



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Taft Alumni Hall of Fame

Anne Lunde, TAA President

The Taft Alumni Association is pleased to announce the six recipients in this year's Alumni Hall of Fame. They represent an impressive range of talents, in the arts, in academia, and contributing to others in sciences and business. They also settled all over the country.

Since our last induction in 2019 the world has changed -- there were teacher's union strikes, the stresses of COVID-19 which kept local schools closed, on remote learning, for the better parts of several school years, and other unpredictable changes. Chicago Public Schools opened in mid-August instead of after Labor Day.

With rising travel costs, and the unpredictability of train travel and flights in and out of O'Hare Airport combined with trying to schedule a date within Taft's busy fall schedule we are going to try to assemble the presentations online, with Zoom interviews with the recipients and/or their nominators and will post the "virtual" ceremony video early in 2023 on our TAA website, so friends and classmates can share in the celebration.

Meanwhile, here are the biographies of this year's recipients, a selection of some of the Best of Taft High School:

John E. Anderson, PhD, PE, GE, D.GE Class of January 1965



While at Taft, John Anderson was a member of the National Honor Society and was awarded an Illinois State Scholarship. He was a member of the Norwood Park Imperials Drum and Bugle Corps playing a bass-baritone bugle.

After a short time at Wright Jr. College, he was educated at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, earning a BS Civil Engineering (1968), MS Civil/Geotechnical Engineering (1971) and PhD Civil/Structural Engineering, (1974). He is a licensed Civil Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer in California, and licensed and a Board-Certified



Diplomate at the Academy of GeoProfessionals, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Reston VA.

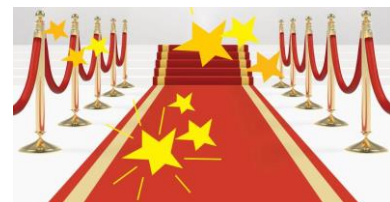
Anderson has over 45 years' experience in design and construction of heavy civil works with expertise in geotechnical and foundation engineering. Throughout the U.S. and abroad, he has served as project manager, task lead or senior consultant/expert on projects including bridges, highways, tunnels, pipelines, fossil and nuclear power plants, water and wastewater facilities, dams and levees, industrial facilities, landfills, and high-rise buildings. He has been an expert witness for design and construction disputes.

Anderson has served on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee since June 2020 and became chairperson in June 2021. From June 2018 to April 2020, he served as a member of the Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury that investigates the conditions in the county jails as well as the performance of county and city government, school districts and special districts such as water, sewage, transportation entities.

From 2006 to 2010, Anderson served as co-chairman of ASCE's Task Force on Implementation of Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina. A great deal of the technical work was incorporated into guidance documents prepared by ASCE, the US Army Corps of Engineers and State Dam Safety Agencies, resulting in a pamphlet titled "So You Live Behind a Levee," now provided free by the IJS Army Corps of Engineers to people with property behind levees.

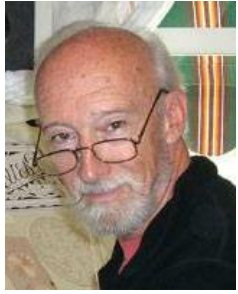
In 2008 Anderson was made a Diplomate in Geotechnical Engineering by the Academy of GeoProfessionals. He is one of 360 geotechnical engineers in the US and Canada that presently have that certification. In 2016 he was selected, along with five expert geotechnical and structural engineers, to participate in a panel discussion as the keynote event for the ASCE Geo-Structures Conference in Phoenix Arizona.

Anderson has written numerous professional publications, has actively volunteered with, and supports many professional and community organizations and youth sports.



Wayne Barton

Class of June 1955



As a graduate of Taft High School, Wayne Barton became a multifaceted person: he is a recognized artist, inventor-designer, author, writer, and lecturer-teacher of woodcarving. His personal work is sought by collectors around the world.



At Taft, Barton was a busy, active student serving four years on the Student Council and on a few of its committees. He is most proud of starting the first "Big Brother, Big Sister" program at Taft with classmate Cynthia Celusta which oriented and guided the incoming freshmen

to the school. A photo of him leading one of his groups through the hallways of Taft is in the 1955 Aerie Yearbook. He played four years on the basketball team, track team, and bowling team, and even found time to set pins at the Edison Park Bowl. Barton gratefully attributes and recognizes the encouragement given to his artistic abilities by Mrs. Helen F. Suter, his most understanding homeroom teacher, and Mrs. Dorothy Jordon, his keen-eyed art instructor.

