



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Wayne Schimpff Awarded

The Dr. George B. Rabb Force of Nature Awards recognize residents of the Chicago Wilderness region whose novel approaches, big ideas, extraordinary collaborations, and bold leadership set an inspiring example for others. In some important way, they've moved the ball forward in natural areas or wildlife conservation, education, or advocacy. They've created something new and needed, breathed life into a critical project, or just plain refused to give up over decades of often unrecognized work.



On December 8, 2021, one of twelve awards was presented to Wayne Schimpff, Class of January 1959, TAA Second Vice President, and Taft Alumni Hall of Fame inductee. "Our next award winner started off his career as a professional environmental educator and is still one today, although a lot has happened in between.

Call for TAA Hall of Fame Nominations

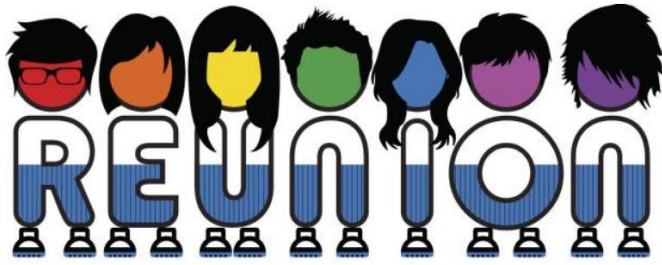
It is that time again. Nominations for the 2022 Taft Alumni Hall of Fame are now being accepted. We are looking for Taft alumni who, through a lifetime of achievement(s) and dedication, exemplify the values we hold dear and will become examples for all current and future Taft students.

Please include your best information, and if possible, consult with the nominee as you prepare it. We must have current contact details for the nominee or a family representative. Deceased alumni may be considered for induction.

The following are highlights of the standing rules for nominations:

1. Nominees should be Taft graduates, living or deceased, who exemplify the best of Taft. Nominations may be submitted by any and all alumni, by family members or by Taft High School faculty, but not directly from the potential inductee.
2. Nominations will be submitted on a standardized official nomination form that will be made available to alumni by the TAA Secretary upon request or available on the TAA website – www.taftalumni.org.
3. Both present and past directors are eligible to volunteer to serve on the Hall of Fame Evaluation Committee, so long as they, themselves, have not submitted a nomination for the current induction.
4. Nominees will be judged by a point system that will consider:
 - Achievement in scholastic pursuits
 - Achievement in vocational pursuits
 - Contributions to community and country
 - Meritorious recognition of actions, services, or achievements
 - Significant philanthropic involvement
 - Any additional significant considerations
5. The top five scoring nominees will be submitted as the slate for board approval. Inductions take place every three years, thus allowing the Taft student body to be introduced to, and become familiar with, their predecessors' accomplishments at least once during their years at Taft. Submissions in the year of induction will loosely follow the school calendar.
6. Any nominee who is not selected for induction will be eligible for the next induction so long as a new nominating form is submitted with current data.

The Induction Ceremony for Taft Alumni Hall of Fame, class of 2022 is set for this fall. Watch for the exact date, time, and location in an upcoming publication of this newsletter.



Chicago All-Class Picnic

Date: Saturday August 20, 2022, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Schillar Woods Grove #4

Contact: Facebook Page: Taft High School Alumni

So-Cal All-Class Get-Together

Date: TBD

Place: "House of Savage", 2372 Recuervo Cove, Del Mar, CA

Detail: \$8 includes Rosati's Chicago Pizza, non-alcoholic drinks.

Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

Contact: Jan (Ostromencki) Savage (janhellokitty@hotmail.com)

Arizona All-Class Picnic

Date: TBD

Place: South Lake Park, 1101 S. San Miguel Dr., Goodyear, AZ, intersection of S. San Miguel Dr. and W. Santa Irene Dr.

Contact: Fred Wordell (ftjawo@aol.com),

Judy Jacobsen (gordonsdatter@gmail.com)

Donation: \$4 per person (for ramada rental)

Detail: Bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, beverages in non-glass containers. TAA baseball cap raffle. Families welcome. Carpooling encouraged.

