

# Bend Senior High School Class of 1969 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Memory Book

August 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2019



*1969 - Applaud friends, the comedy is over - 2019 - Hold the Applause, we're not done yet!*



Produced and presented to our Classmates by  
Bill and Brenda

Think of this Book as the dessert.

## Dedication and Thank you from your Reunion Chairman

Great teamwork could be described as the singular efforts of individuals that when brought together results in an outcome exceeding all expectations.

We had a great team planning our 50th reunion. I want to thank each of you for hanging in there thru all our meetings, emails, texts, phone calls, etc. This was the third reunion most of us have been involved in planning... by now you all know I kind of “fly by the seat of my pants”... no agendas (I think the only agenda we had was when Dave and Jill came over from Salem)... no minutes... sometimes we felt like we were running in place, sometimes like we were going backwards, but eventually got where we needed to be. Failure was never an option.

A big thank you to Dave and Jill Simpson and Bill and Jan Shaffer, our webmaster and our class “genealogist who we would have been lost without and who have both put in countless hours doing what they do best... and who both made several trips over the mountains to our meetings. Thank you, Jill and Susie, for putting the table settings together for Saturday. Thank you, Jan for being patient and I’m sure helping with all of Bills projects.

Thank you to Tom Riley, our class treasurer who kept us updated on our finances throughout. Our plan was to keep our registration fee low... “\$50 for 50 years” and supplement our costs with our \$4,000 reserve fund from past reunions... through the generosity of many of our classmates our reserve fund has actually grown!

Thank you to Janie Burkholder for her time and effort contacting classmates who we hadn’t heard from. I think we ended up with classmates attending who had never been to a reunion... or at least had not attended in many years. It was Janie, Susie, and Bill Shaffer who came up with the Woodstock theme for Friday night so I’ll give them all credit! Well done!

Thank you to Sheila Millage for bringing our class memorial DVD up to date. I know this was a frustrating process but you got it done in the end!

Thank you to Jim Larson for his eagerness to join our committee and pitch in. Jim was the front man in contacting the high school and setting up our luncheon and tour.

Thank you to Brenda Grigsby for her generosity and eagerness to help us with our printing and mailing costs. This was a very big donation! Thank you Brenda for always being ready to jump in and help!

Thank you to Hari who made it possible to watch the movie “Back in the Day, Bend 1967” on Mark and Susie’s backyard fence...a perfect end to a magical evening with all our classmates, and for making it possible to show our memorial DVD on Saturday night...and for finding the band and paying for them along with help from Cam Healy and Ed Bonn.

And lastly, thank you Mark and Susie Wirges for everything you do! For those of you who don’t know, Mark and Susie are at the top of every organizations list for volunteers and they rarely turn anyone down. In the beginning of our planning, Susie had a “I’m done I can’t do this anymore” moment ... I said ok I understand ... and kept sending her meeting notices and eventually her and Mark were back on board. They knocked it out of the park for our Thursday night BBQ and were our contact people for the banquet at the Elks Club and Reid school picnic.

So, you see, it’s not surprising that we had 6 events that all exceeded our expectations!...we had a great team!

Thank you to all of our classmates who were able to attend our 50th reunion. Your attendance was all the reward we needed for our effort!

See you in two years for our 70th Birthday Party! August 6th and 7th 2021... save the date!

**Bill Beckley, (Proud to be) your Class President**

# The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee



The Committee met Monthly, then Weekly at the Pine Tavern on Sunday Afternoons.

## Shown Left to Right:

- Mark Wirges – “Pit Master” and our Thursday Night Event host – Kept the Bill’s distracted with Hunting, Fishing, and Back-in-the-day stories (50<sup>th</sup>)
- Susie Fagan Wirges – “Energizer Bunny” Worked tirelessly. Did most of the calling, Hosted the Thursday Night Event – and coordinated the decorations for the Saturday Banquet. Attended the meetings for the beer. (30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)
- Bill Beckley - Class President, Committee Chair, and Coach. Bill provided the vision that held all the events together. He hosted the Golf Tournament and the Sunday Picnic, and guided us in innumerable ways. (40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>). Bill along with Tom have crashed every reunion for the past 3 years gathering intel on how to pull off a big one. Anyway, that was the cover they used to drink and compare how they measured up to fellow gray hair men.
- Bill Shaffer - “Class Genealogist” in charge of the Memorabilia at the Saturday Banquet. Idea guy and instigator. Memory Book Creator and Editor. Bill had a big assist from Jan Shaffer who did a bunch of printing for us. (40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)
- Janie Burkholder - Helped calling classmates, cajoling them into coming. Instrumental in getting the Friday Tie Dye night going. (50<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>)
- Tom Riley - “Money Man” and cheerleader of the group – Constantly encouraging, drafting volunteers, soliciting donors, and organized the auction on Saturday. (10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)
- Dave Simpson “Web Master” – printer of all thing’s reunion related – kept everyone on track with the agenda. He helped pull the group together with his finely tuned planning skills. (40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)

## Not Shown:

- Hari Khalsa, Projected calm into the group, so as to keep everyone centered when roadblocks happened. Main Entertainment recruiter. (50<sup>th</sup>)
- Jim Larson: Organized the Friday School Tour. The committee wore him out, literally. (50<sup>th</sup>)
- Jill Pinkney Simpson: Brought life to the Decorating with her special green thumb, created name tags and contacted classmates. (40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)
- Sheila Ballard Millage The “Memorial Slide Show” Editor (40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>)

# Acknowledgments:

This was our 9<sup>th</sup> Class reunion. The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee is just the latest group of Classmates that have contributed through the years. We want to extend our appreciation to those who kept all of our Reunions vibrant through the years! Thank you to all.

This 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion was made possible by many Classmates donating not just their time, but resources and money. Our budget was over \$100 per Classmate, but in keeping with the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion theme, we felt we could charge \$50 each and make up the difference in other ways. (50 years, \$50 Bucks was our rally cry). Tom Riley's refrain was: "Don't worry, we'll find the money"!

## We want to offer a sincere thank you to the following:

Hari Khalsa, Ed Bonn, and Cam Healy made it possible for the Band to be there on Saturday night.

Hari helped with the audio-visual productions.

Jerry Hill made a generous donation but could not attend.

Brenda Purcell Grigsby donated the mailings, printing, and publications.

Financial Contributions from these Classmates helped defray the Reunion Costs.  
Kirsten Iseli Coughlin, Peggy Tucker Deister, Ken Johnson, Dave Kremers, Linda Smith Kurtz, Greg O'Keefe, Cathy Orcutt Phelps, Dennis Rice, Blanche Taber, Larry Whitehurst, Bill Hanlon, Vicki Halligan McGahan, Anette Paul Denker, Dan Ellingson, Jill Robinson Lang, Leslie Branstetter, and Debbie Steele Shea.

We want to thank all the auction buyers. Their contributions help fund the Reunion. The Sellers dug deep and came up with some great items: Bill Shaffer, Bill Beckley, Terry Hanson, Jim Larson, Lynn Hawes, Jane Burkholder, Mark and Susie Wirges, Adele Shevlin Sabbah, and others.

Cover Photo courtesy of Robert Jensen (Lava Bear 1968)

### Privacy Statement

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## Thursday night at the Wirges's Bear's Lair

On Thursday 8-15-2019, our Class gathered for a BBQ and pot luck feast in Mark and Susie's back yard. The crowd probably exceeded 70 people with enough tables, food, and conversation for all. It was a perfect night to start off the weekend with a casual gathering to share stories and memories.

The evening culminated with a backyard movie titled "Back in the Day: Bend 1967". This production was filmed and produced in Bend by Zolo Media and is available for purchase. The central theme was growing up in a small-town transitioning from a lumber economy and dealing with the Vietnam War, into what Bend has transformed into today. Many of our Classmates have feature parts. Dennis Koho, Bill Beckley, Mark Wirges, Susie Fagan-Wirges, Tom Riley, Hari Khalsa, and Ed Bonn were all interviewed and some classmates had their family stories documented.





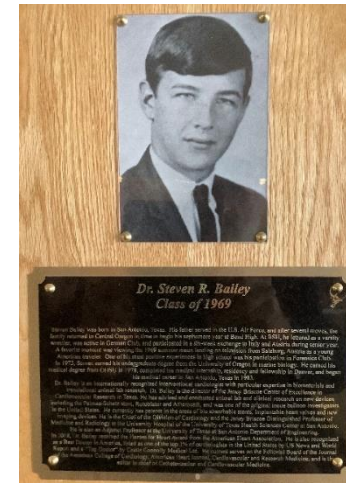
This started off as a St. Francis class photo, but then a few more jumped in, and a little confusion ensued.



# Friday Noon at Bend Senior High School

On Friday 8-16-2019, many of our Classmates returned to Bend Senior High for a catered Lunch provided by the School Staff, and a guided tour of the school. This event was organized by Jim Larson.

One of the highlights of the tour was the Distinguished Alumni display with three of our classmates recognized for their achievements







Bill, Bill, and Bill

# Friday Evening at the Bend Golf Club

The theme was "Tye Dye" which created a fun and colorful event. A light buffet was served, the movie Woodstock was playing, and everyone had a great time mingling and catching up.





# Saturday Evening at the Bend Elks Club

The Classmates and their Plus One's attended our most formal event of the weekend at the Bend Elks Club. The evening started off with some socializing, libations, then a group picture, followed by a buffet dinner. The program included a memorial slide show and memorabilia display, some recognitions by our Class President Bill Beckley, followed by a Live Auction and entertaining remarks from Pat Cashman (Class of 1968). A band entertained the group well past our normal bedtimes.





# Saturday Morning Golf Tournament at the Bend Golf Club

**Accounts vary, but photo evidence shows that a lot of time was spent in the rough looking for lost balls.**

**Those participating who lost their balls were:**

Bill Beckley, Dwayne Holloway, Bob Barnett and Jim McMurrin



# Sunday Picnic at Reed School

The final event of the extended weekend was a picnic on the lawn at the historic Reed School, which has been repurposed as the Deschutes County Historical Society. For many of those at the picnic, they had classrooms in Reed School, Cascade Jr. High's Gym and band room overlooked the picnic. Troy Field was adjacent that recalled Little League Baseball games, noon softball games, and Carnivals. The Library was across the street, as well as the Methodist and Lutheran Church's, where many of us attended or were married. St. Francis School was just across the street where so many of our classmates learned, played, and formed enduring friendships. This core area of Bend will live long in our memories.





*Life is about people. Wherever we go, we form communities and for some reason, high school stands out as really important. We did not choose Bend High School (we thank our parents for that), but still, the friendships we made are powerful and many of them endure.*

*Below are pictures of our classmates who have passed away. Many of us have been deeply affected by their deaths. Even though they are not with us, they are part of us and we hold them close in our hearts. Take a moment to remember, and give thanks for the time we had together.*  
- Vance Hays

# In Memory - Bend Senior High Class of 1969



Tommy  
Cooper



Ron  
Birge



Dave  
McCoy



Lee  
Gibskov



Joyce  
Thomas

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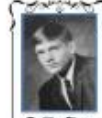
Loren  
Winkle



Kay  
Nauenburg



Rich  
Lohman



Rollie  
Sims



Doug  
Herland



Diane  
Baur



Kathy  
Draper



Gary  
Dillon



Jerry  
Thompson

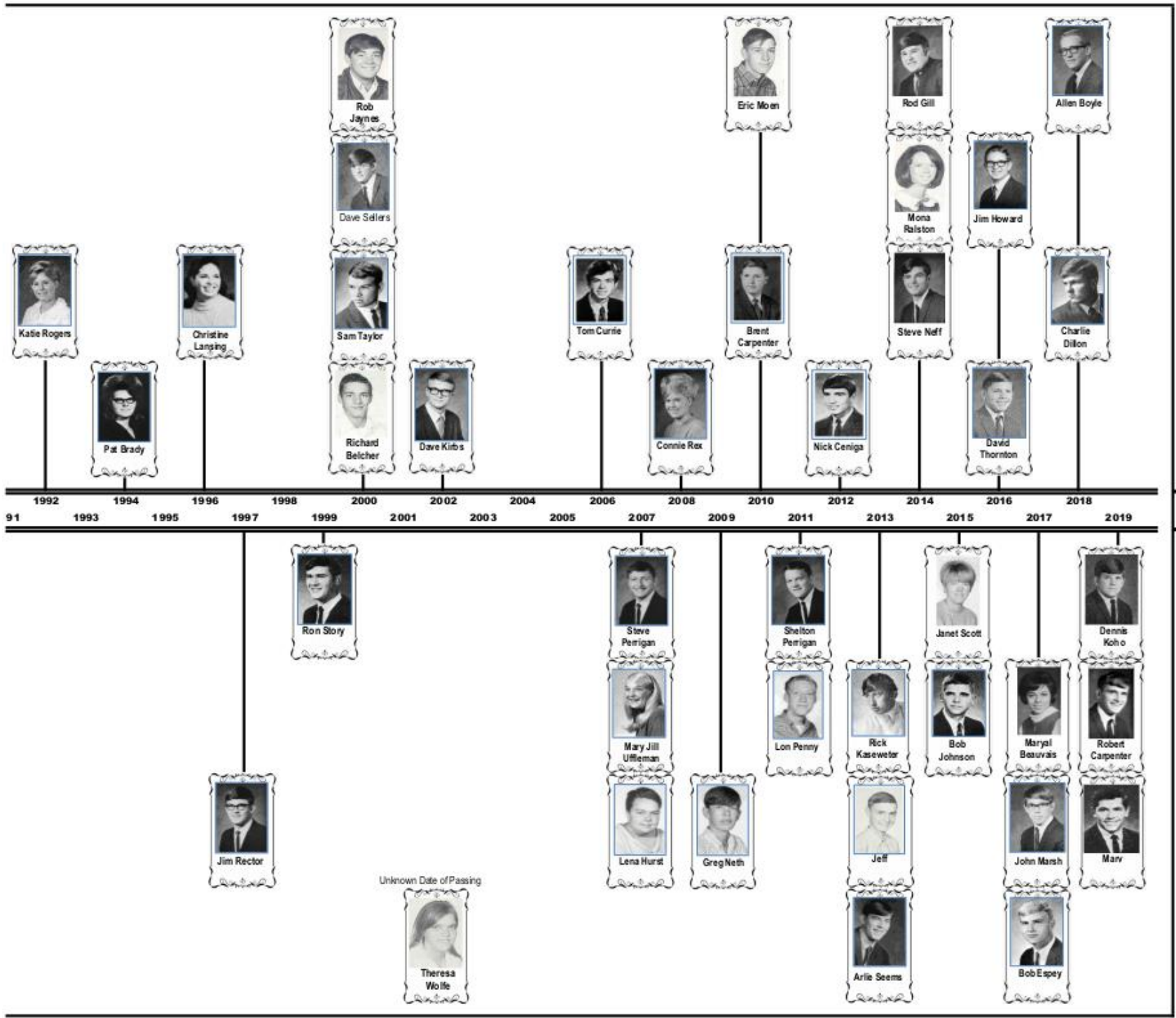


Mary Ann  
Currie

Widened Don Kite  
display in  
house in Cheryl  
"Burr" Perkins, ("Big N")  
Mary Ann Currie, Louise  
Lee Lewis, and Judy Lewis.







# Attendees

## (In Random Order)

### Carol Pedersen Jensen



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 Married: Robert Jensen

**School:** 4 yrs. between COCC & OSU

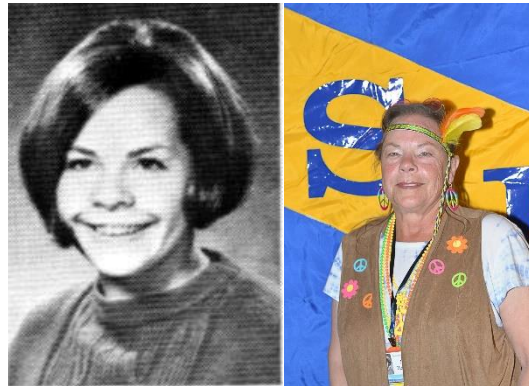
**Live:** Bend for 69 years.

**Work:** 1953 to 1986 Pedersen' Bakery, attempts to retired in 1986 when parents sold bakery. But need something to do from 1987 to 2011 worked for USDA Deschutes National Forest, finally retired 2011. Enjoying retirement.

**Thoughts:** Married my best friend 46 years ago. We were neighbors when I was born and probably known each other 66 years. We have enjoyed our travels throughout the U.S.



### Jill Bennett



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Bear Tracks Factoid: #18

Our Class colors were Burgundy  
and Pink

### Cathy Orcutt Phelps



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 City: North Plains State: Oregon  
 Married: Wayne Phelps

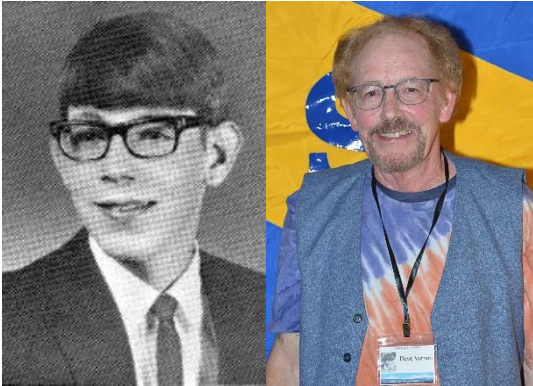
**School:** St. Francis, Cascade Jr. High, Bend Senior High School, COCC, Portland State University

**Live:** Klamath Falls, Portland, North Plains, OR

**Work:** Portland Public Schools, Elementary Teacher, Retired June, 2010.

**Thoughts:** My husband and I have been married since 1976. We have two boys. We now live on 19 acres in a log home we had built 13 years ago. We In the past 8 years we have put over 150,000 miles, and almost 300 nights in our rooftop tent exploring the USA. We are active in the Pacific Coast Rover Club and volunteer at Camp Meriwether Boy Scout Camp on the Oregon coast. I have also volunteered at our local library the past 13 years.

## Dave Vernon



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City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married Christie Vernon

**School:** 1-2 Baker, 3-6 Madras, 7-12 Bend High, COCC 1 year

**Live:** Baker City, Madras, Redmond, Bend, Portland, Junction City, Eugene.

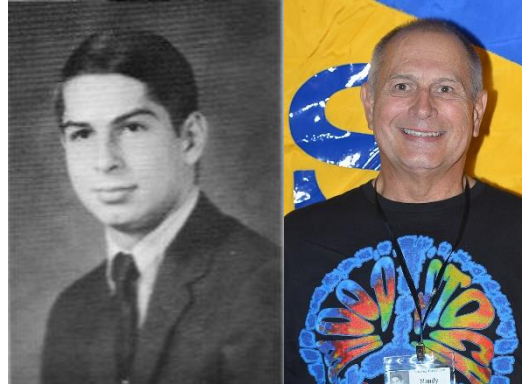
**Work:** Safeway 42 years, Store Manager for 25 years. Semi Retired. Army Combat Cavalry Scout/Airborne? Ranger, Training/ Logistics NCO. NRA Instructor, Worked at several Firearms/Hunting Stores. Still Going.

**Thoughts:** After High School, Joined the Army until 1974. Married in 1975 To Christie (Charlie Sottosanti was my best man). Still Married after 43 Years. During that time we moved 11 times when I was an asst. mgr. and Store Manager for Safeway. Best Man for Mike Johnston (very special honor). We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren, All Born here in bend, and still live here. My daughter is married to JT Combs, this is very special. Unbelievable experiences: Growing up in bend and making so many best friends, like Mike Johnston, Charlie Sottosanti, Mike Rief, Charlie Page, Jerry Thompson, Ron Berge..... THE WILD BUNCH..... MAKING IT THROUGH JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE "WILD BUNCH" and THE ARMY. Can't forget: Water skiing/snow skiing with the WILD BUNCH.