Barton is the only American artist invited to exhibit his style of work in the Swiss National Museum in Zurich, Switzerland. He has authored eight books on woodcarving, published and sold in six countries. He has designed and manufactured specific tools for woodcarving and invented two new artistic fonts in the field of calligraphy including a foliated alphabet. He has lectured at the Chicago Art Institute, taught at the Chicago School of Woodcarving, and founded and directed the Alpine School of Woodcarving, Ltd.

Barton has contributed to his community and country as a veteran serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and was awarded citations for life saving while stationed on the Chicago Harbor light and the Toledo Harbor light.

He attended Wright Junior College and Illinois State University. However, following his true passion for woodcarving, first awakened at the age of five by his grandfather, he traveled to Europe to start formal training and studies in the art of woodcarving and design in Brienz, the famous woodcarving center in the Swiss Alps, under the tutelage of known masters of the day.

Although He has been awarded first place in every competition entered, Barton's focus has always been on teaching and sharing his woodcarving knowledge with others. While versed in all disciplines of carving, he specializes in the decorative form of carving known as chip carving or *kerbschnitzen* (notch and/or groove carving) in

the Germanic countries of Europe. Besides teaching at colleges, schools, institutions, and organizations across the United States, he has also taught in Canada, Switzerland, and Norway. Several instructional videos may be found on YouTube.

In 2005, Fox Chapel Publishing named Barton Woodcarver of the Year. He has appeared on The American Woodshop with Scott Phillips and The Woodwright's Shop with Roy Underhill, both on PBS. For forty years he has been a contributing columnist for *Chip Chats*, the National Wood Carvers Association publication, sharing his knowledge with carvers worldwide. Today, he is still carving and sharing, successfully following his dream.

James Kepner, MS, PhD

Class of June 1961



James Kepner's Taft activities included the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Business Manager and Science Club.

Over the following decades, he has received awards for singularly best performance on the PhD Qualifying Exam (1977), on the



PhD Comprehensive Exam (1978), and Outstanding Graduate Student award at The University of Iowa (1979).

After joining the faculty at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, Kepner received the SCSU Achievement

Award for outstanding contributions to the University (1985), as well as the 1991 SCSU Outstanding Faculty Award for "substantive contributions in improving the mathematics and statistics programs, commendable scholarly activity, and development of a national reputation as a statistician", and was a multiple year recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award.

While teaching at the University of Florida (1979-1983 and 1995-2002), Kepner engaged in research both as Co-Principal Investigator of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) Research Data Center and Principal Investigator of the COG Research Data Center. In that capacity, study designs he created for use in the medical setting of controlled clinical trials are now applied in vastly different settings worldwide, such as quality control sampling in virtually any industry and survey sampling.

Kepner joined the American Cancer Society's National Home Office and Emory University in Atlanta, GA from 2005-2010 serving as Director, Division of Biostatistics/ Evaluation (2005-2006), Vice President, Statistics and Evaluation Center (2006-2010), and Adjunct

Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Rollins School of Public Health (2006-2010).

Kepner has served as Treasurer of two churches as well as serving on church councils. Several university funds and the American Cancer Society have benefited from his generous contributions both financial and of his time.

Gail Niwa, MFA Class of 1975



The daughter of professional musicians, Gail Niwa began piano studies with her mother and made her orchestral debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at age eight. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees on scholarship at the Juilliard School.



Niwa was an accomplished pianist who won numerous international awards and competitions including first prize at the Washington International Competition in 1987 and subsequent Kennedy Center debut, and Best Accompanist award at the 1986 Tchaikovsky Competition for violinists in Moscow.

In 1991 Niwa created a sensation by becoming the first woman ever to win the Gold Medal at the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. She was also awarded the Audience Prize and the Chamber Music Prize. She also won major prizes in the International Chopin Competition, the Mae Whitaker Competition, and the Washington International Competition.

Among her recordings were the Saint-Saen's finale from "Carnival of the Animals" for Disney's Fantasia 2000 soundtrack, "Music for Bassoon, Piano and Cello" CD in 1995, and recordings under the Musical Heritage Society and Teldec labels. She won major prizes in the International Chopin Competition, the Mae Whitaker Competition and the Washington International Competition as well as the Audience Prize and the Chamber Music Prize.

Niwa was the founder and artistic director of Chamber Music at Great Gorge in northwestern New Jersey. The organization's purpose is to bring chamber music concerts at affordable prices with leading professional musicians from around the country. The organization also sponsors a school outreach program where musicians perform and interact with elementary students.

Niwa was an avid tennis player during her years at Taft and became a two-time Chicago City Parks tennis champion. Her late brother David Niwa (Class of 1981) was also a skilled violinist with degrees from the Curtis Institute and The Juilliard School and served as assistant concertmaster of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Niwa died in February 2021.