Taft Class of 1973 50 Year Reunion

Date: 2023

Location: TBD

Contact: Facebook: 1973 Taft Grads 50th Reunion

1991 30 Year Reunion

The 30 Year Reunion of the Class of 1991 was celebrated on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the Embassy Suites O'Hare-Rosemont.



2022 All-Class New Year's Celebration

First let me say thank you to Steven White and Defonda Louie for putting the Alumni NYE party together and the music by Charles "DJ Cnote" Jones and live music by Felix Pollard and his band. I had a great time. After a long, difficult year we ended it well and are looking forward to more events by Taft Alumni.

Anthony Lakeith McClain, 1987



Celebrants Dr. Latreece Dickerson '88, Anthony Lakeith McClain '87, Surron Stokes '89, Norine Dennis '88, and Charles Scott '89.



Celebration organizers Defonda Louie, '88, Steven White, '88, and Anthony Lakeith McClain '87

1959 Annual Holiday Luncheon

On New Year's Eve Day, the Class of 1959 again held their Annual Christmas/New Year's Luncheon at the Des Plaines Hilton Garden Inn. Everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, soft drinks, and a special 80th birthday cake dedicated to the Class, the majority of whom celebrated that significant birthday in 2021. As always, it was a good time reconnecting, remembering, updating, and having fun. Principal Mark Grishaber attended and gave everyone a positive update on TAFT. The Class plans to hold their next Luncheon in early June.



Back Row: Wayne Schimpff, Principal Mark Grishaber, Penni Eichin-Isaacson, Tom Wise, Larry Marsh, Bruce Isaacson, Allen Blume, Lucia Barth, Dave Barth. Front Row: Gail Schimpff, Barbara Peterson, Marilyn Moldenhauer-Gosell, Gail Wise, Rita Glaubich-Morser, Marlere Rizzi-Crawford, Barbara Marsh.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony



As reported by Nadig Newspapers on December 7, veteran groups, including Billy Caldwell Post 806 of the American Legion and Illinois Ninth District of the American Legion, hold a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony outside Taft High School. It was announced at the ceremony that the school canceled the event due to the cold weather, but veterans still showed up. Alderman Gardiner and representatives of

the Jefferson Park, Gladstone Park and Norwood Park chambers of commerce participated.

Teacher Relations

Annette (Knuth) Gustafson, Jun '56, Karen (Knuth) Neibarger, Jun '59, and Louise (Knuth) Stewart, Jan '63, all attended the 60/61 Year Reunion Weekend of the Class of



1959. The three sisters enjoyed looking at yearbooks and talking about teachers and homerooms. One of the items they let slip was that their mother's sister,

Irene Nelson, was teaching at Taft during the years they attended.



Miss Nelson taught history and political science—usually honors classes. She retired in 1962. The sisters are curious if any other graduates had relatives teaching at Taft while in school.

Louise (Knuth) Stewart, Jan '63

Honoring Arlene Ware

TAA anonymously received a generous donation to honor our long-time board member Arlene (Lauffer) Ware, Class of June 1960, who passed away in March 2021. We would like to give appropriate thanks, as well as provide acknowledgment for tax purposes. We ask that the donor respond to eagleemail@taftalumni.org. Thank you!

Messages from Our Members

Hey, thanks for all your hard work. I appreciate it.
Chet Lee, Jun '58

Nice issue! Thank you.

Myra Fisher, Jun '51

It is a joy to be reconnected to Taft every time the newsletter arrives.

Carol (Thorson) Heldebrand, Jun '63

Thanks so much for all the hard work and effort that goes into putting out the newsletter. I always look forward to it.

Barb Kalish, Jun '65

Thanks for all you do for us grads. Keep up the great and very much appreciated work. I so look forward to receiving each new newsletter.

Bonnie (Tibbett) Parker, Jun '58

We wish all Taft alumni a very merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year. Susan and I are still skiing in Utah for the winter and traveling from NY the rest of the year. We have one son and his partner along with two grandchildren in Cary, IL, and sister Jan (Rebscher) Eastman, Jan '54, in Northbrook.

