

MCS CLASS OF 1964
CLASS NOTES

Thirtieth Reunion July 2, 1994

Donna Blevins Phillips
6523 Wickville Drive, Charlotte NC 28215

Thanks for your recent letter regarding the class reunion. Sounds like a great idea! I would definitely make every effort to *come*.

Has 30 years gone by already! It does not *seem* possible, yet 3 out of 4 of our children are married and one (8 year old) is at home. She will be a long time yet before she leaves.

MY husband (Dave) is Still with IBM (30 years). I am presently with Coldwell Banker Flouhouse Realtors. This is my fifth year in Real Estate but I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up. About 5 1/2 years ago I decided to make a list of all the things I have wanted to do or learn how to do so I made a list beginning with becoming a Realtor. Other items on the list were: learning to play the piano, learning to play the harp, buying a horse ranch and traveling to visit all those people my husband and I keep saying we want to visit.

We have a lovely home here in Charlotte with lots of room so If any of you are ever traveling South, call and we will make room.

Judy Brimmer Matson
HC 69 Box 26, Garrattsville NY 13342

I married Carl Matson in July of 1967. We have 5 children, David 24, Kevin 19, Lisa 15, Keith 7, and Bryan 5. We have a step-grandson Josh 6. We also have a grandson Jeffrey 1 1/2 and a granddaughter Brooke 3 months. They live in California.

I have *been* treasurer of the Morris Food Co-Op for the last 13 years.

Diane Decker Roffe
PO Box 101, Morris NY 13808

Upon graduation from Morris, I attended The King's College in Briarcliff Manor for two years. Following that I went to school for Respiratory Care and became a Registered Respiratory Therapist in 1969. I have worked at several hospitals, and presently work at Fox in Oneonta.

I have *one* daughter, Jennifer Roffe Wikoff, who graduated from SUNY Morrisville and is presently working for Key Bank Corp., and *one* son, Jim, who is in his last year at Roberts Wesleyan College, majoring in Computer Sciences.

Carleton E. Deming
104 Calvert Ave., Ronkonkoma NY 11779

After graduating in 1964, I attended Oneonta State and worked at the Morris Manor Farms during the summer months. Graduated from Oneonta State in 1968 and took a job with the New York State Drug Abuse Treatment Agency. For over twenty years, I was employed by this agency, serving in a number of roles throughout the state, mostly in the New York City metropolitan area.

In 1984, Patricia McCulloh and I were married and we have two children, Jack (7) and Dorothy (4). We live in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, where I am employed as an administrator by APPLE, a comprehensive substance abuse treatment agency (having left state employment in 1990).

Our hobbies (such as they are) include gardening, nature, and raising our children. My parents live in New Lisbon during the summer months so we visit the Morris area several times each year.

Patricia Demmon Bradway
28 Beacon Hill, Shelton CT 06484

We've been back several times to Morris and I always look for a familiar face but unfortunately have never seen anyone. Morris was a great town to live in and to go to school in. I have a lot of wonderful memories there. I can still remember every face and name and remember something about every one of you, good and bad.

This July will be our 25th Anniversary, and we hope to celebrate in Pennsylvania. Our son, Richard, is in the Navy in California and our daughter, Jacquelyn, is in her third year of college in Danbury, CT. We've been very lucky.

We are all lucky we're not teenagers now. We lived history being made and all we worried about was Saturday night. Teenagers today have little to be happy about.

I've been working for ten years as senior secretary for a pediatrician. I love my job. My husband, Rich, is still with Water Copy going on twenty eight years. We go camping around New England and recently purchased three acres of land in New Hampshire and hope to live there someday soon. I still love horses and cocker spaniels and hope someday to have at least six of each.

Sometimes when major events happen around the world I think of my classmates and wonder what they think about it. We had some really smart kids in our class and some of us were never noticed. Too bad, it was your loss.