James Schroeder, MS, DDS Class of June 1967



James Schroeder participated in many Taft activities. He joined the swim team, became captain of the varsity football team, was in the Lettermen's Club, Ski Club, and contributed to Aerie and Ibad. He also became a captain of thirty lifeguards on Lake Michigan.



Following graduation, Schroeder went to Luther College and later enrolled in the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry where he earned his DDS and a master's degree in biochemistry.

Remaining in Virginia, Schroeder completed his residency at the University of Virginia, then opened his private dental practice in Richmond where he served his patients for 40 years. He was well known for increasing access to care for patients with special needs leaving a lasting impact on the Richmond dental community. He supplied hundreds of hours in donated time making sure those who are the poorest receive the same dental care as everyone else. He worked many hours with the Gullah community in Virginia.

Schroeder was a co-founder and provider for CrossOver HealthCare Ministry, adjunct faculty at VCU from 1979-2017 and frequently contributed to the Virginia Dental Journal. He wrote fervently on the importance of leadership, relationship building and lifelong learning and growth.

Schroeder became a sought-after consultant through his firm, Leadership by Design. Orchestrating a group of dentists under the organization known as Central Virginia Dental Care was a recent passion. His friends, colleagues and clients characterized him as a catalyst for change, forever insightful and compassionate. He dedicated 13 years to serving on the Chesterfield County School Board, as well as teaching Sunday school at Redeemer Lutheran Church for 25 years.

Jim used his leadership skills to contribute to the development of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/Child Development Center in Midlothian. Amid staying active in the community, Schroeder made sure to keep his marriage, family, and relationships at the center of his life. He said, "Looking back, I really see all sorts of interventions of God giving me the wisdom to make good choices."

Schroeder died in January 2020.

Dale Schunk, MEd, PhD

Class of June 1964



Dale Schunk's many activities at Taft included the National Honor Society, Honor Club, Math Club, Business Manager, Hall Guard, Honor Club, Teacher Helper, and the Taft Football Team. Following graduation, he enrolled at the University of Illinois earning his BS in psychology. He went on to earn his MEd at Boston

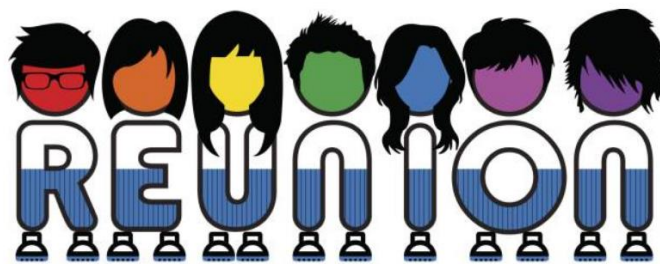


University in 1974, and a PhD in educational psychology in 1979 at Stanford University. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force serving from 1968 to 1974, earning the U. S. Forces Europe: Joint Service Commendation Medal.

As an educational psychologist, Schunk teaches graduate courses in learning and motivation and undergraduate courses in learning and educational psychology. He has researched the effects of social and instructional variables on cognition, learning, self-regulation and motivation. He has served on the editorial boards of journals such as Contemporary Educational Psychology and Educational Psychology Review. He has authored more than 120 journal articles and book chapters on educational psychology. In addition to other books, he is author of the widely used textbook, Learning Theories: An Educational Perspective, and coauthor of Motivation in Education: Theory Research and Applications.

Before moving to Purdue University in 1993, Schunk taught educational psychology at the University of Houston from 1979 to 1985 and at UNC-Chapel Hill from 1986 to 1993. He received the Albert J. Harris Research Award from the International Reading Association (1989), an Early Contributions Award from Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (1982), and the Fulbright Distinguished American Scholar Award (1997).

For 10 years he was Dean of the UNCG School of Education. His awards include the Senior Distinguished Research Scholar Award (UNCG School of Education), the Award for Outstanding Contributions (American Educational Research Association Studying and Self-Regulated Learning Special Interest Group), and inclusion in *Who's Who in America*.



Arizona All-Class Get Together

Date: October 29, 2022

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

Donation: \$5 per person includes TAA cap raffle ticket

Details: Bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, beverages in non-glass containers.

Contact: Fred Wordell (ftjawo@aol.com) or Judy Jacobsen (gordonsdatter@gmail.com)

So-Cal All-Class Get-Together

Date: Saturday September 9, 2023, Noon – 4:00 pm

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

Details: \$10 (pizza and pop), bring a dish to share and BYOB.

