



**Traverse City
Central High**



**Class Reunion
1959 - 2019**



August 17, 2019

Traverse City Central High School Class of 1959

60th Class Reunion - Saturday, August 17, 2019
Elks Club - 5:00 p.m.

We extend a very warm welcome to all of you attending this evening. We hope it will be a fun and memorable time for each of you. We especially thank those of you who traveled from out of state to join us this weekend.

Vivian Bellfy Beaugrand - Sun City West, Arizona
Ron and Pat Cook - Rio Rancho, New Mexico
Bill and Juanita (Cox) Hawes - Fairfield Glade, Tennessee
Gilberta Dechow - Indianapolis, Indiana
John Gallagher - Westminster, California
Suki Hazzard Deaver - Perry Hall, Maryland
Bill and Mary Heidbreder - St. Louis, Missouri
Susan Martinson Terry - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Gertrude Montague Morgan - Verona, Wisconsin
Mary Jane McCool Morgan - Lakewood Ranch, Florida
Brian and Joanne McGregor - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
Donald and Janet (Rogers) Lawrence - Pulaski, Pennsylvania
Dick and Sally Sleder - Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin
Gary and Ione (Southworth) Wiren - North Palm Beach, Florida
Dan and Beth Stainforth - Knoxville, Tennessee
Lee and Sharon (Sullivan) Oelke - West Bend, Wisconsin
Michael and Martha Tousley - Sarasota, Florida
Noreen Towne Search - Palm Desert, California
Roger and Barbara (Wysong) Lyon - Port St. Lucie, Florida
Norm and Deanna (Zeits) Skrzypczak - Deming, New Mexico

CLASS CONCERNS:

Jerry Lewis who sent in his registration form and money for he and his wife, MaryAnn, but had to cancel because of kidney surgery.

Peter Montague who wanted to come but because of health issues he could not travel this far.

Julie Perrin Warren who had planned to attend but lost her husband, Jack, about a month ago.

COMMENTS FROM CLASSMATES

NITA (JUANITA COX) HAWES 8/19

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After graduation I continued to live in Michigan and in 1975 married Bill Hawes. Previous to my marriage to Bill, I was married and had 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy). Bill adopted my children when my youngest David was 4 years old. We lived in the Brighton area near Ann Arbor, Michigan for many years. My husband worked in the Detroit area until retirement and I worked at General Motors for 27 years in Milford, Michigan until I retired.

After I retired from General Motors in 1998 my husband and I moved to Tennessee in 2001. The 18 years we have lived in TN have flown by quickly but it is a very nice place to live, relax, and have fun. We live in Fairfield Glade, TN a golf resort that has five golf courses. I play weekly in two different 18 hole leagues.

One of my main activities is Appalachian clogging, I have been doing this type of dancing for almost 8 years with 7 other dancers. We perform free for many social activities in TN and surrounding states. We also have traveled as far as Branson, Missouri to perform.

Another activity I'm involved with is called Liturgical Dance. I develop the choreography, teach and perform with 7 ladies from our church. It is a Christian form of prayer and worship and is performed by using a series of arm movements with gentle turns and modern dance techniques.

I recently got into greeting card making and hold a monthly workshop in my home for 10 ladies. The company I represent is called Stamping-Up.

One of the main things my husband and I do together is travel. We enjoy cruising and going to different countries. We have traveled to Mexico, South America, Alaska, and many other places in the United States.

My most enjoyable pleasure above everything else is having our 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren come to visit us in Tennessee!

From: Reg Lancaster 8/19

July 22, 2019,
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I'm retired from full time ministry but still active in the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. I'm still a member of the Bio-Ethics Committee of McLaren Hospital in Flint. I remain a member of the Rotary Club of Flint. I retired from the Board of The Community Resolution Center, program of the State Court Administrative Office. We enjoy our cottage in the Thousand Islands section of the St. Lawrence River in New York.

Karen and I are looking forward to the reunion.