Howard and Eileen Dodge Elliott
PO Box 267, Morris NY 13808

Howard writes:

Eileen graduated from Ithaca College in 1968 and married *me* the same year (the best decision of her life). She taught music at West Winfield and art and second grade at Cherry Valley. In 1972 we moved back to Morris and our son John was born, followed three years later by his brother Nathan. In the ensuing years she became a volunteer (Cub Scouts, 4-H, OM coach, RIF chairman, Church, local Garden Club, Town/Village Planning Board) and had a small Antique Shop. In 1990 she began working with *me* at the Naylor Co. (Does anyone else work with their spouse? Is this wise?)

I graduated from Cornell in 1968 and taught English for four years in Cherry Valley. I joined the Naylor Company in 1972 and have been here ever since. I've served as Scoutmaster, school board member, library board member, and will soon become our church treasurer. Now that our lads are grown and have summer jobs, I have resumed my former hobby- lawn mowing.

Our spare time has been spent as devoted fans of MCS soccer, basketball, golf, marching band, jazz band, concerts and the like. We will now have to get a life and face an empty nest next year; John will be a senior at Hamilton College in the fall, and Nathan will be a freshman at Cornell.

Barbara Knapp Weaver
17 Warren St., Leominster MA 01453

Since leaving the sacred halls of MCS, I attended Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY for dental hygiene and feel like I've been a hygienist forever. It's the only profession I've had.

The first seven years I worked for a prominent dentist in Newport, RI and spent my lunches at the beach. I married a patient with good teeth and we had two children who needed braces.

Mike is finishing his junior year in welding at Leominster Trade High School and Karin is twenty-one, was married last September, and is presently living in Virginia, her father's birthplace. Unfortunately, their father died last July 2nd, so it's been a rough year for all of us. Although we were divorced, our marriage lasted twenty years, and we remained friends.

I've lived in Leominster, MA for the past twenty-one years, presently working as a hygienist for Dr. Joel Treewater. I'm currently feeling the mid-life urge for more education, and would like to take some accounting courses at the local state college and get involved with taxes.

I still enjoy playing flute and piano, writing short stories, puttering in my flower beds, hiking and downhill skiing. Recently, I've gotten totally involved with country and western dancing -partner and line dancing. What fun and what a work-out!! I've also been trying to master the basics of using a

computer so I can do genealogy, but it's really strange having your child teach you.

Barry and Mary Roffe Valentine
PO Box 301, Morris NY 13808

Mary writes:

Not a lot of change in the lives of the Valentines. We still live in Morris. Barry has just about completed his 26th year at The Naylor Co. I had the luxury of being able to stay at home for a few years and raise our two boys Wayne and Dean.

In 1981 I returned to work. While working at Preferred Mutual I have been able to complete my degree and earn an insurance designation and am presently working on a second.

We spend as much time as possible in the Adirondacks at the family camp: fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. Our sons are doing well -no daughters-in-law or grandchildren as yet.

Warren Ryther III
Rt.51, Garrattsville NY 13342

Warren writes:

Name: Warren Ryther
Rank: Corporal
Serial No. 2289211

Howard adds: Warren has been a probation officer in Otsego County for lo these many years. He and Jane have two sons. David, a sophomore at SUNY Albany, is already a world traveler, and Brian, a senior at Cooperstown Central School, is a cross country ski racer.

Linda Saunders Gartung
2053 Route 17 C, Barton NY 13734

Sorry we can't attend the reunion party- previous plans conflict. I'm also still in a deep depression brought on by finding my first white hair on the same day your letter came proclaiming our 30th graduation anniversary. I seem to have misplaced about 25 years somewhere!

Short history of our family: After Morris Central I attended Coby for a degree in Food Service. There I met my husband Tom. After several million moves (service, college, jobs, college, jobs, etc.) we finally moved here last year. Barton is 30 miles West of Binghamton on the NY/PA border. Tom has been transferred again but after 20 moves, we're digging in our heels and staying.

Sterling has labeled us with the G word (grandparents), Valarie is taking a break from college as a nanny in Rockville, and Beth (our baby at sixteen) is learning to drive - God save us

all -and is a total soccer nut. Would you like to hear about the World Cup?