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

Taft Class of January 1953 70 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday October 22, 2022, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria in Edison Park

Contact: Lois (Plechaty) Rolf (loisrolf12@aol.com) or Carl Edwards (cbedwards@att.net)

Taft Class of 1968 55 Year Reunion

Date: September 2023 (TBD)

Location: Ridgemoor Country Club, Harwood Heights IL

Contact: Carolyn Sykes Toerpe (carolyn.toerpe@gmail.com) or Nancy Warzecha (nancywarz@sbcglobal.net)

Taft Class of 1973 50 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Location: Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N Prospect Ave

Detail: Ticket sales begin after the New Year

Contact: Bob Schmidt (robert.schmidt55@att.net) or Jill (Mason) Hawkes (gordonjill@aol.com)

Facebook: 1973 Taft Grads 50th Reunion

2022 All-Class Get-Together Weekend

Held annually, this reunion event embraces several celebrations held in diverse venues. Steven White (1988) has been the prime organizer supported by an enthusiastic team. The weekend finale is a grand picnic in the Forest Preserves come rain or shine. Adrienne Stennis (1989) summed this weekend up well by saying, "Once again I would like to thank ALL OF YOU for every smile, every

compliment, every joke, every save, the dance in the rain and last but not least every memory. I LOVE YOU ALL!!! WE ARE ONE!!!! EAGLES FOR LIFE!"

These photos show some of the years represented over the weekend. Although the 80's and 90's were well attended, there also were alumni from other decades.

Class of 1984/1985



Class of 1988



Class of 1987 - 35 Year Reunion



Class of 1989



Class of 1990



Class of 1992 - 30 Year Reunion



Class of 1994/1995



Class of 1967 55 Year Reunion



In attendance: Janyce (Bryant) Szmanski, Susan Johnson, Ed Krzeminski, David Moresi, Carol (Eckwall) Moresi, Carol Petersen, Susan (Oenning) Halihan, Scott Andeen, Robert Elezian, Mel Ellingsen, Kathy (Angell) Bilodeau, Sherry (McBee) Holmen, Neil Holmen, Wayne Gibson, James Doubek, David James, Bruce Kramer, Richard Huber, Virginia (Scholl)

Linowiecki, Joyce (Slade) Bracke, Susan (Lang) Ward, Bill Blomquist, Diane (Gunderson) Pritchett, Larry Herzog, Bob Royce, Steve Horn, Terry Brown, Elaine (Coad) Travis, Pamela (Schaller) Chapman, Marilyn (Schmidt) Heller, Helm Heller

Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion



The group shot includes my 1967 Onahan classmates, left Cheryl (Pufunt) Wiatr, Carol (Naatz) Wodka (from Ebinger) and her husband, me and Len (we were in ROTC together) and Len's wife, Grace (Ide) Wasilewski (standing), Pam (Mac) Tojza, and Debbie (Pittatsis) Tranchita.

Richard Lindberg 1971



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A night we'll all remember
With memories of fifty years,
Gathered once again in friendship
Coming in from far and near,
Although we might all grow older
And perhaps a bit more wise,
Our friendships will go on forever
And Taft's flame will never die.

Paul Madsen, 1971

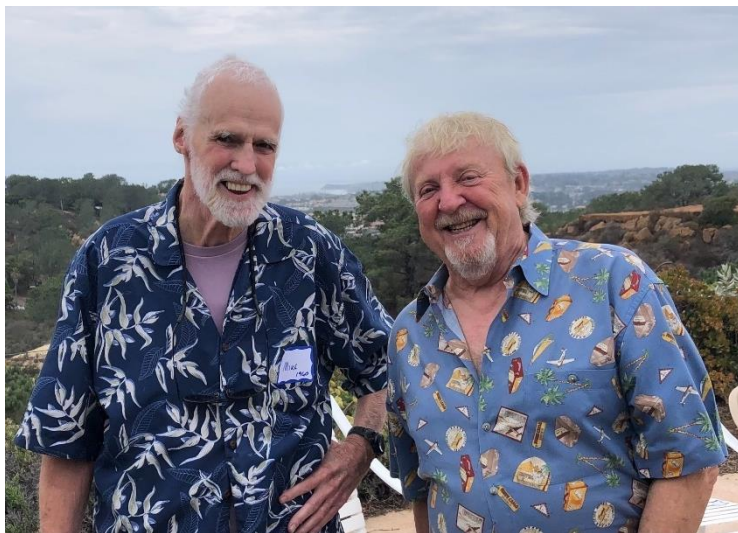
SoCal All-Class Get-Together

Our annual So Cal get together was threatened briefly by Hurricane Kay, but that didn't stop us. With only high heat & humidity, the party went on. We enjoyed having some champagne punch in Taft's GAA's historic punch bowl. Thanks to Sandy Marshall Paik for the champagne! We reminisced and viewed Gail Uhlar's memorabilia, while having Rosati's pizza and Ken Kulovitz's surprise potluck item, Old Style Beer! That brought back more memories of our neighborhoods, the woods & best hot dog stands. We also celebrated Mike Day's Birthday with cake & well wishes. Mike is the founding father of the SoCal get togethers...and for that we are forever thankful.

