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## Remember – Reflect – Renew

**REMEMBER** - Remember the dress code and the icy winds as we trudged across campus in the winter? Remember how simultaneously invaded and joyous the campus seemed during Christmas Festival days and then the quiet during finals week? Do you remember where you studied in the library or the crazy pranks in the dorm with people who became life-long friends? Some memories are painful like walking into the “Caf” hoping to find a friend, the struggle to determine a major, or coping with the political unrest of the civil rights movement and Vietnam War. Some memories are treasured such as the camaraderie of St. Olaf music groups, sports teams, study-abroad programs, or that first date with someone who became a life partner, or the professors who awakened our interests and provided encouragement and direction for our lives.

Reading this *Viking Update* and attending our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion enables us to relive some of those shared memories.

**REFLECT** - Writing our biographies offered the opportunity to reflect on the gifts and challenges of our own lives. What have we carried with us from our St. Olaf years that has served us well? How did the experiences at St. Olaf lead us to become the persons we are now? How did St. Olaf strengthen our values and interests? We can read this collection with awe and delight, seeing the many paths our classmates have taken. We can read about and honor those who have died.

**RENEW** - As important as remembering and reflecting is renewal. We are renewed when we reconnect with classmates and find inspiration in their life stories. We are renewed when we have time to read and opportunities to travel. We are renewed by the opportunity to live with meaning and purpose and pursue opportunities for community engagement.

As we gather, we will discover the amazing strides St. Olaf takes to encourage, support and prepare today’s Oles for their careers and roles in the future.

Thank you, St. Olaf, for this *Class of 1970 Viking Update* and for the opportunity to remember, reflect, and renew as we return to campus to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

*Written by: Nancy Agneberg, Peggy Johnson, Marilyn Kemme, Marybeth Nelson*

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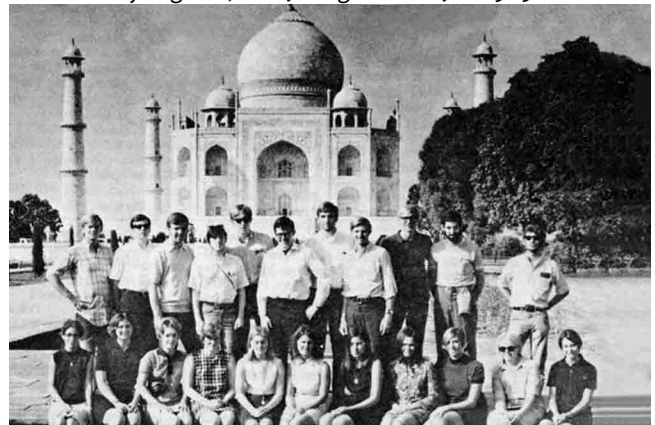
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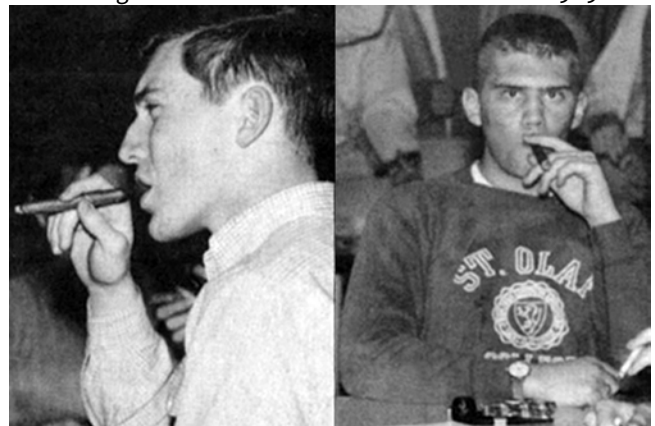
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Barb Greene



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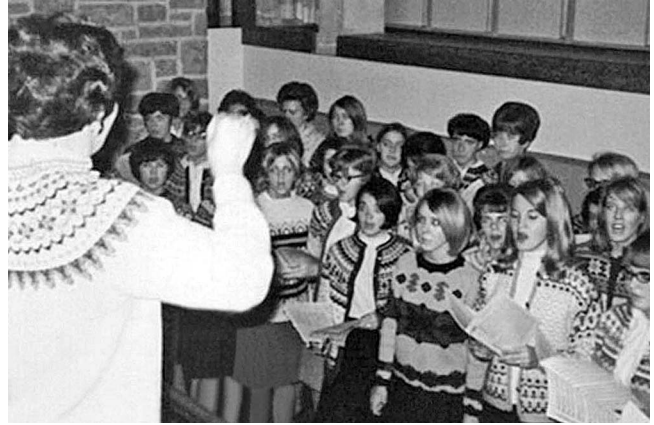
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Homecoming Queen Candidate  
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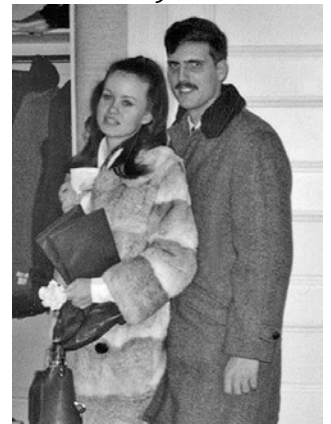
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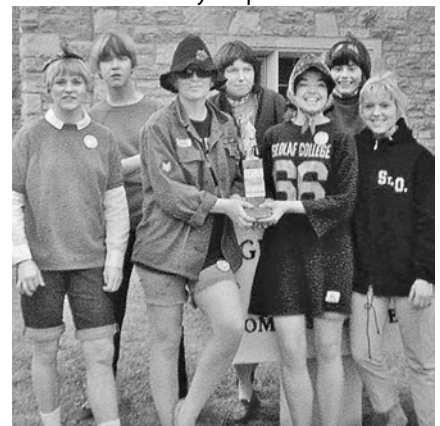
Kittelsby Hall-Sue Reid, Patsy Loe, and Kris Kinney-Sophomore Year



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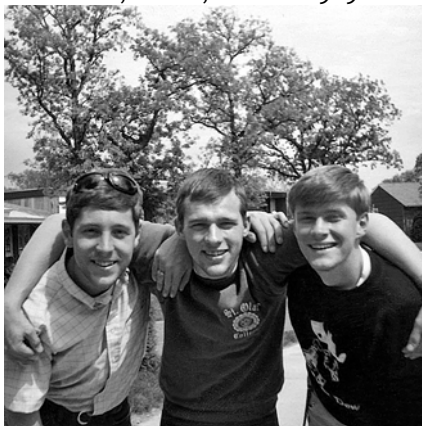
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Spring Break Ski Trip-1970



Marine Biology Interim in the  
Florida Keys-Dave Pritz-Jan 1970

## Pamela Aandahl Solberg



My major at St. Olaf was music education until the middle of my junior year, when I switched to a music history and literature major and added a psychology major. My primary interests and activities at St. Olaf were music-related; I played cello and bass in orchestra, Concert Band, F. M. Walker's Repertory Singers, and student recitals. During my freshman year the orchestra spent Interim in Norway, and as I completed my senior year the band did

a concert tour in six European countries. The annual Christmas concerts were also a musical and spiritual highlight for me.

Following graduation from St. Olaf, I attended the University of Minnesota for two years, earning master's and educational specialist degrees in educational psychology and special education. I worked as a school psychologist for 23 years, one year in Minneapolis and 22 in Anoka-Hennepin District II. When it became clear to me I needed to attend seminary, I took a "career exploration" leave and never looked back.

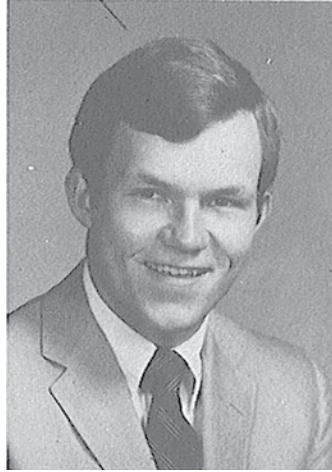
I attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul from 1994 to 2002, completing a Master of Divinity and the coursework for a Master of Theology in pastoral care and counseling. Because of my background, age, and sense of call, I was given permission to be ordained directly into specialized ministry as a chaplain. After extensive clinical pastoral education experience in a variety of settings, I served in Allina hospitals for a year and then moved to Austin, Minnesota, where I served as chaplain for a Lutheran nursing home and assisted living facility until my retirement.

Inspired by St. Olaf College opportunities, I have found my life enriched by people with whom I have studied, worked, and played in cross-cultural experiences in Europe, Hong Kong, Israel and Palestine, and rural Alaska.

In retirement, I am active and content serving in church and community volunteer activities and music groups and in caring for my older sister. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had, and I look forward to learning and growing in the years ahead.

## Bruce Agneberg

Following graduation, I went to St. Louis for medical school. Nancy (Jensen '70) and I married in 1971. Returning to Minnesota for my family medicine residency, our daughter, Kate ('96) was born in 1974. In 1977, my residency partner and I founded Riverside Family Physicians. Our son, Geof, was born in 1979.

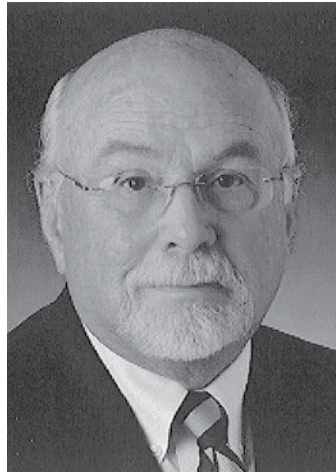
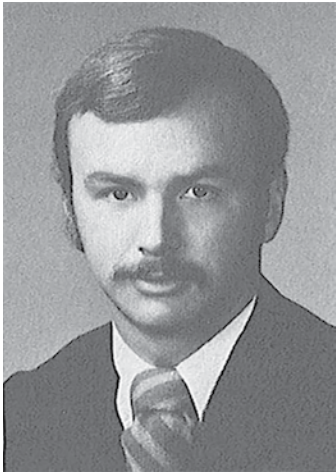


After 17 years of family practice, including hospice, I closed my private practice in order to pursue a full time hospice career. Since there were no full time positions in Minnesota, we moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where I was the medical director for two community hospices. In 2007, the hospice in Madison, Wisconsin, was seeking a chief medical officer where I finished my career in 2018.

Nancy and I returned to St. Paul to be close to our grandkids, who live five blocks away! Being part of their lives is one of my greatest joys.

Retirement has been wonderful – a chance to continue my gardening passion, re-discover a vibrant church community, make new friends and reconnect with old. I am eternally grateful for my St. Olaf days.

## David Agnew



St. Olaf Major: Political Science  
Washington University in St. Louis,

J.D.1973 Spouse: Christine D. Agnew,  
St. Louis University 1971

Children: Daniel G. Agnew, University of  
Southern Carolina 2002;

Michael D. Agnew, University of Arizona  
2005, University of Denver 2011

After growing up in Menomonie, Wisconsin, and attending a summer economics program at St. Olaf, I was very impressed with the campus and suspected some cute Norwegian girls would inhabit the joint during the school year. I was sold. Plus, there was Tom Porter's terrific football program which would allow me to continue to play (sadly ending in a bad knee injury in our sophomore year). After that injury, I went on to Rolf Melby's mediocre swim team (and did manage to letter for two years).

As you can see, I obtained a law degree from Washington University and shortly thereafter passed the Missouri bar exam. At this time I was a staff attorney in the juvenile justice system in St. Louis, basically acting as a prosecutor. It was there that I met my dear wife, Chris, to whom I have been happily married for 45 years. After burning out as a prosecutor, I practiced law in St. Louis for 11 years and then, at the request of a European client, moved to Denver, Colorado, to assist with a very large land development project. It then turned into a 22 year association. During that time I built a sizable real estate company, which has projects across the U.S. in the apartment, office, and hotel sectors.

I retired from this career in 2003, and in 2004 I began to teach real estate law on a part-time basis to MBA students at the University of Colorado Boulder, which I continued to do for 11 years.

Chris and I have traveled extensively both domestically and abroad, with and without our sons. A real highlight was a visit with them to the ancestral Agnew castle in Scotland.

With two new knees, golf and wine-drinking now consume most of my time.

## Jeffrey Agrell

It's difficult to decide your whole life at age 18. I entered St. Olaf in the fall of 1966 intending to major in Psychology or English. I got a Biology advisor, majored in Chemistry, and went into Music. I took classes in every department at St. Olaf except theater, but I was in several plays. I started a red beard about 10 seconds after arriving, and it has been with me ever since, except 1) for three years in the army (1970–73), and 2) it's white now.



My main activities outside of class were musical: I sang in Viking Chorus my first-year, and played guitar all four years in various groups, including a first-year group called The Weekly Gathering (folk-rock), and The Marijuana Brass. A musical epiphany in the middle of junior year drove me to finish the chem degree (barely), but redirect my future toward a classical music career (on horn)! Senior year I took (almost) all music courses, was in band and orchestra, and gave a half recital.

Post-St. Olaf: Three years in army bands, then two years at the University of Wisconsin getting my master's in horn performance. In 1975 to Switzerland to attend a unique school for orchestral musicians, then got a job as associate first horn in the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra that same year. Besides playing thousands of performances (concerts, operas, operettas, musicals, ballets, chamber music) over the years, I did a lot of interesting things on the side: hiking, biking, skiing, jazz guitar, composing, writing, recording, jazz choir, and more. I married an American (conductor, pianist, opera coach) in the early nineties, and our daughter, Lili, came along in 1995. We moved back to the states in 2000. Since then I have been a horn professor at the University of Iowa, and my wife, Shari Rhoads, has been a freelance musician and conductor. My special interests have been teaching classical musicians to improvise (non-jazz), and giving improvised concerts. I'm not yet retired (love my job!), but when I do, I look forward to learning new stuff (languages, calligraphy, cooking, drawing, conga drums), and writing books.

## Lisa Ahlers Joseph



“Just be here when I get back.”

These were the last words my husband said to me yesterday as he took off on an emergency trip to the children’s hospital in Omaha. I offered to accompany him, but he kindly asked me not to go. It was going to be another rough visit to a couple with a dying newborn. It would not be a happy ending. My ever-protective husband was on duty, as always. Curt Joseph, a freshman,

and I, a sophomore, met at St. Olaf in 1967. After spending two months together, I left for an Interim in Mexico. Curt wrote me nearly every day, and when he sent me a recorded letter I was amazed. It was an old tape which I took to the director of our language lab and asked to have played for me. Later, as I was listening to the jokes and nutty comments, I realized that every time I laughed, the rest of the people in the lab were laughing, too. Apparently, the lab director thought it would be funny to broadcast Curt’s letter to everyone.

Such was the beginning of nearly 50 years of marriage. We spent a year in Yorktown, Texas, for Curt’s internship. Following his ordination in 1975, we served in Woden, Iowa, next in Des Moines, and now Immanuel Lutheran in Waukee, Iowa. Curt and I have four incredible children: Tanya Gerber, Leah Ervanian, Michael Joseph, and Brian Joseph. Three of the four are Ole grads. We have nine grandchildren with another on the way.

Somewhere along the way, we discovered that Curt has a unique gift for writing Bible-based dramas, some humorous, some heavy, and most both. Because I had spent years doing plays at the Des Moines Community Playhouse and in high school (St. Olaf, too), we pooled our talents and published dramas for churches. We traveled across the U.S. performing and leading workshops. But when our last two children came along, the workload was too much, and we closed Trunk-in-the-Attic Bible Dramas. Perhaps retirement will bring a re-opening of Trunk-in-the-Attic!

## Steven Ahlgren

Thank you for contributing to my joyful years at St. Olaf:

The promise of being the first unbeaten freshman football team in years, happiness returning to campus after our first Thanksgiving break, awe of witnessing Olaf Christiansen direct the Ole Choir during my first Christmas Concert, feverish freshmen transforming Ytterboe for the annual Christmas Open House,

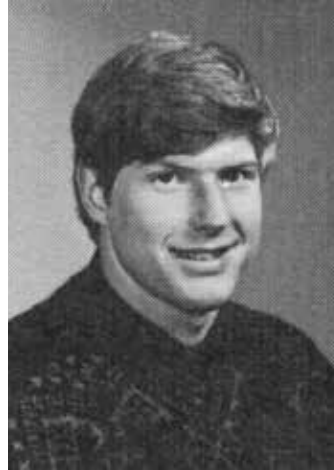
insights shared in small group sessions during '67 interim *Prophets and Playwrights* and '68 interim *Philosophical Issues In Literature*, camaraderie rehearsing for *West Side Story*, a bonus year in Ytterboe as Junior Counselor overlooking the libe, pride of our record-setting prowess as '69 Midwest Football Champs, satisfaction in readjusting to outdoor hockey as my winter sport, and gratitude I and others in the packed Women's Gym could bare our souls about how, or if, we should strike to demonstrate opposition to the war in Vietnam.

In the spring of '68 I purchased and personally delivered a Kapa-tine kiss without identifying the purchaser to Cynthia Nord. It was her first kiss after having her braces removed, many thousands have followed. We tied the knot in 1972. After graduating from law school in 1973 and taking the bar exam we went to Sweden for an internship and purchased our first of 16 manual Saabs.

In 1977, we purchased a two bedroom bungalow in St. Anthony Park, a unique neighborhood central to the Twin Cities. That bungalow has undergone various remodeling projects to accommodate our expanding family: Leif Magnus ('99 Norwegian/Philosophy), Berit Christina ('05 Dance/Biology) and Anna Liv ('09 Math/Art). I've stockpiled rehab materials (cedar, redwood, birch, oak, slate, marble, granite pavers, iron fencing) anticipating my gradual retirement after 40 years as a neighborhood attorney concentrating on estate planning.

With gratitude:

- Best macaroons: 2 eggs, ½ stick butter, 1 cup sugar, 2¼ cups unsweetened fine coconut, 4 finely chopped medjool dates; bake 375 **on parchment paper**;
- Foreign Auto Specialities, Jerry, 612-871-9476, great mechanic;
- Repair Lair, Nancy 612-729-9095 consignment outdoor gear and clothes;
- Swedish Crown Bakery, Scandinavian pastries, in Anoka for heading north;
- *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, insight into current social discord.



## Alison Alden



St. Olaf Major: Spanish and Psychology  
American University: Master's of Education; Harvard University: Doctorate of Education  
Husband: Toby Danforth, Marblehead native  
Children: Ethan (chemist and winemaker); Micah (firefighter and law student)  
Grandchildren: Coby 11; Forrest 4; Penny 18 months; Wyatt 15 months

I actually had a short stay at St. Olaf, because I did a full junior year abroad and then graduated early. Wish it had been longer!

Right after graduate school, I had the opportunity to work with the U.S. Navy on leadership training programs for officers and enlisted. After that, I settled into executive human resources and line management roles in Boston at Filene's, Bank of New England, NStar (utility), John Hancock, and finally MIT. The teams I had the privilege of working with were superb in so many ways! Every assignment has been fun and challenging, including two separate mergers.

A while back, I asked Toby when it would be clear that I wanted to retire and he said, "you will just know." He was right, and in 2014 I said goodbye to the corporate world, trading it for the wonderful leisure of the new lifestyle. While my son was in the Army, we helped care for Coby, which was like a second parenthood with all the lovely memories of kid's movies, popcorn, and visits to the beach.

Today we travel to Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, Canada, the Baltic countries, Ireland and Scotland. We're also trying to cover as many national parks as we can. Together we volunteer for a number of places. Life is very full and we are blessed beyond words. Wishing all of my fellow classmates from St. Olaf much happiness and health!



## Nancy Alexander Von Huben

Life is a journey.

My journey began in 1966 when I enrolled at St. Olaf College. As a naïve 17-year-old, I didn't know what to do with my life. I was pretty good at languages. I wanted to see the world, and having spent time flying with my Dad, I knew I loved aviation. I went forward with a major in French and spent a semester in Avignon, France. Soon my years on the



Hill came to a close. I still wanted to fly, but since “back then” women could not be commercial pilots, I did the next best thing. I accepted an offer from Pan American World Airways to be a flight attendant. One week after graduation I was in Miami for training.

Suddenly the world was at my fingertips. I would see more of the world my first year of flying than most people would see in a lifetime. I was based in New York, and later Los Angeles. There I met my husband, Charles von Huben. Chuck was a UCLA economics graduate and later obtained his doctor of pharmacy. Big question now for us ... where do we live? We toured the west and chose Santa Fe, NM as our new home. Our first order of business in Santa Fe was to build a house. We did so, performing almost all of the labor ourselves. Our marriage survived that endeavor and we just celebrated our 43rd anniversary.

My 49-year career as a flight attendant has allowed me to see the wonders of this world. My St. Olaf education gave me the tools to explore and appreciate its cultures, religions, and politics. One take away from travel is that “people are people” wherever they live. They laugh, cry, and love. Peace is the example to live by.

As this life journey continues, we plan to do more mountain biking, enjoy our rescue dogs, and continue traveling. Antarctica is next on our list. Hope to see you there. Peace, love, and light!

## Richard Allen



After graduation, I attended Yale Divinity School (M.A.R.) and the University of Notre Dame (Ph.D.). I have worked in scholarly publishing and have taught philosophy and religious studies, mostly at Indiana University South Bend. My academic research has led to the publication of *David Hartley on Human Nature* (1999), on the polymath and pioneering psychologist David Hartley (1705–57).

In 1982, I married Catherine A. Shoupe (Prof. Emerita, Saint Mary's College). Kate's career saw her teaching anthropology and studying traditional music and dance in Scotland. 18 years ago we bought our second home in Auchtermuchty, Fife, where we spend part of the year playing music, dancing, writing, cycling, gardening, and maintaining our friendships. We have now embarked on writing a book on Scottish traditional music and dance.

Kate and I are also members of the *riverrun country dance band*, playing for contra and English country dances. Kate plays fiddle and mandolin, and I a button-key accordion, having started with a B/C melodeon during our first sabbatical. Being an adult learner has brought this home: what matters is doing. With practice and patience, one can become 'good enough' to be on the floor, in the game... or the band.

A vivid memory of the opening convocation, our first year at St. Olaf, when all was new: I see the faculty walking down the center aisle, the many colors of their academic regalia. Someone tells me their gowns and hoods indicate their universities and fields of study—that one Yale, that Harvard, that one Madrid, in light blue with a fringed cap. Marks of accomplishment, the regalia are also emblems representing the many worlds of place and of learning. I long to join the procession, and, from here in Northfield, set forth on a life of exploration.

I thank St. Olaf for its part in enabling me to live that life. The beginning is now, as always.

## Barbara Anderson Mateer

St. Olaf Major: Music Education  
St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers,  
Chapel Choir, Repertory Singers  
Grandchildren: Henrik (eight) and  
Niklas (six).



It is rather difficult to believe we are coming up on 50 years since we left the hallowed grounds of St. Olaf College. Before filling out that college application, I knew nothing about St. Olaf College. As a high school junior, as we rehearsed F. M. Christiansen's Psalm 50, this overwhelming feeling swept over me and I had to be a high school choir director. I had to attend the college of my choir director, Ralph J. Arnold. He went to St. Olaf College.

I strongly remember my initial thoughts when I came to the campus. Everyone was smiling! Everyone was happy! There wasn't a carelessly tossed gum wrapper to be found anywhere. My circle of friends was made up primarily of girls from my "corridor." We kept up those friendships until children came along. With the advent of Facebook, we've been able to reconnect.

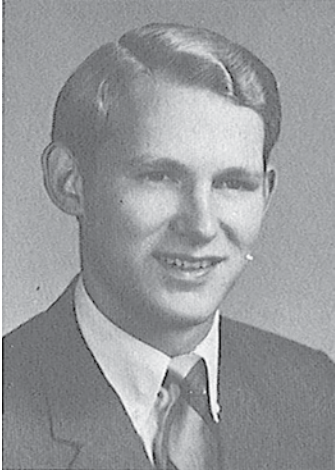
My entire teaching career was centered in my hometown. I taught junior high, elementary school, and finally my last 20 years as the vocal music director at the high school. I was also the music director and producer for our theatre department. At the tender age of 40, I went to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for my Master's in Music Education.

Various church activities have played an important part in my life. I've been part time barnvakt since both boys were in school. My biggest vice is cross stitching. I pray my eyes hold up. I've never liked that 14 count Aida cloth.

Travel has played a big part in our lives. I regularly travel back to Sweden. We've discovered the wonderful world of river and small ship cruising in Europe, had many trips driving through Sweden and Norway, taking extended family trips to Playa, and those many quiet moments in Door County.

Every once in a while, I remember some not so happy memories. But overwhelmingly, I have many more wonderful memories driven by the great circle of friends I had.

## Gregg Anderson



My father wanted me to go to law school and business as he had done. He encouraged me to learn public speaking, so I became an economics, speech and communications major at St. Olaf. In my sophomore year, however, I got a D in microeconomics and an A in a mandatory religion course. I went on to complete a Masters in Religion and Counseling at Luther Seminary, a Master of Divinity at

liff School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry degree at McCormick Theological Seminary. I guess one could say that my life changed directions at St. Olaf.

I was also involved in starting a St. Olaf ski club. We took ski trips to Welch Village and even created a St. Olaf Ski School. My family had a vacation home in Aspen, Colorado, and I took a few St. Olaf friends there. I told my father that I would take a break from school in Aspen and finally apply to law school. During the first week in Aspen in 1972, I volunteered at a church and helped to start a mental health clinic. I never did complete the application to law school.

In 1978, I became the director and eventually chaplain at the Aspen Chapel. I spent my next 37 years at this unique inter-faith chapel. I am still able to assist there on occasion as Chaplain Emeritus.

I met my second wife at the Aspen Chapel. Her name is Carolyn Ethridge. She is originally from Lynchburg, Virginia, and in retirement we are spending our time between Aspen, Forest, and Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia. Just a couple of weeks ago, as I write this, we spent a few days at her 50th college reunion at William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

I feel good about being able to realize our 50th reunion of the Class of 1970 at St. Olaf College. I have only maintained contact with three classmates: John Waples and Bill and Meredith Davis. They have made regular trips to visit in Aspen. I do hope to see many more at our 50th reunion next May.

## Jean Anderson Stanley

St. Olaf Major: Home Economics  
Education University of Minnesota:  
Human Resources

Spouse: John R. Stanley (Jay),

Deceased 8/2003

Partner: Fred W. Polkey

Children: Christine Frances Karlgaard, B.A.  
in Communications, Concordia College  
'03; M.A. in Special Education

Grandchildren: Sophia Ruth (9), William Jay (7), and Kennedy Ann (3)



I continued my family's St. Olaf legacy in 1966. My father had been an Ole, and his uncle, Reverend N.A. Quammen of the local Christiania Lutheran Church, was one of the founding fathers of St. Olaf in 1876. Many of my other relatives graduated from St. Olaf, so I was very familiar with the college's history and folklore.

Some of my favorite memories at St. Olaf are of my first year in Agnes Mellby. I regret missing First Nighter and other weekend events because I went home some weekends due to homesickness. Our senior year was very memorable because of the Vietnam War protests. Overall, I fell in love with Northfield, and had a fabulous experience at St. Olaf meeting many wonderful people.

In my career, I owned my own child care center for a few years, taught junior high school at Phillips and Ramsey, part of Minneapolis Public Schools, and taught at a vocational magnet high school in Hutchinson and Glencoe, Minnesota. I studied human resources at UMN and spent many years in HR management and consulting. After retirement, I went back to school to reinstate my teaching license, and now enjoy substitute teaching at Wayzata High School.

I have a lovely summer home in South Bristol, Maine, where I spend at least three weeks every summer boating, eating lobster, and visiting with friends. I love the laid back life in Maine and feel at home. When we crave some excitement, Portland and Boston are nearby.

My greatest joy is spending time with my daughter and her active family in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Chrissy and Luke teach school there and we are on the water with the grandchildren every moment we get. Fred and I enjoy having a pontoon on Lake Minnetonka, traveling, dancing, and working out.



## Jeffrey Anderson



Yikes! I'm not ready for a 50th year reunion. It's a marker telling me that most of my life is in the rearview mirror regardless of what I had hoped to accomplish after graduating from St. Olaf. Of course, back then, I wasn't sure what I had hoped to do, if anything. I just knew college was over and now I was moving on to wherever my life took me.

Using my biology degree I earned a master's from the University of Minnesota and worked for several years in natural resource planning for the University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. Then I went to law school, followed by a consuming private practice where I litigated environmental and agricultural disputes, along with some business and employment matters. Along the way, I married a Minnesota girl and together we have two daughters.

Looking back, I recall following both girls around the country as they pursued their collegiate tennis endeavors. Now both are married and have given us four grandchildren, who are now enriching our lives. I retired this past year and now have an open calendar to care for my show roses and introduce my grandkids to fishing, hunting and other outdoor passions I've always enjoyed. God willing, my retirement years will be as fulfilling as my career and raising a family.

## Mark Anderson

St. Olaf Major: History

Spouse: Karen Nelson, B.S. in General Science, University of Iowa

Children: Timothy, A.A. in Law Enforcement Technology and B.S. in Criminal Justice, University of Toledo; M.A. in Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati;

Brooke, B.A. in Communications,

University of Iowa

Grandchildren: Allison, William, James, and Andrew



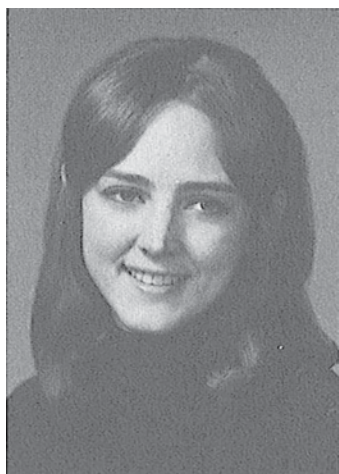
I made the transition to St. Olaf after growing up on a farm. During my first year, I thought I would be a chemistry major, but by senior year, I was positioned to have a major in Asian studies, History, and Political Science. I decided on history, took the GRE exams, the Foreign Service Exams, and the LSATS. I attended law school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, passed the bar exams in Iowa and Tennessee in 1973, and accepted a position at a law firm in Cresco, IA.

Running for county attorney introduced me to politics. I was elected to two nonconsecutive terms as Howard County attorney on the Republican ticket, but had a parting of the ways with the party and became a Democrat. At the start of my first campaign, I met my future wife, Karen Nelson. She was a native of Cresco, and worked as a medical laboratory technician. We were married in 1976. I established my own law office, and had a general law practice with an emphasis on criminal defense.

My wife, Karen, worked in my office as a file clerk, and is now working on publishing several of her historical novels. Our son, Tim, works as a jailer and police officer in the Marysville, KS area, and has a wife and daughter. Our daughter, Brooke, lives with her husband and three young sons in Geneva, IL, and acts in community theater.

In addition to practicing law, I was president of the noon chapter, Lt. Governor of the Iowa-Nebraska Kiwanis Club, co-chair of the Howard County Republicans, and I am a member of the Howard County Democratic Central Committee. Karen and I retired from my law practice when I had a stroke in September 2018, and we still reside in Cresco, IA.

## Martha Anderson



St. Olaf Major: Art; minor in Education

St. Olaf Activities: SPAN study abroad program, junior counselor

New York University Institute of Fine Arts: Masters Indiana University: PhD

Guilty secret: Addicted to British mysteries since 1978

When I applied to St. Olaf, I listed potential majors as Chemistry, Math, History, English, and Art. Once there, I discovered art history. Graduation began a semi-nomadic phase that included several stretches with no fixed address (Studying abroad in Australia in 1968 may have inspired this walkabout lifestyle). After a summer waitressing, I began grad school at NYU. I worked at two museums before resuming graduate studies at Indiana University. I'd been fascinated by Africa since childhood thanks to Missionary Sundays in church, so I chose to specialize in African art. I traveled through the Niger Delta in canoes while conducting fieldwork in Nigeria. I spent a year as a visiting professor at the College of Wooster.

In 1982, I moved to a one-stoplight town in New York to teach at Alfred University. I stayed for thirty-five years. I satisfied my wanderlust by spending another year in Nigeria and touring Brazil, Ghana, and Mali. I made many trips to the UK for research. While attempting to interest studio art students in art history — always a challenge — I co-curated two exhibitions and co-edited the accompanying books. In one memorable eighteenth month period, I taught nine courses, served as president of my professional organization, coordinated an international conference, opened the second exhibition, and had two emergency surgeries.

Another major research project concluded in 2017 with the publication of a book on a colonial era African photographer. By that time, I had retired and moved to—of all places—Northfield. I often wonder where another path might have led me, but the one I stumbled on has been immensely rewarding. I somehow neglected to have children or grandchildren, but I'm blessed with wonderful friends and a close family. An African saying (also my African name) summarizes the half-century since graduation: "When you are paddling your canoe toward good things, the way does not seem long."



## Paul Anderson

St. Olaf Major: Political Science  
Spouse: Alice Journey  
Stepson: Josh Journey-Heinz

A few years after graduation, I met with  
Matsuo Basho and Antonio Machado and  
agreed to write poetry:



it is a long way into the body  
out blodgett canyon  
past the hill of sagging boulders  
  
round pale courtesan breasts of snow  
  
beyond melting illusions  
and the goshawk's kill  
  
i know very little  
only that it is a long way  
and there is no rest  
  
when the sky blossoms into a rose we  
cannot stop we must go on  
  
I know too  
that these things we pass  
we must carry  
  
this far I have come  
and what I carry  
frightens deer

it is a long way into the body  
out blodgett canyon  
beyond the pass  
past dreams beyond stars

i have cast my bones into the  
snow they say there is more

i am only this far i do not  
know more

but i have heard  
perseus returned medusa's head  
and there's a road  
through his eyes  
the gaze of a mountain

but i have not gone  
far know little  
and what i carry  
frightens deer

## Scott Anderson



St. Olaf Major: Biology

University of Indiana: Master's of Business Administration 1973

Spouse: Mary Richardson, University of Nebraska 1974

Children: Matthew, University of California, Los Angeles;

David, University of California, Davis

I grew up in Mankato, Minnesota, and attended Mankato West High School. My father, Harold, was in the Minnesota Legislature for 20 years. His time there taught me about the importance of civic engagement. I came to St. Olaf to take advantage of a football scholarship and was rewarded with an exceptional education. I lettered in football and track. One of the highlights was winning our conference in football. I am very proud and fortunate to have competed along with some incredible men. After graduation, I worked for a year before starting my MBA at the University of Indiana, Bloomington. I had a wonderful experience there where I benefited from the generous scholarship I received.

From Indiana, I arrived in California where I have been for 44 years. I only intended to stay two years but fell in love with the weather and the active lifestyle. I worked for 36 years for American Scientific Products, Baxter Scientific Products, and VWR Scientific Products. They're all the same company but were renamed due to mergers and acquisitions. I married later in life, and my happiest role has been a father to two remarkable young men. Mary and I have lived in Sacramento for 35 years, and it reminds us of the midwest, where we both are from. Travel (21 countries), reading, and basketball have been my hobbies. I have volunteered for Reading Partners, tutored in the after school program at the public library, and been active in the St. Vincent de Paul program at our church.

I am now ten years into my struggle with Parkinson's. I credit my lifetime devotion to fitness and the Rock Steady Boxing Program with helping combat this disease.

Work brought me to California. I planned to only stay two years but I never left.

## Terese Anderson Hunt

Growing up in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, I visited St. Olaf with Ginny Bergquist. I came home and announced, “I’m going to St. Olaf!” For someone who didn’t think she was Norwegian, nor Lutheran, and didn’t have the tuition nor an A average, that was quite a pronouncement. Also not a very bright one for someone who’d been planning on being a grade school teacher. In summary, I went to St. Olaf, did NOT make the St. Olaf Choir, changed my major to English, and met Bill.



I did my student teaching in Chicago and returned there to teach. Bill found me a job in Addis Ababa where he was serving in the Peace Corps and I taught there as well. After a seven-month tour around the world on motorcycle, boat, bus, train, truck, tuk-tuk, plane, and foot, we settled in Okoboji, Iowa, where I taught school again.

We have lived in Glenview, Illinois, for 44 years, raising three tall sons: Ryan ‘00, Evan, and Nolan ‘07. They have provided us with three lovely daughters-in-law and three spunky granddaughters. I’m retired, but Bill continues to put in long hours in his sporting goods company. I’m the glue that holds it all together — right? Kids and grandkids and church and Bible study and volunteering and home and yard maintenance and reading and lots of walking keep me young. We travel a lot — over 70 countries to date.

I’m continually amazed at how little I know and how much I have yet to learn. I was stunned when Ancestry.com notified me that I’m almost HALF Norwegian! Believe me, that’s quite a shock for a sixth generation Swede! I didn’t have the wonderful St. Olaf experience many of you report, as I now know I was struggling with ADHD when no one knew what it was. Stubborn “Swedegian” that I am, I soldiered on. LOVE the people who saved me with their friendship.

Life has been good. Life is good. God is good. Let us praise Him!

## Richard “Dick” Andrews



St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Phi Epsilon

Spouse: Pam

Children: Jodi, Tim, Katie

Grandchildren: 3 granddaughters, 3 grandsons

In September of 1966 I was only 17, physically, socially and emotionally less mature than most freshmen and somewhat unprepared for the rigors of college classes. My time at St. Olaf broadened my perspective, and helped me become the person I am today. While my major was biology I was also fascinated with philosophy. One of my favorite reads was *Man’s Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. As a Junior Counselor I was assigned to share a room with Dave Johnson, a life-long friend with whom I still share outdoor adventures.

After graduation I attended University of Minnesota medical school (along with several other Oles) followed by a three year Family Practice residency at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. It was there that I met Pam who became my wife in February of 1976. We moved to Hastings, MN in 1977 but before I started working as a physician we spent three months enjoying a summer off with activities including backpacking in the Canadian Rockies (with Dave Johnson and his wife, Jan Porter Johnson ’71) and sailing in the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior. Hastings has been a wonderful community for me to practice medicine and for Pam and I to raise our family. I found my career to be challenging and very rewarding.

I was introduced to running during my residency and for many years participated in road races of various distances including 5 marathons. In 1984 Pam gave me a gift certificate for a glider ride at Osceola, WI. I was amazed an aircraft with no engine could gain altitude! The next spring I began taking lessons and earned my glider license in July. Since then I have become a flight instructor for the Minnesota Soaring Club and have flown numerous regional and national competitions.

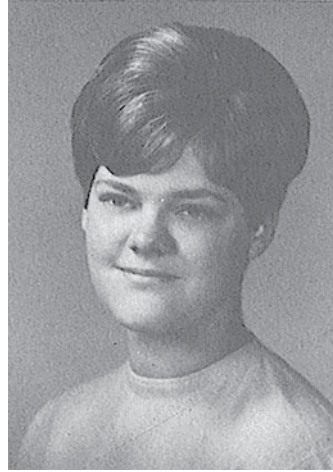
All our married life Pam and I have shared many interests: skiing (downhill and cross-country), biking, sailing and travel. In the current season of our lives we love spending time with our grandchildren.

## Jane Armstrong Chase

St. Olaf Major: Home Economics  
Education

Children: John and Julia

Grandchildren: Conner and Ryker



I grew up in Richard, Washington, a long distance from St. Olaf College. However, because my grandparents lived on St. Olaf Avenue, I grew up knowing the “college on the hill” from summer vacations in Northfield. I loved the beautiful buildings and campus and opportunities there. And so, I became a fourth generation Ole.

Within a year after graduation I left for my first teaching assignment in New South Wales, Australia. I stayed for five years and that experience remains a highlight in my life.

After returning to Washington I had several different jobs, none of which inspired me. I decided to pursue my true passion, nursing. I became a registered nurse in 1982 and spent most of my career in labor and delivery before retiring last December from Providence Hospital in Everett, Washington.

I am enjoying retirement. My two young grandsons keep me busy, active, and entertained. I enjoy reading, knitting, daily walks, hiking, downhill skiing, sunrises and sunsets over Puget Sound, and wine with my friends. I have traveled overseas several times and hope to continue to do so.

I am proud to say I am an Ole. I will always treasure my four years at St. Olaf and the friendships I made and opportunities I was given.

## Cindy Arnold Parkin



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Dan Parkin

Children: Jane, Dartmouth College,  
University of Sydney;

Alan, Bradley University

Grandchildren: three granddaughters,  
two grandsons

Being part of the nursing program at St. Olaf was a great learning experience and time to form long lasting friendships. The year and a half spent living together in Minneapolis brought our group closer.

Following graduation, three of my nursing friends and I travelled Europe for 10 weeks and had many memorable experiences. I spent the next four years working at the University of Minnesota as a pediatric nurse, followed by two years as a public health nurse in St. Paul.

The next phase of life was very interesting. Before our marriage in 1976, my husband was asked to work with Motorola in Australia. So began our life overseas with three trips to Australia in five years and then four years in Camberley, outside of London, England. We took advantage of our life in other countries and travelled as much as possible. Our daughter was born in Australia and later returned there with her family and attended the University of Sydney. Upon returning to the U.S., I worked as a school nurse and vision and hearing screener.

Since retirement we have continued travelling to Europe, South America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and China. Our bucket list has gotten shorter! We have enjoyed all our experiences and Dan is a great travel planner.

We are looking to moving, possibly closer to our kids and grandkids. I am involved with church activities, social ministry, Habitat for Humanity, PEO Sorority, quilting, and two book clubs. We enjoy visits with family and many of the friends we made over the years and overseas.

## Zehra Avsar Keye

After two years at St. Olaf, I graduated with psychology and sociology degrees. I went to summer school at St. Olaf because I was short one credit, so I took Music Appreciation, which helped me during my whole adult life to enjoy the arts. Later that summer I got engaged to a classmate, Stephen Keye. In the fall I followed my roommate, the late, beloved Karen Sjoquist, to Madison, WI where I was able to get an



on-the-spot admission from the Department of Psychology for an M.S. degree, which I completed in a year with summer school. I married Stephen in December 1971. Since Stephen was in the Army Reserve, we left immediately for Monterey, CA, and six months later moved to San Angelo, Texas.

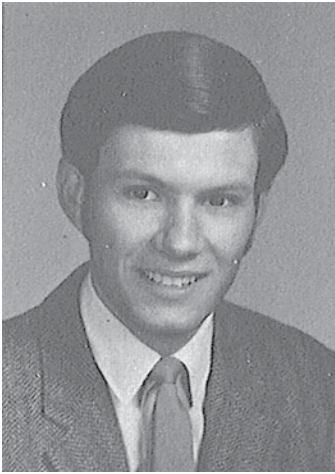
Eventually returning to Minneapolis, I started a second M.A. degree in secondary languages and cultures at the University of Minnesota, and eventually received my Ph.D. from the Speech and Communications Department in interpersonal and nonverbal communications. In April 1976, we had a son named Emir, and I started working as a foreign student advisor at the U of M.

After 14 years, Stephen and I divorced. I became a caregiver to my dad who had cancer. My parents moved to Minneapolis to be close to me for health reasons. I started doing volunteer work mainly with the United Nations' Minnesota chapter, as well as many theater and music organizations. I also passed the State Department language test in Turkish to become an interpreter.

In 1989 I got married again to a Turkish man who has two children. We've been married 30 years now and live in Minneapolis, where I am actively involved in my community, like the Woman's Club of Minneapolis, lakes area organizations, and arts and music. I travel to Istanbul once a year, and in 2018 had my 50th graduation celebration from American College for Girls in Istanbul.

My son, Emir, works as an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He lives in Tiburon, CA with his wife, Karen, and their two girls, Hazel and Flora.

## John Bachman



Retired for several years now, I look back fondly and appreciatively at my years on Manitou Heights. My career as a television journalist began in part as an announcer on WCAL. My liberal arts education prepared me for interviews that required at least a rudimentary knowledge of a whole range of topics. Our church community provided a foundation for a lifelong pursuit of connecting faith to secular life and politics.

In that struggle, I wrote two published books of meditative reflections. My graduate study in theology at Oxford University combined with TV news anchoring/reporting in Chicago, Minneapolis, Cedar Rapids and Des Moines gave me a unique perspective on the issues that still divide our nation and our better selves.

Twenty-five years as a principal anchor at the NBC affiliate in Des Moines gave me access to everyone political during the run-up to the Iowa Caucuses. In-depth interviews with five presidents and moderating televised debates provided deep insight into the varied talents and motivations of our highest public servants.

Meantime, for a number of years, I co-hosted the video magazine of the ELCA. I also served on the board of a local ELCA college — Grand View University.

My wife, Barb, and I just celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary. She continues to be the rock of our family that includes five grandchildren. Our son, John, and daughter, Alison, both graduated from St. Olaf, and John married a classmate — Jen Kuzma.

Golf, reading, painting, and volunteering are my current passions. The joys of seeing the amazing parenting abilities of your children are unmatched. As are the hugs of equally amazing grandchildren.

I have been blessed in so many ways, but I fear for a society in which my former colleagues can be labeled as “enemies of the people.” St. Olaf equipped us with the tools to discern the disinformation, to humbly recognize the good in those who disagree, and to help guide our future.



## Robert “Bob” Bannerman

St. Olaf Major: Political Science

University of Minnesota Law School: J.D.  
'73

Spouse: Uyen Nguyen, M.A., St. Michael's  
College in Burlington, VT

Children: Graeme, Renee

Grandson: Shayne

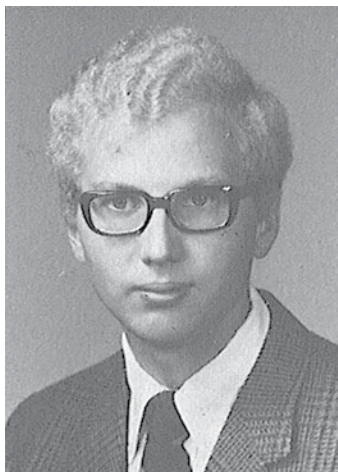


Growing up in Wilmington, Delaware, I had never heard of St. Olaf College in far off Minnesota. Fortunately, my father and I embarked on a wilderness canoe trip to the Boundary Waters the summer before my senior year in high school. On the way home we visited Carleton and St. Olaf. Having learned to seek the higher ground, I made the right choice, and a year later found myself in Kildahl Hall, where I was introduced to the joys of broomball in sub-zero temperatures and Christmas lutefisk. The Ole liberal arts program opened my mind to new interests and new possibilities, but it was Global Semester that changed my life forever. I returned from that experience with an abiding interest in foreign cultures and a passion for travel.

My life since then has been one exhilarating journey after another, with a few significant career transitions along the way. After obtaining my law degree from the U of M and a short stint as a general practitioner in Burnsville, MN, I returned east in 1974 to start my career as an international trade lawyer at the U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington, DC. I later joined a DC law firm, and moved to a law firm in Seoul, Korea in 1988. A chance encounter at the U.S. Embassy there led to my joining the U.S. Commercial Service in 1994, where I spent the last half of my career as a diplomat helping U.S. companies export to new markets. Finally, I had found my dream job living, working, and soaking up the culture of exciting places such as Beijing, Manila, Ho Chi Minh City, Rome, and Dubai.

Having spent our working lives in large congested cities, we are now happily retired along the North Carolina coast, where I pursue wildlife photography, golf, and volunteering. We continue to travel to places we love and places we have yet to experience.

## Robert “Bob” Barkley



St. Olaf Major: Chemistry

University of Colorado Boulder: Ph.D. '76

Spouse: Adelaide “Addie” Dittmar Barkley

Children: Scott, Christopher, Alan

Grandchildren: One granddaughter and three grandsons

The foundational liberal arts education provided by St. Olaf College has positively impacted nearly all aspects of my life. Without any particular lifeplan, a chemistry major and an off-campus semester at Argonne National Laboratory led, more or less in the following order, to graduate school and the beauty of Colorado; my wife Addie; the beginning and, with retirement, the end of an unconventional and rewarding academic research career; our three sons; uncountable adventures; and the wonder of grandchildren.

I was fortunate to spend nearly my entire working life at the University of Colorado, first at the Boulder Campus, and later at the Anschutz Medical Campus. It was great fun and challenging to use state-of-the-art mass spectrometers to seek new knowledge to aid understanding of difficult problems in environmental chemistry, analytical chemistry, and lipid biochemistry.

Our current retirement passions are travel and classical music. In the last two years we have been away from home for over six months, exploring new places, cultures, art, history, food, and wine. Our local musical favorite is the Colorado Symphony, and we have rarely missed an Ole Choir concert when the winter tour includes us. We attend a church that fulfills our spiritual and singing needs.

Backpacking has been replaced by hiking and walking. Alpine skiing is my favorite winter activity, and gardening fills spring and summer. Our sons and their families bring us joy.

## Marilynn Bast

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

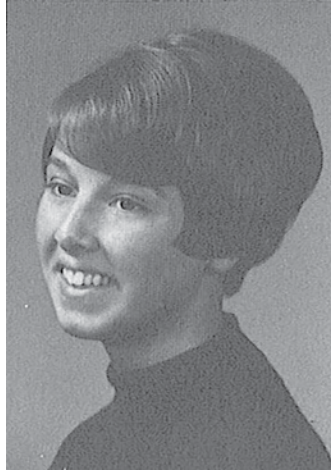
St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Kappa Theta Phi

University of Minnesota: Master's in Public Health 1978

University of St. Thomas: Master's Counseling Psychology 1981

Fielding Graduate University: Ph.D. Clinical Psychology 1990

Spouse: Phil Kofron '69



While walking around campus on the day of our St. Olaf graduation in 1970, I noticed a group of people gathered and lined up for a photo near Mellby Hall. Someone in the front row was holding a sign that said "St. Olaf College 50th Reunion." I remember thinking the people looked really old. I also remember wondering if that would ever be me and here I am, thankful and happy and old but not feeling old.

My husband Phil Kofron and I live in Minneapolis and enjoy the city and surrounding environment. Our homes-away-from-home are Lake Koronis in central Minnesota and the Pacific Northwest. We're fortunate to have wonderful family and friends near and far. Over the years I've pursued graduate work and career paths as a nurse, nurse practitioner, and clinical psychologist. These days I continue to settle into the delights and challenges of retirement.

Looking back on my years at St. Olaf, I can easily recall the energetic and sometimes exhausting study related to meeting academic expectations. I continue to be struck by the national and global concerns we were in the midst of as a country during those years as well as now. On a more optimistic note, I regard my St. Olaf experience as especially rich in treasured relationships with friends, faculty mentors, and my husband-to-be Phil; newly minted sensibilities and learning; music of the ages and music of the '60s; and countless times of easy fun.

## Judy Bearinger Florell



St. Olaf Major: Social Psychology  
St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers,  
Chapel Choir, Faribault State Hospital  
Volunteer, Psi Gamma  
Spouse: Paul Florell '70  
Children: John '01, Sarah  
Grandchildren: Five granddaughters

In the gorgeous season of autumn, there is no place that comes more readily to my memory than St. Olaf College. It seems like just yesterday — at St. Olaf Christmas Festivals, it was such a thrill to sing in the mass of spectacular voices, a power that couldn't help but lift one's spirit even in the midst of studying for finals. And then there were friendships. I loved the sense of community and connection that St. Olaf provided, both in the classroom, and on the campus as a whole. I also relished the opportunities to study abroad.

After graduation, I continued my studies in elementary education at the University of Redlands in California. In 1971, I was blessed to marry Paul Florell. He has been the love of my life for these 49 years. I feel so fortunate that both of us were challenged and nurtured through our St. Olaf experiences. I enjoyed teaching first and third graders in St. Louis Park, MN, before taking on the challenging profession of being “at-home-mother” to a wonderful son and daughter. In 1982 we moved to Alexandria, MN, where we have lived for 38 years. I have always had a passion for children and youth, as well as learning and teaching. This continued to be my focus at home and in the community, as I took on the roles of youth group advisor, adult spiritual facilitator, classroom and community volunteer, high school mentor, and finally, school board member for 15 years.

We are now retired and having the time of our lives. We enjoy the freedom to travel the world, and share the common interests of painting, photography, cross country skiing, camping, canoeing, and enjoying this beautiful country in our 12-foot A-frame camper. But the highlight of life is becoming the grandparents of five precious granddaughters at age 69, and finding such joy in sharing love and the enjoyment of life with them.

## Byron Beasley

St. Olaf Majors: Biology, Chemistry

St. Olaf Activities: Intramural team:

Hoosiers Dorms: Ytterboe x2, Ellingson,  
Men's Tower Family:

Wife: Ann (Luther, 1971 career counselor,  
community activist, musician

Children: Christen (St. Olaf, 1997)  
pediatrician;

Robert (St. Olaf, 2000) endodontist;

Abby (Lewis and Clark, 2002) therapist for homeless youth

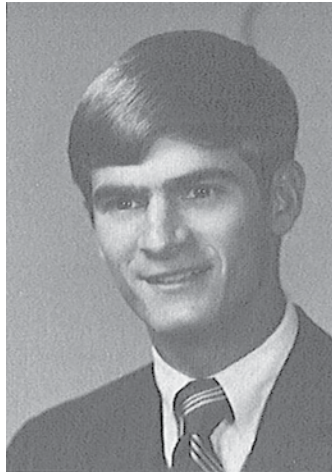
Grandchildren: Ava, Arya, Alina, Leona

Postgraduate education: University of Iowa School of Medicine, Indiana University internal medicine residency, University of Iowa cardiology fellowship.

Career: physician (internal medicine/cardiology), Mason City Clinic, Mason City, Iowa, 1979 to present.

Joys: Time spent with my wife, children and grandchildren, travel, competitive sailing, downhill skiing.

Future: Same as above, until life's events intrude.



## Mary Lou Beck Scott



After graduating from St. Olaf with a math and German major, I wasn't sure what to do next. I had enjoyed my studies, but couldn't see myself as a math teacher and didn't think I was imaginative or creative enough to profit from pursuing a higher degree in this field. The St. Olaf Choir was doing a European tour, so I decided to stay on afterwards for a year in a German-speaking country to improve my German, see Europe, and decide what to do with my life.