I'm a crafter-dollmaker and do about 10-15 craft shows each year. It's hectic during the main fall season but fun and it fits in well with our plans to turn our land into a blueberry farm. So far we have an acre in young bushes and will keep expanding. We're also working on our old farm house. I still don't have nerve enough to drive the big tractor but I can shovel peat moss with the best of them and after remodeling 4 houses (we keep buying old houses) I can spackle in my sleep!

Say hello to all for *me* and have a wonderful time telling each other "you haven't changed a bit"! Enjoy!

Suzanne Schick Carson
126 Dwight Ave., Corning NY 14830

Suzanne Schick Carson was completely unknown until 1946. Even then she continued to be known to a very few. In recent years however, having taught for the past 20 years in the Corning City School District, she is so well known that to add further facts would be to gild the lily. Suffice it to say that she is seldom mistaken for anyone else. She enjoys her relationship with 18 year old son Joel, long distance motorless biking, cross country skiing, horticulture, reading, friends and the Internet. (Thank you, Daniel Pinkwater, for helping with this autobiographical sketch, which otherwise would have been an architectural print.)



Georgianna Snethen Smith
Box V, New Berlin NY 13411

I married Robert Sohne in 1964. We had three children: Robin, Robert, and Nancy Sohne. Robert and his wife have a daughter, Nancy and her husband have a son. Robin and her husband have a dog.

Bob passed away in 1977 and I married again and had a son, Karl Isle. Karl is 15 years old. I'm married for the third time to Dr. Richard Smith, doctor of veterinary medicine. I've worked for Preferred Mutual Insurance Co., Gabriel Harris Jewelers Edmeston School, New Berlin School, and the I.L. Richer *Feed* Co. Now I just help my husband or stay home. Together Richard and I have six grandchildren.

William Stone
RD 4 Box 4160, Stewartstown PA 17363

Thanks for the invitation; however we had already made arrangements to visit my parents in North Carolina over the July 4th weekend.

Please give my regards to everyone; hopefully I will be able to attend the next reunion.

Oskar H. Strauss
PO Box 623, Organ NM 88052

Professional:

Served in the US Navy from Sept. 1964 to Oct. 1971, as a Missile Fire Control Technician. Worked at Vitro Labs, Silver Spring MD from Dec. 1971 to Oct. 1982, involved in various Naval Weapon System Engineering tasks. Received Associate Degree in Electronics 1981. Worked at IIT Research Institute at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico from Oct. 1982 to Oct. 1985, involved in Army Electronic Warfare Vulnerability Assessments. Working at Raytheon Co. at White Sands Missile Range from Oct. 1985 to present, involved in testing Army Hawk and Patriot Missile Systems, plus conducted Navy Standard Missile tests which included many missile firings on the "Range".

Personal:

Married 1969; Divorced 1992; Remarried May 14, 1994
New wife: Kathy Daughters: Erika (22) and Robin (19)

Hobbies:

Fishing, camping, hunting, traveling (sight seeing)

Dawn Tourtellotte Joslin
124 Oneida St. No. 4 D, Oneonta NY 13820

I moved to Oneonta in 1965 to pursue a nursing career, graduated A.O.Fox Memorial Hospital School of Nursing as LPN in the fall of 1966 and have been employed by Fox since, working different shifts. I have worked in a charge nurse position of Nursing Home Unit I, responsible for care of 40 residents, medications and treatments as indicated. Currently I work 3-11:30 shift since 1986, after having worked days previously. The nursing home residents and staff I consider my 2nd family.

In 1967 I became a single parent of a beautiful baby girl, Rhonda, who has been the center of my life. She graduated from Oneonta High School in 1986 and graduated from Delhi College with an Associate Degree in Parks and Recreation. She transferred to Cortland, graduating with a Physical Ed. major, B.S. degree. She is currently living in Vernon, NY and we continue to have a close mother-daughter relationship- keeping A.T& T happy with frequent calls.

