of our great country! Now that I am retired, my adventures include becoming Mrs. Claus at Christmas for the Kids at the AF base here as well as visiting the inpatients at the VA Hospital. Who said retirement wasn't fun? Between traveling and projects, my calendar is full!

I have a wonderful extended family and get to be Grandma to two boys and two girls! My own children have blessed me with a total of five Grandkids! I am also a Great Grandma. I have tried for many years to get in touch with whoever took care of the reunions....am glad that you found me! I miss my high school friends, Keven Richardson, William (Bill) Henley, Kristine Bunton and Caroline Szeibert.....so if you are reading this, reach out and let's catch up....it has been a very loooooong time!!! vegasheart31@gmail.com

LEUCHARS, Michael



After high school graduation and an uneventful freshman year at UNC in Greeley, I headed south to Florida with a couple of high school buds on motorcycles. It was there that I got my life on track and graduated with a “degree” in guest relations from the University of Walt Disney World (a rigorous three-day program). At least 4 other AHS alums from our class also graduated from UofWDW that year, some of whom are attending our 50th (can you figure out who they are?) As you can imagine, after the thrill of driving the Jungle Cruise boats through Adventureland some 2,000 times, the rest of my life has been something of a letdown. Still, even though my best years were behind me, I enthusiastically began phase 2 of my professional career...

I started coaching swimming in the 70's and worked at various club, high school, and college programs in Colorado and New Mexico for quite a while. I worked with swimmers ranging in abilities from novice to elite, and it was a fun/gratifying phase. I've been out of the swimming mainstream for a while, but I still dabble in it a bit and even have a couple of highly talented, 2024 Olympic hopefuls in my stable right now. Charlie Davis, and Sue Kinghorn Broyles are attempting comebacks under my tutelage, and barring injury or arthritis, I expect them to make some noise (most likely wheezing) at the next Olympic trials. Anyway, at the end of the '80s I started having kids, and realized it was time to move into a career path more conducive to raising a family, hence phase 3...

Desiring a job that would provide maximum financial benefit and public accolades, I of course went into teaching math at junior and senior high schools in California and Colorado. I spent the next 25 years, until retiring in 2016, working with kids - teaching math and coaching sports. I

never did achieve the desired fame and fortune, but I sure had a great time working with a lot of incredible kids. I spent the last 20 years of phase 3 teaching in the college town of Davis, CA.

I guess phase 4 is retirement. My wife Delena and I now live in Folsom, CA. I spend winters skiing, and the rest of the year bicycling (road and mountain), golfing, baby-sitting and traveling. We have a place in Costa Rica that we visit fairly often, and we each brought 3 grown children to our marriage (all in their 30's now, and all gainfully employed????). So far, our kids have produced 4 granddaughters for our entertainment (all under 2 and 1/2 years old). Being a Papa is about the best thing I can imagine being, and I make sure to watch the little ones at least once per week. I am thoroughly enjoying phase 4, and I look forward to catching up with old classmates in September. See you at Reunion Weekend, and please have safe travels!

LUDWIG, Stephen (Rusty)



Well now, I have been married to Linda (Thornton) for 49 & 1/2 years. We are blessed with and proud of our son and daughter and grandkids ages 20, 10, & 7. We enjoy our large buoyant extended family. I stumbled into being a family physician country doctor in Fruita Colorado for 40 years until I retired. I like small towns and Fruita allowed me to open Colorado's 2nd natural birthing center, and set up my rural family practice including ER, hospital work, house calls, etc. We live off-the-grid west of Fruita in a cliffhouse that I designed and helped build, surrounded by wilderness and wildlife. I play handball several times per week and still travel for tournaments. I like to fish, hike, woodwork.... I am definitely excited about visiting with my old (but young at heart) good friends.

LUHM, Bonnie Lea (Roth)

After AHS graduation I attended the University of Northern Colorado and studied nursing. I met Bob Roth, Heritage High School teacher, and we were married on June 10, 1973 at the Littleton Bible Chapel. After my UNC graduation in 1974 we moved to Laramie, Wyoming to begin our careers there. Bob taught English and journalism for 34 years at Laramie High School. I was, sequentially, an Albany County Public Health Nurse, an obstetrics staff nurse, a Lamaze Prepared Childbirth Instructor, and a public school nurse - including 23 years at LHS. In the early years we were also blessed with two baby boys, and I completed an MSN in clinical nursing at the University of Wyoming.