Jan (Ostromencki) Savage '74



Seated: Gail (Uhlar) Murray '76, Sandy (Marshall) Paik '76, Mindy (Mirek) Bortness '77, Jill Ostromencki '76, Barb Sullivan (widow of Bob Sullivan class of '61). Standing: Ken Kulovitz Jan '67, Mike Day Jun '60, Jim Jacobs Jun '60, Jan (Ostromencki) Savage '74, Patrick Raetzman '57.



Classmates Mike Day and Jim Jacobs



Messages from our Members

Thank you for a wonderful job.

Dolores (Wenk) Ebner, Feb '46

Thanks for all you do!

Susan (Lang) Ward, Jun '67



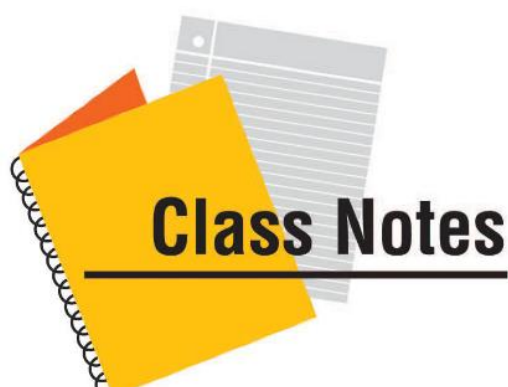
This is Carol Knudsen [right] (she attended Taft until 1966 but moved to Kansas before graduating) and me at the Strawdust Festival in Laguna Beach, 7/28/2022. Carol is a muralist and lives in El Cajon, CA. She still works part time. We were buddies at Taft over 55 years ago. We met up about 5 years ago for the first time in fifty years.

Gwen (Kammien) Ginocchio, Jun '67



Taft Grads and our better halves vacationing in Croatia: Debbie Olsen in pink ('72), Ralph Infusino (Jun '67), Bill Olsen (Jun '67), Bob Stevens (Jun '66), Steve Dahl (Jun '67), and me.

Bill Blomquist (Jun '67)



1940s

Dolores (Wenk) Ebner (Feb 1946) has 5 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Littleton, CO, American Conservatory of Music, is a retired historian of Ken-Caryl Ranch in Colorado.

John Nelson (Jan 1948) has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Kingston, WA, Purdue BS '52, MS '53; U of MN PhD '60, is a retired biochemist.

Leonard Hamachek (Jun 1949) has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Rockford, IL, Eureka College BS; US Army 2 years, Korea, is retired from sales management.

1950s

Ray Black (Jan 1951) has 9 children, 25 grandchildren, lives in Guttenberg, IA, 2 years college, is a retired contractor.

Bruce Pearson (Jun 1952) lives in Chicago, IL.

Art Eichlin (Jan 1953) married **Marian Heinz** (Jun 1966), has 1 child, lives in Billings, MT, Berkley BA Journ, M Ed; Loyola U PhD; US Army 2 years counter-intelligence, is a retired dean of students and director of continuing education, loved living in Norwood Park, is interested in WWII history.

Richard (Karolczak) Karolczak (Jun 1953) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Harvard, IL, is a retired plant manager.

Ernest Stolle (Aug 1954) has 2 children, lives in Des Plaines, IL, North Park College AA '57; NEIU BA '72, MA '74; US Army 6 years, is a retired wood broker.

Janet (Rebscher) Eastman (Jan 1954) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Northbrook, IL, Beloit College; American Airlines Stewardess School, is retired, participated in the Northwestern Linguistic Study.

Tim Wallner (Jan 1954) has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Huntley, IL, US Army 1957-59, is a retired lithographer.

John Snow (Jun 1955) has 2 children, lives in Palatine, IL, Coe College BS, is retired.

Joan (Denney) Sandeck (Jan 1956) has 5 stepchildren, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, lives in Laverne, CA, is a retired AT&T manager.

Patricia (Belshaw) Tabor (Jan 1957) has 4 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Okemos, MI, Commercial College, is a retired court reporter.

Robert Soske (Jun 1957) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Inverness, IL, US Army 1961-63, is a printing business owner.