Make the most of seeing your friends, don't put it off, not getting younger. Be the best you can be for your family and friends.

JUST HAVING SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES OF MY FRIENDS.

## Randy Gravon



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City: Medford State: Oregon  
Married Cherie

**Schools:** Schools Attended: Thompson Elementary, Reid Elementary, Allen Elementary, Bend Jr. High, Bend Sr. high Higher Ed: Southern Oregon University (BA) Western Oregon University (MA), University of Oregon (Phd/inc.)

**Live:** Bend, Ashland, Central Point, Medford, OR.

**Work:** Special education teacher, Elementary principal, Director Of Personnel, Superintendent of Schools. (All in Medford and Central Point) Retired

**Thoughts:** Cherie and I retired in 2013 after 38 years in public education administration. We have lived in a mid-century country home on five acres in Southern Oregon for over 20 years and have embraced the pleasures of a simple life with a large garden and grassy fields. These days are spent tending our property during the busy spring and

summer months and traveling in the fall, when grandkids are back in school and the demands of the garden diminish. We have 3 daughters between us and seven grandchildren ages 16 to 22. Much of our life revolves around children and grandchildren.

The highlight of the last 50 years, without hesitation, is marrying Cherie and watching our delightful grandchildren grow into responsible (for the most part), productive young adults. I'm excited to watch their lives unfold. Not that I'm ready to throw in the towel, but if my life ended tomorrow, I've had a happier more fulfilling life than I ever could have imagined at 18.

I am balanced, keeping mind and heart equal.  
I am complete when I forget myself.  
I am receptive to each message of love.  
I am responsive to all that lives.  
I am happy in this life, I am content.  
- Maud Kennedy

## Michael Smith

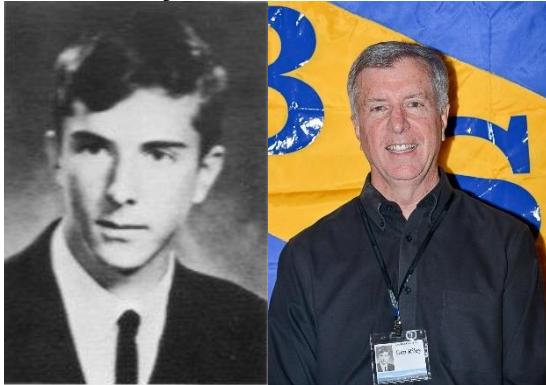


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City: Tucson State: Arizona  
Married

**Thoughts:** Nine children. No joke with 12 grandchildren. Married to my best friend and Sweetheart. :- ) looking forward to the 50th reunion

## Tom Riley



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City: Bend

State: Oregon

Married:

Laury Riley

**School:** St Francis, Allen, Bend Jr High, Bend Sr High, Willamette U, Oregon State

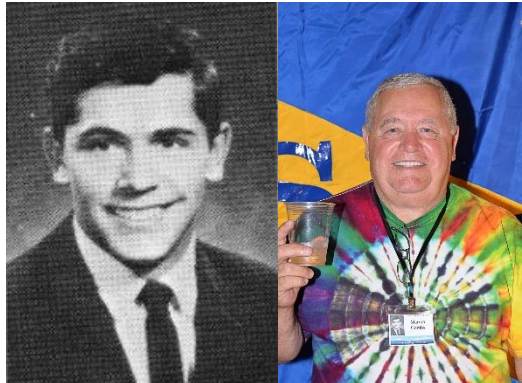
**Live:** Bend, Salem, Corvallis and back to Bend after College.

**Work:** CPA

**Thoughts:** I consider myself very lucky. I was able to live in Bend, working at a job that has been rewarding. I'm in good health, I have many friends including life long friends that are very important to me, and I have a great family. I have two sons, Casey, drives for UPS, lives in Bend and Kevin, works at a bank, lives in Bend, is married and has two kids. Laury, my second wife, and I have been married for over 20 years. Over the years I have played softball, city league basketball into my 50's, golfing, biking and extensive travel with Laury. I look forward to retirement in a few years. I will travel, spend time on the golf course and watch my grandchildren grow up



## Marvin Combs



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**Work:** Retired Law Enforcement

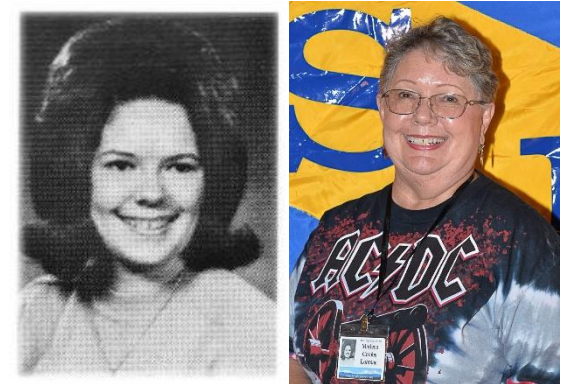


Bear Tracks Factoid: #20

Q. Who was the Student Body President in 1969?



## Marlena Combs Lohman



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State: Oregon

Married:

Larry

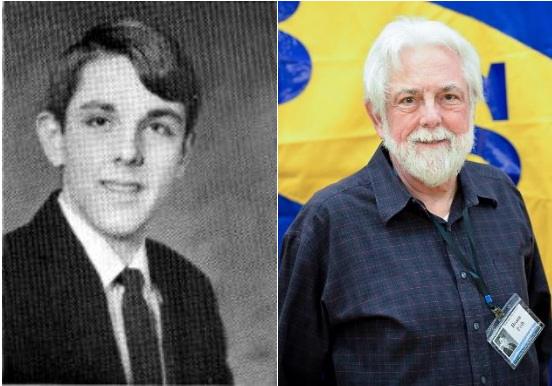
**School:** Cascade Jr. High, Bend Senior High

**Live:** Portola California, Orville California, Beaverton Or. Hood River Or., John Day Or., and Bend Or  
Our family moved to Bend in 1964 .Moved away for 3 years  
Bend has been home all but three years since moving to Oregon in 1964

**Work:** Worked at Artic Circle all through High School, Bend Mill Works and retired from Erickson's Thriftway after 38 years working there.

**Thoughts:** I have been married to Larry Lohman for 46 years. We have two sons two grandchildren and one great grand daughter. We love traveling and spending time with family and friends.

## Bruce Fish



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City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married Becky

**School:** Reid, Marshall, Allen. Junior/Senior High: Bend Junior High/Senior High. Colleges: Seattle Pacific University, COCC, The College of Idaho.

**Live:** Born in Seattle. Moved to Bend in 1960.

Away at college and other adventures from 1969 to 1975 in: Seattle, Bend, Caldwell, Idaho, LA (California).

Back to Bend in late 1975. And stayed.

Freelance Writer/Editor  
Manufacturing Engineer (Aviation)

### Random Thoughts:

- Co-author with my wife of 23 non-fiction books on a wide range of topics for diverse audiences. About half of the books were for grade school and middle school audiences.

- Manufacturing Engineer at Lancair Certified, Columbia, Cessna and Epic aircraft.

Hobbies: Photography, reading, hiking, collecting and reconditioning older audio equipment.

Keeping my 1979 Honda Accord Hatchback running.

Attending airshows and air museums Learning about and flying in WWII and other antique aircraft.

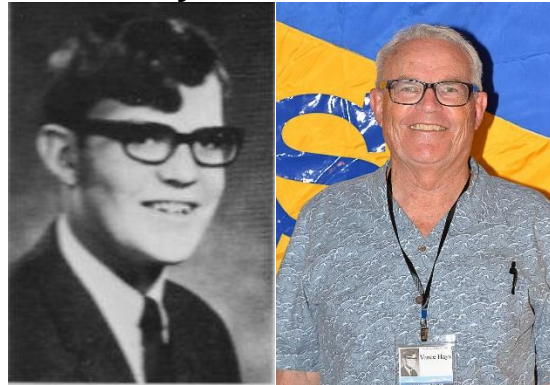
Visiting other historical sites and museums.



### Bear Tracks Factoid: #20

**A. Bob Backstrom was the Student Body President in 1969?**

## Vance Hays



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City: Portland State: Oregon  
Married: Connie

**School:** Bend High, U of O, Westminster and Calvin Seminaries

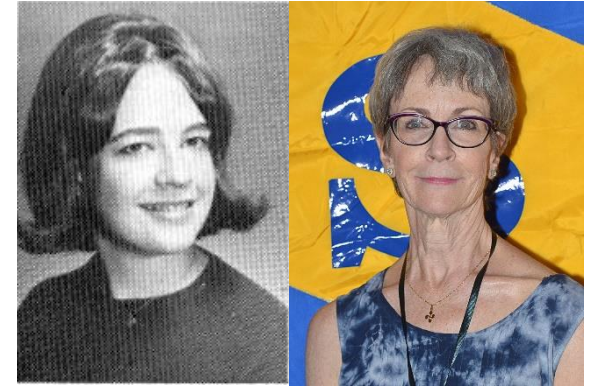
**Live:** Since college: Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, Grand Rapids, MI, Portland

**Work:** Pastor. Spent 27 years as pastor of Parklane Church in east Portland. In retirement, I serve churches that are temporarily without a pastor.

**Thoughts:** No highlights, but a big family, wonderful wife, 5 kids and (currently) 3 grandkids.

I've had a great life so far and I'm grateful.

## Lona Lance Azar



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City: Happy Valley State: Oregon  
Married: Richard Azar

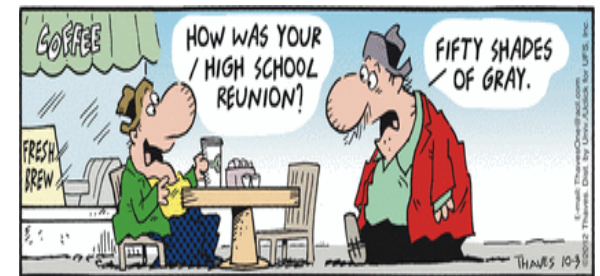
**School:** COCC, Portland State

**Live:** Eugene, Portland, Happy Valley

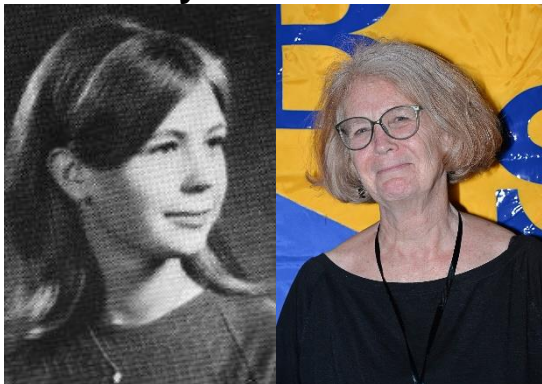
**Work:** Retired, Formerly a Group Underwriter for Standard Insurance. Currently a real estate agent.

**Thoughts:** Currently enjoying the retired life while selling a little real-estate. Have been married to the same wonderful man for the last 39 years. We have no children but have two "fur" babies that keep us amused. Spend time working in the garden, quilting, learning the art of golf and working out. Do road trips every year to find the sun and have traveled in Spain to explore my ancestry.

Take a deep breath and enjoy every minute.



## Christi Payne



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City: Shutesbury

State: Massachusetts

Married

Greg Darms

**School:** Allen, Reid, Kenwood, Lewis & Clark College, Dominican University

**Live:** Bend, Portland, Marin CA, Astoria, Massachusetts

**Work:** Book design and production

**Thoughts:** How to look back when nearly 70 — old and possibly wise-ish — yet in this setting amid 100 classmates, how to not still feel 17 and awkward. 50 years have passed? We've all had lives, some of us are still here! What can one possibly say?

I lost my only son when he was 4; that was 32 years ago and the defining fact of my life, followed by raw grief and survival. A journey. But it set my course and led me ... here and now.

The past 20 years I've lived on a float house on a tidal slough off the Columbia in Astoria. Also a defining fact. I (finally) met and married a genuinely good and kind man and I can easily say I am happy. I've had a successful freelance career in publishing, designing and producing newspapers, magazines, and books. I restored the Bend Hardware Bldg. in downtown Bend, which was a huge accomplishment; my father bought

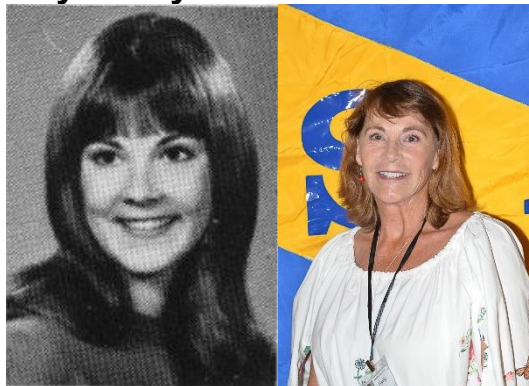
it in 1965. I graduated from college at 45 with a writing degree, and just this year have been awarded a MacDowell Colony Fellowship. I will spend 2 winter months in residency there to finish a book I've worked on for years.

Last year we moved from Astoria to Amherst, MA. What? It was a good move; I find I am content and happy. Who'da thunk?

I want to thank our classmates who did an amazing job of 4 days together, and all who came. It was a wonderful experience.



## Gayla May



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City: Portland

Committed Relationship

State: Oregon

**School:** Allen

**Work:** DHS child Welfare Prog manager

**Thoughts:** wow the memories are flooding, prom parties, girl scouts, Tumalo state park, drill team trip to sf, lava bears, my dad's red convertible, noon dancing at Pilot butte junior high, faculty student baseball games, walking downtown bend during junior high lunch hours. neru jackets, Beatle boots, [Jobs](#) daughters, car washes.

## Syd Parlour



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City: Sault Ste. Marie

Province: Ontario Canada

Committed Relationship Terry Dunster

**School:** Springfield College, Massachusetts; Univ. of Toronto, ON; Wilfrid Laurier Univ., ON; Rotman School of Management, U. of Toronto

**Live:** Marfa, TX; Dalton, MA; Canyon City, OR; Bend, OR; Oregon City, OR; Springfield, MA; Toronto, ON; Hamilton, NY; Bridgehampton, NY; Rangely, CO; Waterloo, ON; Sault Ste. Marie, ON

**Work:**

[1976-2012]- Children's mental health professional [front line, supervisor, manager, Ass't director, director, acting director]

[1993-99] - Manager, CHC Employee Assistance Program

[2013-17] Professor, Norwich University, College of

Graduate and Continuing Studies, Master of Science in Leadership Program

Current [2012-present]- Owner, Work with Solutions; organizational consultant; ongoing contract with Government of Nunavut, Canada

VISTA volunteer - Bridgehampton, Long Island  
- River rafting crew, Partners Youth Diversion Program, Denver, CO  
- Advanced Program, Human Resources Management

**Thoughts:** I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the 50th reunion. Hats off to the organizing committee for a fantastic job. It was so wonderful to reconnect with such a great group of classmates again!



## Joan Raymond Cofoed



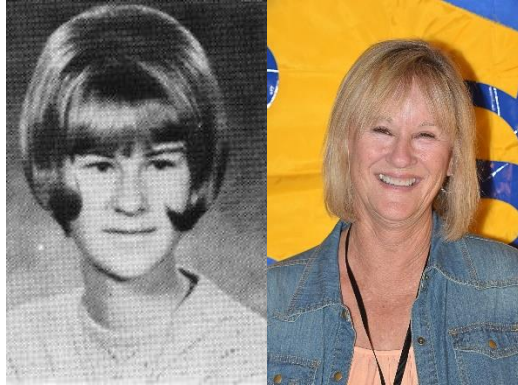
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State: Oregon



## Vicki Halligan McGahan



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Married:

John McGahan

**School:** Reid, Thompson, Kenwood, BSHS, U of O, OHSU (UO school of nursing), California State University Sacramento for Masters of Nursing

**Live:** Sacramento, CA for 45 years

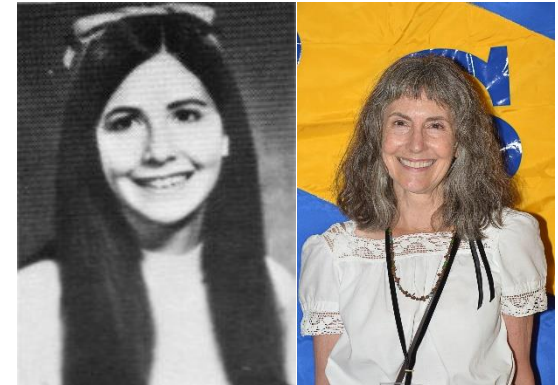
**Work:** Registered Nurse - Retired

**Thoughts:** Married 45 years, raised 4 children, 2 boys, 2 girls, 8 grandchildren. Worked as a registered nurse in hospital and also as school nurse. Have been fortunate to travel and experience other cultures and to realize the more different, the more we are alike. Love to play tennis, golf & swim - enjoy being outdoors. Especially love recalling growing up in Bend and remembering all classmates who have meant so much to me and connecting with so many at our reunions. Realizing we are all connected through out times in Bend and our memories of life and loss.

50 Years!! Seriously!! Love Vicki



## Jane Burkholder



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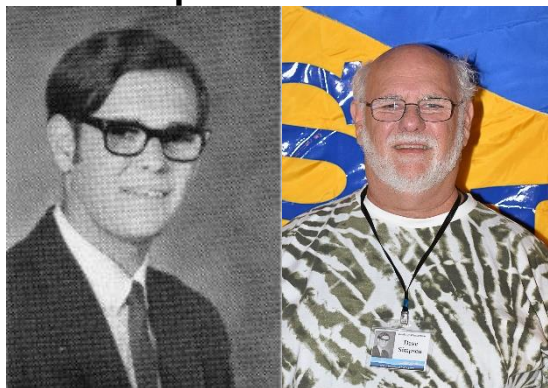
State: Oregon

Single

**Work:** Yoga Instructor



## Dave Simpson



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City: Salem

State: Oregon

Married

Jill Pinckney Simpson

**School:** moved to Bend in 8th grade, OSU, Lewis and Clark College

**Live:** Portland, Estacada, and now in Salem, Oregon.

**Work:** BS in Wildlife Science from OSU in 1973. Park Naturalist and Park Manager with Oregon State Parks for 15 years (first full time naturalist for Oregon State Parks). Masters in Public Administration from Lewis and Clark College and then moved to Salem to work with the Department of Human Services as a Budget Analyst, Computer programmer, and Manager of a team of Business Analysts supporting the Child Welfare System in Oregon. Retired in 2008.

**Thoughts:** Married to my beautiful wife, Jill Pinckney Simpson, for 47 years and counting. 3 adult children. 4 grand kids (with three of them in Salem). Traveled all over the world before the grand kids were born (NZ, Australia, Europe, Britain, Mexico, Caribbean, Fiji, Bora Bora and US National Parks) with more trips planned in the future. Long time season ticket holder for OSU football, look for me at every home game.

Thanks to everyone who attended the 50th reunion. We had a lot of fun on the reunion committee.

## Jill Pinckney Simpson



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City: Salem

State: Oregon

Married:

Dave Simpson

**School:** COCC, Oregon State, U of Oregon, Portland State, WOU, Portland State

**Live:** Bend, Wash DC, Corvallis, Eugene, Lake Oswego, Portland, Estacada, Salem

**Work:** Elementary Classroom Teacher and Reading Specialist

**Thoughts:** What fun to graduate from high school and be on my way! I attended COCC for two years and finally was able to take classes from my dad who had been dean and professor there since 1955 when we moved to Bend. It has been wonderful to hear stories from classmates who took his classes and enjoyed his friendship.

In the summer of 1971, Dave Simpson (from our class) returned to Oregon to complete his bachelor's degree at OSU. We started dating that summer, became engaged that January, and the next summer we married in my parents' beautiful back yard! That property, a whole acre between 8th and 9th street, was sold by my siblings and me in 2002. How I do wish we had held on to it.