Bob and I loved "My Sweet Wyoming Home" (music by Bill Staines), but our boys felt the need to move away. Ryan and his wife Jennifer settled in Greeley and gave us four grandchildren - Noah (23), Andrew (21), Nathanael (19), and Sarabeth (17). Ryan is a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch and Jen is a high school instructional coach/ teacher at Frontier Academy. Wes and his wife Kim settled in South Dakota and gave us two grandchildren - Kaleb (10) and Elsie (8). Wes is

Associate Pastor at Hills View Evangelical Free Church and Kim works for the South Dakota State Department of Education. We have always been so proud of our entire family, and we have cherished the abundance of shared family time - another blessing. The trip to California's Legoland was a lot of fun!

Bob retired in 2008 and I retired in 2014. We were defining and settling into a retirement life together when Bob passed away suddenly of Guillain Barre Syndrome on May 2, 2017. I have struggled with widowhood. I finally moved to Greeley in April 2020. I live in my own little patio home, do some gardening, still follow the Denver sports teams, enjoy my Bible study group and my Audible books, and spend much time with Ryan's family. I am a "greenie" once again. That is what Wyoming people call Colorado people!

Your classmate and your yearbook editor! Bonnie Lea Luhm Roth

MACY, Sue (Perry)



Where do I begin.....I've had an interesting and eclectic life and now I live in Eclectic, AL. Changed last names a "few" times. But have the right one now and it's been almost 25 years! Moved many times. For the past 9 years we've been living on beautiful Lake Martin in Alabama. Had many different jobs. Mostly in finance and human relations. My husband Craig and I have worked together for the past 20 years in the "ad specialty" business but now we're mostly retired. We spend a lot of time out on the water with friends boating, fishing or "Flinking", that's floating and drinking. We do A LOT of Flinking.

Before moving to Alabama, we lived in Pensacola FL. When I first moved there, I got into sailing. In 1988 I was one of a 6 girl committee that started the first ever All Female Regatta on the Gulf Coast. After all these years it's still going strong. I also helped another person sail a 38-foot trimaran across the gulf from Isla Mujeres, Mexico to Pensacola. After sailing I got into competitive Female Billfish Tournaments. My best was a 66 lb Tuna that took First Place.

After moving to the lake, we acquired an electric boat for free because it had been underwater for over a year. We raised and restored her. It was a fun but an expensive experience, so we named her Knot Free. The whole story was published in the local Lake Magazine. And to our surprise when it came out our pictures with the boat were on the front cover and also happened to be in the centerfold of the magazine. Now at the age of 69 I can claim to be a "cover girl" and "centerfold". So, you're never too old to achieve a dream!

Our passion is travel and, in that regard, we are very blessed. My motto...."I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." (Author unknown.) Most memorable trips, Africa and China. Favorite country Germany. Most exotic trips, Uzbekistan and Turkey. Between us we have three wonderful kids, their spouses and 5 grandsons. My son and grandson still live in the Denver area

so we're lucky to come back often for visits. Colorado is my heart even though I've become a "Southern Girl", y'all.

Looking forward to the reunion and seeing "OLD" faces! If you're ever in the area, come look us up. Because we live in "Perrydise"! perrydise46@gmail.com (e-address supplied to website with permission)

MUELLER, Mark



(Prom 1969)

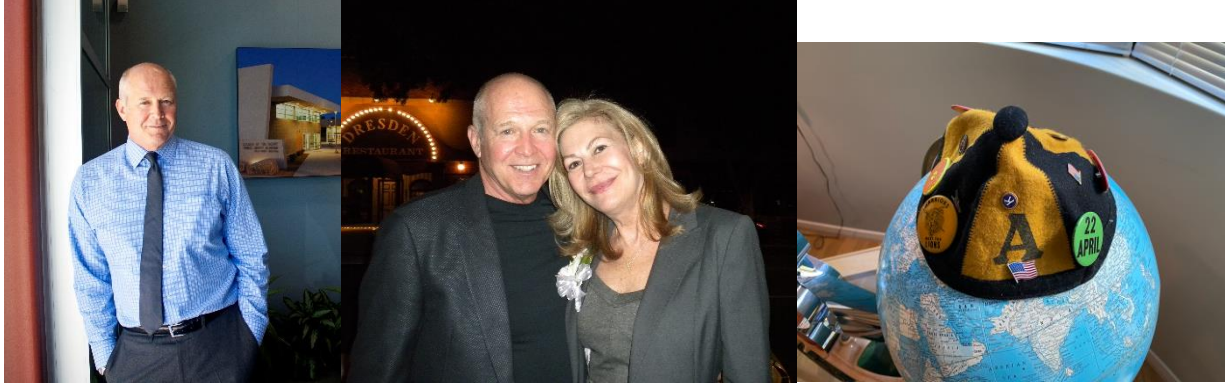
Retired from Safeway after 32 years. Now with The Home Depot for 18 years managing Reset teams. I have been married to my High School Sweetheart (*Sue Combs- Class of 1971 at Arapahoe). Will have been married 50 years on March 18, 2022. Going to spend our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Kauai next March. Hobbies are Golf and running a Motorcycle Group. Weekend rides around Colorado (since I still work during the week).

