

Redfield High School

1973 - 2013



40 Year
Class Reunion

CLASS OF 1973

Class Motto: "The Future Is Not A Gift, It Is An Achievement"

Class Colors: Ice Blue and Sapphire Blue

Class Flower: Blue Daisy

Class web site: <http://73rhs.com>

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 28th

2:00 pm - golf outing at Fisher's Grove

6:00 pm - social get together at Fisher's Grove

Saturday June 29th

**10:30 am - poker run on a tour bus around Spink
County, meet at Crystal's Bar**

6:00 pm - social hour at Fisher's Grove

6:30 pm - class picture

7:00 pm - banquet followed by dance

Sunday June 30th

**Breakfast/brunch at Leo's Cafe - time to be
announced**

Program

Saturday June 29th 2013

Greeting: Sally Filípek

*Classmates Remembered: Deb
Engelgau & Kevin Schurch*

Invocation: Rich Gruenwald

Toast: Jerry Levtzow

Speaker: Tim Robinson

Farwell: David Jessen

Dance to follow

2013 Reunion Committee:

Dan Appel

Larry Crook

Sally Filípek

Doug Fink

Rich Gruenwald

Clyde Harr

Daryl Muellenberg David Jessen

*The Class of 73 wishes to
remember the classmates that
we have lost since graduation.*

George Akin (1973)

Sandy Stahl (1975)

Randy Swedeen (1995)

Cindy Durfee (1998)

Pam Christiansen (1998)

Brian Maher (2009)

Dwight Friese (2011)

Richard (Ric) Herren (2012)

Kevin Cranston (2013)

May God Bless Them

1973 Events

January

- January 1 - CBS sells the New York Yankees for \$10 million to a 12-person syndicate led by George Steinbrenner (3.2 million dollars less than CBS bought the Yankees for).
- January 14
 - Elvis Presley's concert in Hawaii. The first worldwide telecast by an entertainer watched by more people than watched the Apollo moon landings.
 - Super Bowl VII: The Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins, 14–7, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, to complete the NFL's first Perfect Season in front of 90,182 fans.
- January 15 – Vietnam War: Citing progress in peace negotiations, U.S. President Richard Nixon announces the suspension of offensive action in North Vietnam.
- January 17 – Ferdinand Marcos becomes President for Life of the Philippines.
- January 20 – U.S. President Richard Nixon is inaugurated for his second term.
- January 22
 - *Roe v. Wade*: The U.S. Supreme Court overturns state bans on abortion.
 - George Foreman defeats Joe Frazier to win the heavyweight world boxing championship.
 - Former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson dies at his Stonewall, Texas ranch, leaving no former U.S. President living until the resignation of Richard Nixon in 1974.
- January 23 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces that a peace accord has been reached in Vietnam.
- January 27 – U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords.

February

- February 6 – Toronto: Construction on the CN Tower begins.
- February 11 – Vietnam War: The first American prisoners of war are released from Vietnam.
- February 12 – Ohio becomes the first U.S. state to post distance in metric on signs
- February 13 – The United States dollar is devalued by 10%.
- February 27 – The American Indian Movement occupies Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

March

- March 1 - Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon*, one of rock's landmark albums, is released in the US. It is released in the UK on March 24.
- March 7 – Comet Kohoutek is discovered.
- March 12 - Last episode of original *Laugh-In* airs on NBC. The show would continue with re-runs until May 14, 1973.
- March 17 - Many of the few remaining United States soldiers begin to leave Vietnam. One reunion of a former POW with his family is immortalized in the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph *Burst of Joy*.
- March 23 – Watergate scandal (United States): In a letter to Judge John Sirica, Watergate burglar James W. McCord, Jr. admits that he and other defendants have been pressured to remain silent about the case. He names former Attorney General John Mitchell as 'overall boss' of the operation.
- March 29 – The last United States soldier leaves Vietnam.

April

- April 3 – The first handheld mobile phone call is made by Martin Cooper of Motorola in New York City.
- April 4 – The World Trade Center officially opens in New York City
- April 6 – Ron Blomberg of the New York Yankees becomes the first designated hitter in Major League Baseball.
- April 17
 - Federal Express officially begins operations, with the launch of 14 small aircraft from Memphis International Airport. On that night, Federal Express delivers 186 packages to 25 U.S. cities from Rochester, New York, to Miami, Florida.
 - The Morganza Spillway on the Mississippi River is opened for the first time to prevent catastrophic flooding of New Orleans.
- April 26 – The first day of trading on the Chicago Board Options Exchange
- April 30 – Watergate scandal: President Richard Nixon announces that top White House aides H. R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, and others have resigned.

May

- May 3 – The Sears Tower in Chicago is finished, becoming the world's tallest building at 1,451 feet.
- May 5
 - Secretariat wins the Kentucky Derby.
 - Led Zeppelin plays before 56,800 persons at Tampa Stadium on the band's 1973 North American Tour, thus breaking the

August 15, 1965 record of 55,600 set by The Beatles at Shea Stadium.

- May 8 – A 71-day standoff between federal authorities and American Indian Movement activists who were occupying the Pine Ridge Reservation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, ends with the surrender of the militants.
- May 10 - The New York Knicks defeat the Los Angeles Lakers, 102–93 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals to win the NBA title.
- May 13 -Bobby Riggs challenged and defeated Margaret Court, the world's #1 women's player, in a nationally-televised tennis match set in Ramona, CA northeast of San Diego. Riggs won 6-2, 6-1 which led to the huge Battle of the Sexes match against Billie Jean King later in the year on September 20.
- May 14 - *Skylab*, the United States' first space station, is launched.
- May 17 – Watergate scandal: Televised hearings begin in the United States Senate.
- May 19 – Secretariat wins the Preakness Stakes.

June

- June 4 – A patent for the ATM is granted to Donald Wetzel, Tom Barnes and George Chastain.
- June 9 – Secretariat wins the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing winner since 1948.
- June 10 – The grandson of J. Paul Getty is kidnapped in Rome.
- June 22 - W.Mark Felt ("Deep Throat") retires from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- June 24 – Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev addresses the American people on television, the first to do so.
- June 25 - Watergate scandal: Former White House counsel John Dean begins his testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee.
- June 30 – A very long total solar eclipse occurs. During the entire 2nd millennium, only 7 total solar eclipses exceeded 7 minutes of totality.

July

- July 1 – The United States Drug Enforcement Administration is founded.
- July 4 - MLB: The New York Mets fall 12½ games back in last place of the National League Eastern Division.
- July 12 - National Archive Fire: A major fire destroys the entire 6th floor of the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.
- July 16 – Watergate scandal: Former White House aide Alexander Butterfield informs the United States Senate Watergate Committee that President Richard Nixon had secretly recorded potentially incriminating conversations.
- July 28

- The Summer Jam at Watkins Glen, a massive rock festival featuring the Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and The Band, attracts over 600,000 music fans.
- *Skylab 3* (Owen Garriott, Jack Lousma, Alan Bean) is launched, to conduct various medical and scientific experiments aboard *Skylab*.

August

- August 15 – The U.S. bombing of Cambodia ends, officially halting 12 years of combat activity in Southeast Asia.

September

- September 11 – Art Garfunkel finally released his debut album *Angel Clare* 17 years after he started his career.
- September 20 –The Battle of The Sexes: Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a televised tennis match, 6–4, 6–4, 6–3, at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. With an attendance of 30,492, this remains the largest live audience ever to see a tennis match in US history. The global audience that viewed on television in 36 countries was estimated at 90 million.
- September 22 – Henry Kissinger, United States National Security Advisor, starts his term as United States Secretary of State.
- September 23 – The Oakland Raiders defeat the Miami Dolphins 12-7, ending the Dolphins unbeaten streak at 18. It was the Miami Dolphins' first loss since January 16, 1972 in Super Bowl VI.