Paul Rebscher, Jan '53

I met Kay Carlson in 1963 when I was friends with her brother Ken. That was before she married, so that's the name I knew her by. Kay and Ken competed for the use of one family car. They often just hung out together. That was only one summer so long ago but I remember Kay very well. Many people remember what they were doing when they heard JFK was assassinated. rtyleerrt@sbcglobal.net I was planning to go downtown to see the movie "Cleopatra" with friends, including Kay Carlson, back when new movies opened downtown first. The outing was canceled. Kay mentioned talks with people at Taft about starting an Alumni Association. I think it took several more years before it actually became a reality. Thank you for keeping the Alumni Association alive.

Brad Schnell, Jun '65

About every three months, four of us "old" friends from Oriole Park Elementary School and Taft High School alums get together for lunch and conversation. We truly look forward to spending time together reminiscing about our past and catching up on families currently. We are Nancy (Geraci) Trutwin, Priscilla (Deck) Woodworth, Janet (Mrdutt) Lesak, and Dianne (Slatkay) Frantzis, Class of June 1957.

We are also in touch with Kathleen (Sippel) Lisiecki who moved to Arkansas a few years ago. Two of us live in Mount Prospect, one in Des Plaines and one in Glenview. If any of our classmates from Oriole Park or Taft would like to get in touch with us, we would love to have you join us.

Dianne (Slatkay) Frantzis, Jun '57



Nancy (Geraci) Trutwin, Dianne (Slatkay) Frantzis, Priscilla (Deck) Woodworth and Janet (Mrdutt) Lesak.

Dear Taft Alumni Association,

First, I want to say thank you for gathering information for the Taft Alumni Newsletter! It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort, and it is truly appreciated! I look forward to reading it every time it comes out.

Second, I would like to share a thought about Taft High School. I attended my freshman year at Taft and then my family moved to Bronxville, New York where I attended a school in Yonkers the first half of my sophomore year. The decision was made to move back to Chicago, and I cannot tell you how happy I was to be back at TAFT! Even though I was a "wall flower" during the last half of my sophomore year, the warmth that was shown and the kindness that my classmates displayed is something I will never forget. Now that Facebook has become so popular, I have been in touch with several Taft graduates, (and they have been in touch with me) and we have become good friends. The warmth never ends. Taft is a unique school and I thank God for bringing me back to Chicago and to Taft. I don't know if any of my classmates from the 1963 classes will read this, but I want to thank each and every one of them for being kind to a girl who was feeling lost and alone. I will never forget any of you. And of course...I will never forget Taft High School.

Diana (Rhodes) West, Jun '63

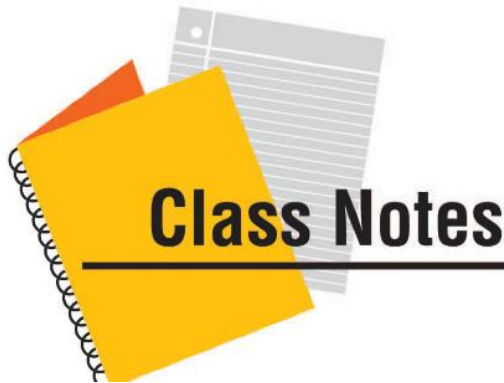
In the last issue of the Taft Alumni Newsletter, it stated that tours of the new Taft Freshman Academy (TFA) were offered to Taft Alumni, so my sister Nancy Warzecha (1968), my friend Betty (Wahrbein) Masley (Jun '64), and I signed up. First, Principal Grishaber, aka Mr. G, talked to us and several eighth graders (prospective Taft freshmen) who were there with their parents for the tour. Mr. G talked about the excellent educational programs at TFA, the after-school sports, and clubs offered to students and the philosophy of having the freshmen only at this building. After Mr. G answered questions, two students took us on a tour, showing us all parts of the building. You could easily tell how positive and enthusiastic these students and Mr. Grishaber are about their school. What an amazing school!

We really enjoyed our visit and encouraged more alumni to take the tour. Thanks to Mr. G and our student tour guides for a wonderful visit.

Kris (Warzecha) Tyler, Jun '64

Thank you for a great newsletter! Lots of good articles and info. Super photos! Very nice work!