OXFORD, Dave

This will be my first class reunion, and I look forward to reconnecting with classmates who might remember me. While I enjoyed my time at AHS, I also began working in my junior year cleaning a butcher shop in Englewood, where I learned the butcher trade and became a journeyman meat cutter. I worked in various service counter meat shops in the Englewood and Littleton area for 20 years, before a 26 year career in insurance and financial services.

I have been married to Pam for 42 years, and we have lived most of those years in the Littleton area. We have three children, and 14 grandchildren.

PELLEGREN, Steve



I've been retired now for about six months and I could not be happier. I should have done this long ago....what was I thinking???? Since AHS I've had a few careers which have prepared me well for not having to work.

After High School I went to CU and studied Architectural Engineering with a focus on the design of water reclamation plants. Thrilling as that was I was lured to Walt Disney World in Florida where, for the first time, I saw what was outside of Colorado and Wyoming. That led me to New York City and a degree in theater where I met my wife Elizabeth, from Bowling Green, Kentucky. You know, the Everly Brothers were right!

We were paired as partners on the first day of school and have not been apart since. While in New York City we worked steadily in New York in theater, some feature film and soaps and then with studio contracts in hand moved to Hollywood for certain stardom. However, I was not well suited for the big hair decade and grabbed a chance in architecture and construction where I enjoyed a satisfying career designing and building some notable projects in southern California. Elizabeth and I also designed and built our homes nestled in the Hollywood hills where we have deer, bobcats, coyotes, skunks, possum, raptors and an occasional mountain lion or rattlesnake.

Elizabeth and I are the proud parents of 33 year old twins, Madeleine and Price, a therapist/artist and scientist. No grandkids yet. We have two French bulldogs that feel like having two year olds in the house.

Career highlights include my final project, a timely, award winning, \$500 million dollar facility which provides a full menu of mental health services for the underserved in Los Angeles County; being selected as one of four Americans that directed the removal of yellowcake uranium from Iraq in 2008; and serving on the advisory board for the USC School Architecture.

I deeply miss: My parents, old friends, unspoiled Colorado, blizzards, night sky, Bronco Burgers, the Highline Canal, Daniels Park Road, bonfires and woodsies, skiing without pain, most of all: the cinnamon rolls.....

PHELPS, Pam (Genovesi)



Chapter 1: Required Education 1-12, compliant daughter. Average student, no extra-curricular activities. I was shy and avoided the spotlight in school, now I am completely the opposite. Nobody expected much out of me except to get married, have kids and be taken care of by a husband, but I blossomed afterwards.

Chapter 2: Business College first, certified Stenographer and Court Reporting School. Met first husband who was in the Air Force, as a Hostess at The Denver USO Club. Married, Lived in Arkansas, Thailand, Washington and three kids later, divorced moved to Utah.

Chapter 3: Post Divorce, enough jobs to fill a standard sheet of paper single spaced for the next 40 years, often times simultaneously (One full time and 1-2 part times)- in order to get ahead of homelessness (been there, done that) Certified Paralegal, and became legislatively active as a volunteer crime victim advocate in the mid 80's through SLC P.D. Crime Prevention unit; instrumental in the passage of Victim Reparations and Victim Bill of Rights, co-founded Victims United and Survivors of Homicide. (My grandmother disappeared around 1954 with her DV boyfriend, never to be heard from again. We assume he finally went too far. Skipped Traced him in the late 1990's after his suicide in Vegas. All his personal papers had been destroyed.) Owner: Confidential Investigative Services (1990-2000) Deputy Constable for a short period of time, CWP still active.