October

- October 6 – Yom Kippur War: The fourth and largest Arab –Israeli conflict begins, as Egyptian and Syrian forces attack Israeli forces in the Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights on Yom Kippur.
- October 10
 - Spiro T. Agnew resigns as Vice President of the United States and then, in federal court in Baltimore, Maryland, pleads no contest to charges of income tax evasion on \$29,500 he received in 1967, while he was governor of Maryland. He is fined \$10,000 and put on 3 years' probation.
 - The New York Mets win baseball's National League pennant, defeating the heavily favored Cincinnati Reds 3 games to 2.
- October 17 – The Arab Oil Embargo against several countries which support Israel triggers the 1973 energy crisis.
- October 20 - The Saturday Night Massacre: U.S. President Richard Nixon orders Attorney General Elliot Richardson to dismiss Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox. Richardson refuses and resigns, along with Deputy Attorney General William French Smith. Solicitor

General Robert Bork, third in line at the Department of Justice, then fires Cox. The event raises calls for Nixon's impeachment.

- October 21 – The Oakland Athletics win baseball's World Series, defeating the New York Mets 4 games to 3.

November

- November 1 – Watergate scandal: Acting Attorney General Robert Bork appoints Leon Jaworski as the new Watergate Special Prosecutor.
- November 7 – The Congress of the United States overrides President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Resolution, which limits presidential power to wage war without congressional approval.
- November 16
 - Skylab program: NASA launches *Skylab 4* (Gerald Carr, William Pogue, Edward Gibson) from Cape Canaveral, Florida on an 84-day mission.
 - U.S. President Richard Nixon signs the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act into law, authorizing the construction of the Alaska Pipeline.
- November 17 - Watergate scandal: In Orlando, Florida, U.S. President Richard Nixon tells 400 Associated Press managing editors "I am not a crook."
- November 21 – U.S. President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, reveals the existence of an 18½-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.
- November 27 – The United States Senate votes 92–3 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President of the United States.

December

- December 6 – The United States House of Representatives votes 387–35 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President of the United States; he is sworn in the same day.
- December 16 – O. J. Simpson of the Buffalo Bills became the first running back to rush for 2,000 yards in a pro football season.
- December 23 – OPEC doubles the price of Crude Oil.
- Lite Beer is introduced in the U.S. by the Miller Brewing Company

Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$1,382.60 billion

Federal spending: \$245.71 billion

Federal debt: \$466.3 billion

Median Household Income

(current dollars): \$10,512

Consumer Price Index: 44.4

Unemployment: 4.9%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.08

List of Hot 50 number-one singles of 1973 (U.S.)

1. Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree, Tony Orlando and Dawn
2. Bad, Bad Leroy Brown, Jim Croce
3. Killing Me Softly With His Song, Roberta Flack
4. Let's Get It On, Marvin Gaye
5. My Love, Paul McCartney and Wings
6. Why Me, Kris Kristofferson
7. Crocodile Rock, Elton John
8. Will It Go Round in Circles, Billy Preston
9. You're So Vain, Carly Simon
10. Touch Me In the Morning, Diana Ross
11. The Night the Lights Went Out In Georgia, Vicki Lawrence
12. Playground In My Mind, Clint Holmes
13. Brother Louie, Stories
14. Delta Dawn, Helen Reddy
15. Me and Mrs. Jones, Billy Paul
16. Frankenstein, The Edgar Winter Group
17. Drift Away, Dobie Gray
18. Little Willy, Sweet
19. You Are the Sunshine of My Life, Stevie Wonder
20. Half-Breed, Cher
21. That Lady, The Isley Brothers
22. Pillow Talk, Sylvia
23. We're An American Band, Grand Funk Railroad
24. Right Place Wrong Time, Dr. John
25. Wildflower, Skylark

List of Hot 50 number-one singles of 1973 (U.S.)

26. Superstition, Stevie Wonder
27. Loves Me Like A Rock, Paul Simon
28. The Morning After, Maureen McGovern
29. Rocky Mountain High, John Denver
30. Stuck In the Middle With You, Stealers Wheel
31. Shambala, Three Dog Night
32. Love Train, The O'Jays
33. I'm Gonna Love You Just a Little More, Baby, Barry White
34. Say, Has Anybody Seen My Sweet Gypsy Rose, Tony Orlando and Dawn
35. Keep On Truckin' (Pt. 1), Eddie Kendricks
36. Dancing In the Moonlight, King Harvest
37. Danny's Song, Anne Murray
38. Monster Mash, Bobby "Boris" Pickett & The Crypt Kickers
39. Natural High, Bloodstone
40. Diamond Girl, Seals and Crofts
41. Long Train Running, The Doobie Brothers
42. Give Me Love (Give Me Peace On Earth), George Harrison
43. If You Want Me to Stay, Sly and The Family Stone
44. Daddy's Home, Jermaine Jackson
45. Neither One of Us (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye), Gladys Knight and The Pips
46. I'm Doing Fine Now, New York City
47. Could It Be I'm Falling In Love, The Spinners
48. Daniel, Elton John
49. Midnight Train to Georgia, Gladys Knight and The Pips
50. Smoke On the Water, Deep Purple

Dan Appel



Spouse: Vickie
Children: Simon, Shawna, Joshua, Jerad & Jake
Occupation: Owner of Appel Oil
Address: 17386 375th Ave. Redfield, SD 57469

(just so you know...once again...Dan won't write his story...and keeps asking me if it is done yet...Love that guy!! So here goes ... for Dan!) 😊

We have been married for 36 years. We still run Appel Oil. This year marks our 29th year!

We love to travel when we can get away and have been fortunate to be able to do so. We have fun taking our old convertible whenever we can run away, whether just cruising around Cottonwood Lake or taking long trips we love taking that car! We've taken it to Corpus Christi, Texas, the Grand Canyon, Michigan and Alaska. We hope to keep traveling! Dan still loves to hunt. He has been to Africa twice and Alaska numerous times.

Dan has restored a Mopar for each one of his boys. So they all hope to get to car shows as a group this summer. (Our daughter wants a 1958 or 1960 Corvette...but she will end up with the convertible...when we are done with it...)

Dan Appel (continued)

We love to spend time with our grandkids. Our grandkids range from 13 years old to newborn. On June 4th we will have our 12th grandbaby! We are lucky to have most of them close.

Family: Simon and his wife Heidi (Haskell) live in Redfield. Simon works at the ethanol plant as the environmental/safety directory. Simon also helps us out with trucking and is an EMT. Heidi works in Aberdeen as the executive director of the Aberdeen Downtown Association. Their children are Braden, Kiara, Ainsley, and baby girl due June 4th.

Shawna and her husband Karl Paepke live in Omaha, NE. Shawna has a degree in radiology, but is currently a stay at home mom of 4. Their children are Noah, Will, Ben and Lillian. Karl is vice president of the supply operations for Jack Links Jerky.

Joshua lives in Wasilla, Alaska. He works on the North Slope as a unit operator of oil well testing. With Josh living up there, we have been fortunate to take several trips to Alaska. Dan loves the hunting opportunities. We drove up to Alaska last summer with our '62 Buick Convertible, top down almost all the way!!! It was an amazing trip!

Jerad and his wife Audrey (Nelson) live in Redfield. Jerad works with us at Appel Oil. He has been a lifesaver for us, especially with computer programming. Audrey is a R.N. and works at the Faulkton Hospital. They have 4 children, Connor, Chloe, Jaycee and Bentley.

Jake lives in Redfield and he, too, works for us as our transport driver. Jake is also in the National Guard and did a tour in Iraq. He is a motorcycle enthusiast!

We feel we are blessed to be where we are in life! We are happy and healthy and still having fun!

We hope you have all found true happiness in life and wish all the best.

Bradee Beard



Spouse: Cari Garwood

Children:

Occupation: Paralegal at a law firm in Rapid City

Address: 1730 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City SD 57702

Wow, it's been almost seven years since I updated my bio. Let's see how much of the old stuff/predictions came true. I was incredibly fortunate that Cari Garwood agreed to marry me, and I even got the month and year of the wedding right! We've been married just over six years now, and enjoying it greatly. We are in still Rapid City (I kinda missed the mark with the "wanderlust" comment in 2005!), and we bought our first home just over a year ago. There are the usual "joys" of owning a home, but it's so much better than renting. We even lucked out and have great neighbors.

I am again working as a paralegal at a law firm in Rapid City, and Cari is the supervisor of the Medical Billing/Coding Department of Black Hills Surgical Hospital. We're pretty busy but both enjoy our work a lot.