Dave and I completed our bachelor's degrees, him from OSU in Wildlife Biology and me from UO and

Western University in Elementary Education. The next few years were focused on our careers. I started teaching in Portland in 1975. How I loved working with kids...my favorite grade levels being third and fourth grades.

Dave and I were married for 8 years by the time we felt ready to start a family. But then we wasted no time in catching up with our friends and family. I gave birth to boy/girl twins in 1980. And 15 months later we added another daughter. I stayed home with these three until the youngest started kindergarten. These years were my favorites...

In the late eighties Dave went back to school for his masters and I taught school in Eagle Creek. His degree led us to Salem and I started teaching in Stayton. I got my reading endorsement in the mid-nineties and enjoyed being a reading specialist for several years. I did miss the classroom, though, and returned to it before I retired in 2008.

Dave and I retired the same year. We immediately embarked on many traveling adventures. We did several trips a year including the US and abroad. Our favorite probably is our cruise that started in Honolulu and ended in Sydney. After arriving in Australia, we flew around the continent for about a month. It was amazing.

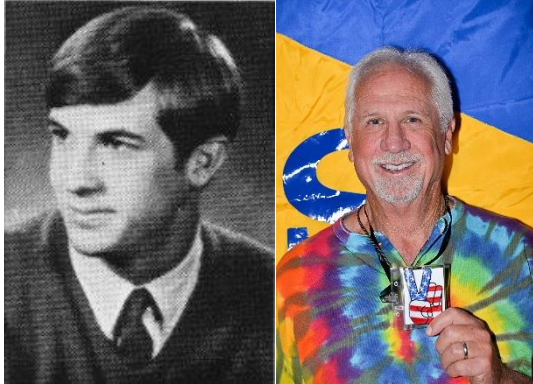
We absolutely adore being grandparents. Two of our three kids live locally and we try to help out with the grandkids as much as possible. We recently found out that we will be welcoming our fifth grandchild this coming spring. We feel very fortunate.

Dave and I host many family dinners at our home. We have kids and grandkids coming and going quite a lot. We are both gardeners. Dave does the veggies and I love growing, tending, and arranging flowers. We celebrated our 47th anniversary in July. We enjoyed working on the reunion committee. Seeing and talking to so many classmates was wonderful!





## Terry Hanson



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State: Oregon

Married:

Cheryl Cribbins, Hanson

**School:** Cascade 8th & 9th, BHS 10,11,12, COCC WHCC (Nevada).

**Live:** California, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, Nevada

**Work:** Retired Construction equipment operation, Scuba Instructor, Charter Guide, Southern Nevada Region Manager/Conservation Natural Resources.

**Thoughts:** Enjoying life. I have a beautiful daughter, her name is Nicole, 38 years old. Too many hobbies, not enough time. Wildlife photography is what I really enjoy, I also like to camp, travel, hunt & fish, archery and all related shooting sports. Life itself has been an unbelievable experience! No favorite memories. I'm thankful for all the friends and relationships gathered through the years and enjoy adding to the list.



## Cheryl Cribbins Hansen



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City: Bend

State: Oregon

Married:

Terry Hansen

**School:** 1st Florence, 2nd Lakeview, 3rd & 4th Brookings, 5th Reno, 6-12 Bend

**Live:** Oregon: Eugene, Florence, Lakeview, Brookings, Bend, Portland, Fossil. Reno Nevada, Anchorage Alaska, Kalispell and Big Ford in Montana

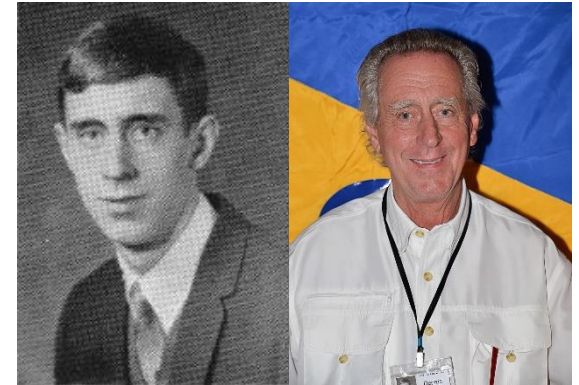
**Work:** Retired Escrow Officer

**Thoughts:** I have four children ages 39 to 45, 1 son and 3 daughters, my daughter Angie has 3 daughters (my granddaughters and they are ages 24, 20, and 17) Now married to Terry I have a 38 year old

step daughter, Nicole. I love traveling with Terry to see some of the beautiful country we have here in the West and Southwest. In the 8 years we have been together we have visited 20 National Parks and numerous historical sites. My favorite hobby is still trail riding on my horse, but I also love hiking and bike riding. We live in the house that I purchased in 1985, so my roots are planted firmly here in Central Oregon. My best friends are still the girls that I hung out with in Junior High and High School.



## Dennis Rice



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State: Colorado

Married

Sheila

**School:** Reid, Thompson, Cascade, BHS, COCC, OSU

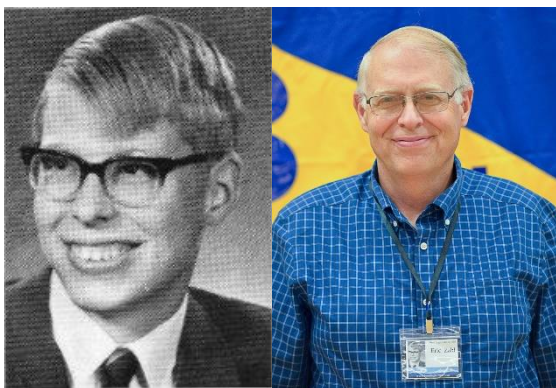
**Live:** Bend, Portland, Denver

**Work:** Self Employed

**Thoughts:** 2 Children, 3 Grand Children. Golf I Cannot believe 50 years later the great relationships I have had with all the great classmates.



### Eric Zahl



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Married:: Joy

**School:** OSU, B.S.

**Live:** Helena, MT Spokane, WA and recently Chattaroy, WA (just north of Spokane)

**Work:** Research Engineer in Mining, Doing consulting in that field now.

**Thoughts:** Bigfoot hunting and yes I was cursed with seeing one -- few believe it, hiking, home building, running a foodbank/soup kitchen and transition house.

Wisdom? There is an amazing amount of it in the Bible, regardless of your life philosophy -- check out Proverbs. Being around people: think serve not impress. If you're on coast just enjoy a good drink, but I'm not there yet.

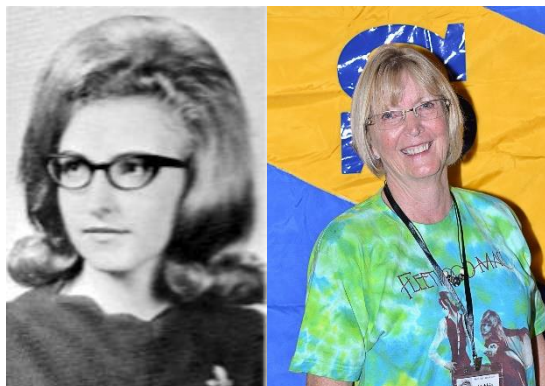
### Scott Harbison



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Single

**Work:** Unemployed Contractor

### Debbie Shea Steele



City: Hartland State: Michigan  
Married David

**School:** Tumalo, Thompson, Reid, Allen, Cascade, 9th Madras, 10th Redmond, BHS, Northwestern

**Live:** Portland, Germany, Washington, Michigan, Montana, Wisconsin, Arizona

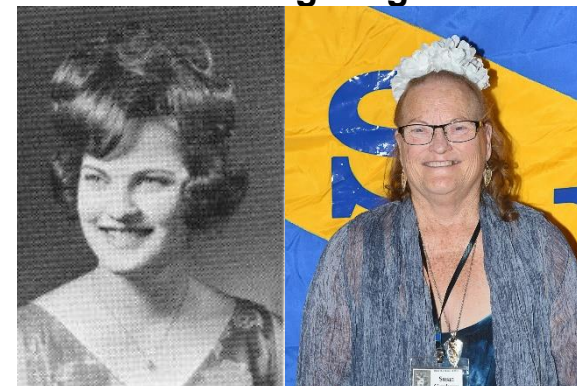
**Work:** Optician, Ophthalmic Tech, Surgical Tech,

Bank Teller

**Thoughts:** Married 40 years to David. Two children Jayson & KaSandra, six grandchildren - two sets of twins. I've managed to visit all 50 States. I lived in Germany for a few years. Due to the nature of David's career we have lived in several parts of the country.

We are retired now. Sold our home in the upper peninsula of Mich. last year to move to lower Michigan. We also have a winter home in Arizona. We travel between the two in our 5th wheel exploring different parts of our beautiful country. Favorite memory is working with a team of Doctors in orphanages in and around Moscow, Russia. We've traveled to a few countries and are leaving next week to go to Russia for two weeks - I won't be working this time!!

### Susan Groshong Singhose



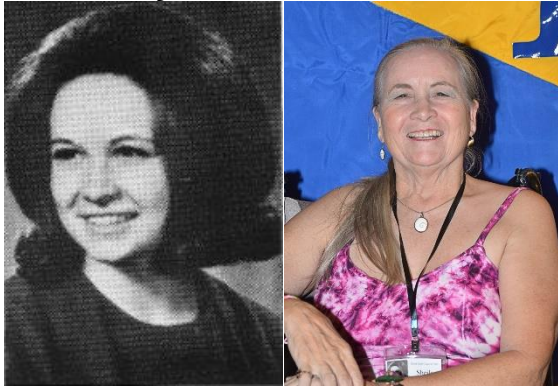
City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married: Wayne

**School:** Kenwood, Allen, Cascade, BHS, COCC

**Work:** Rancher

**Thoughts:** We have 7 Grandchildren from 3 Kids. We travel to South America, South Africa & Australia, New Zealand, and across the US, Mexico & the Mayan Ruins

## Sheila Myers



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City: Bend

State: Oregon

Married:

Connie Wayne Dickens

**School:** Marshall, Allen, Bend Junior High School, Bend Senior High School, University of Oregon, Central Oregon Community College, Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico, University of Alaska, University of Hawaii at Hilo; Graduating in 1987 with Higher Honors; National College of Naturopathic Medicine, Graduating in 2001; Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Graduating in 2002

**Live:** Oregon, California, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii

**Work:** Waitress, Key punch operator, Quality control supervisor, Physician, Acupuncturist

**Thoughts:** Children:2, Larisa and 1 grandchild, Jonathan, Jubal and 2 grandchildren, Cruz and Azalea. In the early 1970's I moved to Alaska, near Talkeetna and 'homestead'. Built multiple cabins, and had my son, Jubal in the bush. Mushing dogs was my love! It was the hardest thing to give up when we moved to Hawaii to get warm!! Larisa, my daughter and her son still live in Alaska.

After finishing medical school and receiving my Masters in Chinese Medicine (the highest degree one could receive in Oregon in 2002), I started a family medicinal practice in Bend. My son, Jubal wanted to wrestle at Bend Senior High School, so he graduated

from the same high school I did!

My daughter, husband and I took care of my Mother. She passed away in my arms and in her own bed in 2012, just like she wanted. We are still living in her home, the same one I have lived in since I was 5 years old and taking care of her estate.

I became an assistant professor at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine, taught many local classes, served on college boards of education and was appointed by the Oregon Governor to the Naturopathic Medical Board. I was very fortunate to sell my medical practice in 2014! We have been playing with grandchildren and traveling ever since!!

I have been on a few memorable trips ... Western Australia and swam with the male whale sharks. Also, I lived on a small ship with 10 other people and enjoyed the Galapagos Islands. I have many more trips planned. Especially since I was skiing too fast a few years ago and broke my back. It took me 2 years to recover and was just doing great ... when on July 4, 2019 I was ran over by a bicycle near Drake Park and suffered multiple fractures in my right calf. So I had a lot of fun at our 50th reunion from a wheel chair!



## Brenda Purcell Grigsby



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Married

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Bear Tracks Factoid: #27

Q. Who was the Prom Queen our Senior Year?

## Lea Oakley McFarland Bushnell



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## Terry Hamby Lukes



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State: Texas

Married:

Tim Lukes

**School:** St. Francis School, Cascade Jr. High, Bend High School, Central Oregon Community College, Texas Woman's University

**Live:** Bend, Oregon 1951 - 1997

Little Elm, Texas 1997 - present

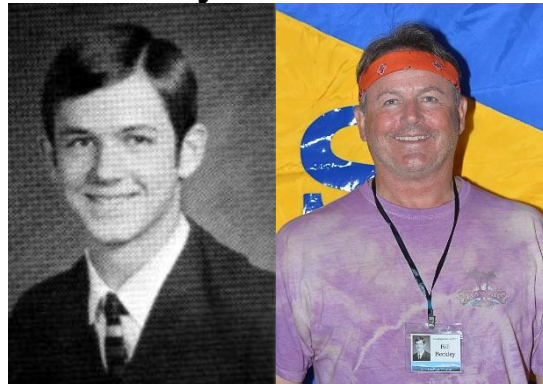
**Work:** Retired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) where I was the Deputy Regional Environmental Officer. I spent my time managing the environmental aspects of disaster recovery in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana. Now every time I see a hurricane roaring across the Atlantic towards the Gulf or hear about a tornado ripping across the south, I count my blessings and cherish every day of retirement.

**Thoughts:** Since retirement in 2015, Tim and I have spent about 7 months each year traveling with our 3 hunting dogs in a 36' travel trailer. We just love bumping around the lower 48, Canada and Alaska. We spend most of the winter on Lake Okeechobee in Florida where the weather is wonderful and the fishing is phenomenal. Spring finds us on the Oregon Coast clamming and crabbing until we can't eat anymore sea food. We try to spend part of the summer in Bend with kids, grandkids and my mom. This gives us a chance to make sure mom is doing well and take care

of any maintenance needed on her home. She will be 90 in December - we are so fortunate to have her with us and in such good health both mentally and physically. Then it's back to Texas to make sure our own place is in good repair and spend a little time at home near Dallas on Lake Lewisville. Fall finds us headed for Montana to bird hunt. We start on the Canadian border and hunt our way back to Texas via the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas. We try to catch our breath through the holidays and then start the pilgrimage all over again in February. Next year the plan includes a visit to the Smithsonian in D.C. We're also hoping to make it back to Canada and Alaska very soon. The goal is to "keep on truck'n" for as long as possible!

I feel so blessed with loving family, friends and fabulous classmates. I can't thank the Reunion Committee enough for a 50th celebration that was "over the top". You guys are truly awesome. I'm grateful for everyday on the "green side of the grass", for as we all know, it goes way tooooooo fast!

## Bill Beckley



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State: Oregon

Divorced

**School:** Reid-Thompson, Allen, BJH, BSH, OSU

**Live:** Bend, 1976 Portland (houseboat on Jantzen Beach), 1978 Battle Ground (Washington), 1985 Vancouver/Orchards (Washington), 1992 Camas,(

Washington) Back to Bend in 2003

**Work:** Pharmacist

**Thoughts:** I have a son, Andrew (Drew) who is the contractor Rep for Standard TV & Appliance in Portland. He lives in Ridgefield, Washington with his wife, Kafiat, and my 3 granddaughters, Alexis (17), Felana (11) and Aminah (7). I have been mostly retired since September of 2017. I live next to Bend Golf Club and spend most of my time golfing, hunting and socializing with friends and family (and classmates)

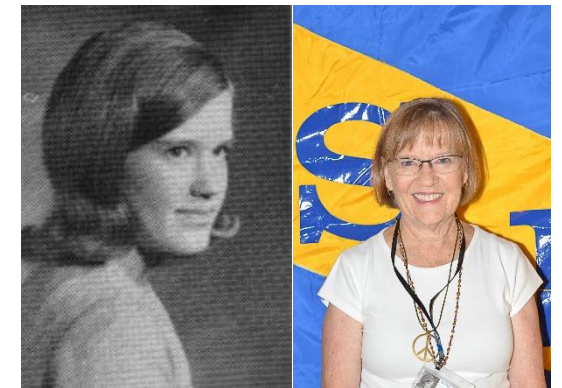
Eat dessert first! Life is uncertain!. (I have been making homemade ice cream for friends and family since the early '70's)



Bear Tracks Factoid: #27

A. Renee Jacques was the Prom Queen our Senior Year?

## Ann Bristol Willis



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State: Washington

Married

**Work:** Volunteer

"I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A CLASS REUNION OR ANYTHING BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS AFRAID OF THAT ONE - THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME 'CARRIE'-LIKE INCIDENT."

**Barry Rodgers**



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 City: Eugene State: Oregon  
 Married:: Diego Castro

**School:** Lane Comm College

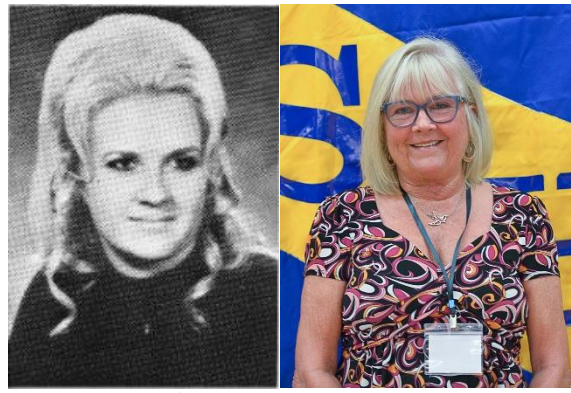
**Live:** Ashland, Seattle, Eugene

**Work:** Theater Tech.

**Thoughts:** I've been in theater all of my life (Since High School). Spent 35 years as Tech Director for Eugene Ballet Co. and it was an incredible 35 years. Traveled the Country and the World. Married a beautiful man from Columbia in 2018 and moving there soon. Will be in Bogota and somewhere on the Ocean beach.

Hasta Luego, Mi Amigos and Amigas!!

**Blanche Taber**



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 City: Bend State: Oregon  
 Single

**Live:** New Zealand, Hawaii, Lake Oswego Oregon and Gearhart Oregon

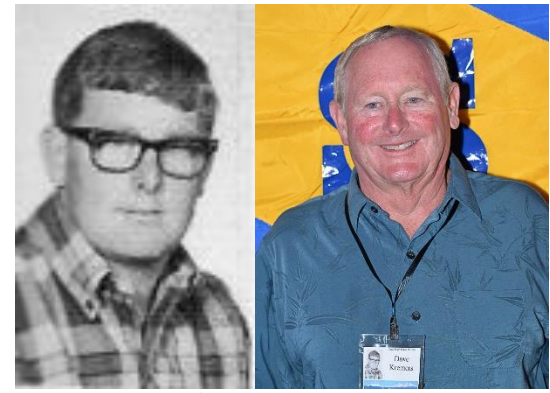
**Work:** Financial Assistant Bend Park and Recreation, Bend, OR

**Thoughts:** I have a son Kyle who is 37, lives and works in Portland has four children Gavin 11, Tom 10, Daphne 9 and Samantha 7. My daughter Laura is 26 also lives and works in Portland. My kids and grandkids as well as myself were born in Bend.

Where did the last 50 years go in a blink of an eye. Life is short don't sweat the small stuff.



**Dave Kremers**



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 Married: Margo

**School:** Thompson, Reid, Kenwood, cascade Junior High, Bend Senior High, College of Idaho, Central Oregon Community College and Southern Oregon College.