I ended up in Vienna and got a job with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, correcting the English in letters and reports before typing them up. I felt at home in Europe but discovered that I hated sitting in an office from nine to five, so I found work singing in the chorus in the Theater an der Wien. This gave me time to study at the Musikhochschule and then the university (archaeology and prehistory). After I changed to the Volksoper I had a job for life but no time for classes.

In 1978, I met my husband Peter in the Anglican church. We were married in 1979 and had three children: Anne Marie, Rachael, and Becky. I stopped paid work after Becky was born. In 1987 we moved to Germany. When the children were older, I did a Teaching English as a Foreign Language qualification in England and taught English to adults in the Volkshochschule. This was poorly paid but very rewarding and enjoyable. In 2011 we moved to England, since my husband was retired and our children had all left Germany. We now live in a small town in Oxfordshire with our two dogs. I enjoy singing in two choirs and we are both active in our lively, evangelical, charismatic Anglican church and in the local community. We try to call or see our children regularly. The younger two are in England, and the oldest is in Switzerland with our only granddaughter. I hope to continue doing my bit to share God's love and make the world a better place.

## Vicky Behl Hammer

I graduated from St. Olaf College with a nursing major and played trumpet in the band. My first registered nurse position was at the University of Washington Hospital, Seattle. I graduated with a Master's in Nursing from the University of Washington in 1972 and played trumpet in the University of Washington Husky Marching Band, Concert Band, and Brass Choir.

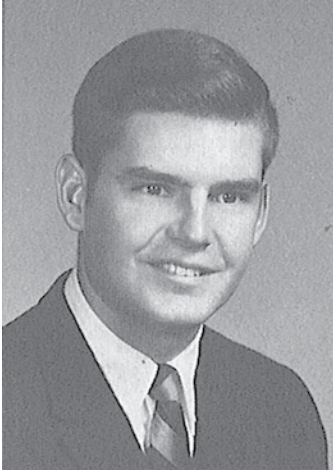


I returned to Minnesota and worked at Sister Kenny Institute, Minneapolis. I married Ted Hammer, DDS, in July 1976 and moved back to Starbuck, Minnesota. I worked in a small hospital, but within two years, we decided I would manage the dental practice. During the next years, we raised three children (John, Kate, Joe), built a passive solar home, and enjoyed rural living. I played my trumpet for church, organized a community band, played in a small jazz band, and directed the sixth-ninth grade church choir.

On February 14, 2001, Ted died of a heart attack. Life quickly changed. I completed a nurse refresher course at South Dakota State University, Brookings, in April 2002 and started working at a nursing home. I attended the University of South Dakota, Vermillion and completed an EdD in 2005. I became a Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing (NLN) in 2008. I taught nursing at the University of South Dakota, St. Catherine's University, Denver School of Nursing, Concorde Career College, Denver, and St. Cloud State University (SCSU). I retired from SCSU August 2019 and returned home to Starbuck. I have five grandchildren.

The highlight of my teaching career was the Cultural Variations in End-of-Life Simulations and the impact on students and first year nurses. From fall 2012 to fall 2018, 527 students participated in these simulations. This work was presented in conferences locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. In 2015, a manuscript was published by the NLN in the book *Building the Future in Nursing: Innovations in Nursing Education* (Vol. 3). This research was presented at the NLN Summit 2018, Chicago, Illinois. These simulations helped nursing students in providing end-of-life care and cultural awareness in all aspects of nursing.

## Frederick “Fritz” Bender



St. Olaf Major: Physics

St. Olaf Activities: ROTC, Viking Rifles, Brass Choir, CINCH, Young Americans for Freedom

Spouse: Joanne Ruth

Children: Stephen, Jennifer, Lisa

Grandkids: One granddaughter, and one grandson due to arrive in early January

I was born in Red Wing, MN; lived in Wausau, WI; and later lived in Mound, MN for four years prior to attending St. Olaf.

My mother sang in the St. Olaf choir under F. Melius Christiansen (love his compositions). It was planned for me to attend St. Olaf. Unsure of a major, I gravitated towards physics.

As a sophomore I attended CINCH meetings that challenged me to read the Bible and engage God personally. I took this step after hearing a teaching on verse from Romans: *So then faith comes by hearing, and the ear to hear by the Word of God.*

Some of my favorite memories include picnics at Heath Creek, home football games, walks downtown with a stop at the Ole Store, and morning chapel services. Not to be forgotten: the Christmas decorations at Ytterboe Hall.

I moved to the Detroit area in 1970 as an employee of Minnesota Fabrics. Then in 1973 I married my sweetheart, Joanne. After four years, I was hired by Ford as an engineer and later was employed by Chrysler where I have been for 35 years.

I love landscape and wildlife photography, and have also enjoyed fine woodworking and fly fishing. Joanne and I love to vacation in the Sleeping Bear Dunes area of Michigan, and in the Orlando area where Stephen works for the Disney Corporation. We have also enjoyed a number of Disney cruises. Jennifer and Lisa and their spouses live in the Detroit metro area, and we are blessed to see them quite often. We are looking forward to our grandchildren.

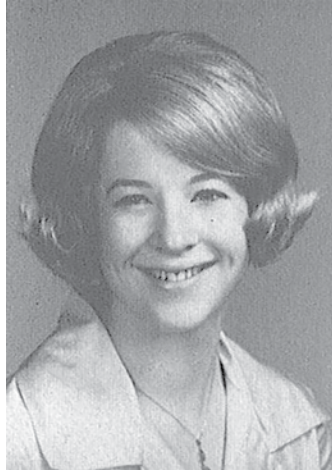


## Mele Berentson Howland

St. Olaf Major: Music Education

St. Olaf Activities: St Olaf Choir, Orchestra

Partner: Daniel Karnes



It was my mother's dream to attend St. Olaf so, she sent me ... with her fur coat, her cello, and her big trunk. It was a big change to move across the country (from

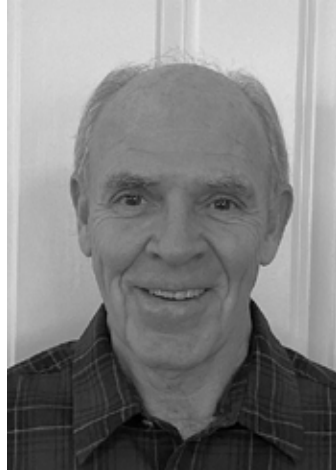
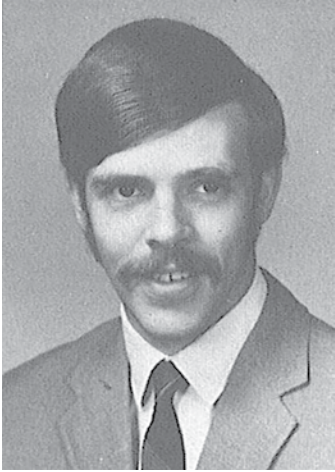
Bremerton, Washington) and try to acclimate to weather much colder than my birthplace (Honolulu, Hawaii). I probably would have left those harsh conditions except for joining the St. Olaf Choir my sophomore year. I was fortunate to sing with two outstanding directors and partake of some amazing choir tours.

I taught elementary music for four years in Columbus, Ohio, lived in Vienna for a year, was a music librarian for a time, got a master's in higher education, worked at a community college in Illinois directing a program for adult learners, earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Illinois, and worked in private practice assessing learning issues in Downers Grove, Illinois. Since our last reunion, I moved to Portland, Oregon, and have established a meaningful and satisfying life here. It is as weird as advertised if you look for it! Lots of opportunities for fun, music, food, nature, friends, activities, community, theater, cultural arts, etc. I have found many meaningful things to do here. I sing in a regional auditioned choir and have been challenged with our diverse programming. I've volunteered for five years at the women's prison nearby, co-facilitating a spiritual and personal growth class. It's been rewarding and poignant to share their journeys.

I attend the Unitarian Universalist church in downtown Portland, a large congregation with wonderful music. I'm involved in several social activities and have made most of my friends there. I met my significant other there and we are having a great time having fun together. It's kind of neat at my age!

I want to acknowledge and thank all of you who helped me get through that difficult time for me at the reunion. Your support and kindness made a huge difference. I'm looking forward to connecting again with all of you!

## Paul Bergdall



After graduation from St. Olaf, I entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, while awaiting the graduation of my college girlfriend, Kristin Miller (class of '72). Following her completion of studies, we married in December 1971. By the end of my second year, I realized that I was not ready to become a minister and left the seminary.

We remained in the Columbus area for several years where Kristin practiced nursing, and I worked with delinquent boys in the state correctional system. The first of our two daughters was born there. After several years, I became a social worker in a residential treatment center working with troubled teens in Richmond, Indiana. Our second daughter soon arrived.

I have always admired those who make a lifelong commitment to helping others, but for me it was emotionally draining, and I began to think it time for change.

My thirties were that time of change. During those years, I quit smoking, took up the equally powerful but healthier addiction of running, returned to school for a master's degree in computer science, got divorced, and moved to the Washington D.C. area.

As a software developer and architect, I had the opportunity to work on industrial automation systems, federal DOD and non-defense projects, telecommunication, and cable business systems. It was on one of those efforts that I met my wife, Paula, who happened to be my boss and still claims the title to this day.

Approaching retirement, we began to realize that the 20 acres that we owned was going to become harder to manage as we aged. With both girls and their expanding families living some five hours away in North Carolina and desiring warmer winters, we began exploring coastal Carolina, eventually settling in New Bern.

Although I have run a marathon and have held a private pilot license, my most valued accomplishment — aside from marrying the boss — has been to help raise two thoughtful and caring daughters who value the traditions of a summer family vacation on Cape Hatteras, and attending the Nutcracker ballet at Christmas.

## Colette Berge

St. Olaf Major: HPED (Health, Physical Education, Dance)

University of Colorado at Boulder:

M.S. in Physical Education (emphasis in Rec. Admin)

Spouse: Mary C. Yates, Ph.D.

In reflecting upon my time at St. Olaf, I most value the gift of a liberal arts education: critical thinking, communication, open mind

and heart, and the start of evolution to who I am now. The hot political climate of our era vested in me political activism for life with a passion for safe space, equal rights, and justice.

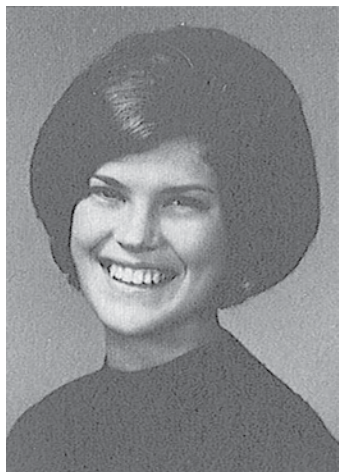
Although I only used my degree for a few years of teaching, I used my education for life! In 1980 I discovered the best kept secret of employment on a college campus: the student union and activities profession. I initially was hired to direct the Outdoor Adventure Program, equipment rental program, and Union Rec Center at North Dakota State University, later adding the Student Activities Program Board. Over the three decades I spent at NDSU and Pikes Peak Community College, I managed a wide variety of responsibilities: graduation ceremonies, child care, canoe trips and mountain climbs, programs from lectures to rock concerts, a decade of HIV/AIDS symposia in the 90s. As vice president of Student Services at PPCC I oversaw admissions, financial aid, testing, disability services, discipline, federal grants, crisis counseling, a new campus program plan, and more. These opportunities provided me with a wide family of students and staff who became “my kids.” It was in this arena where I also met my spouse.

Concurrently I held many leadership roles in the Association of College Unions International, including president and board of trustees. I loved touring and speaking at college unions all over the country and in Australia.

Today we live and play in Colorado. Since I retired in 2010, I am now back to being a “ski bum” and volunteer at Copper Mountain. Besides being an avid skier, I also hike, paddle, dog walk, and travel with my spouse. In 2016, after 22 years together, Mary and I married once it became legal everywhere. Equal rights are not special rights!



## Ginny Bergquist Bowles



St. Olaf Major: Music Education

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, St. Olaf Choir Soprano Section Leader, President of St. John's Honor House

Spouse: David H. Bowles, Stanford University '70; Harvard Divinity School '73 Children: Laura Bowles Foster, Pomona College '04

Grandchildren: Theodore David (age two)

St. Olaf was a wonderful opportunity to expand my musical awareness and capabilities in every direction. We had remarkable choir directors (Olaf Christiansen and Ken Jennings) and faculty members, and it prepared me for a world of music making.

After graduation, I married David Bowles and we moved to Boston, where we lived from 1970 to 1984. Here, I earned my M.M. in vocal performance from New England Conservatory.

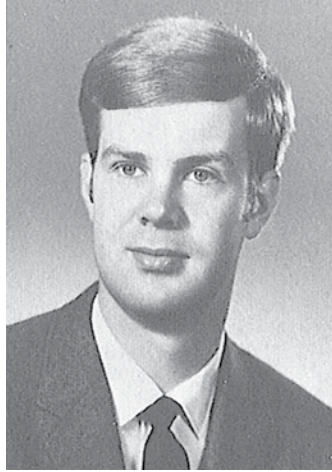
David and I were hired by Harvard University to sing at every morning chapel service and every Sunday worship service. We also sang in the Tanglewood Festival Chorus with the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) and Boston Pops. We worked with many famous conductors, including Leonard Bernstein. In addition, I was asked to record the soundtracks to *Close Encounters* and *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* with John Williams who was conducting the Boston Pops at the time. I also taught junior high, high school, and college levels, and premiered many vocal works with the John Oliver Chorale.

In 1984, three years after my daughter was born, we moved to Lexington, KY. I started teaching vocal workshops in churches and joined the faculty at both Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary. I served as the vocal coordinator for the music department at AU until my retirement in 2008 when I devolved to part-time teaching. Now, I teach just one day a week at the seminary.

In addition to my one day at ATS, I have a private voice studio at home and sing with the Lexington Chamber Chorale. God must have a great sense of humor because at age 71 I am still a guest soloist throughout the area and get to sing my heart out! I have been blessed beyond measure with the love of family, friends, good health, and two cats, Gus and Max.

## John Berntsen

My years at St. Olaf were life changing. Coming from Iowa, everything was a first — the love of learning, the music and arts, dorm life, and warm friendships. I ended up with a history major and philosophy minor, which suited well to going off to seminary at Yale Divinity School (M.Div.) and then on to Emory University (Ph.D.). I have been a Lutheran pastor ever since, now in retirement. Along the way I was able to teach at Roman Catholic and Lutheran seminaries and to author many articles, including a book titled *Cross-Shaped Leadership* (2008).



Being in the St. Olaf Choir was an experience unlike any other. Call it musical boot camp. So too was the term at Oxford University, where I grew to appreciate the discipline of learning by writing.

My most influential professors were Erling Jorstad, Harold Ditmanson, and Howard Hong. Their witness was to a life of learning informed faith.

In retirement, I have served nine interim pastorates, including as chaplain of Muhlenberg College. My wife, Mary Lynn, and I live in Bucks County, PA, just north of Philadelphia. We have two adult sons, Matthew and T.J., and one grandson, John Liam, with another on the way.

As an older alumnus said to me recently, St. Olaf is a place, but it is really a state of mind, and I would add, heart. Ask Ytterboe the stray dog, even though, alas, admissions seems to have forgotten. But just where is Dundas?

## Terance Bigalke



Attending St. Olaf College was one of the most consequential choices I have made in my life of 71 years. Considering how relatively young, naïve, and inexperienced I was at the time I made this choice, I am particularly grateful for the healthy, ethical environment, excellent academic atmosphere, meaningful friendships, and tremendous off-campus opportunities in which I engaged and flourished. In short,

these four years were characterized by encounters with genuinely good people, serious fun, deep inquiry, and vastly expanding horizons. They opened the way to further educational, international and career opportunities and my growth as a caring, ethical human being.

Looking back, while the entirety of the experience was influential, the most indelible aspects were the extraordinary study opportunities provided me in Thailand, Chicago, and Cuernavaca, Mexico. These transformative experiences reshaped my world views, strengthened and challenged my existing relationships, and set the trajectory for life after St. Olaf.

Southeast Asia became the geographical focus of my studies after St. Olaf, first for an M.A. at the East-West Center in Honolulu then a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After that, I worked for the Ford Foundation's Southeast Asia regional office in Jakarta, Indonesia, ultimately as a program officer for human rights, arts and culture, and educational grant programs. From there I joined the Big Ten Universities' consortium for international development activities based at the Ohio State University, and did several years of work on large-scale university development programs in Indonesia. From there I became Director of International Programs at Beloit College in Wisconsin and then headed the education division at the East-West Center in Honolulu before retiring in 2017.

I married my high school sweetheart and love of my life, Jan, and we will celebrate 50 years next August. We divide our year between Honolulu and Neenah, Wisconsin, easing access to our two married children (in Chicago and Honolulu) and three grandchildren. We love to travel, and I still dabble as a folksinger, with a fishing rod never far from hand.

## Robert “Rob” Billings

After graduating from St. Olaf in 1970 with a degree in political science, I intended to do advanced studies at the Ohio State University in the Mershon National Defense Program. Upon visiting the campus the week after the Kent State National Guard incident, I was informed that Mr. Mershon had quit over the shooting the previous week and the program was not available.

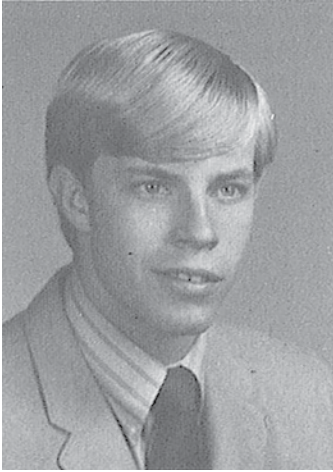


I wandered over to the law building and gained admittance. After a year of law school, I realized that I was not to be the reincarnation of Clarence Darrow. Sales and marketing took up the next 50 years.

My wife and I have four wonderful sons: Mark, a high school teacher in California; James, a second year resident after completing medical school; Ryan, a litigation attorney who graduated from Harvard Law School; and Jeffrey, an estate-planning attorney who graduated from Michigan Law School. Luckily, all the boys have the brains of their mother. Recently I made the big step of bringing home a Golden Retriever named Lucie.

I live in Appleton, Wisconsin, 26.2 miles from Lambeau Field.

## Charles Billington



St. Olaf Major: Political Science  
St. Olaf Activities: Baseball, Piano  
Spouse: Cynthia Anne Higgins  
Children: Sarah Elizabeth '05,  
Matthew Norman '09 (son-in-law);  
Matthew Nelson, University of New  
Hampshire '09

By the time I reached my senior year at North Park Academy in Chicago, I knew I wanted to continue my piano studies, but also have an opportunity to continue in sports, especially football and baseball. My mother, aunt, and an older cousin were all Carleton graduates. I was intrigued with a college experience in a small town after an urban/suburban upbringing, and went north to visit Carleton, full of anticipation. While in Northfield, I also visited St. Olaf, and after that campus visit I was sold. Rarely a day goes by in which I don't think about my St. Olaf experiences. I still visit campus once a year, and I try to make a point of visiting some old instructors, like Jack Schwandt and Arthur Campbell (who at the age of 97 still gives weekly piano recitals at his retirement community).

After graduating, I worked for the Chicago Housing Authority for several years and decided to get my master's degree at the University of Illinois. I have worked in mental health and rehabilitation for 44 years, gaining certification in employee assistance and geriatric mental health along the way.

In 1977 I met Cynthia Higgins in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago when she was a graduate student at Northwestern. We recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. 2019 was also our 39th year of residence in Glencoe, Illinois, a small, older suburb on Lake Michigan. At this time, biking, boating, gardening, the piano, weight training, and writing are my major avocations. I played baseball in the Chicagoland Senior Leagues until three years ago. Thanks in large part to my St. Olaf experience, I still give about 12 classical piano recitals a year, and five months ago in June, my second book was published by McFarland Press.

... Life, with all its challenges, has been good

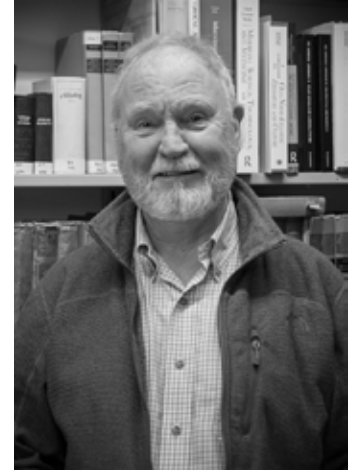
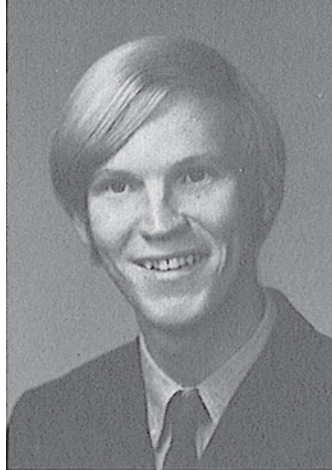
All the best to my 1970 classmates

You are often in my thoughts ...



## Pål Bjørby

I arrived at St. Olaf as a junior from Drøbak, Norway. Guided by thoughtful and engaging teachers, I focused on 19th-century and 20th-century novels and drama with a double major in German and French. My life on the Hill consisted mostly of hard work and long hours in Rølvaag Library. Lloyd Hustvedt was an important and generous mentor, as his assistant I taught his Norwegian Grammar course.



After St. Olaf, I went to Middlebury College for an M.A. in German literature and the University of Minnesota for a Ph.D. in Scandinavian studies. Throughout the 1970s, I taught German and Norwegian at the University of Minnesota. For my M.A., I spent a year at the Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz, Germany, where I joined a Bach Kantorei. As part of my Ph.D. program, I spent a year in Lund and Stockholm, Sweden.

The feminist movement in the 1970s, the emerging fields of feminist literary criticism and theory, and my participation in LGBT politics were formative personally and as a teacher, researcher, and writer. Feminist and LGBTQ perspectives and concerns have been the bedrock of my work and my role as a critic, editor, and advisor both here and in Europe. I served on the founding committee of the first Norwegian Women and Gender Association and was a co-founder of the Norwegian Journal of Gender Studies and the queer journal *Trickster*. My scholarly interests have resulted in articles, books, and editorial work for British, Swedish and American journals.

My academic career included positions at the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Oregon, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the University of Tromsø before accepting a position in Nordic literature at the University of Bergen, where I have worked for 25 years. Although retired, I currently advise three Ph.D. projects.

With my partner of 40 years, Reidar Lie, a specialist in medical ethics, life is filled with travel between homes in Bergen and Washington, D.C. and globally. I keep busy owning and running the academic press *Alvheim & Eide Akademisk Forlag* in Bergen.

## Julie Blakely Kierbs



Majors: French, Psychology

Interests: Music, French

Semester Abroad Grandchildren: Eight

After graduation I returned home to the Washington D.C. area and began working with the Retired Officers Association, one block from the White House. I loved the

job, but after several years of fighting the protesters and rush hours I was ready to move on. Marriage and a move to Indiana while my husband studied there came next. I worked for a rural county school system and reacquainted myself with the Midwest. Loved it! A friend in Illinois asked us to help at a residential treatment center for disturbed children. The rural setting and the kids who had been removed from their homes were a wonderful challenge! We were hooked! I completed my master's in counseling while there. And we had three children. I retired (on Labor Day!) as program director from a court appointed special advocate position. Court advocacy for children was always poignant.

We have three adult children (all forces for good in the world!), eight grandchildren (all forces of nature!), and two homes (Illinois and New Mexico). I enjoy our kids, our marvelous, creative grandchildren, gardening in two very different climates, traveling, and playing in piano duet contests with my granddaughter.

Amazingly, a good deal of what I am derives from our St. Olaf years. What a wonderful, nurturing place to learn, and the most amazing "launch pad" from which to conquer the world!

## Karen Bloomquist

St. Olaf Majors: Sociology and Religion

St. Olaf Activities: Debate, Urban Plunge,  
first Global Semester 1968-69

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary:  
Master's of Divinity

Union Theological Seminary (NYC): Ph.D.

Wartburg Seminary: Doctorate of Divinity

Spouse: Bill Strehlow (now deceased)

Children: Aaron, born 1982



I was ordained in 1974 and became the first Lutheran woman to pastor a congregation in the West.

I was the pastor of Faith Lutheran in Oakland, California, St. Philip in Brooklyn, New York, and Zion in Custer, Washington, on faculty of Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, headed Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University, and have also taught at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Waterloo Seminary (Canada), Seattle University, United in Bangalore, India, and speaker at many events.

I was Director of Studies, ELCA Division for Church in Society, Chicago (1988-99) and Director of Theology and Studies, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva (1999-2010).

Since St. Olaf, and all the social activism ignited in the 1960s, I intentionally have lived in very diverse parts of the country and the world. I now live in a cohousing community in Oakland, one of the most diverse cities there is, and where I first lived after St. Olaf. I have enjoyed living in and visiting many parts of the world, especially in Europe, Africa and Asia. I have written and edited many books and other publications, and currently consider myself a “theologian-at-large.”

## Christine Borgen Drotning



St. Olaf Major: Music Education University of Illinois: M.S. in Music Education

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Choir, Junior Counselor, Manitou, Chapel Choir, Liturgical Choirs

Spouse: William Drotning

Children: Elizabeth Drotning Hartwell '99; Eric Drotning '02, deceased 2005

Grandchildren: one granddaughter and one grandson

I continue to be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to sing in the St. Olaf Choir for two years for Kenneth Jennings. This experience shaped me in many important ways to share my love of choral music with others. Being a junior counselor was a meaningful challenge for me and helped me to become more confident in leadership roles. Special memories include life-long friendships; professors Ken and Carolyn Jennings, Margaret Birkeland, and Gloria Kiester; and spectacular choir tours!

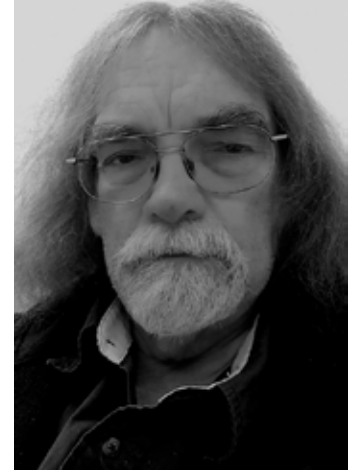
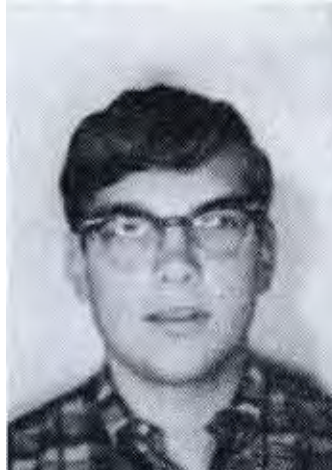
I married my high school sweetheart and fellow trumpet player Bill Drotning, taught music in Ohio and Illinois, and earned a master's degree in music education. In 1975, we moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Bill was employed at Sandia National Labs. We delighted in the blessing of our two lovely children! I taught piano and school music, and I served as a director of music in Lutheran congregations. After retiring, I led music and worship in our church preschool—with the bonus of our grandchildren as students!

Our lives changed completely when our son Eric died in a car accident. In his memory, we commissioned Steve Amundson to compose an orchestral work (*The Gift*) and Carolyn Jennings to write a choral piece (*Awake, My Heart*). We established a scholarship in Eric's name and have been blessed to meet the Ole orchestra and band recipients through the years.

After 43 years in Albuquerque, we moved in 2018 to Shorewood, Minnesota, to continue to live near our daughter and family. We have found a wonderful new neighborhood and church home. In 2019 we explored some of our ancestral roots in Norway—wonderful! We are blessed to have an active role in our grandchildren's lives and look forward to many new adventures!

## John Bouras

My memories of St Olaf are mostly of personal growth and learning experiences ... very little of academics, unfortunately! The professor I remember most was my advisor, Dr. Henry Fritz (History) ... not a very interesting lecturer, but a great, caring person who tried his best to get me to care about my education.



Certain that Viet Nam was in my future it was with trepidation that I reluctantly reported for duty a couple weeks after graduation. I was sent to Ft Lewis, WA for Basic Training where during the initial in-processing, the guy who was reviewing my “qualifications” turned out to have been the Best Man at my cousin’s wedding just a few months earlier. That, combined with my typing abilities (mediocre) guaranteed that even if I went to Nam, it would be behind a typewriter! And, as it turned out, I split my time between FT Knox KY and a plush assignment in Germany.

After my discharge, I spent a couple of months traveling with an Army buddy in his VW bus. I tried working at a retail camera store, but that was 6 days a week with little pay, vacation time or benefits. My brother had been working as a Letter Carrier with the Postal Service and suggested I give it a try ... 42 years later I retired after a less than fulfilling career, but having met my wife, Gail, and raised two kids, both of whom graduated from college, I guess it turned out ok! Our daughter Sara, 41, is married to a retired Navy man, Chris, who ambitiously went back to school after his retirement and became an RN. They have two sons, CJ and Eli and live in Gulfport, MS. Sara received a degree in Elementary Ed from Illinois State University. Our son, Scott, 37, went to Purdue University and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his wife Kristy live in Rockford, IL with their two daughters Amelia and Clara.

Besides spoiling our grandchildren, my wife and I have been spending our retirement years, fishing, kayaking, traveling, and trying to keep busy.

## Coral Brademeyer White



My major was music education at St. Olaf. I taught public school orchestra for 25 years and was the national recipient of the Elizabeth A. H. Green School Educator award in 2005. I earned my master's degree in curriculum development from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

I love teaching private violin lessons. I have done so for 50 years and plan to continue as long as I am able. I was trained in the

Suzuki method of violin instruction shortly after graduating from St. Olaf at MacPhail Center in Minneapolis and taught Suzuki method violin lessons there as adjunct faculty of the University of Minnesota for three years. Since moving from Minnesota, I have continued teaching privately in my own studio.

Being in the St. Olaf Orchestra was a highlight of my college career. That experience inspired me to play in community orchestras and chamber ensembles ever since, including serving as concertmaster of the Rapid City Symphony for 20 years.

I am divorced with three children, Krista, Nicole, and Dane, and three grandchildren, Lucy, Connor, and Mason. All of my children are accomplished musicians who use music as a hobby. The musical legacy continues, as my oldest two grandchildren play piano and the youngest plays the violin.

I split my time between the states of Washington and Montana in order to spend time with my grandchildren. Washington gives me the "city" experience since we live in the Seattle area. My eldest daughter and family live in Helena, Montana, so I can also experience "the last best place." My hobbies include hiking, snow shoeing, yoga, reading, and playing bridge.

## Diane Bratteli

St. Olaf Majors: Speech and Psychology

Thank you to the classmates who are planning our 50th reunion! I'm looking forward to it.

Distilling the past 50 years of life into a few paragraphs results in my focusing on the elements that were the most rewarding and the most time-consuming: my children and my career. I have two sons who are 42 and



40 years old. They are a great source of joy! One lives locally and the other lives in Switzerland. After graduating St. Olaf, I began graduate school at the University of Iowa for an M.A. in speech-language pathology. I consider it a stroke of good fortune that the profession I selected as a college senior was a perfect match for me for decades. I chose to practice in public schools where I could have ready access to my students' teachers, parents, and siblings. When my first son was born I interrupted full-time employment for eight years, returning when my younger son was six years old. At the time, I thought that the value of being with the boys during those early years was being able to enjoy all of their daily developments. Subsequently I've learned that the value never ends. I'm still enormously grateful that I was able to have that gift.

In 2015, I retired. I'd known for years that I'd never feel like giving up all the enjoyment I had in my professional life. Consequently, I set an age at which I decided I should retire to have a chance for a long, happy retirement, and I followed through with it. It's especially great to have unscheduled days, be able to stay out late on weeknights, and travel whenever I want to do so.

During the 50 years since graduation I've lived in various places, most of them for three years or less, in the following sequence: Iowa City, Iowa; South Hadley, Massachusetts; San Clemente, California; Berkley, Michigan; Madison, Wisconsin; Trondheim, Norway; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and my current and favorite home of Fairport, New York.

## Henrik “Rick” Brosten



I grew up in northwest Montana. My father and most of my uncles, aunts, and grandparents were Norwegian immigrants. When the time for college arrived, where could I go but St. Olaf? In addition, my sister graduated from St. Olaf in 1963, so in 1966 I arrived on the Hill. Four years later I left St. Olaf with a B.A. in mathematics.

I remember my math professors: Stanaitis, Kleber, Seebach, Steen, and Larson. They

were all good teachers. I have stayed in touch with my two roommates, Joel Johnson and Roy Kjendal. Other memories are my first true love, the Vietnam War protests, and the Civil Rights Movement. I was in the student center when the news came that Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated.

What to do after graduation. I tried graduate school, but lost interest. I then built houses in Montana while deciding what to do. That turned into 10 years. In 1981, a young woman asked me to go hiking and everything changed. Robanna Carver and I were married on May 31, 1982. She is a Pacific Lutheran University graduate, Class of 1983, a Lute, not an Ole.

Once married, I took some classes in electronics and worked various jobs in that field for 20 years. It meant moving nine times from Tacoma, Washington, to Conneaut, Ohio, and points in between. In 2003 I was working for Kaiser Aluminum in Spokane, Washington, when Kaiser took out bankruptcy. At age 55 I discovered what I was supposed to be doing. Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, needed someone to teach industrial electronics and programmable logic controllers. It was a perfect fit for me. I taught there for 15 years. Best of all, Robanna and I were able to host students from Nepal, Bangladesh, Tanzania, South Korea, Japan, and Bhutan. In 2018, I retired Professor Emeritus. Robanna and I spend time with our terrier Loki now and plan which niece, nephew, or host student to visit next. I've been blessed to have found rewarding work and doubly blessed to share my life with Robanna, my kindred spirit.



## Jeraldin “Jerri” Bussert Johnson

I must confess that I am on my third wedding ring. Life started off with a bang with marriage to Steve Johnson. The first ring is at the bottom of the Aegean Sea. The second is at the bottom of St. James Lake in Indiana. The third was lost, but fortunately found the following spring in the garden.



I worked as a nurse. Given the countercultural 70s, I had my babies at home. I soon realized I was serving my family a lot of junk food, contributing to their chronic health problems. Much to my family’s consternation, I started serving things like soybean casserole for dinner, and carob cake instead of chocolate. We have been doing family forgiveness counseling since I gave out pencils instead of candy at Halloween.

I became a homeopath and started my own practice in St. Paul at a holistic health center. But then a local naturopath was shut down for practicing medicine without a license — the law says doing anything to help people get better is deemed practicing medicine! Some of us mobilized the natural health community, worked at the Capitol, and changed the law to make it legal for homeopaths, herbalists, health coaches, and many others to practice. We started a national nonprofit — National Health Freedom Action — to help other states, and today we have helped 11 states make similar changes, and are determined to make changes in all 50 states.

After meeting many parents with vaccine-injured children, we also started working at legislatures to ensure parental decision making on children’s health care. A big part of my work today is advocacy for families with vaccine-vulnerable children.

Several decades ago, my sister came out to me as lesbian. This was a big challenge for Evangelical Christian me! She and her partner did much to open the Lutheran church to ordaining gay pastors and affirming gay marriage. I grew a lot through those issues and worked to help pass the marriage amendment in Minnesota.

I enjoy directing the church choir, writing dramas for church, gardening, and spending time with kids and grandkids.

## Katherine Caldwell



St. Olaf Major: Performance

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, St. Olaf Choir

I attended St. Olaf from 1966 to 1968 as a voice major. Those years gave me fond memories because of the people, lovely campus, and an enriching start to my life. I married and moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, where I graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1970 with a

bachelor's in music education. It was at DWU where I picked up oboe, and decided to sing through my oboe and English horn instead of my voice.

After several years of oboe studies, I began a forty-year professional career having a blast playing with a variety of ensembles, including symphonies, operas, chamber groups, and as a soloist. For one of my orchestras, I also presented the pre-concert lectures and wrote the program notes. Simultaneously, I had a diverse business career that included sales, marketing, and training. I was a corporate trainer for several banks, teaching leadership and management classes, and gained a lot of experience in written and oral presentation skills.

In 1988 I moved to Fort Myers, Florida to be closer to my parents, and in 2009 I retired from the business world. In 2017 I played my last gig, sold my instruments, and found a good home for all my music, tools, and supplies at two universities.

Now I am immersed full time in charity and volunteering efforts as I give back to our community. Some of my activities include: The Pet Therapy Program at The Children's Advocacy Center, The Gulf Coast Humane Society, Lakes Park Garden Group, Southwest Florida Symphony Endowment Foundation Board, Fort Myers Community Concert Association Board, Annual SWFL Veg Fest Sponsor, United Way Campaign and Allocation Committees, and I write for our community newsletter. I feel that I'm blessed to use all the skills I've acquired over my life, and to enjoy many friends and colleagues in the non-profit arena. One way to live a long, healthy life is to keep busy and active, and this keeps me grounded with purpose and gratitude.

## Deborah Carlson

Professor Erling Jorstad used to joke (“glutton for punishment,” etc.) about the student who was in eight of his classes; I was that student, an Ole from Faribault, who, instead of a summer job at the drive-in for 30 cents an hour “earned more money” by commuting to St. Olaf summer school sessions, which Dr. Jorstad taught. Therefore, I began with the class of 1970, but graduated with the Class of 1969 with



English, history, and German majors.

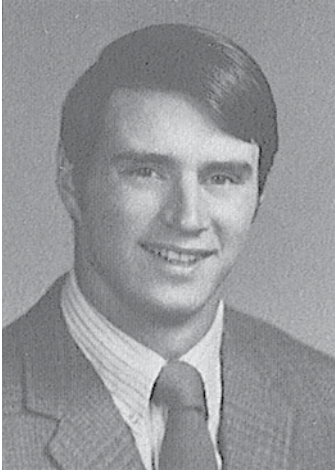
After St. Olaf, I earned master’s degrees from the University of St. Thomas (special education and education) and the University of Minnesota (American studies), and I taught in Stillwater, Anoka, and Minneapolis Public Schools. I retired from Minneapolis Washburn High School in 2003.

I taught English, social studies, special ed., and history, but my passion was music. I was principal viola of Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis and First Unitarian Society Orchestra, and I played in: Mankato Symphony Orchestra, Lakewood and Century College Orchestra, U of M Symphony, and my quartet, Mount Curve String Quartet. I gave violin and viola lessons in Anoka–Hennepin school district and Minneapolis schools adult education.

I was honored to be: president of Women Historians of the Midwest and Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis, WCCO TV Teacher Four the Week, WCCO Radio Good Neighbor, editor of Women’s History Tour of the Twin Cities, Minnesota International Center essay winner to attend the National Affairs Council Conference at the United Nations.

My beloved, Jon Schasker, and I were grateful for the rich cultural life of Minneapolis–St. Paul. We attended thousands of concerts, plays, operas, lectures, dance performances, and we sang “The Messiah” for two years with the St. Paul chamber orchestra. Jon died in 2018.

## Greg Carlson



St. Olaf Major: Psychology

Activities: Football, track & field, hockey, junior counselor

Home: Seattle, Washington

Employment: Professor Emeritus, University of Rochester; Affiliate Professor, University of Washington

Education: M.A. University of Iowa, 1974, Ph.D. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1977

I graduated from high school in Ames, Iowa without the slightest idea of what to do next except to “go to college.” St. Olaf was a great place for me to be at that time my life. The small college atmosphere permitted me participation in memorable varsity sports experiences, despite my athletic abilities. Academically, I was a bit at sea but my sophomore year in a small philosophy class yielded a startling experience. Classes became much more interesting; my grades went up.

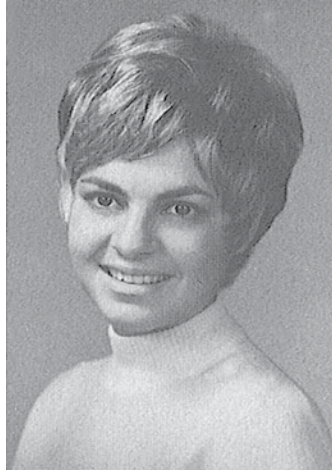
After graduation, I found myself certain to be drafted into the army. Beating my draft notice by one full day, I managed to join the Army Reserve instead (shout-out to Al Hinderaker, '70, for the help!). I married Diane Bratteli ('70) in 1971 after returning from basic training. We later had two children, Matthew and Geoffrey. Matt lives in the Rochester, NY area, while Geoff lives near Geneva, Switzerland.

I had always been something of a language nerd. At St. Olaf, I became interested in the psychology of language, and applied to graduate schools. I wound up in a Linguistics M.A. program at the University of Iowa, then the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. I loved it. I subsequently worked as a professor in California, Michigan, Wisconsin, and back to Iowa, with a Fulbright year in Norway.

In the later 1980's I settled down at the University of Rochester in New York, serving as Linguistics program director and department chair, having established a new Linguistics department. After 30+ years of teaching and research in upstate New York, I called it quits and moved to Seattle where I have both friends and family, and where you don't need to shovel the rain. In 2011 I remarried to Christine Gunlogson (Harvard '82), a Seattle native. In retirement I love reading books of all sorts, not just about language, listen to podcasts, travel, hang out at home with my wife, and generally act like a retired guy.

## Kathryn “Kaki” Christensen Ley

Fifty years ago, I could never have dreamed what I was able to do. I express my deep appreciation for my parents, who coerced me into going to St. Olaf because they thought I should be in the choir. Fortunately, I joined under the direction of Olaf Christiansen and Kenneth Jennings. My experience at St. Olaf has opened many doors throughout the years thanks to my parents.



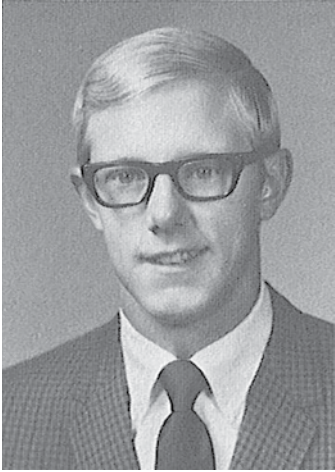
I was a K-12 vocal music teacher for 23 years, and my last 17 years I taught grades 5-12, which I enjoyed the most. I also taught Spanish and sold real estate. Now I am semi-retired, but work as a travel coordinator for the senior club at our family bank, State Nebraska Bank & Trust in Wayne, Nebraska, where I grew up. Our son Matt and my husband, Dave, are my bosses. I host monthly movies, create newsletters, organize trips to concerts, and travel all over the world with our group members. Some retirement!

My most important person in my life is my husband, Dave, who always encourages me and makes me think out of the box. We have three unique sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and six amazing grandchildren. We cherish time spent with all of them.

For the future, Dave and I hope to continue to travel, our common hobby. We love the time we spend with our friends and get together as much as we can. My goal is to spend as much time with our family as possible, stay healthy, keep singing, improve my ukulele skills (I recently started a ukulele club in Wayne), and hopefully knit another afghan!

To the Class of 1970, I hope life has treated you well. If I have any regrets, it is that I didn't get to know more of you. I look forward to reading about you. I believe we were fortunate to have been a part of St. Olaf and all it offered. I send you good wishes for the future. Um! Yah! Yah!

## Jack Christensen



Looking back on my time at St. Olaf, especially freshman year, two words sum up my feelings: I survived! I arrived at St. Olaf insecure and immature. High school was not a great experience for me, and I feared more of the same in college. Several key things happened that first fall that helped me. PE class was touch football with Coach Tom Porter. I was the only freshman and immediately loved the class because

of the upperclassmen who were in it. They actually included me in on plays, even passing to me! This was quite a switch from high school.

Meanwhile, I was struggling with classes and failing English. My roommate's brother had graduated from St. Olaf that spring and stopped by to visit us during this dark time. He gave us tips on how to "make it" and this was a life saver for me. With his advice I kept on trying and successfully completed my first year. This was a turning point for building self-confidence.

One big lesson learned at St. Olaf was how to live a disciplined life. As for personal growth, roommates and friends were probably more influential in shaping and molding me than any class or activity. Sharing my weaknesses and feelings with someone was something I had never done. God was using difficulties and stress to get me to open up to others. It would take many years before I understood the truth of James 1:2-4 that I should "consider it pure joy" to go through trials. The long journey to becoming a more mature man began at St. Olaf and for that I am thankful.

One class that left a lasting impact on me was Plant Physiology, with Harold Hansen. This class opened my eyes to the amazing complexity of life. Years later, I was introduced to Creation Science and now I am privileged to teach a class called "The Nature of God" to students in a Teen Challenge facility. My biology major has finally paid off as I get to teach about the amazing creative genius of God.

## Sandra Christianson Sorenson

St. Olaf Majors: History and French  
University of Nebraska: Master's in  
Educational Psychology and Special  
Education

Spouse: Howard Sorenson

Child: Trent Sorenson

Because I was born at St. Olaf Hospital  
and baptized at St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
in Austin, Minnesota, It seemed only right



that I should attend St. Olaf College. I am grateful that my early adult years were spent at St. Olaf. Lifelong friends were made here, and all the academic challenges, discussions, and experiences during those four years have had a lasting impact on my life.

A turning point for me was the International Studies program and specifically the semester in Avignon, France. What a wonderful experience, adventure, and memory! Living with a French family who welcomed me into their home, helped me learn the language, and included me on their trips was a priceless learning experience. For a young person from a small town in the midwest, it changed my life.

After graduation I taught American history in Rochester, Minnesota, where I met my husband Howard. We have been married now for 46 years. He, too, loves adventure, and his career took us to several states: Arizona, Nebraska, Washington, California, and Illinois. Both our careers grew from these new experiences, and we continued our education. I earned a master's degree in educational psychology and special education at the University of Nebraska. I have been fortunate to teach special education in a variety of settings and age and grade levels in most all of these states.

Like his parents, our son earned a degree in history. We three have had many, lively historical discussions and learned much from the newer points of view from his studies.

Now we are somewhat retired and enjoying the Pacific Northwest lifestyle near Seattle, Washington. We spend part of the year in Arizona and look forward to trips both in this country and abroad.

## Bonnie Christopherson Eckert



With my nursing degree from St. Olaf, I spent 46 years in healthcare. My clinical specialty was intensive care (IC), and for half of my career, I was a staff nurse in a variety of inpatient critical care areas (surgical IC, infectious disease IC, burn unit, dialysis, coronary care, emergency flight nursing and air ambulance) at hospitals in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Portland, Oregon, and Kalispell, Montana.

Eventually, I gravitated to instructor roles in critical skills courses for nurses and physicians, and then moved into the education department of the regional hospital in Kalispell.

After several years, there was the opportunity to try management and I became manager of the education department, then director over professional education, diabetes care and prevention, and wound and ostomy care. By this time, the hospital had evolved into a comprehensive medical center with 3,000 employees. I retired in 2014 feeling I had experienced a thoroughly enjoyable and stimulating career.

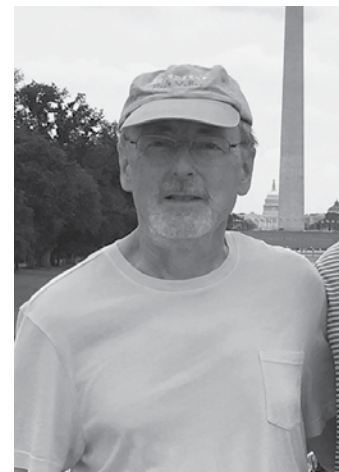
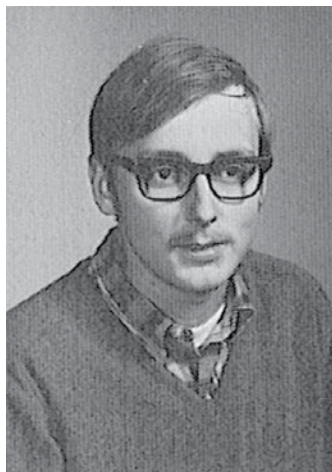
Throughout my years, I have maintained an avid interest in the outdoors. Starting with my upbringing in Red Wing, Minnesota, hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, cross country skiing, and photography have continued to provide a means for appreciating the world and my place in it. In addition to promoting physical, mental, and emotional fitness, these activities have been the basis for trips to Mexico, Chile, Italy, and Turkey. My volunteer efforts have also centered on these interests with park conservation, trail development and maintenance, and citizen scientist commitments being priorities. I live 30 miles from Glacier National Park and am surrounded by state and national wilderness areas. The outdoors has always been key in family and friend events and my day-to-day exercise. One of my most treasured memories is the surprise celebratory trip my husband and kids put together for my 70th birthday: camping and hiking on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

I credit St. Olaf - the experiences and friendships there - with launching me into a lifetime philosophy of curiosity, confidence, and servitude. I have been blessed with a wonderful partner in life, two vibrant creative children, good health, and many years filled with opportunity, challenge, and adventure.



## Ken Clansky

I came to St. Olaf from a very conservative private high school in the Chicago area where dancing, among other vices, was prohibited. Ironically, the only PE class available when I went through freshman registration at St. Olaf was Axel Bundgard's Square and Ballroom Dancing. Learning the FoxTrot and how to "do-si-do" my partner was only the first instance of St. Olaf expanding my horizons. There was much more to come: excellent teachers



(Arnold Flaten, David Wee, and Howard Hong are just a few of the distinguished faculty who influenced me), the opportunity to spend my junior year at Oxford University, and the challenge of walking up the hill from my off-campus apartment in January (wind chill -65 degrees).

After graduation, I returned to Oxford to study English literature, and eventually completed graduate degrees at the University of Maryland, Georgetown, and Washington Theological Union. My professional career began — after a few false starts — in the government contracting industry, where I managed a long term National Science Foundation project. I then turned to consulting for the World Bank and other organizations, before becoming an entrepreneur in the publishing business. In 1982, I married Gina Mullenholz, a DC area native and a graduate of Boston College. We have lived in Bethesda (a DC suburb) ever since. We have four grown children, all of whom attended East Coast colleges despite their early introduction to St. Olaf by my frequent singing of Um! Yah! Yah! at bedtime in lieu of lullabies.

Now I'm semi-retired, though I continue to be active in adult religious education and other ministries at our parish church. We are fortunate to have two of our kids and two grandchildren living nearby. I also devote a fair amount of time to fighting back against Parkinson's disease by working out at a boxing gym several times a week (as well as practicing Tai Chi and yoga). Finally, I'm still trying to answer the perennial question — what am I going to do when I grow up? Always more possibilities to explore.

## Betty Coaker Christ



My attraction to St. Olaf began with trees. Every fall, my father looked for colorful foliage. Almost annually that search brought us to campus. He died when I was thirteen, but as a student I felt his presence and an accompanying sense of peace whenever I walked under the brilliant canopy of maples.

Some St. Olaf memories include having Dr. Marie Meyer as my advisor and

developing a friendship that continued until her death at the age of nearly 102. I answered Lowell Johnson's question for my Shakespeare final — "trace the attitude toward God in literature from Beowulf through Shakespeare" — and, while writing, gained greater perspective about how culture and perceptions of God are inextricably intertwined. I spent the spring semester of my junior year in Cambridge, England. I still cherish the memories of its beauty and my adventures there and traveling the continent: five Ole girls crammed into a VW fastback.

Most of my work life was in education. In Wisconsin, I taught middle school language arts, worked with potential high school dropouts, taught communications at a technical college, obtained a master's in education, and directed Student Support Services (TRIO) at Ripon College. In 1989, I moved to Bemidji, Minnesota, married Barry Yocom, and worked in Student Support Services at Bemidji State University.

A Bemidji State University highlight was spending time with adult students from the three surrounding reservations. We had great long talks about native and white culture interspersed with lots of spontaneous laughter. It was one of the best experiences of my lifetime.

In 1984, I interviewed Sidney and Lois Rand (for about nine hours each) for Ripon College's Leadership Studies Program. This resulted in friendships, with Sidney until his death in 2003 and with Lois for the past 35 years. At 94, Lois continues to be included in St. Olaf activities and gatherings both on and off campus. We have long, lively phone conversations almost every week. Lois keeps me posted about St. Olaf and is a bright light in my life!

## Stephen Coates

The first few years out of St. Olaf were a bit of a struggle. I'd won a scholarship to the Manhattan School of Music, but notwithstanding success there, I soon realized I lacked the focus necessary to be a professional horn player. On return to the Twin Cities in 1971, I took a position as editorial assistant in the music department of Augsburg Publishing House.



In 1972, Maren and I married. About the time I'd had it with working in an office, she decided she wasn't all that passionate about teaching, so we moved just east of Grand Rapids, Michigan to work at a church camp. An attempt at communal living there left a friendship in tatters, and I learned that I could delete working at a sawmill from my list of possible careers.

In spring of 1974, we moved to Rockford, Illinois to become house-parents for a group home, working with truant and/or runaway teenage girls. During this time we bought a house in Galena, Illinois, as a weekend getaway.

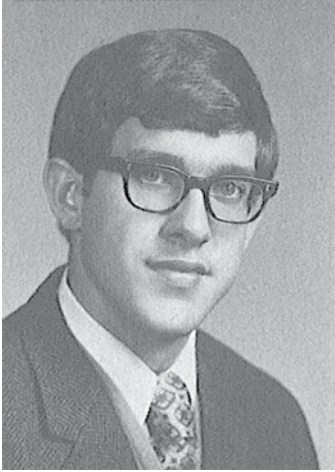
We moved to Galena full time in 1976, and using a CETA grant, I earned an associate degree in drafting. With this technical training, and having "learned how to learn" at St. Olaf, I succeeded in landing a job with a small engineering company newly relocated to Galena. My work in engineering and sales spanned 30 years, included extensive international travel, cultivation of myriad friendships around the world, and I was fortunate to be awarded seven patents relating to the manufacture of glass.