On Memorial Day 2010, Cari gave me the coolest birthday gift I could have imagined. We went to central Indiana and were in attendance for the 94th running of The Greatest Spectacle in Racing. We have both watched the race since we were kids, and Cari had been to qualifying

Bradee Beard (continued)

before, but what a thrill to be in the crowd of 600,000 to experience the Indianapolis 500 in person. Thanks again, Cari!

Cari and I are both huge hockey fans, and in 2008 Rapid City welcomed its own professional hockey team - the Rush. In May of 2010 the Rush won the Central Hockey League championship and were awarded the Ray Miron President's Cup - and Cari and I were there to see history made. It may not be the "biggest" trophy in pro hockey, but for the Rush players and fans, it meant more than winning The Stanley Cup. It was truly moving to see those big strong guys, all seasoned vets and literally tough as nails, hoisting that silver cup over their heads with tears in their eyes.

I'm still very into fly fishing, and Cari and I have taken several vacations built around our sport. But the Black Hills is also a fabulous place to fish, and our house is only four blocks from some mighty fine fishing on Rapid Creek.

Dennis Becker



Spouse: LuAnn
Children: son Jeremy (35) and 4 grandchildren
Occupation: Retired
Address: 317 15th Ave. Brookings, SD 57006

The last ten years for me have had both good and bad mixed in. My son Jeremy got married and he and his wife blessed us with three beautiful granddaughters as well as her daughter who are very precious to us. Unfortunately his wife recently started having an affair with another man so everything is up in the air in his life.

During the past ten years God thought it was time for Mom to come home to Heaven and she is greatly missed. I also have had health issues as I had to have one of my replacement hips replaced twice in the past year and because of it I was unable to accomplish the work that I had been doing for the last 32 years and was let go. Luckily I had enough years put in to qualify for early retirement.

During one of the stays in the hospital with the hip problem they discovered that when I swallowed food or liquids some of it went down my wind pipe causing me to get congested with infection in my lungs. Because of this I received a feeding tube that I

Dennis Becker (continued)

have to use to supply me with both food and liquid for the rest of my life. I now have to wear a back pack containing the food and pump for around 10 hours each day.

I still am able to enjoy my Grandchildren and get out to watch softball, so life goes on. It also gives me more time to read and catch up with things on the computer. I hope everyone has a wonderful reunion and know that my thoughts are with you all.

Barb (Brand) Dickhaut



- Spouse:** Darrell Dickhaut
- Children:** Jason Dickhaut (step-son), his wife, Karen and son, Gavin (13)
Jason Jungwirth, his wife, Trisha, and his girls, Chloe (13), Madelyn (9), Gretchen (6)
Brooke Lepp, her husband, Wayne, and son, Jude (9 months)
- Occupation:** Retired from USDA-Farm Service Agency in 2011 after 26 years
- Address:** 126 East 14th Ave. Redfield, SD 57469

Where do I start?!?!? I'm not sure how much I have shared over the last 40 years, but here is a brief summary.

The first 10 years I spend trying to "find myself". I was married, had a GREAT son, and then divorced. In 1984 I met a GREAT man, Darrell Dickhaut, whom I married in 1985. We had a daughter in 1986, which made our family a step son each and a daughter together. We shared lots of "ups and downs" as only a blended family would understand. But in 2006 my life changed forever, for the good.

As many of you know, I had a brain aneurysm, which I had quite a struggle but came out of it a better person. I always say "If I had to go through that, I wish it would have been 30 years earlier. I LIKE myself now!!!" I now "stop and smell the roses" and watch beautiful sunsets!! Life is so good and such a blessing. In 2011, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, which I am now 2 years "cancer free". I have been

Barb (Brand) Dickhaut (continued)

challenged with some health issues over the past years, but they have really made me live life to the fullest.

As you can see, the things I have and do are minor compared to the love and support I have from a wonderful husband, family and friends. I have been able to retire and that gives me time to spend with my BEAUTIFUL 5 grandchildren and I have LOTS of time to camp and fish, which I enjoy immensely. I am sorry I cannot be at the reunion (big surprise) but we are camping from June 27 to July 11, with our children and family. We have been doing this for quite a few years. Thanks for all the support I received from many of you over the last years, I truly appreciated it.

God bless each and every one of you and your family.

Randy Bush



Spouse: Sandi Bush
Children: daughter Alaina Bush
Occupation: College Professor/International Student Advisor
Address: 8021 Willowbrook, Wichita, KS 67207

For the last 15 years I have been living in Wichita, Kansas and working at Butler Community College in Andover, KS, where I teach International Relations and serve as International Student Advisor. My wife Sandi is employed as an academic advisor at Wichita State University and my daughter Alaina is 20 years old and a junior at Wichita State majoring in Psychology. We have two great dogs, a Great Dane named Rocky Road, and a Great Pyranees/Australian Shepherd mix named Snickerdoodle. My wife Sandi and daughter Alaina are wonderful companions and we enjoy the simple pleasures of family life, especially cooking, gardening and relaxing at home. We will celebrate 24 years of marriage in December, 2013.

My father Royce passed away last year in February, 2012 and that has been a major transition in my life. My mother Ila Mae is still in good health and living on 3rd Street across from our old house in Redfield. We have family reunions with the Schade family every two years which are always enjoyable.

Randy Bush (continued)

I enjoy my work with international students: we have around 460 international and immigrant students from 72 countries at Butler. In the last 10 years I have been active in various leadership roles in my professional association NAFSA: Association of International Educators. I enjoy international travel, too. In May, 2012 I led a group of faculty and students (including my daughter) for a study tour of Eastern Europe. We visited Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary; Krakow, Poland; Prague, Czech Republic for about two weeks, which was very interesting and exciting. In the Fall semester 2013 I am approved for a sabbatical at the college to work on a research project. I have applied for a Fulbright International Educator Seminar in Germany in October, and hope to be travelling again with a side trip planned to Slovakia and western Ukraine.

At this point I plan to work for a few more years and hope to retire around age 65, if all goes well. We appreciate those classmates who work on the class reunions to make them memorable for the rest of us.

Darla (Corkins) Jessen



Spouse: Steve Jessen

Children: Kristel - married to Travis Loecker. They live in Bloomfield NE. They have 2 children, a son Keldon 5 1/2 yrs & a daughter Kysa Rae 3 1/2 yrs. Anthony - he lives in Bloomfield and works in Yankton SD. He is not married but we would like to find him a good wife! He has a dog, Delilah that is his girl for now! Kandace - she is married to Ben Hanna & they live in the Omaha NE area. They have 3 children. Their oldest is a daughter Autumn 10 1/2 yrs old, a son Ashton 4 1/2 yrs & a son Colton who is 16 months old.

Occupation: gift store associate & buyer

Address: 4105 N 37th St. Norfolk NE 68701

We are still married so I guess we made it over the hump! We live on a small acreage north of Norfolk. I enjoy being a 'country girl' now as when growing up we lived in town, then I got married & moved to Denver so now we live the good life of country living.

We have 2 dogs, 4 cats & 7 horses. I work full time in a gift store and enjoy my job. About 3 years ago I was asked to help with buying 'the stuff' for the store - guess I got a promotion!

I enjoy newspaper crossword puzzles, reading, walking, relaxing on my patio swing & my addiction to the Fox News Channel & the Denver Nuggets & an occasional coffee with Baileys.

Steve is still in the insurance business & he enjoys elk hunting in Colorado & riding the horses. Teaching our grandchildren how to ride/horsemanship makes him the best Grandpa according to Autumn, Keldon, Kysa & Ashton.

Larry Crook



Spouse: Donna
Children: 2 step daughters.
Michelle (Brian) grandchildren Tallen, Trenton, Spencer
Miranda (Rob) grandchildren Jacob, Jayden
Occupation: Liquor store manager
Address: 511 East 6th Avenue, Redfield SD 57469

I got married to Donna on January 1, 2007. I am still working at Bi-Rite Liquors.