Dick Wegner, Jan '61



1940s

Dee (Koch) Reichert (Jun 1945) has 4 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Walnut Creek, CA, Wright Jr College AA '48, is retired, trying to stay young, still golfing.

Barbara (Heckel) Petrillo (Jan 1948) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Lancaster, SC, Purdue U BS, is retired.

Henry Wagner (Jun 1949) married **Rosalyn Coy (deceased)** (Jun 1952), has 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, lives in Lillian, AL, Northwestern U 2 years; US Army (88th Recon) 101st Airborne Div. Korean War 1952-54, is a retired electrician in the electrical construction industry, was married to Rosalyn for 66 years; played center field and batted leadoff for the 1949 Chicago high school championship, lived at the NW corner of Bryn Mawr and Newcastle.

1950s

Joan (Hachmeister) Deboer (Feb 1952) lives in Arlington Hts, IL.

Paul Rebscher (Jan 1953) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Moriches, NY, Beloit College 1 year; US Navy 1955-57, is a retired Flying Tiger Airline pilot.

Meg (Goodell) Magee (Jan 1955) married **Harry Magee** (Jun 1953), has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, lives in Naperville, IL, Northwestern U, Appalachian St, is a retired medial secretary.

Raymond Fath (Jun 1955) lives in Palatine, IL, is a retired carpenter.

Rosalie (Davies) Zweifel (Jun 1955) has 5 children, 4 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, lives in Dodgeville, WI, some college, is a

retired mobile home park owner and artist, takes people on trips.

Doris (Miller) Johnson (Jan 1956) has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Savanna, IL, Elgin College, is a retired LPN3 and licensed dental assistant, hospice 5 years certified, loves traveling and fishing 5 minutes from the Mississippi.

Pat (Hansen) Brown (Jan 1957) has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Burlington, WI, Denver U BFA; Colorado Interior Design, is an interior designer in family rental real estate, mother and homemaker.

Dick Traugott (Jan 1957) has 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, lives in Hendersonville, NC, Lake Forest College BA '62, Roosevelt U MA '64, is retired, says, "I'm still healthy".

Donald Barnes (Jun 1957) has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, US Army 2 years; college 2 years, is a retired shop manager.

Dianne (Slatkay) Frantzis (Jun 1957) has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Glenview, IL, is retired.

Lawrence Newmann (Jun 1957) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Boca Raton, FL, Ill College of Podiatric Medicine '67; US Army 1959-61, is a podiatric physician and surgeon, podiatrist at Humana Diabetic Clinic once a week, has been senior instructor at Florida Atlantic Univ. College of Business for 18 years, invites his classmates to contact him and say hello, especially if in Boca Raton.

Bob Gunderson (Jan 1958) has 1 child, 3 grandchildren, lives in Las Vegas, NV, SIU BA '67, Azusa Pacific MA '77, is a retired PE teacher of 42 years and coach, is an inductee to the T.A.E. Hall of Fame.

John Grud (Jun 1958) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Lake Geneva, WI, Marquette U BS Bus '62, DePaul U MBA '70; USMC '63-'67, is retired.

Chet Lee (Jun 1958) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Westlake Village, CA, US Army 1961-64; Roosevelt U BS Comp Sci '77, is retired.

Richard Lutz (Jun 1958) has 2 children, 3 stepchildren, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Barrington, IL, is retired.

Diane (Biester) Carlson (Jan 1959) has 3 stepchildren, 8 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, lives in Arlington Heights, IL, Roosevelt U Pol Sci, History; Webster U MA Bus Mgmt, is retired.

Rod Markgraf (Jan 1959) has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, is retired.

Pat (Santell) Lutz (Jun 1959) has 2 children, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, IL Wesleyan BS '64, is the Director of Public Relations, Woodfield Convention Bureau.

1960s

Valerie (Duszak) Mesun (Jun 1960) has 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, lives in Lake Tomahawk, WI, AA Acct, Lutheran General Hosp RN '64, is a retired registered nurse.

Lynn (Foerster) Nelles (Jun 1960) married **Tom Nelles** (deceased) (June 1960), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, Cornell College BA, is retired.

Alex Wendorf (Jun 1960) has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Tucson, AZ, is retired.