Gary and Sharon Burkholder 8/19

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As of June 2019 I have been retired for 19 years. My wife and I have a lake home near Fife Lake in the southeast corner of Grand Traverse County. We have spent the past 18 winters in Lakeland Florida, but next year we are going to go to the Alabama coast and see what is there. We have traveled extensively in the US and Canada, and taken one trip to Europe. Last fall we traveled with the Grand Traverse Senior Center to Mackinaw Island for a 3 night, 4 day stay at the Grand Hotel. (This was on both my and my wife's) "Bucket list." We had a wonderful time! Our son and his family live in California and we make a trip out there once a year to visit them. Our daughter lives in Big Rapids with her family and we get to see them more often! We look forward to getting a chance to reconnect with classmates from TCHS class of 1959. We feel blessed to be healthy, married for the past 53 years, and excited about this reunion. We want to thank Gary and Marlene Curtiss, Herb Lemcool, and the reunion committee for the opportunity to get together one more time. Go Traverse City Trojans!!!!

Elliott Weitz 8/19

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Sorry I won't be able to make it to the reunion this year. I hope to get to Traverse City in October or November, and will contact you

if/when that happens.

Please pass my best wishes and the following update along to those who can attend.

My address is still: 9600 N 96th St., Apt 109 Scottsdale, AZ 85258
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The past four years have been somewhat difficult. My oldest son is suffering major depressive disorder, and I have been doing what I can to support him. Mainly getting him into a mental health program where he is seen by appropriate Dr's, counselors, and provided stabilizing medication. Beyond that, just being here for him. He is doing much better than when the disease first manifested in 2015.

Also, in the past 3 years, I helped my ex wife June get through surgery and chemo for ovarian cancer. Eight months after the end of Chemo, she underwent shoulder replacement surgery. During the course of these extended stays with me, my younger son David (a Physician) and I realized that she was suffering from dementia. We had her tested and have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. She continued to live with me until November 2018, when it became time for her to go into a care home. We found a small place near David and myself, and she is doing quite well. In January of this year, I went to Memphis to shut down her house and transport clothing, artwork and her electric organ out to Scottsdale. It's great that she can still read music and play the organ.

I try to get her out for meals or to visit/babysit the grand kids (there are two, Dylan 6, and Sarah 4). I'm sure that any of you who have experienced dementia in a loved one understands how exhausting it is to be there for them.

With all the above going on, my youngest son Dave went through a divorce last year. Since he is an extremely busy physician (imaging Dr., 12 day weeks, 9-14 hour days, nights & week-ends etc. at a level 1 trauma hospital), I spent a lot of time helping him care for the kids when they were with him. Great fun, but also exhausting.

The good news is that I am finally getting some time for myself, and will be doing some traveling, probably this fall.

I hope you are all in good health and enjoying the "Golden Years". It's an interesting journey. Best wishes.

Charles Smith 8/19

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After graduation from Western Michigan in 1965 I took a teaching position at Western High School near Jackson MI. Through the years I taught mostly Accounting, typing, and eventually computer programming. I served as an Athletic Director after coaching both football and basketball. I received my masters degree from Eastern Michigan and finished my career in education as a middle school principal in Springport Michigan.

My wife and I have been married 37 years now and our son is currently touring with the Disney shows. He just informed us that he may go with them to Europe next year.

We own a house in Jackson County and Pasco County in Florida and spend our winters there. A fairly mundane life that has been rich in knowing and helping so many kids through education.

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Noreen Towne Search 8/19

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My husband, David and I live in Palm Desert CA with very pleasant climate most of the year except now with daily temps in the hundreds. My older son has taught school here for twenty years and we enjoy being close to his family.

Suki Hazzard Deaver 8/19

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Working part time in a retirement community with pastoral ministries. 5 grandkids and 3 great grandkids. Full time housekeeping and gardner at home. Thankful for a full and rich life.

Solveig Sorum Gustafson 8/19

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My husband and I are enjoying frequent visits to the East coast and West coast to visit family. Our Joy!

Gilbereta Dechow 8/19

Recently moved to another apt. Still enjoy cooking and baking. Exercise several days a week at the mall. Walk with other people, help other people with errands, etc.

Ronald & Patricia Cook 8/19

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Retired 15 ys from SaraLee. Travel - Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Malta, Hawaii, Alaska, 49 US States. Bartender at America Italian Club.