Carol (Ellis) Wipf



Spouse: Gary D. Wipf
Children: LeAnne, Erin, Brandon & Dexter
Occupation: Farming
Address: 17801 401st Ave. Frankfort, SD 57440

Since our last reunion not much has changed, we still live on the Wipf Family farm. When time allows we get to go to tractor pulls in SD, Iowa and Nebraska. My husband has been in the sport for 43 years and as a family we have traveled from Ohio to Texas to Canada and parts in between.

When this reunion rolls around it will be our '40th' wedding anniversary on June 29th. We have 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls) and 7 grandchildren. We are blessed that they all live within 2 hours of us. It is always great to see family and friends. We love hearing how everyone's life has changed and what future plans they are making.

Hope to see everyone at the reunion - Take care all!

Sally Filipek



Spouse: Randy Schwab (fiancé)
Children: Farrah 35, Bo (Heath) 32, Tanner 28 & Colby 26
Occupation: Assessor/Appraiser, Deputy, Director of Equalization
Address: 910 E. 3rd Street, Redfield SD 57469

I used to think that someone having a 40 year class reunion was really old! Notice I say "used to!!!" Not anymore...personally I feel young and although my body might not agree, my mind still says "Yes you are!"

In the past ten years my two youngest sons graduated from high school and left for college...they were busy years following the boys and all the activities they were in. Before I knew it my last son left for college and I knew then I was really alone. Thankfully I have always been a social bug and to this day I never seem to plant myself at home for very long!

My family is my greatest blessing, joy and yes, sometimes heartache! Farrah married Nathan in 2007 and they have 3 beautiful babies...Camden, Reese (ie) & Kalia! I am Nana! Farrah is fortunate to be a stay at home mom. I was so blessed to have them within an hour driving from home until May 2011 when they moved to Ft. Meade where Nathan is employed. It warms my heart and breaks it at the same time when I tell Camden I have to go home and he says to me "Nana I sad"... or I get a phone call "Nana come to my house right now"...of course my favorite is "Nana I love you!"

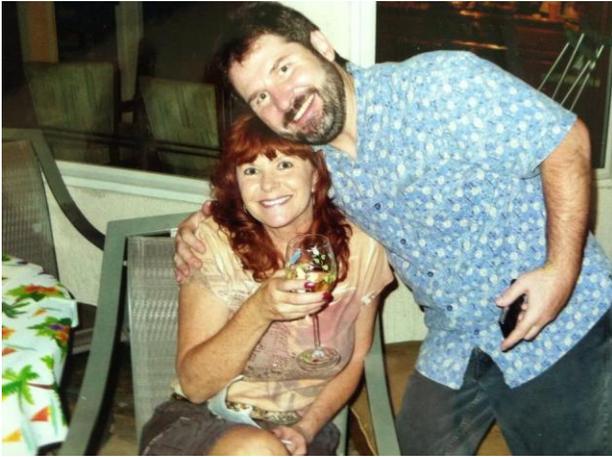
Sally Filipek (continued)

My oldest son Bo (Heath) married Melissa in 2011 and they live in Foley, MN. Bo works for Central Applicators as a job planner and right of way technician and Melissa is attending St. Cloud State University. Tanner is living in Sioux Falls and following his passion...he has been a drummer in several bands and is currently playing as the drummer with the group Avian. He also works for the Minnehaha Country Club. Colby is an accountant in Onawa, IA. He will be moving to SF for a new position in early July.

In the summer I love to golf and never seem to get out to the course nearly enough. I am there for the fun & relaxing time outside. I did, however, par the two shortest holes a few weeks ago! I enjoy reading, rarely watch TV and of course love to visit! In the winter I hibernate! I am very fortunate to have my mom living and well at 96! To sum it up my faith, family and friends are my greatest treasures!

Having been alone for 20 years I finally told God you are going to have to bring someone here as this is where I live! Who would know that accepting a FB request to be friends from Randy Schwab aka the Beast would take us on a new journey! Randy & I are going to be married on August 30th! Randy brings into my life love, laughter & happiness and I look forward to sharing my life with him!

Gwen Galvin



Spouse:

Children:

Occupation: Customer Service / Sales

Address: P.O.Box 1574, Riverside, CA 92502

I'm certainly happy we have our Class Reunions to remind us of our age! Otherwise, it might seem we were all still just kids trying to grow up, instead of Grown-Up-Kids. I truly find it hard to believe that it has been 40 years since we were 18 years old and just preparing to face the world out on our own. Yet, with all the People that have passed through our lives, all the Places we've been and all the amazing Things we've experienced and encountered over the years, I must admit that I still find comfort & peace in some of very same ways I did 40 years ago! Some of my best friends in the world, my fondest memories, and my most endearing recollections of life relate right here (or near) Redfield, South Dakota and RHS. Every year I eagerly look forward to sharing the 4th of July "Back Home" with wonderful family and friends in the quaintness and uniqueness of the hometown spirit.

I have been fortunate to continue working for the same company for going on 28 years. I love my customer service-sales opportunities that keeps me in touch with customers throughout the United States and Canada.

I am truly blessed to have amazing Family & Friends in my life and truly appreciate every memory we make. Thank you to all who take the time to keep in touch! I apologize for not doing a better job at staying connected myself. Life is good. I'm healthy, happy, and loving life!

Leah (Geuke) Dewald



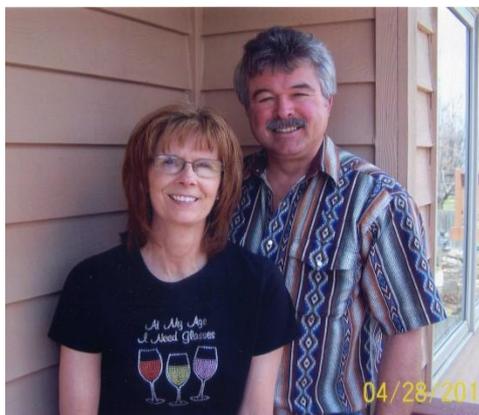
Spouse: Allan
Children: Chris & Joe (stepsons) - both married. Tyler, Avery & Alex (grandchildren), Barney & Gus (pets ... Gus now deceased)
Occupation: Homemaker
Address: 6780 Nameless Cave Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702

It seems like only yesterday I was writing a few paragraphs for the 30 year reunion booklet. How could ten years have passed so quickly? In other ways, it seems like a lot more than 10 years have passed!

In a nutshell, since 2003, we sold all of the alpacas, gained two grandsons and a step-grandson, moved to a new home, and acquired a new appreciation for all the things we used to take for granted. My husband was diagnosed over a year ago with systemic lupus and since then we've been dealing with the many complications of that disease. We are learning to adjust to a 'new normal'.

When time permits, I still enjoy reading, fiber arts of any kind, playing in our handchime choir at church, walking/hiking, volunteer work, and just living in the beautiful Black Hills. I don't know yet if I'll be able to attend the reunion so I'll send my best wishes to all of you that do to have a wonderful time. If not in person, I'll be there in spirit.

Rich Gruenwald



Spouse: Bette
Children: Starla & Chris, 2 grandchildren
Occupation: Owner ag tractor & equipment repair shop
Address: 510 East 7th Avenue, Redfield SD 57469

My life has had many changes since our last reunion. After working for the Case IH dealer here in Redfield for 33 years I retired from that and opened up my own ag tractor & equipment repair shop in 2007 called Rich's Repair. It is located across the alley from our house. I have 3 other people working for me at various times.

My wife, Bette, and I had our 37th anniversary this year. She works at the Developmental Center as an office manager and assistant in the dental office.

Both our children are grown and out on their own now. Daughter Starla graduated from Dental Assisting and lives in Sioux Falls and works as an assistant in a dental office. She and her boyfriend bought a very nice house together.

Our son, Chris, lives in Redfield and has his own business, Dakota Spray Foam. He is in the process of building a home a block from us. He has a son, Conner age 5 and a daughter, Alena age 3 that are our pride and joy. It is so much fun seeing them and watching the changes they go through as they grow up.

We just got a new camper and boat so we are planning on enjoying life more by getting out and doing some camping and fishing.