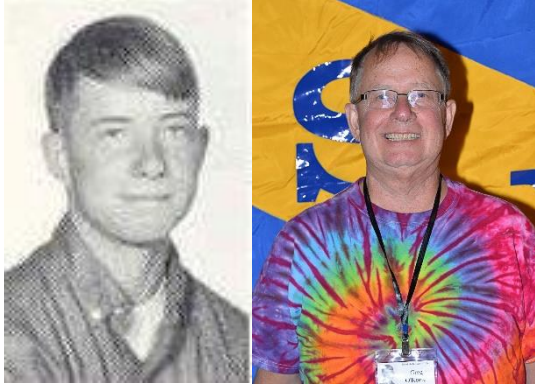
**Lived:** Bend, OR, Caldwell, ID, Ashland, OR, Indio, CA,, Prescott, AZ, Eloy, AZ

**Work:** Beer, Wine and Natural Beverage Wholesaler Kremers Distributing, Inc. -President  
 Bachelor Beverage Distributors, Inc. - President  
 High Desert Beverage Distributors, LLC - CEO  
 Was fortunate to be the Managing Partner of all three entities.

**Thoughts:** My first wife Jenny Valley Kremers, passed in 2013. We had been married 39 yrs. and did not have children. I remarried, Margo DeGray Kremers, in 2014 and now have two wonderful step daughters. Lived my whole life in Bend until 2015 and then made bed to Prescott, AZ. We use to winter in Indio, CA, but we now winter at Robson Ranch in Eloy, AZ. Play Pickleball, golf, bike, read and travel

Try to always treat others the way you wish to be treated.

## Greg O'Keefe



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State: Oregon

Married:

Sally Tugman

**School:** Nativity of Mary-St. Francis-Bend Jr Hi-Bend Sr High School-Gonzaga U

**Live:** New Orleans, Minneapolis, Bloomington, Bend, Spokane, Seattle, Anchorage, Lincoln City

**Work:** Current: Husband and Father. Retired in 2017, former jobs include CFO for global money management company(17 yrs) and CEO for an Alaska Native Village Corporation (10 yrs) Professional certifications include CPA,CMA,CGMA

Rotary member for over 35 years

**Thoughts:** After graduating from Gonzaga I spent the summer of 73 in Bend, then I worked for a CPA firm in Spokane, moved to Seattle in 77(spent 3 months on a trip around the world in 80),and moved to Anchorage in 83. In 91 I met and married the love of my life, Sally Tugman (Walla Walla HS, Mount Holyoke College, Lewis and Clark Law School) We have one son, Bill,27 who works for a CPA firm in San Jose and lives with his girlfriend of 6 years in Atherton.

We are fortunate to be looking forward to a wonderful retirement, grand-kids soon?? and lots of travel...Caribbean cruise in Nov and our 2nd trip to Europe next year

Things are better at the beach

Don't wait until the 50th to attend a HS reunion

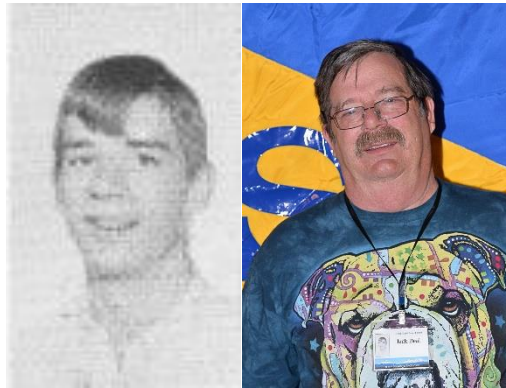
Cash is King/Know when to shut up/Buy low sell high

And from Chuck Darwin:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change"



## Jack Beal



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State: Oregon:

Married:

Debbie

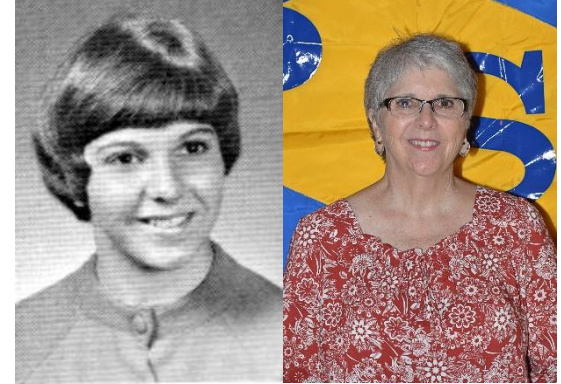
**School:** Kenwood, Allen, Cascade Jr High, BHS, COCC, Portland State

**Live:** Bend, Portland, Sandy

**Work:** Courtesy Driver, Removal Tech, Head of Plant Operations, Truck Driver

**Thoughts:** 2 Sons, 7 Grandchildren.  
Drag Racing

## Debbie Brockway Fahey



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State: Oregon

Divorced

**School:** Newport, Oregon, Cascade Jr High, BHS

**Live:** The Dalles, Newport, Bend, Jefferson, Corvallis, Redmond

**Work:** Dental Assistant, Office Manager, Ski Bum, Hospice.

**Thoughts:** 2 Kids, Daughter 39, Son 36. 2 Sweet Granddaughters 10 & 7 (My little ski buddies)

Retired living in Redmond, Still skiing a bit, lots of fishing & Kayaking.

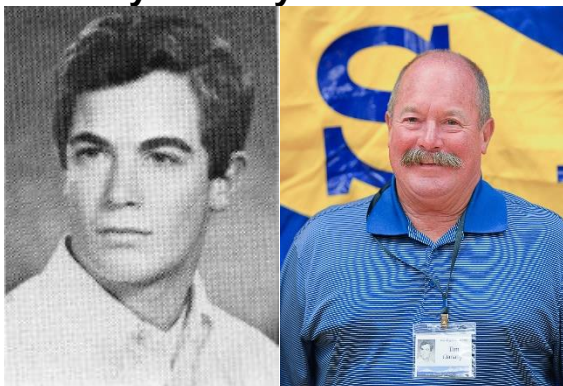
I had the best time growing up in Bend (8-12 Grades)& feel blessed to have made such wonderful lifelong friends.

Great times with Patsy Wiley, Shar Fix, Steve & Shel, and many others





## Timothy Danahy



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City: Wheatland State: Missouri  
Married

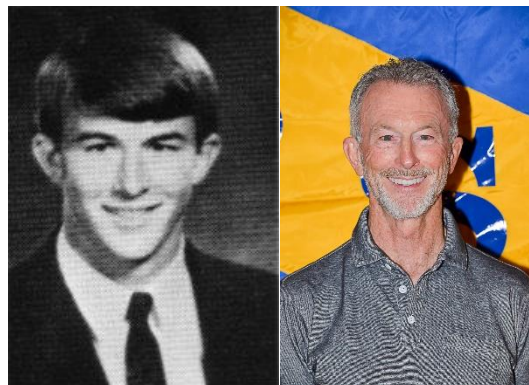
**Live:** Oregon, Texas, Missouri

**Work:** Retired Carpenter

**Thoughts:** 2 Boy sons, 2 Girl Granddaughters, 2 Boy Grandsons



## Ed Bonn



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City: Santa Barbara State: California  
Single

**Work:** Thinking about it.

**Thoughts:** Built a few businesses, sold a few, took several years off for more time with my kids, coached lots of youth soccer (my girls' team took 1st place in the Norway Cup '08), travel a lot, surf (stand up paddle board) a lot, hike a lot. I have 5 wonderful children, 2 who are grown up and 3 young girls 12, 12 and 13 yrs. old. It's all good, I'm never bored and I'm very grateful. It was be great to see all you folks.

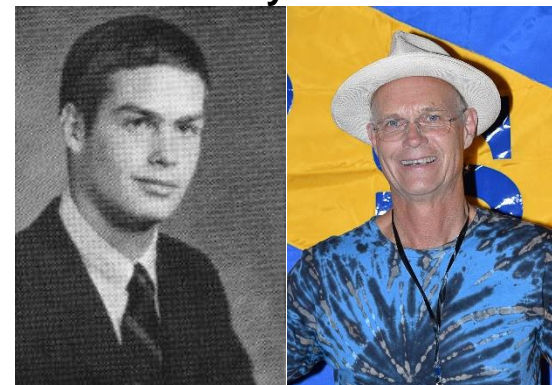
## Junia Ferns Landreth



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City: Springfield State: Oregon

## Cameron Healy



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City: Portland State: Oregon  
Married: Suzy Snow

**Live:** Hawaii, Oregon

**Work:** Self Employed, Semi-Retired

**Thoughts:** Been very lucky. 4 Kids, 2 Grandchildren. Get to live in both Hawaii and Oregon with my wonderful spouse Suzy. For hobbies I bike, race vintage cars, swim, surf, do woodworking, and garden.

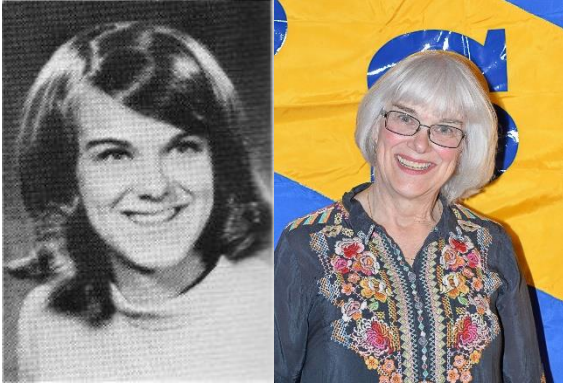
## Molly Murphy Dahms



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City: Lake Oswego State: Oregon

## Julie Gray Nash



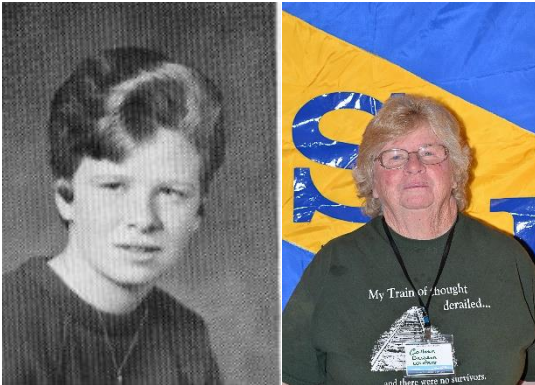
Email: [junash@loandepot.com](mailto:junash@loandepot.com)  
City: Silverton State: Oregon  
Married: Kevin McCarty

**Live:** Bend, Portland, and Silverton

**Work:** Clothing Store Owner, Car Salesman,  
Mortgage Banker

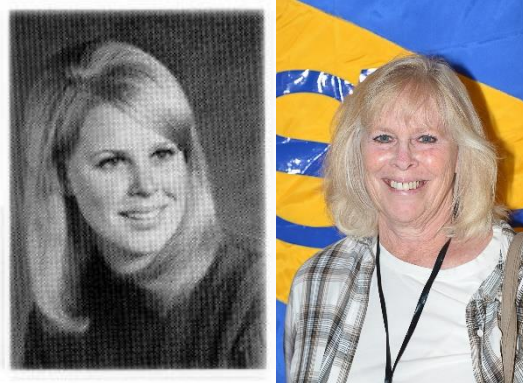
**Thoughts** So happy to have been able to see everyone at our 50th Reunion. Yeah Class of 1969! I love you all, carry on.

## Colleen Dawson Winters



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City: Hermiston State: Oregon

## Teresa Douglas Flanary



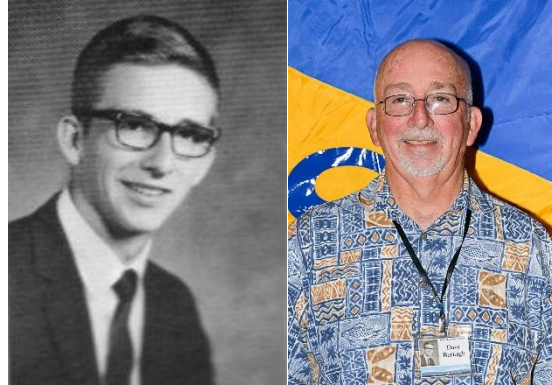
City: Redmond State: Oregon  
Married Mike

**School:** St Francis, Cascade, BHS, COCC,  
Marylhurst

**Live:** Bend, Redmond

**Work:** Retired

## Dave Burleigh



Email: [daveburleigh@msn.com](mailto:daveburleigh@msn.com)  
City: Petersburg State: Alaska  
Significant Other: Patty Mikkelsen

**School:** Yew Lane, Allen, Cascade, BHS, COCC

**Live:** Bend, Petersburg AK

**Work:** Retired Bend Police Department

**Thoughts:** After High School entered US Army, returned to Bend, worked one year at Erickson's Grocery, started at Bend PD 6-74, Retired 1-1-05. Currently living in Alaska and Bend. I have two children and 2 step children, 4 grand-kids and 6 step grand-kids.



## Peggy Tucker Diester



City: Bend State: Oregon:  
Married Richard

**Live:** Just Bend

**Thoughts:** Military Vehicle Preservation assistant. We have a 1952 Jeep M38, we have 1 72 and 16 Honda Motorcycle's we ride around town and short trips

Future plan: Retiring & enjoying the next 50 years.



## Patsy Wiley Barnett



City: Beaverton  
Married:

State: Oregon  
Bob Barnett

**School:** Yew Lane, Allen, Cascade, BHS

**Live:** Bend, Ashland, Beaverton

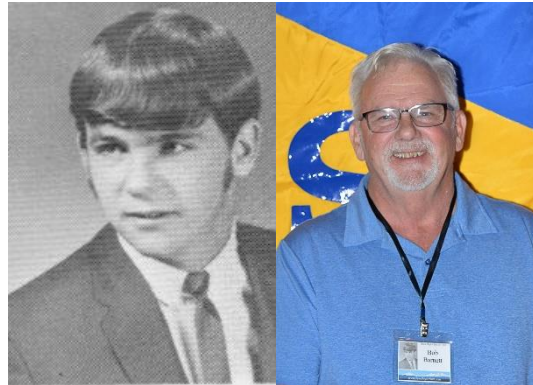
**Work:** Teacher, Grocery Store Owner

**Thoughts:** I was born and raised in Bend Oregon. Our Family moved to Albany before my freshman year and moved back to Bend my Senior year. After attending COCC for two year, I transferred to SOSC and graduated in 1973 with a degree in elementary education. While there Bob Barnett and I reconnected and were married in August of 1973. I taught at Pilot Butte Elementary for 4 years before our three daughters were born. After a few years, I taught private kindergarten for seven years and eventually went back to teaching in public school. Being one of only two of the first teachers at the opening of Three Rivers Elementary in Sun River was a wonderful experience. In 1990 we moved our family to Beaverton and I taught kindergarten in the Hillsboro school district for five years. Then came a major career change for me! Bob and I took over a Grocery Outlet when my parents retired. Today, we are semi retired and now our daughter owns the business and we work part time for her. We enjoy church activities, our fourteen grandchildren, our two dogs, and life in general. Special memories I have are camping at Scott Lake with the Burleigh's, our next-door

neighbors of twelve years. Of course, the summers were always fun and Deb Brockway and I would spend afternoons at the Juniper pool where we met up with other friends.



## Bob Barnett



City: Beaverton  
Married:

State: Oregon  
Patsy Wiley

**School:** Thompson, Kingston, Kenwood, Cascade, BSH

**Live:** Bend, Beaverton

**Work:** Semi retired / Grocery

**Thoughts:** 3 Children, 14 grandchildren, 1 great. Married for 46 years to my wife Patsy, enjoy working and church, being with family. Just glad to be who I am and where I am in life with my wife and family. No big plans for the future.

## Linda DeGree Bailey



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City: Redmond

State: Oregon

Married:

Tug

**Live:** Bend, Redmond, Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Klamath Falls, Panama. 80 f my life in Central Oregon

**Work:** Real Estate, Construction, Contract Administrator, Project Manager

**Thoughts:** One child Super Person (Jamey) do you think I am proud of him? Two grandchildren. And a wonderful daughter-in-law. As for hobbies I Love horses and still compete "Cutting"

It was so much fun at the 50th class reunion. Thank you all for coming. I didn't get to talk to all I wanted to, maybe next time.



HIGH SCHOOL RE-BRUSH-OFF.

## Martha Hoffman Roof



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City: Moscow  
Widower

State: Idaho  
Since 2002

**School:** Edwin Brown, Cascade, BHS, Borah High, U of Idaho

**Live:** N.Y., Redmond, Bend, Moscow ID, Grand Junction, CO.

**Work:** Social Worker (Kids), Bartender-waitress

**Thoughts:** Life is amazing! Boredom a luxury. 50 years have passed. Wow! After my junior year, I moved to Boise. I then went to the University of Idaho where I got a degree in Social Work. I bartended/waitressed putting myself 100 through college - and I am still at it after 53 years (part time). I married in 1977 and was widowed in 2002. Dan and I had one son (Jason) the best thing in my life. Unfortunately, 10 years ago he became extremely schizophrenic and has been institutionalized most of the time since. This of course saddens me. Jason was youth volunteer of the year for the state of Colorado (where we lived in Grand Junction for 19 years) 3.7 GPA & is a naturally kind person.

So outside of Jason in my life has been an adventure with so much good & many blessings. Any problems outside of Jason are all luxury ones. I'm health, have

fantastic friends & find there is still so much to be impressed by. Friends w/Bill anyone? I have been for almost 33 years. Swim team & skiing are some of my best memories. I am still a lap swimmer (About 120 Laps) Enough! I would love to get emails & calls. DO NOT HESITATE!!

Reunion committee you are awesome!! Outstanding!! A word has not been invented for what you have done for us. Thank You.

Rock on Bend Oregon Class of 1969!!!

## Coleena Singleton Miller



City: Salem  
Married:

State: Oregon  
Rolf

**Live:** Bend and Salem Oregon

**Work:** Medical Field

**Thoughts:** I graduated from Bend High School in 1969, attended COCC and moved to Salem OR in 1978. Had a successful career in the medical field for 35 years. Raised a son and a daughter Nick and Kelly Miller. Had open heart surgery in 2014 and retired shortly after to take care of my grandchildren. Favorite memories are visiting Bend.



## Leneva Kirsch Norte



[Leneva.kirsch@gmail.com](mailto:Leneva.kirsch@gmail.com)

City: Sisters  
Single

State: Oregon

**School:** Tumalo

**Work:** Service Advisor

## Margaret Mayne Reed



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City: West Jordan State: Utah  
Divorced

**School:** St. Francis, Cascade Junior High, Bend Senior High, Stevens Henager Business College/Associate, University of Phoenix/Bachelor

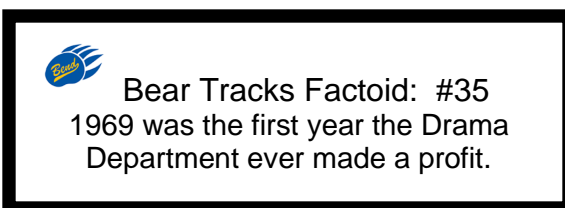
**Live:** Bend, OR; Salt Lake City/Sandy, UT; Vancouver, WA and West Jordan, UT

**Work:** Secretary and Risk and Insurance Administrator

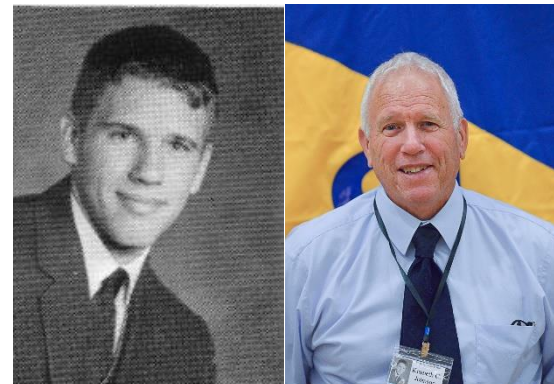
**Thoughts:** After graduating from Bend Senior High I moved that summer of '69 to Salt Lake City, UT to live with my aunt, uncle and grandpa to attend Stevens Henager Business College and while talking with Deanna Ludwig O'Connor at the reunion we remembered that she drove to Utah with me! While I always thought I would move back to Bend I instead ended up getting married and stayed in Utah. After eight years of marriage and two awesome kids later we unfortunately got divorced. Both of my kids are now in their early 40's and are both married. While I talk with my son almost every day, my daughter and I bought a home together in 2012 so obviously we spend lots of time together and for those of you who are Facebook friends you know we go to lots of concerts, movies, plays and restaurants! My son was never happy that I sold my home in 2003 when work transferred me to Portland so in 2018 when he found

out the family that bought our home was putting it up for sale he was the first one on the doorstep to buy it back. It certainly was fun to see how happy he and his wife were to move back into a home where I had designed the floor plan and lived for 27 years! I worked as a secretary at Stevens Henager College and Sperry Univac before going to work for Utah Power & Light in 1979 in the Risk Management Department. After working as a secretary for a few years I was able to move into a management position within the department. Wow, what a ride those 37 1/2 years were before retiring in 2016. Working in the risk management department afforded me opportunities to travel (conferences, broker meetings in New York, London and San Francisco as well as trips to many of our facilities). Did I mention trips to our underground coal mines, coal and hydro plants with insurance inspectors and adjusters?! For many years I also ushered at the Delta Center (now Vivint Smart Home Arena) working all of the Jazz games and most all of the concerts, ice shows, circuses, rodeos – you name it! That was a fun part time job for sure especially those two years when Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek got us into the NBA Finals. I've been a member of the Business and Professional Women of Utah for about ten years now. I have certainly enjoyed these last three years of retirement which have given me more opportunities for travel, reading a good book or just hanging out. I absolutely love not having to set my alarm clock!