Lynn Terry (Jun 1957) has 1 child, 1 grandchild, lives in Sedona, AZ, Colorado U BA '62; SF St MA '71; USMC 1962-67 Captain Infantry Vietnam, is a retired sales executive.

Janet (Lewis) Baker (Jun 1958) has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Greenwood Village, CO, CO State U BS Soc Sci '62, Lesley College ME Educ, is a retired high school teacher.

Bruce England (Jan 1959) has 6 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Merrimac, WI, CLU, LUTCF, is retired from insurance sales, served 27 years on ski patrol at Devil's Head Resort.

1960s

Jo Anne (Barry) Edwards (Jan 1960) lives in Leesburg, FL, UI BS '64, MS '66, is a retired A.P. biology teacher.

Barbara (Vanderlip) Moretti (Jan 1960) has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Sarasota, FL, RN, is a retired registered nurse.

Mike Day (Jun 1960) lives in Vista, CA, UI BS Accounting, is a retired CPA and financial planner, happy to be finally retired although fighting cancer and serious illness.

Dennis Dziak (Jun 1960) has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Boynton Beach, FL, DePaul U BSC Acct; CPA; US Air Force, is a retired director of pricing and contracts for Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals.

Marilyn (Stano) Guillemette (Jun 1960) has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, is a retired manager and buyer for Hallmark.

David Orland (Jun 1960) has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Rio Vista, CA, studied Business Admin., is a retired rancher, DOD/Housing Dir., architect and general contractor.

Robert Sperl (Jun 1960) married **Carolyn Larsen** (Jun 1961), has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Itasca, IL, BS, BA, is a retired CFO.

Joy (Wallace) Barhite (Jan 1961) has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Ft Myers, FL, AA in general education, is retired.

Linnea (Lundberg) Conway-Dunn (Jan 1961) has 6 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Georgetown, TX, SIU BA '64; Washington U St. Louis, MO MSW '71, is a retired clinical social worker, married to John Dunn.

Mary (Papciak) Samborski (Jun 1961) married **Darryl Samborski** (deceased) (6/1/1962), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Schaumburg, IL, NEIU BA, is a retired teacher.

Carolyn (Larsen) Sperl (Jun 1961) married **Robert Sperl** (Jun 1960), has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Itasca, IL, MSIR, JD, is in human resources.

Karen (Olson) Swenson (Jun 1962) has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in St Charles, IL, NIU BS Ed '85; Nat'l College of Education MA '89, is a retired kindergarten teacher.

Robert Zerwer (Jun 1962) has 1 child, lives in Elmwood Park, IL, NIU '71, is a retired buyer for Truserv Corp.

Kathy (Adreani) Thiel (Jan 1963) has blended family of 8 children, 20 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, Wright Junior College, is retired, loves cruising with family, being healthy and grateful.

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

Linda (Johnson) Kofink (Jan 1966) married **Charles Kofink** (deceased) (6/1/1960), has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Hanover Park, IL, is retired.

William Moldenhauer (Jan 1966) lives in Des Plaines, IL, is retired.

Marian (Heinz) Eichlin (Jun 1966) married **Art Eichlin** (Jan 1953), has 1 child, lives in Billings, MT, North Park College, is an administrative assistant, feels blessed to have grown up in Norwood Park, but loves living in Montana.

David Hoy (Jun 1966) has 1 child, lives in Elmhurst, IL, Elmhurst College BS Bus Admin '77; NIU JD '83, is a retired attorney in private practice.

Susan Morgan (Jun 1966) has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Friendswood, TX, is a CEO.

Russ Stephenson (Jun 1966) has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, Wright College 1 yr, is retired from real estate investments.

Marty Wordell (Jun 1966) lives in Jamestown, NC, Lakeland College BS Bus Adm, is retired.

Joyce (Kerstein) Donicht (Jan 1967) lives in Colorado Springs, CO, U of WI Stout '71, is retired.

Judie (Montgomery) Fezekas (Jan 1967) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Huntley, IL, NIU 2 years, is retired, has lived in four different states, currently in Del Webb's Sun City, and has been married to Vic 53 years.

Scott Andeen (Jun 1967) married **Ellen Bacos** (Jun 1967), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Schaumburg, IL, Wright College AA, computer tech school, is a retired computer tech Tier 3 support.

Ellen (Bacos) Andeen (Jun 1967) has 2 children, lives in Schaumburg, IL, BA Elem Educ, Literature, Psychology, is a retired teacher.

Susan (Lang) Ward (Jun 1967) has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Kingwood, TX, SIU 3 years, LoneStar College, is retired.

Marlene (Porter) Boehler (1968) has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Huntley, IL, is a retired employee benefits consultant.