Barbara (Reinke) Finnegan (Jan 1961) has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Southampton, PA, is a retired administrative assistant with Buck County, PA.

Dick Wegner (Jan 1961) has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, lives in Portland, OR, Northwestern U BAS '65, is retired from marketing and sales of wood products.

James Kepner (Jun 1961) has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Libertyville, IL, U Iowa BS Math, MS Math, PhD Statistics '79, is a retired university professor of mathematics, statistics, and biostatistics.

Nancy (Edwards) Miklasz (Jun 1961) has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Ray Vogue School of Design, is a retired receptionist/scheduler for a surgical practice.

David Barth (Jan 1962) has 4 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Elgin, IL, Elmhurst Col BA, is a video producer/voice-over narrator.

Wendy (Thornton) Davidson (Jan 1962) lives in East Peoria, IL, WIU BS Ed '66, is retired.

Elaine (Gunther) Brummitt (Jun 1962) has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, is a retired senior field promotion manager.

Judy (Grau) Hitzeman (Jun 1962) married **Keith Hitzeman** (Jun 1961), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is retired.

Robert Johnson (Jun 1962) has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, 2 years college, is a retired letter carrier, is a volunteer chaplain at Lutheran General Hospital.

Barbara (Borowski) King (Jun 1962) married **Terry King (deceased)** (Jan 1960), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Vernon Hills, IL, is the retired assistant to the chairman at Stepan Co.

Frank Macedon (Jun 1962) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Peoria, AZ, UI BSEE, is a retired electrical engineer.

Ken Carlson (Jan 1963) lives in Bethlehem, PA, is retired.

Gordon Goranson (Jan 1963) has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Wonder Lake, IL, UI BS Econ '67; Northwestern Kellogg MBA '75; US Army 1968-71, Vietnam 1969-70, Captain 1972, is retired.

Rick Hoehn (Jan 1963) married **Marjorie Sauer** (Jan 1964), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Chicago, IL, IIT BS Ind Engr, is retired.

Mary (Terlecki) McKelvey (Jan 1963) has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Sun City West, AZ, NIU BS Ed, is a retired staff development coordinator.

Rick Monahan (Jan 1963) lives in Cave Creek, AZ, IL Wesleyan U BA '67; U of MO MA '69, is retired.

Louise (Knuth) Stewart (Jan 1963) has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Hampshire, IL, Judson U BA, is retired.

Phyllis (Beltle) Brown (Jun 1963) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, NEIU BA '67, is retired, signed up for Amazon Smiles for TAA's benefit.

Donna (Maag) Esposito (Jun 1963) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Marana, AZ, NEIU BS Educ/Art, is a retired art teacher and sales rep, helps lead an art ministry, gardens, hand builds clay totems.

Carol (Thorson) Hildebrand (Jun 1963) has 2 children, lives in Poinciana, FL, Gustavus BA '67, National U MS Med '80, is a retired Commander, US Navy Nurse Corps 20 years.

James Kuhagen (Jun 1963) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Arlington, VA, Augustana College BA '67, Penn State M Ed '68, UW Madison PhD '75, is a psychologist and behavior analyst working part time in the field of developmental disabilities.

Jim Petersen (Jun 1963) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Fort Myers, FL, Wright College '66; Staff Sgt US Army, Vietnam 1967-69, is a retired IT professional, relocated to Florida to become a full time resident in 2020.

Linda (Billesbach) Schlesinger (Jun 1963) has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Fort Myers, FL, Roosevelt U BGS '85, MBA '88, is a retired college professor in computer technology and business.

Diana (Rhodes) West (Jun 1963) has 5 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Thomson, IL, Highland Community College, is a police chaplain.

Michael Wulf (Jun 1963) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Rockport, TX, BA, MS, US Air Force 23 years, is retired.

Richard Beaver (Jan 1964) lives in Lady Lake, FL, is retired.

Marge (Sauer) Hoehn (Jan 1964) married **Rick Hoehn** (Jan 1963), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Chicago, IL, is retired.

Karen (Kuehl) Adair (Jun 1964) has 2 children, lives in Fort Wayne, IN, Wright College, North Park U, is a retired real estate broker.