Owner/operator of Universal Dance Studio as well as two different dance conventions in the 90's and early 2000's: Utah Country Western Dance Challenge (1995-1997) and Salt Lake Swing Dance Invitational (2004-2008). Licensed and Bonded Investigator in the latter 2 decades of the 20th century and finished up a Criminal Justice associates degree six years ago. Met the love of my life in 1989, who took his own life in 2004. Retired from Post office 2013 (1998-2013) , and went back to work in the private sector two years later selling healthcare insurance for Medicare eligible seniors. Planning to work until I'm 70, and then hopefully can afford retirement. (HINT: Get your house paid off before you retire.) Raised 3 successful adults in spite of the challenges. I have 4 grandkids ages 16-28 and a pair of great grandkids- fraternal twins-mid-summer. Adjunct Faculty at U of U, then SLCC during 1990's all the way up to a few months ago when I turned in my keys. One of my favorite jobs is to teach people to Social Dance together (Cha Cha, Swing, Waltz, Salsa, etc). I miss teaching and dancing! I still fulfill my investigative cravings through small jobs for friends and through Genealogy. I've proven to myself that I could do this all by myself,

including buying a house, going from homeless to home owner in 20 years. "You've come a long way Baby....."

Not really digging living in such a ridiculously conservative state, but as a family we've grown roots here. I just have to ignore the dominant culture that believes all women should be married, breeding and happy to be washing dishes and feeding the household. Raised my kids to be financially Independent and stressed they're on their own after they move out, and raised them to use critical thinking. Wish they would teach critical thinking earlier in school - we might solve some of the conspiracy theory nonsense that seems to be dividing our country,

"Come on people now, smile on your brother
everybody get together, try to love one another"

The Youngbloods 1967

PINNEY, Marcy (Garrett)

After high school, I spent four years at Colorado State. I would head off to Lake Tahoe to work for the summers and ended up staying there for two years after graduation. Realizing that it was time to settle down, I got into retail where I was a buyer for two major department stores. This is when I met Jeff, my current husband. After our second child, I left this career. I was traveling a week out of every month, New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Europe. It just got to be too much juggling. Ended up going back to school on the fast track and for the last 16 years, I've been teaching elementary aged students. I just retired this last June of 2021. Yeah!!

RICKMAN, Marilyn (Stechert)

After graduation I attended CU Boulder, graduating in 1975 with a double major in Slavic Languages & Literature and Spanish along with a teaching certificate. In 1980 I earned an MA in Slavic Languages and Literature. I put all of this study to good use as I taught Russian and Spanish in Jefferson County schools for 31 years. I loved teaching and working with the kids, but I must admit that retirement has been even better!

I met my wonderful husband, Tim, at CU (ah, the magic of our Chekhov class together!) We celebrated our 44th anniversary in June. We have lived in the Evergreen area since 1980 and love it here.

Our daughter, Tanya, also graduated from CU Boulder with a degree in Journalism. She and our beloved son-in-law Jeff live in Lakewood. We are blessed to have them so close.

I have been a Competitive Amateur Ballroom Dancer for over 35 years. . This passion has taken me all over the country and introduced me to people from all walks of life. I also love to travel and have been to Russia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Spain.

Tim is an avid bicyclist and fly fisherman. We both love wildlife, wolf watching, and birdwatching as well as hiking. We have had the good fortune to make annual trips to Yellowstone since 2002.

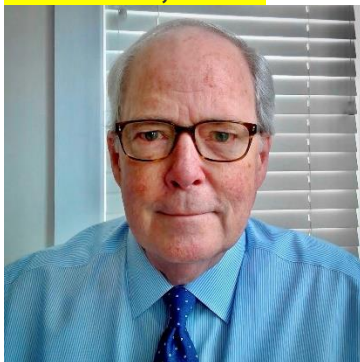
I can't believe it's been 51 years since our graduation and so look forward to seeing everyone again! Thanks to the reunion committee who has put all of this together!