I want to thank everyone who was on the reunion committee. It was a fabulous week! I can't even begin to imagine how much time and effort it took to put all of this together but you outdid yourselves and I was glad to see that you will be giving yourselves some credit in the Memory Book.



## Kenneth C. Johnson



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City: Central Point State: Oregon  
Single

**School:** BHS, OSU, Treasure Valley CC

**Live:** Bend, Medford, Central Point

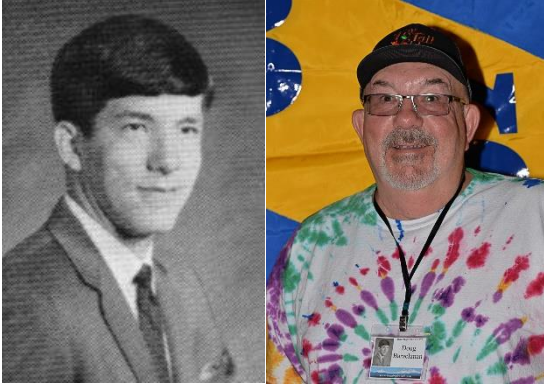
**Work:** Retired Golf Course Superintendent, Golf swing educator

**Thoughts:** Married, Divorced, Single in that order. Three grown son's Casey, Jason, & Kirk. Grandchildren at this inventory period three Aubrie, Lillie, & Jedidish. Being a part of the growing process of my son's and their lives. Giving back to my parents through spending time with them through during passing on.

Future plans - Making myself available to my sisters, relatives, and classmates. Now, continuing to get learned daily on how to become a better human being. This can only become better for those around and the ones yet to come. Thank you all in and associated with the class of 1969.



## Douglas Barackman



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City: Trout Lake

State: Washington

Married:

Shirll

**School:** Young, Allen, Cascade, BHS, PCC

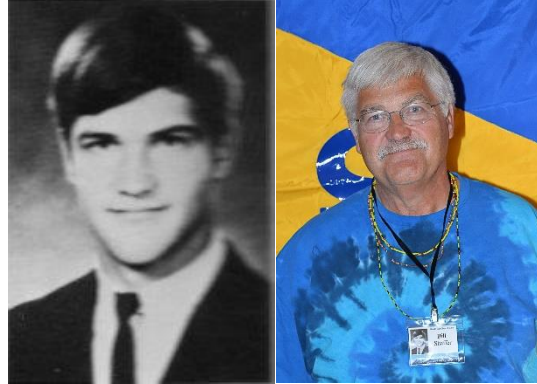
**Live:** OR, WA, GA, NC, SC, CA.

**Work:** Retired / Quality Engineering.

**Thoughts:** I am married to a wonderful woman and together we have 11 grand-kids and 2 great grands. We enjoy life together doing what we both enjoy / IE fishing, camping, gardening, and our border collies (Wyatt & Jax), if it's too corny - too bad, we are living the dream in our retirement. It is a real treat to see all of our classmates and miss the ones no longer with us. The friendships, Facebook comrades and confidants I really appreciate those who stay in contact. It makes life FUN!!!



## Bill Shaffer



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City: Keizer

State: Oregon

Married

Janet

**School:** 1st PDX, 2-4 Reid, Allen, Kenwood, Cascade, BHS, COCC PCC, Willamette U.

**Lived:** Portland, Bend, North Bend, Aloha, Keizer-all in Oregon

**Work:** Pool boy and Pizza Slinger in High School, 35 Years as a District and General Manager for different Restaurant Chains. 12 years as the Fleet Manager for a Ford Dealership. Now semi-retired at an RV Dealership training (Properly) new RV owners on how to use their RV's.

**Thoughts:** Janet and I have lived in Keizer for 30 years after stints in North Bend and Aloha. We married in 1977 and have two sons. Life is good. I laugh every day, I have my health and two new knees, a challenging work environment, 2 wonderful sons, daughter-in-Laws that I love and like, two Grandchildren, and the girl of my dreams. I stay busy with my current hobbies which included (until the Knee thing) backpacking with family and friends in just about every wilderness area in Oregon, a 10-year restoration of our vintage Airstream trailer, and an occasional woodworking project. I have been a Boy Scout volunteer for 30 plus years and I believe I have had a positive influence on our youth. Scouting has influenced me even more. My classmates are an

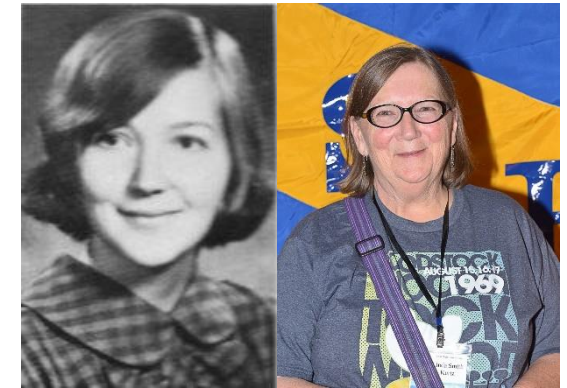
important connection to a wonderful life growing up in Central Oregon and a great little town. All of you helped shape who I am today. These reunions help keep my connections and memories fresh.

I have found that adversity is always a Character-Building opportunity, we all have many challenges in our lives, how we rise to the occasion defines us. For us, it was a rare, long term serious illness to our oldest son, and then there was the house fire that displaced us for three months, or snow storms on Backpacking trips that caused us to lose the trail, or even the Category 5 Hurricane in Fiji that went right over top of us.

Adversity introduces a man to himself.

*Albert Einstein*

## Linda Smith Kurtz



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City: Sisters

State: Oregon

Widow

**Live:** Sisters & Bend

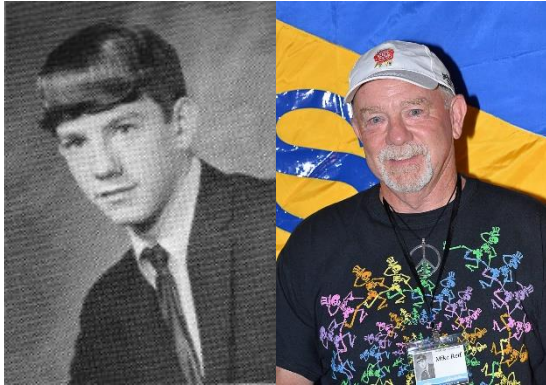
**Work:** Retired library assistant

**Thoughts:** Two sons / one granddaughter

"We're all just walking each other home."

-Ram Dass

## Mike Reif



Email: [md51reif@q.com](mailto:md51reif@q.com)

City: Bend

State: Oregon

Married:

Diane Brinson Reif

**School:** St. Francis, Cascade Jr. High, Bend Sr. High, COCC, LCC

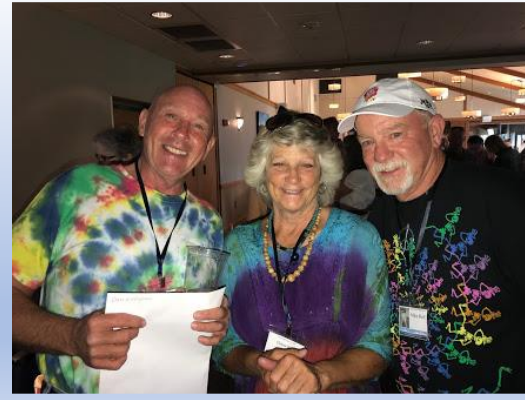
**Live:** Bend (They haven't booted me out yet!)

**Work:** Retired. Worked 37 years with the telephone company, worked various locations throughout the state, but always home based in Bend.

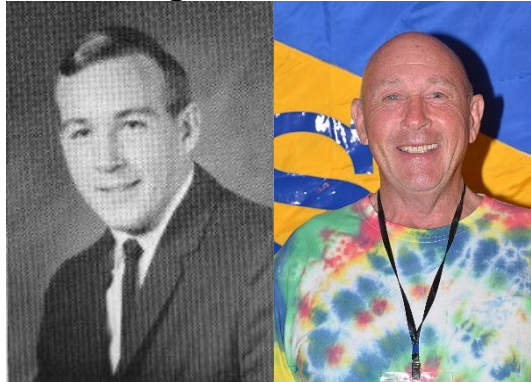
**Thoughts:** Married Diane (class of 1970) in 1973, still married. Two children, a son in Eugene, OR and a daughter here in Bend. 4 grandchildren. Hobbies include hunting and fishing and just staying busy on our small acreage. Future plans are just to stay healthy, enjoy family and good friends and to simply enjoy life.

It was so nice to see and visit with so many of my former classmates this summer.

Kudos to the BSH reunion committee for all their hard work and excellent job of putting this all together.



## Dan Ellingson



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City: Bend

State: Oregon

Married:

Karen (Olsen) Rich

**School:** Kingston 1-3; Kenwood 4, 6; Allen 5; Cascade JH 7-9; BSHS 10-12; OSU 70'-73'; Johns Hopkins 73'-78';

**Live:** Bend, OR; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; San Diego, CA; Springfield, MO; Mt. Vernon, WA; Pismo Beach, CA; new Bend, OR

**Work:** Electronic Engineering; Manufacturing Engineering; Supply Chain Management; Farming

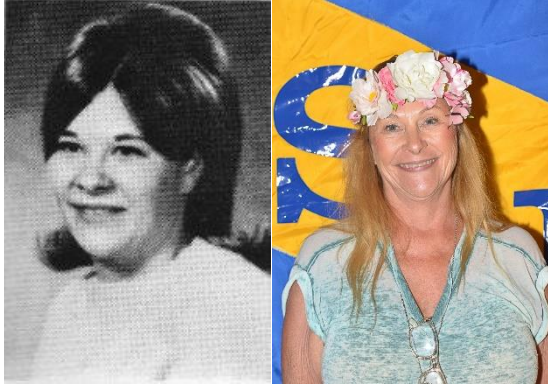
**Thoughts:** Left Bend on June 10, 1969 to work for

the SP&S Railroad for the summer; moved to Corvallis to attend OSU; worked for SP&S Railroad and USFS Suppression Crew out of Redmond (second hardest physical work of my life) as summer jobs; graduated OSU 1973 with BSEE and moved to Baltimore, MD to work for Westinghouse Aerospace where I had the great fortune to work on projects such as the Space Shuttle, the Apollo/Soyuz docking, and the International Space Station; attended The Johns Hopkins University in evenings; graduated JH 1978 with MBA and moved to San Diego, CA to work for General Dynamics where I had the wonderful opportunity to work on several DoD and DOE projects; Married in 1984, had two great kids (one son, one daughter), divorced 1988 and kept the kids in my life. Studied Supply Chain Management at San Diego State University and started my own consulting company; worked with hundreds of clients over the next 18 years, but didn't survive the financial crash of 2008. Moved back to Grandpa's farm East of Bend (homesteaded in 1906) in 2010 and took up farming again (first hardest physical work of my life!). My daughter, her partner, and my grandson live on the farm with me, which is a great blessing; My son, his wife, and my two granddaughters moved back to San Diego so I have to travel further to see them; married Karen (Olsen) Rich, BSHS class of 1970, in 2016 and she moved to the farm. We raise vegetables, goats, chickens, cattle, and pigs, and rent the majority of pasture to other ranchers to graze their cattle.

This is the best time of my life



## Kirsten Isili Coughlin



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City: BOISE

State: Idaho

Married:

Michael

**School:** Marshall, Allen, BJHS, BSHS, UofO, UCSF

**Lived:** Bend, Eugene, Portland, San Francisco, Boise

**Work:** Retired: RN, Originally a Cardiovascular Nurse and I still practice PT in our Ortho Clinic.

**Thoughts:** Remain happily married to Mike, an orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon for 45 years. Two daughters, Erin and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren w/another on the way! BS from OHSU and MS from UCSF. Love to cook, read, garden, travel, and ski.

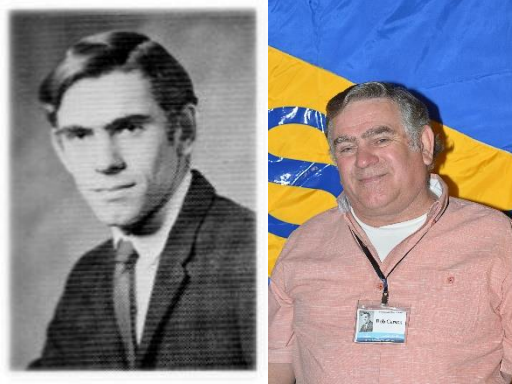
The Class of 6.9.69 is something special. Reunion 2019 was nothing short of remarkable.

Future plans: Stay healthy, active and have much fun!!! Favorite Memory..vanilla cokes at Dandy's!!!

As we reminisced over Sheila's wonderful slide show of our deceased classmates, every day is a blessing.



## Bob Carson



[Bawbsea@hotmail.com](mailto:Bawbsea@hotmail.com)

City: Salem

State: Oregon

Divorced

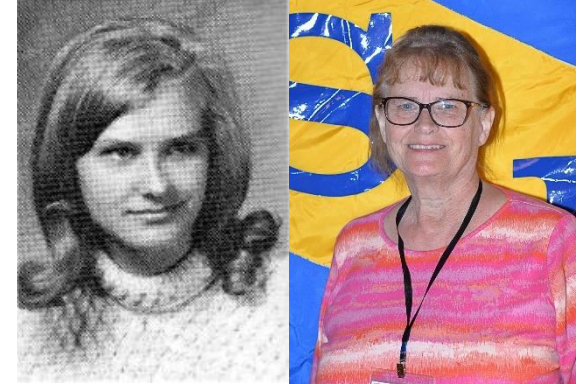
**Work:** Construction



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Q. What School Organization took 1<sup>st</sup> in State in 1969?

## Sue Simpson Ferns



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City: Douglas

State: Wyoming

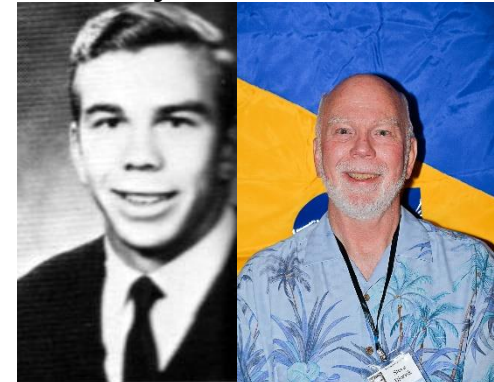
Single

**Live:** Salem and various places around central Oregon.

**Work:** Secretary, compositor/litho plate maker for state of Oregon, dispatcher for state dot.

**Thoughts:** 2 children, 7 grandchildren. Lots of favorite memories. Love to sew, embroider by machine and quilt.

## Steve Bjorvik



City: Prineville

State: Oregon

## Jill Robinson Lang



Email: [jaceel@comcast.net](mailto:jaceel@comcast.net)

City: Milwaukie

State: Oregon

Married:

Bill Lang

**School:** Kenwood, Allen, Bend Jr. High, Bend Sr. High, COCC, OCE, Lewis and Clark College

**Live:** Bend, Oregon, Portland, Oregon

**Work:** Teacher

**Thoughts:** Fifty years! The time really zipped on by. All fifty have been full years for me, as I've enjoyed my family life and career to the max.

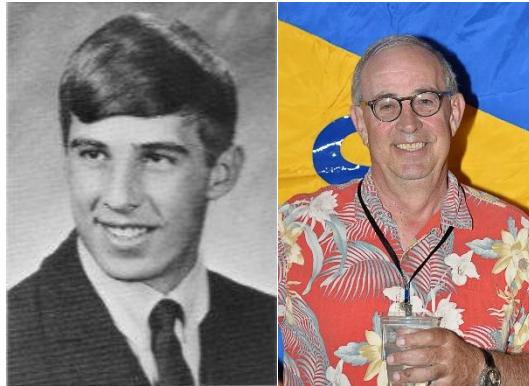
Spending 34 years in K-12 education was a huge success. Working with kids and colleagues made employment an extremely satisfying experience! Adding on another 12 years working with graduate students in education simply continued the push for quality education for all. It's an important goal for me, and I hope to continue to strive for that excellence.

Most of all, my family life has been, and continues to be, the highlight of my life. Growing up in Bend was delightful, and spending my adult years in Portland has been equally as meaningful. My husband of 41 years, Bill, and our two children, Kara (with Peter) and Bryan (with Stephanie), have provided lots of laughs and plenty of memorable moments. Our two granddaughters, Aria and Maisie, have continued in that vein.

Who knows what the future will hold? For now, I wish all of you the very best and hope we can get together as a class at least once again.



## Leonard Parker



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City: Bend

State: Oregon

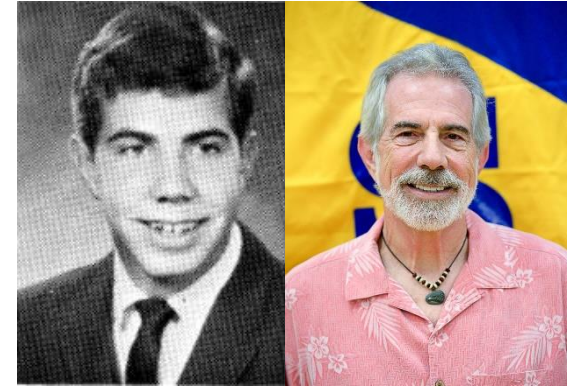
Single:

**School:** LaPine grade school 1-3, Allen school 4-5, Kenwood 6, cascade jr high 7-9, Bend high 10-12, Willamette University fresh-grad, Willamette University Law school.

**Live:** Bend Oregon  
Salem Oregon

**Work:** Lawyer, carpenter-contractor.

## Mark Metke



Email: [jmetke@icloud.com](mailto:jmetke@icloud.com)

City: Austin

State: Texas: Committed

Relationship:

Paula Abamonte

**Live:** Boise, Idaho, Bend, Vashon Island  
Washington, Clearwater Florida, Austin Texas.:

**Work:** Electrical Contractor, Engineer, Specialty  
Carpenter.

**Thoughts:** Married twice 18 years, 13 year, and now in a formally committed relationship with Paula. Oldest daughter is 48, youngest is 44, and the youngest gave me two grandchildren.: 24 and 1. I retired 10/2017 and love it! We live a life of games, concerts, traveling, and having as much fun, enlightenment, and pleasure as possible! Finding and committing to Paula has set us both up for a superb last run to the finish!