Maren and I have been married for 48 years and have raised two daughters. With four grandsons our education continues. We travel whenever we can. For the past 11 years I've been a board member for the Galena Jo Daviess County Historical Society; we're currently in the midst of a \$9 million capital campaign for construction of a new museum. Woodturning, golf, reading, and caring for a 138-year-old house largely fill out the rest of my waking hours.

As for the French horn, it ceased long ago to be a passion; it's now a 'dust-able' atop the china cupboard!



## Herb Cohrs



After graduation, I served for three years in the U.S. Army and spent the next 30 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I worked and my family lived in Kentucky, Ohio, London, England, and Bern, Switzerland. Following my retirement as the legal attaché at the American Embassy in Bern, I worked for several years as a security consultant in Zurich, Switzerland.

I married my wife, Ursula, in 1975, and we have two children. My son Jonathan and his wife live in Woodstock, New York, and my daughter Lisa and her family live in Herrliberg, Switzerland. We split our time now between Bay Village, Ohio, and Zumikon, Switzerland.

## Michael “Stretch” Conlan

St. Olaf Majors: Psychology,  
Political Science

Spouse: Dawn Phillips '69

Children: Matt and Brian '96

Grandkids: John Magnus '21 and Maia



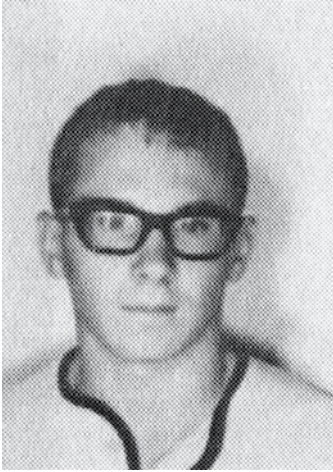
You won't find my grad picture in the St. Olaf archives as I had to transfer to the U of M my senior year due to lack of funds and the fact that my draft board would not allow any time off from studies to earn money. This was during the height of the Vietnam War, and while most of my classmates managed continued deferments or high draft numbers, I could not. I took a stand of conscience and served two years as a conscientious objector (a form of penal servitude) at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. The bright side of this was marriage to Dawn Phillips '69 while at the University.

Grad school followed at UMD. While Dawn began teaching in special education, I began a career in city planning. Duluth was a good place to teach, a great place to raise kids, and a challenging place to be a city planner. Balancing large development projects with the need to protect critical natural resources — Duluth is the largest city on Lake Superior, which contains 10% of the freshwater on the planet — was a constant concern. One of the most gratifying professional experiences during my tenure was serving as a consultant in sustainable development to the U.S. Agency for International Development in Eastern Europe.

I left city planning mid-career to head a large rehabilitation facility for the blind and visually handicapped, but returned to become Duluth's director of planning and development. Subsequently, I worked as a planning director in a Chicago suburb, experiencing firsthand Chicago-style politics (I don't recommend it).

Both retired, Dawn and I now travel and spend seemingly endless hours on the maintenance a 100-year-old historic house requires. We find it hard to believe that next spring we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We've been planning a trip to a favorite place — back to Paris or Stockholm or someplace — not sure that I could sell her on a trip to Northfield in May instead.

## Marc Conrad



St. Olaf Major: Political Science, History

Spouse: Jordis Conrad

Children: Lea Nyberg of Hugo, Minnesota;  
Megan Allen of St. Paul

Grandchildren: Three

St. Olaf was a wonderful place to spend four years. My time at St. Olaf nurtured a desire to seek new experiences and to keep learning.

I had multiple careers, all involving communication: I sold job printing and display newspaper advertising for three years; I worked as a reporter for daily newspapers for 12 years; I was a life insurance professional for seven years; I served two years as public relations and education director of the Lignite Energy Council, captained by Ole classmate and roommate John Dwyer; I worked as an investment broker for A.G. Edwards and Sons for 11 years; I started, operated and later sold a sign shop in Bismarck for 10 years.

I retired five years ago but am still not into retirement. I miss the chase and business loop. My wife Jordis, on the other hand, loves retirement.

Looking back, it's amazing I attended St. Olaf. My mother was Irish Catholic, and I had only attended Catholic schools before enrolling at St. Olaf. I applied to St. Olaf after Professor Loring Knecht of the Romance Language Department said it would be "ecumenical of you to attend St. Olaf." Ecumenism was a politically correct buzz word back then.

I was tired of Catholic schools, so I accepted Knecht's challenge. I was surprised no one tried to convert me. I was one of two Catholics living on campus. Religion courses were required, but my neighbors in Kildahl Hall referred to them on class schedules as "Magic Class."

A few years ago, a local Latin teacher asked where I attended college. He was raised Lutheran but later converted to Catholicism. When I said St. Olaf, he asked if I knew that St. Olaf's namesake was a Catholic saint, not a Lutheran saint. I didn't know that. He explained Lutherans don't beatify saints. I didn't know that either. So I keep learning new things about my alma mater.

## Carol Copperud

St. Olaf Major: History

University of California, Berkeley:

Master of Education

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir

After graduating from St. Olaf and stopping over in St. Paul, I returned to my hometown, Berkeley, California. Despite earthquakes, wildfires, and traffic, I have

not left the Bay Area since. However, should the need arise, I will relocate to be near my family in the Seattle area.

After some false starts following graduation, I landed in places that suited me personally and professionally. I spent my career working for the University of California, an association I took great pride in – and which allowed me to retire comfortably 10 years ago. My work was mostly in budget, policy and academic planning at the University of California, San Francisco, and at the administrative center of the University of California system. To spend a career in higher education was deeply satisfying.

Married and divorced in the early '70s, I've since remained single (but not always unattached). I'm an active aunt: I've been guardian for many years to a niece and am now a proud "grantie" to her son. For nearly 20 years, I've been surrogate mom to two terrific kids whom I helped overcome many hurdles; they are now college students launching independent lives. It is gratifying to have helped shape and save young lives.

Building on my superb musical experiences at St. Olaf, I have been singing in choruses ever since. After 46 years, my final performances with the (Grammy-winning!) San Francisco Symphony Chorus are the week after our reunion.

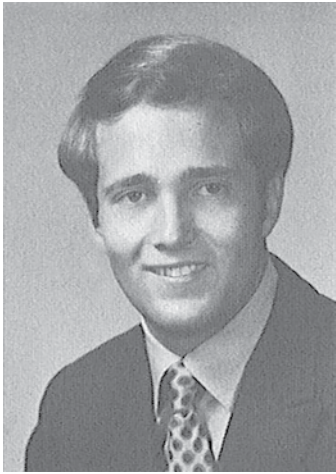
Retirement is even better than I imagined: plenty of sleep, exercise, amazing travel (Antarctica, Africa, Italy, Japan), rewarding volunteer work with kids and kids' music programs, and philanthropy

(including Common Hope in Guatemala). I do a lot of gardening and reading, and have time for friends – and spend probably too much time on Facebook. So far so good on the health front!

I remember laughing at Northfield's sign, "Home of Cows, Colleges and Contentment." How boring, I thought! I now embrace that contentment – it is a gift!



## John Corgan



St. Olaf Major: Religion

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Soccer, Golf, Letterman's Club, Senior Class Officer, Big Brother

Spouse: Deborah Nye-Corgan

Grandchildren: Six granddaughters, two grandsons

I arrived at St. Olaf knowing only my professor-cousin, Dr. Fred Stoutland and his family. Before long, I came to know

many fine friends. Fifty-three years later, two of them, Denny Nelson and Jack Christensen, visited us here in York, Maine for cycling and reminiscing. I'm indebted to St. Olaf for such friendships.

I graduated Luther Seminary in 1975, after having lived at St. Olaf as Head Resident and in Portland, OR for my internship. From 1975-1981, I served Grace Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C., an urban ministry with a strong contingent of Oles. During this time, I enjoyed two trips to Holden Village, three back-packing adventures to Wyoming, and helped coordinate St. Olaf Alumni events in DC.

At our 1981 wedding in Washington, Ole classmates in attendance were Peggy Johnson, Reggie Evans, Denny and Marybeth Nelson, and Jack Christensen.

From 1981 - 1997, we lived in Kennebunk, ME., where, I served Holy Cross Lutheran Church. There, we experienced our first delicious "taste of Maine" and our five children were born, "Mainers." While there, I participated in the World Hunger Appeal, St. Olaf Alumni Board, and the Maine State Substance Abuse and Prevention Team.

In 1997, I returned to urban ministry to serve Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT. A sabbatical grant from the Lilly Foundation and Emanuel made possible a trip to Norway with our five adult children. There, along with other fabulous experiences, we visited my mother's childhood home on the island of Ullerøy.

Recently, my life's been full with children and grandchildren, cycling along the Maine and NH coast, reading, basketball, travel, and supply preaching at area churches. A surprising, fascinating discovery, revealed through DNA testing, is that my paternal grandfather was not Andrew Corgan, but an unknown (to date) Ashkenazi Jew. My search continues.

Gratitude summarizes my St. Olaf experience. I am and will be forever grateful for the gifts of friends, life-shaping experiences, and growth opportunities. Thanks to all of you and the entire St. Olaf community.



## Christine Cornell

I graduated with a B.S. in nursing, and found my education at St. Olaf to be wonderful, not only for preparing me for a career I loved, but also for living a life rich with opportunities. In my first year, I enjoyed being in the Manitou Singers. Living in Minneapolis during my clinical experiences was a definite growth experience.



Following graduation, I worked and lived in Mankato and New Ulm at hospitals and teaching at a technical college. My two children were born during that time: 1972 — Eric William Edwards, and 1973 — Cara Elizabeth Edwards. In 1974 we moved to Appleton, WI to access quality educational programs for Eric, who has Down syndrome. The Fox Valley area is great: universities and colleges, ethnic diversity, being near Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Door County.

I worked in a variety of clinical and educational settings prior to a beloved career as a school nurse. Following retirement in 2007, I participated in numerous volunteer endeavors: hospice volunteer (26 years), preparing and serving meals at area homeless shelters, casework at LEAVEN Fox Cities

(Limited Emergency Service — Valley Ecumenical Network), Memorial Presbyterian Church (choir, bell choir, Deacon, Ruling Elder, church school, youth leader, intergenerational mission work trips), and much more. I have enjoyed membership in AAUW, Fortnightly Book Club, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. I have held leadership roles in NAMI Fox Valley, The Arc Outagamie County and Arc Wisconsin, and ThedaCare Foundation Board of Directors.

More highlights: evangelical ministry through the Here's Life Program of Campus Crusade for Christ, six times in Jamaica and twice in Russia, joined by my parents and my children; host family for a French student, an ABC student from Vietnam, and two women from Russia; travel throughout the U.S. and internationally; public speaking and authoring a book as an advocate for people with disabilities.

Third Chapter? I'm not sure ... nothing BIG on my bucket list. I plan to continue to actively participate in causes for which I have a passion, and to keep enjoying and loving the life I have.

## Rusty Crossman



St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Track, Honor Council, Sigma Tau

Spouse: Stephanie Meyers, M.D.

Children: Elizabeth, Allyson

Grandchildren: 5 grandsons

I was raised in Omaha and educated at Omaha Central High School, a 160-year-old urban high school that had me well prepared for college. St. Olaf did an excellent job in my preparation to go on to medical school. I enjoyed being able to continue running track and being involved with the Honor Council at St. Olaf. After college, I attended the University of Nebraska Medical School, followed by an internship and ophthalmology residency. I continued to work part time, and I very much enjoyed my patients and staff!

For 20 years, I took care of the animals at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, operating on monkeys, a tiger, a gorilla, and a baby giraffe.

In 1996, I founded the Central High School Foundation, which recently privately financed a large addition to the school.

My wife is a physician, and we raised two very successful daughters who live in Omaha. I spend a great deal of time with our five grandsons. The oldest is ten; between baseball, soccer, basketball, and flag football, it never ends.

I have been fortunate to travel the world and plan to continue. We will be spending more time in Florida and being very involved with our family!

We are blessed!

## Constance Dabelow Haddeland

St. Olaf Major: American History

St. Cloud State University: B.S. in Information Media '72

Spouse: William Haddeland (deceased)

Son: Karl Haddeland, College of Wooster '03 Proud grandmother of Willa and Catie.



Meeting and working with the reunion committees has served as a reminder of the

exceptional educational opportunities at St. Olaf and the lifelong friendships formed.

Careers: Minnesota State Senate — committee administrator; administrative assistant to the assistant majority leader and staff for the majority leader; legislative assistant to attorneys at Messerli and Kramer; the role as spouse of a corporate officer; public relations at Barnes and Noble; currently a constituent services representative for Congresswoman Betty McCollum MN-04, working with service members, veterans, and U.S. Service Academy nominations as well as the MN National Guard and other reserve components.

Recent professional achievement: 2017 National Guard Association of the United States Patrick Henry Award. Nominated by the adjutant of the MN National Guard, the award honors local civic leaders who have distinguished themselves with outstanding service and exceptionally strong support for the National Guard. Support such that the readiness and the future of the guard have been positively affected and the results of the support should remain beyond the individual.

Gratitude: for the exceptional opportunities and experiences my husband's career afforded our family. For my son, Karl, and his wife, Kristen, the parents of my granddaughters. For friends who have supported me through the good times and the difficult. For fine medical care and advances in treatment. For God's love.

Interests: all things baseball and the MN Twins; Gopher athletics; reading British mysteries, biographies, and history; needlework; collecting children's literature; theatre.

Third Chapter: returning to favorite places and exploring new destinations. Attending more sporting events and honing my grandmother skills. Reading, walking, and time with friends. Volunteering at the U of M Children's Literature Research Collection, and MN Reach Out and Read, as well as at Crescent Cove children's hospice.

"We turn not older with years but newer every day" – Emily Dickinson

## Cynthia Davis Petersen



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

St. Olaf Activities: Freshman Girls Choir

Spouse: L. Dana Petersen '70

Children: Three girls and four boys

Grandchildren: Five girls and five boys

St. Olaf was the only college to which I applied. At that time, I was admitted into

the nursing program and my course was set. My off-campus Interims in New York and St. Paul were life-changing. Being on campus as a senior with the political turmoil of the times certainly shaped my political views. I tell my children and grandchildren that as freshmen, women were required to wear skirts to dinner; as seniors, women wore blue jeans to dinner, and the students went on strike from classes. It was an exciting and great time to be a college student.

After graduation Dana and I were married, spent our honeymoon in the wilderness of Idaho, and he began medical school in the fall of 1970. Teaching nursing, teaching childbirth and parenting education classes, and finishing my nursing career as a school nurse kept me challenged. Volunteer opportunities included walking marathons and half marathons for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Lynden School Board, the Young Life Adult Committee, the Opportunity Council, church council, volunteering at Holden Village, and teaching health education in Honduras as our church works to install clean water filtration systems.

Dana and I are now retired and enjoying traveling. We spend as much time as we can with our grandchildren, attend Seattle Seahawks games, and just completed two years of volunteer staff work at Holden Village. I continue to knit with many projects waiting and enough yarn to last way past my lifetime.

Our family is comprised of both birth and adopted children, which has provided many interesting and challenging issues through years. Our faith and love for each other has been the solid foundation that has carried us through both the good times and the not so good times.

I am thankful for the solid education St. Olaf provided, especially the nursing instructors who taught me how valuable each life is and what a privilege it is to serve others.

## Marybeth Davis Nelson

St. Olaf Major: Social Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Cheerleading, Kappa  
Theta Phi, Faribault State Hospital  
Volunteer, Admissions' Committee  
Representative

Spouse: Dennis Nelson '70

Children: Kathryn, Emily

Grandkids: 1 granddaughter, 3 grandsons



My favorite part about St. Olaf was the sense of community I felt with many friends and interesting, caring teachers. I feel fortunate that senior year I was part of a group of 12 girls allowed to live off campus, unsupervised, with no lock up hours, just like the boys had been doing for years. When the Dean of Women gave us permission she said, "Don't screw up and ruin it for future Ole women." These women have remained great friends.

After graduation, I was a social worker and then a Welfare Specialist for the State of MN. Our classmate, Denny Nelson, called me to get together in 1974. I said yes, and learned we lived about eight blocks from each other in Minneapolis. We've been happily married now for 45 years. We moved to Redwood Falls, population 5,000, and raised two loving and accomplished daughters. I liked my child development classes at St. Olaf and decided to get a master's in early childhood and parent education. I taught in the Redwood Falls School District for 24 years. Working with young children was important fun! Facilitating parent groups was both interesting and inspiring.

After we retired, we left the small town to be closer to family, friends, restaurants, entertainment, and the airport. We live in Edina, in a condo on the Centennial Lakes miniature golf course. We found a church nearby that has great music, preaching, and many volunteer opportunities.

What I do now: Read and enjoy the book tours at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Walk, primarily if it's between 25 and 78 degrees! Travel, we used Rick Steves' travel books and now enjoy taking his tours. Tutor, I highly recommend the Minnesota Reading Partners Program. I'm chair of our condo landscaping committee and co-chair of our DFL precinct. We enjoy family, spending time with our siblings and our daughters' families. I give thanks for our many blessings!

## William Davis



Spouse: Meredith Nelson '70

Children: Joyi, Erik, Adam '00, John

Grandkids: Seven grandsons, two granddaughters (ranging in age from 4 to 26)

I attended First Nighter in 1966, and ended up marrying my First Nighter! Best thing I ever did — marrying my First Nighter, that is, not attending the event...

Meredith and I have been married 48 years and we have four children and nine grandchildren.

While I was at Luther Seminary, we had a wonderful opportunity to spend a year in Japan. Following seminary, I spent several years as a hospital chaplain and also served as a pastor in Spring Grove, Minnesota. It was a wonderful experience with many fond memories. I then attended medical school and did my psychiatric residency and child fellowship at Menninger School of Psychiatry. Best five years of my professional life. I have really enjoyed my career as a child and adult psychiatrist, doing outpatient, inpatient, day treatment, and consulting gigs.

Meredith and I travel quite a bit. We go to Holden Village every year — a wonderful place for retreat and renewal. Our kids tend to move around, so we follow them to places like Cambodia, Vietnam, Hawaii, and currently, Poland.

Our church community keeps us busy and active, a wonderful place for worship, fellowship, and opportunities to participate in advocacy for justice and peace.

St. Olaf was a wonderful experience for me. The highlight was spending five months on the Far East term abroad my senior year. I count that as one of the main factors in my career choices. I look forward to our 50th reunion — 'who would've ever thought'..

## Ruth Dimick Hanson

St. Olaf Major: Psychology  
St. Olaf Activities: Women's Chorus,  
St. Olaf Choir  
Spouse: Duane Hanson  
Children: Solveig, Bjorn  
Grandchildren: Two

My life's path in the past half century has been anchored in Madison, Wisconsin.



Following graduation from St. Olaf, I went to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving my master's in school counseling and guidance. The second year of the program was an internship. Although my original intentions were to go into secondary education, the only internship available was in an elementary school. I left that school 37 years later. Puppets, playdough, and cooperative games were a part of classroom lessons on problem-solving, identifying feelings, anger management, and handling rejection. I led small groups on friendship skills, being gifted, grief, divorce, and living with an alcoholic parent. I learned that I enjoyed and respected elementary-aged children as well as the caring and insightful teachers that work with them.

While in graduate school, I joined the choir at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, a marvelous choral group that let me continue the joy of singing I had experienced at St. Olaf. In addition, through a "conspiracy" with a fellow soprano and the choir director, I was introduced to the youth pastor, Duane Hanson. With characteristic energy and persistence, Duane not only convinced me to marry him but swept me into his vision for Bethel Horizons, a camp and retreat center that sought to integrate all children in our community and children from Puerto Rico and Eastern Europe. Even after his death in 2015, the vision continues and I am proud to support its growth into the future.

Into this mix of school, church, and camp came out two children, Solveig and Bjorn. Their lives and schedules, when swirled into ours, was my focus this past half century. And now my energies have shifted to my grandsons, a preschooler and a kindergartener, a joy-filled education in itself!

I am still singing in the choir, creating curriculum activities for the Bethel Series (adults enjoy playdough too!) and am the cookie lady for our Homeless Support Ministry.

Life is good.

## Ken Dols



St. Olaf Major: Physics

Spouse: Lourdes “Grace”

Children: Katherine, Jennifer, Chester

My senior year at St. Olaf brought the realization that I would not be able to do quality physics at a higher level, which led to my first very early midlife crisis and entry into teaching. The St. Olaf physics community had always been inclusive and

supportive, and I still regret exiting rather abruptly. After receiving my Master of Arts in teaching at the University of Chicago in 1971, I taught high school physics and physical sciences outside Chicago for seven years. Teaching was challenging, rewarding, and honorable; I continue to be respectful of that segment of my life.

Being single, and reaching another midlife crisis after realizing that I did not have the personality to lead me into education administration, I took a leave of absence and entered medical school in 1978 at the University of Illinois. While in Chicago, I met Grace, and we married during my surgical internship. I completed my residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Illinois in Chicago in 1987, and we relocated to North Carolina where I practiced for 16 years. In 2003 we relocated again to Urbana-Champaign, IL. I had agreed to help develop an orthopedic trauma team at a Level I trauma center teaching hospital, understanding that it would be a temporary situation. It turned out that it wasn't, and for the last 10 years of my active practice, I continued in that role until retirement.

Grace has been the rock of our family; we have three grown children, all raised mostly in NC. The oldest is living and working in New Orleans, while two are now in NYC. In retirement, Grace and I relocated to Isle of Palms, SC, where we enjoy the marshes, beaches, and wildlife of this barrier island near Charleston.

Our other interests center mostly on travel — travel to and with the children, and keeping Grace's Bouvier des Flandres dog, Sterling, exercised and happy.



## Terry Dorn

St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Minors: German, Art, Philosophy  
University of Iowa: Master's in English,  
Ed.S. in Higher Education

Spouse: Karen Stumme Dorn '71

Children: Stefan, Kristin '06

After a brief teaching career following graduate school, I became a writer and account executive for several advertising

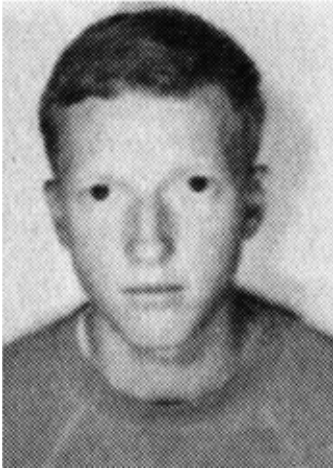


agencies in Minneapolis. In 1986 I became a marketing manager for the Audio Research Corporation in Minneapolis, where I worked for 29 years, the last eight of which I served as president. My duties took me around the world, including North and Southeast Asia, greater Europe, and North America. I retired in 2015.

Next year my wife and I will celebrate our 50th year of marriage, a credit to our resilience, continuing love, and sheer luck.

I maintain contact with several St. Olaf alumni from the late 60s era, which serves to remind me that no one gets through their term on this planet without wear, damage, and some happiness in spite of all else. These days I spend time attempting to complete an ever-growing reading list, and maintaining our cabin in NW Wisconsin. Having outlived two much-loved canine companions, I now (mostly) enjoy riding bike in a mistaken attempt to keep up with Time's incorrigible advance. It will not end well.

## Martin Dreyer



Following graduation, I married Susan Carlson '72 and studied at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Our first son, Matt, was born on my internship in Battle Lake, Minnesota. A second son, Andy, was born during my final year at the seminary.

During seminary, I worked as an orderly at Hennepin County's emergency room. After ordination, I served a parish in Hollandale and Blanchardville, Wisconsin (1975-1979).

Our daughter, Melissa, was born while we lived there. These were perhaps the most difficult years of my ministry; I buried far too many infants, a young mother and three teenagers in four short years.

We moved to my home state, Montana. I served both a congregation and a long-term care facility in Havre, where our youngest son was born. We moved to Metlakatla, Arkansas, in 1986; Susan taught school and I served as house husband, father, and briefly as a UCC pastor to a Native American community.

We moved back to Montana, where I served as pastor of Lutheran congregations in Laurel (1987-2010) and Great Falls (2010-2015). Susan continued teaching and retired after 25 years. I served as a Lutheran pastor for 40.

While living in Montana, I enjoyed biking the Beartooth highway and in Yellowstone National Park. I also made three attempts at climbing Granite Peak, but have yet to set foot on the mountain.

Susan and I now enjoy visiting our eleven grandchildren and playing bridge and poker in Bakersfield, California. I bike and exercise daily.

Our oldest son is a project director for VMware in Silicon Valley. Our second son is a periodontist in Bakersfield. Our daughter is a writer for CVS and Apple. Our youngest is a Southwest pilot, awaiting a medical retirement from the Air Force as a Major who flew A-10s in Afghanistan and F16s as a NATO fighter pilot in Europe and Syria (an ironic contrast to his dad's protesting the war in Vietnam so long ago).

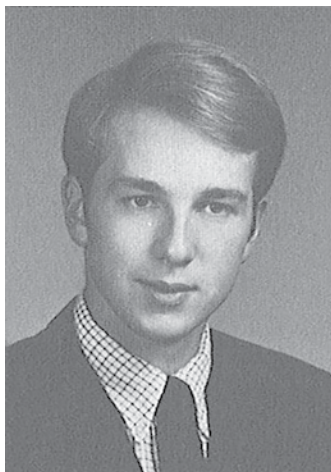
I remember fondly our freshman antics in Kildahl Hall and while a counselor in Ytterboe and the great roommates, professors, and friends I had at St. Olaf.

## Charles Drotning

St. Olaf Major: English, Philosophy (almost)

Children: Eleanor and Theodore

After idyllic, bookish St. Olaf, I wandered in the career choice wilderness for a time. I tried grad school, law school, building railroad track, and returning to the family farm. Then I found computing and data processing. I took courses at the area



technical college, then went to work at the Oscar Mayer corporate headquarters, soon switching from marketing programs (think hot dog invoices) to mainframe technical support.

As juniors at St. Olaf, Jim Stengel and I each led several discussion groups for Professor Faillettaz's first-semester frosh religion course. Getting new students to engage required much preparation, persistence, and some agility. Having managed those groups benefited me in a fast-paced, exacting business environment.

As first-semester seniors, with the new Paracollege, Jim and I were asked to take on similar discussion groups. We became preceptors, again for first-year students, and had to be ready and nimble.

After ten years at Oscar's, satraps to the south decided the company no longer needed to run its efficient, effective mainframe. I moved to similar work at the State of Wisconsin, as an IMS system programmer, keeping online systems such as WELFARE, CORRECTIONS, and TRANSPORTATION up and running. I was there thirteen years. These systems daily processed millions of transactions and that also meant lots of interaction with various agencies' staff. Again, I look back to discussion group work at St. Olaf as good exposure and an extra workplace advantage.

But many things at the Hill contributed to later life. Learning to get around in and make use of Oxford was one. Another was surviving three courses taught by Professor Socratic Method himself, Haldor Hove.

I could not persuade my daughter to become an Ole; she became a Gopher instead, still a wise choice. My son spent four years at UW-Eau Claire, which was good for him. In retirement I hope to keep running and golfing, barring another hip replacement. And then there is that new grandson.

## John Dwyer



St. Olaf Major: History

St. Olaf Activities: Student Government (Men's Senate, Parliament),

Junior Counselor

Spouse: Barbie Greene '70

Children: Dana (Colorado),

Johnny (Bismarck),

Annie (Seattle), and Josh (Minneapolis)

Grandchildren (7): Four grandsons and three granddaughters, plus a new granddaughter expected in March of 2020

My working career involved two primary jobs: the first as a government relations president and CEO representing lignite energy interests and utilities in ND, MN, and the surrounding areas for 35 years. I also served as a JAG "weekend warrior" for the North Dakota Air National Guard (ANG) for 30 years from 1974 to 2004. Service with the ANG included assignments as an election judge in Bosnia and ANG legal advisor to headquarters, 1AF at Tyndall Air Force Base Florida during "9-1-11."

After becoming engaged to Barbie Greene in May of 1970, we were married August 29, 1970 in Winnipeg. We lived in Grand Forks where I attended law school. Following my graduation, we moved to Washington DC where I served as chief of staff for North Dakota's Congressman and as a special assistant to the solicitor in the Interior Department. We returned to North Dakota in 1977, where we have lived ever since. We raised our children in Bismarck, and they were very involved in sports and music activities. Barbie and I also served as 4-H leaders, attending many county and state fairs.

Barb's idea of going south for the winter months was moving from Winnipeg to Bismarck. Thus, our "senior" years will be spent on the banks of the Missouri at our river home, 20 miles north of Bismarck; at our daughter Dana's home in Glenwood Springs, Colorado; at our daughter Annie's place in Seattle, Washington; and at our son Josh's residence in south Minneapolis.

In our third chapter of life, besides spending as much time as we can with our grandchildren, we plan to become more active in being "senders" to the mission fields as my health puts limitations on our participation as "goers."

## Rondi Eastman Olson

St. Olaf Major: Speech Education

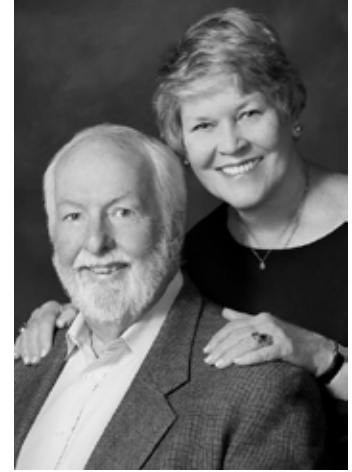
St. Olaf Activities: Phi Delta Society, liaison and volunteer leader for the Girl Scout program at Faribault State Hospital, Junior Counselor, Honor House

University of North Carolina: Master's of Social Work

Spouse: Tom Olson '71

Children: Jessica, Emily

Grandchildren: Thomas, Katie, Kirsten, and Bailey



As a second-generation Ole, I enjoyed being part of a more intimate campus community. Besides making lifelong friends, I met my husband of 50 years at St. Olaf.

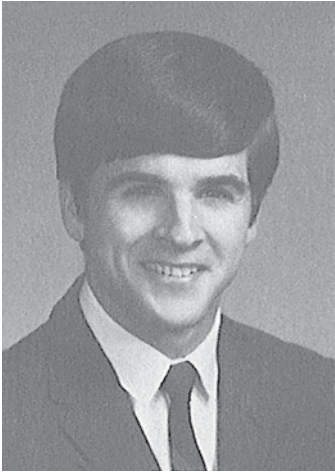
Since graduating, my husband and I have lived in six different states. I have worked in several capacities as a social worker including for the Department of Social Service in North Carolina; foster home finding and working in a public school for pregnant teens in Chicago; and in Connecticut, as a hospital social worker and for 32 years as a school social worker at all grade levels. I am only in my second year of retirement and am enjoying it thoroughly.

Tom and I have traveled extensively throughout the world. Most recently, we have begun to volunteer for Global Volunteers in Minnesota, an international development organization mobilizing teams of short-term volunteers on long term development projects to help children reach their full potential abroad and in the U.S. We have worked with members of the community in programs that promote English as a second language, gardening and nutrition, hygiene, building renovation, and whatever needs the community may have. So far, we have spent two weeks in Cuba, Peru, and Crete, and we will travel to Tanzania in March of 2020.

In retirement, I am active in my church. I volunteer as a mentor for students in my former school I enjoy reading, biking, baking, crafts, sewing, and water aerobics. I have recently taken up pickleball.

Tom and I enjoy spending time together and visiting with our grandchildren. We have attended several cooking schools around the world and recently, our entire family of 10 traveled to Italy to visit Rome and attend a week-long cooking school in Tuscany.

## Conrad Eastwold



St Olaf Major: Biology

Spouse: Kristine Haas '69

Children: Michael, David, Katie '01, Naomi

Grandchildren: 9

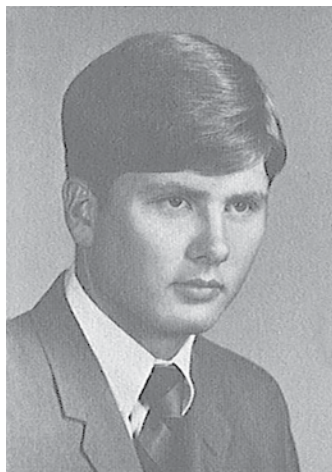
For me, St. Olaf was the perfect spot to navigate the political and social waters of the late 60s. I met Kris on the steps of

the then brand new Skoglund Hall while skipping opening convocation as a sophomore. Chaplain Clifford Swanson officiated at our wedding two years later. During my Ole years I was introduced to the important life lessons of Norwegian folk dancing and broomball. The weekly trips down the hill with fellow Oles to present programs to the Odd Fellows Nursing Home Residents was a great preparation for my largely geriatric internal medicine practice to come.

After St. Olaf, I attended the University of Minnesota Medical School followed by a four years of internal medicine residency in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We then settled in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, where I practiced general internal medicine for 36 years before retiring in 2014. Balancing the time demands of my practice with those of my family was a priority and a challenge during these years. The reward has been many wonderful memories of travel, sports, and gatherings. In retirement, I am tapping into my caregiver skills as I accompany Kris in her journey with dementia.

## Craig Ellingboe

St. Olaf Major: Education (History)  
St. Olaf Activities: Student Volunteer,  
Theater, Other  
Spouse: Mary Ann Hastad  
Children: Nicole, Holli, Kari  
Grandkids: Two grandsons, one  
granddaughter



College was a time to learn not only in the classroom, but from the people I met and talked with along the way. I valued my professors and their classes. One lecture from Howard Hong has stuck with me all these years. He spoke of the importance of seeking one's highest good. Whatever that is, follow it with all you have. The friends I made during those years and the conversations we had late into the evening taught me the value of asking questions and looking at life from another person's point of view. In my spare time, I worked at the Northfield Hospital as an orderly and got acquainted with this community.

After college, I was in sales for five years, and during that time I felt a call to ministry. I enrolled at seminary in 1975 and graduated from Luther-Northwestern Seminary in 1979. I received my first call as a mission developer for the ELCA to a two point parish in Northern Minnesota, close to Grand Rapids. I was married in 1978, and so my wife Mary and our daughter Nicole began this new adventure in ministry together. During those years our family grew with two more daughters, Holli and Kari. Later, I served a parish in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, from 1984 to 1991. Most recently, I served St. Peter's in Northfield as senior pastor from 1991 to 2012.

Over the years, I've served in a number of community volunteer positions that include ministerial associations, community action services, the state board for Lutheran Social Service, and most recently our community foundation for Northfield. Each of these experiences have helped to broaden my point of view and were a result of family, church, and college values. I enjoy family, traveling, writing, a cabin we built in Northern Minnesota, and woodworking. A recent trip to Tuscany with extended family was a joy. I also enjoy doing projects with our kids and grandkids. Life is good!

## Carol Engstrom-Lussier



St. Olaf Major: Music

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Choir

Spouse: Gary Lussier: teacher, principal, and working in Indian Education

Children: Leah Sixkiller (husband - Jesse): Indian law and finance attorney at Faegre, Baker Daniels;

Hannah Lussier: mental health therapist at

Native American Community Clinic; Gary Lussier Jr., teacher at Anishinabe Academy

Grandchildren: Ella, Sylvie, Adam

After graduating, I enjoyed the St. Olaf Choir tour in Europe and an extended stay in Germany with my AFS sister. When I returned, I was fortunate to find a music position with the Minneapolis Public Schools.

I was involved in and took leadership in widening the vision of the arts into the general curriculum. Also, I took leadership in developing and implementing multicultural curriculum. This enhanced my teaching as I took classes, workshops, and developed relationships with people from whom I learned. While at Four Winds School, I wrote a grant to the Annenberg Foundation which brought the school \$40,000 dollars for the arts. I coordinated the effort to incorporate the arts into the fabric of Four Winds.

When I retired from the Minneapolis schools, I worked at the Hamline Teacher Resource Center doing needs assessments related to school districts' efforts to develop multicultural curriculum. Breck School was my last place of employment. I enjoyed working at the school, which my three children attended.

Presently, I am loving being a grandmother and spend a great deal of time with my grandchildren. I enjoy kayaking, walking my yellow lab, Ole, snowshoeing, and yoga. A friend and I are doing home concerts presenting music for four hands one piano, solo piano, and vocal numbers. We have given ourselves the name of the "Lake Darling Duo."

My family enjoys spending time at our cottage on Lake Darling in Alexandria, Minnesota, my hometown. We find it to be a place to be together building on traditions and creating new ones.



## James Ericksen

St. Olaf Major: Math

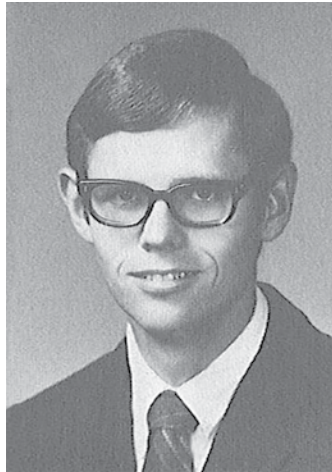
St. Olaf Activities: Intramural Sports, Bridge

Spouse: Liz Ericksen

Children: Anna '05, Daniel

Grandkids: Jacqueline (6), Vivian (4)

I was born in Wisconsin, and moved to Southern California when I was five. I enjoyed beach volleyball, exploring tide pools, body surfing, and fishing off the pier.



At St. Olaf, besides math, I enjoyed philosophy classes. During college, I struggled with coming to terms with the Vietnam War and social justice issues. I did a lot of soul searching and enjoyed and benefited from discussing these issues with other students. I am very thankful for reflections on what it meant to be a good person.

In math, we had take-home tests in which we were permitted to work with other students. This set me up well for all the teams I worked with during my computer programming career.

After St. Olaf, I attended the University of Illinois in Computer Science where I received my master's. I stayed at the University to work in the Atmospheric Research Department modeling clouds on the fastest computer at the time, Iliac 4.

While at U of I, I met my wife. She was a music major. To be around her, I joined the choir at the Lutheran Campus Center. Another Ole grad and I built a harpsichord for that center. Due to my wife's influence, my appreciation of music has grown. I have been singing in a church choir ever since, and we regularly attend concerts.

After moving to Minnesota in 1977, I worked for Control Data for 18 years. My next job was with Medtronic where I worked until two weeks before I turned 70. I credit my education at St. Olaf with much of my success at Medtronic, where I was able to solve interesting problems with other engineers to improve implantable medical devices. I found working on medical devices challenging and rewarding.

Since I retired I have spent a lot of time gardening. This summer I started piano lessons. I am about 1/2 way through the first book. At my level it is easy to see improvement.

## Gary Erickson



After my graduation from St. Olaf, I entered dental school at the University of Minnesota. I graduated in 1974 and spent the next 40 years practicing general dentistry in Bemidji, MN.

In the summer of 1970, I made my best move and married Nancy Fichter. She obtained her doctorate in German at the University of Minnesota, while I completed

my dental degree. We have been blessed with two wonderful children, Stephen and Catherine.

They have given us three grandchildren, which brings lots of joy and happiness to our lives!

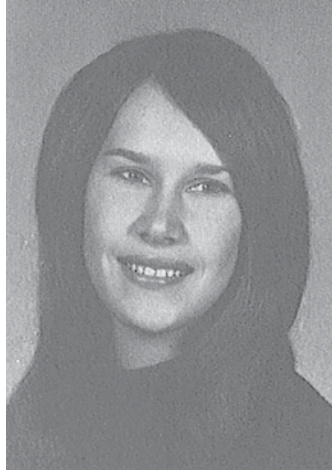
We have become quite immersed in the northern Minnesota lifestyle, although we do indulge ourselves with a stay in Florida to break up the Minnesota winter.

As I reflect on my days at St. Olaf, my fondest memories seem to focus on the joys of dorm life — the social life was outstanding!

Life has been a great journey. Thanks to St. Olaf for giving me a good solid base.

## Ruth Erickson Kruse

Ever since I was a young child, I wanted to be a nurse. When I was 13 years old, I decided I wanted to attend St. Olaf, so I never applied to any other colleges. My nursing jobs have been varied. I have worked in hospitals and schools and have taught childbirth education. For five years I was a nursing lab facilitator at St. Olaf. I worked with nursing students in the Holland Hall Nursing Lab, where they practiced nursing techniques on manikins and lab partners before taking care of patients in the hospital. Now I am a parish nurse at my church.



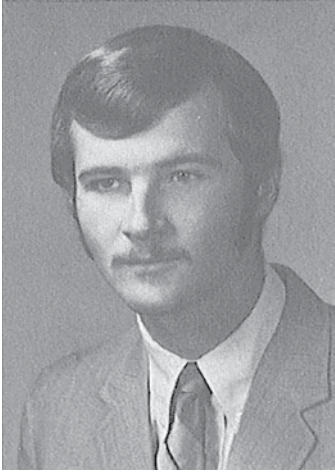
My family includes my husband, Perry, a 1969 St. Olaf graduate and 43-year employee of the college; son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Jenny (both Oles); grandson Aidan; and daughter, Sarah (a Gustie).

Music is a big part of my life. It feeds my soul!! Over the years, I've learned to play four instruments: piano, flute, cello, and harp. I enjoy going to concerts and plays, and I also like to kayak, snowshoe, bike, read, volunteer, and knit.

Traveling is a favorite activity of mine. In 2009, Perry and I started traveling by Amtrak and Via Rail Canada. So far we have taken nine rail trips in Canada and the U.S. I've traveled to Europe three times: first as an 8-year-old going via steam ship, then as a new college graduate staying in youth hostels, and finally, in 2018 traveling to meet my Swedish cousins. I have been studying Swedish for two years on Duolingo, but can read Swedish much better than I can speak it!

I have had three life-changing experiences related to my faith journey. First, I became a parish nurse 20 years ago. Second, I participated in a Walk to Emmaus, which is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. And finally, I took a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). These experiences have led me to a ministry with elders that has enriched my life greatly.

## James Ethington



Wow, 50 years, *tempus fugit*; it's been a long long time since I traversed the Hill and I sincerely do miss it. A lot has happened over the past 50 years. This year, I also celebrated 40 years of happy marriage, to the same woman. Cynthia has kept me in the straight and narrow, not an easy task; retired from her architecture firm she is now into photography, travel, cooking, exercise and me.

We have procreated three wonderful children. Jason (37), an ophthalmologist and his wife Liz, a dermatologist, are in Chicago with three absolutely charming grandchildren, Elinor (7), Luke (3), and Margaret (1). Laura (34), an attorney, and her husband Nate live in Jackson Hole and have a one year old, Marian. This daughter claims to work but really is a mature ski bum. Yellowstone has become a favorite visiting locale for Cynthia and I. Hiking this fall we aroused a massive mama grizzly and three juvenile from 20 feet, could see the nostrils flaring. Quite a stare down but we won and I should make the reunion. Last child, Liz (31), a derm resident in Wisconsin and husband Stew, an ER doctor, have no grandchildren yet, but her Boykin Spaniel is quite the catch.

As for me, I spent 10 years in Chicago with medical school and an internship where I sort of fizzled out. I spent two years in the inner city working in a social hygiene clinic – actually quite stimulating, as this was the height of the AIDS epidemic. Dr. Louise Taves, a famous syphilologist from the '30s and '40s (she treated Al Capone), took me under her tutelage. I ended up at the University of Chicago in a dermatology residency. For the last 40 years I have been living in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, lake country (have to be near water) where I sail, play tennis, golf, and now am part time working in Milwaukee. No electronic records, all paper, no burn out; I enjoy life immensely.

My motto to live by has always been *laissez les bons temps rouler*, so let the good times roll.

## Barbara Evans

St. Olaf Major: English Education

St. Olaf Minor: Speech, Theater,  
Communications

University of Minnesota: M.A. in Speech  
Communications

St Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel  
Choir, Sally Benson Election Commission,  
Delta Chi

Daughter: Kristin Achor Pursell, '03

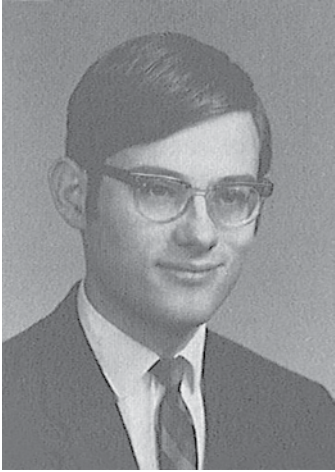


Experiences in the classroom, in choirs, and with my friends at St. Olaf were the foundation I needed to go forward into a career of teaching. Rochester, Minnesota, recruited me, and off I went. That first year was a steep learning curve in all areas of life, but I kept moving forward. After four years at Central Junior High, I transferred to Mayo High School where I taught English and speech for the next 30 years. Teaching was a good career and allowed for valuable time with my daughter. I was active professionally, sang in choirs, and mentored new teachers. Because my daughter sang and played volleyball and hockey, the years were busy and fun.

When my daughter was at St. Olaf, I bought a house in Northfield. I knew that when I retired I wanted to live in a town that matched my values. Northfield fit the bill. I took early retirement in 2004, moved, and began to fix up my house. In March of 2018, I sold that house and now live in a Craftsman right on St. Olaf Avenue. Important people in my life live here now too. My daughter and her family have moved here, and so has the guy in my life. Northfield is still a place for me to learn. I've taken up architecture to study. I lead historical walking tours and am a step-on bus guide for the Historical Society. I teach classes in the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium on architecture and literature. I serve on the Northfield Heritage Preservation Commission; there is still much to learn about preservation. I've taught classes at St. Olaf and I've subbed at Shattuck. I also have a tiny greeting card company featuring my photos. I'm not running out of things I want to do.

I'm still moving forward. Fram! Fram!

## Paul Everett



The people of those St. Olaf years provided a basis for much of what has happened since, so a word of gratitude is in order. Teachers in the history, religion and philosophy departments — Erling Jorstad, Oliver Olson, Lloyd Gunderson, Howard Hong, and others — imparted a love of learning and thought that has been a source of life ever since.

The next step after St. Olaf was Luther Seminary, with more influential teachers such as Gerhard Forde and Jack Dean Kingsbury. Karen Greenfield '71 and I were married in December 1970 back in her hometown of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Perhaps that's what inspired the American Lutheran Church to think this Chicago native would like to be out west. They were right. So we landed in several churches in Montana: Medicine Lake, Shepherd, Billings, and then Glendive, back on the eastern prairie. All that has turned me into a prairie dweller who loves the west. Finally, Karen and I landed in Cheyenne, Wyoming, at Ascension Lutheran Church, from which I retired in 2005.

Son John was born in Minneapolis during the last year of seminary, and Peter and Michael came along during our Medicine Lake years. How many people can say they were born in Plentywood, Montana? College time came, we first showed John and Peter St. Olaf — and they ended up at Carleton. We tried. Then Mike went to Cornell in Ithaca, New York.

Now we get to enjoy them and their families. Both John and Mike are down the road from us in Denver. John is teaching science in a high school, and Mike runs a real estate development firm. Peter works for General Mills, currently in Melbourne, Australia. What a life. As with most grandparents, their children are the joys of our lives.

College interests continue. Karen and I still hang around libraries, Paul Meierding and I still head off on bike trips, Lloyd Gunderson would be shocked to hear I taught some Greek to church members here, and thanks to Jack Kingsbury, I'm still trying to figure out New Testament texts. Thank you all.

## Mary Fandell Mueller

St. Olaf Major: Religion, History, Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Orchestra, four years; Carleton Orchestra, four years  
(*Hey, they paid me!*)

Spouse: Stephen Mueller '70

Children: Matthew, Michael '98, Mark

Grandchildren: one granddaughter, two grandsons



I grew up in Oak Park, Illinois. I left home at age 14 for the Interlochen Arts Academy High School. It was an amazing experience. The orchestra performed in all the great concert halls and on the White House lawn for President Kennedy. Recruited by college music departments, I picked St. Olaf because the orchestra toured Scandinavia my freshman year. I loved continuing with music without having to major in it.

I was raised in a strict Lutheran church that left the Missouri Synod because they were too liberal! It was all hellfire, damnation, and guilt. My pastor said I would be excommunicated if I attended a church service at Olaf. Religion with Reverend Failletaz was life changing for me. "No one ever told you that God is love?" No one had. I learned that faith is not about agreeing with doctrine but a dynamic, questioning trust in God.

During freshman orientation week, my JCs wanted to spend time with Steve's JCs. They planned a forced fun picnic at Norway Valley Woods. The boys put one shoe in a pile and the girls were told they would be paired with the shoe's owner. I waited until the frenzy was over and there was one shoe left. It was a worn out Hush Puppy with a hole in the sole. I learned not to judge a book by its cover or an amazing man's soul by his sole.

After graduation, I returned to Chicago, where I worked for Sears Roebuck in the new Sears Tower (76th floor). I performed in five orchestras and taught percussion. After Steve's psychiatric residency we moved to Colorado Springs, where I joined the symphony and continued teaching. I volunteered for schools, Cub Scouts, and church. I most enjoyed being a Little League coach for eight years. I hope to continue learning, traveling, and staying positive during our retirement years.

## Cheryl Fiero Hanson



St. Olaf Major: History with a minor in Asian Studies

Spouse: Charles (Chuck) Hanson 70

Children: Eric and Matthew

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters, two grandsons

I enjoyed being on campus, but I especially appreciated learning opportunities away from the Hill. After my Sophomore year, I became a counselor and guide in The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This was followed by a Term in the Far East, which proved to be a life changing experience. For most of the semester we lived in Bangkok, Thailand, but there were opportunities for independent travel. In Chuck Hanson I found a kindred spirit, and we explored Southeast Asia, often hitch-hiking and taking local transportation.

We married in August of 1970, just before Chuck entered the University of Wisconsin Law School. With no teaching jobs available, I worked at the University Library and the Department of Public Instruction. After law school, we took two months to explore parts of South America. While Chuck worked as an Air Force JAG in Southern California, I obtained my Masters in Education and Curriculum Development. In 1975, the military sent us to Taipai, Taiwan where we lived for two years, and I taught at the Taipai American School. Leaving the Air Force, we gave ourselves a two-month adventure traveling throughout parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe before settling down in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

La Crosse proved to be a great place to raise our children. Once both boys were in school, I re-entered the workforce as the Development Director for our local public radio station. Subsequently, I worked as Director of the School-To-Work Program at Western Technical College and then as Director of the Washburn Academy where I retired in 2014.

Chuck and I worked together on a variety of International activities, including four sister city relationships, La Crosse's International Gardens, and hosting student exchanges, including a refugee. I was also elected to the La Crosse County Board, serving four terms and chaired the Waste To Energy Project helping to save the environment.



## Steve Fischer

St. Olaf Major: Political Science

University of New Mexico: Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1975

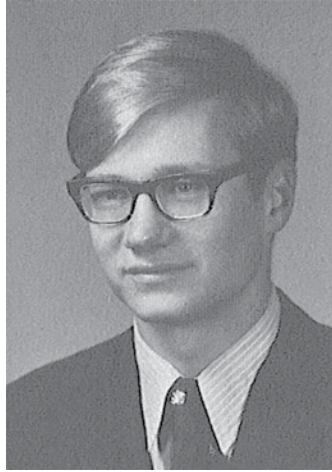
University of New Mexico: Master's in Anthropology (Archaeology), 1983

Spouse: Sherry Robinson,

University of New Mexico, Bachelor's in Journalism, 1983

Children: Eric Robinson (stepson),  
University of New Mexico, MD, 2010

Grandchildren: one grandson



My St. Olaf experience helped a naïve Midwestern kid mature socially and intellectually. A real highlight for me was spending an Interim in Rome in 1970 with Harlan and Bea Foss. That trip opened up the world of art, which became a passion. Another turning point was the growing realization of the injustice of the Vietnam War, race relations in America, and environmental degradation.

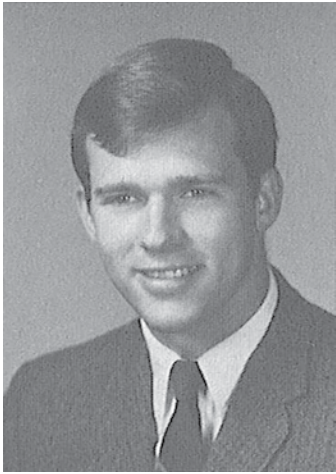
I moved to New Mexico in 1973. My career was with the Department of the Interior, helping to manage America's public land. I spent some time as an archaeologist, the manager of El Malpais National Conservation Area, and coordinator of a watershed group doing environmental restoration. After retiring in 2010, my attention has turned back to some earlier interests. In addition to growing orchids, heirloom fruits, and vegetables, I am a mentor for new Master Gardener program interns. I read enthusiastically about Southwestern native cultures and archaeology. My passions have also included collecting Native American art.

We have spent time in Nepal, where my son was a Peace Corps volunteer and where he married a wonderful Nepali woman. We have also traveled to a number of Latin American countries and met many fantastic people. I hope to continue trekking/backpacking into the future.

What has been important to me is attempting to understand other cultures and worldviews. My Zen practice has provided a foundation for growth and understanding.

Sherry and I live happily in Albuquerque with two rambunctious dogs and a snoring cat.

## Paul Florell



St. Olaf Major: History and Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: Wrestling, Letterman's Club

Spouse: Judy Bearinger '70

Children: John '01 and Sarah

Grandchildren: Five granddaughters

I was born, raised, and educated in Monroe, New York, a small rural town that the Appalachian Trail ran through. My parents immigrated from Norway and Sweden, hence my attraction to St. Olaf. Like the rest of you, my life was molded and shaped by the cataclysmic drama of the 1960s. The critical thinking process that I learned during those four years was the most valuable gift St. Olaf gave me. The person that entered as a freshman was not the same person that walked off the stage at graduation our senior year. For all that I learned and experienced as an Ole, I am very thankful.