RINKER, Gay (Pollard)



After graduation my family moved to Texas, although I stayed in Colorado & attended what was then Mesa Junior College (now Colo. Mesa Univ). I completed my education at West Texas A&M University. In 1975 I married my forever sweetheart, Rich Pollard, who has been involved in various aspects of the automobile industry. We have 3 children, Jeff, Melody & Joe. And we have 7 grandchildren. All are God's greatest gifts to us. I taught school & even did some home schooling with our 2 youngest. Like everyone, our lives have known joys & sorrows. But we love living in Western Colorado and apparently others have discovered the serene beauty of this side of the state as it feels like a mass migration has ensued. It reminds me, somewhat, of how small town Littleton experienced its population explosion. As I approach my 70's, I find myself missing my parents & the simplicity of life in the 50's & 60's. Yet I'm grateful for modern technology which has made life easier. And although I wish I had the energy & felt as good as I did 50 years ago, I like the age I am now. The photo is of our cherished grands. It's pre-covid, so it's a couple of years old which means those kids have really changed. That's bittersweet for this grama, but after all, it's the way life is supposed to be.

ROBERTS, David



It's amazing to read through the life stories and extraordinary achievements of so many classmates and what everyone has been up to in the 50+ years since graduation. And I'm still trying to wrap my mind around a 50-year high school reunion.

Mark Dabling and I both joined Denver Police Department as Police Cadets immediately upon graduation from Arapahoe High School. We attended Metro State College majoring in Law Enforcement and Criminology and worked at various assignments at DPD. The expectation was that by age 21 cadets will have worked in many of the bureaus and divisions within the agency

and have completed most of their coursework by the time they enter the academy and become full-time sworn officers. Both Mark and I left DPD when we turned 21 and went to work at the Cherry Hills Denver Dry Goods store (in security, as it turned out) as we completed our undergraduate degrees. Karen DeRose and I were married for 5 years, parting in 1976.

I completed graduate degrees in criminal justice at Oklahoma City University and the State University of New York at Albany. I taught community college in Nebraska (and got married to Sheila Barton, a county judge) before attending SUNY/Albany. We moved to Wyoming where I directed the state's criminal justice research center in Cheyenne in 1980. We had a lovely son born in 1985 and moved a year later to Sacramento, California, where I worked as research director/deputy executive director for a national, non-profit criminal justice organization, SEARCH Group, Inc. for 17 years. Made some changes in my life, including moving to industry for a couple years, private consulting for 5 years, and returned to non-profit life in 2010 in Washington, DC. I was excited to return to SEARCH as executive director in 2017 and even more excited to relocate to Palm Desert, California in December 2020. Sheila is in private practice and our son still lives in Sacramento where he is a Chef and we enjoy time with him, and our 8-year-old grandson.

Looking forward to retirement in a few years and more time spent golfing, biking, and traveling. I won't be able to make the reunion this year (a mix of business and personal travel) but wish everyone the very best!

RYAN, Robert

After graduating from AHS I started college at Western State in Gunnison. After a year & a half, I figured out that I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. That being in 1971, I was concerned with not being in school and what might happen with the draft, so I enlisted with a guaranteed 1st tour of duty in Europe. I spent 2 1/2 years riding around Germany in a tank. I got out in Mar. 1975, came back to Colorado still unsure of what I was doing. Moved to Montana that June and worked there for a few months, although I would come back to Denver occasionally to see a woman I had met at Western. She moved to Washington state that fall and I helped her move, then decided I wanted to spend more time with her, so I moved to Washington state in November 1975. Started back to school as a fine arts and business major, as I had begun a stained glass business. We got married in Nov. 1976. While taking business classes, I found that accounting came easy to me when others were struggling. So, I changed my path to focus on business and was graduated in 1979 from the Univ. of Puget Sound in Tacoma. I have spent my career since in the public accounting industry, the last 27 running my own firm. We had 2 children, both sons, Ian & Aaron.

I met my 2nd wife, Meg, in my office and her 2 kids went to school with my 2. We were married in 2001 and now have 5 of the cutest grandkids around. Meg taught at Highline College for many years and retired about 5 years ago. I retired in April 2020 and have been enjoying being a little less stressed.

I have been active in the community for many years, serving as a volunteer for numerous organizations, including Boy Scouts, Rotary, and various foundations. I was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College in 2010 and have been very active in that field since then. I will be terming off the Board in 2022 and my oldest son says I can fully retire then.

I attended the 35th reunion and saw many old friends and am looking forward to seeing some others at the 51st.

SHELLABARGER, Jill (Mueller)

I am still in the Chicago area, still an actress, still married to Roger Mueller, still mother to 4 children. For over 45 years I have worked on stage, in some TV and film, and done a lot of voice-over: commercial, industrial, narration, audio books, radio, etc. Also some teaching and directing. The most interesting part of our life is probably our kids - they are all professional actors as well, and have had some success in the field. If you want details, I would be more than happy to bend your ear at the reunion :) With the state of the Arts in this last very weird year and half Roger and I have found ourselves kind of retired, but willing and able to work if anyone asks!