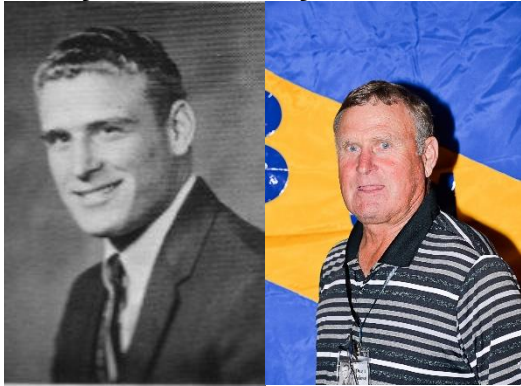
We wish all the absolute best to each of you as we make this last dash - make it fun! Make it interesting, exciting and full of warm fuzzy love!



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A. Drill Team - #1 in State in 1969

## Dwayne Holloway



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City: New Plymouth      State: Idaho  
Married:                      Jay Byrnes Holloway

**Schools:** Spokane Falls CC

**Live:** New Plymouth since 1974.

**Work:** Building official. Golfer.

**Thoughts:** Still drinks beer! Now I play golf, still hunt, do a little fishing. Very active. Thank God I have my health. Other than that I am married to a wonderful woman. Enjoyed a hot air balloon ride recently over Driggs, Idaho with daughter and son in law. Enjoy one day at a time, and keep moving on.

Copying Boyle..."to infinity and beyond" (actually from Toy Story).



## Jay Byrnes Holloway



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City: New Plymouth      State: Idaho  
Married                      Dwayne Holloway

**School:** Oregon State

**Live:** LaGrande, Redmond, Eugene, and now, western Idaho

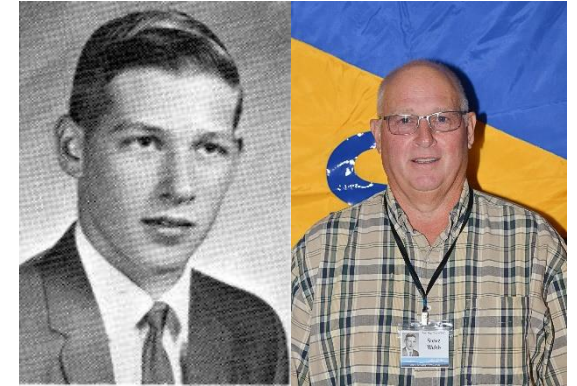
**Work:** Teacher and Realtor I have helped people accomplish their real estate goals since 1992. I still sell a house or two, licensed in Oregon and Idaho (as we live very close to the border). I am a teacher. I have taught a lot of youth good horsemanship through 4-H. Some of my good friends are the families I came to know through that excellent program. I taught skiing several years, and continue that task with grandchildren. "Get up, turn right, turn left, and wait your turn to get on the chair" And yes, I have graced the halls of numerous schools, mostly as a substitute teacher. It has been fun "warping the minds of youth"!

**Thoughts:** 3 daughters, now 5 with Dewey's (locals call Dwayne "Dewey"). 10 grandchildren ranging from 5 months to 21 years. Our daughters and their husbands live in Oregon, Idaho, and Colorado. Our travels often are to see one or the other couple and return with a few Grandchildren. My husband loves to golf, but every fall he puts the clubs away for a few weeks for elk season. We pack into the back country for opening day of elk hunting.

He has been quite successful over the past few years and the horses have been able to pack the game out. It's exhausting, but we're both thankful we are able to do it.

Catch people doing things right and acknowledge them for it.

## Steve Webb



City: Wilder                      State: Idaho  
Married::                      Trudy

**School:** Thompson, Reid, Allen, BHS, COCC, OSU

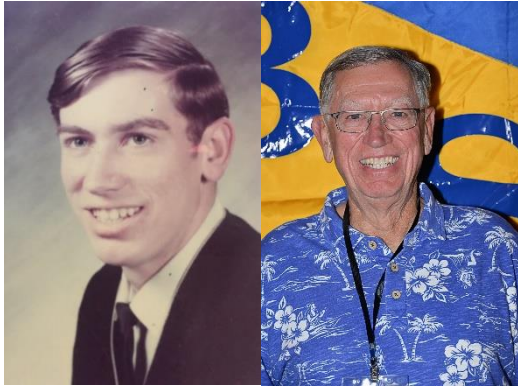
**Live:** Corvallis OR, Albany OR, Bonny Lake Washington. Homestead Idaho, Wilder, Idaho

**Work:** Wood products Sales

**Thoughts:** Graduated from OSU in Marketing and Forest products in 1974. Went to work for Willamette Industries in Albany Oregon. Spent 29 years in lumber and panel sales & sales management. Worked 3 years in Federal Way WA. for Weyerhaeuser Co.in sales management. Retired to a small farm in Idaho, raised grass fed beef for 10 years then built a new home on the snake river and fully retired to garden, fish, and hunt as much as possible. Have traveled to Canada, Alaska, and New Zealand and currently doing some traveling with our travel trailer around the Western States.



## Charlie Sottosanti



City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married: Susie

**School:** Cascade, BHS, COCC

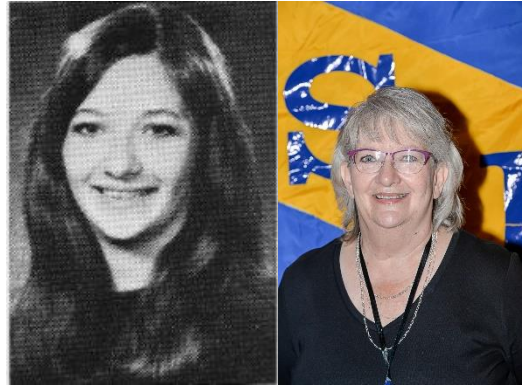
**Live:** Bend

**Work:** Retired 1/1/18 Outside Sales Platt Electric

**Thoughts:** I still live in Bend, married Susie Draper (BHS1972) in 1976, We raised 2 boys Brandon and Adam. Our first Grandson was born 8/7/19 in Puyallup, WA. After retirement, Susie and I purchased an RV and now spend our Winters in Casa Grande AZ returning to Bend in Spring. My hobbies are riding my bicycles both road and mountain to stay in shape for fall hunting in Eastern Oregon and Wyoming. Favorite memories include: Spending many summer days at Elk Lake when fellow BHS Classmate was lodge manager. BBQ's, beer, and camping on beach was great fun.



## Rhonda Wickersham McMuran



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Married: John

**School:** Yew Lane, Allen, BHS, Lane CC, Grand Canyon University

**Live:** Oregon, Washington, California, Korea, Arizona

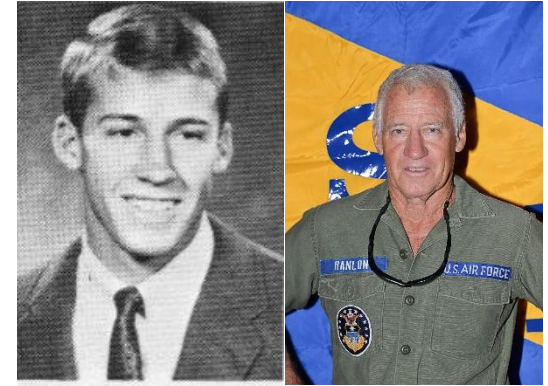
**Work:** Present: Retired (Sort of) = Accounts Payable, Para Professional (at a Grade School)

**Thoughts:** I will be married 50 years on Jan. 17th, 2020 (To the same Guy!) We have two children, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. My family has been the best part of my life. Friends - both old and new - have been the next "Best" part of life. We have lived in Yuma, AZ since 1991 - and yes, it's hot there! Since retiring, we are spending the summers here in Bend (To escape the heat).

The reunion was great. Thank you to everyone who helped put it together! We're looking forward to the next one.



## Bill Hanlon



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City: Bend State: Oregon  
Single

**School:** BSHS, US Air Force Academy, Linfield College, U of O Law School

**Live:** Pacific and Indian Oceans

**Work:** Law

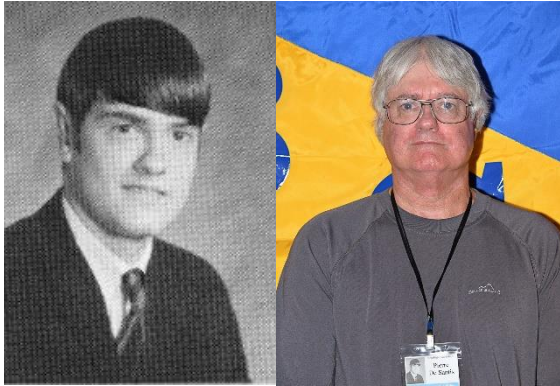
**Thoughts:** Cruising the world on my 1925 classic sailing schooner. Been out of USA waters for 17 years. 33 countries by sea, 20 by land. The rest of the world to explore....

Oregonian recently released documentary (3 Emmys) on Camp Sherman homicide I coordinated investigation of and prosecuted: The Ghosts of Highway 20 (on YouTube)

Work hard play hard.



## Pierre DeSantis



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City: Bend State: Oregon  
Widower

**School:** California, and Eugene Catholic/public schools, Bend Jr/Sr High. Graduated from COCC in 1974 with an Assoc. Degree in Forestry Technology

**Live:** Palm Springs CA, Eugene, and Bend including a brief 3 years in Bly, Oregon with the USFS.

**Work:** Retired U.S. Forest Service, Forestry Technician, Fremont N.F., Deschutes NF (38 years)

**Thoughts:** Married to Laurie (Char) of Honolulu for 34 years until her passing in 2011 from cancer. I had two daughters, losing my youngest, Jennifer, in 2012 from an illness. My oldest daughter, Amy, is an attorney in Spokane, WA, and recently blessed me with my first grandchild, Owen.

I've always been involved in local professional minor league baseball in Bend, and was head of the booster club for 18 years for the Bend Phillies, Bucks, Rockies and the Bandits through 1998. I still attend virtually all of the local Bend Elks amateur baseball games every summer. I also like to fish, explore the local area in my truck and stargaze.

I've lived in Bend 55 years and on acreage east of town since 1977. I plan on living out my life here and live far enough out of town to avoid having to deal

with how much Bend wants to become basically a little version of Portland (and California) politically and socially. I have a number of rescue animals as pets, and a large number of wild animals to keep me entertained. Unfortunately, they're all lousy conversationalists.



Bear Tracks Factoid: #42

18 Classmates listed Drinko-69 as an Activity in the Senior Yearbook. Syd Parlour was the only Gal Listed!

## Teresa "Terri" Jensen



Email: [Beachbunnyterri@gmail.com](mailto:Beachbunnyterri@gmail.com)

City: Bend State: Oregon  
Single

**Lived:** Bend, The Dalles, Gilchrist, All in Oregon

**Work:** Domestic Engineer for 25 years  
I now work at St. Charles Medical Center. I work in the laboratory as a technical laboratory Assistant. Fondly known as a lab rat

**Thoughts:** I have 5 children and 6 Grandchildren and 2 great Grand children. I make jewelry and go sell at craft fairs whenever it fits into the rest of my life.

## Kathy Fitzgerald Ipock



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City: Springfield State: Oregon  
Married Clinton Ipock

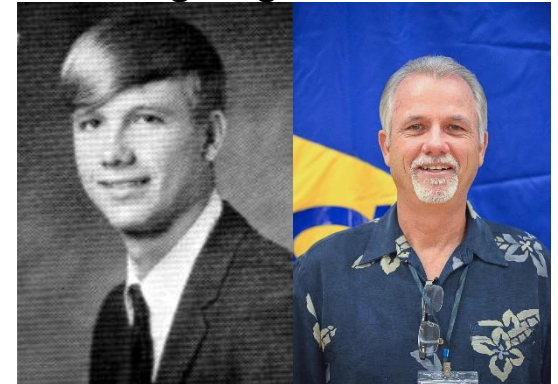
**Live:** Bend, Texas, Portland, Springfield

**Work:** Volleyball Commissioner for the city of Eugene and a variety of jobs through most of my life

**Thoughts:** 3 children 2 grandchildren 1 great grandson.

I think the older I get the less wise I am and too old to care anymore

## Rick Bergseng



City: Auburn

State: California

**Maurene (Renie) Ward Ehlers**



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**Sheila Ballard Millage**

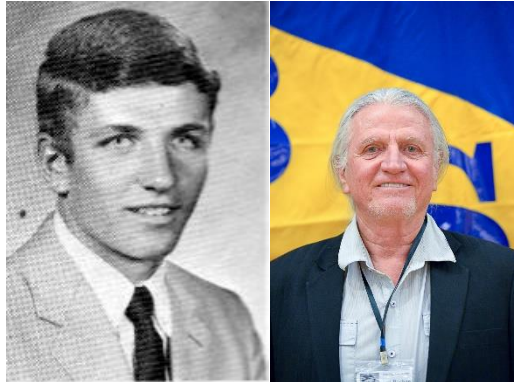


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City: Bend State: Oregon  
Divorced


**School:** Schafer Park in Hayward California



**Hari Bachan Khalsa**



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 Bear Tracks Factoid: #43  
  
Q. What was Gene Fowler's Football Jersey Number?

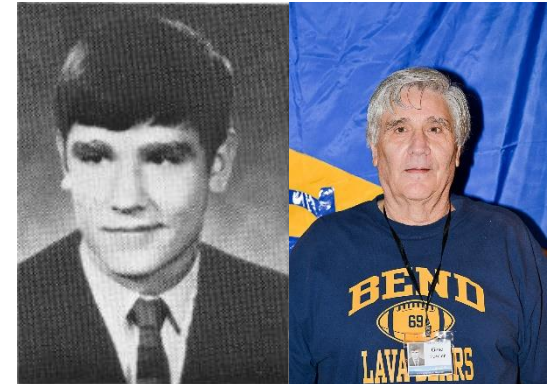
**Dawn Woodall Elser**



City: Union State: Washington



**Gene Fowler**



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City: Richland Hills State: Texas  
Married

**School:** Allen

**Work:** damn salesman

## Lynn Hawes



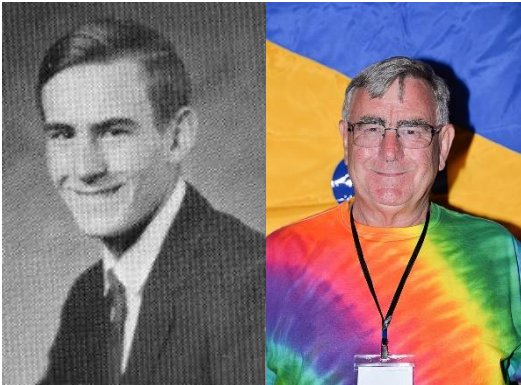
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State: Oregon



## Mike Johnston



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City: Bend

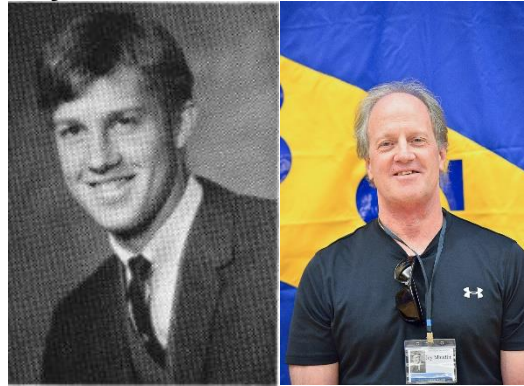
State Oregon

Married

**School:** Yew Lane School, Kingston, Kenwood, Allen

**Work:** Retired

## Jay Maudlin



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City: Albany

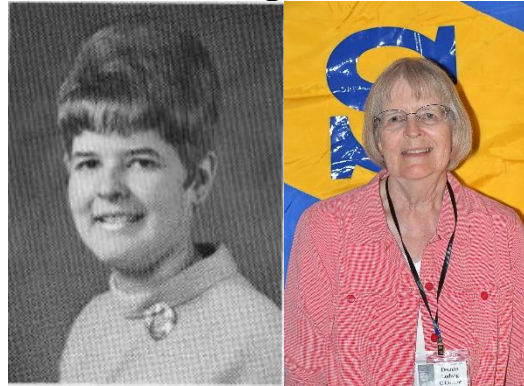
State: Oregon

Single

**School:** Allen, Kenwood

**Work:** Health Care

## Deanna Ludwig O'Conner



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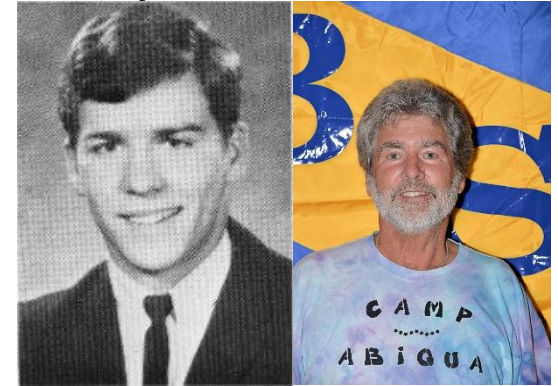
State: Oregon

Married

**School:** Thompson, Reid, Allen

**Work:** Retired Teacher

## Mike Dyer



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State: Oregon

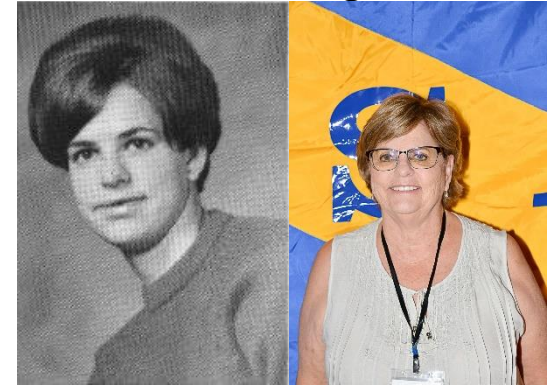
Married



Bear Tracks Factoid: #43

A. Gene Fowler's Football Jersey Number was 74

## Charlene Fix Corrigan



City: Gilbert

State: Arizona

## Susan Ertle Teppola



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City: Carlton

State: Oregon

Widower:

David (deceased)

**School:** Bend High. U of O in Community Service and Public Affairs, University of Denver, Juris Doctor

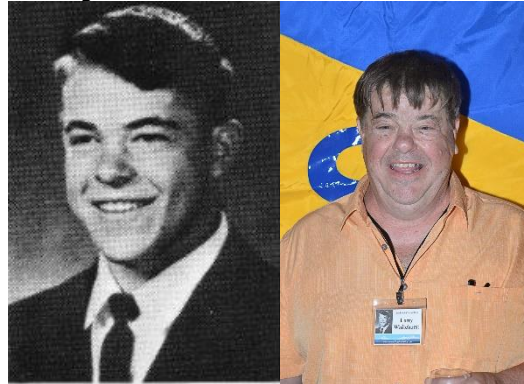
**Live:** With the exception of two and a half years while I was in law school in Denver, I have lived my entire life in Oregon. I am a 4th generation Oregonian and am the mother of two fifth generation girls.

**Work:** I spent a year as a long-distance telephone operator between college and law school. After law school, I was in the private practice of law for almost 10 years. After my two girls were born, I went back to law as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Oregon and worked there for more than 22 years. Our family business is a vineyard and winery outside Carlton, Oregon. Although I retired from the law profession, I am still the president of our family business, where many of my family members work with me.

**Thoughts:** I was married for almost 25 years before my husband died of cancer. We have two children, Kira and Maija. Kira is married and lives in McMinnville and works in our business. She is expecting what will be my first grandchild. Maija is married and lives in Boise, where I love to visit.

Growing up in Bend was a wonderful experience for me. I loved being outdoors and I loved the freedom of growing up in such a safe environment where kids were allowed to play and do whatever they wanted to do. My husband and I worked hard to give my girls as much freedom as I had - and I don't think we came that close. And my schoolmates were a big part of my happy childhood.