Clyde Harr



Spouse: Shari (McMahan) Harr
Children: Elizabeth, John, Joseph, Emily
Occupation: Farmer / Carpenter
Address: 3781 U.S. Highway 212, Zeil SD 57469

Hello Classmates,

Is this the reunion that we start comparing medication and how many times we have to get up in the night and go to the bathroom? But I don't believe we are ready to join the Appel Oil coffee crowd.

The last ten years have flown by and our house is getting emptier. Our oldest Elizabeth is married and living in Sioux Falls. Elizabeth and her husband, Craig, gave us our grandson, Owen.

John is living in Portland, Oregon and loving it. Joe is our world traveler and is now teaching in Amman, Jordan. Emily, our youngest and is suppose to keep us young, is in RHS.

We are still on the farm trying to scratch out a living. Our kids have forced Shari & I to travel a bit, so we do get off the farm.

Hope you see you at the reunion.

Debra (Harr) Engelgau

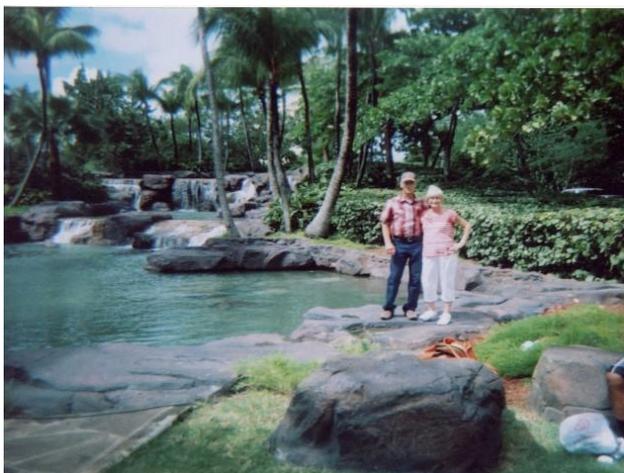


Spouse: Divorced
Children:
Occupation: Acupuncturist
Address: 4819 Cordoba St, Hilliard OH 43026

Since our 30th reunion, little has changed and much has changed. I still live in Ohio and am still divorced with no kids, but for my terrier named Gibbs. The biggest changes have come in my professional life. I quit my job as a consulting engineer and went back to school to become an acupuncturist. It took some years of self-reflection, a deep breath, and a giant leap, but I am happy to say I love my new career! My business name is Points for Health and my main focus is on pain management and Sports Medicine Acupuncture. Every day is a new learning experience and the work is very gratifying.

Other than my work, life is pretty routine. I enjoy a bit of travel, dining out, and working around the house and yard. I guess I've stayed pretty close to my farming roots as each year I can/freeze the harvest of my garden and fruit trees and have ventured into the hobby of making interesting extracts from my herb garden.

David Jessen



Spouse: Mary Jessen
Children: Mike and Matthew
Occupation: Farmer
Address: 17552 391st Ave. Redfield, SD 57469

I am still farming and raising cattle. My two sons Mike and Matthew are farming with me. We have 3 grandchildren: Conner, Cully & Chloe.

Finally got off the farm for a vacation and went to Aruba.

Rose (Jungwirth) Jensen



Spouse: Jerry
Children: Amy (26), Amanda (24) and Ashley (20)
Occupation: Medical Transcriptionist
Address: 852 Hidden Valley Drive, Watertown SD 57210

It is so hard to believe 40 years have gone by! At times it is hard to accept the fact that yeah, I am getting old and all the other fun things that come with that, but have to be most thankful to be able to enjoy life and health.

Since the last reunion we have become 'empty nesters'. My oldest daughter, Amy, got married and is a dental hygienist. She and her husband Bryan live in Lakeville, Minnesota. My middle daughter, Amanda, graduated from college a year ago in exercise science and has plans to further her education in vascular sonography. My youngest daughter, Ashley, will be in her third year at SDSU in software engineering (computer science).

Since the last reunion, I have experienced some difficult losses in my family. My parents died one week apart in August 2005 from congestive heart failure and old age illnesses, and my sister, Betty, from colon cancer in 2007.

In my spare time I enjoy reading, walking, volunteering, and gardening and hoping to be able to do more of this along with traveling in the near future.

Hope to see you this summer. Hope everyone is doing fine and life is good!

Ann (Keller) Carroll



Spouse: Mike Carroll
Children: Mike has 3 daughters and a son and Ann has 2 daughters and a son, 13 grandchildren
Occupation: Software developer for DocuTAP in Sioux Falls
Address: 43138 215th St. DeSmet SD 57231

Mike and I married 8 years ago and we reside south of DeSmet, SD (43138 215th St. DeSmet 57231). He has 3 daughters and a son and I have 2 daughters and a son so the house is hopping when our kids are there. Oh, we have 13 grandchildren also – house is really hopping....

The kids are all doing well, pretty proud of all of them – just ask us – always happy to talk about children and grandchildren.

I am a software developer for DocuTAP in Sioux Falls. Mike farms and ranches.

My sisters and I have gone on annual sister trips the last 15 years. It's been fun and I've gotten to travel in the U.S. more than I ever imagined – New Orleans, San Deigo, Philadephia, Seattle, Washington D.C.

Sadly, my kids lost their dad last year.

Al Kissner



Spouse:
Children: 4
Occupation: Carpenter
Address: 409 S Sneve Ave #2, Sioux Falls SD 57103

After graduation I completed studies at Lake Area Tech in Watertown. I lived in Redfield for about 10 years before moving to Aberdeen. I have 4 kids that went to school in Aberdeen and after they graduated they all made their way to Sioux Falls. I moved to Sioux Falls in 2004 to work for Centennial Homes as a finish carpenter.

I spend a great deal of time traveling for work. When I am home I keep myself very busy with family vacations, horse shows, grandchildren, camping and outdoor time around the farm, there is never a dull moment.

It's great having 6 of the 11 grandkids still in town, I have been blessed to be able to share so much time with them. 3 grandkids live in Florida and 2 live in Minnesota. I have been traveling more with my kids and would like to do more of that in the future.

LeAnn (Kleinsasser) Griffin



Spouse: Mark
Children: Nikkole and Davlyn
Occupation: Housewife
Address: 35 Riverview Heights, Sioux Falls, SD

Not much new with me in the last ten years, aside from the wrinkles and gray hair! It really is hard to believe we graduated from high school 40 years ago-really unbelievable.

I have been married 35 years (also unbelievable, ha!). We still live in Sioux Falls. We spend our summers at Lake Okoboji, IA and our winters in Naples, FL.

Our oldest daughter (Nikkole, an attorney) is moving back to Sioux Falls to join the family business. Our youngest daughter (Davlyn) is starting her master's degree in marketing at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

I started golfing again - I am not sure why. Playing MahJongg once a week is my newest hobby. I belong to two book groups and a library lecture series.

Life is good! I feel blessed to have my health and a healthy family.

Paul Lemmer



Spouse: Roseanne
Children: Doug, Angela, Sara, 5 grandchildren
Occupation: Farmer
Address: 37808 171st St. Redfield SD 57469

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Tom Lesselyoung



Spouse: Mary Martinmaas
Children: Tara and Tosha
Occupation: Water Superintendent for the city of Redfield
Address: 1511 East 2nd Street, Redfield, SD 57469

I have been employed by the city of Redfield for 34 years as the Superintendent of Water Works. I still try to hunt and fish as much as possible.

I married Mary Martinmaas from Orient 3 years ago. She works at Alley Cuts barber shop.

Both of my daughters graduated from Black Hills State. They live and work in the Black Hills area.

Jerry Levtzow



Spouse:

Children:

Occupation: employed at Gresham Animal Hospital

Address: 891 East 7800 South, Midvale, UT 84047

After seven years in Utah Norm and I moved to Gresham Oregon, just outside of Portland in the foothills of Mt Hood. We have been here for nine years and love it. We moved from the second driest state to the second wettest state in the nation. That took a little bit of adjusting. It is beautiful and very green here. We spend a lot of time hiking, picnicking and swimming with our friends in the Columbia River Gorge during the summer. During our nine months of rain we spend a lot of time at home. Since I moved from South Dakota this is the longest time I have lived in one place. Chances are we may have another move in our future.

After moving here I got a job at Pacific Northwest Gourmet Foods as a shipping manager. I did enjoy the work and made some good friends but being in a warehouse all day with no windows and having no contact with the public wasn't working for me so I left after three years.