In 1970 in Littleton, Colorado, I certainly would not have imagined I'd live my adult life in a bungalow in the mid-west, making a living doing what I love and sharing in the lives of four remarkable people and a very good man. It has been, and continues to be, a life of challenge and Amazing Grace.

(one note: Roger has two names: "Roger" professionally and "Bill" at home. If it gets confusing in conversation...Oh, and the children all go by "Mueller", tho I use Shellabarger professionally). So looking forward to hearing everyone's story in September!

SLIVKA, Margret Patrice (Loucks)

Earned a BA at CSU in 1974. Met my husband Ken on an outing in RMNP. We lived in Minnesota while he completed his BA. I started my life long career of Dental Assisting in 1978. We moved to Montana in 1979. Built our own passive solar house over the course of 30 years (lots of additions as our family grew). Had kids in 1986, 1988 and 1991. We were very active in the 4-H world and spent lots of Saturdays on the soccer fields. Our kids all earned BA's and one is working on a PhD. Our kids live out of state. We have one granddaughter - born in the middle of the pandemic - lots of duo chats! I have been retired for 5 years. We travel in our truck camper - lots of hiking, backpacking, canoeing and of course visiting our children. Gardening keeps us busy from April to October. We also care for my husband's 97 year old father which prevents us from attending the reunion.

SMITH, Bruce

After 42 years we are still in the same spot in Salida, CO 10000 W Cheyenne Cir Still married to Judy for 46 +years. Who knew anyone could put up with me for that long. We have two children, Dawn Bruno (44) married to Bob and they have twin 6 year old boys and an 11 year old boy. They currently live in Arvada but by the middle of this July they will move in with us (help!) while their house in Salida is built. Our son Erik (42) is married to Morianne and they are DINKs...double income, no kids. They are part owners in a brewery in the Highlands on 32nd and Lowell called Oasis.

I retired from my 40 years in Water Resources in 2014. The next year I was asked if I would like to come back, again as a Water Commissioner, but as a peon not the boss. It is great. Judy or the grandsons or friends and my two toy poodles can come with me. What a joy. I'll last a couple more years, then retire for good.

Judy retired from her job in nursing, mostly in the OB department, last July after 44 years. No more babies for her. Now she can concentrate on me. Just kidding. But she does enjoy coming to work with me and the dogs when I am checking ditches.

We have traveled a lot. We have been to Europe, Italy twice, Ireland and on a number of cruises including to Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean, to Puerto Vallarta, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and Universal Studios in Orlando just last February. The Harry Potter area was awesome. We plan to cruise the Danube next April with Prague as a beginning joy, boarding in Germany, going to Austria and ending in Budapest.

The brief bio is:

Still married after 46 years, live in the same place. Two kids, 3 grandchildren. We like to travel, have a very close knit family and love our dogs.

THOMAS, Daniel



I was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado. I stayed in Littleton until I got married in 1977 and moved to Aurora. I started my career with the Douglas County Sheriff's office in late 1971, as a dispatcher when I turned 21 I was promoted to a Deputy Sheriff. I stayed with Douglas County until November 10, 1979. I started with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office on February 1, 1980 and stayed there until I retired on September 1, 2011. I did a variety of jobs at the Sheriff's office. I started in the patrol division and while in the division I was shot in the line of duty on March 23, 1989. Shortly after that I was transferred to the detention division. I became a firearms instructor, a Taser instructor and a member of a very Special unit a Tactical team that was later called a Sort team and stayed on the team until my retirement.

I married my wife on May 7, 1977 we raised three children all boys when the children grew up and started their own lives my wife and I moved to Castle Rock, Colorado. My wife and have eight grandchildren.

On February 13, 2019, the Lord took my wife to Heaven.

I'm just hanging out in Castle Rock.

THURSTON, Viscount

Wandered around as undergraduate: Juilliard (piano); Denver University (English); Grace College, Indiana (English); Ohio State (piano). Finally graduated at the latter; went on to get Doctor of Musical Arts, Piano Performance there in 1984. Moved to Maryland with family in 1985 to build up a church music program. Started working as support contractor to the FAA; became federal employee in 1999 doing program management on air traffic control radar programs. Eventually shifted to organizational development and spent last 15 years of my career in the FAA developing and facilitating leadership programs for various levels of management. I retired February 2019.