## Larry Whitehurst



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Married

State: Oregon

## Patty Hatch Sells



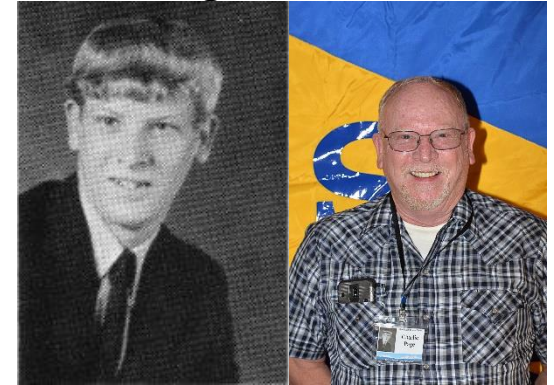
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Widowed

State: Oregon

## Charlie Page



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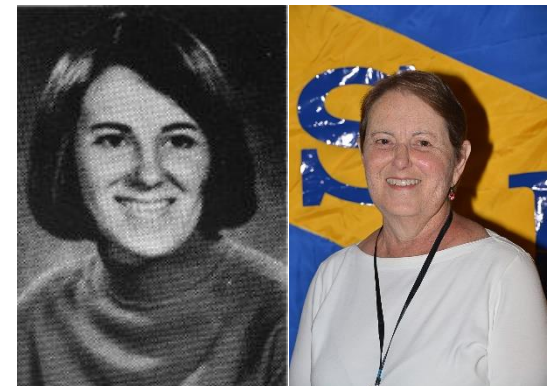
City: Terrebonne

Married

State: Oregon

**School:** Ochoco (1) HE Allen (2-6) Cascade Jr High (7-8) Bend Sr High (9-12)

## Janet Putnam



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Married

State: Oregon

**School:** Saint Francis

**Work:** Faculty

## Susie Fagan-Wirges



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City: Bend  
Married

State: Oregon  
Mark Wirges

**School:** St. Francis, BSH, Kennewick, CBC

**Live:** Bend, Kennewick, Wa., Seattle, Wa. back to paradise (Bend, OR) in 1978.

**Work:** Jack of all, Ace of none, best at telling people what to do!!! Mother of 4, Volunteer since 14 of anything and everything.

**Thoughts:** There aren't many skeletons in my closets. I married my 3rd Forever in 1995, surprising many with this union, including myself. I am proud I have been able to help others, lead some, push others in directions unfamiliar to them. I have a huge, beautiful family of origin, a wonderful bunch of kids and grandkiddo's that keep my stylist in business keeping my hair blonde. Just kidding, and my biggest goal is to back country snowmobile until I just can't anymore!

I am not OLD, but MATURING! There's value in every experience, 1 o 100 value nonetheless!

Thank you to everyone who sent their LOVE at the reunion! All is deeply appreciated!!!



## Mark Wirges



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City: Bend  
Married

State: Oregon  
Susie Fagen-Wirges

**School:** Ph.D in School of Hard Knocks

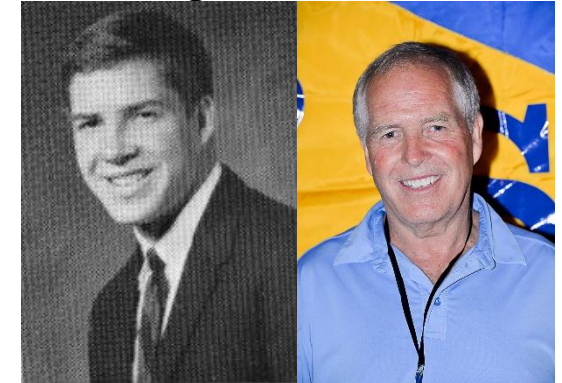
**Live:** Bend, OR, other than some stints in Alaska and Texas during the recession of the early 80's in Bend.

**Work:** USMC Marine Corps 1967-70  
Vietnam 68-70, 19 months  
COCC studied Forestry  
'71 started doing masonry work, never quit until 2009 due to health issues.

**Thoughts:** I can't say I haven't had a great life. There has been high highs and some pretty low times, but I look back on a combined family of 7 children, 9 grandchildren, plenty of fish caught, elk and deer harvested, ample opportunities to help others, raise the flag of my country high and love my wife. It's been a great life and I finally got my diploma in 2014 so I am an official Bend Senior High graduate. Looking forward to that 50-year reunion!!

Giving is better than Receiving! All of us are just trying to get through this life and it's easier together than alone.

## Butch Degree



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Married

State: Oregon

**School:** Kenwood

**Work:** Self Employed

## Scott Thompson



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Married

State: Arizona

**Work:** Corporate Pilot

## Dave Buckey



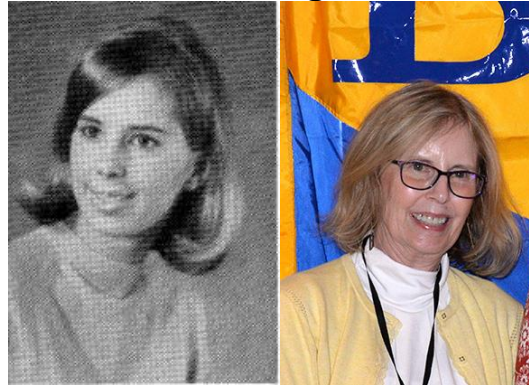
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Married

State: California

**Work:** U S Navy

## Chis White Youngblood



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Widower

State: Oregon

**Schools:** Bush, Washington & Hover Elementary, Salem, Or/ Waldo Jr. High, Salem, Or/ North Salem High & Bend Senior High / COCC, SOC, LINFIELD & U OF O

**Live:** Portland, Salem, Bend, Ashland, North Bend/Coos Bay, and Astoria Oregon. Seward & Valdez Alaska. Mobile, Alabama. Eureka, Novato, San Mateo, Petaluma California.

**Work:** Graphic Designer/Ecommerce

**Thoughts:** Learned a lot, lived a lot and learned to cherish each day. Have two children, Heather (SIL-Toby) and Ryan (DIL-Jenny) Two grandchildren, Heather's daughter Addi and Ryan's son Emmett

I just want to thank everyone who offered words of encouragement, hugs and lots of love - it was a hard first step out for me since the death of my husband, one year ago. We had been together for 49 years.



## Jayne Plambeck Murphy



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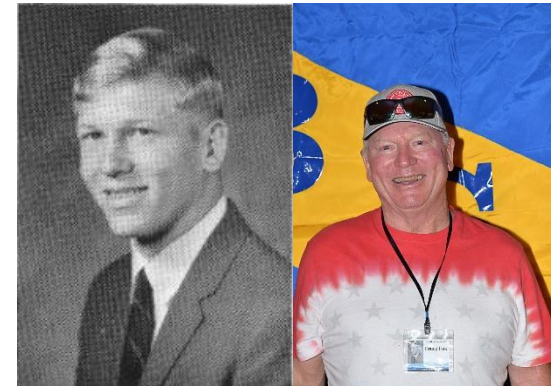
City: Milwaukie  
Single

State: Oregon

**School:** Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Francis

**Work:** Real Estate

## Bruce Fox



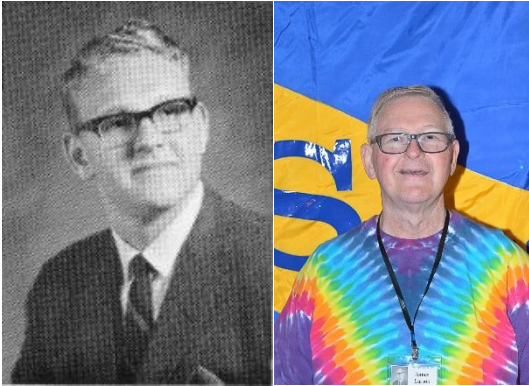
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City: Bend

State: Oregon

**Work:** Contractor

## Jim Larson



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Single

**School:** Daisey Valley one room school, Jefferson & McKinley

**Work:** ex-Research/Flight Test Mech. Boeing Co.  
Retired

**Live:** Born on a farm in South Dakota with no running water or electricity until age 5 1/2. Attended Daisey Valley Country School for my first and second grades. Moved to Glendive, Montana for my third grade at Jefferson grade school. Moved back to South Dakota to Huron for my 4-8th grades attending McKinley grade school and Huron Junior High. Moved to Plainview, Texas for my freshman year at Plainview High School and finally to Bend, in 1966 for my sophomore thru senior years at Bend Senior High.

I have always been single and have no children.

**Random Thoughts:** As for my work history it has been interesting to say the least. Stayed in Bend after high school and worked for Jan Ward Construction for a year. Moved on to Kerns furniture factory for 8 years. While there worked my way up the ladder of the Local #2019 Carpenters Union leadership. Starting as a shop steward and ending as the President and Business Agent at age 26, for 3 years. Involved with negotiating 2 contracts. I was the youngest Business Agent in the nation, at that time.

Also was elected delegate to the Washington/Oregon District Council of Carpenters for 3 years.

The economy tanked in 1979 and I was able to be employed by The Boeing Co., in Seattle, in 1980. Spent 34 + years there as an Experimental/Research Mechanic. I had a very interesting and challenging career there. Worked on the development of the original 757,767,777,787 programs and the newer versions of the 747,717 and 737 commercial airplanes. Worked on the Development of the B-2 bomber, the experimental F-35 for the bid contract, the Star Wars "ray" placement/development, the new P8A Poseidon anti sub chaser and numerous other programs I cannot mention. I completely retired in 2015.

I live in Bend and am most comfortable here. I always knew I would retire in Bend.

I fell in-love with the environment here when I first arrived. It was so different from wherever I had lived except for the cold and snow. In my 5th grade I was walking over cars, not knowing it, going to school. My coldest winter in South Dakota was 42 degrees below 0. We didn't even hear of wind chill factor back then.

Loved hiking/backpacking, cross country skiing, swimming and going water skiing with Bob Backstrom and friends while in Bend. Can't forget the wild times with Eric Zahl and Tim Pemberton in the jeep and with Mike Smith in his early 60's V.W. bug. How we survived I don't know. I miss my good times with David McCoy and Kay Nauenberg.

I am glad that I met so many of my lifetime friends here in Bend. What a joy you brought to my heart as this very shy kid moved to Bend. It was always hard for me to meet and be comfortable around people my own age. I have fought that my whole life.

I am so grateful to God and my Savior, Jesus Christ for his protection of my body and soul. I have been in too many dangerous situations that I knew it was He who was with me. Thank You Jesus for your comfort in hard times.

I grew up, taught, that you should give of yourself for others, both time and funding. I have volunteered on many projects over the years but the most memorable where the years I spent teaching adults how to read and mentoring guys who have struggled with alcohol, drug and other addictions. The need seems not to end. I would encourage all of you to choose a path to volunteerism. Our lives on this earth are short. Let's make a difference in someone else's life. Give until you feel good over and over again. Be generous with your funds. You're not taking it with you when it is your time to move to eternity.

I want to end thanking my heritage Family for all their hard work, dying and living, succeeding through their struggles to help make my life easier and able to live in this great country of ours, sacrificing for me personally. I also want to thank all those who have sacrificed their lives and their time to protect me from our enemies. What a great nation we live in! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

My Love to you all.



## Judy Hamilton Bradbury





## Sherrie Morris Nelson



City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married: Byron Nelson

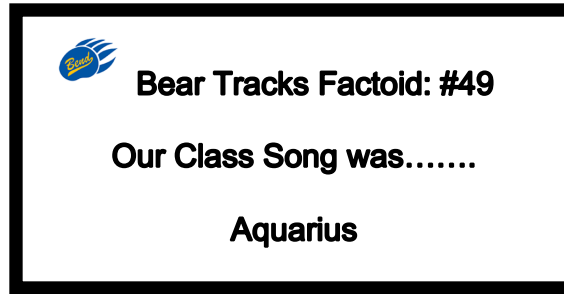
**School:** Marshall, Allen, Cascade Jr High, Bend Senior High

**Live:** Bend, OR, Fort Collins, CO, back to Bend, OR

**Work:** State of Oregon Farm and Home Loans  
Larimer County Mental Health Center  
Bend-La Pine Public Schools  
The Center of Bend  
Retired on Disability

**Thoughts:** I have one daughter, married almost 15 years, lives in Colorado with her husband. I have been married to my husband 41 years. I make greeting cards in my studio at my house! For my family and friends and special orders, For Sale.

If it doesn't make you happy, you aren't doing it right!



## Andy Carroll



City: Bend State: Oregon



## Margaret Coyner Fancher



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Married: Galen Fancher

**School:** College

**Live:** Oregon, Bend, Gresham, Damascus

**Work:** Retired R.N., Retired General Contractor

**Thoughts:** 2 children, 4 grandchildren. I cook, garden, sew, quilt, play piano, and enjoy living this precious life we have.

We are all so very fortunate to have been raised in the lovely Bend area. Its beauty has reflected and shaped each and every one of you dear and wonderful beings.

Thank you, Bill, Dave, and Jill, Tom, Bill, Jim, Hari, Janie and Mark and Susie for the thoroughly loving reunion you have given us all.



**Lisa Korish**



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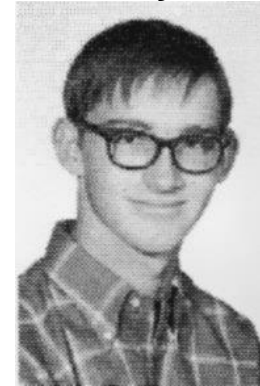
City: Bend

State: Oregon

**Stan Torkleson**




**Rick Meyers**



City: Bend


State: Oregon

I had the strangest experience at my class reunion...



A lot of my classmates changed so much that they didn't even recognize me!

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**Bear Tracks Factoid: #50**

**During the Student Body Elections, Dan Ellingson was Marla Perrigan's Campaign Manager for one of the three Political parties.**

**Their Party was the K.E.G.G.E.R Party**

**What did it stand for?**

**Answer...You will have to ask Dan at the next reunion.**



*"I liked you better as a distant memory."*

# Classmates Unable to Attend

## Larry Maker



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Married: Judy

**Live:** Bend Oregon, Apple Valley California, Walnut Creek California, Chicago Illinois, Edmonds Washington

**Work:** Musician, Pro Sound owner. HVAC tech. Hotel Chief Engineer. Airbrush Artist. Carnival Unit Manager, Hotel Manager, Amusement trackless train owner.

**Thoughts:** Still Kicking and moving in a forwardly direction. In have had a ball getting to where I am today.

Be safe, Keep your health up. Don't listen to politicians. Have fun.



## Leslie Branstetter



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City: Springfield State: Oregon  
Single

**Live:** Oregon; Bend, Portland, Eugene/Springfield, Colorado; Denver

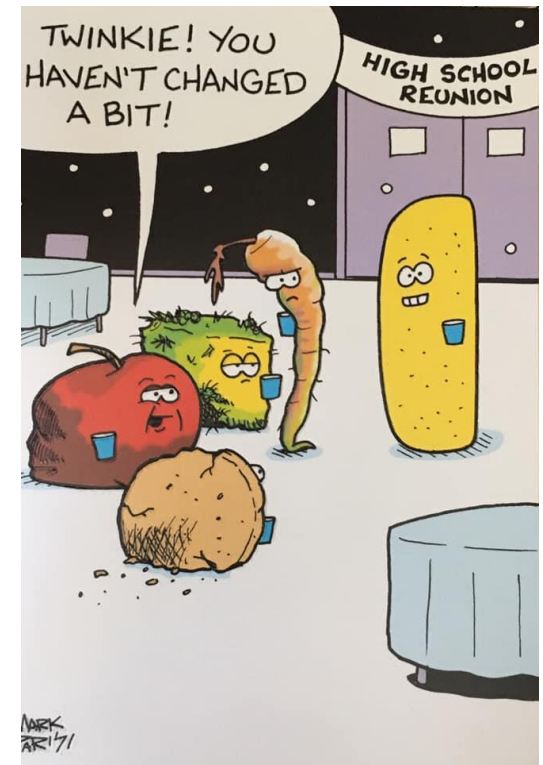
**Work:** I worked at Pacific NW Bell, US West, Qwest in many capacities in non-management and management. A total of 36 years starting as an operator in Bend the summer after graduation and ending as an Engineer in Springfield, OR. After retirement from the Phone Company, I worked as a Special Education Assistant at Springfield Highschool for nine years. Now I am fully retired and attending many baseball, basketball games and dance recitals for my great niece and nephew.

**Thoughts:** I never had any children nor did I ever marry. I've had several wonderful men in my life, but marriage just wasn't meant to be. I've always been way too independent, I guess. I do enjoy my own space. I read a prodigious amount. My Mother taught me to embroider when I was little, and I have taken that up again. It's a calming exercise. I haven't had an exciting life, but a good one none-the-less. I have traveled a bit, hitchhiking across the US when I was

19, visiting Japan twice & Hong Kong and Mainland China on one of the Japan trips. Also went to Mexico with some phone company friends to Akumal. Got to see Chichen-itza and Tulum. Quite incredible.

I loved growing up in the Bend area. My family always did everything together, camping, hunting, ice skating, water skiing. There was always so much to do, and we always felt safe. I loved going to school with classmates all the way from Mrs. Bowlus(sp?) kindergarten through high school. Thank you all for the best memories of a great childhood.

Every day, make just one person feel special



## Adele Shevlin Sabbah



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Married: Salman

**School:** Gateway & Madras Elem, Bend High, COCC

**Live:** Gateway, Madras, & Bend OR; Uruguay & Paraguay SA; Penang Malaysia; Provo & Salt Lake City UT; Chandler & Gilbert AZ

**Work:** Pacific Bell Engineering Drafter; Mountain Bell Service Rep; Utah State Dept. of Health Secretary, Retired; Homemaker; Home schooled sons for nine years (kindergarten-8th grade); Author (A.D. Sabbah) of "Michael Pallas: The Mormon Case" series of mystery/detective novels

**Thoughts:** Joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1971; served as full-time missionary for the Church in Uruguay & Paraguay, South America (Spanish speaking); married my Lebanese Arabic language tutor in Salt Lake "Mormon" Temple Aug. 16, 1986; two sons; four (so far) little grand-daughters; adult Gospel of Jesus Christ Doctrine Class teacher; much more info/photos on Facebook



## Tony Trumbly



City: Klamath Falls State: Oregon  
Married: Carla

**Live:** Portland, Coos bay

**Work:** class 7&8 heavy duty truck parts sales

**Thoughts:** I have 4 children,6 grand-children. The things I like to do, hunting, fishing and camping

## Patti Rodgers



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City: Eugene State: Oregon

**School:** UO, PSU

**Live:** Wilmington DE, Salem OR, Bend OR, Newark

DE, Evergreen CO, Eugene OR, Portland OR and back to Eugene

**Work:** Public Affairs Specialist, USDA-Forest Service

**Thoughts:** "We're all stories in the end. Just make it a good one, eh." Dr WHO

## Dave Goodwin



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Country: Canada  
Married: Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

**School:** Too Many including 4 Universities

**Live:** Too Many! I have changed domiciles 46 times at least

**Work:** Retailer, Restaurateur, Teacher, Farmer, Politician, Cabinetmaker, Marketer, Performer, Composer, Contractor, Hotelier, Student of life. Retired? What's that?

**Thoughts:** Married to the same woman for 48 years, four children, seven grandchildren, love to travel, B.Ed., Dip FA in (conducting) Canadian Citizen by choice.

Believe what logic and intellect tell you is true. Examine facts for veracity.