Chuck & Sheri Baynton Varner 8/19

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Retired real estate broker living in Traverse City spending winters in Fla. Have 2 boys and 1 girl grown and 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Husband retired Conservation Officer. We've been stationed in Grand Marais, Munising, Roscommon and Houghton Lake before returning to TC.

Joe Chile 8/19

I have been married for 56 years. We have 2 sons, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. I have been retired for 17 years from Lowes Automotive.

Frank & Sandra Hanell Steiner 8/19

Retired after 29 years in the medical office for 6 Dr's Customer Service. We live 100 miles West of Chicago! Freeport, Ill.

My mom, Ida Hanell still lives in Traverse City at age 102 years old and doing real well.

Donald & Janet Rogers Lawrence 8/19

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I'm still watching my granddaughter and volunteering as church

secretary. Don is still driving for nursing homes and assisted living centers on their field trips.

Roger & Linda Carroll 8/19

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We golf several times a week, keep my yard and garden looking good, help family and friends with electrical and non electrical projects.

Norm & Deanna Zeith Skrzypczak 8/19

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We are still in New Mexico. Family still all in TC. Five grandchildren, 3 1/2 great grandchildren. Lecture in our Church Bible Study. Enjoy warm dry air. We are only 30 miles from the Mexico boarder. Not a good situation!

Dan & Beth Stainforth 8/19

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Enjoy being active with family and friends in Elk Rapids and Knoxville, TN.

John (Skip) & Connie Linnerson 8/19

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Retired from the Grand Traverse Road Commission. Have traveled both in the US and abroad. Enjoy wood working and enjoy time with family.

Gertrude Ellen Montague Morgan 8/19

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Married to Ron Johnson for 3 years. Painting watercolors, traveling and playing golf.

Bob & Deanne Mathews Gancarz 8/19

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I retired from Mason County Public Schools in 1998 after thirty years. Most of those years as the district wide librarian.

I also continue to be the main driving force in Mason County Mothers against drunk driving, a chapter I co-founded in 1988.

Hope to see many at the picnic and the dinner.

Nancy Feiker Bolton 8/19

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The good news is, I still enjoy traveling, (Spain & Portugal this year) and substitute teaching.

The sad news is, I am taking care of my husband who has Dementia and other health issue.

Brian & Joanne McGregor 6/19

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We have lived in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware for 23 years and love it! We spend Winters in Naples, Fla.

We have four "children" ranging in age from 50 to 59, 10 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren under the age of 5 with number 6 on the way.

I retired from the Home Building Business 4 years ago.

Maxine Spoor Houts 8/19

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I'm not going to make the "party" again.

I've been retired as postmaster of Fife Lake for 19 years now. Live on the Manistee River. This is where its good. Unfortunately a lot of people are finding that true.

Continued good living and good health

OUR THANKS GO TO:

Herb Lemcool and **Sheri Baynton** for making the arrangements with the Elks Club.

Judy Toerper for purchasing 131 glasses so we all could take home a souvenir from the reunion this evening.

Ron and Judy Grant for providing all the paper plates for the picnic Friday afternoon.

Garry Curtiss for taking all the photos tonight and for his fantastic job of keeping up our class website.

Herb and Barb Lemcool for ordering and picking up all the food for our picnic last evening.

Pat Helferich, Solveig Sorum, Sheri Baynton, Jan Moutsatson, Sharon Burkholder and **Mary Heidbreder** for providing all the desserts for the picnic.

The 2019 Class Reunion Committee

Sheri Baynton	Gary Burkholder	Helen Canfield
Garry Curtiss	Marlene Curtiss	Ed Dewar
Jackie Fort	Judy (Ron) Grant	Nancy Hiatt
Herb Lemcool	Jerry Springer	

We extend **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to **Pat Brown** and **Nancy Hiatt** who are celebrating their special day with us this evening.

OUR CLASS LUNCHEONS will be held:

Wednesday, September 11th at McGee's 31 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9th at Mulligans at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13th at Sleder's Tavern at 1:00 p.m.

All classmates and spouses are invited to attend.

SAFE TRAVELS to everyone as they travel back home. We hope to see you all in August 2024. Thank you for joining us this weekend. Keep well and happy.