While I was in-between jobs I spent one spring and one winter with my sister Darcy in Colorado. She had bought a small ranch with an apple orchard in Mancos Colorado and I helped her get it cleaned up and running. She also owns her own limo company in Telluride Colorado where I worked for her for four months during the winter in the office and doing some limo driving. It was great spending time with Darcy and getting to know her better.

Jerry Levtzow (continued)

After returning to Oregon I lucked out and got a job at Gresham Animal Hospital where I have been working the last three and a half years. It's a busy clinic in a new building downtown Gresham with lots of windows. We have a great clientele and staff I enjoy working with not to mention all the pets that come through our doors every day.

Norm and I discovered Costa Rica in the last ten years and have been there seven times. This last trip in February was our last. We decided there are so many other places we want to see. On our 50th birthdays we went to Alaska with Susan and Vern, Gwen, Bill, Betty and Bill, Sheri, and family and friends. What a great time we had. I hope we can do something with our classmates on our 60th birthdays. I also go back to South Dakota about twice a year to see my Mom. Norm has four grandchildren in Utah we try to get see them as much as possible also.

I can't wait to see you all. I always enjoy our reunions.

Rosanne (Lunzman) Lemmer



Spouse: Paul
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Karen (Meyer) Edmiston



Spouse: Ray Edmiston
Children: 3 children, Brandy, James & Casey. 6 grandchildren
Occupation: Accountant (part time)
Address: Summer: 1634 Silverado Lane, Fort Lupton CO 80631
Winter: 117 Victoria Lane, Haines City FL 33844

I work part-time as an accountant for my husband's business. I golf when the weather is nice. Still love to travel and have been to some interesting places.

I enjoy flying with my husband. We fly breakfast trips to small airports when we are in Florida. I also like to spend time with the grandkids. They are between 2 and 16 years old.

Brenda (Miller) Kramme



Spouse: David Kramme
Children: I have one son, Shad Harford and David has one son, Younger Kramme
Occupation: Clerk at the Coffee Cup Fuel Stop in Vivian, SD.
Address: Draper, SD

Hello Everyone.

Boy, doesn't time fly. Hardly seems like another 10 years has passed. I am still in the Pierre area and have been for the last 33 years. David and I live in Draper, which is 40 miles south of Pierre.

Both of us made big changes in our jobs last October. We are at the point in our lives where we can make these changes and still live comfortably and be happy. After all, that is what counts. After doing office work for the last 35 years, I decided to quit my current job of 17 years and now work at the Coffee Cup. I left the stress behind and am now happy about my job. We laugh and have fun and it is the best change I could have made. David did the same thing with his truck driving job and he started his own scrap iron business. David also continues to work at the horse races, saddling the horses and heading them in the starting gate. He does this in Ft. Pierre and Aberdeen.

My son, Shad, who turned 39 years old this year still lives in Rapid City and works for the SD National Guard. No grandchildren yet. David's son Younger, who is now 21 years old, is living in Draper and works for a

Brenda (Miller) Kramme (continued)

local rancher. His job also includes working the hunting lodge during the hunting seasons. That is right up his alley so he is a happy camper.

We have two dogs who are just like kids. Blu, who is ten years old and Buster, who is one year old. They are a lot of fun.

Life is good in Draper and you are all welcome to stop in if you find yourself passing by in your travels. Looking forward to seeing all of you in June.

Daryl Muellenberg



Spouse: divorced
Children: stepdaughter Crystal, stepson Dan, son Tony, 5 grandchildren
Occupation: Retired
Address: 2355 Mailand Ct. Maplewood, MN 55119

Wow - our 40th class reunion, just doesn't seem possible already, does it? The last 10 years have gone by way too fast.

I'm still living in the townhouse that I moved into in 1985 in Maplewood MN. During the close to 30 years that I worked as a computer programmer, the department I worked in was sold a couple of times. I started with Cenex, which was then sold to Agris which in turn was sold to John Deere. In 2005 John Deere decided that they no longer needed our office in Minnesota, so I had the option of keeping my job by moving to Atlanta or to take a year's severance pay. I really didn't want to move to Atlanta, so I took the severance which I thought would give me plenty of time to find another job in Minnesota. But it was so nice not having to go to work every day, I decided to retire.

I still do some web development (like our class web site), a few contract jobs now and then and I also sell and maintain a fantasy football/stats application. I bowl in a couple of leagues in the fall/winter and have been the secretary for one of the leagues for 30+ years. For my 50th birthday, my boys bought me a Z06 Corvette. So during the summer I like driving the Corvette and taking it to car shows. I also enjoy walking, reading, movies and browsing the internet. I also get back to Redfield in the fall each year for pheasant hunting.

Daryl Muellenberg (continued)

I usually take a winter vacation each year. Normally I go with some friends down to Cozumel Mexico for 10 days. This year, however, my son Tony bought a vacation house on the island of Maui, so I went there this year to visit them and had a great time. I'm not sure what I'm going to do next year, maybe I will have to go to both places. 😊

In the last 10 years I have become a grandpa 5 times. My step-son Dan has 2 girls and so does my step-daughter Crystal. My son Tony married Sarah Casey in January of 2009 in Maui (which I was lucky enough to attend) and they now have a boy named Ace who just turned 3. They are expecting their 2nd child this July but decided to wait until it's born to know whether it is a boy or girl.

My mother and father moved to town in 2009 after living on the farm for 59 years. They moved into a 1 bedroom apartment at the PBC homes. It was quite a change for them and I still don't think my mother is used to living in town. I have also experienced a couple of deaths in my family. In 2009 one of my twin sons, Troy, passed away from a liquid methadone overdose. I wish to once again thank all the classmates who donated to a memorial for him. Last year in April, my father, Wally, passed away basically from old age - he was 91 years old.

Lonnie Robertson



Spouse: Lynett
Children: 2 Sons - Nick (35) & Justin (31)
Occupation: Public Works Director for City of Blue Grass
Address: 126 W. Garonne St. - Blue Grass, IA 52726

Hi Class of 73' ~

My life has changed a little since my last story. I have retired from the Blue Grass Volunteer Fire Dept. after 20 years. In 2008 I closed my grading & seeding business after 21 years. No more long days with the stress that comes with being a business owner. The main reason was that an opportunity came available for a Public Works Director in our city of Blue Grass. What a great choice that was, I really like it.

I'm proud to say that Lynett and I will be married 20 years this July. We have a great life together. We both love camping & fishing, which is why we decided to put our camper and boat on a permanent lot at Lake Rathbun (Southern Iowa). We enjoy spending weekends with our friends that we've met there over the years. Annually, we still make time to go on our fishing trip to South Dakota with family.

I'm very proud of the lives that my boys, Nick & Justin have made for themselves. They're both married. Nick lives in Plainfield, IL (suburbs of Chicago). He and his wife, Beth have a sweet (2 year old) little girl,

Lonnie Robertson (continued)

Sophia (yes...I'm finally a Grandpa). Justin and his wife, Jessica live across town here in Blue Grass. Other than their dog, Roscoe, they have no children at this time. However, there's a good chance they'll be starting their family real soon.

I'm closing my story with some shocking news... I have quit smoking after all these years. I'm sure some of you won't believe this, but it's been 3 years now and I don't even miss it.

If you're ever close to the Quad Cities, feel free to stop by. There's also a nice resort at Lake Rathbun if you're interested in joining us some weekend. Don't forget your golf clubs!

Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy & Blessed Life!

Tim Robinson



Spouse: Janice
Children: 2 daughters - Liz & April, 1 grandson Cole
Occupation: employed at Sherwin Williams Automotive Division
Address: 7340 Monrovia, Shawnee, KS 66216

It seems like not much changes over the years for us. We still live in the Kansas City area. We both are still working at the same jobs. I have worked for Sherwin Williams Automotive Division for 32 years. I travel most of Kansas and parts of Missouri. Janice is the office manager for the same Dr. for over 30 years.

We still enjoy traveling to different parts of the country. Like before, we travel to different baseball parks. We only have a few remaining to see them all. We have started to go to golf tournaments. We have been to the Masters Golf tournament, what a beautiful place. I also have attended the US Open. We are looking forward to the British Open next year at St. Andrews.