In my senior year I met my spouse-to-be, Judy Bearinger. We were married in 1971. I attended the University of Minnesota Law School after graduation, but never felt that was the right career choice. So with much support from friends, family, and most importantly, Judy, I left law and entered the University of Minnesota Medical School. I completed an internal medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center, followed by a 30-year practice in Alexandria, Minnesota, and retired in 2012.

Though medicine consumed much of my time, my greatest joy was always my family. I have so many great memories of our years together, and now can enjoy the youthful energy and inquisitiveness of our grandchildren. Our family adventures include backpacking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, traveling, scuba diving, and camping. Watching your children grow and progress through school, sports, relationships, and life's challenges, and being asked to participate in that journey with them, is by far the most rewarding part of family life.

Judy and I have had a wonderful life together and continue to fulfill our strong commitment to a balanced life of learning, spiritual growth, and exercise. We still live in Alexandria, enjoying the rural life and our treasured friendships. We share many hobbies: oil painting, photography, camping, cross-country skiing, traveling, and being with family.

## Janet Fogelberg Kimmerle

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Ross Kimmerle

Children: Carlton, Meredith '00

Grandchildren: One grandson, one granddaughter, three grand-dogs

I developed several close friends during freshman year on the Hill. The beginning of my second year was spent on the west bank, next to Fairview

Hospital. My roommate, Mary Ditmanson, was a “townie” and became my dear friend and personal cheerleader. We had lots of fun at Augsburg parties, often entertaining with Motown tunes. Her death in 2011 was a huge loss for me.

Junior year was spent in housing across from the V.A. where I worked. My experience at the V.A. led to several lifelong friendships. I completed my course in December of 1969.

Upon graduation I started work as a staff nurse at Midway Hospital. Within a year I became head nurse and enjoyed the responsibility of leading a staff of 60. I assisted opening the first “short stay” clinic at Midway and became a part-time supervisor.

In 1975 I started a seven-year hiatus, and volunteered with five organizations. I took classes in family dynamics, psychology, and sociology for a year that led me to a volunteer position working with terminally ill children at Children’s Hospital.

In the mid ’80s I became head nurse at Jones Harrison Nursing Home. I found great joy working with elders. In 1992 I was accepted into a master’s program at the U of M for gerontology. I worked for Health Partners as a GNP until I had a medical challenge. Those years were the most meaningful of my life.

Upon retirement I took care of my first grandchild for his first year. I now volunteer at an assisted living facility and work with memory care and death and dying.

I began Buddhist studies in 1994, was blessed by H.H. the Dalai Lama in 2001 and have been fortunate to have amazing Buddhist teachers.

I am passionate about world travel, live in a historic MPLS home and focus on my mental and physical health daily. I am grateful to be on my feet.

Married 46 years. Enjoy reading, podcasts, and learning.



## James “Jim” Folk



St. Olaf Majors: English, German

Spouse: Pamela Perbix (1970)

Children: W. Anders Folk, Benjamin Folk, Karl Folk

Grandchildren: Morgan, Ulysses, Harlan, Madeline, Alexandra (triplets), Malcolm

I grew up in California and came to St. Olaf on the suggestion of the only minister I

respected intellectually. Most of my friends were going to the University of California, and I wanted something different. St. Olaf proved to be exotic for a kid from the west coast; it hardly seems possible now. But the weather, small town, Scandinavian culture, academic focus, conservative outlook — the rules on campus were stricter than my parents' and I was used to automobile-based freedom — were very different. I also found the rigorous religion classes stimulating. I am essentially a learning sponge, so I was happy. I grew to enjoy many things about the midwest and campus, but that first winter was very tough! I attended a semester in Germany and an independent study in England, Austria and Germany.

My work included teaching and business development for small companies and at Control Data Corporation. I raised money for startups while establishing sales and marketing functions. I developed a software consulting business after teaching myself object-oriented programming; I was tired of working with others, so wrote code instead. I am now mostly retired but do some online work.

My wife and I traveled domestically, more extensively recently. Very memorable for me were trips alone to Romania, staying in monasteries, helping develop a church there, and meeting with Orthodox clergy. It was as if one flew to the past; Transylvania was isolated, a still-intact peasant culture. Experiences there and in study of Orthodox theology changed my view of Christianity and the world.

Third chapter? I have lots of grandkids to know. I'm keeping the aging body working. I am learning a new language, keeping up with those friends I love, traveling (the great passion), reading fiction and nonfiction to know facts and feelings. I enjoy all. I'm volunteering to give back from this privileged life I have led.

We have been active at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis since 1974.

## Cristy “Cris” Forker Evanson

After graduation I worked in southern Minnesota for over 20 years as an office manager and later managing a boutique. My husband, now deceased, and I married in 1984 and started our family in Winona. We have two sons, Jarod and Erik, and a daughter, Casee, all in their 30s. Eventually, we moved back to Iowa to help care for my parents.



There was a lack of funding for music and art programs in our community so I helped organize a fine arts booster club, which still exists today. We sponsored field trips for K-12 students, an end-of-the-year trip for older students, purchasing equipment for our auditorium, and a college scholarship. Fundraising was a major source of revenue, like typical bake sales, carnivals, or other events that bring the community together. Although I no longer take an active role, it is reassuring that the need is being met.

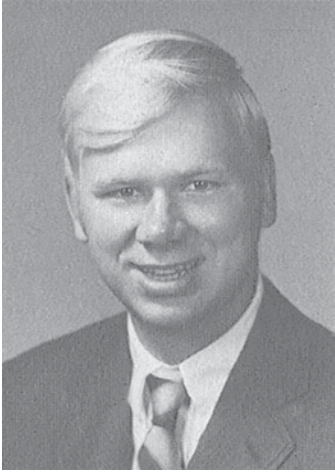
We lived on a hobby farm, of sorts. Besides the usual dogs and cats, we raised a few pigs, rabbits, and draft horses. This “calling” has been passed to my children who embrace those childhood memories and have continued the tradition for their children and the rest of us to enjoy. I am fortunate that my kids live within a 30-mile radius of me.

In all, I have seven grandchildren ranging in age from nearly 2 to 20. My current “position” is GRAM to the three youngest a few days a week. I have to say I appreciate my time off. Turns out, I’m not as young as I used to be. I never imagined the back of my car would have permanent child car seats. I also work part-time at a local store.

In my spare time, I like to read and make whatever my granddaughter thinks I can. Camping is a major activity for all the families to spend time together. I prefer a tent. The kids like a camper! I know the recipe for slime and elephant toothpaste by heart.

It has been a very long time since being on campus and I look forward to reconnecting with friends.

## Eric Forsberg



St. Olaf Major: Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: Student Parliament

Spouse: Gloria Peck (Luther '70)

Daughter: Amanda (Lawrence '00)

I was born and raised in New Ulm, Minnesota, not far from Northfield. I don't recall what led me to choose St. Olaf. Our family was Methodist, so we were not

steeped in the St. Olaf tradition. My time at St. Olaf was challenging and rewarding, though I regret not taking advantage of all the cultural and social opportunities available to us. The most exciting educational experience for me was a political science Interim trip in 1968, led by Dr. Mittau from Macalester. For a kid from small-town Minnesota to fly (first time) to Europe and travel through much of Europe was amazing. I have many good memories from that trip. It also inspired me to keep traveling throughout my life.

I planned to go to law school after college. I was accepted at the University of Minnesota. But the draft lottery changed my plans. My number was under 100, which meant volunteer or be drafted. I was accepted into the Coast Guard Officer Training School in Yorktown, Virginia. After my training I was assigned to a duty station in Concord, California. I loved living in the Bay Area and met my first wife there. I returned to Minnesota in 1973 to attend law school. After passing the bar exam in 1976, I practiced in several small firms until I eventually established my own practice. I continue to practice from my home on a very part time basis.

Gloria and I got married in 2008. We are both involved in our local Methodist church and related volunteer activities. We are both politics and news junkies. We exercise a lot and read a lot. We enjoy travel and have travelled on four St. Olaf Travel Study tours. About 10 years ago, I organized a group of guys to travel to hike-in lodges around North America. We also enjoy short winter trips to Palm Springs, California.

We plan to keep growing and sharing as we are able.

## Cynthia Foss Bowman

St. Olaf Major: Chemistry

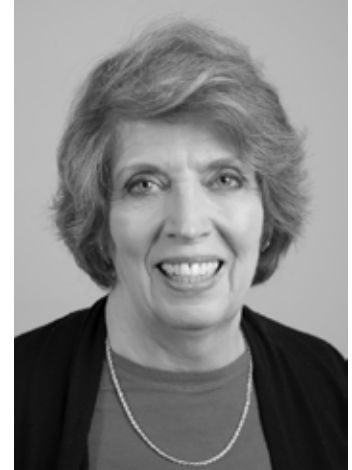
Vanderbilt University Medical School '74

University of California at San Francisco:  
surgery internship, anatomic and clinical  
pathology residency, 1974–80

Husband: David Bowman

Children: David Per

Grandkids: One granddaughter



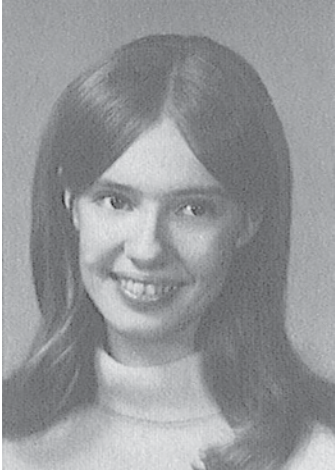
After being raised in New England and New Jersey, I used my education to live in each U.S. region. I now realize I must be a change-seeking nomad: I traveled around the world in med school, lived and worked in California, returned to Maine, relocated to Australia, returned to the U.S., practicing in Massachusetts and metropolitan NY, and have finally come full circle working in New Jersey close to where I grew up. Retirement seems foreign to me at this point. I have been a laboratory director for years, enjoying the discipline and challenges of leadership and team building, and have always regarded myself as a clinician pathologist. Professional and international society involvement has also expanded my growth, practice, and perspectives.

Leaving St. Olaf, I vowed my experience with Scandinavians was over, until I met David, an SF police inspector with a Norwegian-born father and a Swedish mother from Minnesota. Oh, well. I uprooted him from the Bay Area to go back to my ancestral Maine in 1987. We have had a full life with many transitions, a wonderful son, David Per, who returned to San Francisco after being raised in New England, and who has a wonderful wife, a delightful daughter, and an interesting entrepreneurial life.

David and I are blessed with a special private lakeside sanctuary, a former boys camp, close to beautiful Mid Coast Maine ocean. Our lifestyle has made us experts at the commuter marriage. Being able to return to Maine, my husband and precious golden retriever make urban living more tolerable. My former-surfer husband is glad we relocated and well adapted with a truck, tractor, and lots of flannel. We hope it is our legacy to preserve such a special spot in the name of habitat.

I am glad I had the St. Olaf experience with its values. The humanity and standards helped to set me on track for a rewarding and ever-changing life.

## Paula Fredrickson Sydow



St. Olaf Majors: French, Spanish

Spouse: David W. Sydow '70

Children: Eric and Gregg '03

Grandchildren: Four

Growing up in the small village of Bayport, MN, I eventually felt the allure of the Twin Cities and thought of enrolling at Macalester College. Thanks to the influence of my father, I became an Ole.

In addition to my language classes, I especially enjoyed American literature, religion, and history courses. A few memories include living in the French House, the semester studying in Aix-en-Provence, freshman corridor friends, the moral support of Nancy Alexander, the Lion's Den, John Denver performing in the cafeteria, and meeting my future husband, Dave.

Following graduation I worked for the First National Bank in St. Paul, and after marrying, at Combined Insurance in Chicago while Dave attended dental school at the University of Illinois. Upon graduation we moved to Peoria, IL (home of Caterpillar Inc.) where Dave practiced and we have made our home for 45 years.

Trips to Alexandria, VA and Flagstaff, AZ allow us many adventures with our grandchildren. I look forward to our annual family reunion at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort where I get my Minnesota fix.

My interests revolve around volunteering: Salem Lutheran Church, the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Wildlife Prairie Park, and singing with a chorale at local senior care centers.

I am grateful for four years of excellent professors and education. I was blessed to be part of a faith-based community.



## Sheryl Freeman Saterstrom

I changed my major every year at St. Olaf, so it's not surprising that I have wandered some through my professional life. Graduating with a Norwegian major, I spent a year studying fashion design in Copenhagen. A few years later having ended up in Arizona with my air force husband (Tom Saterstrom), I walked into Arizona State University thinking about doing a dance major. Somehow that led to

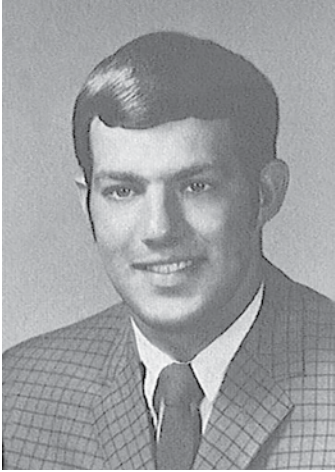


helping create the M.A. in dance at ASU. (Still wondering how I did that — with no undergraduate dance degree).

Iowa was the next port of call where I created a modern dance company and found a passion for sharing dance with students all over the state through the Artist-in-Residence program. During that time, I helped out a friend from grad school who was developing the dance major at St. Olaf (go figure!) by filling in for a class during Interim and then another for a sabbatical or two. These short-term gigs turned into a one-year renewable contract that lasted nearly 30 years at St. Olaf. I never intended to stay in higher education, but it's amazing what an enticement free studio space and technical performance support can be for a dancer! My appetite for choreographing and performing — while concurrently creating and teaching classes from modern dance technique, to improvisation, to experiential anatomy and creative process — was nicely met in this environment.

Having nurtured hundreds of students through the dance major, I decided in 2016 that my career in higher education was complete. I continue to follow my passion for all things physical outdoors with hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, skiing, and fly fishing. Thanks to my son, Torre, who lives in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, I have a perfect home away from home for my outdoor appetites. With a 25-year yoga practice and a new yoga teaching certification, I am on my way into the next chapter. Not sure where that will lead yet, as I have recognized recently that the defined rectangle of a yoga mat is way too confining for my style!

## Jim Gehant



At St. Olaf, I was a chemistry major, and a member of the 1969 championship football team. We just had a great 50-year reunion.

After graduation, I married DeAnna, my high school sweetheart. I went to the U of M Medical School, preparing for a career in rural family medicine. We located in Little Falls, Minnesota, where we raised our family and we still reside, and practiced family medicine for 39 years. In those early

years, we took care of everything. Highlights were delivering babies from mothers I had delivered, and taking care of five generations within the same family. I particularly enjoyed taking care of the mentally handicapped while I directed two large facilities, and for caring for the elderly when I directed a large nursing home for 35 years.

Our two children went to Concordia and are successful, and have given us four wonderful grandchildren.

We enjoy all things outdoors in nature. DeAnna has been my partner in all of our outdoor/nature adventures. We maintain a large woodland with trails, fruit trees, and wildlife plots. We enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, hunting, fishing, golfing, and traveling (having been in all the National Parks).

We currently spend time following our grandchildren, caring for relatives, visiting with friends, traveling, and staying active.

## Judy Gernant

Sitting at graduation I had no solid plans, just one silly dream to get on a plane with a one-way ticket back to France. The semester in Avignon had been transformative, though I suspect and hope that is nothing unusual for Ollie's who study overseas.

A year later, there was indeed a one-way plane ride, courtesy of the University of Illinois, but not to France. I was a research assistant on my way to Tehran University for two years to study linguistics and Persian, to teach ESL, and to write ESL textbooks for the university as directed by the Shah. Winter weekends were spent skiing the best powder ever in the Alborz Mountains with my Iranian ski club. Other weekends were sometimes spent at the Caspian breakfasting on beluga caviar. Longer school breaks were chances to explore Iran and other Mideast countries. By the time I left with my unbelievable memories, there were hints of what was to come, and I feel lucky to have been when I was. Dr. Berglund would have smiled to know I took my flute and played in Tehran with a chamber music group made up of internationals. Since one of our members worked at the U.S. Embassy we played there several times (in a corner with plates and glasses clanging and loud conversations going on, thankfully). Because I have clear visions of the Embassy, the movie *Argo*, fiction and all, for me is still a white knuckler.

After the M.A. and just when I was all set up to start a doctoral program in French back in Champagne-Urbana, Time-Life offered me an escape, a real job, in Tokyo. I was working on an ESL business textbook writing team for them when I went to a conference in the Japanese Alps. That resulted in being offered a university teaching job in Osaka one I held for 35 years until retirement in 2014. Life in Japan was very good.

After 41 years in Japan, I decided to retire in Hawaii. The plane rides are not long back to Japan, and the opportunities to volunteer using Japanese are many. I'm a conversation partner in Japanese classes at the University of Hawaii and at Punahou (President Obama's) School and interpret for events like the Honolulu Marathon. I also audit classes at the University and travel for a change of culture, scenery, and seasons.

50 years after the semester that determined my life as an expat, I did return to Avignon. Thank heavens and St. Olaf for silly dreams.



## Anna Gieschen



St Olaf, 1966-70, BA, Philosophy, History

Grad Study, Philosophy, UW Madison,  
1971-2, no degree

Working, volunteering, various jobs - 1973-  
76 Library School U of M, Mpls,

1977-1978, MALS

Medical Librarian, 1979 to present,

Minneapolis, Fargo, Sioux Falls

Married, 1986, widowed 2010

One son, 1989

With gratitude for all, each in their own  
way.

Anna Gieschen Sioux Falls, SD

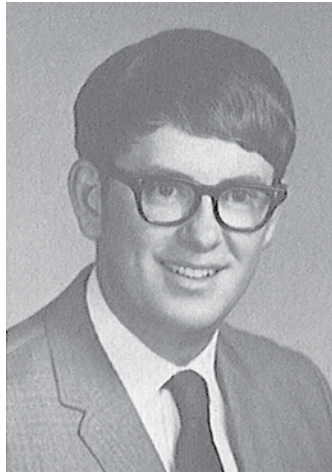
## James Gillis

St. Olaf Major: Music Education

Wife: Gretchen Klemz Gillis

Children: Erin, Lindsey and Trevor ('08)

Grandchildren: Megan and Miles



I grew up in Osakis, Minnesota, graduated from high school in 1966, and started St. Olaf that fall. I played trumpet in the

St. Olaf Band for four years and the St. Olaf Orchestra for three years. Highlights of my St. Olaf experience were the band and orchestra tours, culminating with the 1970 tour of Europe. We left a few hours after graduation for 21 days.

I taught music in Glenwood, Barnum (where I met my wife Gretchen), Morris, and Cyrus, Minnesota. I coached tennis for many years in Morris and was an EMT/Paramedic for 20 years also in Morris.

Gretchen and I both retired in 2014 and moved to Northfield. Since we arrived in Northfield both of our daughters and families have moved here as well. We feel very fortunate to be able to spend time with them on a regular basis. Trevor and his wife Cagla, whom he met and married while living in Istanbul, Turkey, have since moved to the United States and live in Chicago.

In retirement, Gretchen and I enjoy traveling and taking advantage of many of the cultural and educational opportunities in Northfield and the Twin Cities. We are slowly accomplishing our goal of hiking in all of the state parks in Minnesota.

## Mary Gjermo



St. Olaf Major: Social Psychology St. Olaf  
Activities: Concert Band, Faribault State  
Hospital Volunteer

Spouse: Ted Kumbier

Children: Amy Wallace

I vividly remember orientation week with its formal teas, my first book discussion in a professor's home, the "first nighter" where dates were matched by height, and waiting

for my roommate to arrive from France. I was thrilled to discover that Chris Borgen would live across the hall from me in Melby Hall. We met at the University of Wisconsin music clinic three years earlier. I met my first husband, Alan Wallace '68, at a first semester mixer. On one of our first dates we had a toboggan accident, and I went to interim classes with a black eye. We married in 1968.

After leaving St. Olaf, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mundelein College and a master's degree in library science from Rosary College. We lived in Bergamo, Italy, for a year and in Lexington, Kentucky, where I earned an M.S. in family studies. I worked in public libraries in Lexington, Cambridge and La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Libertyville, Illinois.

I began my second career as a family therapist after doing coursework in counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and at the Family Therapy Training Center of Madison. I still work part-time in private practice.

I met my second husband in 1982, and we married in 1992. We lived in Menomonie, Wisconsin, and Vernon Hills, Illinois, before settling down in Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Ted retired in 2018, allowing us to spend more time at our lake cottage. I still serve as Vice President of the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society. I stepped down from the library board after helping build our new public library. I chaired a veteran's memorial committee, compiling stories of local veterans.

Although slowed down by chronic health conditions, I feel fortunate to have my daughter and her husband nearby. I love my book club, writers' group, and Friday fish fry group.

We enjoyed a 12-day cruise of the Baltic Sea in 2018, and now we look forward to raising our golden retriever puppy.

## Diane Glasrud Owen

I came from Billings, Montana, to attend St. Olaf. I was active in my hometown church, Grace Lutheran Church, where the pastor was Reverend Tollefson, Greg Tollefson's ('69) dad. Our student pastor held a college night for the seniors that were graduating and he said that I might like St. Olaf. That was not only very true, but it opened a door to something that I could not have imagined in my lifetime.



While at St. Olaf I wasn't the best student, but I did well enough to graduate. I did stay on campus for summer school, where I was a lifeguard at the pool along with Jon Nordby. I volunteered with a scout troop at the state hospital, and for one winter I taught skiing at Buck Hill. In 1974, after trying other careers, I went to work at Hennepin County Social services and I stayed until retirement in late 2005.

Sometime in the early 1980's I became aware of someone with the Glasrud name. Then I found out that I had a lot of family in Minnesota that I knew nothing about! Part of the magic of going to St. Olaf was getting to southern Minnesota and finding my Glasrud family. I discovered that they had a large family reunion every three years and I became part of that event, which eventually had over 350 people at each reunion. I then found out that I had cousins at St. Olaf at the same time I was there: Nick Hysell ('68), and to my surprise, Edna Hong, were my cousins.

In 1986 I met my husband David, and we married in 1988. After we both retired, we moved to our lake home in Hayward. My hobbies are golfing, skiing, snowshoeing, fishing anywhere and anytime, biking, and flying. We love to travel. I volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, our church, the food shelf, and at the local NH.

## Judy Gluth Johnson



St. Olaf: Music Education

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Choir, Junior Counselor

Spouse: Stephen Johnson

Children: Elizabeth, Eric, Christopher

Grandchildren: Kristen, Luke, Madalyn, and another on the way

Looking back, those college years were some of the best years of my life.

I arrived at St. Olaf without knowing anyone and with no family link to the school, but I loved music. What a blessing to become part of various choirs, making friends with those who loved to make music. Singing in the Christmas concert was special – as a freshman, in the “old gym” in Manitou Singers with Alice Larsen, and in the combined choirs directed by Olaf Christiansen. The following years the concerts were in Skoglund, singing in Chapel Choir and St. Olaf Choir under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Jennings. Another great memory - serving as a Junior Counselor in Hoyme Hall. The two important highlights in my time at St. Olaf: 1) the St. Olaf Choir European tour our senior year, and 2) meeting my future husband.

My senior year “student teaching” was a special gift. My supervising teacher was leaving, and she recommended me in her place. I taught in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, while Steve was in medical school, and we were married in 1972. We moved to Rochester for Steve’s internship and residency at the Mayo Clinic. After four and a half years there, Steve joined a practice in St. Paul. We lived there for 18 months, then Steve received an offer to join another ophthalmologist in Newport Beach, California, and we are still there.

Since graduation, I’ve spent my time teaching music in public schools and in our local Montessori schools, directing and singing in church choirs, and being a part-time office manager for Steve. I attended Bible Study Fellowship for 36 years and was involved in its leadership, as a Teaching Leader, then an Area Advisor for Southern California/Hawaii. I’ve recently retired from BSF Area Advising and have begun babysitting our grandchildren.

*“We come from St. Olaf, we sure are the real stuff! Um! Yah! Yah! Yah!”*



## John Goeppinger

My favorite number you ask? 3.

3<sup>3</sup>. My draft number. A difficult time for me. I learned of the 1-AO classification. Conscientious objectors could serve without weapons training and train to become medics. I applied for and received this classification.



Basic and medic training was at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. My drill sergeant called me “Super Crud.” I forgot to polish my belt bucket. Who knew? Graduated first in my basic training class. Keep one eye closed if the enemy fires flares to preserve your night vision. Orders to RVN twice but ended up in Germany. Wow. Part of a drug rehab initiative. Lots of hash. A new nickname: “Gentle John.”

Began medical school in 1973. Met my future wife Marybess. Red hair, freckles, Irish temper. Married July 23. Honeymoon safari. Kilimanjaro. Mt. Kenya. Family medicine residency Grand Rapids, Michigan.

10 wonderful years in Guttenberg, Iowa. We nourished three babies: Amelia, Anna, John. Started building boats. My favorite is a Herreshoff daysailer. Steam-bent oak frames. 3x2x100 lead ballast. Moved upriver from Lock and Dam 10 to number three near Red Wing. Driving back to Red Wing, MB and I were T-boned on black ice. Glasgow coma score of 3x2. MB heard the transplant surgeons from Mayo remark: “He’s kind of old but he seems in pretty good shape.” I slowly woke up from a deep coma of five days. I felt a great peace as my memory fully returned. Broken bones mended. I was so thankful.

Retired after 3<sup>2</sup>x4 years. Attended a weekend course in tropical medicine at Mayo. They called five months later and asked’ “How would you like to go to Niger?” Of course. No idea where it was for certain or how you pronounce it. Treated mostly malaria in children. Five months service followed in refugee camps in Uganda and Lebanon.

Continue to volunteer in Red Wing’s Care Clinic and Brooklyn Center’s Hadi Clinic. Boats remain in need of repair. Also our 1865 home.

Happy. Thankful.

## Barbara Greene Dwyer



St. Olaf Majors: Physical Education and Health; Minor in French

St. Olaf Activities: Kappa Theta Phi, Junior Counselor, development of Interim Ice Skating Show

Spouse: John Dwyer '70

Children: Dana (Colorado), Johnny (Bismarck), Annie (Seattle) and Josh (Minneapolis)

Grandchildren: Four grandsons and three granddaughters, plus a granddaughter expected in March 2020

I was raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, but always planned on attending St. Olaf College, my dad's alma mater. I treasured my years at St. Olaf and was always thankful for the excellent professors, the wonderful friendships, and for meeting my husband John.

Following graduation in May, we were married in Winnipeg. We moved to Grand Forks, John started law school, and I began my first year of teaching. After two years of teaching, I went back to school and completed my master's degree at the University of North Dakota while teaching as a graduate assistant.

After our respective graduations, we moved to Washington, D.C. It was a wonderful time to live in our nation's capital and we enjoyed spending time visiting all the historical sites. Our first daughter and son were born in D.C. We moved back to North Dakota in 1977 and Bismarck became our home. Annie and Josh were born in Bismarck. John and I enjoyed being youth coaches for our children's teams and 4-H leaders. I began a figure skating program. Two of our granddaughters are figure skaters and two grandsons are hockey players, so we still spend many hours at the ice rink.

John was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the spring of 2005. His diagnosis changed our plans for our retirement years. He fights his progressive illness with determination and a positive attitude. We have spent time developing an exercise program in Bismarck for Parkinson's patients.

We love the peace of our river home and the beauty of God's creation that surrounds us. I enjoy gardening, cooking, entertaining, and jogging. I am blessed to be in a woman's Bible study that provides me with encouragement and strength. Spending time with our children and grandchildren is the joy of our lives.

## Marie Grender Clark

St. Olaf Major: Art

Gemological Institute of America:  
Gemology

St. Olaf Activities: Norseman Band, Sanger  
Kor

Spouses: Philip Schoewe '72 (divorced),  
Stanley Clark (deceased)

Children: Stormy Brooke, University of  
Texas Permian Basin

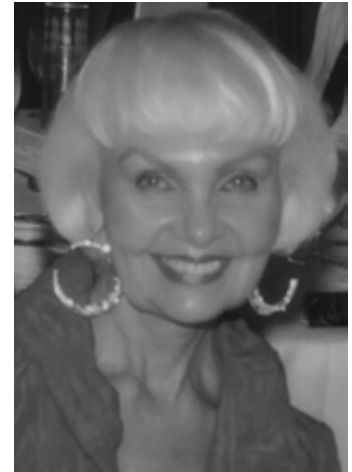
Grandchildren: Reese, United States Military Academy West Point '22, Asher fourth grade

I was born in Texas and raised in Minnesota and Kentucky. My brother Arnemann '66 and I are third generation Oles. Following St. Olaf graduation, the spirit of adventure called me to an 11-year career traveling the world as a flight attendant with Braniff International Airlines based in Dallas, Texas. Working flights took me frequently to Europe, the Orient, Mexico, Central and South America, Hawaii, and all major US cities. I had the honor of becoming a flight crewmember on both the British and French Concorde SST aircraft operated by Braniff.

After my flying career, my first marriage ended and I married Stanley Clark, a West Texas cattleman who was also a talented goldsmith. I worked with Stanley in our jewelry store in Snyder, Texas for 20 years as a goldsmith and gemologist, which put my art major to good use. Along the way, I earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and instructed at Texas Karate Institute in Lubbock, Texas.

Stanley and I raised our daughter Stormy Brooke in the wide open spaces of West Texas, where I continue to live raising Black Angus cattle and working as a full time artist: [www.marie-clark.pixels.com](http://www.marie-clark.pixels.com). I play flute in my church praise band and work for my daughter's e-commerce business, Stormy Brooke Designs.

My favorite memories of St. Olaf include the beauty of the campus (especially in autumn), special friendships, singing in the Christmas concert, and the instruction of John Maakestad and Arnold Flaten. Their words of inspiration live on in my art.



## Marsha Grim Gartner



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Gary Gartner. Married 50 years.  
(Remember that ad: “You meet the nicest people on a Honda?”)

Children: Steven (Inger), Scott, Jeffery '04  
(Lori Blomquist '04)

Grandchildren: Barrett, Greta, Wilson, and  
Maeva

Granddogs: Lady and Maeby

Being a nursing student meant my life as an Ole often evolved “off-campus.” I lived in Minneapolis at the Fairview School of Nursing dorm and the V.A. Hospital, as well as on the Hill in Northfield. My senior year found me living with 11 non-nursing students in a “house” on St. Olaf Avenue that we creatively called “The House”. Friendships that have thrived through 50 years since graduation were nurtured at this off- campus residence for girls at St. Olaf.

The military draft in 1970 summoned Gary and me to Fort Ord, California. I was employed as a Monterey County public health nurse. My job entailed working with resident and migrant field workers’ families in Salinas Valley. I enjoyed the work as I experienced differences in culture, health practices, and life in California.

Nursing visits to these young families seemed important, as they had little access to a doctor. Post military, the two of us returned home to Wisconsin to be closer to family and friends. I worked haphazardly at health departments, Gary’s office, and at home with the kids. We are proud of the “persons” our sons have become; we are proud of their families as well. Florida weather beckons us six months of the year when we enjoy being among old and new friends. We are thankful for retirement and our health that allows us to go there. I appreciate the nursing background acquired from St. Olaf and am proud to be an Ole!

## Maryellen “Meg” Grossbach Gisslen

St. Olaf Major: Mathematics

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Sound of Music, Chapel Choir, Junior Counselor, Parliament

Spouse: Wayne Gisslen

Children: One daughter



My 50 years of life in the real world after graduating from St. Olaf: Three husbands (sequentially), one daughter, zero grandchildren yet, seven employers in three different careers (teaching math in Burnsville, bookkeeping, marketing research in advertising for corporate communications), three apartments and seven houses, nine countries visited, zero languages spoken besides English (embarrassingly), and a plethora of pets (one dog, three horses, 15 or so cats, two hamsters, and one short-lived goldfish – refer back to cats).

For who I am today, I would like to thank:

My Manitou Singers conductor, Alice T. Larson, for opening the door to the wonderful world of choral performance and for teaching me how to sing in a tight choral ensemble (“pear-shaped tones”).

My miscellaneous unnamed bosses, for whom the “Me Too” movement was created, for igniting my quest for the wisdom and strength to stand taller and more confident.

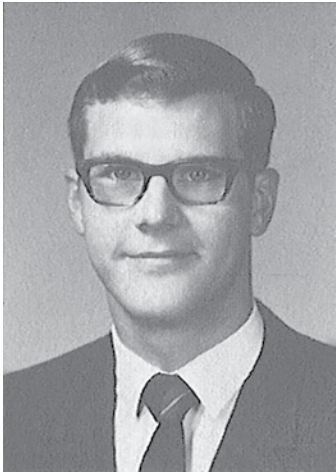
My parents, Mable and Carl, for creating the most supportive, enriched life in Red Wing, for grounding me and showing me the importance of family, and for finding the means to send me to St. Olaf.

My daughter, Jennifer, for being my best friend and cheerleader during many difficult life transitions, for her amazing determination and resilience to start over, for helping me develop my sense of humor, and for starting my interest in World War I history.

My husband Wayne, who loves me unconditionally, shares his love of literature, music and downhill skiing, and takes me now on the best journey of my life.

And St. Olaf College, for instilling in me a desire to be in community, my love of learning, and my belief that fairness, honor, hope, and courage still exist in the world.

## George Groves



After I graduated from St. Olaf and the band had returned from a tour of central Europe, I became a high school band director in Fennimore, Wisconsin. After my third year of teaching, God made it clear to me that He wanted me to “teach practical Christianity.” I entered Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

I was invited to play my trombone with the Salvation Army Band, which met at Asbury

College across the street. There I met Charlotte Stephens, who became my wife on August 22, 1975. That year, band director James Curnow hired me to teach low brass at the college. During that year, I was a weekend student pastor for two United Methodist churches in southern Ohio: Winchester and Dunkinsville. After Char finished her bachelor’s degree in social work and I finished my master’s of divinity degree in 1976, we moved back to my home state, Wisconsin.

I was appointed associate pastor of the Ripon United Methodist Church. After five and a half years there and being blessed with two girls, I was appointed to the Washburn and Grandview churches in northern Wisconsin. That lasted eight and a half years and we were blessed with two more girls and a boy. Then I was appointed to the Forest Junction and Rural Brillion churchess. After four years there and being blessed with two more girls (home births), I was appointed to the Ladysmith and Tony churches. While there, I became one of the chaplains for the Rusk County sheriff’s department and Char went to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for a master’s degree in marriage and family counseling.

My final 14-year appointment was to the Poy Sippi and Borth churches. After 42 years of church ministry, I retired in 2017. In 2018 I mentored a teenage boy. Then last October (2019) we moved to an apartment in Hopkins, Minnesota. Char continues to counsel part time online, and I continue to serve in whatever way God directs. Four of our seven children are married. We have seven grandchildren and another on the way.

## Joan Gustafson Strom

My father, Charles Gustafson, graduated from St. Olaf after his service in the Navy. He married Maxine Batteram and taught math in Dawson, Minnesota, where I grew up. We had a fantastic music department at Dawson High School, so St. Olaf was the place for me to go, too. I finished my college singing days at Hamline University in St. Paul, where my husband-to-be had chosen to go for his undergrad education.



After graduate school days at University of Illinois at Urbana, we landed in Brookfield, Illinois, where we raised three daughters. One is living in Los Angeles and working at the University of Southern California. The one in St. Paul, Minnesota, plays viola with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and is a frequent substitute with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She's able to stay with me on those occasions, which makes me happy! My youngest daughter is a Professor of Art History at Grand Valley State in Grand Rapids, Michigan, only a three hour drive away. I've lived here in Brookfield (13 miles from downtown Chicago) since 1973, and really enjoy this area. It's in the suburbs, but close to so many fine opportunities in the city. I'm happy!

## Nancy Haakenson Pohlot



St. Olaf Majors: Speech and Psychology

Spouse: Joe Pohlot

Children: Joe and Nikki

Grandkids: Four grandsons and one granddaughter

My best memories of St. Olaf are of the friends I made and the encouragement and support of the professors, particularly those in the speech department. It was during our senior year that Professor Theodore Nelson encouraged me to think about pursuing the field of speech pathology. He was very supportive of my efforts to apply to graduate school and, thanks to him, I went on to enjoy over 45 years of work in the field. After attending the University of Iowa for my master's degree, I went on to work in the public schools in St. Louis, Missouri. It was there that I met my husband, Joe, and we were married in 1973. Our son, Joe, was born in 1975, and our daughter Nikki in 1977. They both live in the area and we thoroughly enjoy being grandparents to our five grandchildren!

We moved from St. Louis to Topeka, Kansas, and Dallas, Texas, in what I describe as a "search for warmer weather" but in truth was a result of job transfers for Joe. We finally arrived in California in 1985 and have been here ever since. Throughout the years I have enjoyed working in a variety of settings including public schools, hospitals, and skilled nursing facilities. For the past 23 years I have worked for Providence Speech and Hearing Centers as a pediatric speech therapist. I also teach a class for Speech and Language Pathology Assistants at Chapman University six times per year. I am not planning to retire just yet as I continue to really enjoy my work and the opportunity to interface daily with so many terrific patients and coworkers. I am grateful to St. Olaf and Professor Nelson for starting me down the road to such an enjoyable career!



## JoAnn Hagen

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Jon Lillevik

Children: Severin Hagen-Lillevik (DOB 12/12/82); Synneva Hagen-Lillevik (DOB 02/10/87)

Grandchild: Soren Nicholson (DOB 09/11/18)



Worked at Mount Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis for a year and then attended the University of Minnesota to obtain a Master of Science in Public Health Nursing in 1973 (graduated from the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program and minored in education). During that time, I also worked part time as a private duty nurse at the University of Minnesota Hospital and was a staff nurse at Hennepin County General Hospital Pediatric Clinic.

Moved to Anchorage, Alaska, and began teaching nursing at Alaska Methodist University fall of 1973. In 1976, the nursing program was transferred to the University of Alaska and I became the Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program there.

In 1978, Jon Lillevik and I married and moved to Kenai, Alaska, where he became a high school counselor and I became a Public Health Nurse for the state of Alaska. I worked in that most interesting job until our children were born and then was a “stay at home” mom until 1989, at which time I returned to work as a Public Health Nurse. In 2007 I moved to Anchorage to become a Regional Nurse Manager and retired from that position in 2010.

Jon and I have had wonderful hiking, skiing, camping and wilderness opportunities, and both became private airplane pilots. We now enjoy living between our Kenai home and a cabin in Hope, Alaska.

Our most recent excitement has been the birth of our first grandchild in Salt Lake City, and we travel to Utah often. We have found great outdoor activities there and appreciate the beauty of Utah.

I’m grateful for family, good friends, and the ability to enjoy the outdoors as well as travel to other parts of the world. I hope to remain active and healthy enough to continue to enjoy all of the above!

## Charles “Chuck” Hanson



St. Olaf Major: History with a minor in Asian Studies

St. Olaf Activities: Student Parliament, Men's Chorus, ABX

Spouse: Cheryl Fiero 70 Children: Eric and Matthew

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters, two grandsons

We spent time in Japan and Hong Kong on the way to a semester of study at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Experiencing firsthand the beauty and wisdom a different culture can offer led to a life-long interest in promoting peace through understanding different cultures. Best of all, this is where I met and fell in love with my classmate, Cheryl Fiero. We married in August after graduation and we have been traveling together ever since.

The summer after graduation, I served as a Presidential Intern and in the fall started law school at the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1973. As an ROTC graduate at St. Olaf, law school was followed by four years as a JAG in the United States Air Force, which included living two years in Taiwan. We managed to bum around the world for two months before settling down in La Crosse, Wisconsin where I have practiced law for the last 42 years. I am a partner in the law firm of Hale, Skemp, Hanson, Skemp & Sleik, concentrating in litigation.

Rotary has been a big part of our lives, allowing us to experience hosting exchange students, leading a group study exchange team to Mexico, helping to establish a Rotary Club in Dubna, Russia, and organizing Operation Afghan School Kids, providing school supplies to children in war-torn villages. Rotary provided the opportunity to co-chair Kids Coulee, a large community park built with several thousand volunteers. We have helped found four of La Crosse's sister city relationships including, Dubna, Russia; Luoyang, China, Bantry, Ireland; and Førde, Norway. Three projects which I helped bring about and remain active in are the La Crosse Riverside International Friendship Gardens, celebrating the beauty found in other cultures; Freedom Honor Flight, Inc., and The Brain Game.

I enjoy time with family and friends, hiking and skiing. However, my main focus is caring for Cheryl who has a rare progressively degenerating brain condition known as Frontal Temporal Degeneration. We travel together now on a very different journey celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary and grateful for every day.

## Rick Hammer

St. Olaf Majors: History and Physical Education

Mankato State University: M.A.T. 1971

Spouse: Kathy Hammer

Children: Jeanine, Carolyn, Gayle

Grandkids: Three granddaughters



I grew up in West Bend, Wisconsin, where they manufactured electric fry pans that were perfect for cooking “Sledge Burgers” in the dorm. I played on the golf and basketball teams. My M.A.T. degree enabled me to get the teaching certificate I needed to become a high school history teacher and basketball coach. While at Mankato I met Kathy Anderson, who was studying physical therapy at Mayo Clinic; we got married in a snow storm in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1971.

Following post-graduate studies, we headed off to Chicago, where there was a surplus of teachers and little demand for an inexperienced teacher. My first job was as a high school security guard. I went on to a five-and-a-half-year teaching and coaching career.

The transition from teaching to selling real estate in 1977 was seamless. I was broker/owner of a real estate company in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, for 17 years. We were blessed with three amazing daughters. In our spare time we enjoyed golfing, watching the girls play sports, traveling cross country to real estate conventions, and visiting family. In 1994 we moved to the Milwaukee area to be closer to aging family. Two years of real estate sales followed by three years working with a custom home builder prepared me for my third career: I became the owner of R. Hammer Development in 1999. I am still designing and remodeling.

Mission trips have provided wonderful opportunities to serve others. The most life changing mission was six months in Nashville following the 2010 flood.

Looking back at my careers I feel like “I haven’t worked a day in my life.” Each step of the journey has been filled with teaching opportunities and a chance to help others.

Church, family, business and sports have been the hallmark of our 48 years of marriage. When retirement happens we want to do mission work, spend time with our family, and play golf.

## Virginia Hanson Coburn



St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers

Spouse: James Coburn '67

Children: Thayer, Cara, and Joseph

Grandkids: Four granddaughters, three grandsons

Belated congratulations to all of you on your graduation from St. Olaf. I left after my first year for marriage, but my one year on the hill was full of people and places that still come up in my dreams, such as Steensland Hall, a beautiful little piece of architecture I didn't appreciate at the time. Alice Larson and French Professor Mme. Heritier were two of my favorite teachers.

Jim (James Coburn '67) and I moved to Whitewater, WI after his graduation where he joined the family business, The Coburn Co., Inc. — distributors of livestock and dairy supplies. Conveniently there was a college in town, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and I eventually graduated from "U Dub Dub."

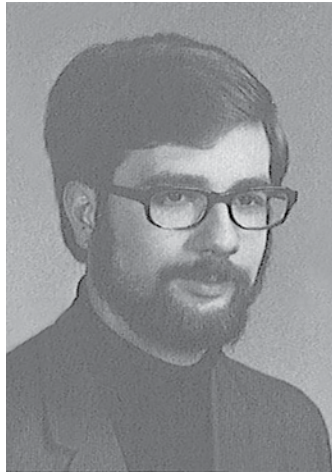
After being a stay-at-home mom for a few years, I joined the family business where I did marketing and catalog production. We travelled to Italy, Germany, Spain, Costa Rica, and Turkey for business, and many other countries for fun. Ireland and New Zealand were my favorites. Jim and I both served in city government and promoted community projects in the arts and local history.

Now that I am partially retired, I volunteer with a group helping restore oak savanna and prairie native habitats in State Natural Areas of the southern Kettle Moraine. Hard work is satisfying as historic vegetation provides homes for native birds and insects. Just leaning against an oak tree taking a forest bath is refreshing to mind and body.

Jim passed away in 2018, a few months after our 50th wedding anniversary. I spend time with my grandchildren, Aidan, Olive, Kate, Nola, Langdon, Corinne, and Odell, who range in age from 17 to 6. They all live nearby. I practice yoga and tai chi, like to garden, kayak, hike, travel, and read, especially books about natural history and the Great Lakes.

## Gary Harke

Since graduating from St. Olaf, I completed an M.Div. at Yale Divinity School, served as a “fraternal worker” with La Iglesia Morava de Nicaragua (in parish ministry and theological education), served a parish in eastern Pennsylvania, worked as denominational program staff (in Christian education, social justice issues, and “other duties as assigned”), and worked as lead staff for a statewide ecumenical agency. I’m now retired and trying to adjust to life in a retirement community.



Together with my wife Bonnee Lauridsen we have four children (Cameron, Michael, Matthew, and Melissa) and seven grandchildren, all scattered from Wisconsin to Ontario to Pennsylvania to Massachusetts. The children have accumulated a variety of master’s and PhDs and work in engineering, marine biology, and education. The grandchildren range from Swarthmore students to elementary school age.

I believe the greatest gift I received from St. Olaf were skills in critical thinking. Frederick M. Stoutland (RIP) has always received the lion’s share of my gratitude for this gift, but the rest of the Department of Philosophy together with a host of faculty in other areas had parts to play.

Those skills helped me navigate pre-revolution Nicaragua, challenges in the shifting ecclesial landscape, and ecumenical engagement with communions ranging from the Church of the Brethren to the Episcopal Church to the Orthodox Church in America. Along the way I helped with creation and reception of full communion agreements between the Moravian Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Church, and the United Methodist Church.

Another gift St. Olaf gave me is the ideal of the Christian liberal arts education, integrating the life of the mind and the life of faith. I have come to realize that this ideal has been foundational for my efforts in ministry, social justice, and ecumenism. Along the way it has given me a new respect for tradition and social institutions.

Finally, the regular experience of the Service and Matins from *The Service Book and Hymnal* not only broadened my liturgical experience but made it possible for me to find a home in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

## Kathryn Hasselblad-Pascale



St. Olaf Major: English

Spouse: Ronald Pascale '68, Ph.D.

Children: Jessica Catherine '81 and Nathaniel Ronald '86

After earning my degree in English at St. Olaf, Ron and I married and moved to Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and then to Seattle for

Ron's internship. While in Seattle, I did master's work in American literature at Pacific Lutheran University. Following Ron's master's in divinity, we moved to Boston where he did his Ph.D. at Harvard and I worked in corporate sales. We moved to Green Bay as Ron finished his dissertation so that I could help run a family owned manufacturing company. Ron took a teaching position at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and then at Wartburg Seminary until his return to Green Bay where he taught religious studies at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, until his retirement a few years ago.

My life changed with the birth of our two children and with an increasing commitment to boards and organizations in and outside of Wisconsin. With a lot of help from Ron and my mother, I was able to run my family's company and then serve as the first female board chair of the local Chamber of Commerce, as well as on the board of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and the Board of Governors of the Wisconsin State Bar Association. As those commitments ended, I served as a Trustee of Suomi College in Hancock, Michigan; as a Trustee of the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago; and for 27 years as Trustee and Chair of Academic Affairs at St. Norbert College. I also served for 28 years as a corporate director for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (later Integrys Energy in Chicago). I continue to serve on two water resource commissions in Green Bay.

Our retirement years have been blessed with health, travel, and now with a second home overlooking Lake Michigan on Wisconsin's Door County Peninsula. Soon we'll celebrate 50 years that began on the St. Olaf campus. Here's to a special anniversary at the place where it all started!

## Barbara Haugen Melano

St. Olaf Major: Art

St. Olaf Activities: Delta Chi, Junior Counselor, designer of the St. Olaf Christmas card my senior year

Spouse: Richard Melano

Child: Steven

Grandchildren: A wonderful blended family of five grandchildren



Being blessed by a long familial relationship with St. Olaf (a Norwegian grandfather, an uncle, an aunt, and my sister Bonnie Haugen Holtz '66) provided the impetus to attend our beautiful college. My years on “the Hill” were filled with enriching studies, activities, counselors, caring professors, and special friends and roommates.

After meeting Richard Melano (Hamline University), we married in November 1970, and I became the wife of a Naval Aviation Officer. After earning his Wings of Gold, Rich’s first assignment was to a squadron about to be commissioned, and I had the honor to design its insignia (on display at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, and worn on many flight jackets). The Navy provided several moves for us: Pensacola, Virginia Beach, Quonset Point, Lakehurst, and Jacksonville. While stationed in Jacksonville, our handsome son, Steven, was born. He was the only baby boy born on Veterans Day, 1974, at the Naval Hospital. The corpsman was pleased.

While the Navy provided reasons to live in Florida, Virginia, Rhode Island, and New Jersey, we also lived in New Hampshire, Nebraska, and now with the beautiful mountains of Colorado. During the nonmilitary transitions, Rich became a stock broker and later a United Methodist pastor while I was teaching preschool, introducing prayer shawls to our congregations, and supporting a craft business. I was also a member of the Pensacola adult community band, playing piccolo and flute.

We have been blessed with many travels around the U.S. and Canada. Our favorite trip must be the one to England and Norway. The highlight of that trip was hearing an authentic “Uff Da” in Oslo.

Retirement has been typically busy. We are grateful to have been available to our parents, son, and grandchildren. We pray we will be able to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in 2020.

May each of us realize and cherish God’s beautiful blessings. Fram! Fram!

## Gary Haugen



St. Olaf Major: Economics

University of Minnesota: J.D. '74

Spouse: Barbara Richards Haugen, B.A.,  
Vanderbilt University; Ph.D., University of  
Minnesota

Children: Caroline

Grandchildren: One

After graduating from St. Olaf, I spent the following year on active duty in the U.S. Army. Thereafter, I attended the University of Minnesota Law School.

Following law school graduation, I served as a law clerk for a United States District Court Judge in the District of Minnesota. I spent more than 40 years as a litigation attorney at Maslon LLP and Robins Zelle in Minneapolis, handling product liability, mass tort, and corporate policyholder insurance related disputes in Minnesota and throughout the country. For many years, I was a member of the adjunct faculty at Vanderbilt University Law School and the University of Minnesota Law School, where I currently serve as chair of the Law School's Board of Advisors. In addition, I am also a member of the State of Minnesota Campaign Finance Board, overseeing state officeholder campaign finances and related conduct.

Looking back, my experience at St. Olaf confirmed the benefits of a small residential college liberal arts education. It was a stimulating learning environment with dedicated faculty and opportunities to become acquainted with students from diverse backgrounds — many of them became lifelong friends. It provided an excellent foundation for law school and a future professional career. A particular highlight of my time at St. Olaf was the opportunity to study abroad as part of the Global Semester Program, studying at universities in Ethiopia, India, Thailand, and Japan along with a group of fellow St. Olaf students and a professor. It provided unparalleled educational and cultural experiences.

Barbara and I reside primarily in Minneapolis, but also spend part of our time in Nashville. In addition, we frequently visit New York City, where our daughter, son-in-law, and grandson reside.



## Glen Haugen

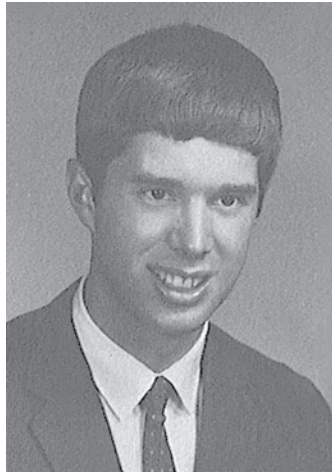
St. Olaf Major: History

St Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Choir, Junior Counselor, ABX, Air Force ROTC

Spouse: Kathy Nolte Haugen

Children: Brad and Kimberly

Grandchildren: One grandson and two (soon to be three) granddaughters



I grew up on a dairy farm and when I was 12, my dad sold the farm animals and equipment to buy the Chevrolet dealership in Black Earth, Wisconsin. My rural and business background matched up well with my new St. Olaf roommate, Bob Tonolli, from Blooming Prairie, Minnesota; we remained roommates all four years. Some of my most impactful memories: 1) spiritual experience of singing in four Christmas concerts, 2) making St. Olaf choir my senior year, 3) challenges of being in ROTC during the Vietnam War protest years.

After graduation, I entered the United States Air Force and was trained to be an aircraft maintenance officer. I was stationed in New Jersey and managed maintenance on cargo jets. While there I earned an MBA, taking courses on the weekends.

In 1974, I was hired by Procter & Gamble as a purchasing manager. I moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked for them 34 years, purchasing a variety of materials and services: inorganic chemicals, packaging, diaper making equipment, and contract manufacturing services.

In 1981, I married Kathy, who had graduated from the University of Cincinnati as a registered dietitian. We have two children. Brad graduated from Valparaiso, became a Lutheran minister, and is serving in Illinois. He is married to Julia, a nurse, and they have two children. Kim also graduated from Valparaiso and became an occupational therapist. She is married to Dan, a Lutheran minister, is working in Indiana and they have one, soon to be two, children.

I retired in 2008 and am thoroughly enjoying this new phase of service and freedom. "Grandpa work" is wonderful, although playing on the floor with toddlers is challenging. I enjoy volunteering at our Lutheran church, serving home communion to shut ins, being a Stephen Minister, and singing in the church choir. I also enjoy hiking, camping, golfing, biking and traveling.

## Greg Hayek



St. Olaf Major: Political Science  
Spouse: Rita Wandersee  
Children: Anna (37), Seth (35)  
Grandchildren: Amaya (10), Nora (3),  
Lois (2)

My time on the Hill in Northfield further opened the world up in my life. Interim, or the Jterm, was the main impetus for a life of wandering adventure. New Years Eve 1967 spent in Trafalgar Square with Dr. Mitau on the “European political institutions Interim” began the odyssey. December 31, 1968, saw an independent Interim in Washington D.C. working in Congressman Al Quie’s office. The paper written for credit advocated the abolishment of the Electoral College. It didn’t go down well with a professor who was a strict constitutionalist. Teaching in the Rocky Mountains brought the opportunity for season ski passes at Purgatory ski area near the small mining town whose school employed me. Returning to my hometown after adventures around the Pacific Rim helped me find the love of my life, Rita.