Lloyd Marquardt (Jun 1964) lives in Acworth, GA, UICU BS '68, Purdue MS '72 PhD Psych '74; Lt. US Army 1968-70, is retired from Human Resources.

Lynn (Bonowic) Muttini (Jun 1964) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Sun Prairie, WI, is a retired banker.

Kris (Warzecha) Tyler (Jun 1964) has 2 children, lives in Des Plaines, IL, NEIU BA '68, National Louis U M Ed '86, is a retired teacher at River Trails School District 26 in Mt. Prospect, enjoys traveling and doing genealogy.

Janet (Clune) Klopp (Jan 1965) lives in Mundelein, IL, NIU BS Ed '68, MBA Bus Acct '82, is a retired accounting consultant for Allstate Insurance, likes to travel, cruised the Baltic, Alaska, UK/Paris and the Carribean.

Bill Pavelec (Jan 1965) has 1 child, 1 grandchild, lives in Auburn, AL, Wright Jr. College, College of Artesia NM, is a retired personal trainer, was happy to be a Taft Eagle, now an Auburn Tiger (War Eagle).

Bob Diebold (Jun 1965) has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, IIT BSEE; NW Kellogg MBA, is retired from telecommunication management, celebrated the marriage of youngest son Stephen in San Francisco.

Corliss (Porter) Falkner (Jun 1965) has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Wood Dale, IL, is retired.

Barbara Kalish (Jun 1965) lives in Phoenix, AZ, NAU BS '70, GA State MEd '75, ASU M Ed '77, is a retired teacher.

Bill Moody (Jun 1965) has 3 children, lives in Dallas, TX, Iowa St BS '70, is in public relations.

Brad Schnell (Jun 1965) lives in Des Plaines, IL, UI BA '71; post-grad Year Abroad Program in Spain 1971-72; Loyola MBA '79; Peace Corp Ecuador 1987-89; IIT MS '91, is a retired rehab counselor with DHS/DRS, born legally blind, ranked 401 of about 420 at graduation.

Gail Fransen (Jun 1966) lives in Willowbrook, IL, UI BA '70, Meramec College AS '76, DePaul U MA Non Profit Mgmt '90, is retired.

Judy (Abbinanti) Olszowka (Jun 1966) has 2 children, lives in Des Plaines, IL, DePaul U BS Ed, Loyola U MBA, is a retired fraud manager.

Wayne Gibson (Jan 1967) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, is a retired postal clerk.

Ken Kulovitz (Jan 1967) has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Anaheim Hills, CA, Wright College, Amundsen-Mayfair College BA; US Army 1970-72, is a retired accountant at UC Irvine Medical Center and works part time at Angels Stadium and Honda Center in Anaheim, CA.

Kathy (McAllister) Schramm (Jan 1967) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Mc Henry, IL, is retired.

Fredric Lind (Jun 1967) lives in Park Ridge, IL, is retired.

Ric Olson (Jun 1967) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Rockford, IL, WSU BS Biology '71, is retired.

Karen Flynn (1968) lives in Chicago, IL, NIU BS Edu, is a retired teacher.

Susan (Zelichowski) Skinner (1968) has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, is retired.

Nancy Warzecha (1968) lives in Des Plaines, IL, Associate Degree, is retired.

Richard Makula (1969) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in San Tan Valley, AZ, DePaul U BS Acct '73, is a retired accountant, everything he did at 17, well, he's still doing it.

Lauren (Congiusti) Zubert (1969) married **James Zubert** (Jun 1959), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Wauconda, IL, is a retired administrative assistant.

Lynn (Halicki) Arnold (1970) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Cary, IL, is a "bookkeeper extraordinaire", is single, loves oldies, antiques, Yukon Gold Show and Aussie Gold Show.

Linda (Drakert) Cooper (1970) has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Marshalltown, IA, Lutheran General Hosp RN '73, Grandview BSN, Des Moines MPH, MHA '04, is RN for Federal Occupational Health.

Donna (Suszek) Hagan (1970) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Laughlin, NV, NIU BA '74; UNM MA '04, is a retired teach and instructional coach, recently moved from sunny New Mexico to sunnier Nevada.

Linda (Cloud) Musial (1970) has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, WIU BA '74, is retired.