For most of these years I was heavily involved in church ministry: music, discussion groups, elders' board.

I married Vickie in 1976. We have four children and five grandchildren. Vickie and I currently live in Sykesville, with our kids and grandchildren nearby.

TURLEY, Michael

If you recall I was a gear head although I'm not sure we used that term in 1970. I like to say I never asked for a job. I worked at Chubby's bicycle shop when I went to Littleton High as a Sophomore. Junior year at Arapaho I worked at North Woods Inn and Amco Roofing with classmate Mike Cooper. Right out of High School I went to work at Union Pacific Railroad with another classmate Jim Sandrin. I was furloughed during Viet Nam and was nearly drafted but deferred as I went to Aircraft mechanic's school in Cheyenne. I worked at Stapleton for Denver Beechcraft. The FBO went broke (not my doing ;) and I worked at Livy Chevrolet. That job I asked for. My tools were still in my pickup when I opened the new building on Wadsworth. I only lost half a day's pay! I went back to Union Pacific RR and was working in Sterling when I was payed off again. The train master for Burlington Northern in Sterling hired me on the spot. 11 years later I went back to Stapleton for Continental Airlines. Hated it when Montana Rail Link called me and offered a job as I had been an Engineer at BNRR. I was based in Billings in 1988 and retired in 2012 the day I turned 60. I have a position at Elks Tennis Center teaching and manning the desk. That's not a job I asked for either. So, I loved working on Airplanes and running the Choo Choo and the Tennis is, well, Tennis. I married classmate Margee (Maggie now) Danner. We have a daughter Kelly and son Bryan. Gotta keep it Irish 🍀 4 grandkids and 2 great grandkids. Be well all y'all. PS Stepbrother Jack Moore is in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

WALL, Sheila



Hi! I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the reunion. Illnesses and other complications have made that impossible. If there is a 60th or a 75th, I promise to be there!

After graduating from AHS, I went to the University of Colorado at Boulder and graduated with a degree in biology. Then I went to the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver and graduated in December, 1978, 6 months after my class. This was due to some leaves of absence I took to accumulate money, and to recover from the effects of 2 severe episodes of sexual harassment. It wasn't called that then. It was just "boyz having 'fun'"—depends on what your definition of fun is. I didn't find it funny at all.

After graduation, I worked as an anesthetist for 6 months ("moments of terror, hours of boredom"), and then moved to Cincinnati, OH to do an internship and then a residency in psychiatry. I endured 2 years in academia and then bailed out to private practice, which I did for 35 years. I enjoyed seeing all kinds of patients, but I particularly enjoyed doing in-depth psychotherapy. I liked watching people learn how to change their destructive patterns and

become more functional. I was good at it, even if I say so myself!
In 2008, I retired due to illness.

I married Ronald Tatham, Ph.D., in 1986. At the time, he was running a marketing research company. Matthew Kenneth Tatham was born in 1986, with his sister, Elisa Kathleen Tatham following in 1989. They are wonderful, great kids! (I may be biased!) Matt followed in his dad's footsteps and has a Master's degree in business. He is working in Human Resources at Walt Disney World in Orlando. After he had been in Orlando for a while, we moved down here to join him. He is engaged to Heather Strain, but no marital date is on the horizon. Elisa graduated from Boston University, worked for the Army Corps of Engineers in Boston for 2 years, before joining her dear friend, Kelsie, in Waynesville, N.C.—which is about 20 miles west of Asheville. There, they literally built a brewery, called Boojum Brewery, which was followed by a taproom and events center. A boojum is a Smoky Mountain sasquatch. They are stunningly successful and are certainly having more fun than I did at 32. Babies are being discussed but are not on the horizon, yet. In the interim, there have been dogs—lotsa dogs! Maggie, a pit bull, Chi Chi, small and energetic, Bella, a terrier mix, and her brother, Tanuki. Tanuki means “mischievous” in Japanese (Matt's undergraduate major), and he is certainly that!

Ron and I have found retirement to be challenging—after we got over the considerable rest time. We are planning on travelling throughout the US, and maybe to Europe. I am considering doing some volunteer work in a women's shelter—right up my alley! Grandbabies will change our focus, though!

I hope you are all well and happy, or will be soon! If you'd like to contact me, please do so at:
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Best Regards,
Sheila