## Nancy Pyle Krueger



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City: Coeur d Alene

State: Idaho

Married

Bill

**School:** Kingston, Reid, Kenwood

**Live:** Moved to Albany OR in 1971. Moved to Coeur d Alene In 1974 and have lived in the same house ever since.

**Work:** We have had electrical wholesale houses.

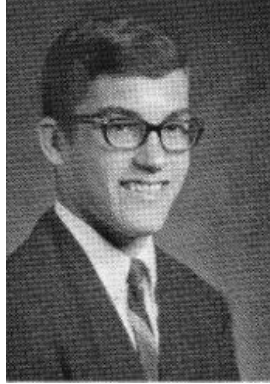
**Thoughts:** One daughter, one son in law and two of the greatest grandsons, 11 years old and 8 years old.

We spend two weeks a year at the Oregon Coast just out of Lincoln City. Also spend winters in Palm Springs CA.

Bill and I have been married 50 years come November.



## Tom Glazier



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State: Oregon

Married:

Deeann

**School:** U of O

**Live:** mostly Bend

**Work:** forestry contractor

## Jan Palmer Clark



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City: La Grande

State: Oregon

Married:

Trenton Clark

**School:** : 1-12, college

**Live:** Bend, Oregon, La Grande, Oregon, Wallowa, Oregon

**Work:** I am a full time artist. I work in a lot of mediums - oil, watercolor, pastels, & collage and I LOVE it all. Also, I do some Bookbinding, stained & fused glass. I have taught painting workshops for for many years now along with showing in galleries. For several years I managed a large gallery & framing shop, too.

**Thoughts:** In 1981 we moved to La Grande. We had two girl, Michelle & Crystal. Michelle passed away in 2010. Crystal lives in Washington. We have three grandchildren. Our oldest, Jeremy passed away in May of 2019 from injuries and problems from being in an explosion in Afghanistan. Yes, it has been really hard. There are also three great grandchildren. We live in the country and have a dog, a Brittany, whose name is "Buffy, the Bird Slayer." She is our baby. Hubby isn't very well, so we stay home a lot.

We lived in Wallowa for five years while Trent worked at the Forest Service in the GIS mapping department. Sherrie Morris Nelson wrote and asked if I was on line. I wrote her back and asked..."If I was would I know???" Well, she called me right back about that answer but she was laughing so hard I couldn't tell what she was saying. LOL (I'm much better now.)

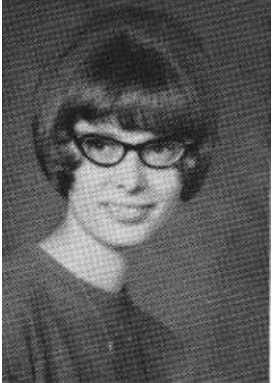
I have so many great memories of Bend. The High School, the college there, working at the Burger Hut, running all over town, riding horses all day every day in the summer with Jeri Lynn Leslie, and Susie Fagan among others. Growing up in Bend was a huge blessing - like "Happy Days!" LOL

Living in Eastern Oregon in a small town has been fun with all of the elk & deer hunting, fishing, and hiking.

We are Christians and are active in our church.

I have very fond memories of all of my classmates. I wish you all the best!

## Pamela Snodgrass Gruber



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Married: Steve

**School:** Northwest Nazarene University

**Live:** Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida, Hawaii, South Korea

**Work:** Elementary School Teacher

**Thoughts:** I have been a pastor's/chaplain's wife for 30 years, I have two children and 5 grandchildren. My son is an emergency medicine physician. My daughter is married to an Army chaplain. My husband is a retired college professor. We love to travel and experience new cultures and explore our great country. Our last trip was to South Korea to visit our kids and grandkids.

Live each day to the fullest, appreciate those you love, always be grateful and kind.



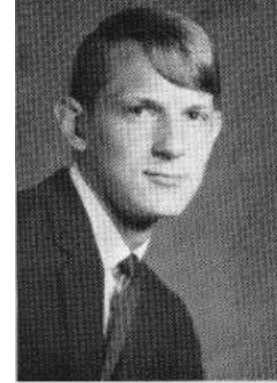
## Steve Bailey



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Married: Linda

**Thoughts:** Thank you for catching up with me. Unfortunately, I am already obligated with lectures out of country those days which have been scheduled for some time. My wife Linda and I wish we could join the class in this wonderful event. Not sure if it is helpful but I have attached a current pic (it will be good for pin the tail!) but hard to photoshop into the group picture. Please keep me up to date. My personal email is included in the reply and other contact including my cell are listed below so you may use them for future Correspondence as well. Please do forward me any class memorabilia and silent auction info to bid on remotely. Warmest Regards, Steve

## Gary Dresser



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City San Diego State: California  
Married

**School:** Young

**Work:** Structural Inspector

**Thoughts:** Blessings to all. I am not going to be able make this reunion. Maybe the next one. Bill Shaffer, thank you for the effort put forth to track me down. I was totally shocked when I got your phone call. I have had a blast with this web site seeing where people are and what they are doing. I moved from Corvallis, Oregon to San Diego in June 1985. I have been married for 27 years and have a wonderful family. I have also been blessed with two grandchildren. I absolutely love living in San Diego. I am really enjoying the season of life I am in now (grand kids are great). I do not get to Bend very often as my immediate family no longer lives there. I have many fond memories of my life in Bend and the time I had to spend with all of you. We had a lot of fun. I was saddened to see those who have passed...a reminder to enjoy the time we have been given. I hope those attending this reunion have a wonderful time and safe travel. See you at the next one. If any of you make it to San Diego look me up I am listed in the phone book...I will buy you dinner...at my home. It has been great to re-connect with you.

## Patricia Richards Hays



[ladiesofthelakemt.org](http://ladiesofthelakemt.org)  
Single

**School:** Bend High; Central Oregon Comm College, Bend; Chemeketa Comm College, Salem



## Annette Paul Denker



City: Sun Valley

State: Idaho

## Susie Love Korth



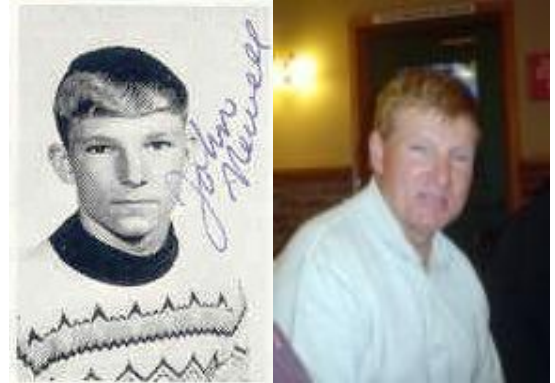
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State: Oregon

**Thoughts:** Hi everyone, I want to thank you for tracking me down again and inviting me to the 50th. Wish I could come. Would love to see everyone again and get caught up. Last time I saw you all was 1989...much too long ago. But I will be in Kona during August into October with my sis-in-law Sharon (Perry) Love. You may remember her as she graduated in 67 from Bend high. She married my oldest brother John in 68 in Bend. John graduated in 65. Sadly, we lost John in 2011 (a fatal head wound). Has been so devastating for our family without him. So Sharon and I have been traveling a lot together. My brother Ron is still with us though. He graduated in 68 at Bend High also. He and his wife Patty have been living just south of the OR/CA border near Hilt up in the mountains and are planning to move to eastern OR soon near Granite. Again, I wish I could come to the reunion. Just was not thinking about class reunions when I made these plans to head on over to Kona...was mainly thinking about wildfire season and getting away from the west coast. But so far, it's looking pretty good...no fires as yet. So hopefully it will stay this way all summer and you guys will have a great reunion in August with nice clean air in Bend. Sharon and I will toast a few lilikoi daquiris to the class of 69! Aloha to all! Susie Love Korth

## John Newell



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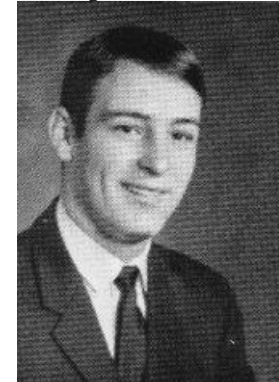
State: Oregon

Single

**School:** Allen (Bend) -- Mt Tabor (Portland)

**Work:** State of Oregon Employee

## Jerry Hill



City: Fontana

State: California



## Martha Ellis Day



City: Des Moines State: Washington  
Widower

**School:** Marshall, Reid, Allen, Kenwood, Bend Jr High, Bend Sr High, Seattle Pacific College, University of Washington

**Live:** Juneau, Salem, Bend, Seattle, Rexburg Idaho, Yakima, Des Moines Washington

**Work:** Homemaker

**Thoughts:** My husband Ted Day and I have four sons who are now in their 30s and 40s. Each of them had one child. Ted died unexpectedly in February 2018 after almost 47 years together. Our ten year old granddaughter lives with me, and we are figuring out our "new normal" life. I am still doing what I've done for most of my adulthood- volunteering at school, playing bass with small groups and the occasional community musical, teaching junior church classes, spending time with elementary age kids at the pool, the library, the park, the beach. Future plans? Take a road trip with my granddaughters. Learn how to do common core math. Stay in touch with old friends. I'm glad to hear it was a wonderful reunion, and sorry I was unable to be there with you.

Most of my "words of wisdom" are borrowed from

other people. Clichés perhaps, but still true. From my father-in-law- too soon old, too late smart. From my father- this too will pass. From my mother- don't eat popsicles in the living room. Some I've learned for myself. Those things I first heard a long time ago? They really are true. Life is good. God does love me (and everyone) and He is faithful to us whatever the future may bring. Here's a saying that makes me smile. It's a good reminder to live and enjoy today.

Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is a gift.  
That's why we call it the present.

## Bill Lyons



City: Bend State: Oregon  
Married

**School:** Marshall, Allen, Reid, Thompson

**Work:** Oregon State Police (Retired)

**Thoughts:** 2 Children

It has been fun getting to know and talk with old friends



## Monty Ledford



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City: Aberdeen State: Idaho  
Married

**School:** Allen

**Live:** Pennsylvania for 11 years, Michigan for 7 years, and since 1991 in Idaho.

**Work:** Spent 29 years as a preacher, retired from that and then worked 11 years as janitor at the high school across the street where my wife was special education teacher.

**Thoughts:** We have six children and (so far) 13 grandchildren. I just looked at the photos of 50th. What a good crowd! We just had too much going on to attend-my wife's Bible School reunion during the next week in Michigan co-opted both Bend High '69 as well as my Steele family reunion in the Willamette valley. This is a fine looking group of people! Bill Shaffer's banner is also well done and a real addition.



# **Bend High Class of 1969 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Bend Golf Club**



# **Bend High Class of 1969**

## **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion - River-House Conference Center**



**Bend High Class of 1969  
30<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Deschutes River Ranch - Tumalo**



**Bend High Class of 1969  
25<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Inn of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain**



# **Bend High Class of 1969 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Mt. Bachelor**



**Bend High Class of 1969  
10<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Rim Rock Riders**



**50  
Years!**

## 304 Bend High School seniors to receive diplomas tonight

A record number of graduating seniors, 304, will receive diplomas at Bend High School's sixty-first annual commencement exercises tonight. The program will be in the high school gymnasium, starting at 8 p.m.

Four members of the class will be the speakers. Sydney Parlour, the valedic-

torian, will give the final talk, with "How to be Very Brilliant Without Really Trying" as her subject.

The welcome will be in the form of a talk titled "Why Take a Bus When You Can Fly?" by the salutatorian, Linda Smith. Other speakers and their topics are: Steve Webb, "The Comedy is Over," and Steve Bjorvik, "Peace Will Rule the Planets."

Following talks by Miss Smith and Webb, the senior choir will sing "Somewhere" by Bernstein. Vance Hays will be the student director, with Mike Mahoney as accompanist.

Maurice F. Shelton, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas, assisted by Bill Beckley, class president, and Jay Maudlin, class vice-president. Other class officers are Maurene Ward, secretary, and Lisa Korish, treasurer.

Bob Backstrom, student body president and a member of the class, will lead the flag salute, following an invocation by the Rev. Aloysius McKenna of St. Francis Catholic Church.

The class will be presented by Donald E. Brown, principal.

The high school concert band, under direction of Edward W. Kammerer, will play Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" will be the processional. The recessional will be March from "Military Symphony in F" by F. Gossec.

**Back to the beginning.**

**Our journey started on a Monday  
Evening June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1969.**

**1969 – Applaud friends, the  
comedy is over!**

**2019 – Hold the Applause, we're  
not done yet!**

# Thank You

And Finally, a very big thank you for these Friends and Classmate taking their time and resources to help out our Reunion

Mike and Pat Cashman



Brenda and Moonlight Mailing



Kathy and Judi



And our Photographer Calli Riley



# Feedback

What an amazing turnout for the Class of 1969 Reunion! I just wanted to thank all who worked so hard to make this a wonderful and successful event!!

Renie Ward Ehlers



What a great job all of you did planning and setting up the reunion. It was wonderful! Such a lot of thought, time, energy (and probably money) went into everything, making the event a truly special time.

Thanks a WHOLE lot,

Jill (Robinson) Lang



Greetings class of 1969. Much thanks to the organizing committee of our 50-year class reunion!! Absolutely well done. All events were so well attended and very special in their own way. I found myself wanting to be a fly on the wall to watch and take in all the joy, conversations, and reconnecting that was going on. The sense of community and connectedness in our class is unbeatable in my opinion. It was remarked over and over that growing up in Bend at the time we did is irreplaceable and forever in our hearts. Our reunion was so well attended that it was impossible to speak to everyone there! Everyone, whether at the reunion or not, has made their mark in our class and coming to reunions is a great way to celebrate us! It is remarkable that we are 50 years out. Those who aren't with us physically are with us in spirit and remembered always. We have always been one for all and all for one. Til next time.

Vicki



Kudos to the 50th BSH reunion committee. Bill, Mark and Susie, Bill Shaffer, Tom, Hari, Dave and Jill, Janie, Jim and Sheila, you did an awesome job. All your hard work and hours you put into this reunion was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Many thanks, Mike and Diane Reif



# BACK IN 1969

## U.S. President *Richard Nixon*



## Movies Released

*Easy Rider*  
*True Grit*  
*Hello, Dolly!*  
*The Wild Bunch*  
*Marooned*

## TECHNOLOGY

The ARPANET (the Internet) was first created.

The first ATM in the U.S. was installed at Chemical Bank.

First transplant of a human eye.

**WORLD POPULATION**  
3,625,000,000

**Most Popular Baby Names of 1969**  
Lisa • Michael  
Michelle • David

## MAJOR EVENTS

American Astronaut, Neil Armstrong, became the first human to set foot on the moon.

The U.S. Air Force closed its Project (Blue Book) concluding there was no evidence of UFOs.

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) was established.

Robin Knox-Johnston became the first person to sail around the world solo, without stopping.

The very first U.S. troop withdrawals were made from Vietnam.

Get Back by The Beatles was the #1 song in 1969

## Sporting News

**World Series:**

*New York Mets*

**NBA Finals:**

*Boston Celtics*

**Super Bowl III:**

*New York Jets*

## Born in 1969

*Jennifer Aniston*

*Jack Black*

*Jay-Z*

*Jennifer Lopez*

## The Quote

"That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

- Neil Armstrong

"On Sept. 2, our bank will open at 9:00 and never close again!"

- Chemical Bank, advertisement for automated letter machine (ALM)

**Minimum Wage**  
\$1.30/hour

## Cost of Things

Postage Stamp: \$0.06

New Home: \$15,550

Movie Ticket: \$1.42

Gallon of Gas: \$0.35

## New on Television

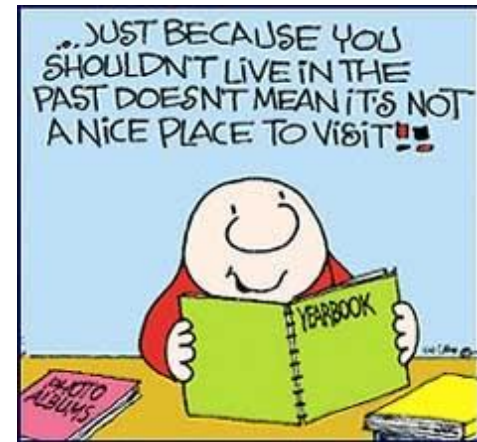
*The Brady Bunch*

*Sesame Street*

Room 222

*The Johnny Cash Show*

*This Is Tom Jones*



# Summer of '69

July 11<sup>th</sup> - September 29<sup>th</sup>

honoring the 50-year anniversaries of

- ☺ First Moon Landing
- ☺ Woodstock ☺ Vietnam
- ☺ The Miracle Mets

## Orientation Welcomes 355 Sophomores to the Ranks



drawn by senior Gary  
vered one cafeteria wall.

Sophomore orientation started Thursday, September 8, with a conducted tour through the building by seniors. Lectures were then given in the auditorium with Brian Metke, senior class president telling the sophomores what could be expected of them the following week. Registration then followed.

Initiation started Monday with the boys wearing their shirts backwards and the girls wearing two curlers in their hair.

Tuesday the boys wore two different colored socks, and the girls were instructed not to wear nylons. Wednesday was thought to be the worst day when Sophomores had to wear paper sailor hats with "Seniors are Toughest" written on them. Thursday was also considered tough with the boys wearing white

and the girls wearing a man's tie.

During the week if any Sophomore didn't abide by the rules, his name was entered on the blacklist, and the students with the most black marks were called to the stage Friday during the assembly where they had to blow up a balloon, and have a tug-of-war with members of the football team.

## Welcome Sophs

# BEAR FACTS

Bend Senior High School, Bend, Oregon

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### Our Leader

High School as one of  
the most outstanding  
schools in the entire

### Beware The Modular Myth

WELL, SOPHOMORES, you've finally arrived. Yes, you are in the "big" senior high and suddenly you've got all this time on your hands. Now there're no teachers looking over your shoulders; now you are free to choose where you want to spend your time--- in the library or the cafeteria, or maybe not on the school grounds at all.

But beware. Don't fall into the same trap that some of your upper-classmen have, that is if they haven't dropped out by now. When there are big blanks of empty spaces on your schedule, they do not stand for "playtime."

Under this system, it is entirely too easy to upt things off for long periods of time, which can be disastrous.

You've been turned loose, and if you plan on goofing off because there's no one there to tell you not to, then probably nothing anyone

says will change that right now. But just remember: Bend High is a "sink-or-swim" kind of school, and if you don't believe it, just wait until the grades come out.



## Classmates that attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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31	Dahms, Molly	Murphy	48	Larson, James		26	Singhose, Susan	Groshong
31	Danahy, Tim		20	Lohman, Marlana	Combs	19	Smith, Michael	
42	De Santis Jr, Pierre		28	Lukes, Terry	Hamby	41	Sottosanti, Charles	
46	Degree, Butch		44	Maudlin, Richard (Jay)		29	Taber, Blanche	Taber
32	Deister, Peggy	Tucker	22	May, Gayla		45	Teppola, Susan	Ertle
44	Dyer, Mike		27	McFarland-Bushnell, Lea	Oakley	47	Thompson, Scott	
43	Ehlers, Maurene (Renie)	Ward	23	McGahan, Vicki	Halligan	50	Torkelson, Stanley	
37	Ellingson, Dan		41	McMurrin, Rhonda	Wickersham	19	Vernon, Dave	
43	Elser, Dawn	Woodall	39	Metke, J. Mark		40	Webb, Steve	
46	Fagen-Wirges, Susie	Fagen	43	Millage, Sheila	Ballard	45	Whitehurst, Larry	
30	Fahey, Deb	Brockway	34	Miller, Coleena	Singleton	28	Willis, Ann	Bristol
49	Fancher, Margaret	Coyner	47	Murphy, Jayne	Plambeck	32	Winters, Colleen	Dawson
21	Fish, Bruce		50	Myers, Rick		46	Wirges, Mark	
42	Fitzgerald, Kathy	Ipock	27	Myers, Sheila	Myers	47	Youngblood, Chris	White
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Life is a Highway, I wanna ride it all night long.  
Tom Cochrane

My path has not been determined.  
I shall have more experiences and pass many more milestones.  
Agnetha Faltskog