Bill Eckholm (1968) has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, Valparaiso U '68-70; Rochester Inst of Tech '73-75; US Army Corp of Engr '71-73, is a retired executive, wife Laurel Dyce is from Cheektowaga, NY, now just living the good life in Arizona.

Judy Eilken (1968) has 1 child, lives in St Louis, MO, UI BA, MA Ger, is a retired high school German teacher.

Nancy (Johnson) Kandola (1968) has 2 children, lives in Raytown, MO, 3 years college, Monessori teaching certificate, is retired.

Larry Lonson (1968) has 2 children, lives in Sarasota, FL, Columbia College BA; Western Int'l MBA Int'l Bus Mgmt, is a real estate broker, invites you to contact him if moving to Florida.

Gail (Mathisen) Cristoe (1969) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, BA Educ, is a retired teacher, loves spending time with her grandsons and doing what she couldn't do while working.

Laurel (Thoren) Kaage (1969) married **Irv Kaage** (1969), has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, College of Lake County ABS, is a retired homemaker.

Irvin Kaage (1969) married **Laurel Thoren** (1969), has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Lakeland College BS Soc '73; Lakeland U BA, is the owner/president of Transor Filter USA.

Larry Wojcik (1969) has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Palos Hills, IL, is retired.

1970s

Juergen Rusnak (1970) lives in Des Plaines, IL, Roosevelt U BA '74, MBA '83, is a retired accounting software consultant.

Carlene (Wegelt) Shultz (1970) has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Salem, OR, MS Psych '76, PsyD '90, is a licensed clinical psychologist.

Michael Tessendorf (1970) married **Linda Ernst** (deceased) (1971), has 1 child, lives in Loudon, TN, UIC BA, is retired from law enforcement.

Jane (Krusinski) Dvorak (1971) married **Dale Dvorak** (1971), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Waco, TX, NEIU BA Early Childhood Ed '75, is a retired teacher.

Dale Dvorak (1971) married **Jane Krusinski** (1971), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Waco, TX, West Point BS Engr Mgmt '75; Boston U MSBA Fin '79; US Army 6 years, is a business owner, GO CUBS GO!!.

Barbara (Moe) LeMaster (1971) has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Naperville, IL, WIU BS Elem Edu, is retired.

Carol (Naatz) Wodka (1971) has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, EIU BS El Edu, is a retired preschool teacher.

Drew Carlsen (1972) married **Karla Schmidt** (1974), has 1 child, lives in Palatine, IL, AA, is the owner/operator of Desert Springs Water Co. since 1991, married 43 years.

Sandra (Bakanowicz) Davidson (1972) has 3 children, 12 grandchildren, lives in Mount Pleasant, MI, is a part time cashier.

Michael (Suba) Suba (1972) has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Wright College AS, is retired.

Sheila (Graniero) Siarkiewicz (1973) has 4 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Algonquin, IL, is a retired office and compliance manager.

Karla (Schmidt) Carlsen (1974) married **Drew Carlsen** (1972), has 1 child, lives in Palatine, IL, is with CCSD15 Transportation, married 43 years.

Bob Uhlar (1974) lives in Kerrville, TX, Drake U BA '78; Northwestern MS '81; Unity School of Religious Studies Mdiv '02, is the Spiritual Director/CEO of UnityHillCountry.org, spent 17 years in the 80's and 90's in radio/TV news including WBBM-780 AM and WMAQ-670 AM.

1980s

James Allen (1984) lives in South Holland, IL.

Steve White (1988) lives in Chicago, IL, is an engineer.

Taft Ticker Tape

- Although alumni packed the stands, the Eagles came up short at their season kickoff, Glenbrook North 16, Taft 14. You can watch games on "Taft Live Streams" on YouTube.
- The Taft Local School Council has approved the retention of school resource officers on both campuses for the 2022-2023 school year. A survey showed that an overwhelming majority of parents, teachers, and students supported the presence of school resource officers.
- The Taft High School Team Store is now online. Offering Youth, Men's, and Ladies' apparel, you can order merchandise through this link: <https://tafteaglesspiritwear.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

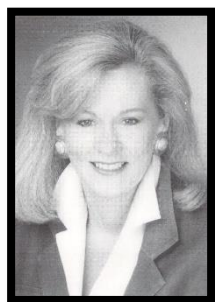


Lost Classmates



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



Nancy Drew Sheehan of Oakbrook Terrace, IL, died in September 2022. She began her teaching career at Taft in the Social Studies department teaching History in the 1970s. She earned her J.D. at John Marshall Law School, became an Assistant State's Attorney, held numerous leadership positions in Cook County, served 12 years with the Metropolitan Water

Reclamation District, and as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge for 10 years prior to her retirement in Naples, Florida.