This morning watching the sun rise occasioned a muse about how many more rises and sets will be in this life. One particular sunset is remembered: sitting on Thorson steps and watching the sun go down over the campus with John B. Now, the two and three year old granddaughters help bring hope and joy for more solar cycles.

One of my privileges was to serve as Chaplain for the “greatest generation” at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. These folks helped me to see the scope of humanity. They were engaged in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam as well as serving our nation. Now, the social needs of life are seen by working with the homeless issues in downtown Minneapolis next door to Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. The Dignity Center assists people who have been homeless or are currently homeless to find housing, education, employment, and support through extremely difficult circumstances. Guidance to education and work are part of the process. It is a blessing.

Be intentional; enjoy the day. Names’te.

## Martin Heath

St. Olaf Major: Biology

Montana State University: MS Zoology

University of Montana: Secondary teaching certificate

Wife: Jacquelyn (Michels) Heath, St. Olaf Nursing 1970/71

Children: Scott, Patrick

Grandchildren: Sonnet, River



Following graduation from St. Olaf,

I enrolled in a master's program in Zoology/Ecology at MSU in Bozeman. Jackie and I were married in December 1970 (and are about to celebrate our 49th anniversary). After completing a thesis project that involved camping and running a trap line north of Yellowstone we signed up for Peace Corps. During a tour in northern Colombia, (where Jackie ran a NICU and I taught medical English to RN students) we learned "fluent" Spanish and the unimportance of material possessions.

Returning to the states, we lived in Richmond VA, where Jackie completed a Master's in maternal/newborn nursing and I taught 7th grade math/science.

The next leap was to Wahpeton ND, where I taught human anatomy/physiology at the North Dakota State College of Science. Jackie completed a Pharm. D. at NDSU.

We then moved to Battle Creek MI for seven years, working in the health system and teaching at Olivet College.

In 2000, we settled in Wenatchee WA to be closer to family. The Pacific Northwest definitely feels like home.

During our Peace Corps adventure, we were badly bitten by the travel bug, and have never recovered. As I write this (after MUCH procrastination) the suitcases stand, waiting to be refilled for the next voyage, and the one after that.

## Liz Hebbel



Hoyme Hall, fall 1966: curfew at 10:00 pm, lights out at 11:00 pm. Men had no such restrictions; it was assumed they would return to their dorms after escorting the women home. By 1970 we had keycards to our dorms.

Our college experience coincided with tumultuous societal changes: questioning authority, protesting the Vietnam war, and a growing consciousness about gender

roles. I arrived at St. Olaf a naïve ingénue and graduated wearing an armband, committed to feminism and social justice.

Most relevant to my post-college life were my sociology classes, plus involvement with the Women's Senate and Associated Women's Students. Had I been a more mature student, I would have thrived with a self-designed women's studies major via the new para-college.

The next 25 years I worked on women's issues for the YWCA: three years each in St. Paul and Philadelphia, and the rest in Manchester, NH. I was the founding mother of several statewide organizations, including the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and spent another 10 years as administrator of the NH Women's Lobby. Along the way I coordinated special events including conferences, statewide women's music festivals, and annual celebrations of Susan B. Anthony's birthday, featuring such feminist icons as Bella Abzug, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Ehrenreich, Robin Morgan, and Gloria Steinem. By 2006 I had burned out and retired.

On a 1975 blind date (arranged by Laura Jervis and Paul Rorem), I met Kirk, with whom I spent the next 25 years. After the first 10 we got married and after another 15 we divorced. We remain close friends and share an amazing daughter, Sarah, who is a culinary nutritionist in Brooklyn, NY.

I've lived in NH for 45 years. Upon retiring I combined my passions for the planet, art and design, and gardening into a business-ette: Happy Returns — whimsical recycled garden art. I also dabble in genealogy, recently discovering Barb Lund Strandemo and I share a Norwegian third great-grandmother.

I'm most grateful to St. Olaf for the lifelong friends who are some of the kindest, smartest, and most generous people on the planet.

## Elizabeth “Betty” Heck

St. Olaf Major: German and English

I grew up in Dallas, Texas, so attending St. Olaf was quite a culture shock once winter began. I hadn't even owned a warm coat, snow boots or a warm hat. But I adjusted and even learned to love the snow.

After graduation, I returned to Dallas and began working for a life insurance company. After one year I managed to snag a job with a reinsurance company in Cologne, Germany.

I worked there for one and a half years, taking every opportunity to travel and get to know my German relatives. I was able to visit the towns of my mother's and grandparents' births. I have always been connected to my heritage, but living there deepened that connection.

I returned to Dallas and began working in insurance again, first in Minneapolis with subsequent transfers to Oklahoma City and Corpus Christi. Eventually I made my way back to Dallas where I continued my career until retirement.

I love retirement and happily spend time with family and friends. I read, knit and travel whenever I can. I have taken two Viking River Cruises in Germany with my St. Olaf roommate Pat Morrison. We did the Elbe and Danube and loved both of them. I also visit my stepmother regularly near Salzburg, Austria. I believe that Salzburg is my favorite city in Europe.

I am a two time cancer survivor and really enjoy my current good health and just everyday living.



## Andrew Heimark



Majors: Spanish, Education

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Year Semester Abroad in Mexico City, Varsity Soccer, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Gamma Rho

Post-St. Olaf Personal History — Having grown up in Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Italy, and on both U.S. coasts — never in the Midwest before arriving at St. Olaf — I was very surprised by what I experienced in

Northfield. Pleasantly surprised by the warmth, friendliness, and kindness of the Oles I met, and shocked by the bitter cold, wind, and snow of winter. I had never experienced such harsh cold or incessant wind growing up. Lucky for me, the Oles I met and befriended more than compensated for Minnesota's weather — they helped me acclimate.

After graduation, I earned an M.B.A. in international business and embarked on my first career — 23 years in financial and information technology management positions with several companies, principally Sperry-Rand/Unisys. I had the opportunity to travel and work internationally on six continents (all except Antarctica) and thoroughly enjoyed the many different cultures. My family and I also had the opportunity to live and work on an expat contract in Mexico for a couple of years.

I started my second career — and continue to work — as an information technology project / program manager, contracting my services over the past 24 years to a variety of companies, principally in the Mid-Atlantic area.

I have yet to seriously consider retiring, as I enjoy my work.

Family — I met my wife, Isabel, while on a three-month business trip to Mexico City — we have been married for 44 years. Besides living in Mexico City, we lived in Miami, FL for two years, and for the past 34 years in Paoli, PA, a western suburb of Philadelphia. We are blessed with three grown children — two daughters living south of Los Angeles, CA (Samantha and Sandra), and one son (Andrew), living near us in Bucks County, PA. Between them, they have five sometimes mischievous, always adorable grandchildren (four girls and one boy, the youngest), ranging in ages from 13 to 7.

## Jeffrey Hein

St. Olaf Major: History and Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Band, Intramural Sports, Phi Epsilon, Various Campus Jobs

Spouse: Joyce, “Non-Ole”

Son: James, Services Divisional HR Manager, Home Depot



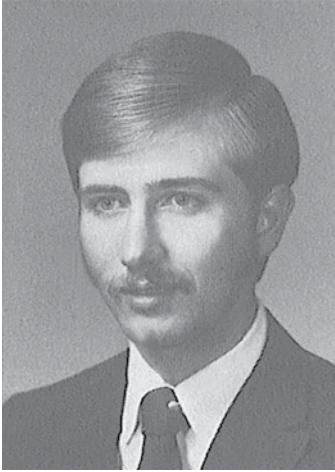
Grandkids: One granddaughter (13), one grandson (10)

Having grown up in a small farming community in central Illinois and attended a German Lutheran church, I didn't know about St. Olaf until high school. Three things led me to St. Olaf: 1) Don Sahling, the recruiter out of Chicago, made it sound wonderful, 2) I visited the campus in January and loved it, and, 3) the St. Olaf band played a concert at my high school my senior year. Mity Johnson, the band director, was a major reason for the enjoyment of my years at St. Olaf. He became a mentor and a very good friend as well. My double major in history and political science was never put to use, primarily due to the uncertainty of my draft status.

After graduation and my return from the band tour of Europe, I settled in Minneapolis to work. As it turns out, I was hired by International Dairy Queen and spent 14 years in the business. I was in Indiana, Michigan, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, and Minnesota. While in California for 12 years, I was in management and customer service with various companies. My last 10 years of “full-time” work were in Minnesota, again in management and customer service. Within 10 days of “retiring,” I was working “part-time” for a car dealership in Bloomington, driving the courtesy shuttle van and chatting with customers. I did that for six years.

I am now living in Fort Myers, Florida, year-round. I do have a “seasonal” (October-April), part-time job as a host at an upscale Italian restaurant. In May 2019, Joyce and I spent four wonderful weeks in Italy. My son and his family live in Saint Michael, Minnesota, so we do get back up north occasionally.

## James Helm



After graduating with a major in social psychology, I headed off to the University of Illinois to attend law school. It did not take me very long to realize that my ability to commit to the rigors of another three years of study compared to my desire to listen to music and read any book I could get my hands on was not a contest. I left school and got a job as a live-in houseparent at a group home for mentally

ill and behavior disordered adolescents in East Dundee, Illinois. I am continually amazed by the dedication and spirit of giving I have encountered through my years in social services along with the lifelong friends I have made.

Being the stubborn person that I am, I returned to law school and completed my J.D. at the University of Northern Illinois in 1985. I guess I didn't learn my lesson the first time because I accepted a position several years later as the HR director at The Larkin Center, a community social services agency located in Elgin, Illinois, and remained there until it was closed due to budgetary issues in 2013. I am now retired.

My beautiful wife, Patty, and I have been married for over 28 years. We moved from Elgin to Belvidere, Illinois in 1997. My son, Matthew, who was four years old at the time, kept asking why we had moved him to a corn stalk prison. He graduated from Luther College in 2015. Guess he got used to the corn. He is currently a TA in the English Department at the University of Iowa, while working on his Ph.D. in English. Patty is a montessori directress and is an amazing teacher.



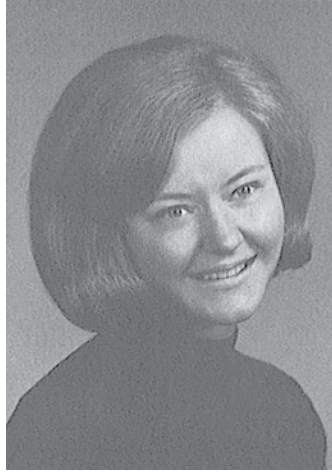
## Ann Hendrickson Bach

St. Olaf Major: French, Sociology

Spouse: Jacob Bach '67

Children: Robert '92, Christopher

Grandkids: Two grandsons (ages 18 and 6) ;  
Two granddaughters (ages 15 and 11)



St. Olaf holds so many memories —

some bring a smile, while others a reminder of troubled times. Leaving the “women’s gym” after the Christmas Festival my first year to a beautiful snowfall, living in a triple room in Mellby, language lab in Old Main, learning to play golf and broomball, Kent State, the Vietnam War on the news while waiting in the caf line, and a lifelong love of “Beautiful Savior” — sung the St. Olaf way! These and more helped develop a willingness to work hard, try new things, form deep friendships, and act with social awareness, responsibility, and care for others.

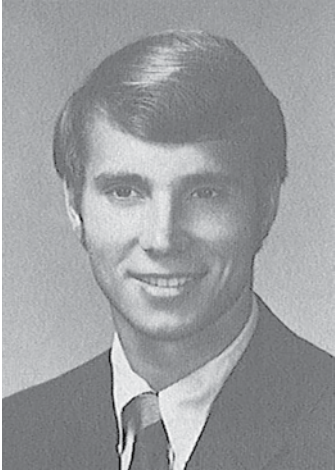
Though we’ve lived in California for the past 37 years, we still find our way back to those MN roots to visit our son and his family ... including every other year in December, when it’s much warmer here at home!

After graduation — and children — I began a varied career in education, both in MN and CA. Teaching preschool, directing a private school, teaching child development, careers in education courses to high school students, and serving as an administrator for California’s local career technical education program provided a rewarding work life.

Since retirement in 2010, I’ve kept busy reading more books than just the monthly book club read, and participating in daily (well, almost daily) water aerobics. Energy is spent on several church committees and serving as a Stephen Minister. Volunteer work with our Assistance League chapter and their programs serving children and young adults has replaced the world of work. And, of course, there are those four wonderful grandchildren — two of whom live nearby, so are with us frequently.

We’ve been blessed with the freedom to travel — here and abroad, including as a choir “groupie” on the St. Olaf Choir 2013 Norway Tour ... MAGIC!! Look for us on the Christmas in Norway DVD!

## Arnold “Army” Henkel



Graduated with honors from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

Served in the U.S Army, active duty for six months; Army Reserves for eight years.

Graduated with honors from University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

Practiced law in private practice law firm in Minneapolis for three years.

Insurance Home Office in various senior positions, including Executive Vice President positions, for 36 years.

Currently President of closely held financial advisory firm headquartered in Costa Mesa, CA. Married for 27 years to my wife Sherri.

We currently live in a northern suburb of Phoenix called Anthem.

Four children and six grandchildren.

We travel a lot: to Mexico for vacations, to see the grandchildren in Omaha and Houston, and to go to 70's groups rock concerts (Doobie Bros, Eagles, Heart, etc.)

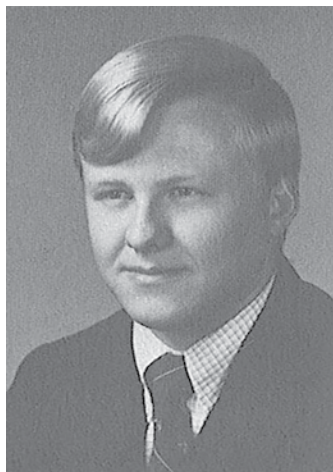
## Allen Hinderaker

St. Olaf Major: Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: Football, Junior Counselor, President of Ytterboe Hall, Blue Key National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa

Children: David and Emily

Grandchildren: Two grandsons



On reflection, St. Olaf was a community of friends. The greatest gift from the St. Olaf years is the friendships that continue to this day.

It is hard to remember being so young, except to recall an awakening from naïveté to a limited awareness of myself in the community of friends equally lost and equally searching for themselves. Perhaps, that is one reason these friendships have lasted 50 years — we were on and have been on a journey together.

Upon graduation, I had a short six-month sojourn in active duty with the United States Army, thereafter helping to keep Faribault, Minnesota, and Duluth, Minnesota, safe one weekend a month for the next six years. Between these monthly weekends I graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and then clerked two years for the Honorable Gerald W. Heaney of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I married Joanne McQuaid in 1974, a graduate of Lawrence University who saw me and my teammates of the 1969 St. Olaf football team lose our only game that year at Lawrence. Joanne and I lived in Duluth for the two years of my clerkship, she being a VISTA volunteer to Indian Legal Services, and we returned to Minneapolis in 1976.

Upon our return, I began the private practice of law, and Joanne returned to complete her degree at the University of Minnesota Law School. We raised our two children in Minneapolis and continue to live in the house we bought in 1978 looking onto Lake Nokomis.

We enjoy theatre, both locally and on the occasional trip to New York City to see a Broadway show. I enjoy reading and regular exercise — happy that my knees only ache a little.

## Joyce Hoglund Brand



St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Choir

Spouse: Andrew Mark Brand, FSU '74

Children: Nissa and Ethan

Grandkids: Three granddaughters

The beauty of the campus, the wonderful teachers and friends made my freshman year a great experience. I chose St. Olaf for

its music and challenging academics, and enjoyed all of my classes. My sophomore year I sang in the Ole choir. Our January 1968 tour was fantastic; I sang for relatives in Buffalo and my parents/family friends in NYC — what a thrill! I left in December that year to marry Ed Waples '68, transferring to NU/Lincoln where I earned a B.A. and an M.A. in English.

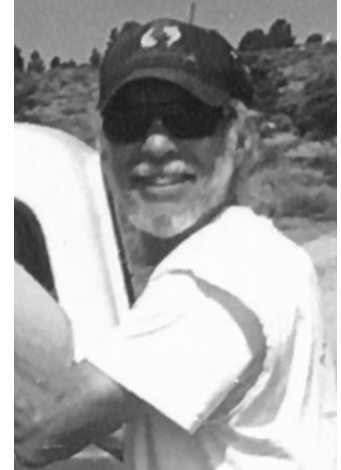
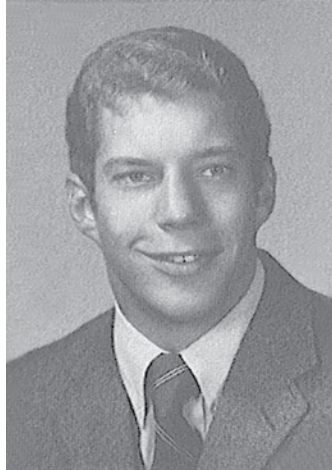
I taught reading at two junior high schools in Omaha, before and after my daughter, Nissa (1976), and son, Ethan (1979), were born. I was a single, working mother for several years after divorcing Ed, and then married Mark Brand, a USAF fighter pilot, in 1989. He moved us to Manhattan, Kansas, where we raised our children. I taught at Manhattan High School as a reading teacher then an American literature teacher. I trained teachers in “reading across the curriculum” strategies in my district and several others. I served as English department chair for three years before we moved to Niceville, Florida in 1999. At Niceville HS, I taught American and British literature before retiring in 2015. I was one of the fortunate few who loved my job, looking forward to each day, sharing my love of books/literature/life with my students. I remain active with volunteer work in our church, serving often as choir member, cantor, assistant minister, soloist, and kitchen crew.

My marriage to Mark continues to be my strongest source of happiness. We celebrated our 30th anniversary with a trip in Alaska. Our daughter, Nissa, and her husband live in Manhattan, KS, where she is a librarian. Our son, Ethan, and his wife are in Houston where he teaches at the U of Houston. They have three delightful, energetic little girls to whom I am Farmor. God has richly blessed my life.

## Dave Hohag

Creating this bio was difficult for me (for a couple of reasons), but I am committed to make it happen out of respect for my Ole teammates and classmates. I thank my Ytterboe corridor-mate, Steve Ahlgren, for info, encouragement, and support in doing this.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School with more than a handful of my Ole classmates in 1974. I



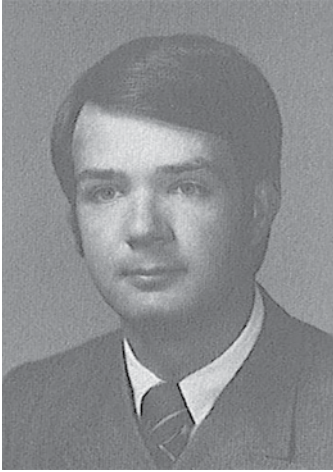
matched with a rotating zero internship at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California. I then joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer for a solo doctor position at the Toiyabe Indian Health Project on the Bishop Paiute Reservation in Bishop, California. A five-year commitment there also satisfied my military obligation (1969 Draft, #55). Because our service area was so vast and remote, I earned a private pilot's license to commute to our satellite clinics in my Cessna 182, flying up and down the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountain range from Death Valley to Lake Tahoe.

Thereafter, being also licensed in Alaska and Montana, I combined a half-time private practice with locum-tenens and emergency medicine. I served Governor G. Brown Jr. on California's Board of Medical Quality Assurance and was on the family medicine faculty via the University of California, Davis, training and supervising family nurse practitioners and physician's assistants.

In the late 1980s, I found another way to enjoy this awesome territory with my favorite avocation, land surveying for Inyo County.

I married Nancy, a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, and we have five (now adult) children: two beautiful daughters with three sons sandwiched between. All jocks! No indoor ice but plenty of mountain lake hockey and roller blading. We have six grandkids so far, and the adventure continues!

## Gary Hoiseth



St. Olaf Major: Music

St. Olaf Activities: Band and Orchestra

Spouse: Juliana Johnson '70

Children: Kirsten and Turi

Grandchildren: Molly, Charlotte, Ingrid,  
and Kaia

I transferred to St. Olaf my junior year as a music major. I was immediately struck by the welcoming spirit of the place. I knew a few students from my hometown, but the majority of my friends for those two years came from music classes, band, and orchestra.

Some Random Remembrances:

- Tower dorm, sledgeburgers, matchbook door stoppers, Bill's Pizza delivery
- Christmas concerts, lutefisk
- WCAL rehearsal room
- Music annex
- European Band Tour, "Fanfare For a Common Man" from the steps of the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche in Berlin, the bell towers of Prague
- Orchestra, D.B., comb, bassoon, inflatable rubber glove
- Blue books, forgetting to sign blue books
- Student center, "Laugh In"
- Cafeteria, great campus food,
- John Denver
- Student unrest,
- Dr. Rand, pass-fail option
- 4.0 GPA my last semester, both piano and voice teachers suggested I switch to pass- fail
- wonderful teachers!

I'll never forget the first band rehearsal when Mity had all the new members stand up while he, without notes, introduced each of us by name and hometown. What a memory!

I'm grateful for my time at St. Olaf. If I hadn't transferred here, I wouldn't have met my wife, Julie.

## Richard Hokenson

After graduating from St. Olaf with a double major in history and Asian studies, I intended to attend law school. My draft board had other ideas and said I would be drafted by Thanksgiving – I had passed my physical while a senior. I postponed starting law school only to be told in November that draft lottery numbers up to 195 would be drafted (my number was 203).



I continued my education at the University of Minnesota School of Business with emphasis on accounting. After working for an accounting firm and obtaining my CPA, I searched for a warmer climate to raise my family. We moved to San Antonio, Texas, in 1978. I have five children and 16 grandchildren. Four of my children and 15 of my grandchildren live in Texas; the other lives in San Diego.

The most significant impact on my life while a student at St. Olaf was the Global Semester my junior year. My flight from Minneapolis to New York was my first flight—the first of many! The Global Semester provided me with a desire to travel, learn about cultures, and meet people from other countries. That desire translated into an opportunity to work in Istanbul, Turkey, for nearly five and a half years. I went to Istanbul as the CFO for one of my company's joint ventures. After two years, I was asked to take the General Manager position. I loved the people, food, history, beautiful scenery, and everything else. While living in Turkey, I took advantage of every opportunity to travel. I was privileged and blessed to visit over 50 countries, many more than once.

I returned to Texas at the end of 2018 and retired. Retirement has been an adjustment. After making daily decisions that affected 600 employees and hundreds of millions of dollars, I find that my decisions today revolve around whether to wash towels today or tomorrow! I enjoy the lack of stress!

I continue to travel both internationally and domestically and have done some with my grandchildren. I enjoy working on my home and in my yard—when it's not 100 degrees.

## Anita Holmes Smith



St. Olaf Major: Psychology, French, Spanish  
Spouse: Tim Smith '70  
Child: Tanya  
Grandchildren: Olivia (16), Tim (13)

Coming from the Chicago area, the St. Olaf student body seemed more homogeneous and amazingly nice. The campus was beautiful, so many rules waiting to be assessed and revised and so much studying to do. I had never learned how to study. Fifty years later, some of my closest friends are those made at St. Olaf, especially my housemates at “The House.”

Tim and I married just before the end of senior year, and immediately after graduation left for USAF pilot training in Big Spring, TX. Our early life decisions were pushed by the Vietnam War. As Tim completed his training, the war was in its last stages and going over there was not a good idea. Tim asked to be transferred to weapon's control. So soon after Tanya was born, she and I moved back to Minnesota and Tim went remote for a year at King Salmon in Alaska. After which we were stationed in Great Falls, MT for 3,5 years. Montana was a great place to cross country ski, hike, and backpack.

Seattle was Tim's choice of location to return to get his master's. I went to work at an insurance agency and wound up being there for 35 years. My focus during that time was to facilitate insurance placement and to provide risk management for architectural/engineering firms. A second focus for 20 years was being part of Rotary International. I acted in many roles there, and especially valued the humanitarian projects we did in Costa Rica, Peru, Belize, and Africa.

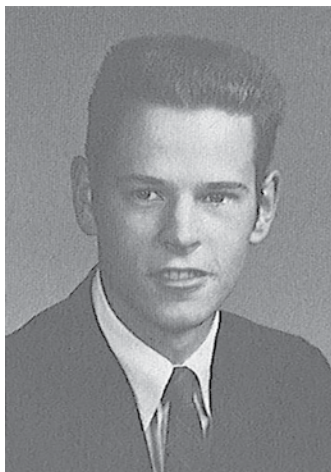
We now spend our time balancing the roles of grandparent, traveler, and caregiver. I love to read, walk, hike, and watch BBC TV. I am constantly amazed by our grandchildren and their qualities of strength, leadership, and humor. Soon, we will have to decide what our next living stage will be and where it will be. I have no idea how the years have gone by so quickly as we approach our 50th wedding anniversary.



## Thomas Holmes

When I was in high school, I had my life all planned out. It was in the form of a gradually rising straight line. As it turns out, it has been anything but that.

After graduation, I studied at the Chicago Theological Seminary for one year, got married, earned a master's in teaching, taught in Puerto Rico for two years and in a little Wisconsin farm town for one, worked as a night manager and lived in a women's



dorm (!) for a year at Lakeland College, finished my seminary education, and served three years as an associate pastor outside Madison, Wisconsin.

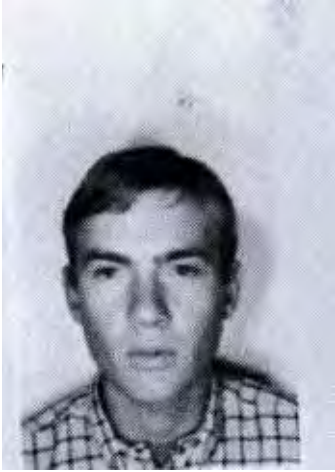
My wife, two children and I moved to Forest Park, Illinois, in 1982, where I served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church for 25 years until my neurological disorder, called PLS, got bad enough that I went on disability. My congregation closed around that time due to changing demographics in the area. During that time we shared the church building with an African American congregation and St. Paul Thai Lutheran Church, both of which are still using the building.

As part of my attempt to gain competence in multicultural ministry, I finished a Doctor of Ministry program which helped me tremendously. The 12 group trips to Thailand, which I have led through the Thai congregation of which I am a member, have changed my perspective on myself and the culture in which I live.

After living as a divorced single person for 10 years, I got married in October to my best friend. My "children" are 43 and 41 years old. My two grandchildren are of course the smartest, cutest kids in the Chicago Metro Area.

After I went on disability, the publisher of several local newspapers asked me to write part time for him. This has been a wonderful blessing. I am able to write at a pace that suits my physical ability. I've been able to self-publish three books: *Forty Days Alone in Thailand*; *Pongsak, Advocate for Asian Christians*; and *The Soul of a Liberal Village, the Variety of Religious Experience in Oak Park, Illinois*.

## Christopher Holmquist



I was an art major at St. Olaf and loved it so much! After graduating, I became fascinated by pottery making and spent several years studying the craft. The highlight was in 1972, when I was invited to travel to Japan to learn from the master potter Kumao Ota. I studied with him and lived with his family for one year. I returned home and eagerly started my own pottery studio.

I married my wife Sue and together we made our living in this manner for 25 years selling our work nationally. We raised two amazing sons! At the age of 52, I became interested in art education and became an art teacher at Northfield High School. Teaching art and ceramics has been so wonderful for me! I am retiring this spring after 19 great years.

## Richard “Rick” Hordern

After St. Olaf:

Attended seminary in Saskatoon. At the opening service, Dr. Knut Bergsagel (St. Olaf '17) greeted us. Held my breath anticipating what he would say about recent events on campus, but he said 'glad they finally got with it down there.'

Professor Larry Rassmussen (Interim 1970) gave a big sales pitch for Union Seminary in New York, and that is where I ended up going for further graduate work.

When living in Manhattan, many Ole friends visited us. Strangely, after we moved back to Saskatchewan (Regina) there was a big drop in visitors. (Thank you to Laura who did make it “to the end of the world.”)

Howard Hong emphasized finding the presuppositions people bring to arguments. My Ph.D. thesis on how people interpret the Bible came back again and again to their presuppositions. Everyone knows what the Bible says even if they have never read it.

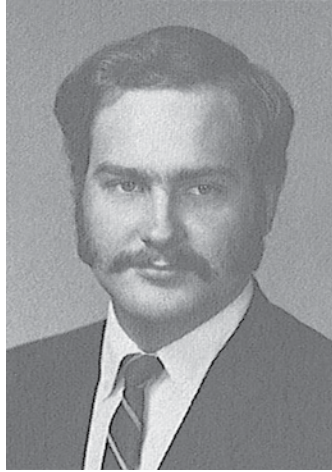
My sophomore year roommate, from the south side of Chicago, had me reading *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, *Before the Mayflower*, and books on Black Power. I was privileged to do my Ph.D. work with the foremost leader in Black and Liberation Theology, James H. Cone.

Teaching at Luther College of Regina, Sidney Rand visited the school. I invited him to occupy my office. Years later, when I became President of Luther, he sent me a nice congratulatory letter.

I realized the limits of higher education when I wanted to put up drywall in our basement and realized none of my many degrees had taught me how to do it.

Luther College in Regina was like a Star Trek episode where you're in an alternate universe. The school's motto, “quality education in a Christian context” is bang on to what we heard at St. Olaf. School colours are black and gold, and the school mascot is a lion.

The best thing about my St. Olaf education: marrying a Norwegian girl (Nancy Talsness). Can't be beat, including when it comes time for Christmas baking and finding cool names for your children. (Two daughters, Kjersten and Marja.) Will be 50 years this summer.



## Kermit “Skip” Housh



St. Olaf Major: Biology Major  
Northwestern University: M.B.A '72

Married: Ann Vordale, 1971

Children: Kit '97, Karin '01, Elizabeth

Ann and I lived, worked, and had our children in Chicago. I worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois until 1985, developing and leading the management of their HMOs. In 1985, we moved to Dallas where I led the development and growth of Southwest Health Plan. After a brief stint running HMOs for New Jersey Blue Cross and Blue Shield, we moved to Pensacola, FL in 1988. I was regional vice president for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, responsible for all product lines in the Panhandle of Florida. I eventually retired in 2002.

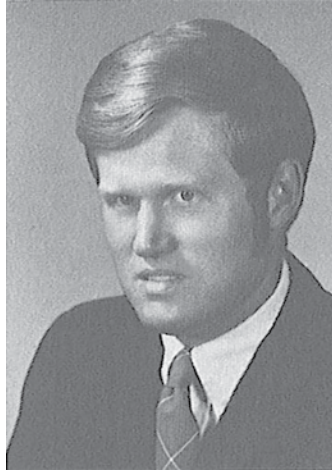
During our time in the Pensacola area, I have become active in a number of area charities. I have been a board member of our local PBS station, the Florida Department of Children and Families Health and Human Services Board, United Way of Escambia County, Escarosa Workforce Development Board, Pensacola Little Theatre, Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County, Florida Early Learning Advisory Council, BRACE (disaster preparedness), Every Child a Reader in Escambia. I have been board chairman for the Health and Human Services Board, United Way of Escambia County, Early Learning Coalition, and BRACE. I currently volunteer in the warehouse at our local food pantry.

My passion though is for early childhood education. In every community, the goal should be for every child to enter kindergarten ready to do the work of a kindergartener.

Ann and I are blessed to have had a long marriage, three great kids, each of whom is a successful adult, and five beautiful and smart grandkids. We have had the opportunity to do a great deal of traveling, both in the U.S. (we love National Parks!) and throughout Europe. Our most significant Ole sighting was walking to a ferry in Oslo Harbor — a group of Ole students on an art seminar.

## Wilson Hunt

I achieved half my St. Olaf goals, graduating (in spite of time on academic probation) but not playing varsity basketball. As a senior, a blend of idealism and a low draft lottery number led me to apply for Peace Corps. After a year as a volunteer in Ethiopia, I accepted Terese's ('70) invitation to meet in Minneapolis and get married. Following our brief honeymoon in Grand Marais, we left for Addis Ababa, where I resumed managing a factory making hand woven carpets and Terese taught English.



After taking a circuitous route back to the U.S., I became International Buyer for Berkley and Co., a sporting goods manufacturer, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Who would have thought an Asian studies minor gained through Thai Semester would get me a job?

Following stints with two other companies, I took a position as Baseball/Softball Division General Manager for Wilson Sporting Goods. I eventually tired of corporate bureaucracy and in 1986 started Champro Sports. Much of the past 45 years have been spent searching out places with low manufacturing costs to make labor intensive athletic equipment and apparel. That pursuit took me back to Ethiopia in 1999, where we established an athletic uniform factory. As one of the few American investors in Ethiopia, I became Chairman of the Ethio-American Trade and Investment Council and worked with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to promote investment in Ethiopia. We continue to manufacture in Ethiopia and have appreciated the opportunity to observe the country change and develop over the past 50 years.

Unlike most of our class, who have successfully transitioned to retirement, I continue to work. I enjoy the daily challenges brought on by rapid changes in trade policy, technology, and retail distribution channels. I have made concessions in recent years, playing more (not better) golf and adding recreation and relaxation to business travel.

Terese and I have three sons. I work with Ryan '00 and his wife, Megan '00. Evan and Nolan '07 and their wives live in California. We have three granddaughters and have lived in suburban Chicago for the past 45 years.

## Ron “Lion” Hunter



Much to my widowed father’s amazement, I left Minneapolis North High for St. Olaf. After a mathematics major, the football Lion, the CUBE, Sig Delts, the Black Action Committee, unfulfilled love, the Free University, and my first FBI file, I graduated and confronted the draft. Following many discussions with the Selective Service and three draft notices, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy (to see the world). I completed Naval

Officer Candidate School in Newport. The navy took me places, both physically and mentally, I never would have gone otherwise. I experienced the exhilaration/stress of leading a division of sailors at sea. Tough time: supporting the bombing of Vietnam during Operation Linebacker in 1972. Great time: marrying Renee (a Minneapolis teacher) in the San Diego Naval Chapel. I fought a major fire on board our ship and felt the gratification of being promoted to captain. I finished my 26-year-long career in the navy as a reserve unit commanding officer.

The civilian component of my dual careers: the law. Shortly after graduating from the University of MN Law School in 1978, I became an assistant state public defender and a father at the same time. My daughter, Lindsey, was wonderful, but spending a lot of time in the jails/prisons of MN wasn’t my cup of tea. Happily, I moved on to tax litigation as a special assistant attorney general. Then came another opportunity to “see the world.”

I rejoined Cargill’s Law Department in 1985. I didn’t quite see the world, but I did see the world of law. I enjoyed all kinds of legal work, ranging from company acquisitions and transportation to immigration and patent litigation. I wrapped up my Cargill chapter as assistant vice president and chief trademark counsel.

Working with many groups over the years provided additional purpose/satisfaction, e.g., Urban Coalition Board, Phyllis Wheatley Community Ctr. Board (president), Plymouth Christian Youth Ctr. Board, MN Minority Lawyers Assn Board (president), Big Brothers Big Sister (BB of the Year 2006), St. Olaf Alumni Association Board, and St. Olaf Board of Regents.

## Merilee Inman

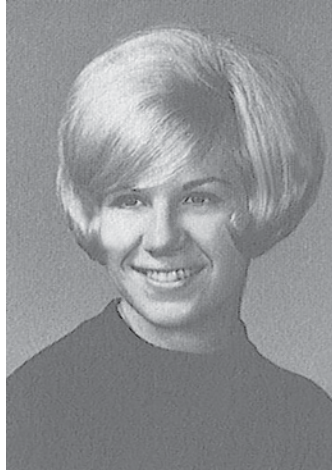
St. Olaf Major: Nursing

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, played Anita in *West Side Story*, Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, worked in the Cage

Divorced

Children: Julian, Maddy, Anthony

Grandchildren: One granddaughter, one grandson



I fell in love with the look of campus, perched on the Hill with stunning views all around. Although I never had a burning desire to become a nurse, I liked helping people and figured it would be an interesting and fulfilling career. Our class of 50 lived, studied, and trained together for four years. I was a part of a group of smart, driven, compassionate, and competitive women. Our training was difficult, and I look back without much fondness. But I did get a good nursing foundation, made some friends, and learned to knit on the roundtrip bus rides between Northfield and Minneapolis.

January interims and summers I worked different jobs (Iowa YMCA camp nurse; Provo, Utah psychiatric nurse; Bremerton, Washington commission as a navy nurse.)

First semester freshman year I have a warm memory: I walked campus after dark in a light snowfall. The flakes sparkled in the lights. The world was quiet. I felt at peace.

Sophomore year I roomed with a non-nursing major, Carole Wedding, who was wonderful. I played Anita in *West Side Story*. I would become a YMCA group exercise instructor (28 years) and a motivational speaker in addition to working as an RN/nurse practitioner.

After graduation I got my M.S.N. and two nurse practitioner certifications (pediatrics and women's health). I married after grad school. We raised three children who are kind, generous, creative, amazing people.

Divorce brought new challenges and opportunities. My two delightful grandchildren bring me joy, as does scrapbooking, biking, my lake cabin, and traveling. For the third chapter of my life, I want to stay active and set new goals. In my 50s I entered a bodybuilding competition, taking first place in my category. Hard work and fun!

Two quotes that guide my life:

“We always have choices and sometimes it's only a choice of attitude.”

“No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.”

## Katherine Jacobson Fleisher



St. Olaf Major: Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance

St. Olaf Activities: Orchestra Tour Soloist, Chapel Choir, Chamber Music, German House

Spouse: Leon Fleisher

Growing up in Albert Lea, Minnesota, I had my heart set on becoming a St. Olaf college student someday, never imagining what a

transforming experience it would be. Fast forward to my freshman year German class where Ivar Ivask and his inspired teaching made a lifetime impression on me, the first of many great professors.

I truly loved my years at St. Olaf, in spite of falling on the ice more times than I care to remember and getting all those “late minutes” at Hoyme. Studying piano with Ann Surace and Margaret Birkeland guided my future career in music, pointing the way to the Cleveland Institute of Music where I received my master of music degree in piano performance, studying with the piano duo Vronsky and Babin. I went to a Cleveland Orchestra concert to hear pianist Leon Fleisher, who performed the Concerto for the Left Hand by Maurice Ravel. His music was a revelation for me, as I had never heard such beautiful sounds coming from the piano. Within a few months I auditioned at the Peabody Conservatory of Music to study with him. We married in 1982 and began traveling the world for his career as a concert pianist and conductor. Our careers merged when we formed the Fleisher-Jacobson Duo, concertizing worldwide and recording for Sony.

Teaching has always been a passion for me, and I’ve taught at the Cleveland Institute of Music Preparatory, Peabody Preparatory, Goucher College, and currently the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University.

In past years, I started a children’s education foundation that was helpful to many Baltimore young people. I’ve hosted numerous fundraisers in our home to benefit animal rescue and various political causes.

These days I treasure spending time in San Diego with my niece’s family and their two adorable little boys! Living on the east coast has been interesting and exciting, but a large part of my heart will always be back in the Midwest.



## Laurie Jacobson

St. Olaf Majors: Art, Education

Summary of the past 50 years:

Traveled in Europe; surgeon's assistant; taught school; art fair gypsy; finally settled into the computer business - 40 years IT management including 20 years as an IT Director for a large printing company, assisted establishing of a product development department for a phone company creating internet applications and until retirement Software Development Manager for a large international company.



Hobbies and special interests:

Glass work including fused and lamp-work glass; jewelry and leatherwork; reading local authors; non-work-related computer activities such as website development, travel, art fairs, and continuing education including art school; project/product management and software development/programming.

Most importantly an eight-year cancer survivor.

## Carol Jefferson



St. Olaf Majors: Biology, Life Science  
Education Oregon State University: Ph.D.  
(Botany — Plant Ecology) '74

St. Olaf Activities: softball, basketball, field  
hockey; Norseman Band; undergraduate  
teaching assistant; Cub Scout and Girl  
Scout leader; summer camp naturalist and  
program director.

Children: Anne J. Jefferson, Ph.D., Oregon  
State University; geology professor

James J. Jarvis, B.S., Iowa State University; owner, renewable energy engineering firm

Grandchildren: Four

Other interests: equality and equity for women; environmental protection.

The most enduring aspect of my St. Olaf education was the college's emphasis on community service. I have volunteered extensively at state and local levels, particularly environmental protection, equal rights for women, mentoring children in scientific research, and developing dedicated natural areas. I also enjoyed the music and sense of history that surrounded us at St. Olaf. I sang in choir, helped found a brass band, and played many instruments. I have a lifelong interest in history. I am the archivist for my church. Currently I am researching abolitionists and the Underground Railroad in southern Minnesota.

My best experience at St. Olaf was as a teaching assistant for plant morphology and general biology. I also learned research fundamentals. I taught at four universities, for a total of 43 years. My primary teaching focus was botany and ecology, although I taught 37 different courses, nearly all with outdoor labs. I had 12,000 students. I am a professor emerita of biology at Winona State University.

My three most poignant memories of St. Olaf: The morning the Green Army fogged campus with DDT — birds, dragonflies, and butterflies fell out of the sky, while hopping insects flopped over and died; St. Olaf's appalling discrimination against women relative to sports, mentoring, classroom opportunities, and women's freedom to choose their attire and social schedule; and my struggle through a semester on crutches when the campus made no accommodations for disabled students.

I live in rural Winona County in southeastern Minnesota, where I enjoy organic gardening, wildlife watching, silent sports, reading, storytelling, and family. I've travelled to many "untamed places," and especially liked Antarctica and the Galapagos.

## Anne Jensen

After a life-changing semester abroad in France my junior year, I realized that I had been brought up in a sheltered environment. I decided that I needed to branch out. I decided on a French major at St. Olaf, and began exploring possibilities for graduate school.

I began at Stanford University the summer after graduation in a year-long STEP program. I took courses, student-taught in the East Bay, and met my husband, Henry Robinson. Together, we took classes and fought his draft notification, which he finally got released from in June of 1971. We received our master's in education that same year. In 1973, after working briefly as an assistant editor, I began teaching French and English at Westmont High School. I taught there for 25 years, and became more active in leadership roles in world language teachers' organizations. I spent three summers and several semesters completing my master's in French in Angers, France, through the University of Northern Iowa.

In 1990 our son, Nicolas Robinson, was born. He went to school in Palo Alto, and continued his studies at Occidental College, where he played on the basketball team. He currently works for Nike Global Basketball in Beaverton, Oregon, and is very happy in that job.

In 1999 I began working at Gunn High School in Palo Alto. I taught there for 16 years, served as department chair for nine years, and became more involved in the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). I retired from Gunn in 2015, and became the subject area coordinator for world languages at San Jose State University. In 2019, I was elected to be the president of the AATF at the national level, and in my three-year term presidency, I hold major responsibilities and plan our annual convention.

My life has been very rich and full throughout my long career in teaching. I love to travel and I spend almost every summer in a French-speaking country. My husband still works part-time, and we spend our time seeing friends, going to movies, reading, and enjoying our time together in Palo Alto.



## Mark Jensen



St. Thomas University: Master of Arts in Teaching '71

Began teaching German at Olivia Minnesota Public Schools in 1971, grades 7-12.

International purchasing coordinator for Fingerhut Companies, 1972-74.

1974-2012: Various positions in purchasing, logistics, materials

management, contract management, and supply chain solutions for Abbott Northwestern Hospital and its successor companies, Lifespan and Allina Health System.

Married Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Weible '71 in June 1972. Two daughters: Amy Jensen Stark '96 and Anne Elcock-Jensen '00.

We have traveled extensively with long time St. Olaf friends in Europe. Visited Japan when our daughter Amy was in the JET program. We have developed lifelong friendships in both places — this being the result of the international programs we participated in while at St. Olaf, and the lifelong relationships we developed while at St. Olaf.

In retirement we spend much time with friends, family, grandchildren, volunteer work, and MN Gophers sports. We are active in curling, golfing, trapshooting, classic car restoration and car shows, and of course, travel.

We lived most of this time in Prior Lake, MN, but just recently moved to Lakeville, MN.

## Nancy Jensen Agneberg

St. Olaf Majors: English Education and Asian Studies

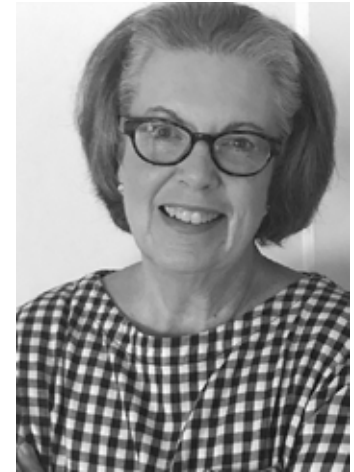
St. Olaf Activities: Theater, Manitou Singers, Semester in Thailand

Washington University: Masters of Education in Instructional Process

Spouse: Bruce Agneberg '70

Children: Kate and Geof

Grandchildren: Maren and Peter



Growing up, my family moved many times, and I considered college as a time to settle in for four years. St. Olaf felt like home to me then, and it still does.

On graduation day I waved to Bruce and said, "Have a nice life!" Little did I know we would fall in love through the mail. We married in the summer of 1971, and I then taught in Webster Groves, Missouri. We returned to Minnesota for family practice residency and the birth of our first child, Kate.

Thus began my varied career path: teaching at the University of St. Catherine; working at an independent bookstore; starting my own business, Word Choice, a writing, editing, and publicity service; and eventually serving as associate director of public relations for Luther Seminary.

In 1994, we moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, so Bruce could do hospice work full time. My path led to training in spiritual direction and developing a private practice, Sweetwater Spirit, Services for Your Spiritual Journey. As a spiritual director, I help individuals and groups grow spiritually, regardless of faith tradition or background. In 1997, we moved to an 1802 farmstead called Sweetwater Farm, truly a sacred place. We have lots of stories to share about our animals, the resident ghost, and Amish neighbors.

Like walking a labyrinth, however, one eventually heads towards home. Bruce accepted a great hospice opportunity in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2007, and I enjoyed "sabbatical" time. In 2013, we returned home to St. Paul and now live five blocks away from our grandchildren and close to my 96-year-old father.

My life today has an amazing flow: meeting with spiritual direction clients; writing a spiritual memoir and my blog, [clearingthespace.blogspot.com](http://clearingthespace.blogspot.com), volunteering at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, spending time with family and friends, and attempting to live this stage of life as a spiritual practice.

## Richard “Smokey” Jensen



I took a break from St. Olaf after our junior year and spent the next few years as an electronics technician on an aircraft carrier off the coast of North Vietnam. In 1972, I returned to St. Olaf to finish my bachelor's in biology (1973) and then earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing (1974). I worked for 25 years on inpatient child and adolescent psychiatric units and for 10 years as a school nurse in a special

education program for pregnant and parenting teens. I spent three years as a public health nurse for the City of Minneapolis on a special child abuse team

as a parent educator while also being a part-time St. Olaf nursing instructor. I stayed in the Naval Reserve for 10 years as a radioman on a patrol plane. I am a car collector and have about a dozen cars, including old VWs, several Mercedes Benz diesels, and my first car, a British roadster. To hone my skills, I attended the local vo-tech for a year in auto mechanics and a year in auto body. I also collect and restore Lionel trains and Erector sets.

My wife Kathryn and I married in 1974, and we have two sons. Andrew is a doctor with the Indian Health Service in New Mexico, and Matthew is a computer technician who travels the U.S. and Europe to install and maintain computer storage networks. Kathryn is a retired CPA and is now a political activist. Last December she became one of the oldest *Jeopardy!* Champions ever. We live on a lake in the woods in northwestern Wisconsin that we share with three dogs and two cats. We are grateful to be happily and gainfully retired and in reasonably good health.

Five years ago, during the pre-op for knee surgery, my heart stopped for eight-plus minutes. The stubborn OR staff eventually got my heart going again. No heart attack, it just stopped for reasons unknown. Did I lose some brain cells? Yup, but as the old Louis Prima song goes, *Enjoy Yourself! It's Later Than You Think*.

## Paula Johnshoy Garza

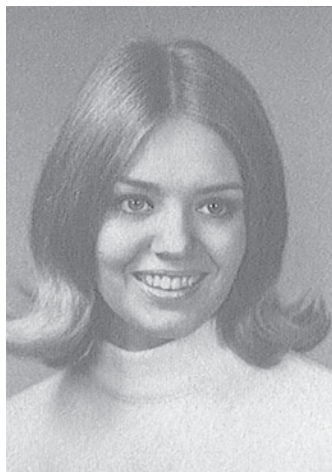
St. Olaf Major: Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers,  
Theater, Faribault State Hospital Volunteer

Spouse: Dan Garza

Child: David Oyama

My grandmother — who would later be a Lutheran pastor's wife — attended St. Olaf, a fact that still amazes me. She was surely a



much better behaved Ole than I was. I learned a lot during my four years on the Hill and made great friends, but didn't really grow up until much later. Perhaps that is why I am not yet ready to retire; I am still very much enjoying my life as a school counselor.

I didn't begin this career until my son was in college (he ended up at Carleton, but that's another story). Even after we had visited many schools and he had made his choice, I kept researching, enjoying the process. A school counselor friend encouraged me to make a career change, and I enrolled in a master's program. Taking on a 60-credit degree at the age of 50 is one of the bravest things I've ever done, and one of the most rewarding. I was hired by the wonderful high school where I interned and am now in my 16th year. My students have enrolled in colleges all over the country — including St. Olaf — and bring me joy every day.

When students want to change a behavior but are struggling to make it happen, I often share this St. Olaf experience:

The senior seminar in psychology (with Professor Millert) that was required to complete my major was only offered at 8 a.m., an hour I hadn't seen since 1966. How would I ever make myself get up? Panicked, I strategized, desperate for a solution. What couldn't I live without? My money! I went to the bank and withdrew all I had; it added up to \$5 per class. I went to Professor Millert, gave him my entire stack of \$5 bills, and asked him to give me back \$5 each time I made it to class. It worked; I graduated. Decades later when I saw Dr. Millert, he still remembered my crazy bargain; we laughed.

Life is good.

## Anne Johnson



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Robert Worrall

Children: Christine Delmonico, MD Sarah Grudem, Classical Harpist Andrew Worrall, Police Officer, Volunteer Firefighter

Grandchildren: Three granddaughters, one grandson

Raised in rural southwestern Minnesota, I followed the example of several family members who inspired me to attend St. Olaf. My father was an exception, but no less an inspiration, who farmed successfully with only a sixth grade education. His farming career was cut short with a serious illness when I was four years old and he passed away when I was 10. The compassion of his caregivers made a lasting impression and when the time came to decide my major I felt called to the nursing profession.

Barbara Bishop, RN, was my St. Olaf inspiration for a career focus in obstetric nursing and upon graduating, I joined the first nurse-midwifery master's program started by Sharon Rising at the University of Minnesota from 1973 to 1975. For the next 45 years, I found great joy in thousands of instances, welcoming new life into the world as a certified nurse midwife, working for several health care organizations around the Twin Cities. I'm proud to have played a part in early work with the state legislature to facilitate insurance coverage for midwife birth. It's also been rewarding to have mentored many in the next generation of nurse-midwives who will carry on our beautiful tradition of women caring for women. The greatest of these joys was being present for the births of three of my beloved grandchildren.

After retiring in 2018, my husband and I repurposed our empty nest for part-time hosting through the Airbnb platform. We have been gratified to welcome people into our home from all around the world. It has also been rewarding to volunteer at Community Emergency Services, where we provide food to those most in need in Minneapolis. Volunteer opportunities also abound at the Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, which has been our church home for 45 years. These opportunities to serve, along with so many other blessings in my life have all given me the return gift of abiding, daily gratitude.



## Bromley Johnson

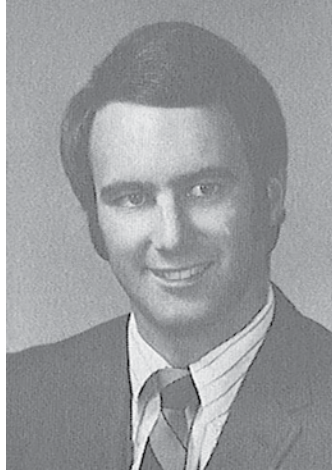
St. Olaf Major: Psychology

Spouse: Barb Davis '71

Children: Heather and Derek

Grandkids: Nicklas 8, Madison 5, Zadie 2

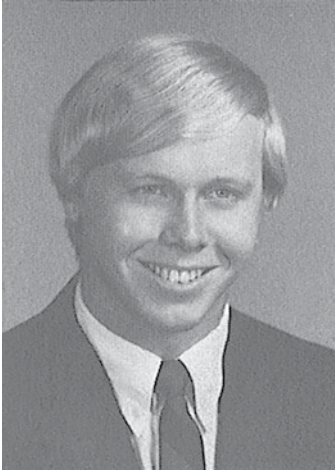
The “*Mission Impossible*” is to summarize 50 years into 350 words or less! Even Tom Cruise wouldn't take on that mission... yet here I go. During the 1970 Interim I did an independent study at an addiction



treatment unit. What I witnessed was remarkable. Many but unfortunately not all of the patients experienced transformative change as they began to recover from their addictions. This restoration of hope became a guiding light for me as I entered my professional life. I earned a Master of Social Work degree and worked at the Johnson Institute, known for developing early intervention strategies for those suffering the effects of addiction. In 1983 I was hired by St. Mary's Junior College/College of St. Catherine to direct their Chemical Dependency Counselor Education Program. Working with adult learners was highly stimulating as they brought their life experiences into the classroom. In 2006 I began working for People Incorporated as a case manager for adults experiencing chronic homelessness while dealing with co-existing mental illnesses and chemical dependencies. Although this population proved challenging I also was awed by the resilience of the human spirit. I retired in 2010 feeling a deep sense of gratitude toward all those who guided and mentored me.

