

Mount Holyoke College Class of 1964
After the Middle Ages Comes the Renaissance!
In Memoriam

*Remembrances from Classmates 2005-2009**

Tricia Colt
June 30, 2009

Lynn Bloom Carbonell has informed us that Tricia P. "Teep" Colt died shortly after our 45th Reunion on June 30, 2009. Apologies for this delayed notification. In summary, after graduating from MHC she worked in NY for Time Magazine followed by a variety of fascinating places and positions before running a broodmare farm in Australia. Having found her true vocation she returned to TN where she actively pursued breeding and racing horses with her mother's support and in partnership with Nancy Jacobs of Charlotte, S. C. Here she met a trainer, Del Lovelace, who became her partner and is expected to continue training the horses and managing the farm she left to him. Leukemia made things more difficult for this active and optimistic woman but she continued to surpass expectations to the end.



For more detail please read the beautiful obituary from the Blackburn & Ward Funeral Home website that follows.

Karen Petersen Adkisson

March 10, 2009

At Mount Holyoke, Karen was a biology major, and in 1970 received her Ph.D. in zoology, specializing in genetics, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She was a Professor of Biology at Roanoke College, Salem, VA. In addition to being a fine teacher and advisor to biology students, Karen was a loving mother and wife, a devoted homemaker, with extraordinary gifts and love for cooking, sewing, and gardening. Another passion was hiking and cross-country skiing, especially in Colorado where her ancestors were pioneer settlers.

Jean Arthur White

Oct. 10, 2008

Jean Arthur White died at Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton MA on Oct. 10, 2008. She was born in Malden MA on Apr. 10, 1942. Jean was with us on campus for our Freshman year. She married George E. White who died in 2005. Jean made her home in Townsend MA before moving to Littleton; she taught science and mathematics at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg. Her 4 children (Jeffrey White, Jonathan White, James White, and Jennifer Smith) and 7 grandchildren survive her.



Barbara Saam Wojciechowski
November 28, 2006

A small bundle of fire and intellectual curiosity, Bunny Saam was my freshman roommate. I was in bed by half past ten; Bunny studied into the wee hours of the morning. From our first semester on campus, Bunny focused her energy on learning Russian; Mrs. Bogojavlensky was her professor (years later, I taught Mrs. B's grandchildren and her son was my doctor). One thing Bunny and I shared was our love for water ballet. After receiving her Masters in Russian from the University of Pennsylvania, Bunny joined the CIA and served for 27 years as an officer in Geneva, Paris, Brasilia, and Vientiane, Laos, retiring for the first time in 1994 and then returning to service after 9/11. In retirement, Bunny nurtured an interest in gardening, and along with husband Gene, also a retired CIA agent, brewed maple syrup and raised mallard ducks! Bunny's zest for life is an enduring memory.



Pamela Timson Carlson

Nov. 9, 2006

Pamela Timson Carlson died of ovarian cancer Nov. 9, 2006. Her loving family was by her side. Pam attended MHC for one year, and transferred to the Univ. Wisconsin-Madison. There she met the love of her life, Thomas Wesley Carlson. Following their wedding in Hinsdale IL Aug. 1963, they moved to Honolulu HI where Tom was stationed as an officer in the US Navy. In 1966 they moved to Ogden UT where they started Carlson Golf and resided until Pam's death in 2006. Pam's true passion was raising her three children and working with her husband her last 25 years. Remembered fondly by MHC Safford classmates, Pam's lovely smile and her sweet sincere personality were still there when classmates visited in Hawaii and Utah. Pam was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. An obituary, picture and more specific comments and memories will be available at MHC64.COM.

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Marilyn Claire Lefevre

October 13, 2006

Marilyn's close Mount Holyoke friends write: "It is ironic that someone with the biggest of hearts had, biologically, a weak one." For most of her career, Marilyn worked in London and Lausanne, Switzerland, first with the marketing division of Proctor & Gamble, and later, with Nestle and Philip Morris. Marilyn had a special place in her heart for her friends' children. While in Lausanne, Liliane Menzi Barry asked her to be godmother to her two children, and they will always remember her generous, outgoing, and always creative and non-conformist spirit. We shared many long conversations, beautiful trips, and her hosting of memorable gatherings for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other celebrations in her warm and lovely Lausanne apartment. Marilyn forged special bonds with other '64 progeny, always opening her doors to them when they reached traveling age. Lois Young Friedrich's daughter captured the essence of what we treasured about Marilyn: a very cool, brilliant, whacky lady who always loved us and showed she cared every way she could. In 1995, Marilyn returned to the United States and settled in Chicago where she lived near the lake so she could easily take Saydi, her beloved Labrador Retriever, for early morning walks and a swim. She built a network of dog lover friends and babysat many neighbors' dogs. A lovely celebration of life ceremony, organized by her friends in the neighborhood, was held by the lake after her death..

Ellen Mahoney McLanahan

August 10, 2006

Ellen died in 2006 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Believing that education was the most important way that she could make a difference in children's lives, Ellen became a longtime volunteer and teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) at Center School in New Canaan, CT. Ellen was devoted to her family, who returned the love as evidenced especially in their care for her during her long illness. In the final month of her life, Ellen joyfully oversaw the marriage of her son, Jeremiah, at their Adirondacks summer home. Equipped with a walkie-talkie, Ellen operated out of a "command post" from her bedroom, which enabled her also to attend and enjoy the ceremony. She will always be remembered for her love and devotion to those closest to her - her parents, sisters, friends, and later, Bruce her husband of forty years, and their three adored children, John, Jeremiah, and Elizabeth. We have a mental picture of Ellen - tall, long blond hair, freckles, and a big, warm smile. We will miss her.

**Note: These are composites of what several people have contributed.*