Alfred Noades Rettenmier of Lacey, WA, Class of June 1943, died on September 7, 2022.

Robert Melvin Ray of De Pere, WI, Class of June 1947, died on July 18, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife Irene (Dubois) Ray, Class of June 1948.

Joyce Marie (Weiskopf) Manse of Austin, TX, Class of January 1949, died on May 6, 2022. She is survived by her sister Ellaine Weiskopf, Class of February 1952, and her brother William Weiskopf, Class of January 1956.

Richard Eugene Kohl of Joliet, IL, Class of June 1949, died on July 29, 2022.

Joseph Vincent LaPuma of Alma, NE, Class of June 1951, died on July 30, 2022.

James Arthur Nelles of Naples, FL, Class of June 1955, died on July 1, 2022. He is survived by his wife Madeline (Deichl) Nelles, Class of June 1955.

Mary Ann Elizabeth (Kennett) Doherty of Monona, WI, Class of June 1956, died on September 17, 2021.

Lois Ellen (Nielsen) Waschow of Chicago, IL, Class of June 1956, died on August 10, 2022. She is survived by her husband Jim Waschow.

Claire Ann Beiersdorf of Sun City, AZ, Class of January 1957, died in September 2021.

Patricia Kristine (Hansen) Brown of Burlington, WI, Class of January 1957, died on May 30, 2022. She was preceded in death by her brother Lee Hansen, Class of June 1958.

Carol Valerie (Kinney) Brushwyler of Wheaton, IL, Class of January 1957, died on July 29, 2022. She is survived by her sister Marlene (Kinney) Moers, Class of January 1958.

Susan (Hoad) Walldren of Park Ridge, IL, Class of January 1959, died on August 29, 2022. She was preceded in death by her brothers Robert Hoad, Class of January 1956, and William Hoad, Class of June 1963.

Kenneth Michael Hitzeman of Kapolei, HI, Class of June 1963, died in 2022.

Guy Lawrence Cook of Glen Haven, CO, Class of January 1964, died on September 10, 2022. He is survived by his sister Gay (Cook) Sladky, Class of January 1960, and his brother Thomas Cook, Class of January 1962.

Patricia Lee (Hoffman) Duda of Bluffton, SC, Class of June 1964, died on September 2, 1964.

Jennifer Ann (Mateling) Thomas of Long Grove, IL, Class of 1969, died on July 10, 2022.

Sharon Marie Panek of Chicago, IL, Class of 1973, died on September 7, 2021.

Wendy Jean Haynes of Lindenhurst, IL, Class of 1977, died on July 2, 2022.

David Niwa of Columbus, OH, Class of 1981, died on September 1, 2022. He was preceded in death by his sister Gail Niwa, Class of 1975.

Paul L. Jones of Chicago, IL, Class of 1987, died on August 19, 2022.

Terrance Roebuck of Chicago, IL, Class of 1999, died on July 23, 2022.

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| | Large | | \$25.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ |
| | X- Large | | \$25.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ |
| | XX- Large | | \$25.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ |
| | XXX- Large | | \$25.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ |
|  Baseball Cap embroidered Taft Alumni logo with eagle | One Size Fits All | | \$17.50 | \$ 3.00 | \$ |
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| | X- Large | | \$10.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ |
| | XX- Large | | \$12.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ |
| | XXX- Large | | \$12.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ |
|  Fleece Jacket with embroidered Taft Alumni logo | Medium | | \$40.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ |
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About You ☐ No changes

| | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|--|
| *First Name (PLEASE PRINT) | * Last Name at Graduation | * Current Last Name | |
| *Home Street Address | *City | *State | *ZIP |
| Primary Phone | Email Address | | List in Email Directory <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| *Month/Year You Graduated | Number of Children _____ Children, _____ Grandchildren, _____ Great Grandchildren, _____ Great Greats? | | |
| Higher Education, Degrees, Military Service, Years | | | |
| Occupation | Retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Elementary School | |
| Other news you'd like to share? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not publish my information in the Class Notes |

About Your Taft Graduate Spouse

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|--|--|---------------------|---|
| *First Name | * Last Name at Graduation | * Current Last Name | |
| Primary Phone | Email Address | | List in Email Directory <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| *Month/Year Spouse Graduated | Number of Children (if different) _____ Children, _____ Grandchildren, _____ Great Grandchildren, _____ Great Greats? | | |
| Higher Education, Degrees, Military Service, Years | | | |
| Occupation | Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Elementary School | |
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