Our girls are both married to good guys. Liz was married last year at her winter wedding she has always wanted to Robby. April and Matthew have one child. Cole is 2 and is full of energy. We enjoy spending time with the kids and Cole. They all live in the Kansas City area.

Tim Robinson (continued)

I try to stay active with playing sports. I stopped playing softball with the 30 year old guys. I play with people my own age with the senior league, 50 and over. In the winter I play some basketball along with racquetball. I do not play as much golf as in the past. I just don't make time for it. Janice has different activities with the area ladies. She has a couple of Bridge and bunko groups. They get together on a monthly basis, I wonder if it is a reason to drink a little wine?

We enjoy living in the Kansas City area. We try to take in what the city has to offer with sports, attending the concerts, along with the Arts.

Nick Rude



Spouse: Jolene
Children: Nathan, Jill, Jackson(4), Raena(2); Christopher, Heather, Ella(5), baby boy due Sept.1st; Travis & Stephanie
Occupation: Truck Driver
Address: 223 E. 2nd Street, Redfield, SD 57469

40 Years! Time Flies! Some things have very much stayed the same --- I still drive a semi everyday and Jolene still works in the office at Rude Transportation. Still live in the same house. Things that have changed --- children have grown --- got married--- and started having families. We finally got those girls in the family. There is nothing much better than to be a "Grandparent". They truly are gifts from God! Two of the boys live here in Redfield, Nathan, Jill, Jackson (4) & Raena (2) -- Christopher, Heather, Ella (5) and baby boy due September 1st. Travis & Stephanie live in Aberdeen. It is nice that we are able to have them all close.

In 2011 we moved a house from Fort Pierre to property we bought at the Missouri River by Gettysburg. We needed more room in our small trailer house that we had out there for 20 years, for our growing family. It was always interesting when they all showed up at once – everyone scattered on the floors. Now we have plenty of space for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this reunion and many more to come!

Marla (Schmidt) Starr



Spouse: divorced
Children: Teresa, Christopher, Ryan
Grandchildren: Abbey, Chloe, Hayden, Kori , Noah, Karli
Occupation: Certified Financial Planner with Ameriprise Financial
Address: 214 Broadland Creek Court, Huron, SD 57350

I've now lived in Huron for 17 years and am still self employed as a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. My focus there is to help people plan for a "confident retirement" and then recommend solutions with investment and insurance products to reach their goals. I'm starting to think about my own retirement and what that might look like in the future!

When I'm not working, I love to golf and fish in the summer and take trips with friends in the winter. Or, you can find me hanging out with my wonderful family: daughter, Teresa, and her husband Chris Person and three children—Abbey, Chloe, and Hayden, live in Brookings; son, Dr. Chris Boschee and wife, Jennifer, and three children—Kori, Noah, and Karli, live in Parkston; and son, Ryan Starr, and his girlfriend, Mattie, live in Dilworth, MN. I also have a great man in my life, Arnie Hofer, who vies for my attention and we have fun together!

Life is good and I feel very blessed! Let me know if you are coming to town and I'll pour you a good glass of wine!

Kevin Schurch



Spouse: Micky
Children: 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter
Occupation: Spink County Sheriff

Greetings fellow classmates. The past ten years have been challenging and rewarding. I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and supervised the Troopers of the Huron Highway Patrol squad. Three years later I was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and transferred to Sioux Falls. In the fall of 2010 I retired from the Highway Patrol after 28 years of service.

Not being quite ready to be put out to pasture I set out on the next chapter of my life and took out a petition to run for Spink County Sheriff. I was elected and took office on January 1, 2011. Being Sheriff has truly been one of the best jobs I have ever had. What a honor it is to serve the citizens of the county.

I am still blessed to have my dear wife of 26 years, Micky, who battled and beat a serious case of lung cancer. Our 8 children are doing well and at last check were not in jail anywhere. We are up to 17 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Both of my parents are gone now and I truly miss them. I plan on running for one more term as Sheriff and then will decide if it is time to retire from a high profile stressful profession.

I hold many fond memories of the Class of 73 and the lifelong friendships that came from my school years. Good luck to all of you and I will look forward to seeing you on our 50th.

Rob Severance



Spouse: Laura

Children: My sons, Steven and Christopher are currently working together and living in Texas. My daughter Laura is currently living in Sioux Falls. I have three grandchildren - Kylee (8) and Asher (5) are in Texas, and Gretchen (7) is living with us.

Occupation: I have been retired from the military since January, 2006. My wife Laura is a Computer Analyst/RN at Campbell County Memorial Hospital here in Gillette.

Address: 7331 Rimrock Drive, Gillette, WY 82718

I've had quite a few significant changes in my life since our last reunion. I met Laura in February, 2007. She was living in Pierre at the time so for over a year we put a lot of miles on commuting back and forth. Laura was offered a job in Gillette that she couldn't refuse, so then came the big move. You can't believe the amount of "stuff" a person can accumulate living at the same house for over 25 years!

My Dad was getting too old to care for himself (he turns 90 this fall) so we packed him up and brought him along. Ever watch the show King of Queens? Some of the episodes are so true to life with a parent living in your house. To top that all off my granddaughter also came to live with us. So here we are - King of Queens plus a seven year old. I think you will all notice my hair is significantly grayer since our last reunion.

All kidding aside, we are all healthy, and life is great. Looking forward to coming back to Redfield. Kinda miss all the class reunion meetings and all the good stories. 40 years - Wow!

Lois (Siebrecht) Cox

Spouse: Steven Cox
Children:
Occupation: employed at Macys - furniture specialist
Address: 2407 Larchway, Lynnwood WA 98306

Married to Steven Cox since 1999.

Work at Macys for past 19 years. The past 8 years have been devoted to being a furniture specialist.

Spend my leisure time taking care of our 4 cats. Reading is also a favorite past time.

Anyone visiting the great northwest ----- give me a call - 425-478-7695.
Love to see you.

Neil Sorenson

Spouse: Kari Anna Sorensen
Children:
Occupation: retired
Address: 3124 Augustana Place, Brandon, SD 57005

After working for three decades with Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, I took an early retirement due to disability. I'm spending my time fixing up an old Jeep, kidsitting for a neice and nephew, perfecting a banana bread recipe and exploring other culinary delights. I'm looking forward to spending some travel time with my wife as soon as she retires from working with Joy Ranch in Watertown, the fifth camp and retreat center with Lutherans Outdoors. It's fully accessible and looks like an old west town. Check it out! Joy Ranch was my final dream and mission before retiring.

Hope the years have been kind to all. Peace and blessings to you and yours.

Susan (Sporer) Thompson



Spouse: Vern
Children: Kara, Thomas and Jessica
Step children: Travis and Melissa
Occupation: RN Case Manager at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls SD, Grandma to 5 wonderful grandchildren!
Address: 1624 E Rushmore Drive, Brandon, SD 57005

Life continues to be good to us....still able to work, children, spouses and grandchildren are healthy and happy. All our children are married now. Kara lives in Las Vegas with her husband and daughter Charlie Ann and son Max. Thomas lives in Two Rivers WI with his wife and son Henry. Henry shares his grandpa Henry's birthday. Jessica and her husband live in San Diego. Melissa and her husband and son Brooks live north of Houston. Travis and his wife and daughter Jayla live here in Brandon.

We are fortunate to be able to travel to see them all. Vern retired 1 1/2 years ago and I started my countdown. I now have 3 years and 10 months left!!! I did cut my hours last year from 5 to 4 days a weeks and that has been great. My sister Janice lives in Sioux Falls so we are able to see each other a lot. Vern and I took a 2 week driving trip to the east coast in April and had so much fun. We both love baseball so we are trying to get to all the stadiums. We marked The Washington Nationals and Boston Red Sox's off our list and will see the Angels and maybe the Dodgers in August.

I feel so lucky to have grown up with all of you and can't wait to spend time with you soon.

Sheri Stammer



Spouse:

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Here it is 40 years since our high school graduation. REALLY?