Gary Richert (1970) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Hinsdale, IL, Purdue U BS Elec Eng '74, is runs a textile mill in Chesterfield, SC.

Richard Anderson (1971) has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, SIU BS Fire Admin, is a fire inspector for the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Frank Berauer (1971) married **Eileen Dunn** (1973), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, BS Acct, is an accountant.

Ray Rzewnicki (1971) has 2 children, lives in Tempe, AZ, is retired.

Diane (Rutledge) Sundberg (1971) has 2 children, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, Milton College BA '75, is a paraprofessional in special education.

Nancy (Mateling) Cibic (1972) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, NEIU BS Econ, is with the Federal Aviation for 47 years.

Robert Renella (1972) has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Bloomingdale, IL, BA, MBA, PhD IT/Mgmt, is a semi retired business owner.

Stephen Rizzo (1972) lives in The Villages, FL, NEU BS, is a retired legal administration analyst.

Carole (Jacobucci) Scardina (1972) has 5 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Berwyn, IL, St. Xavier U BS Elem Ed '08, is a 4th grade teacher in Cicero, IL School District 99.

Eileen (Dunn) Berauer (1973) married **Frank Berauer** (1971), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, BS Bus Admin, is retired.

Bruce Moffat (1973) lives in Chicago, IL, ISU BS '77, UIC MS Urban Planning & Policy '84, is a retired CTA manager of 37 years, has authored six books on Chicago transportation history.

Karen (Jones) Cogan (1974) has 3 children, lives in Fairfax, VA, ISU BS Ed '78, is a coordinator of support operations for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Kathryn (Sullivan) Kostelancik (1975) has 5 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Algonquin, IL, is retired.

Donald Wolff (1975) has 2 children, lives in Elmhurst, IL, NIU BS '79, is co-owner of Wolff's Flea Market at Rosemont Allstate Arena with brother David Wolff (1979).

Cindy (Penesis) Fagiano (1976) has 2 children, lives in Chicago, IL, NEIU BS PE '81, is part time fitness instructor and a retired Chicago firefighter, married to a firefighter for 32 years and both children are with CPD.

Susie (Peter) Pino (1976) has 1 child, lives in Elgin, IL, Concordia U BS Org Mgmt, is retired.

Christine (Penesis) Anderson (1979) has 2 children, lives in Chicago, IL, NEIU BA; IIT Chicago Kent College of Law JD, is an attorney.

Rosemarie Wolski (1979) lives in Chicago, IL, NEIU BA History '83, is a quality assurance coordinator.

1980s

Ralph Walton (1982) lives in Phoenix, AZ, Loyola U BA Bus Admin, is a retired banking consultant at MUFG Union Bank, consultant in the banking industry, starting up a Notary and home/office organization business, active in the LGBT community, 35 year supporter of public radio, "Dad" to two cats who think they are little people (and sometimes has him fooled).

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Lost Classmates



Are you looking for someone? For a donation of \$5 the TAA will print your request here. If the classmate you are looking for, or another person responds, we'll provide them with your contact information so that they may contact you.

In Memoriam



Sally Rosalind (Dern) Duski of Chicago, IL, Class of January 1941, died on December 19, 2021. She was Valedictorian of her class and had been inducted into the TAA Hall of Fame in 2019.

Jacqueline (Pean) Hornstra of Portland, OR, Class of June 1950, died on November 5, 2021. She is survived by her brother Edmund Pean, Class of June 1957.

Marilyn "Lyn" Ellen (Wray) Smith of Albuquerque, NM, Class of June 1950, died on January 6, 2022. At age 16, she was Valedictorian of her class.

Kathleen (Miller) Dass of McHenry, IL, Class of January 1955, died on December 29, 2021. She is survived by her sisters Patricia (Miller) Burger Swearingen, Class of June 1946, and Doris (Miller) Johnson, Class of January 1956.

Donald Eugene Mellema of Park Ridge, IL, Class of January 1955, died on December 3, 2021. He was a roving street reporter and occasional news anchor on all-news radio station WBBM-AM for 27 years. He was inducted into the TAA Hall of Fame in 1995.