I purchased a mobile home 5 1/2 years ago and reside in a mobile home park, West End, Oneonta, which I enjoy with my 3 cats. They are very entertaining and good companions. I enjoy

gardening, flowers, and doing yard work, going for long walks and yard sales. I also enjoy reading historic novels and current best sellers, plus am a movie buff (mysteries). I enjoy a great deal of my free time with family and friends.

I enjoy relaxing on my porch reading and enjoying nature around me. I have squirrels, birds and a few rabbits which I feed. I don't get to travel much, due to work scheduling, except through books, TV, occasional trips visiting family out of town or state. I occasionally go for bus trips. I recently went on an Amish tour which was very interesting.

I am a strong believer in enjoying life one day at a time and feel most comfortable off duty in a T-shirt, jeans and Reeboks.

I live for music (98.1) and sunshine; two ingredients I thrive on.

Mary Walter Breuninger
89 East St., Oneonta NY 13820

- * 1968 B.S. Hartwick College -Nursing
 - *August 29,1970 -Married Dick Breuninger from Feeding Hills MA in Gilbertsville.
 - *1968-1973 Worked as a staff nurse at 3-4 hospitals from Boston - New Jersey
 - *Nov. 18, 1973 Eric Walter Breuninger born
 - * Dec. 30, 1976 Maria Christina Breuninger born
 - * 1972-1980 lived in Otego
 - * 1980 moved to Oneonta, worked part-time at Head Start and as a public health clinical instructor at Hartwick College.
 - * 1987 started full time at Sidney School (elementary) as a School Nurse-Teacher
 - * 1992 finished Master's Degree, School Nurse Teaching
 - * 1994 Eric finished his freshman year at Oberlin College
Maria finished her junior year at Oneonta High
Dick is now teaching languages at Oneonta High
I am a school nurse at Sidney
- Hobbies: Traveling

Janice Wayand Paquin
11 Meadowlark Lane, Wynantskill NY 12198

It sure has been a long time since June of 1964. Since then much has happened to me and I will give a rundown of some of it

- 1) I came to the Albany area in 1966 to attend Albany Business College (now Bryant-Stratton)
- 2) Before this, I received a diploma in Automation (now Computers) in 1965 in Utica.
- 3) From Albany Business I received a one-year diploma (for they were not yet an accredited college) in the field of accounting.
- 4) I worked for Travelers Insurance Co. for 3 years after college.

5) Met my husband, Henry, in 1968. We were married in June Of 1970.

6) I had my first miscarriage in 1970

7) Went to work for New York State Auto Dealers in Jan, 1971. (Again, the job is insurance) I worked for them until November 1973.

8) In *Dec.* 1972, we bought a home in Wynantskill, just outside Troy, NY (We have been here 21 1/2 years.)

9) I had my second miscarriage in the summer of 1973.

10) I got pregnant in the fall of 1973; my doctors wanted me to stay at home, so I did. Our daughter, Sherri, was born on the Fourth of July, 1974. She will be 20 years old 2 days after the party.

11) After Sherri was born I went back to work when she was 10 months old and worked at the same place as before. I worked there another five years, left again, but not because I was pregnant. I was just fed up.

12) I took up babysitting in my home for nine years so could be home with Sherri. Nine years of other people's children eventually got to me also. I am older and just could not take small children- but please read on. It gets better.

13) I then went back to work at the same place. (3 times-same place) I've been back out in the working field for 4 1/2 years.

14) Sherri is still living with us but with one difference. There is a beautiful, extremely young, lady who also lives with us. She will be 1 year old on June 28th. Her name is Tia Leigh and she is my granddaughter.

I guess this indicates a fairly accurate picture of my life since 1964. Have a swell time, have one for me, watch the driving and may God bless each of you and your families.

Sally Wright

PO Box 175, Garrattsville NY 13342

*Single

* Have lived in Garrattsville all my life.

* Caridology Tech : Employed A.O. Fox Hospital 23 years, presently employed at M.I. Bassett Hospital 6 years.

*Active in Emergency Medical Services EMS Squad 20 years