We have talked about our spouses, children and grandchildren in previous life stories for our reunions so this year I am talking about something a little different. Of course there will also be some family information as that is the most important thing to me.

It is hard to believe we have experienced so many technology changes over the years. We no longer use a typewriter and rarely read a newspaper now that everything is on the internet. We get our music on our iPhone, iPod, iPad or through our computers. If we are looking for an answer to a question (we can't be expected to remember everything at our age) we just "GOOGLE" it. We are able to connect with family and friends in seconds by texting, emailing, face booking or calling from our cell phones. There is no reason not to stay connected now. Times have changed so much that our children and grandchildren don't know what it was like without all these ways of communication. Who knows what technology we may have in the future. It all amazes me.

Since our last reunion my son, Laryen, married his high school sweetheart, Lauren. They make their home in Springfield MO. Laryen is a realtor and Lauren is the morning anchor at KSPR TV station. They are both very into their careers. No grandchildren yet. I really miss them

Sheri Stammer (continued)

being so far away but I am lucky enough to see them a few times a year.

My focus is now on retirement. I am not sure when that might be, I only know I am ready to not work. LOL! I would like to finish with a quote I find very interesting from Linda Ellis and Mac Anderson. "It's not the date you were born or the date you die that matters. It's the dash in between."

The older we get the more precious our time is and the faster it passes us by. I hope each of you slows down enough to enjoy your personal pleasures and LIVE YOUR DASH to the fullest!

John Weisflock



- Spouse:** Susan "Soozi" (Jakcsy) Weisflock
Children: Tree Jakcsy, stepson (lives in Colorado); Megan (Miller) Kreiger, stepdaughter, Quintus Kreiger, step grandson (2), Viola Kreiger, step granddaughter (3 months old) - (Megan & husband and family live in Illinois)
Occupation: Semi-Retired, works part time for the Original Kimball Popcorn Ball factory
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I missed the 2003 reunion as Soozi and I were busy packing to move to Wisconsin where she had taken a job as a professor. We were living in Mitchell, SD, at the time, and to complicate matters further, I suffered a stroke on July 27, 2003. The bad news is that Soozi had to orchestrate the move with the help of my family, and several of our friends, as I couldn't do much. The good news is that I am 99.9% recovered from the stroke. I lucked out!! Soozi and I met in 1998, and we got married in Wisconsin in 2003. We lived just south of Green Bay, WI, in Two Rivers, for 6 years and enjoyed living near Lake Michigan. We did have to put up our Vikings purple and join the green and gold Packer gang. After living around such ardent, loyal Packer fans, we have found the conversion "stuck", except the year that Bret Favre played for the Vikings. During football season, much to our surprise, Soozi and I find fun cheering on A-Rod and continuing the Packers fever, even though we are back living in South Dakota.

John Weisflock (continued)

We left Wisconsin when the economy tanked, as Soozie got worried about her job and had a better offer back here in my home state. She travels the state for her work, and so we had to search out a central location. We landed in Kimball, and found an old house with an acre of land right in town. The huge yard keeps us busy, especially in summer, with mowing, yard care, and Soozie's large vegetable garden. We have numerous fruit trees, and I've been actively trying to get a new mini apple orchard started to replace the old dying trees. I'm also trying to get

Nanking cherry bushes growing. The challenge has been bunnies that devour the young trees and bush sprouts in winter. When we moved to Kimball, we discovered that my Weisflock great grandparents and great uncles homesteaded here. It was a real surprise to find out that my grandfather grew up on a farm just a couple miles south of town.

Since meeting Soozie, I have become a dog lover, due to her dog, Zeek, who is a West Highland Terrier/Min-pin mix. I discovered my favorite dog breed is West Highland Terrier, and dogs have become my love. I had a pup, Cedric, that gave me lots of love during the early days of my recovery from the stroke. He, however, had a very short life. His legacy, however, has been my willingness to take in rescue Westies and care for them during their "retirement years". My current Westie companion, Mac, resides on my lap whenever I sit in my living room chair. We currently have four dogs - Zeek, and Mac, and two lab mixed breeds - Molly and Lily; and two tuxedo cats - Missy, and Karl Kitty.

Soozie has two grown children: Tree Jakcsy, 35 years old, who lives in Colorado Springs with his two dogs Doki and Zulu; and Megan (Miller) Kreiger, 27 years old, who is married and lives in Champagne, IL. Megan has given us two grandchildren: Quintus Kreiger, age 2; and Viola Kreiger, age 3 months. Tree currently works as a parking regulator in Manitou Springs, CO. His career area, however, is IT Project Manager, but after the economic crash he has not been able to find work in his field. Megan and her husband Eric are both engineers. Megan is a materials science engineer, and Eric is a civil engineer. They are currently working a temporary contract on housing development for the Dept. of Defense research facility in Champagne, IL.

I still love cars, and have a collection of vehicles, including my old Opel Manta. I love tinkering, fixing things, working with computers, and reading. I work at the Kimball Popcorn Ball Factory, so whenever you see those in the store, think of me. It's likely I helped make the product sitting there on display.

Gwen (Zens) Jandel



Spouse: Joe Jandel
Children: Amy (Jeremy) Bottom, Children - Caden, Mason, Morgon; Shelly (Dave) Hardie, Children - Cassidy, Tigh; Colleen (Bobby) Harris, Children - Bailey, Natalie, Brody; David (Amber) Jandel; and Keith (Caleen) Jandel.
Occupation: Housewife, Bookkeeper, Farmer
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My life story has not changed too much. We have just gotten older. We bought a house and moved into Redfield as our youngest son was married in October, 2012, moved into the farm house, and is in the process of taking over the cattle business. Currently David and Keith are farming together locally which is really nice for us. Everyone asks how it feels to be retired and we are far from that. We still go out to the farm about everyday to do chores and maintain machinery.

Joe stills works for RDO Equipment as a sales account manager (salesman) in Redfield and has been there for 38 years. Our girls live about an hour away from us which is great as we try to get to all the grandkids functions. With 8 grandchildren we are pretty busy traveling. They are so much fun. I keep busy with my business in Bookkeeping and part time jobs with business owners here in Redfield. I love gardening,

Gwen (Zens) Jandel (continued)

canning my abundant produce, and working with wood in building outdoor projects.

My life is overflowing as I have my health and happiness and my families have their health and happiness also. My dream is to travel with my husband in our camper all over the United States when we finally decide to retire. The sooner the better.

Jackie (Zens) Grebe



Spouse: Ed Grebe
Children: Blended Family, 5 children and 10 grandchildren
Occupation: Goldsmith
Address: 711 East Monroe, Rapid City, SD 57701

I have been a goldsmith for 19 years I also work in the Rushmore Mall. In all my free time I am a busy grandma attending sporting events and school activities. My husband and I enjoy karaoke, camping & reading.

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Joy (Aiken) Kerwald

Lois (Albee) Flanigan

Ron Appletoft

Karen (Basler) Chaplin

Dixie (Becker) Hickens

Jim Becker

Joan Benning

Bill Betten

Les Booze

Kevin Boschee

Rick Brown

Melvin Christman

Donna (Dickhaut) Hilkeman

David Dorsey

Linda (Dvorak) Heggem

Rocky Eaton

Doug Fink

Melanie (Gary) Harold

Kevin Gaulrapp

Joel Habor

Richard Hagmann

Pam (Harr) Rogers

Bob Herschman

Patti (Jackson) Olen

Dean Jankord

Deb (Jenner) Moser

Brenda (Jessen) Grabinski

Daryl Jungwirth

David Jungwirth

Ron Karr

Barb (Kegler) Lamb

Shelly (Lunney) Loveless

Betty (Lutter) Krikac

Dave Moeller

Tom Moon

Scott Moore

Barb (Nelson) Wetzler

Kathleen (Nushbaumer) Brown

Paula (Pankratz) Gass

Paul Patterson

Belinda (Rave) Burgess

Terry Rohlfs

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Bonnie (Seefeldt) Driggers

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Rita Silins

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Kay (Waterman) Uhlorn

Janet (Way) Gruenwald

Cheryl (Wernsmann) Arthurs

Sally Westphal

Kathy (Wilson) Halphide

Steve Young

Bill Zahn