Sharon Lynn (Haining) Kramer of Tampa, FL, Class of June 1961, died on January 26, 2022.

Nancy Lois (Frahm) Rogers of Coon Valley, WI, Class of January 1962, died on February 1, 2022. She is survived by her brother Kenneth Frahm, Class of June 1964.

Kenneth Eugene Kofink of Loudon, TN, Class of June 1962, died on August 9, 2021. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles Kofink, Class of June 1960. He is survived by his sister-in-law Linda (Johnson) Kofink, Class of January 1966.

Judith (Waters) Grundke of Arlington Heights, IL, Class of June 1964, died on June 25, 2019. She was preceded in death by her sister Linda (Waters) Piepiora, Class of January 1966.

Linda (Waters) Piepiora of Bradenton, FL, Class of January 1966, died on June 14, 2016. She was survived by her sister Judith (Waters) Grundke, Class of June 1964.

Oran Lee Butler of Carol Stream, IL, Class of June 1967, died on December 20, 2021. He is survived by his sister Betty Butler, Class of June 1960.

Raymond Louis Gardner of Morton Grove, IL, Class of June 1967, died on January 30, 2022. He is survived by his sister Dawn Gardner, Class of 1971.

Barbara Lynne Cabay of Satellite Beach, FL, Class of 1968, died in November 2021.

Daniel William Rotzoll of Mount Prospect, IL, Class of 1968, died on November 16, 2021.

Robert Logan Hood Jr. of Hampshire, IL, Class of 1969, died on January 14, 2022. He was preceded in death by his

father Robert Logan Hood Sr., Class of February 1949, and by his sisters Carol (Hood) Knopka, Class of June 1964, Diane (Hood) Karsten, Class of June 1966, and by his brother Jim Hood, Class of 1975.

Rebecca Susan (Pfender) Kennedy of Phoenix, AZ, Class of 1969, died on January 30, 2022.

Randall Alan Pirwitz of Edmonds, WA, Class of 1971, died on July 14, 2021. He is survived by his sister Nancy Pirwitz, Class of 1976.

Laura Lee (Mueller) Vandenbosch of Streamwood, IL, Class of 1971, died on May 7, 2021. She is survived by her sisters LaVerne and Linda (Mueller) Kaltreux, Class of 1973 and her brother Russell Mueller.

Alfonso Ayello Jr. of Dundee, IL, Class of 1973, died on March 2, 2012. He was survived by his brother Jesse Ayello, Class of 1976.

Mark Steven Bokina, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Gregory James Capace of Chicago, IL, Class of 1973, died on January 14, 2022. He is survived by his brother Robert Capace, Class of 1976.

Scott Paul Culpepper of Wheeling, IL, Class of 1973, died on May 12, 2021.

Richard Andrew Gerardin, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Julius J. Gerlach, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Glenn Peter Gouzoules, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

RaeLynn Hope Hicks, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Timothy Jack of Chicago, IL, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Mary Ann Klein of Chicago, IL, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Vincent James Moore, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Diane Veronica Ostrowski, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Nancy S. Partipilo, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

John Schiola of Hoffman Estates, IL, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Robert John Schmidt, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Michael Schoop of Hoffman Estates, IL, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Ronald William Shevel of Seattle, WA, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Edward Raymond Slanec, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Debra Ann Syoen, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

John Michael Vanucci of Norridge, IL, Class of 1973, died in November 2011.

Millen David Vladesov of Cary, IL, Class of 1973, died on August 19, 2017.

Michael Lester Zerbe of Des Plaines, IL, Class of 1973, died on December 8, 2021. He was preceded in death by his father Wilber Zerbe, Class of June 1948. He is survived by his brother Daniel Zerbe, Class of 1976, and by his sisters

Patricia (Zerbe) Alcock, Class of 1979, and Jacqueline Zerbe, Class of 1980.

Gary Zimmerman of Rosemont, IL, Class of 1973, died, date unknown.

Michael Alan Calcagno of Chicago, IL, Class of 1979, died on December 16, 2021. He is survived by his sister Claire Calcagno, Class of 1977.

Ricky Lottie of Bolingbrook, IL, Class of 1987, died on November 5, 2021.

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