None of this could have happened without the love and support of my wife, Barb. We've been married since 1972 and we live in the same home that we bought in 1976. I guess that's called putting down roots! It's amazing to witness the “Circle of Life” as our grandkids play with our children's old toys in the same rooms where our children played. Our retirement includes: winter vacations, peaceful walks, golfing, volunteering, and reading. I recently read Susan Cain's book *Quiet* which explores introversion. Having been a life-long introvert means that I won't be at the reunion but I'm sure that you who attend will have a great time. So, for you a big Um! Yah! Yah! and for me ... *Mission Accomplished!*

## Daniel B. Johnson



St. Olaf Majors: Philosophy, Asian Studies

St. Olaf Activities: Sigma Delta, Manitou Messenger, Spanish Language School Interim (Cuernavaca, Mexico 1968), Far East Semester (1968–69)

Spouse: Diane Hilliard '69

Children: Christopher

Grandkids: Two grandsons

After graduation, I went to law school at the University of Minnesota and got my J.D. in 1973. Since then, and until I retired several years ago, I practiced law in Minneapolis and Stillwater.

Diane and I were on the Far East Semester together, dated in college, and married in 1974. She spent her career in the travel business in Minneapolis, where she owned her own travel agency, Hilliard & Olander Ltd., so we did most of our traveling before we retired. But while Diane has been to most corners of the world, I still have a few places to see, so I try to keep up with my Spanish.

One of my most rewarding experiences was to serve as a member of the Bayport City Council for six years. It's a small city, but it has the most diverse census tract in the state (it includes Stillwater State Prison, popularly known as "our gated community"), more jobs than citizens (the home of Andersen Windows), and faces some intense development pressure being on the beautiful St. Croix River within an easy commute to the Twin Cities. Since the city council elections had no party designations, politics was all about trying to get neighbors to get involved, to share a vision for the future of the community, and to work together. It was politics as it should be.

As I've gotten older, a bit tippier, and hopefully wiser, I've decided that snow and ice is hazardous to my health. Now we spend summers at our lake cottage in Chetek, Wisconsin, and winters near New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where I'm trying to follow my doctor's orders to walk on the beach daily and play more golf. It would be great to find some classmates in the vicinity!

## David Johnson

St. Olaf Major: Physics

St. Olaf Activities: Track, Cross Country,  
Faribault Hospital

Spouse: Janet Porter, '71

Children: Kathy, Karen, Casey

Grandchildren: One granddaughter, two  
grandsons



I grew up in Red Wing. When selecting colleges, my older brother cautioned: “You’re not ready for the University of Chicago...go to St. Olaf, they’ll take care of you there.” My first years on the Hill I was reticent, and I did feel cared for by friends and faculty. My sharpest memories from college recall times when I finally managed to get out of the library, and off the practice fields, and have fun with friends. Falling in love with my future bride, Jan Porter ('71), is the best.

We spent our graduate school years in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where I got a Ph.D. in physics. I did my research at Harvard in the same group where Ole physics professor Jim Cederberg had worked years before.

Since then we have called Princeton, New Jersey, home. I worked at the government-funded Plasma Physics Laboratory until I retired in 2017. This lab’s mission is the development of nuclear fusion as a replacement for a nuclear fission core for a power plant. In my first 20 years there, we made steady progress toward this goal, though not as much as we had promised. As the experimental fusion devices got bigger and more expensive, funding levels decreased, and now the goal seems far off. My last 10 working years were spent designing aspects of an international fusion mega-project called ITER. I hope to live to see this device demonstrate, perhaps by 2035, the scientific feasibility of fusion as a power source for the future.

My biggest disappointment is that the slow fusion progress means it cannot contribute to the mitigation of our climate change crisis. I studied many aspects of this threat. I am deeply concerned about the devastation of our natural world, and the disruption it will cause in our children’s lifetimes. I have been active in developing a Climate Action Plan for my community, and I am changing my own behavior to reduce my carbon footprint.

## Juliana Johnson Hoiseth



St. Olaf Major: Music Performance, Violin  
University of Iowa: Master's in Violin and  
Music Education

Activities: St. Olaf Orchestra

Campus Hangout: The Annex

Spouse: Gary Hoiseth '70, The University  
of Iowa, Master's in Music Theory

Children: Kirsten, Southeast Louisiana  
University 1991, Rice University 1993;

Turi, University of Wisconsin-Madison 1993, Rice University 1995

Grandchildren: Molly, Charlotte, Ingrid and Kaia

Raised in northern Iowa, I am the daughter of a baseball player/coach/history teacher and a choral director and singer. Most of my mother's family attended St. Olaf. My grandparents lived on St. Olaf Avenue. Northfield was my second home.

My mother joined the St. Olaf Choir when she was a 17-year-old freshman, and went on a summer-long tour to Europe. Continuing a tradition of traveling as a freshman, I was lucky enough to spend my freshman Interim abroad with the St. Olaf Orchestra in Norway! And, in the spring of 1969, I met my husband, Gary Hoiseth, at St. Olaf. He had come that fall as a transfer student, but it wasn't until spring that I was able to catch his attention! We are in our 50th year of marriage!

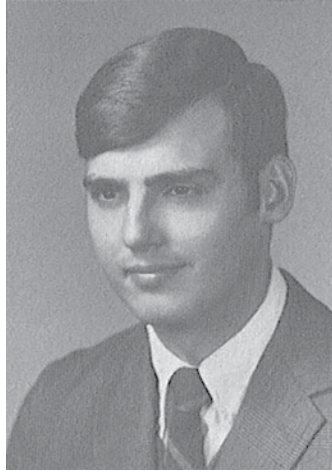
It was in 1958, when we moved to Mason City, Iowa, that my love affair with the violin began, and it blossomed into a career of playing and teaching. Playing the violin is so intertwined with my life that I sometimes think that it has become my life. Over the years, I have taught in public schools in Wayzata and Minnetonka, Minnesota, and Kalona, Iowa, and played in the Quad Cities and Des Moines Symphonies as well as the Metropolitan and Minnetonka Symphonies. My doctor says that playing the violin is the best thing I can do for myself. I continue teaching and playing to this day, and now am so happy to teach our granddaughters near and far and grand-students! As long as I have life and breath and can move my fingers, I will keep on twinkling with them!

## Mark Johnson

St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Chapel Choir,  
Project Friendship

Special people and events that I remember from college include: Professor of Microbiology Dr. Nora Larsen, working in the Lion's Den, the annual Christmas Festival, marine biology interim in Florida, and making lifelong friends. After college I received my DDS degree in 1974 from the



University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. I joined the United States Air Force and served two years active duty as the site dentist for radar sites at Havre, MT; Kalispell, MT; and Fortuna, ND.

I started a private general dental practice in my hometown of North Bend, NE in 1976, where I practiced until retiring in 2014. During this time, I took a four-year leave from my practice and became the facility/house manager of the Lied Center for Performing Arts at UNL. I taught and instructed in clinics for five years at the UNMC College of Dentistry in Lincoln, and participated in Leadership Lincoln.

I became a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry in 2007, and enjoyed incorporating advances in digital dentistry in my practice in radiography, electronic record keeping, and CEREC. I am a past president of the Dental College Alumni Association, and a member of the Dean's Club.

I've served as a church organist in some capacity at several churches, most notably First Lutheran in Havre, MT, First Lutheran in Fremont, NE, and my home church, North Bend United Presbyterian. I have also accompanied our community choir on many occasions.

I served two terms on the North Bend City Council, and presently serve on its Planning Commission. I've enjoyed travels to Europe, the South Pacific, South Africa, and Canada, and look forward to adding Australia and New Zealand in the future.

In retirement, I stay occupied managing our family farm in North Bend, playing clarinet in our community band, and restoring my 1900 vintage home.

I enjoy staying in San Clemente, CA for the month of February, as I've done for many years, sharing time with my siblings and their families (and shortening the Nebraska winter a bit).

## Margaret “Peggy” Johnson



St. Olaf Majors: German, English; semester in Germany

University of Chicago Graduate Library School: Master of Arts

Metropolitan State University: Master of Arts in Management and Administration

Spouse: Lee English

Children: Carson Johnson English, Amelia Johnson English

St. Olaf introduced me to some of my favorite people. I lived with three of my first-year corridor mates in a “triple” in Hilleboe, redesigned for four. Although I was the only one who returned to graduate, we are still good friends. I met people each year who remain important to me, and who I know I would enjoy if I encountered them for the first time today. Some of my strongest STO memories are of the turbulent late 1960s and early 1970s, and how engaged many of us were in seeking to address political and social issues. My commitment to liberal initiatives grew out of those experiences.

After earning an M.A. in library science, I worked at the University of Iowa, Control Data Corp., and St. Paul Public Library before taking a position at the University of Minnesota Libraries, where my last appointment was as associate librarian. One of the joys of being an academic librarian was being involved with international development, primarily through U.S. AID projects. I consulted in Morocco, Rwanda, Uganda, Senegal, and China. I’ve written and edited several books, edited professional journals, and served as president of my professional association. I still teach courses as an adjunct professor in the master’s in library science and information program at St. Catherine University, and I edit a professional journal.

My husband and I married in 1978. Our two children live in the Twin Cities. We bought our 1899 St. Paul house in 1978, and it has been a perpetual work in progress. We both enjoy gardening, reading, art, theater, and music. Our passion is traveling — in the past two years, we spent two weeks in Rome, a week navigating a 65-foot canal boat in England, and three weeks in New Zealand. We’re active in Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, where I taught Sunday school and served as congregational president.

## Roslyn Johnson Hancock

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Grandchildren: Grace (8), Benjamin (5), Ryan (5), Reese (3), and Rhodes (1)

Graduation was a special time and it was hard saying goodbye to my classmates. One of my favorite memories from St. Olaf is of my senior year January interim, where I studied art history and spent the month in Italy, Sicily, Greece, and Crete. Soon after



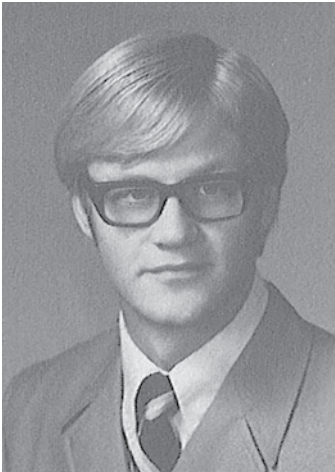
graduation I started my active duty as a nurse in the U.S Navy, and learned many things during my time as a nurse in the military. One of my favorite things from my time in the navy was meeting my wonderful husband, Gilbert Hancock.

After my service in the navy, my husband and I settled in Dallas, Texas, and raised three great boys. I spent my career working at Presbyterian Hospital, participating in the opening of the Medical City Hospital, and finishing my career at Doctors Hospital as their nurse auditor. I retired in August of 2015, and have been enjoying my free time with my family and grandchildren.

Unfortunately, my husband, Gil, passed away in June of 2016. I have remained strong, and I am grateful for my faith and for the support of my family and friends. I experienced a major stroke in March of 2019 with right-sided weakness, but my desire and drive to attend our upcoming reunion has been a key motivator, and has encouraged my hard work throughout my healing journey.

Experiences and memories of St. Olaf surround us every day. May we continue to make new memories of our lives together.

## Stephen Johnson



St. Olaf Major: Biology

Activities: Junior Counselor

Spouse: Judy Gluth '70

Children: Elizabeth, Eric, Christopher

Grandchildren: One boy, two girls, one pending

St. Olaf created many memories. The best one was when, as a Junior Counselor, I took

my corridor of freshman guys on a picnic with a corridor of freshman girls. There I met their Junior Counselor, a girl who would later become my wife. Some events leave memories that were early signs of the future. I encountered students with different ideological viewpoints and found those who were most radical were full of passion and shouted slogans but incapable of rational discussion on issues. This culminated our senior year with capitulation by administration authority and cancellation of year-end final exams. This behavior is now seen on a national scale.

Life after St. Olaf has brought many blessings. The best has been getting married to Judy in 1972 and starting our family in 1975. Our daughter is a professional violinist. Our boys work in the professional business world.

I received an M.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1974, did an internal medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine until 1976, completed an ophthalmology residency at Mayo in 1978 and received board certification in 1979 while doing a fellowship in cataract and intraocular lens implant surgery. We moved to Newport Beach in 1981 to take advantage of a professional opportunity. This provided me with wonderful opportunities and invitations to lecture, demonstrate surgery and teach courses domestically and internationally. We spent six weeks in Mombasa, Kenya, while I worked as a medical missionary at the Lighthouse for Christ doing cataract surgery.

Secular success does not give enduring meaning to life. With Judy's encouragement, I joined a Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) class to study the Bible. I was fascinated, Bible study became a hobby. I spent the next 27 years involved in BSF as a group discussion leader. I also enjoy plein air oil painting and our two British sports cars from the '60's.

Still practicing but considering retirement to use my resources to further God's kingdom.



## Steve Johnson

We were in college at a tumultuous time. I remember walking up the library stairs to hear that Martin Luther King had been assassinated.

The Vietnam War was raging and the summer after my freshman year, I went to enlist in the National Guard. The Guard had a three-year waiting list which was a time frame that suited me. The draft lottery was held our senior year, I received a low number, and when the Guard called to tell me I was at the top, I enlisted.



After graduation, Jerri and I were married, and we hit the road to Louisville, Kentucky, where I began basic training. I served my six year enlistment during which I was called to active duty one time when a native tribe occupied a novitiate in northeastern Wisconsin.

We spent nine years in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where I taught math. We stressed through birthing three children by driving to the wrong hospital for the first child. For the last child, Jerri got up in the middle of the night saying she was going to make a birthday cake. When I later entered the kitchen, all I found was a mixing bowl with a spoon standing straight up in the batter. By morning, our third child was born.

We returned to Minnesota where we first milked cows on the family farm. Then I joined the computer revolution by taking a job as a programmer in St. Paul. We raised a family performing the arduous tasks of parenting – soccer games in inclement weather and piano recitals and school concerts in overheated venues.

Eventually the kids leave the house and the reinvention of our lives begins. I now teach math 15 hours a week at Mathnasium.

Our kids have children of their own and we have found grandparenting to be a very fine gig. I have fond memories of building ukuleles with my grandson and swinging on a swing set with my granddaughter while singing Waltzing Matilda at the top of our lungs.

## Leone Jordahl Larson



St. Olaf Major: Psychology

University of California at Berkeley:  
Master's of Social Work 1977

Spouse: Thomas H. Moen '58 (Previously  
James F. Larson '69)

Children: Grete A. Walter '97 (Gregor  
Walter); Katie Cowan '02 (James Cowan)

Grandchildren: Carsten, Erik, Zoe

Jim and I joined the Peace Corps a few months after our marriage in 1970. We spent two years in South Korea teaching English. Later, while Jim was working on his Ph.D. at Stanford, I completed my master's in social work, and we had our first child while there. Several moves followed to Virginia, Texas (second daughter), and Washington for Jim's teaching. We lived three more years in Asia, one in Korea and later two years in Singapore, before we returned to the U.S. and moved to Boulder, Colorado.

I worked in both geriatric and psychiatric social work during my 17 years in Colorado. Jim and I divorced and he returned to live in Korea. I met Tom while working at Jefferson Center for Mental Health in Lakewood, Colorado. What a surprise to find my new office-mate was an Ole and a therapist also working with older adults! A friendship and collegial relationship over nine years turned into a wonderful marriage.

Tom and I have enjoyed several trips to Minnesota to see my Northfield daughter, Grete, and family as well as take family vacations together "Up North." Our vacation here in 2011 just after I retired led to a rather quick decision to move to Northfield. I'm so happy to be here, very involved with grandchildren, church and community activities. We love the variety of music and other cultural offerings; our "Fifty North" fitness, arts and lifelong learning center; our various book groups; our "Super Shelf" community food shelf where I volunteer each week; grandchildren, of course (including one in Denver); and just feeling back at home in the midwest where I grew up. After a very busy life with many moves, it feels wonderful to be settled.

I'm incredibly grateful for the multitude of blessings I have received during my lifetime.

## Hans Jorgenson

After graduating from St. Olaf, I started at University of Minnesota Veterinary School. My dad was a vet in Spring Valley, MN at that time, so I guess I followed in his footsteps.

In the summer of 1971, I married Kathy Mahanay who attended St. Olaf for three years before transferring to Macalester for an elementary education degree. She became my Brunette Scholarship as she

taught 1st grade in Circle Pines while I was in vet school. At \$7,100, it was not a large scholarship!

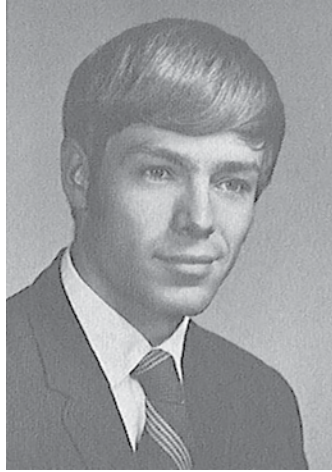
I graduated in 1974 and went to work for a veterinary group in Worthington, Minnesota. Because cattle and pig prices were low, farm animal numbers decreased and I was laid off in February 1975. We decided to try a small animal practice in Lakewood, Colorado, as my folks lived in the area. We started our family there with two boys Christian and Neil in 1975 and 1977.

In 1978, I decided to go to work with my father who had started a Veterinary Supply Business and was working out of a garage in Loveland, Colorado. The business has now grown into a company of close to 100 employees selling equipment around the world. You can find us on [www.jorvet.com](http://www.jorvet.com).

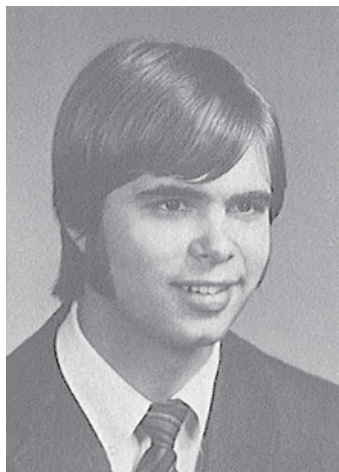
Now my two sons are working in the business and have brought us into the 21st century with Facebook, Snap Chat, and Amazon, etc. which we older guys were not too familiar with or interested in. Our daughter does not work here but is active in school volunteerism and neighborhood activities.

We are fortunate to have 7 healthy grandkids (including twin boys) and the last one due May 27. I hope that one will have an interest in the veterinary field and St. Olaf. Kathy and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary next year. To think it all started with a blind date from seeing a girl walking by Boe Chapel while I was sitting in religion class in the basement. I located her in the New Faces booklet and the rest is history.

Our family has certainly been blessed in life with good health and many enjoyable moments.



## Stephen Juel



St. Olaf Majors: Psychology and Art  
San Jose State University: Master's in  
Therapeutic Recreation

Spouse: Sheri Parisian

Children: Wesley, Erik and Andrew Juel;  
Laurel and Heather Druke

Upon graduation I worked briefly as a turkey herder, before hitch-hiking across Canada and down the west coast, landing in Palo Alto, California. My service obligations brought me to work as an orderly at Stanford Hospital while I studied art and worked at Foothill College in Los Altos, California. I explored all forms of creative visual expression and found my passion for sculpture, first introduced to me by my mentor Arnold Flaten. After receiving my M.S. from San José State University, I taught ceramics through Foothill to elders and young adults with developmental disabilities, as well as working in adult day health care programs as a recreation therapist.

As a single father of three sons needing to earn more, I began a career as a manager in the San Mateo County Health Department overseeing all aging and disability programs. My wife Sheri and I married in 2001 and we brought her two young girls together with my three sons to create our amazing blended family. We made a five-year plan to move to Cambria, a small art community on the central coast, and build a studio, Dancing Dog Clayworks, where we create ceramic art, sell through local galleries and teach two days a week. We made one major trip to Sweden, Denmark and Norway where we unexpectedly found relatives who own an art gallery in Trondheim, where we attended their annual St. Olaf Festival!

Our growing family (five grandchildren to date) are the joy of our lives. I've traded blizzards, floods and tornadoes for fires and earthquakes and feel blessed to be here. My special thanks to the religion professor who saw me looking depressed and helped me see that pre-med wasn't working for me. Changed my major and my life. So...UM YAH YAH.

## Douglas Kekkonen

St Olaf Major: Biology, Chemistry

St Olaf Activities: Wrestling (first-year),  
Junior Class President, Phi Gamma Rho,  
KSTO Radio

Spouse: Cynthia Carlson Kekkonen,  
University of Minnesota Duluth '70

Children: Tanja, Josh, Lindsay, and Drew

Grandchildren: 10



Much has happened since I roamed the hallowed halls on “the Hill.” I’m thankful for my time at St. Olaf, and for the lessons learned inside and outside the classrooms that helped prepare me for the highs and lows yet to come.

Memorable college life experiences range from the refined to the ridiculous. I recall attending Christmas Festival performances that gave me goosebumps. I also remember the allure of the campus itself, with its distinctive stone buildings, stately trees that display brilliant colors come fall, and fragrant lilacs lining the streets in spring.

And then there are those memories that make me chuckle and blush: making a “Slip ’N Slide” by flooding the halls of Kildahl with soapy water, my first and only whiff of tear gas when a few of us hitchhiked to Lacrosse for Octoberfest, and other immature acts like water fights complete with dropping water balloons from the tower dorm.

I sometimes regret not graduating with the class of '70. I entered the U of M Dental School after our junior year. Upon graduating, I moved to the Denver, CO area (John Denver was singing “Rocky Mountain High”). I practiced general dentistry for 20 years until rheumatoid arthritis forced a career change. After brief stints in medical supplies sales and medical forensics, I enrolled in CU Denver’s education program. I retired from teaching science and math in public schools after 15 years.

Two years ago, we realized that with spending much of our summers at our cabin in the mountains, and three months every winter on Florida’s Gulf Coast, it was time to downsize to a patio home, and let someone else do the mowing and shoveling. It allows more time for involvement in grandchildren’s lives, traveling, fly-fishing, and publishing two children’s books ... check out [drdougkekkonen.com](http://drdougkekkonen.com).

There’s much more I could say; but, I guess that’s why we have reunions.

## Pamela Kellar Miller



My family moved to Burnsville, Minnesota in February 1966, and I chose to attend St. Olaf. Once there, I immersed myself in academic pursuits, membership in the  $\Delta X$  Society, and the Dolphins Aqua Ballet Club. In addition to receiving an excellent undergraduate education, I made friendships which I continue to cherish.

I attended the University of Minnesota Graduate School in Latin American History

and met my husband, Phil, at an International Club dinner. I am also a graduate of Bethel University with a master's degree in special education. I have taught in several Minnesota School Districts as well as in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

My husband and I have moved numerous times due to his position with the United States Department of Transportation, and we have enjoyed meeting people in different regions of the United States. Traveling abroad and working on genealogy are some of my favorite pastimes. I am an active member in two lineage societies: Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames XVII Century.

We have a summer home in Wisconsin and are retired "snowbirds" with a winter home in Sun City, Arizona. Phil and I have two sons, Brian and David. We are also blessed with two granddaughters, Ali and Katie.

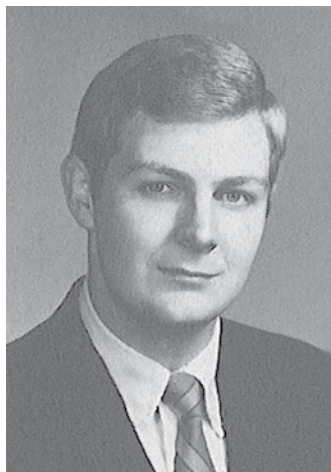
Phil and I attended the 40th St. Olaf Class Reunion but will be unable to attend this 50th Reunion. Greetings and have a wonderful 50th Reunion.

## Jack Kemme

St. Olaf Majors: Psychology, Political Science, University of St. Thomas: M.B.A.

Spouse: Marilyn Rand '70, M.B.A., University of Minnesota

Children: Alison '99, Master's in Public Health, U. of MN, Andrea '02, M.B.A., U. of MN



A military commitment awaited me following graduation from St. Olaf. I joined the army reserves, graduated from officer candidate school, and completed my reserve obligation as a personnel management officer in the Minnesota National Guard.

Upon completion of active duty, I returned to Minnesota and made the best and smartest decision of my life — I married my best friend at St. Olaf, Marilyn Rand. We've been married for 48+ years, graduated two Ole daughters, and have six grandsons ages 6-15, all living seven minutes from our Edina, MN condo.

I credit St. Olaf's liberal arts curriculum for providing me a good foundation in communication, critical thinking, problem resolution, and decision-making skills, along with the learning experience of interacting with fellow students with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. This academic toolbox of education, skills, and experiences proved to be invaluable throughout my career in corporate human resources management.

For 40 years, I led HR departments at director and VP levels in manufacturing, healthcare, and public sector organizations. The changes and challenges in the American workplace during my career resulted in a non-stop array of employee-management issues: plant closings, reorganizations, downsizings, labor relations issues, healthcare cost management, cultural and generational diversity, workforce readiness, and leadership development. It was never boring!

In retirement we take advantage of musical and theater venues available in the Twin Cities. We provide weekly grandkid transportation to various practices, rehearsals, games, and meets. Over the past 15 years we've also participated in a number of St. Olaf's alumni study/ travel programs. Under the leadership of Ole professors, we've taken multiple trips throughout Europe and Hawaii and have had educational and cultural experiences we never could have arranged on our own. We highly recommend these programs. I have also been a member of the 85-voice Edina Chorale for the past 18 years.

## Raymond “Skip” Kenitzer



St. Olaf Major: Physical Education and Health, University of Northern Colorado: Master's 1985, Doctor of Education 1988

Spouse: Jan Henjum Kenitzer, University of Colorado Denver 1977

Children: Jason Kenitzer, Willamette 2000; Matthew Kenitzer, College of Idaho 2003, Corbin University M.A. 2017

Grandchildren: Five

Summer is starting to come to an end. School starts in a few weeks. Everything is normal, or is it? No, it's off to college. I'm going to be an Ole! I'm totally excited about the future ahead. The first member of my family to go to college. Will I make it?

First days are exciting. New friends, new teachers, dorm life and new demands. I'm not sure if I like it. All goes well, until I am called to Mrs. Janke's apartment. Dad's dying. My world changes again. Now what? But it changes for the better. Upon returning to campus, I am contacted by every professor that I have and especially our new swim coach, Dave Hauck. The message is the same. You are an Ole and we'll see you through. Boy was that an understatement.

As the months passed by and normalcy set in, the support was always there. Maybe I will make it. I think Dad would really have liked this place. One of my duties was to check in with President Rand to see how things were going.

A new normalcy again. Four years are almost gone and graduation is coming up. I'm going to make it. I'll be teaching in the fall and coaching my first high school swim team. Where will it go from here? Will I continue to teach? Will I go to graduate school? Who knows?

Coaches Hauck and Gelle believed I should go to graduate school some day. Are you kidding? They remind me that I'm an Ole.

50 years have passed. I have taught, I have coached, I have done research. They were right. I'm an Ole.

Who would have thought ... Master's degree, doctorate, national coach of the year, multiple All-Americans, Willamette University Athletic Hall of Fame.

They knew I could do it. I'm an Ole.



## Ann Kenyon Nesbitt

1 John 5:11-13

*“This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue.” - Albert Brumley*

I spent the first half of my St. Olaf senior year in Germany. Graduating in 1970, I revisited Europe and worked for Munsingware in Minneapolis. In the spring of 1971, I headed to Western Michigan



University in Kalamazoo for a master’s in occupational therapy. There I met my future husband, Gordon Nesbitt, who had recently returned to his family’s dairy farm in Lawton, Michigan, after three tours in Vietnam with the Army.

In the fall of 1971, I met Jesus, my Lord and Savior, at a Navigator retreat. I shared the Gospel with Gordon. God worked in his heart and drew him to Jesus and into His eternal kingdom. I accepted Gordon’s marriage proposal and we married in April 1973. We have continued to work the six-generation dairy, crop, and grape farm with our family. Soon after marrying, we purchased a single engine Piper Cherokee and we both learned to fly. In 1977, I flew an Ole friend, Carol Jefferson, on a scientific flight around the lower peninsula of Michigan to determine the borders of wetlands with navigational waters.

We have five married children: Andrew (Abbey), a farmer and township treasurer; Aaron (Jennifer), a nurse with four children; Aric (Trisha), a Michigan state senator with one child; April (James), a missionary and teacher and mom to three; and Angel (Tom), a dairy farmer who homeschools their two boys.

We love to travel and have been from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We look forward to experiencing the south and Canada.

Age has taken a few bites out of me, with two knee replacements and an open-heart surgery for an aortic valve replacement (bovine) and two arterial bypasses.

I am extremely thankful to be a child of an awesome, ever-present God who has blessed me with a loving husband and family. Romans 10:9-13

*“Only one life will soon be passed, only what’s done for Christ will last.” - C. T. Studd*

## Kristin Kinney Hays



Major: Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Vocal Music (Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Choir), volunteer at Faribault State Hospital, and Big Brother/Big Sisters

Spouse: Gary Hays (married in 1971)

Children: Amy and Andrew

Grandchildren: Two grandsons, two granddaughters (one living)

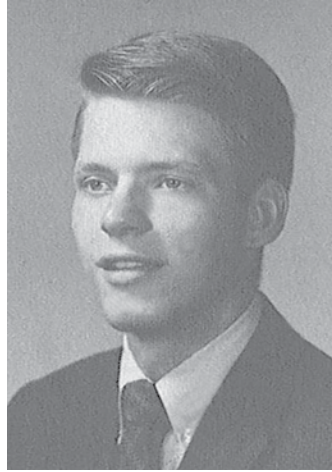
After graduation, I began the first of many jobs working with adults and children with a variety of special needs. This has been a consistent theme in my work life, up until my retirement from Hennepin County's Early Childhood unit a year ago. I have been fortunate enough in my work life to have made many friends in many places; I can honestly say I have loved all of my jobs.

I met my husband, Gary, when we both worked at Opportunity Workshop in Richfield. (Gary is not an Ole, but as a 1966 Edina HS graduate, he probably knows more people in the class of '70 than I do.) In pretty short order we got married and moved to Chisholm, MN to be houseparents for 10 boys with special needs, ages 7-16. We spent our early married years moving around a lot – from Chisholm to Redwood Falls, back to Minneapolis, then eight years in Boise, ID, and Portland, OR, finally moving back to Minnesota in 1989. Our kids made us promise not to move again until they graduated ... and although they graduated 25 years ago, we have stayed put. Now we are anchored here by our kids and grandkids, who all live in the metropolitan area. We spend much of our time attending the many games, meets, and concerts our grandchildren are involved in, and are currently anticipating the start of basketball season.

In retirement, we have enjoyed traveling overseas and within the US, and spending time with family and friends. I am still singing — currently in my church choir and various small groups. I am grateful to St. Olaf for lifelong friends, a first-class liberal arts education, and a stellar grounding in choral music.

## Roy Kjendal

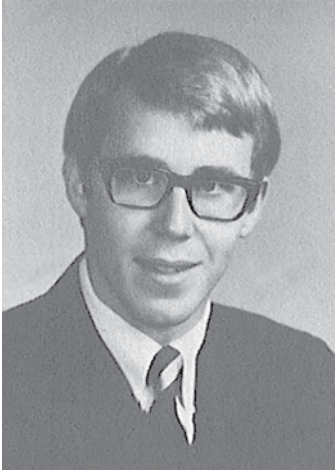
I married Sara Tuckerman (University of Connecticut '70) soon after graduation and proceeded to raise a family of three boys, David, Karl, and Benjamin, and one girl, Julie. My son Karl passed away in 2007 from an aggressive cancer. They in turn raised families and gave us 18 grandkids: five boys and 13 girls, so far. Two of my sons were Lutheran ministers, as is my son-in-law. They live in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Nebraska, so we get to travel often to see them.



After graduation we attended graduate school for my master's in physics and subsequently went on to the Air Force for three years as a meteorologist. After leaving the Air Force we tried another stint in graduate school but decided instead that it was time to find a position and earn a living. My employment took us around most of the country (but mostly in the northeast which we always seem to be drawn back to) and gave us all a great opportunity to live in various locations. I rose through the years from research engineer to vice president of engineering and a short stint as general manager of a manufacturing company.

I retired in 2011 and wish I had done it sooner. Sara has developed a love for gardening and is a New Hampshire Master Gardener. I enjoy long distance endurance motorcycling (both competitive and non-competitive) and find myself crisscrossing the country and Canada a few times a year. We have been in Deerfield, New Hampshire, for the last 20 years, and both of us enjoy working the property and seeing all the wildlife around us. Next year will be our 50th wedding anniversary, and we will be celebrating it by touring many of our country's national parks and visiting friends and family around the country, including a stop at St. Olaf.

## Gregory Klein



Retired January 2013 after a 28-year career with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. Married Susan in 1982.

One son, Kristopher, who graduated from Luther College in 2008. He obtained a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Iowa. Kristopher is married to an internal medicine physician, Amy, also a Luther graduate. She practices palliative

medicine in Tucson, Arizona, where Kristopher holds a joint appointment at the University of Arizona and the Lunar and Planetary Lab.

We have no grandchildren at present but do have grand cats. I have been blessed with relatively good health and a full head of hair. Susan and I travel often.

## Bruce Kleven

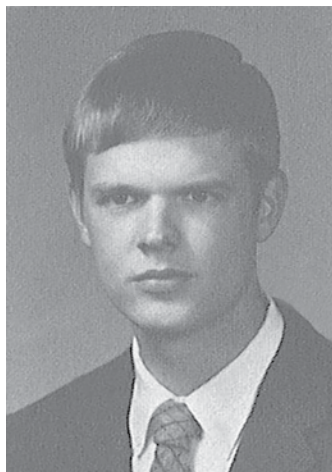
St. Olaf Major: History, University of Minnesota: MA in Geography

Wife: Maren Palmer Kleven '71

Children: Liv, Erik, Mark '04, Kirsten

Grandchildren: Sophia, Evan, Emma, Nora, Luke, Max, Leo, Chloe, and Kaia

I grew up in Minneapolis and Edina, the oldest of four children. I was surrounded by a loving family, including my grandparents



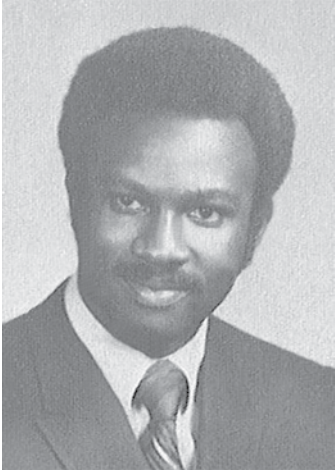
and extended family who lived in the area. Arriving at St. Olaf as a 17-year-old freshman was life-changing for me. My family was close and supportive, but I was free to make my own decisions. I fell in love with St. Olaf from the moment I arrived on campus, making new friends and having new experiences. The best thing that happened to me at St. Olaf was meeting my wife Maren in the Rølvaag Library in the spring of 1970. We married in the summer of 1972.

After graduate school, I taught social studies for a few years. I retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after having worked in flight data at the Minneapolis ARTCC for over 30 years. I was also a Navy Reserve Intelligence Officer for 26 years. Our unit was attached to the Fleet Intelligence Center in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Maren and I have been travel partners since we met. I have had a love for maps and geography since I was 10. This love became stronger as my family took several long road trips every year. We continued this tradition with our own kids. Since retirement, I have been on a quest to visit all 3,142 counties in the United States. I accomplished this on July 29, 2019, by visiting Sitka, Alaska. This life-long road has been long but worth it. Maren and I have seen all of America! We have also driven just about everywhere in Europe, including visits to relatives in Norway and Sweden where we continue connecting with our heritage. For the past 10 years, we have become cruisers and traveled the world.

We have lived in Burnsville, Minnesota, since 1976, and are lucky to have all of our children and grandchildren living in the Twin Cities.

## Josef Knott



St. Olaf Major: Music

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Choir

Spouse: Curt Bissonette

Born in Jamaica and raised in Liberia (where my parents were educators and missionaries), I came to St. Olaf after

receiving a bachelor's of science in the natural sciences (biology and chemistry) at Cuttington College (Liberia). Wow, was it an adjustment—snow, cold weather, a sea of Norwegian sweaters, blond hair. However, a welcoming and supportive community mitigated that adjustment, and in no time I found myself saying “uff-dah,” “um-yah yah,” and, oh yes, “Kristmenn Krossmenn.”

A transformative moment was when I made it into the St. Olaf Choir. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd get in, become tenor section leader, and sing the solo in Howell's “A Spotless Rose.” Singing under Kenneth Jennings and studying voice with Don Hoiness prepared me and gave me the confidence to be a musician.

After graduating from St. Olaf, I returned to Liberia for a few years and taught at Cuttington College. During my tenure I was knighted by the Government of the Republic of Liberia into the Order of the Star of Africa with the distinction of Chevalier. I returned to the United States for graduate studies at Indiana University-Bloomington and received a Master of Music and Doctorate of Music in conducting. I also participated in the Management Development Program (MDP) at Harvard University.

I enjoyed a fulfilling tenure as a professor and administrator at the following universities: Iowa State University, Kent State University, University of South Florida-Tampa, and The University of Arizona.

I am now retired and living in Tucson with my husband, Curt. Other than watching the cactus grow and enjoying the beautiful sunsets of the Sonoran desert, I serve on the boards of several civic and arts organizations as well as travel around the country adjudicating music festivals for WorldStrides Onstage.

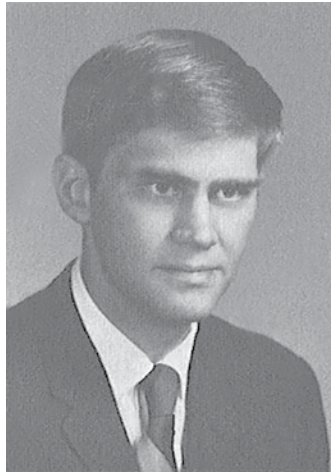
## Steve Knowles

St. Olaf Major: History, University of Wisconsin Law School: J.D. 1973

Spouse: Linda Knowles, Arizona State University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1977

Children: Tim, James, and Courtney

Grandkids: One teenage girl and two boys, one two and a half and the other nine months.



I met Linda in Madison, Wisconsin, when I was a law student and she was an undergraduate. We got married in 1972. After my graduation from law school, we moved to Arizona, where I served as a captain in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department. Linda attended Arizona State University, where she earned her nursing degree. While we enjoyed Arizona, we moved back to Wisconsin in 1977 to be close to our families. I entered private practice with a law firm in Milwaukee, and Linda and I settled in Whitefish Bay, where we raised our children and lived until moving to the town of Grafton in 2013.

My law practice initially focused on litigation, health care, and management-side employment law. In the 1990s, I transitioned to employment law. I represented a broad range of private companies and other organizations in the defense of employment-related claims in Wisconsin and nine other states. I also drafted numerous contracts, policies, and other documents, and counseled managers on compliance with the laws and regulations affecting the employment relationship.

Representing religious organizations was an important part of my practice. I was a charter member of the ELCA Attorneys Association and served as outside counsel for personnel matters to the ELCA Churchwide organization. I also handled corporate, personnel, and First Amendment cases for ELCA synods and congregations as well as non-ELCA congregations.

While I loved practicing law, I was happy to become "of counsel" to my firm (i.e., retired) in 2018 after having worked as a lawyer for 45 years. I now have less stress and more time for volunteering, reading, and visiting our children and grandchildren in Omaha, Denver, and Seattle. Linda and I will celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary this year, and I am grateful for the many blessings we have experienced in our life together.

## Janet Kringen Thompson



Husband: Terrie Thompson '68

Children: Siri and Nathan '03

Grandchildren: Addison and Charlotte

How can I write this piece without having it sound like a cheesy Christmas letter or an obituary??

Overall, my professional and volunteer careers have focused on education and the church. From teaching GIs who were high school dropouts seeking to earn a high school diploma, to developing educational materials for an educational publishing company, to working at St. Olaf, the liberal arts degree sustained me very well. My church work encompassed being on the ELCA National Youth Gathering staff, serving on a synod staff, and elected positions on councils and committees from my own congregation to the national church.

Shortly after graduation, Terrie and I flew to Germany where he was stationed. We lived in Würzburg and then a small town on the Romantic Road in the Tauber Valley. Our apartment was a handy stopover for friends, family, and of course a few Oles. The four years there were idyllic! We had lots of vacation time; living and traveling was cheap.

Returning to the U.S., we finally landed in Eagan, Minnesota, where we've lived for 38 years. The house, a large lot with woods at the back, and the location has suited us well. Here we've raised our family — two children who both live in the Twin Cities area now. We've spent time at my parents' cabin on a small, edge-of-the-wilderness lake in northern Minnesota.

Terrie and I relish learning, exploration, and new adventures. When our younger child headed off to college, we began our first-ever ventures into tent camping. Autumn found us hiking and camping in one of the beautiful national parks in the western part of the country.

In retirement, we took on gardening, more travel, extra time with our beloved grandchildren, and tender care for my parents in Northfield. We joined a congregation that is very active, and have found renewed energy to work on racial justice and immigration.

My life has had joys and sorrows. But every day I give thanks for all the blessings that have come my way.



## Judy Lane Ganz

I will always have fond memories of my time at St. Olaf, including the times when my nursing studies took me off campus. We not only learned excellent skills for our profession, but learned skills for dealing with the complexities of life in general, including the sit-ins and voices raised against the Vietnam War.

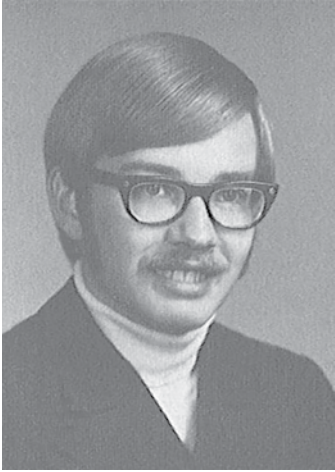
After graduation, I married my first husband and worked in labor and delivery



at Yale- New Haven Hospital. We then moved to Nicaragua, serving the Moravian Church there. Son Michael was born in New Haven, Matthew in Bilwaskarma, and daughter, Melissa, in Managua. We left during the Sandinista Revolution. We then served a church in Easton, PA, where I worked in intensive care and helped with ESL training for the Latino population. After our return to Wisconsin, I went on to get my M.S.N. as an adult nurse practitioner at UW-Madison, ending up working with the geriatric population.

After my kids were through school, I finally followed an earlier sense of call to ordained ministry in the Moravian Church. I was grateful that during seminary I met and married Charlie Ganz, who has been a tremendous friend and support in ministry. We served a wonderful congregation in Edmonton, AB, Canada for three years, and then I became the executive director for the Moravian Board of World Missions. It brought me many opportunities to visit our global partners and promote ways that we could help our partners achieve self-reliance. I retired from that position at the end of 2017, moving back to Minnesota. I found that I don't do retirement well, so for seven months in 2018 I served part-time at a congregation in Wisconsin Rapids, and this year I have begun a very part-time interim with a Methodist Church in Minnesota. Between us, Charlie and I have the joy of five children and 12 grandchildren. In my spare time, I love to quilt and play handbells. I hope now to have more time to be with family, pursue issues related to immigration and the environment, and write a book on concepts of self-reliance in mission.

## Dwight Larsen



Life is a journey with many side trips!  
walked onto the Hill planning to be a  
science major, but left with a Theatre major  
– Bravo, Liberal Arts!

Maybe because the Hill was alive with  
the sound of music and not the one that  
featured Sharon Moe and Lyn Nickerson.

I hit a few brick walls trying to get to  
Steensland and though I never made it into

Ole Choir, sitting on the Steensland steps many nights to have dinner with those who did become a nice side trip. Friendships to keep on the journey would become important roads.

The journey continued through the theatre department at the U of M –Uphill and down, around this corner and that – A side trip for a ride on *A Streetcar Named Desire* was a fun challenge and included a weekend with Tennessee Williams – Oh Boy!

When the signposts led to retirement, and it finally came, I was able to put down my scissors and hammer with pride – But where do I go now?

Rock and Roll! who'd have known? Alive and Kickin', the Twin Cities Premier Senior Rock Ensemble has enveloped my body, mind and soul. I finally had my answer to Steensland – at least until a big billboard flashed the Big C. and a big detour for doctors, hospitals, test results and waiting, a big halt to my plans.

But then from past and present have come those I have had with me through all the steps and byways – Sharon, Kristin, Patsy, Andrea, Ethel, Gary, Dallas and more – to rouse me, keep me straight, help me through this mess. Friends are the paving stones that move us along and make sure the road is clear –step by step – day by day.

## James Larsen

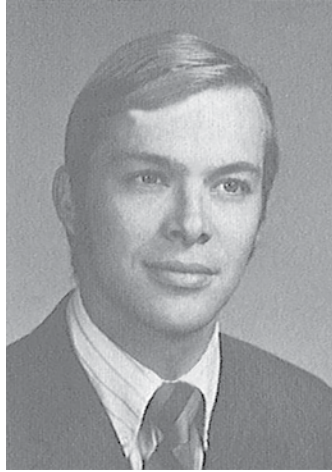
St. Olaf Major: Political Science and History

St. Olaf Activities: Spending time with friends, wandering the library, trips to Dundas

Spouse: Judy Davidson, Iowa State University '70

Children: Nathan, Tara, Nicholas

Grandchildren: Four granddaughters and two grandsons



My best memories of St. Olaf are my freshman year in Ytterboe and the friends that I made during my four years at St. Olaf. They were influential in my life and I think fondly of them all!

After college, Judy and I spent two and a half years in the Peace Corps in Liberia, West Africa. This was a defining experience for us that informed our choices going forward. When we came back, we settled in our hometown, Swea City, Iowa. I took over the family grain farm and farmed for 25 years. We raised our three children there.

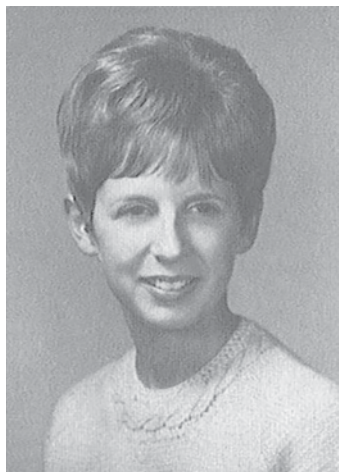
In 2002, I left farming and moved to St Paul, Minnesota. I went back to graduate school at the Hazelden Graduate School and received a master's in addiction studies. I worked at the Fairview Health System as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor until retiring in 2013.

Judy and I enjoy traveling, another result of our time in the Peace Corps! We have traveled extensively overseas and in the United States, especially the national parks. You'll also find us traveling cross-country to visit our children and grandchildren. Our sons and families live in New York City and our daughter and family live in Portland, Oregon.

Since retiring, I've been volunteering twice a week at Habitat for Humanity. I enjoy reading and puttering around in my yard.

I've been blessed with a loving wife and family and good health. I am grateful for my life's journey!

## Linnea Larsen Krahn



St. Olaf Major: Music Education, Voice

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Choir, Faribault State Hospital, Sunday School Teacher

Spouse: David Krahn '67

Children: Peter '96 , Gretchen '98

Grandkids: August (16), Cora (13), Norah (15), Cole (13).

After graduation I worked in Downers Grove, Illinois, teaching grades one to six at two elementary schools. Dave and I were engaged in September of 1970 and married the following June. While Dave was in graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin, I taught elementary music in four schools in the Middleton, Wisconsin, school district just north of Madison.

We enjoyed our years in Madison. Dave was busy with classes and lab work, I had my teaching, found a voice teacher, joined the Bethel Lutheran Church choir where Ruth Dimick '70 was also a member, and sang in a Baroque chorus. Five years later, we packed up our belongings and two-year old son, Peter, and drove to Newark, Delaware, where Dave had accepted a job with DuPont as a toxicologist. Not quite three months later our daughter Gretchen was born. As the kids grew older, I returned to teaching part time – first as a kindergarten aide, and then as a part-time early childhood, first grade, and second grade music teacher.

In 2002 we moved to Woodbury, Minnesota, where Dave had accepted a job with 3M. Leaving our daughter and her family, we moved about 20 minutes from our son, Peter, and his family. We travel to near Philadelphia to visit our daughter and her family a few times each year.

Downsizing two years ago brought us to Mendota Heights, Minnesota. We both are engaged in volunteer opportunities dealing with under-employment and lack of employment and various food-related ministries as well as church committees. We enjoy attending various musical venues as well as theater productions, participating in a couple's book group, biking with friends, and attending activities of our grandchildren. We have enjoyed traveling with a number of St. Olaf alumni travel groups and look forward to more adventures. Life is full and joyful!

## Nancy Larsen

St. Olaf Major: English, University of Minnesota: Master's in Library Science, 1973

St. Olaf Activities: Women's Chorus, Manitou Messenger

Spouse: None

Children: None



What I remember about St. Olaf is the kind of people I met and the excellent quality of the teaching. There was a rich smorgasbord of theology, philosophy, and literature that I treasure to this day and continue to draw upon.

My career after St. Olaf was heavily influenced by my mental health. I developed schizophrenia in early 1971, and I was diagnosed in 1979. Nevertheless, I started in 1973 as head of the children's library at Southdale Library. I continued as a children's librarian until 1978, in a field that I loved. I was in and out of clerical positions for the next couple of decades. In 2002, I was hired in what became the field of health information management for Fraser, a non-profit that treats children on the autism spectrum and children with emotional difficulties. If any child you know suffers from these disorders, I cannot recommend Fraser highly enough. I retired in 2018.

My primary community for the past 31 years has been my church. The members there have been my lifeline and a major factor in my recovery. I am active as a volunteer. I sing in the choir, sit on the church council, serve at the weekly community meal and volunteer for the fund raisers. I am also an officer on the residents' board of the housing coop where I live. I am in a couple of book groups because reading has been a lifelong interest. I like to schedule weekly walks around my neighborhood.

There is no cure for schizophrenia, but it is treatable with medication, talk therapy, and loving community support.

## Julie Larson Yoemans



St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: Student Government, Ski Club

Spouse: Ken Czisny (1977–2000); Tom Yoemans (2010–present)

Stepchildren: Chris and Molly

Grandchildren: five granddaughters and two grandsons

I grew up in Renville, a small town in west central Minnesota. Life was uncomplicated and the values were virtuous, until they weren't, but I had good role models and loved our strong community. I was also so ready to explore new opportunities at St. Olaf. It was a liberating experience.

After college, I attended the University of Illinois and received my master's in library science. My first job was as an education librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where I met my first husband Ken. My work involved a little bit of everything, as I worked in a small departmental library. I supervised students, cataloged, and taught education students how to research topics. I enjoyed it so much that I thought, "why don't I get a master's in education?" So, I did — over five years. Ken and I eventually moved to Philadelphia where I worked at Villanova University, and then on to Los Angeles where I worked at UCLA and Pepperdine University. We always wanted to move back to the Midwest, however, and eventually Ken got a job at Mayo in Rochester. We had a new grandchild in the Minneapolis area and she, especially, tugged at our hearts. Soon after we moved to Rochester, Ken died. I have tremendous respect for the Mayo Clinic. We were blessed to be there.

In 2003 I moved to Eden Prairie, Minnesota, so that I could be closer to my family. Son, Chris, and daughter-in-law, Heidi, had two girls, and I lived close enough to be part of their lives. Daughter, Molly, and her husband lived in Milwaukee and had a son, Jack. What fun it's been to live closer to my family and watch my grandchildren grow.

In 2009, I met my current husband, Tom. He has three children and four grandchildren, so we're kept busy trying to keep up with family and our grandchildren. I also enjoy volunteering and traveling. Life is good.

## Arden “Jim” Lee

A week after she graduated from St. Olaf, Ann Hedin '71 and I were married in Two Harbors, Minnesota. She taught for three years and then joined me in graduate study at the University of Wisconsin. In 1975, we moved to the East Coast and have been there ever since. After 40-plus years in the Boston area, we moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, in 2017. Our daughter, Sonja '99, and family moved down a year ago and live



nearby in Williamsburg. She is a data analytics manager with Virginia Medicaid in Richmond; her husband is a special education teacher. Tyler, our adorable grandson, is nearly five. Our son, Peter, has been in the area for more than 10 years. He manages an IT support group at Langley Air Force Base and lives in Yorktown.

I have a doctorate in economics from the University of Wisconsin and have published extensively in peer-reviewed literature. I've worked in the healthcare field for nearly 40 years. I am former Vice President of Health Economics Research. I have also worked for Arthur D. Little, Abt Associates, a Blue Cross & Blue Shield plan, and as Deputy Director of the Maine State Planning Office. I was hired by the University of Massachusetts Lowell at the Associate Professor level in 2005 and subsequently received tenure in 2011. I directed the university's Health Informatics and Management graduate program.

We are enjoying retirement and are especially glad to have the family together again. Ann is a talented fabric artist. She has a studio over the garage and is working to show and sell her art. I am currently writing a blog focused on how the Affordable Care Act can be used as a foundation for getting to universal healthcare. After 11 years in a condo, I am enjoying yard work again. I am also thrilled to have a Kamado grill on the back patio. If you like wood fired pizza, you must get one. Ann and I go to a water fitness class three times a week. We also enjoy walking, bicycling, and occasional kayaking (but no more skiing).

## Dawn Lehman



St. Olaf Major: Music

St. Olaf is where my mom, dad, sisters, brother, and several aunts and cousins attended college, so it is not surprising that I ended up on the Hill in the fall of 1966. Freshman year was a blur for me due to my staying up too late trying to study and figure out how to cope with college life. I

do remember my kind first nighter date John Stockbridge and my lovely freshman roommate Coral Brademeyer. I also remember my beloved piano teachers Ann Surace and Maggie Birkeland, who gave me so much encouragement and inspiration throughout my four years.

After St. Olaf I went on to receive master's degrees in music and radio and television at Indiana University. I briefly made a living as a musician and performer with the Minneapolis Children's Theatre, thanks to classmate Jean Lange's connections. Deciding I needed a more lucrative monetary career, I moved to Denver, went back for my MBA in Finance, and worked for 18 years as a financial manager and VP in the radio industry. I then moved into the training field, working with Dale Carnegie and Skillpath companies, traveling around the country as a communication and human relations trainer.

I have now come full circle and am working again as a musician and performer. My partner Steve (also my life partner) and I perform music from Broadway musicals of the 40s-70s. I am able to use and develop my writing, singing, acting and piano skills, and I love it. It is the most satisfying career I've had to date.

I am still curious about this mysterious universe we live in. My latest favorite quote is:

*"You are the universe expressing itself as a unique human being for a brief interlude of time."*

I wish all my 1970 classmates well, those who are on this side of life and those on the other side. May we all look forward to perfect peace and contentment.



## Jane Leland Iverson

I majored in music at St. Olaf with an emphasis in piano performance and flute. While on campus, I played in the St. Olaf Concert Band for four years and sang with Alice Larsen in Manitou Singers my freshman year. I received outstanding tutelage from so many professors, especially Margaret (Maggie) Birkeland, David Wee, and Miles Johnson. My St. Olaf education prepared me for advanced study at the University of Minnesota at Mankato (M.A.T.), and the University of Northern Colorado (D.A.).



My early music training also helped make possible a 50-year career as a church organist and choir director. I am still fortunate to be serving at my church, Ascension Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, where I have worked since 1978. I was music coordinator for Laramie County Community College for nine years. I also founded The Cheyenne Chamber Singers and was their director for 20 years. The group is still active and well regarded today.

I have one son, Nathan Potter, three stepchildren, Valerie, Scott and David Iverson, and three granddaughters. I am fortunate that my son and his family live in Laramie, only 23 miles from my home.

My late husband, Donald G. Iverson, attended St. Olaf for one year before transferring to the University of Colorado pre-med program. I met this wonderful man at Ascension Lutheran in Cheyenne and we had 39 years of wedded happiness together.

Being a St. Olaf grad has opened many doors for me. I will always be grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this college. I have told many people the “no one graduates from St. Olaf without being able to read, write (remember those freshman themes that were due every Wednesday morning?), and think.” THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE. Daily chapel helped instill in us moral character and a solid grounding to go forth into the world. THIS IS ALSO MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!

## Mary Lien



It's a long and winding road ... changes of direction, detours and unplanned adventures.

Chemistry was my major at St. Olaf, and the University of Minnesota Agricultural Engineering Department provided my first job. Soon I moved to Dubuque, Iowa, and was involved in a medical technology program training for hospital labs. I worked

for Stauffer Chemical in Rochester, Minnesota, for 10 years. Returning to school, I got my Ph.D. in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1991. I worked for a biomedical company in St. Paul for several years ending up as the director of research and development.

Along the way, I have taught high school physics and ridden as a Southwest Ranger escorting funeral processions on police motorcycles (lights and sirens, oh my!), or as the Brits would say, "twos and blues." It's harder than you think. Once we lost the hearse.

The main passion of my life has been sailing ever since a classmate at St. Olaf took me out on her boat in Clear Lake, Iowa, in 1968 and gave me the tiller. Oh, that powerful Viking blood.

I have taught water safety for the American Red Cross at Lake Pepin and crew training courses at the Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) for many years. While at WYC, I also served on the board of directors for six years and helped send our first team to the International Women's Rolex event in Newport, Rhode Island. I have owned three increasingly larger boats and been involved in teaching and sailboat racing.

I have sailed the Chesapeake Bay, San Francisco Bay, British Virgin Islands, Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. I have been on racing teams at Lake Pepin, St. Croix, Bayfield, Duluth and Wayzata.

In the country outside of Tucson, Arizona, I am enjoying the abundance of sun and absence of snow but a dearth of water. Sitting on my work desk are a song, a short story and a children's book.

## Larry Lind

St. Olaf Major: Political Science

Spouse: Helen Ordway

Children: Joseph, James, Barbara

Grandchildren: Anson and Juliette



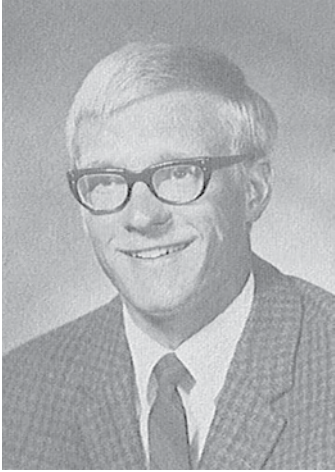
After graduation, I worked as a manager at Holiday Station Stores. I then moved on to production control supervisor at Sheldahl

in Northfield for 13 years. After that I did the same work at Sperry Corporation (Lockheed Corp). I was at the Shepard Road plant for 13 years until it merged with Martin Marietta to form Lockheed Martin. After the closure of the St. Paul plant, I managed the print shop/copy center for the South St. Paul School District. In 2008 I joined my wife (a teacher) in retirement. Just prior to my retirement I started doing some screen printing. I do simple jobs like family reunion shirts and school practice jerseys. Fun stuff in retirement!

After retirement, Helen and I have tried to spend a couple of months in the winter either touring the southwest or southeast (we alternate the areas every year). We are both active at our church, House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Oakdale, Minnesota. We are members of the choir, council, chair the Community Christmas Breakfast (a fund-raiser for Africa), and help organize the Fall Festival. I have been on two mission trips to Iringa in Tanzania. These were eye-opening yet fascinating experiences.

Helen and I have been married 45 years. We have lived in the same home for 44 years. It has a large yard (getting to be too large now) and plenty of room for the three kids. Two of the kids are in the computer field and one in human resources. The grandkids are in elementary and middle school. We can never spend enough time with them!

## William “Bill” Lindberg



After graduating, I worked as a taxi driver for the Yellow Taxi Company of Minneapolis. It was a lesson in humility and adventure as I learned to navigate my way around the city.

I began law school in the fall of 1970 and was married in 1972. We had three children and were together for twelve years but then went our separate ways. After being single for about seven years, I met and married

Connie Stephens and we have been together for 29 years, sharing our life journey.

I had three primary careers: practicing law, working in legal publishing, and then launching an executive coaching practice in 1998, as The Ash Grove Group. I am the parent of three adult children, Daniel, Peder, and Anna, and the grandparent of seven grandchildren: Lilia, Lucia, Will, Arlo, Thomas, Lorelai and Luna.

There have been many highs, and some lows, along the way. I lived on the central coast of California for eight years and returned to Minnesota in 2012. An encounter with stage four malignant melanoma occurred in 2009. Excellent medical care and a supportive community helped pull me through.

My purpose is: “to live, God willing, with a glint in my eye, a song in my heart, fire in my belly and peace in my soul.” I have been a long-time Rotarian as well as a Prairie Home Companion fan. At a charity fundraiser, I was the winning bidder of a customized triple limerick by Garrison Keillor. Based on a seven- minute interview, perhaps this is as good a synopsis of the past 50 years as any:

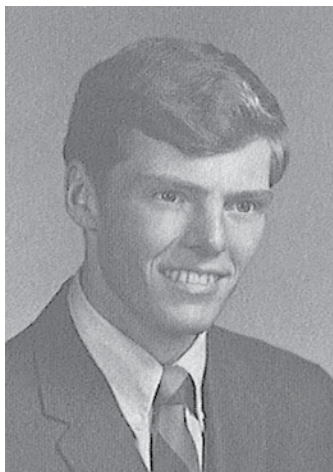
A 6’ 4 Ole named Bill,  
A Grand Rapids boy then and still,  
Eight years Santa Barbaran, enjoying the harbor,  
And then missed the land of wind chill.

A citizen of Wobegon he,  
Is devoted to God and to Connie,  
Daniel and Peder and Anna and Theatre  
And folk music, hey noney noney.

Here’s to a valiant man,  
and to his latest PET scan,  
Hurray, hallelujah and a big shalom to 'ya,  
And all of the Lindberg clan.

## Robert Ljungquist

I came to St. Olaf after two years at my home state university, hoping to widen my horizons and find an improved academic environment. Without visiting or knowing anyone in Northfield, I applied to St. Olaf. What I found more than fulfilled my hopes for a new school: the campus, the quality of the teaching, Mohn Hall, the new gym — they were all improvements. But what really mattered was not as easy to quantify. I felt that from Professor Rand on down, St. Olaf was there for the students' highest good. Even the food was a (vast) improvement. Remember Mr. Simeone?



It was a time when *in loco parentis* was dying, old ties to the church were problematic, the country's racial and Vietnam atrocities demanded a response, and St. Olaf seemed, to me, to be aware and willing to take — not radical nor reactionary — steps about these issues. There was a great lesson to be learned about what to accept and what to resist. I left St. Olaf feeling proud of the administration. Although I dropped *comparative anatomy* after receiving an 18% on the midterm, I did go on to medical school, and found that human anatomy wasn't as baffling as that of the necturus. After Northwestern, I went to Hartford, CT for my internship, where I met my wife. Our three kids all wound up in the Ivy League: Karin '02 to Dartmouth, Karl '03 to Brown, and Eric '06 to UPenn. After a few years at a pediatric anesthesia fellowship at Yale, and a brief stint at Minneapolis Children's Hospital, I have returned to Connecticut (and Yale) for the rest of my career.

Currently the kids are in Portland, Los Angeles, and Manhattan. There are two grandchildren, who are potential Oles, but the older is only 14 months, so don't look for them anytime soon.

And if any of my classmates remember someone heading off to his night job at the Schjeldahl Co., or parking his Yamaha behind Mohn Hall, that was me. I'm still on the bikes and enjoying them more than ever!

## Patricia Loe Larson



St. Olaf Major: English Education, Master's of Science and Specialist Degrees in Library Media Education

After leaving St. Olaf, I hitchhiked around Europe for a couple of months with a friend, Veronica Daly, a fellow St. Olaf classmate. When I returned to Minnesota

in the fall, I began my career in education. For 10 years I taught English and language arts and then spent another thirty years in library media education. I took off 10 years to work with my husband Dallas raising, training and showing quarter horses.

Currently I live in Lakeville, Minnesota, where I taught junior high and middle school for twenty-seven years. I retired in the spring of 2016 and since then have continued my interest in the outdoors, reading, photography, pets and family. I am happy to have followed my dad, who graduated in 1925, to St. Olaf. Since then my brother, nieces, nephews and other family have carried on the traditions of St. Olaf.

## Barbara Lund Strandemo

St. Olaf Major: Nursing  
Spouse: Gary Strandemo  
Children: Rosa and Ana

As I look back at our four years at St Olaf, I realize what a fine launching pad it was. It gave me a great education, a satisfying career in nursing, and lifelong precious friendships. Because we nurses lived off



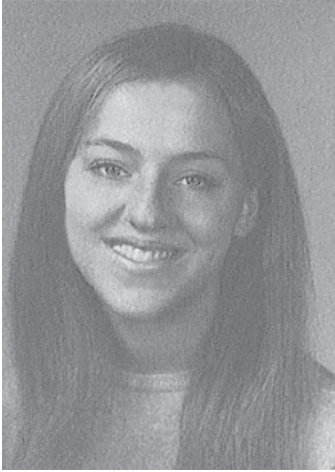
campus for a year and a half, I had the chance meeting of Gary Strandemo, who has been my beloved husband and the love of my life for almost 50 years.

Gary and I got married in 1971. We lived in San Jose, California; Cass Lake, Minnesota; and Minneapolis, where I went to graduate school. We landed in St. Cloud, where we've been ever since. I worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner for 35 years. It was a privilege to do primary care for children from birth to adolescence.

We raised two beautiful daughters, Rosa and Ana, and I have loved being their mom. Our kids were adopted from Guatemala, a country we have visited many times and for which we have a deep affection. Our world was rocked apart when, at age 15, Ana developed lupus and kidney disease, which ultimately caused her death at age 29. I can't begin to describe how devastating it was for our smart, artistic, and gifted daughter and us to have to live and cope with this cruel and aggressive disease. We carry the spirit of Ana with us always

Gary and I are now retired. We have had some fascinating and adventurous travel together and relish learning about the wide world around us. I am active in the community here in St. Cloud, love to read, garden, walk, Nordic ski, and have good conversations. I am now the proud owner of an e-bike so I can keep up with Gary. We spend a lot of our time in the Twin Cities where we have a condo and our daughter Rosa and many friends and family members live. I find these days that I can't shake my deep concern about the environment in our divided country. Going forward, I intend to remain politically active and curious, have an open grateful heart, and nurture the relationships with those I love.

## Teresa Lungstrom Richardson



I was a music education major at St. Olaf, with organ as my principal performing medium. This meant a lot of hours of organ practice, either in the top floor of Christiansen Hall of Music, or up in the balcony of Boe Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Theo Wee was my organ instructor during all four years, and was probably the main influence on my life while at St. Olaf. Looking back, she wasn't all that

much older than I was, but she was raising two little girls with her husband, A. Dewayne Wee (also a musician and teacher at St. Olaf), and had a wealth of experience and skill in classical and church music. Thank you, Mrs. Wee!

I sang in the Chapel Choir and absolutely loved it, though vocal has never been my strong suit. Thank you, Robert Scholz!

Little did I suspect I would be headed to remote Alaska after earning a B.A. in music. My husband, Steve Richardson, had been a classmate of mine in New London, MN, and had proposed during our junior year of college. He actually proposed the first time when we were third graders, and I had accepted! It was a bit more official in the fall of 1968 when I said "yes" for the second time! We were married after he graduated from Buena Vista College in Iowa in 1970. His parents had moved from New London to Alaska while we were college students, so we had applied for teaching jobs in that state, thinking it might be a fun adventure! That adventure lasted 43 years, and we lived in Nome, Ft. Yukon, Eagle River, Anchorage, and the longest in Valdez, AK. Our three children were born in Alaska, but after their college years, they all settled in Oregon, where we presently live. We have six grandchildren.

I taught elementary music for a short while, private piano lessons for a longer while, and eventually worked in school libraries in Valdez for 15 years, which was my favorite job ever!

Our lives are a testament of God's love and mercy, that's for sure!



## Barbara Lyon Bennett

Immediately after graduating from St. Olaf, I spent the summer as a canoe guide for high school students. Our base camp was at the end of the Gunflint Trail in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota, and I was inspired by being in the midst of wild forests and lakes. To be honest, I was less inspired by the students, though I did learn lots from them.

I should have seen the writing on the wall.



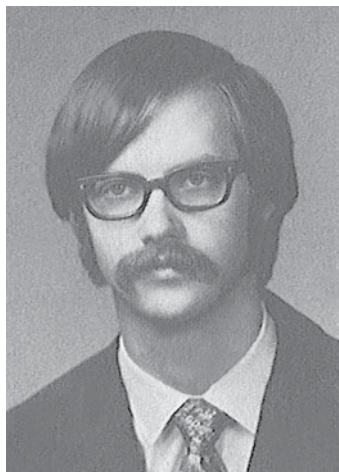
After 20 years as a social worker (among the first to investigate child abuse in the state of Virginia), and 15 years designing adult education programs (for the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech), I have finally landed in my favorite “career” as a volunteer working on local environmental policy and outreach. This encore career sets me loose to dig deeply in my lifelong avocation of exploring and sharing the natural world.

In order to translate my skills and add needed knowledge, I took an early retirement and went to graduate school in marine policy (studying with students much smarter and at least a generation younger than me). Graduation from the school of marine affairs at the University of Washington is one of my proudest accomplishments.

I am amazed and pleased to now live on Whidbey Island in the midst of Puget Sound where I see storms, mountains, and forests from my deck. I am a member of the Island County Marine Resources Committee, and do outreach for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research team focused on ocean acidification.

Integrating myself into a new community has taken time, but I now enjoy being a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation where I sing in the choir. I also sketch and paint with Whidbey Sketchers, steadily develop my birding skills, and attempt to learn the ukulele. My high school beau and I were married and lived in Virginia for 30+ years. We have now taken separate paths, but I am grateful for the occasional contact we still have.

## Arden Mahlberg



After college, I was drafted as a conscientious objector and did alternative service with a street ministry program in Minneapolis. Unbelievably luckily, I scored a paid position working against the war and the draft. I became a trainer in nonviolent strategy and tactics for social change, worked for a state legislator and wrote successful prisoners' rights legislation. I also did in-prison organizing to help

inmates stand up for their rights more effectively and without resorting to violence.

Then I decided to apply nonviolent strategies to help individuals change. I got a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and became the founding director of a psychotherapist co-op in Madison, Wisconsin, from which I am now retired. My practice integrated psychotherapy with spirituality and was devoted to helping people learn the skills and have the courage to live their core values more deeply and consistently in all parts of their lives. My philosophy education at St. Olaf was a valuable resource, as was my training in nonviolence. This work was deeply gratifying. I also had the opportunity to do some research and professional writing, including research for which I received an international award for my test of a new theory of collective memory.

My wife Linda is retired from a richly diverse career in nursing. Our son Nathaniel is in his element as a UCC minister. He is married to Rachel, a professional activist and writer. They have a four-year-old daughter, Alma. Our daughter Nora and her husband Todd are passionate public interest lawyers. While at St. Olaf I played string bass; I now play timpani in a concert band and drum set in two jazz groups, where I also do some writing and arranging. To quote Joe Walsh, life's been good to me so far!

## D'Arlyn "Dee" Marks

Once, 50 years ago, we regularly scuttled across frozen sidewalks to classes, rehearsals, labs, and bountiful meals in the old Caf. Now, I just remember the warmth: midnight dorm talks with friends, some at the old Tofte House on Lincoln Avenue, plus late night work at the Manitou Messenger, and reading — and talking — in the library carrels. Now, I'm happy to get to bed early.

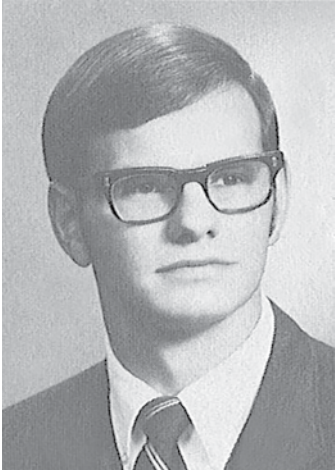


I majored in English literature and would do it again, though I guess I would be more practical and specialize in another field. I did go back to grad school at UW-Madison to get a practical M.A. in arts administration. I've carved out a checkered career in book and magazine editing, writing, tutoring, PR, and arts marketing and management. Of course, raising two daughters, Annika and Ingrid, the former who graduated as an Ole in 2007, was every bit as satisfying — though it was hard to juggle career aspirations with parenting. I lament that the feminist fight we took on in the 1960s is still here in a new form for our sons and daughters in 2020.

Many of our professors are long retired or passed away, and I wish I'd gotten to know them better as people, not just as revered academics. My 1969 semester in Cambridge, England taught me to know our tutors both in and out of an academic setting. That semester also allowed me to hitchhike and bus around Great Britain with classmates during April break. We encountered snowstorms in Scotland and barefoot beaches in Cornwall.

After 38 years in Minneapolis, my husband, Bruce Jones, retired, and now we enjoy caring for our two-year-old grandson two days a week in Austin, Texas. Grandparenting is so easy, the second time around, when you don't take everything so personally! I've had time for volunteering at our sanctuary church (housing a Guatemalan family), joining neighborhood book groups, getting back to England two years ago, and digging into ancestry: my Norwegian forbearers are (almost) all named Lars or Ingeborg.

## Lawrence “Larry” Martin



St. Olaf Major: Biology

University of Minnesota Medical School '74

Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Psychiatry '78

Spouse: Lois Arneson

Children: Amanda, Nora, and Abigail

Pretty much a “local yokel,” I grew up just down the road in Rochester, MN, with a physician father and piano teacher mother. For those who knew me at St. Olaf, it may be hard to believe that I was an even bigger nerd in childhood than when I came to the Hill. I take pride in being a true “minority student,” having not a drop of Norwegian blood, nor having any relatives who attended St. Olaf. My years at St. Olaf were not always happy ones, which was not the responsibility of the school, but rather a difficult but necessary period of self-discovery. Survival and growth were provided by a few great friends (thank you Bruce and Pat!), an evolving faith, and occasional escapes to upper level English courses from the sciences. I will always value the experiences at St. Olaf that helped me learn how to think rather than what to think.

Life changing experiences really occurred during my residency at Mayo when I was required to take a rotation in psychiatry. “Aunty Em I’m home!” The other life changing experience was meeting Lois Arneson, a smart, honest, hard-headed, and attractive nurse who was escaping from expectations that a girl raised on a farm should marry a farmer. That was 45 years, three daughters, five jobs, and five grandchildren ago. Professionally, I joined the Adult Psychiatry Department at Mayo in Rochester and served as head of the Intensive Psychotherapy Center, head of the Section of Community Psychiatry, co-developed the Nursing Home Psychiatry Consultation Service, authored *The Nursing Home Decision* for families, and was twice named “Teacher of the Year” by the psychiatry residents. I left Mayo at age 55. I subsequently opened a solo private practice and am now doing some teaching at the new Mayo Medical School in Scottsdale. Retirement is not a goal. Why leave something that is intellectually challenging and emotionally gratifying?

## Pam Massie Aaltonen

Major: Nursing

Activities: Volunteer leader, Girl Scout troop; President, Twin Cities Nursing Student Organization

Spouse: Elinor T. Aaltonen

Children: Eric (interventional radiologist at NYU, fiancé Meredith McDermott is also an interventional radiologist at NYU), Kristen (high school science teacher in Milwaukee, spouse is a college women's soccer coach)

Grandchildren: 1 (November 2019)

An experience my junior year in St. Olaf's nursing program set the course for my career in public health. Eager to learn about their infant, the leader of Minneapolis's Hell's Angels Motorcycle Gang and his pregnant girlfriend taught me an important lesson about not making assumptions. I walked away with the heady knowledge that when people are approached in their own environments, opportunities expand.

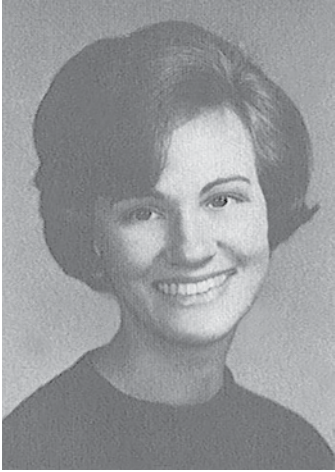
I worked as a Minnesota State Health Department migrant health nurse, served as a PHN at the Tulsa County Health Department, returned home to Illinois as Urbana-Champaign's Health Department's nursing director, and then moved to Indiana. On Purdue University's nursing faculty, I had administrative responsibilities, taught an interdisciplinary graduate course, went on an annual trek with PHN students to the Navajo Nation, and guided graduate students, collaborating with our four FQHC clinics. In my work, I have particularly enjoyed exposing others to careers in public health, including mentoring students and young professionals.

I was fortunate to have great teachers and mentors, and was awarded the campus's undergraduate teaching award and was listed in Purdue's Book of Great Teachers. My colleagues honored me with the Hulman Life Time Achievement in Public Health Award that I accepted on behalf of the many collaborators I have had over the years. In public health, one never is a solo operator. Now retired, I continue to serve as a faculty advisor to Mortar Board and sit on graduate student committees.

My engagement at the state and national level in public health culminated when I served as president of the American Public Health Association in 2019, where I traveled across the country to talk with public health professionals at state conferences. My passion for public health has never waned since it was first ignited as a St. Olaf nursing student.



## Candace “Candy” McKanna



You knew me as Candy, majoring in math with a switch to biology in our senior year. One of my best memories is of early morning walks through pure white snow (to work in the cafeteria).

In 1970, University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School was an unpleasant environment for women. Fortunately, I soon met my best friend and future husband. We've had a wonderful life

together. A threat of Multiple Sclerosis did not materialize. However, it led me to a psychiatry residency where I had more control over my life. My private psychiatric practice served me well through a successful career of which I am proud.

We had fun raising three Shelties over 35 years; one beautiful, one smart, and our favorite, the naughty one. I volunteer for SHIP, assisting Medicare recipients to choose their health care plans. Bruce and I truly enjoy our home of 30 years in Portland with a fabulous view of city, river, and snow-capped mountains. We love to hike, exercise, and travel, particularly to Eastern Europe. Since retiring at 66, we are able to explore remote areas by living one to two months per year in a rental home. We focus the rest of our time visiting our loving families.

May God bless you all.

## Arthur “Mike” McMahon

St. Olaf Major: Mathematics

St. Olaf Activities: Swim Team, Faribault  
State Hospital Volunteer, Food Service

Advisory Committee Spouse: Pat  
McMahon

Children: Scott and Kate

Grandchildren: four grandsons

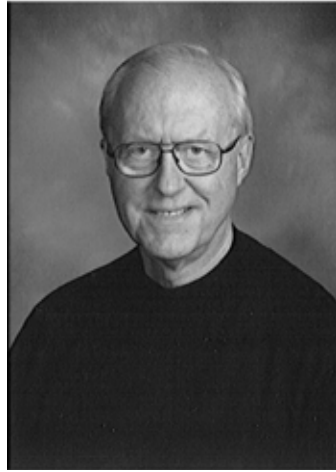


I have many fond memories of St. Olaf that include my friends, teammates, and professors. What stood out to me was the ability to really get to know the subject matter in classes with the four-one-four program. After two years at St. Olaf, I transferred to Iowa State University and graduated with a bachelor's in statistics. I also completed the ROTC program and was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force. I married my wife, Pat, in 1970. We then attended the University of Iowa where I earned a Master's in Actuarial Science. From there, we spent three years in the Air Force with two tours in Colorado Springs and one remote tour for me at Shemya Air Force Base in the Aleutian Islands. Our son was born at the Air Force Academy hospital during our first tour in Colorado Springs.

After the Air Force, we moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where our daughter was born and we raised our children. I had a 35-year career with Principal Financial Group. I earned the Fellowship designation in the Society of Actuaries in 1976. During my career, I served in various actuarial roles: pricing, management of the individual insurance actuarial function, product management, and capital management. Since I retired, we've split our time between a lake home on Half Moon Lake, Wisconsin, and a home on Fripp Island, South Carolina. We enjoy good friends in both locations.

My current activities include golf, swimming, yoga, Luck, Wisconsin golf course commission, participation in Kairos Prison Ministry in South Carolina, and the property owners' board on Fripp. We have always been active in our churches and that has carried into retirement. We also spend time on bleachers watching our grandsons at swim meets, basketball games, and baseball games. I am particularly happy that both my son and one of my grandsons attended swim camp at St Olaf. Three generations in the Ole pool.

## Paul Meierding



St. Olaf Major: History

Luther Seminary, M. Div 1974, PhD 1992

Spouse: Jorun Groe, St. Olaf College, 1982

William Mitchell, J.D. 1985

Children: Karl, Yale 2013, University of Louisville, M.D. 2020 Erika, St. Olaf College, 2015 University of North Dakota, PhD studies in Counseling Psychology

I grew up in Missoula, MT, hearing my mother talk about singing in the St. Olaf Choir under F. Melius. I was delighted to sing under Olaf Christianson and Kenneth Jennings. Our 1970 choir trip to Europe was the highlight!

While at seminary I spent summers driving a red tour bus in Glacier Park, where I enjoyed mountain climbing, hiking, rafting, and photography. For eight summers, I did the preseason training of tour guides.

I served as a pastor in East Grand Forks, MN (1975-79) and Billings, MT (1979-86). In Montana I pedaled fifteen times up Beartooth Pass (elev. 11,000 feet) and skied at Red Lodge Mountain.

In 1987, I married Jorun Groe, whom I met at Holden Village. We have these things in common: I lived in old Ytterboe #330 in 1966-67 and Jorun lived there in 1979-80. Each of us can say, "My mother was an Ole. My uncle, four years younger than my mother, was an Ole for his first two years of college. My sister and one child are Oles."

After earning a PhD in biblical studies, I served as director of an ELCA continuing education center in Iowa and taught at Gustavus for two years. More recently, I served as senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran in Mankato (2000-07) and as interim pastor in several congregations.

In retirement, I've researched my Norwegian and German ancestors. In 2016, my family visited relatives in four different places in Norway. I know the names of all 32 of my Norwegian great great great grandparents.

Recently, I've completed three week-long bike rides, each about 400 miles. Two were with my college roommate Paul Everett. I stay active, but I also enjoy being a spectator, watching the Wolves, Twins, and Vikings.

I'm following up my PhD work by writing about Luke-Acts.



## Ronald Meissner

St. Olaf Major: English Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Master's in Education Administration, 1989

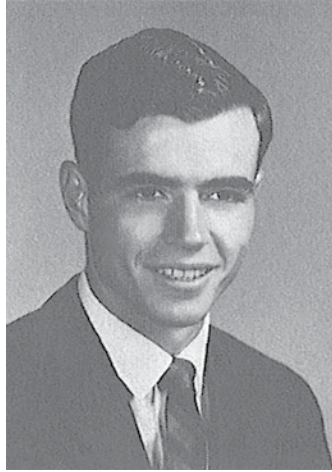
St. Olaf Activities: Cross Country, Faribault Project for Cognitively Disabled

Spouse: Diann Cupery '71

Children: Brook Joshua and Spring Larklyn

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters (five and seven years) and one grandson (five

years). Hobbies: Running, jogging, gardening.



After two and a half years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, attractive parts about St.

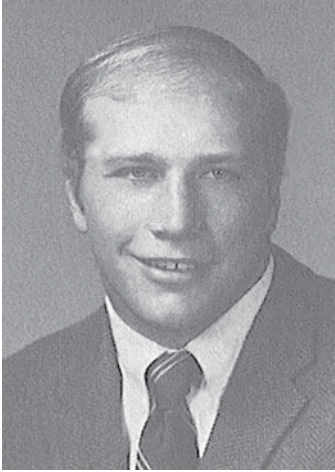
Olaf were the smaller class sizes and closeness to professors—though a certain young lady was another attraction and reason for my transfer. Things that still stick as most memorable include the amazing architecture of the chapel, student center, and instructional halls; ribeye steak cookouts; home football games; and the music: organ music, Christmas concerts, “Fram, Fram, St. Olaf,” the school fight song “We Come from St. Olaf” with the “Um Yah Yah” chorus, and “The All-Day Hymn” in chapel.

After graduation I became a high school English teacher and was blessed to marry the aforementioned young lady—we’re now in our 48th year together! We served as missionary teachers in Hong Kong, 1974-76. We also house-sat in Hawaii for one summer. We were blessed with one son and one daughter. Later, I became an assistant middle school principal. I then settled into a principalship in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Feeling it an important part of our children’s education, when the youngest graduated from high school and oldest from college, we took them on a summer mission trip to Hong Kong. In my last few years before retiring, I taught English and communications to technical college and college students.

Six months after Diann’s and my retirements in 2012, we were blessed to become grandparents and have enjoyed stints with our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Nashville, Tennessee, and with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter in Marquette, Michigan. We have been lifelong Wisconsinites and currently reside in Lancaster, Wisconsin, in the southwest corner of the state.

Current retirement activities include serving our church in Platteville, serving our children and grandchildren, and serving with The Salvation Army. We hope to continue these until the Lord returns!

## Arne Melby III



Following St. Olaf, I entered Ohio State Medical School. My surgery internship was completed at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. I married my wife Cherie of 45 years.

I practiced medicine with my uncle. After evaluating the weather in Minnesota, we moved to Akron, Ohio. I completed an orthopedic surgery residency. I became one of the founding members of Crysta clinic, an orthopedic specialty group with its own hospital. We had 200 employees, 40

orthopedic surgeons, and a stellar national reputation. Following a stroke, I retired in 2008. My wonderful wife and I have three children, all of whom attended college in the south and then settled in Atlanta, Durham, and Asheville. We moved to Virginia to be close to our children and six grandchildren.

## Lawrence Midtbo

St. Olaf Classmates of 1970:

50-year review:

Married for 50 years to the same person (Julie). Upon graduation in 1970, went to work for IKI Manufacturing Co. and retired as president and CEO in April of 2019, remaining Chairman of the Board.

My years at St. Olaf instilled in me that giving back to your community is an important part of life. We hope to travel more and longer and enjoy our spaces in the Madison, Wisconsin, and Kewaunee and Door County area. My doctor says I can still buy green bananas, so hopefully we will be around for the next Viking Update.



## Susan Mintern Hegland



Before graduate school, I worked at Faribault State Hospital completing educational and vocational assessments on persons with developmental disabilities. Fascinated with child development, I completed graduate degrees in child development (Iowa State University) and developmental psychology (Ohio State University). I then joined the faculty at Iowa State University to teach courses

in child development and research methods. I was also involved in designing curricula for early childhood education teachers and in reviewing ethical practices in research involving humans. I worked with colleagues at other universities to conduct research on childcare and Head Start programs. Ten years ago I retired from the faculty in order to work with the Iowa State University Extension Service to implement our research findings in a credentialing program for consultants working to improve early care and education services.

My first husband, Stephen Hegland, and I had two daughters before our divorce. After our marriage, Thomas Andre and I spent 10 wonderful years raising our blended family of three daughters and one son. After our youngest left for college, we built a little house in the woods in Ames where we still live. We relish our time with our children, their spouses, and our four grandchildren in Ames, San Francisco, St. Paul, and Aberdeen, Scotland. Retirement has also allowed us to travel to visit numerous U.S. National Parks to see sights such as volcanoes in Hawaii, hoodoos in Utah, and alligators in Florida. We've also loved sampling European art, architecture, history, music, foods, and wines in places such as Orkney, Budapest, Istanbul, Athens, Palermo, and Barcelona.

Back in Ames, Tom sorts through his trip photos while I try to recreate meals from places we've visited. I also love making quilts using fabrics we've picked up on our travels. We have both served our Unitarian Fellowship in various capacities from social justice to finance and stewardship. But now we also have time to read the stack of books on our bedside tables and to marvel at the birds, deer, and foxes exploring the woods behind our home.

## Sharon Moe Marquardt

Major: Speech, English M.A. in Theater  
Arts '77 LPN

Widowed

I have a new love in my life and two  
Labrador retrievers. I am a gifted/talented  
teacher in two Minnesota school districts,  
Battle Lake and Underwood; and an



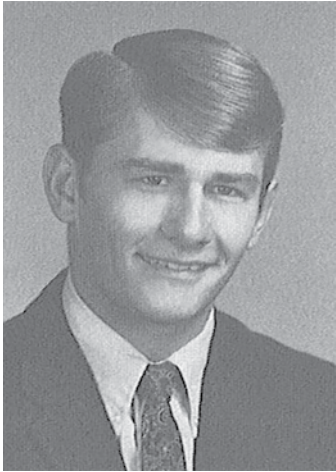
English teacher and speech coach in Battle Lake. Now, I am also a speech judge for the Minnesota  
State High School League.

I worked as a LPN at Oakridge Homes in Wadena for severely developmentally disabled adults.

I give local history presentations through Wadena County Historical Society to groups of elementary  
and high school students. My work continues through Prospect House Civil War Museum in Battle  
Lake. My avocations are textile arts, weaving, knitting, spinning, and felting. I took several trips to  
Norway on textile tours sponsored through Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. I also sing in  
a choir at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church.

I continue to experience spiritual growth.

## Jerry Moench



As a child, I often answered the question “what do you want to be when you grow up?” with a confident, rote reply: “doctor, lawyer, or engineer”. The luster and certainty of those notions wore off, however, because as a senior at St. Olaf, I had no idea what lay in store after graduation. Then, a letter in my mailbox invited students to apply for a Rockefeller Fellowship for a trial year in the seminary.

Since my father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all Lutheran pastors, perhaps this letter was no accident.

Though fortunate to receive the fellowship, after two years in the seminary and a year of internship, ministry did not seem right. That summer, I shadowed my brother on his medical internship, and I was smitten.

One pass/fail math and biology course at St. Olaf didn’t seem to fulfill the pre-med requirements, but I dug in for two years and was accepted to the University of Minnesota Class of ’79. Internal medicine followed, then a cardiology fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It was my first full time employment at age 35.

Chris Crump and I met at St. Olaf in 1969 and were married at Wilderness Canoe Base in 1971, where we guided youth in the summer of ’71 and ’72.

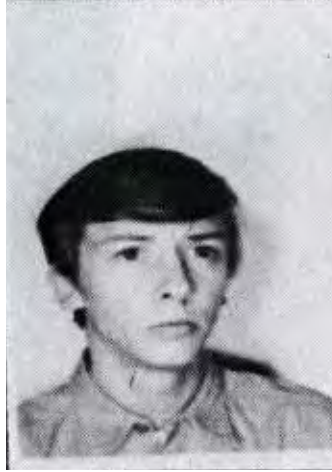
A friend practicing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, coaxed us into practicing there and we stayed for 31 years. I loved our practice (mostly) - wonderful patients, cutting-edge medicine, and superb staff. We flew to five outreach clinics a month in a small plane, affording me an avocation outlet. I served three years as South Dakota Governor of the American College of Cardiology. In a state with eight cardiologists at the time, there wasn’t much campaigning.

Retiring in 2015, time is now spent between a farm in South Dakota (developing soil health and wildlife habitat, woodworking, and hunting) and a home in Minneapolis. We are near our two daughters and families (sledding and skating in winter, batting practice for all in summer). Our third child, Jule, has taught us much about Down Syndrome and transgender life.

## Barry Morrow

To be honest, I was one of those deadbeat students who didn't graduate with the rest of our class. That sorry news arrived the moment I was handed my leatherette diploma case – proud parents looking on – only to find it empty. Just a handwritten note: “See Miss Frayseth.”

But fate has a kind face, too, and decades later I made up that one missing credit and became an Ole. Thanks for your patience.



I've spent these intervening years in the film trade, mainly as a writer and producer, more recently a director. I've been honored with a handful of accolades for my work, but unless I come up with something really big and soon, my obituary will definitely, definitely lead with “Rain Man.”

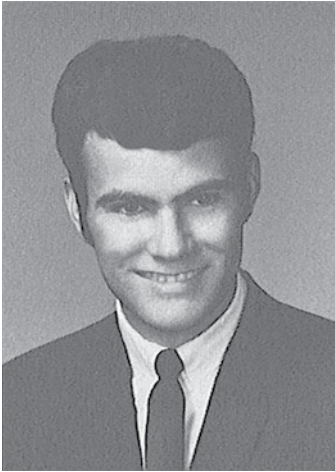
For his quiet inspiration, I tip my hat to Professor Arch Leean, who taught the first film class at St. Olaf. He came to us after stints as an animator with Hanna Barbera and Disney, so he could do as well as teach. Our final class assignment was a short film. The art department had a behemoth Mitchell 35mm motion picture camera in storage – but no film, plus it was broken, so we shot on 16mm. Film was expensive then, and it actually was film.

Like you, like everyone, I've led a storied life. You meet a lot of folks with famous names in my line of work (a marathon session with “Brando” being one such highlight), but I was always more drawn to life's characters than its “stars,” which I've tried to reflect in my life and work. It's also been a joy to collaborate with fellow Ole Paul Gronseth on a number of film projects.

Trite to say, but my proudest triumph by a longshot has been the closeness of our family – a son and daughter, four grandkids, and my wife of 50 years, Bev, the loveliest flower I ever saw bloom.

P.S. Our son Clay has seemingly walked in Arch's shadow, for he too began his animation career at Hanna Barbera and Disney. Good teachers pass it on.

## Merrill Morse



St. Olaf Majors: Religion, Asian Studies

I have more negative associations with St. Olaf than positive ones. But positives there certainly were, e.g. great band music, good roommates and fun friends, some very stimulating classes, averaging eight hours a day playing cards one January interim plus coming within hours of breaking the school record for the most classes skipped

in a semester without getting expelled, while still getting decent grades.

But the overwhelming positive was the way a semester abroad in Thailand and a band trip to Germany totally changed the perspective and future of an introverted kid from a farm and small town in rural South Dakota. They “internationalized” me and helped chart a new life course.

Examples: A summer working as a bell-boy in a German hotel, a season harvesting bananas on an Israeli kibbutz, youth work in Appalachia, two years teaching English in Japan under Presbyterian auspices, an M. Div. from Congregational, Catholic, and Lutheran seminaries in Chicago and Ohio, eight years of parish ministry in Minnesota, Ohio, and Oregon, three years as a Lutheran World Federation scholar in England obtaining a Ph.D. in Intercultural Theology while living in a global, ecumenical community, fourteen years teaching ESL half-time in a public adult high school system to immigrants and international U of MN grad students and spouses (while serving half-time as a stay-at-home dad), global travels, including attendance at the installation service for Pope Francis, and another twenty-plus years managing family farm and real estate businesses, authoring several published books and articles, plus, like many others, spending endless hours in church and community engagement, including co-founding and chairing a local environmental non-profit.

Married to Lisa (a marketing executive), we are parents of a 26 year-old son (Concordia College – art, philosophy, and barista life) and 23 year-old daughter (graduating from Tufts University in 2020 – art, Latin American, and sustainability studies). Preferred distractions: landscaping/gardening, cooking, house parties, hunting, classical music, writing, the family’s Puritan genealogy, and a north woods cabin.



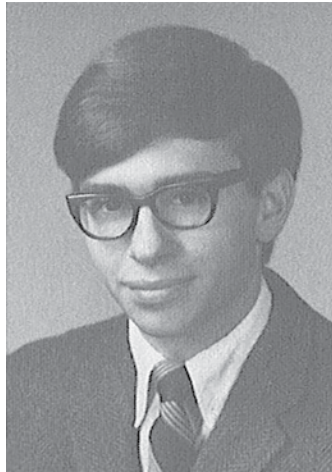
## Robert “Randy” Morse

St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: Study Abroad in Cambridge, England

Spouse: Elizabeth Theiss-Morse

Children: Nicholas and Christopher



After graduating from Trinity College, University of Toronto, I was priest-in-charge of Gethsemane Episcopal Church in

Appleton, Minnesota. I commuted from Minneapolis the first three years and spent two more years living on a farm in nearby Madison, Minnesota. I described it as my “self-sabbatical,” immersing myself in the works of Carl Jung, Thomas Merton, the Desert Fathers, and Christian mystics. Merton’s *New Seeds of Contemplation* was my “Bible.” Members of the church included local poets, writers, and musicians whose gifts greatly enriched our life at Gethsemane. This was a time of personal growth and deepening self-awareness. Also in the mid-1970s, I directed a project on videotape recorders and cable TV for the national office of the Episcopal Church.

My wife, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, is a political science professor. We married in 1980 and have two sons. I worked briefly as a counselor and spiritual director and as chaplain at the University of Minnesota. I then became communications director for the Diocese of Minnesota, in charge of our monthly magazine, news releases, and radio and television production. At the same time, I did consulting work for the national office of the Episcopal Church, leading workshops around the country.

I taught myself computer programming and embarked on a career as a Christian education software developer, eventually forming a business partnership. We had just released our first product (an interactive Advent calendar) when my partner died of a heart attack. Despite having other products in development, closing the business was the best option.

Music has always been an important part of my life. In the mid-1990s, I played guitar and directed a seven-piece Brazilian band. I produced and hosted a weekly Brazilian music radio program for 11 years. I recently formed a new duo with a friend. Because we’re both guys in our seventies, I think a good name for us might be “SeptuaGents.”

Finally, I run two websites I developed: a family archive and genealogy site and another on Brazilian music.

## Franny Muehl Hyde



Welcome to my life - planned and unplanned!

I grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and chose Minneapolis to land in after living in a few other places. As I was an art major, I was able to use that background all my life: first as a K-12 art teacher, then as a director of advertising in marketing, advertising and communications, working with clients, writers, designers and printers. As

“Grandma Moses,” (late-in-life) opportunities opened up, working as a sculptor and teacher in clay. I also do some non- art related entrepreneurial work writing for Target online and doing proofreading for clients as the Comma Cop (my mission, as the Chief Corrections Officer, is to serve and correct).

As art majors, we were taught that one should never use photographs as reference material, though I now specialize in ceramic animal and pet portraits for clients from photographs of their precious little fur-friends. As I work from favorite images of their pets, it allows me to show the personality and spirit of their little buddies.

While I never had kids, I enjoy my nieces and nephews and their kids immensely.

I now live just north of St. Paul in my cozy house right next door to my partner’s house, which turns out to be a lovely arrangement. He gutted it, rebuilt it, customized it, and made it nice and tight. He’s very talented in many ways, and very calm and peaceful, which is perfect for him and for me. After working for many years at Northern Clay Center in Minneapolis, I now have my studio in my house, with kilns in the garage. Very nice!

I’m always trying to find time to bake cookies, pies and other treats, work in my garden, and travel with friends, mostly to Europe and the Caribbean to get away for my birthday.

Not that I want to sound like the old fogey that I am becoming, but I think I got out of advertising and marketing just in time, as social media is taking over the world of communications. Ceramics is a historical and wonderful place to land!

## Jim Muehl

St. Olaf Major: Psychology

Spouse: Jackie Nelson '67

Children: Sarah '96, Bill, and Kristina '07

Grandchildren: Five granddaughters  
(ages 2 to 10)



Raised in Madison and enlisted in the Army 82nd Airborne at 18, I served three years in the Administration Company

as a personnel specialist and chaplain's assistant. With only the G.I. Bill for income, I paid St. Olaf monthly, and often visited Howie Rose, Dean of academic affairs, who was in the same unit during WWII — circa Battle of the Bulge.

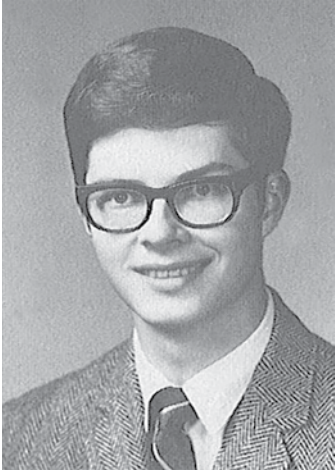
In March I met Jackie, a senior nursing major, and we were married in May 1968. I found a house to rent on 640 acres of farmland near Faribault, and she worked in town. After graduation we spent the summer camping all over Europe, then moved to Madison, and bought a little house on a lake near a state park. We lived frugally and worked part-time as our children arrived and grew. We found Advent Lutheran with ecumenical worship and ministries, which we have actively supported for 50 years.

I opened a small engine sales and service store in Madison in 1977, growing incrementally to a dozen employees and managing it by my values: paid vacations, sick time, and health insurance. I closed it in 1984 due to the economy and market changes.

Next was graduate school for an M.S. in industrial technology, which led to a career at Forest Products Laboratory doing research utilizing waste/low-value/recycled wood and plastic. This provided opportunities to travel seven times to China with the USDA Technology Transfer Program. Family members accompanied me twice, staying in apartments/dorms with Chinese friends.

In 1990 we built an energy efficient home on the same rural lakeside site and hope to live here for the rest of our lives. We retired in 2007, and continue to be active volunteers and travelers, frequently visiting our progeny (Naperville, IL; Austin, TX; Boulder, CO), volunteering with Habitat, refugee resettlement with LSS, and racial equity and prison reform. Hobbies: maintaining/repairing our cars, designing/welding functional and decorative metal items, gardening, photography, and genealogy.

## Stephen Mueller



St. Olaf Major: Physics

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Band

Spouse: Mary Ellen Fandell '70

Children: Matthew, Michael '98, Mark

Grandchildren: one granddaughter, two grandsons

After growing up in rural Illinois and Nebraska as the son of a small-town Lutheran minister, St. Olaf dramatically expanded my horizons. It challenged what I know about myself, the world, and religion. I barely managed a physics major, but instead I discovered a passion for psychology. I wanted to understand mental illness, perhaps because my sister, my only sibling, had schizophrenia.

My favorite memory of St. Olaf is my four years in the St. Olaf Band. The conductor, Mity Johnson, was a demanding figure who inspired us all to excellence in music and life. The band tours were fun, the highlight being the Eastern Europe and Germany trip after graduation.

My other highlight was meeting my future wife, Mary Ellen Fandell, at St. Olaf. She was the orchestra timpanist all four years. We have been happily married for 46 years. Our middle son Mike '98 followed in our footsteps, but one-upped us both by playing in the St. Olaf Band and Orchestra as percussionist.

After graduation, I attended medical school at South Dakota and Rush Medical College in Chicago. My psychiatric residency was at Loyola in Maywood, Illinois. In 1978 we moved to Colorado Springs to be near the beautiful Colorado Rockies. I've had a private practice in adult psychiatry ever since. Helping others with mental problems has been very fulfilling. There have been exciting advances in neuroscience and psychopharmacology. There is still stigma around mental illness, but it is lessening.

My other passion is mountain climbing and peak bagging. I've climbed all of Colorado's 54 Fourteeners twice, completed Colorado's 200 highest, finished the 50 state high points, and been above 20,000 feet in three continents. My proudest accomplishment is summiting the highest points in 56 of the 61 national parks. Trail running keeps me in shape, and this year I finished in my (old guy) age group in the Pikes Peak Marathon. I'm so grateful for the gift of good health.

## Peter Munson

St. Olaf Major: Chemistry, Mathematics

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Master's in Mathematics

American University: Ph.D. in Mathematical Statistics

Spouse: Martha Little Munson, Master's in Demography, University of Wisconsin

Children: Amelia, two daughters; Susannah



I grew up in New Jersey, a long way from Northfield, but I came to St. Olaf because it had a great chemistry department and an outstanding music department, and because my respected teacher and church choir director was a graduate. I was not disappointed. Singing and touring with the St. Olaf Choir under both Olaf Christianson and Ken Jennings are among my most treasured memories, along with taking Organic Chemistry from Wes Pearson in Holland Hall and enduring winter in Ytterboe Hall.

After St. Olaf came four years of graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, aiming for a Ph.D. in the rarified field of mathematical logic. I didn't quite make it, though I did meet my wife Marty, a UW graduate student in demography. Then on to the Washington, D.C. area, where we both found positions in the federal government. My job at the National Institutes of Health turned into a life-long and fascinating career in biomedical research, with opportunities along the way to finish a Ph.D., teach evening courses, and meet many interesting people.

After retirement six years ago, I continue as a volunteer researcher at NIH, studying population genetics and genomics of heart disease. Making music remains my avocation, singing with choral groups in the D.C. area, most recently with about 12 singers performing medieval and modern works. I also attend St Olaf Choir concerts when they tour in the area.

Retirement has also provided more time with family. My older daughter and her husband live on a nearby farm, where she is raising our two extraordinary granddaughters, along with chickens, goats, dogs, and horses with a barn in need of restoration. My younger daughter is soon to be married after launching her career in design at IKEA in Philadelphia. Marty and I have traveled to France, Alaska, and the Netherlands, and gotten reacquainted with my ancestors in Sweden.

## Patricia Needham Steuernagel



St. Olaf Major: Home Economics  
Education; Minor in Spanish

St. Olaf Activities: Delta Chi

Mankato State University: Master's Degree

Spouse: Bruce Steuernagel '70

Children: Brad and Jeff '02

Grandchildren: two grandsons

I met Bruce my senior year through a mutual friend. During the spring of that year, I was interviewed and hired by Burnsville Senior High School. Following graduation, I went on an eight-week adventure to Europe with a friend and then moved to an apartment in Burnsville with two other Oles. In August of 1970, I went to visit Bruce in Syracuse where he was getting his master's degree and came home engaged. We were married on June 26, 1971. We moved from our first apartment to a townhouse in 1972. In June of 1977, we moved to our home of 41 years. We recently downsized to a senior co-op in nearby Apple Valley and are enjoying the freedom, new friendships, and new lifestyle.

My career at Burnsville High School spanned 35 years which included many changes in education. During my first year of teaching, no boys were taking home economics classes, but by the next year we had classes full of guys. I enjoyed my years of working with senior high students in several leadership programs that were developed by our Family and Consumer Science Department. Teaching was a great career for raising a family. I was available after school to keep up with our two active boys and all their activities. I wonder now how I ever had time to work and be active in church choir, bells, volunteering, PEO, and keeping up with friends and family.

When I retired, I found another opportunity to serve. I accepted a position at my church as a women's ministry assistant, working with a very good friend to set up events, Bible studies, and retreats. I worked for seven years in that position. I now volunteer at a faith-based pregnancy center which provides counselling to those who find themselves in a crisis situation and in need of support.

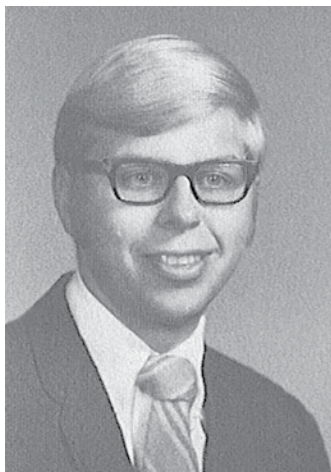
## Richard “Dick” Neils

Major: Chemistry/Pre-Med

Occupation: Dermatologist (solo practice)

Family: Jill has one child and I have three  
We have seven grandchildren (ages 1 to 18)

In organic chemistry I sat next to a smart girl from some swanky suburb (I seemed to be overmatched since I was from Podunk Junction and was not cool). She creamed



me on the first few tests. I studied harder, and pretty soon I was out-scoring her. That was a very good lesson for my future. I also remember doing very poorly on my first chemistry quiz. I went to see the instructor, not an instructor but a professor, not a professor but the department head. Al Hanson put his arm around my shoulders and said that I would be fine. He was right.

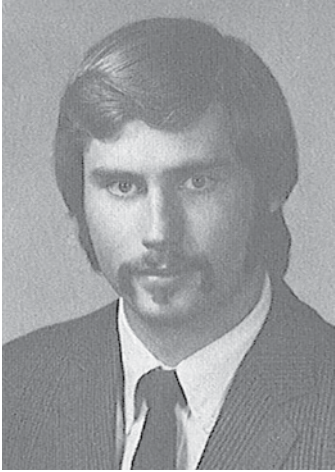
After four great years of med school in Minneapolis with a lot of recent grads from all the small colleges around, I did an internal medicine residency in Rhode Island. Then a dermatology residency in Milwaukee. I started my own practice in the same office space I am in now. I practice full time and hope never to retire. I am the managing partner for our office building and am involved in a few real estate ventures.

I have lived on Lower Nashotah Lake for 40 years and we are building a house on our same lake. It is heaven. I feel 50 years old. Although I had prostate cancer five years ago treated with surgery then radiation and hormonal treatment, I only missed a week of practice. I run four miles and lift weights three times a week. Plus the kayaking, paddle boarding, and bicycling.

Jill and I have been married for 20 years. She keeps me healthy with her abilities as an inventive chef as well as her abilities, which fill in my many blanks.

I am hoping to push for some necessary adjustments at St. Olaf to help our college be more viable. Demographics, learning styles, overspending, and decreasing support from conservative alumni are some of the problems.

## Kenneth Neilson



Greetings to my fellow classmates and congratulations on our upcoming 50th Reunion!

After graduation, I had no idea what to do, so I took a job in construction and found out what real work was! I later accepted a position selling encyclopedias door to door. Almost immediately I realized that this was not my calling either!

A few months later, I joined a New Jersey bank in a management training program. This launched a 35-year career in banking. I focused mostly on the commercial lending business at several banks. In 1984, I joined Hudson United Bank, a public company headquartered in New Jersey, as their senior lending officer. In 1989, I was lucky enough to be chosen by the Board of Directors to replace the retiring CEO. At that time, the bank had 12 branches with a market capitalization of \$35 million.

Over the next 17 years, we made 32 acquisitions building the company to encompass over 200 branches spanning four states, along with a credit card business and several investment subsidiaries. Hudson United became a high-performance company and was ultimately acquired by TD Bank for \$1.95 billion in January 2006.

Susan and I happily retired at that time to Hobe Sound, Florida, where we have continued to reside for most of each year.

I have three wonderful children: Ken Jr., Kristin, and Sonja, and 20 years ago became the stepfather to my fourth, Fritz. My wife, Susan, is an amazing person, mother, and wife, and is the love of my life. Our four children have blessed us with 11 grandchildren — ages 1 to 11. Our children are healthy and successful in their careers, and our grandchildren create enormous joy in our lives.

We enjoy travel, especially with our children and grandchildren (I think we actually enjoy traveling with our grandchildren without their parents even more!). In July, all 21 of us will be exploring the Galapagos with National Geographic.

We have been blessed, and certainly my St. Olaf experience both inside the classroom and out had a tremendous impact on my life, and I remain most thankful for that.



## Deborah “Deb” Nelson Laub

St. Olaf Major: Religion, Asian Studies  
Minor

American Montessori Society: Montessori  
Primary Teaching Certificate

University of St. Thomas: Elementary  
Education Teaching License, Master’s in  
Curriculum and Instruction

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel  
Choir, Theater, Global Semester



Spouse: Mike Laub '70 (deceased, 2016)

Children: Erin, Sarah, and Mara

Grandchildren: Five

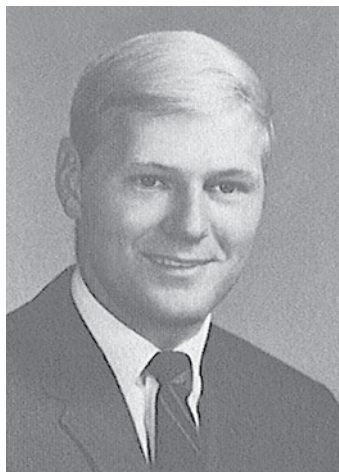
It was second semester of our senior year and I needed a major. I had just returned from Global Semester and I knew if I didn’t graduate on time, I would become a perpetual student. I soon realized that in addition to the required religion classes, with four more courses I would have a major. Because of Global, I had become interested in world religions, so a religion major was not too far-fetched. I’ll credit myself with a bit of ingenuity and a lot of hutzpah. Dr. Ditmanson said it was the first in his tenure.

Following graduation, I pursued my Montessori training and taught in the early childhood lab school at the College of St. Catherine. After Mike and I were married, I was a stay-at-home mom/community volunteer while we began a family. Eventually I found my way to the University of St. Thomas for a teaching license and master’s in elementary education. That led to 19 years teaching kindergarten–first grade in Woodbury, MN. I was 48 years old and still searching for what I wanted to be when I grew up. What I discovered I cared most about were children and their well-being.

As with most of us, life was filled with joy and loss. 350 words cannot capture that. I am now retired and pursuing some of those interests stemming from my days at St. Olaf. I am in a community choir for “mature” voices, and finally singing within my range — tenor. I am also an art adventure docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the desire to learn and remain curious is satisfied by reading, traveling, and attending classes through the Osher Learning Institute. Yes, especially religion courses.

I will always credit St. Olaf for broadening my worldview and giving me long lasting friendships.

## Dennis Nelson



St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Football, Golf, Junior Counselor, Honor Council, ABX

Spouse: Marybeth Davis '70

Children: Kathryn and Emily

Grandkids: One granddaughter, Three grandsons

Raised in rural Minnesota, with virtuous role models and opportunities granted by freedom and security, I arrived at St. Olaf unaware of my naiveté and unpreparedness. College years opened new horizons: introducing subjects of philosophy, sociology and art history; books like *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, *Black Elk Speaks*, and *The Harrad Experiment*; issues of racism, sexism, and war; and people dedicated to important causes. For some there was revolution. For me, there was evolution. Also meeting quality people from different places, being humbled and inspired by their brilliance, talent and character, and making life-long friends was incredibly valuable.

After college, I attended University of Minnesota medical school, followed by family practice residency. During this time, coincidence and pure luck brought Marybeth Davis into my life. We were married in 1975. In 1978, we moved to Redwood Falls where I practiced for 34 years and we raised two wonderful daughters. Work and parenting were challenging and fulfilling. We enjoyed small town life as a great place to raise a family and have close associations with people and activities in the community.

My practice included the entire realm of healthcare. Clinic presented uncertain problems behind each door. OB and ER provided drama, entertainment, and sleep deprivation. It was never boring. Family vacations, kids' activities, Wyoming backpacking trips, baseball road trips, and escapes to Green Lake were fun. After age 50, I ran 17 marathons, including Boston.

Retiring in 2012, we sought new experiences and moved to a condo in Edina. A wise gentleman advised me that retirement can be "a time of renewal." It has been. I found relief from the burdensome worry about patients. The move to the Twin Cities has been positive. I read, run, bike, golf, play piano, volunteer, and rejoice in being a grandpa. Marybeth and I have traveled extensively, glorifying in learning about new places, history, and cultures, and meeting interesting people.

I am thankful for fortunate circumstances and the guidance of heroes and angels.

## Donald Nelson

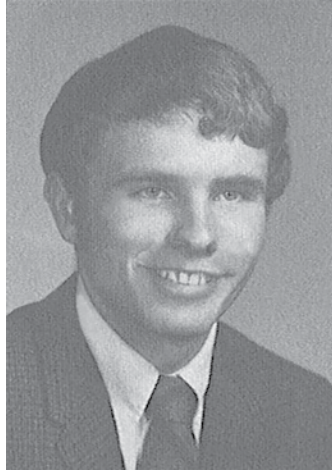
St. Olaf Major: Physics, Minor in Math

University of Minnesota: Master's in  
Agricultural Economics

Spouse: Krista Wee Nelson

Children: Peter and Jonathan

Grandkids: Two grandsons, five and three



I grew up on a dairy farm in southern Minnesota that was homesteaded in 1885. After college I went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota on the farm campus (in St. Paul) where I majored in agricultural economics. My math minor at St. Olaf allowed me to step directly into graduate level courses and shortened my course of study dramatically. My career commenced directly from graduate school to the USDA in dairy marketing in the bread basket of agriculture, Edina. Later I worked in St. Paul and then spent the majority of my career in Madison, Wisconsin, as the national supervisor for “Dairy Market News.” I have been retired since 2014 and am very glad I was able to finish my government service before the dairy industry and all of agriculture were destroyed by our present administration. Nowadays I would be embarrassed to say I work for this current administration, which I hope will be replaced in 2020.

Krista and I met through a connection to Holden Village, which certainly has a long history with St. Olaf. Greg Steeber and I left for Holden a few days after graduation. Neither one of us had been there before, but it came to be an important touchstone in my life. Krista and I have journeyed there many times, as I was on the Holden Board for a number of years.

More recently, Krista and I have gone on a number of bike trips to Europe sponsored by Concordia College, Moorhead (Krista's alma mater). The chance to tour and study parts of our Lutheran heritage and general historical aspects of Europe have been eye opening and show there is more to life than our own little hamlet, Verona, Wisconsin, where we reside.

## Julie Nelson Pavri



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Roointon Pavri

Children: Amy Kristine, Kate

Grandkids: Two grandsons

My experience at St. Olaf was memorable, both because of the relationships I developed, and the classes I took. The liberal arts courses and the off-campus

experiences for the nursing program were especially significant in altering my perspective and broadening my world view. I continue to cherish the many friends I made during my college years.

Following graduation, I attended the University of Cincinnati, where I got a master's degree in child psychiatric nursing. In 1973 I married and moved to the Albany, New York area where I was employed by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene to work with and develop programs for developmentally disabled young children and their families. During the 20 years we lived in New York, I was employed in a variety of settings and earned a master's of library science degree at the University of New York at Albany. When I was hired by the New York State Nurses Association, this "career change" turned out to be just another aspect of my nursing background, as I became more interested in the history of the profession, wrote extensively, and consulted with nursing organizations.

During my husband's working life, he traveled extensively, and I was fortunate to be able to travel with him within the U.S., as well as in Europe and Asia. I especially cherish the memories of our many trips to India and Norway, visiting family in both countries and experiencing the cultures in home environments. In 2006 we moved to Prescott, Arizona. This pre-retirement move quickly became a retirement move when my husband suffered a serious stroke. Caregiving quickly became my primary focus, and remains so today, while enjoying a wonderful group of friends, spectacular high desert and mountain views, abundant hiking, a vibrant Lutheran congregation, and visits with our daughters and their families in California and Colorado.

## Leslie Nelson Martin

I was a member of the Class of '70 for only two semesters. I left St. Olaf for two years to support my husband, Dennis '66, through his Marine Corps years. I returned to the Hill, graduating in January 1970, and began work as a labor and delivery nurse. My choices of career and mate were long lasting — I worked in OB nursing for 44 years and was married for 50+ years to my Ole love, until he died in 2017.



We both have been so proud of our children. Sara is a Florida Gator and University of Minnesota Law School grad and works for the State of Minnesota as an appellate public defender. She and husband, Tim, reside in St. Paul and are the parents of my favorite grandsons, Toby and Beak. Son, Jeff, served his country as a U.S. Army paratrooper and completed 35+ jumps. He is a physical therapy assistant, working in Venice, Florida.

I took up tennis in my 30s. Highlight of my tennis “career” was a trip to Charleston, SC, to compete in the USTA 3.5 senior nationals. In my 50s, the mountains called and I became interested in hiking the Appalachian Trail. In 2000 I began a journey of 2179 miles, losing a few toenails but gaining friendships with others who shared my love of the wilderness. My daughter, Sara, hiked the first 100 miles with me and also the final week.

As a member of the American Hiking Society, I have done volunteer trail work in Yosemite, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

My ties to St. Olaf continue with trips north to attend the Christmas Festival with nursing classmates and I've never missed the St. Olaf Choir when their tour included St. Petersburg.

I'm exercising diligently to try to stay ahead of the pesky symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Diagnosis was 10 years ago, and thanks to staying fit and swallowing lots of pills, I am still on the tennis court and hiking, even completing a three-day backpack of the Grand Canyon. God is good, and life is an adventure!

## Meredith Nelson Davis



Spouse: Bill Davis '70

Children: Joyi, Erik, Adam '00, and John  
Grandchildren: Nine

When I was 12, I went to my cousin's graduation at St. Olaf. Unfortunately, I spent the entire ceremony under the bleachers dealing with the stomach flu. But no matter, I knew this was the college for

me (it also was probably the only college I would have been allowed to attend)! Thus, for six years, attending St. Olaf was my foremost dream and goal! I had magical dreams of how wonderful it would be, from finding the perfect boyfriend, to having tons of fun and attending interesting classes that would not require writing any papers or passing tests!

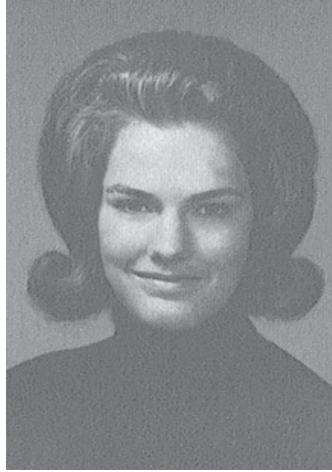
Needless to say, there were a few disappointments, but in ways I could never have envisioned, St. Olaf was a life changing experience. It started with First Nighter — I had a great time, and Bill and I will be celebrating our 49th year of marriage next year! It still is a hoot when I meet an Ole of “our generation” and tell them I married my First Nighter!

Professor Ditmanson introduced me to a true understanding of religion — I will forever be in his debt, as I had been raised with a small, literal definition of Christianity. Studying in Thailand in 1967 changed the arc of my life. Our group has stayed together all these years and we have a special bond. A semester in urban Chicago in 1969 was also an amazing experience. Living off campus senior year with wonderful women who have become my closest friends has been a true gift. Started St. Olaf as a Goldwater Republican and left a McGovern Democrat — and am still trying to put my faith into action.

Not much for bios — 50 years has been a journey with wonderful experiences, children with all their joys, challenges and struggles, a truly fulfilling career as a school principal, Holden Village every year, travel, a wonderful church, nine grandchildren, exhaustion, time for reflection, and a true feeling of gratefulness.

## Paula Nelson Mathison

St. Olaf Major: English  
Spouse: Allan Mathison  
Children: Cara and Rachel  
Grandkids: One granddaughter and  
three grandsons



Having grown up in Bloomington, Minnesota, I thought when I entered St. Olaf that this next phase of my life would just be a natural progression of my life in Bloomington, since St. Olaf was only 35 miles from home. I couldn't have been more wrong! My years at St. Olaf expanded my life and ideas in ways I never could have imagined - my understanding of a global world in which the U.S. was entrenched in the Vietnam War, my growing concerns about inequalities due to racism and sexism, and a deepening of what it means to live out my Christian faith in the world. Studying at Manchester College in Oxford during Interim and second semester of my junior year was life-changing in ways that have mattered throughout my life.

In 1970 I went to Morris, Minnesota, to teach English for a couple years until I could find a position in the Twin Cities. Unexpectedly, I met my husband there and stayed for 31 years! Teaching English to high school students was a great privilege for me. In addition to classroom work, I led the development of the K-12 writing curriculum, was a leader in Minnesota for the implementation of outcome-based education, and was active in a program the Morris school district had with a high school in Chelyabinsk, Russia. I also worked with student teachers at the University of Minnesota, Morris. After teaching in Morris for 28 years, I taught six more years in Lakeville after we moved to Northfield in 2001.

Our 18 years in Northfield have been stimulating and enjoyable. My husband and I hike, kayak, travel, and attend art exhibitions, plays, concerts, and Twins games. Four times a year we visit our daughters and their families (including four wonderful grandchildren) in Washington. I also write poetry and short prose to amuse myself.

Life is amazing. My gratitude to St. Olaf for guiding me into the person I have become and for teaching me to constantly learn still overflows.

## Kristi Nerem



Arriving at St. Olaf from a rural Iowa school and a graduating class of 26, I had doubts about my ability to survive in college, let alone thrive. I believe I benefited from the faculty and ambiance at St. Olaf more than most, because I ended up teaching psychology there for more than 20 years.

Probably the greatest undergrad opportunity for me was to go to Thailand. I cannot express the impact of this trip on

my life except to say I was never the same. The trip not only exposed me to Asian cultures and created friends for life but changed my view of the world. For the first time in my life I began to develop a credo based upon my own thoughts and experiences.

After graduation I entered a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at the University of Minnesota. I hated virtually every minute of my three years there. I had no idea what to do next. Fortunately, St. Olaf invited me to teach. At 24 I found myself feeling that I was on the wrong side of the podium, but I grew to love teaching!

In 1976, I resigned and moved to Connecticut to study history and philosophy. After a year I followed my heart back to Minneapolis. I became a part-time adjunct professor at St. Olaf for the next 20 years. I needed a second job, so I ended up working in the emergency room at Minneapolis Children's Hospital for 22 years. I eventually became the fiction supervisor at a Barnes and Noble. My final work incarnation was as a pharmacy benefit coordinator.

Travel has been one of the joys of my life. I have been to every U.S. state and every province of Canada but one. For my 50th birthday I toured France and England. I live in a senior condo. Just to make things a bit more interesting along the way, I met my biological mother on my 54th birthday. I had two full brothers.

I am blessed with wonderful friends, great books and films, and joyous memories. Um yah yah!



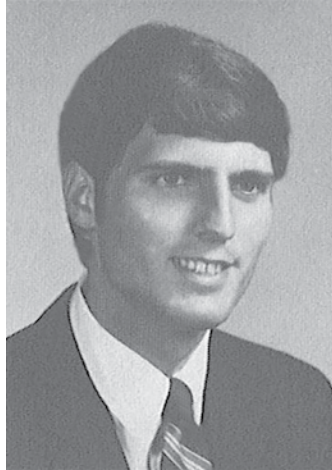
## Alan Nettles

St. Olaf Majors: History and Political Science

Washington University in St. Louis:  
J.D. 1973

St. Olaf Activities: Freshman Football, Sigma Delta, Sophomore Class President, Parliament, Focus on China Program Coordinator, Washington Semester Program '69

Spouse: Anne Terhune  
Children: Adam



I practiced law for three years in eastern Connecticut and then returned to Minneapolis in 1976, where I practiced civil law and litigation until 2016. We lived in south Minneapolis until 1986 and then moved to Orono, where we have lived since. We like sailing and boating and last year moved our (old old sailboat to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I enjoy cross country skiing and have done a few of the “citizen races.” (Racing is a misnomer for what I do.

We enjoy self-directed traveling both in the U.S. and abroad and have been fortunate to have my Swiss AFS brother help us discover out-of-the-way places. I'd put whitewater rafting on the Salmon River, Madeira Island, and Ely on the best places list.

Some of the many happy memories from St. Olaf are meeting Anne and seeing each other every night of freshman interim for tobogganing down Old Main Hill; living next to Woody and Howdy in Kildahl; laughing every night while living with Jeff Sowle in the jungle; the NightCrawlers at Carlton; mass snowball fights; and looking up the stairs from St. Olaf Avenue to the library through a falling snow.

St. Olaf gave me friends and acquaintances worth knowing for life. I'm grateful for that.

As for the next chapter? Try to stay healthy, travel a bit, sail, cross-country ski, keep in touch with friends, read a bit, not have too many agendas — make time to think and enjoy the many good things in my life.

## Marilyn “Nikki” Nichols



After a year at the University of Uppsala in Sweden, I transferred to St. Olaf as a junior and majored in Music Education.

Some of my non-academic memories include: hanging out with friends; the evening Barbara Seal and I hosted supper in Larsen Hall for St. Olaf icons including Howard and Edna Hong and Dr. and Mrs. Berglund; a weekend away at a cabin with Mary Ellen Fandell, Steve Mueller, and

others, where we ice-fished (intriguing to a California girl); marching in protests after Kent State; and traveling with Jean Lange and the band in Europe after graduation.

My first career job, for two years, was teaching elementary school music at the Taipei American School. I then traveled in Asia for two years, including overland in India. Travel opened my eyes to the needs of the world and, after teaching for seven years, I went back to school (Creighton University). In 1987, I became a registered nurse and moved to Seattle. Some highlights of my nursing career, based in outpatient family clinics, were volunteering at Holden Village, in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and in Honduras after Hurricane Mitch. In 1992, I graduated from Brian Utting School of Massage. Highlights of my 25 year career were doing massages at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Atlanta, and Salt Lake City, and, in Honduras, co-writing a massage manual in Spanish and teaching massage to 100 village health promoters. I've taught massage in seven of the 71 countries I've visited (including Zimbabwe, where I walked with lions, and Gaza).

My hobbies include outdoor recreation (gardening, skiing, hiking - summited Mt. Rainier, cycling - rode from Canada to Mexico, rowing crew - started age 65), photography (“Coming Together: People of the World,” my photo exhibit at age 70), singing (Oakland Symphony Chorus, Seattle Peace Chorus, solo voice recital at age 65 - “Songs of Nature & Love & Dance”).

I am a United Methodist church member focusing my volunteer activities on immigration, environment, music and arts.

My third chapter hopes are to stay healthy, visit the Galapagos (January 2020), Publish *Sonam's Surprise*, a children's story set in Nepal, and more.

## William “Bill” Nielsen

St. Olaf Majors: History and Education

St. Olaf Activities: Concert Band, Sigma Delta Society

I grew up in Gaylord, Minnesota, a farming community in south central Minnesota with a population of 2000.

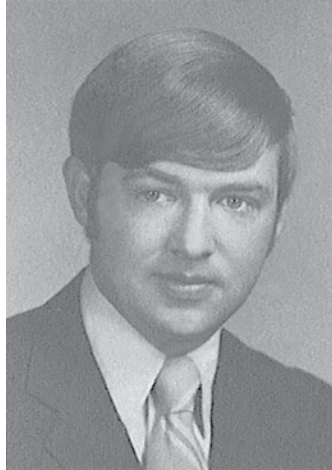
I followed two older siblings to St. Olaf. Two younger sisters also attended, along

with several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

After graduation, I joined the U.S. Navy, attending Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. I received my Navy wings in 1973 and reported to Naval Air Station Moffett Field in San Jose, California. I flew in the Navy for six years, mostly flying P-3 Orion aircraft.

After leaving the Navy, I was hired by American Airlines as a pilot, flying for 29 years. In 2003, I married Gloria Ellenbogen, a flight attendant also with American Airlines. We both retired in 2004 and currently reside in Oro Valley, Arizona. We enjoy golf, biking, hiking and, of course, travel.

I was married to Carol Transeth '69 from 1973 until she passed away in 2000. We have two children, Britt and Sonja, and now have two grandchildren. Both daughters live in Denver.



## Kathy Nienow Bode



St. Olaf Major: Home Economics

St. Olaf Activities: Big Brothers Big Sisters program, Faribault State Hospital Volunteer

Spouse: Howard Bode

Children: Amy, Kristin, Scott

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters, one grandson

For the last 15 years, my husband and I have lived on acreage between Faribault and Medford. After being a city girl my whole life, I've come to realize the joys and values of country living. We enjoy visiting our children who are scattered across the country, spending our winters in Arizona, attending musical festivals and concerts, and going to Branson every year. I still love a good movie! I spent my working years in human resources and church administration. As I look back through the years, I've come to realize how God's hand has always been in my life and He has kept me in His loving care.

## Linda Nietz McCarty

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

St. Olaf Activities: Sliding down Old Main hill on a caf tray

Spouse: Charles (Pat) McCarty

Children: Christopher '99, Benjamin, and Charlie

Grandchildren: six (three boys, three girls)

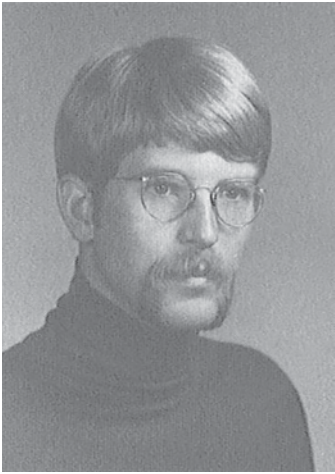


While people were out last-minute Christmas shopping, my mother was at St. Mary's hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, giving birth to me. My name, 'Linda Lee,' was a combination of my mother's name, 'Adeline,' and my father's name, 'Leo.' My parents, both children of German immigrants, were raised with a strong Lutheran faith and they lived that faith from birth until death. As a Lutheran college close to home, St. Olaf was the most attractive choice—despite the fact that it was Norwegian. The nursing program seemed like a good option and it didn't hurt that my best friend was also applying to the same program. This seemingly simple decision on my part turned out to have a profound impact on the arc of my life. I had no idea how much God was leading me to a career that I would both love and be good at doing.

My nursing career would read like the titles in a Cherry Ames novel collection and the foundation provided by the St. Olaf nursing program has been my bedrock. To me, the heart of nursing is the privilege of being with a person in the most vulnerable moments of life, which are oftentimes monumental life-changing moments of transition: birth, death, and living itself.

What else have I done with my life since St. Olaf? Well, I won the lottery! Not only did God give me the perfect husband, but he also gave me three amazing sons who share their lives with three fabulous spouses, and collectively have blessed me with six adorable (and bright) grandchildren. There have been fluctuations between happy and sad throughout my life, but the constant has been joy, and I look forward to where God will lead me next.

## Jon Nordby



St. Olaf Majors: Art and Philosophy

Spouse: Kim Nordby

Children: Yah, right.

Grandchildren: See preceding entry.

Lesson learned: What is valuable in life and, more importantly, what is not.

My mother, an Ole art major, always encouraged me to look at things carefully while my father, a physician, emphasized the importance of thinking critically about all I observed. At St. Olaf, I continued to follow their examples and majored in art and philosophy. St. Olaf broadened these skills and encouraged a strong Christian faith, which formed the foundation for my graduate, post-graduate, and work experience in the forensic sciences and forensic medicine.

I began teaching at Pacific Lutheran University in 1977 and also worked with the medical examiner offices in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington. Following major surgery in 1998, I retired from PLU as a full professor and, along with my wife Kim, continued our practice Final Analysis Forensics. As a scientific witness, I served prosecutors, public defenders, law enforcement, the Defense Department and a number of innocence projects here and around the world. 40 years of working homicide, suicide, accidental and officer-involved death cases left me with many stories and life lessons that I've incorporated into my four books.

For many years I served my country as a member of the National Disaster Medical System's DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team), and my deployment to New York City following the 9/11 attacks qualified me as a founding member of Homeland Security. Occasionally, video of me being quoted out of context appears on one of TV's true-crime programs, including an episode of Dateline.

Although my work has been fairly consuming, I filled my leisure time swimming, playing water polo, lifting weights, restoring old outboard motors and cars, and building wooden boats while recovering from multiple illnesses, accidents and surgeries. Over the years, Kim and I have enjoyed the love of a number of rescue dogs and cats, which always seemed like a bargain at the time of acquisition but somehow ended up being quite expensive over the courses of their lives. Best money ever spent. (See lesson learned above.)

## Marty Nordlie Antonson

St. Olaf Major: Music

St. Olaf Activities: Alpha Delta, Orchestra

Children: Jeff, Mark, David

My years at St. Olaf were very enjoyable and prepared me well for my career in music. I taught elementary strings in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, for a total of twenty years,



retiring in 2018. While teaching, I earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

I was fortunate to obtain a position as a violinist in the Omaha Symphony which I held for 37 years. Many thanks go to Miss Lien, who was my violin instructor at St. Olaf, and Dr. Berglund, the St. Olaf Orchestra conductor. Performing with a professional orchestra was a highlight of my life!

While raising three sons, I became involved with the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras and served on the board of directors. As president of the board, I accompanied the Omaha Youth Symphony on their trip to Austria, Switzerland, and France. My love for travel began at St. Olaf. As a freshman, I participated in the orchestra's very first trip to Norway during Interim. As a senior, I spent Interim studying Ancient History in Greece and Rome. Since graduation in 1970, I have gone overseas numerous times and am looking forward to a trip to Egypt in a couple of weeks.

Retirement has brought interesting changes to my life. I can enjoy a cup of coffee and a good book on my sun porch instead of rushing off to work. There was never enough time to read until now, and there are no more excuses to avoid the gym. I study New Testament Greek with a small group at church and even took an oil painting class at the art museum (with modest results.) My musical life continues as I give private lessons on violin and play in a string quartet. Life is full of intriguing possibilities!

## Mark Nordling



St. Olaf Major: Political Science

Spouse: Joan Weber Nordling

Children: Sarah, Todd, Heather, and Maren

Grandchildren: Hailey, Jack, Kira, Liv,  
Wyatt IV, Harper, and Philomena

Mine is a somewhat unorthodox version of the college experience for members of the Class of 1970. After the first semester

of sophomore year, I transferred to — and later graduated from — St. John's University for the opportunity to study under Dr. Ed Henry, a distinguished professor and practitioner of government.

I entered St. Olaf together with friends who were grade school and high school classmates from St. Cloud. My group of friends quickly grew to include people who remain friends 54 years later. My most treasured and valuable takeaway from St. Olaf is found in the classic meaning of liberal arts: learning how to think. What I learned from Vernon Faillettaz and Haldor Hove was not so much about content, but rather more about critical and comprehensive thought processes.

After college and a year away from academics for Army training, I entered the William Mitchell College of Law. My planned career of lawyering and possibly politics took an unexpected turn when an offer of promotion into management converted my summer railroad job into my calling. I retired in 2016 with 50 years in railroad operations, marketing, planning and consulting.

I lived in Minneapolis, Chicago, and Orlando while working for several railroads and the Association of American Railroads. The highlight was the seven years when I was the rail industry expert for a consulting engineering firm, DeLeuw Cather.

My projects included inter-country coordination and feasibility studies in Mozambique and other African nations, light rail planning in Malaysia, and numerous improvements to Amtrak's Washington-to-Boston Northeast Corridor. The "best of the best" was living in Folkestone, England, for three years while serving as technical advisor to Eurotunnel, the builder and operator of the English Channel tunnel.

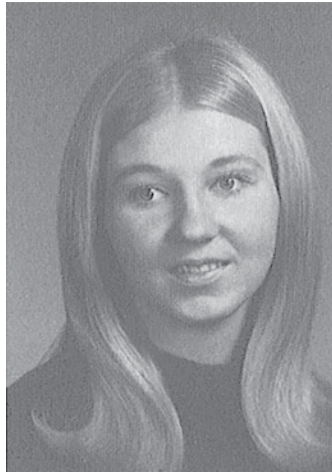
Until a recent move to southwest Florida, our retirement has been in Minneapolis, where I have been busy as a tutor in the Bloomington schools and a volunteer docent at the American Swedish Institute. And with our seven wonderful grandkids!



## Thelma Nordos Fricke

I stepped off the plane from New York to Minneapolis. It was a cargo, “student fare,” middle-of-the-night flight. I was now on my own to discover who I would become. Now, 50 years later, that is still the journey.

I was armed with a psychology degree and landed a job at the Hennepin County Home School as a child care supervisor. This facility was the residential treatment center for delinquents, and at that time a



status offense — run away or truancy — could result in a stint at CHS. The institution evolved with the changing environment and now houses felony offenders. I also evolved at the home school and eventually retired as a recreational therapist. I had the best job. I was able to explore leisure time activities and use them to create an arena for positive change. My favorite pursuit was theater arts. For 20 years, we recruited the best artists in the region who worked with our residents to create and perform an original play to the community, family, politicians, and policy makers.

I married a guy who also worked at the home school. Ken and I have been married for 45 years and have two children: Lars and Erica. One went to University of Minnesota at Morris and Augsburg and the other to Hamline and St. Mary’s. They didn’t go to St. Olaf but are fine nonetheless!

I appreciate the St. Olaf community. It provided a standard of excellence and allowed for exploration and considered thought. Our years were in a turbulent era. We protested and sat in the president’s office while the country was evolving. I like to think that our class paved the way for exciting and needed changes. (Just think, we came with hats and gloves for a “tea,” curfews and no jeans!)

My goal now is to keep current and alert. While my children often challenge my sensibilities, my task is to decide what can be discarded and what is important to hold on to. St. Olaf provided the foundation for this important chapter in my life.

## Rosalyn Nygard Dodd



St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Mellby Hall

Spouse: George Dodd

Children: Matthew, Nathan, Jennie, Joy, Andrew, Daniel

Grandchildren: 16 (8 grandsons, 8 granddaughters), plus one due April 2020

My years at St. Olaf taught me about myself and showed me what I truly enjoyed (microbiology, histology and organic chemistry) and what I didn't (physics, calculus). Dr. Lofthus suggested I might enjoy medical technology, and I did! I interned at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis in their medical tech program. I worked at Mohave County Hospital in Kingman, Arizona, until I married my husband in 1972. I then worked for independent laboratories in San Diego, California, in chemistry and immunology until Matthew was born.

My husband was a helicopter pilot and we moved a bit: San Jose, California, Phoenix, Arizona, west Texas, and finally Lafayette, Louisiana, where we have lived for the past 34 years. We are in the heart of Cajun country, where the people are friendly and the food is tasty!

I worked in the insurance industry in risk management for a number of years after my children were grown, and I enjoyed learning about the various types of businesses and organizations I contacted.

We love Jesus and are active members of our local church, where I have played keyboard on the worship team for 24 years. I enjoy participating in Bible studies, the prayer team, and decorating for special events.

My hobbies include cooking, baking, gardening and traveling. I have taught classes on traditional methods of choosing and preparing foods to maximize nutrition. I cook and bake gluten-free as several members of my family (including myself and my siblings) are sensitive to gluten or have celiac. I enjoy cooking ethnic foods, especially Thai, and I garden to support my cooking habit!

We travel to visit our children; they live in Virginia, California, New York, Tennessee, and Thailand, and one lives with us. I travel with my sisters every year or so to explore a different part of the country (most recently to Asheville, North Carolina and the Biltmore Estate)!

## Judy Oleson

Growing up in a small town in Minnesota with a strong Lutheran background and a love of music, St. Olaf College was a natural choice for me. During my four years there, I enjoyed the musical opportunities available as well as the many other very interesting, and new to me, activities.

I made good friends at St. Olaf and learned a great deal about the world. I was given a chance to spend several weeks studying



in Mexico and found it an amazing experience. There were many other opportunities to learn and participate in things never before available to a small town girl.

Following graduation, I moved to Minneapolis and soon after began working for Hennepin County at the Juvenile Detention Center. After several years there, I moved on to juvenile probation where I remained until I retired in 2011. It was a job that was frustrating and often difficult, but rewarding in many ways. I made many friends during my time there, some of them remain close.

During those years, I helped build a cabin with my partner in the Brainerd Lakes area. Spending time there has been very enjoyable. Walking in the woods, reading by the fire, and watching the wildlife are some of my favorite things.

In my 30s I fulfilled a lifelong dream to take riding lessons. I had always been interested in horses, but had never seriously considered riding until a friend mentioned that she was doing it. One thing led to another and now I own a beautiful mare that I show in the Twin Cities area and beyond. It is something I will continue to do as long as possible!

In addition to spending time at the cabin and riding several times a week now that I am retired, I volunteer at a local elementary school in the Reading Partners Program. I also spend time reading, walking the dog, seeing friends, and going to the gym. I have been taking a Swedish language class at the American Swedish Institute, which has proven to be both fun and a challenge.

## Laurie Olson Stroope



I'm looking forward to returning to the St. Olaf campus for our 50th Class Reunion to visit friends and other music and music education majors, to delight in seeing old and familiar campus buildings, and to discover new ones too. The college has played a memorable part in my family gatherings as well, as several of my siblings, their spouses, and other extended family members have graduated or attended St.

Olaf — more than a dozen in fact! Didn't everyone go to St. Olaf?

After graduation from St. Olaf, along with my first music teaching position in Mound, MN, and graduate school at the University of Minnesota, I was inspired by St. Olaf faculty member Gloria Kiester to spread my wings farther afield, leading me to teach music to American schoolchildren in the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan, through the Department of Defense. After five memorable years teaching and traveling overseas, I returned to the States and transitioned to fundraising positions with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Florida Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Johns Hopkins University, and the Smithsonian Institution. Since retiring a few years ago, I've enjoyed volunteer work with Dining for Women, a national nonprofit supporting women and girls globally, lots of reading and friendships through monthly book clubs, local and regional theater, and domestic and international travel with my lifelong partner, Mike Anikeeff. Though I no longer play my viola, my love for music of all genres (from jazz and opera, to chamber music and orchestral music), inspired by my education at St. Olaf, continues! Fram! Fram!

## Peggy Olson Wensman

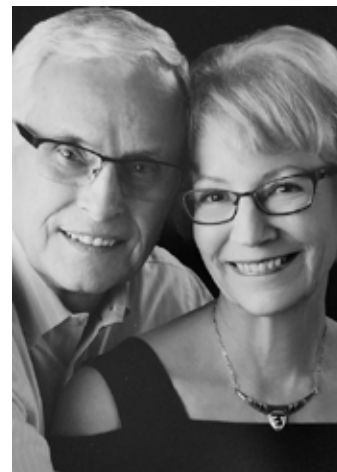
St. Olaf Major: Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers,  
Manitou Messenger

Spouse: Randy Wensman '70

Children: Scott '97; Eric, Loyola  
Marymount '99; Brett, Loyola  
Marymount '02

Grandchildren: two granddaughters, two  
grandsons



After graduation I worked at First Minneapolis Bank for seven years in financial computer services, methods research, and marketing. Randy and I were married in 1971 and lived in Bloomington, commuting to downtown Minneapolis.

In 1977 we moved to Morris County, New Jersey, which is in suburban New York City. For several years I was a member of the Masterwork Chorus in New York City, which was known for its annual performances, each weekend in December, of the full uncut Handel's Messiah at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. I probably had that score memorized, but it never got old.

After relocating to Atlanta, Georgia, I was active in tennis leagues and church, school, and community committees. I was also a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under Robert Shaw, who was the chorus master as well as the conductor. Long but always inspiring rehearsals and recording sessions led to thrilling concerts and three albums winning two Grammys and a nomination. I played a small part as one first soprano in a large chorus and orchestra.

We moved to our current home in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1990, where I resumed my banking career with Wells Fargo in Phoenix as a systems trainer and with privately owned banks in management, business development, and marketing. Now retired, I continue choir and volunteering at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church, leadership in Soroptimist International of Phoenix, and singing in Arizona MusicFest Chorus.

For the past 20 years we have had a condo in Flagstaff. It's just two hours away and at 7,000 feet, a very different environment. In the winter, we can get our snow fix in the tundra-topped mountains and pine forests and then go home to the Valley of the Sun. We enjoy outdoor activities, reading, following sports, attending concerts, and traveling abroad. We especially love spending time with our children and grandchildren in Phoenix, Dallas, and Atlanta.

## Sandra Olson Rasmussen



A week after our St. Olaf graduation, I married my St. Olaf sweetheart, John Rasmussen. I taught German in Wauwatosa, WI while he earned a master's degree in engineering at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. Eventually, I also earned a master's in German foreign language and literature from UWM.

John's career took us to wonderful parts of the country: St. Louis, Boston (three times including when he had a fellowship at MIT), and the Washington DC area (Maryland). I was lucky enough to find German teaching jobs as we moved around. In Massachusetts I also studied Spanish and became certified to teach Spanish. Besides teaching at high schools, I also taught German at Merrimack College for four years. In Maryland I began teaching both German and Spanish, and enjoyed the challenge. I was also the first American to teach in the German Language Program at the German School in Washington, DC.

As fulfilling as our careers were, our greatest adventure was raising our children, Paul and Suzanne. Paul and his wife live in Singapore. They love living there and we enjoy visiting them. We will be there in May for our sixth visit since 2013. Suzanne and her husband live in Frederick, MD. We travel to Maryland often, especially since the birth of our granddaughter in September.

In 2005 we moved to Naples, Florida to enjoy early retirement, world travel, and charity work. I became involved in English language programs as a tutor, tutor trainer, Board Member, fundraiser, etc. I started an English program at the local Habitat for Humanity branch, and a program for Head Start children and their parents to promote reading, parental involvement in their children's education, and also improving their English skills. I am currently starting a program for the Spanish congregation associated with our church.

I love to travel, especially with my wonderful husband of almost 50 years. We've been to 86 countries and are looking forward to more. Our philosophy: do it while you still can.

## Timothy Onnen

Having studied political science, in particular Hobbes' *Leviathan*, I was well prepared to enter the building trades industry. My many theses involved studies of concrete placement and finishing, framing and drywall studies, plumbing and mechanical sabbaticals, and structural steel disciplines. Eventually I pursued my "masters" in industrial electrical genres. (Please excuse my subtle attempt at a little humor.)



Following 10 years of active onsite studies and installations in Iowa, my family was relocated to Florida. We purchased the Florida division of Meisner Electric in 1981. Our new venture company concentrated on various avenues of the healthcare market, major commercial projects (Miami Marlins Ballpark), and the Space Station Processing Facility for NASA at Kennedy Space Center.

In 2017, after 47 years in the construction industry, I retired. Having maintained my ties to Iowa, I had purchased a farm and timber hammock in 2009. I initiated numerous substantial conservation projects: removing my farm from row crop production and installing upland pheasant habitat, planting dedicated pollinator acres, replanting various hardwood trees, and building sustainable garden plots. All of which I continue today.

My wife of 47 years, Janet, and I are the proud parents of two children, Erik and Sarah, and two wonderful grandchildren.

## Christine Ordnung Poppe



St. Olaf Majors: English and Art

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir

Mankato State University: Master's in Library Media Education

Children: Heather '96 and Elizabeth

Grandchildren: Lucia and Amelia

I grew up bi-coastally, living the first 14 years in Connecticut and moving to Santa Barbara, California, in 1962. I was introduced to St. Olaf by a high school boyfriend who intended to sing in Ole Choir. I went to St. Olaf and he didn't.

St. Olaf taught me many things: how to study, how to connect learning with prior knowledge, how to memorize music, the value of friendships and family, and how to utilize my strengths to meet life's challenges.

After many years volunteering, I reentered the workforce in 1985, earning teaching certificates in both 9-12 English and K-12 art. While working as a substitute teacher in Minneapolis, I earned my master's degree in library media education from Mankato State. I worked at a variety of Minneapolis schools across the K-12 spectrum from 1992 until 2010, when I retired.

Like many of my fellow retirees, I now wonder how I had time to work all those years! My life in retirement is a full one. A member of the Twin Cities Rose Club for about 15 years, I have gradually dug up my front lawn and replaced the backyard vegetable garden to accommodate more than 100 rose bushes I cultivate in my city-sized yard. I was honored with the Bronze Medal of the American Rose Society in 2012.

I'm the secretary and newsletter editor for Minneapolis Retired Teachers and a member of RTC-59, the more politically-oriented retired MPS teachers group. I attend the monthly luncheons of our Minneapolis Retired Media Specialists group and the monthly meetings of the Allegra Investment Club.

My younger daughter, Lisa, and I have traveled the world together. As members of the World Federation of Rose Societies, we have attended conventions in South Africa, Uruguay, India, Eastern Europe, and Denmark. We've enjoyed family trips to London, Paris, Rome, and Mexico and independent trips to Belgium, Scotland, Ukraine, France, England, Hawaii, and most recently, Egypt.



## Candace Ostberg Gruman

St. Olaf Major: Physical Education and Health

Master's in Education: St. Mary's College of Minnesota

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, cheerleading, synchronized swimming, Alpha Delta society

Spouse: Gregory Gruman '70, deceased

Children: Alexander Peter Gruman and



Amalia Taylor Gruman Laird

Grandkids: Three granddaughters, one grandson

My memories of St. Olaf include fun times in the dorm, athletic games, and loving my physical education and health major classes and classmates. I felt sad and mad when St. Olaf dropped the PE major.

I taught physical education and health in the Mounds View School District for 35 years. I loved being part of the 1973 Title IX ruling for women's sports; I consider myself a grandmother of girl's sports in Minnesota. We became the first female coaches and went to workshops and camps to learn how to coach. I coached gymnastics, track, and synchronized swimming. When I retired, I was sad and angry about the trend to allow students to get credit for PE and health online.

I am a mother of two children, Alex and Amalia, and four grandchildren. They are the joys of my life. Alex and Amalia are fifth generation in a family business started by Greg's great-grandfather in 1888: Winkley Orthopedics and Prosthetics.

When I got divorced in 2010, I went to Palm Desert, California, to visit friends from my church. I fell in love with the desert and have been going there in the winter every year. In 2017, I sat next to a man at a concert at church and asked him if he played golf. He said yes, we began playing together, and have been in love for two years. Unfortunately, he lives in Lititz, Pennsylvania, and is involved in barbershop singing. Neither of us want to leave our families or community, so we have a "honeymoon" each month together and have been on fun vacations – a Viking cruise and golf trips to Pebble Beach, Hawaii and Whistling Straits. I travel to his beach house in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and he visits my cabin in Spooner, Wisconsin.

Life is good; I feel so blessed.

## John Pain



St. Olaf Major: Mathematics and Economics

University of Chicago: JD and Master's in Business Administration

Spouse: Lorna Wyss '73; University of Minnesota: Master's in Public Health

Children: Margaret, Carleton 2006; Andrea, Wesleyan University 2008; Meredith, Grinnell 2010; Rachel, '13

I began college with no academic focus. Absent that, I chose an economics major because I thought it would lead to some sort of job. Junior year, almost by luck, I enrolled in Loren Larson's Abstract Algebra class. It was like a door opened for me and I became a math major. I found math both fun and, in its own way, beautiful. I am grateful that a liberal arts education at St. Olaf gave me the opportunity to discover that.

During freshman year, I enrolled in ROTC. I was determined not to be drafted and fight on the ground in Vietnam. Senior year, while taking the Air Force physical, a heart problem was discovered. I was discharged from ROTC just before we graduated. Graduate school served as an intellectual diversion while I waited to see what would happen to my health. Surprisingly, things improved and I was pronounced fully recovered just as I turned 30.

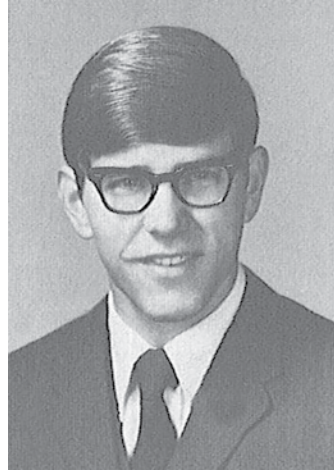
During college, I dated very little. By my early 30s, I was more than ready for a significant relationship when I met Lorna at the church we both attended. Meeting Lorna was like having another door open in my life. We have been married 37 years and have four amazing daughters. They are each pursuing careers that have not long been readily open to women.

In my career I have benefited from great mentors and, somehow, I stumbled into a good fit as a finance executive at an aerospace firm. Since retiring, I have volunteered at nonprofits trying to use skills learned in my career to help those organizations. Lorna and I also travel a lot more.

I have valued reconnecting with classmates over the past few years and I continue to be surprised at how things have unfolded since leaving St. Olaf.

## Robert Palrud

After graduation and a whirlwind European tour with the Ole choir, it was off to Lansing, MI for a 13-year stint teaching earth science at the community college, picking up a master's so I could teach full time, and romping all over the country with a student recreation club — we had free use of the college vans and boy, did we recreate!



I came back to MN for two decades of

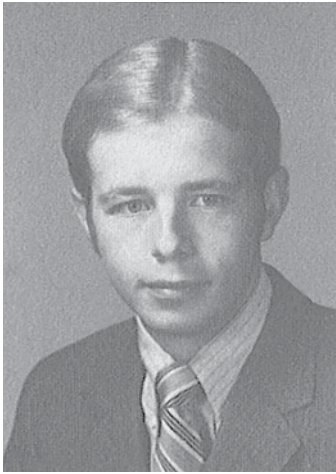
managing energy conservation programs in TC suburbs. I had a great time living in St. Anthony Park in a charming little bungalow close to Luther Seminary, where I got caught up in ballroom dance. I only mention that because I had no idea ballroom was hot back at Olaf, and it led me to what is probably my last career — house painting.

I still crank out a few houses each summer and dabble at interiors, though I seem to work less for pay than the myriad volunteer opportunities I have to paint at my church. They let me sing in the choir as well; life is good.

Ten years ago Christmas Eve, I married a gal I had known since back in '76 when we met as I lead a dozen guys across the country on a transcontinental bike ride called Bikecentennial. She was dating my co-leader, another Bob, and we became a regular menage for the next 24 years, skiing and biking, plus I was in their wedding and we worked together summers in the BWCA. With Bob1 out of the picture I became Bob2, and got even for her removing me from MN to the dusty plains of WY by finding another cozy bungalow in Spokane, though we still have a cabin in the Bighorns outside Sheridan.

This allows me to segue to one of the nicer developments of my near-retirement years. Still finding it important that I minimize my carbon footprint, and looking askance at the 700 miles between home and cabin, I now drive a Tesla!

## John Pederson



St. Olaf Major: Philosophy

St. Olaf Activities: Alpine Ski Team, IM

Andover Newton Theological School:  
Master's in Theology

Harvard University: Philosophy

Luther Seminary: Master's of Divinity

University of Aberdeen: John Webster

Spouse: Ruthann Reinheimer '72, Colorado

State University: Master's in Business  
Administration

Children: Kirsten, University of Colorado, Smith College; Aaron, St. Olaf

Grandchildren: Olivia (15), Siri (12), Cecilia (6), Arthur (4)

Ruth and I dated three years at St. Olaf and married in that strange spring of 1970, four days after Kent State and a couple of weeks before I graduated. Professionally, it took me awhile to figure some things out. Just two courses short of a most regrettable chemistry major at St. Olaf, I switched to philosophy as a junior. After a few years of graduate school, straddling philosophy and theology, I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor (ELCA) in 1975. I richly enjoyed pastoral work in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Fort Collins, Colorado, and Denver, Colorado, retiring in 2014. Ruth has been CFO and CEO for Colorado hospices and AIDS-related nonprofits. I remain grateful that, as an obnoxious sophomore, I asked Ruth to "button, button" in the women's gym at her first St. Olaf dance.

For fun now I read history, philosophy, and literature, and audit an occasional University of Colorado philosophy course. We travel often in Europe. I don't ski as much or as intensely now, but can still load an edge and dice a few arcs. I first skied Vail while at St. Olaf in about 1968, and have been happy to call it my Colorado home mountain ever since.

Our children flourish in their careers and families, each family living just a half hour from us. You will, of course, eventually read of our grandchildren's many achievements in various important journals. We are all healthy.

I often think of my St. Olaf years. They were important for me in ways I'm still unpacking.

## Pamela Perbix Folk

St. Olaf Major: Social Psychology  
University of Minnesota: M.S.W. Spouse:  
Jim Folk '70

Children: W. Anders Folk, Benjamin Folk,  
Karl Folk

Grandchildren: Morgan, Ulysses, Harlan,  
Madeline, Alexandra (triplets), Malcolm.



I chose St. Olaf over other options because the lilacs were so beautiful when I visited. It was strong academically, too. I took college for granted, but loved learning. I met friends who have remained so: Sandi Olson, Marsha Sibley, and Peggy Johnson among others. I developed a social conscience based on work off-campus, as well as through what I studied. Although I earned a degree with honors, I know that I was a privileged person who didn't always take things seriously. Through sociology, I developed a deeper understanding of society and politics. I had a regular cohort within the social sciences.

Of course, one (partially) remembers parties at Heath Creek and other social events. I was in a small, isolated corridor as a freshman; it was intensely social. I was also a junior counselor. Many changes during our tenure: girl's lights out at 10:30, lock-up, and other rules not in place for the boys. Open houses that were VERY supervised. JBoard. All gone by senior year.

After St. Olaf, I went to the U of Minnesota for an M.S.W., but did not practice. I began teaching at Winona State when I was 23, the first woman in the Sociology Department. I am still teaching sociology classes at North Hennepin Community College, both online and in the classroom.

My husband and I met when I was 17 in German class: Frau Pesola in Old Main. We married in 1971, worked in our fields, raised our three boys, were active in our community. We babysit our six grandkids often now – they're all six or younger; one set of triplets. We spend a lot of time traveling. We are fortunate to have friends and close relatives in several parts of Europe. One son and his wife lived abroad, and we visited frequently. We have been very lucky.

I am grateful for the foundation STO provided.

## Carol Perman Cowles



St. Olaf Major: Art Education

Mankato State University:Elementary Education

Spouse: Tim Cowles

Children: Andy '95, Katy, and Suzy

Grandchildren: Three girls and three boys

I was born in Northfield, and lived in close proximity to St. Olaf College. My parents were both Ole grads, and of the five of us children, three graduated from St. Olaf. Many of my friends and neighbors were children of faculty and administration, and we considered the St. Olaf campus to be our playground. We loved climbing the ski jump behind Thorson Hall, going to basketball and football games, and didn't love as much sitting quietly through the St. Olaf Christmas Festivals. I would now reverse the order of those likes.

The thing that most influenced my life while at St. Olaf was going to Mexico for an art interim with Professor Dorothy Divers in 1969. It was there that I began my infatuation with Mexican people, art, food, and an occasional margarita. We studied the murals of Mexico and took a couple of studio classes in San Miguel de Allende. For the last 12 years, my husband and I spent four months of the year in Mexico. I continue to study painting and Spanish there, as well as many cooking classes.

My working years were spent in a variety of areas, including being a bank teller and bookkeeper in St. Louis Park, a mother, wife, third grade teacher, and a bookkeeper and store owner in Northfield. I was active in the Northfield Arts Guild, raising money for expansion, chair of the Youth Board at St. John's Church, hockey mom, tennis mom, and the first woman to serve as a director on the board at First National Bank of Northfield.

I believe my liberal arts education at St. Olaf prepared me well for this life. I have known so many fine people, had so many opportunities to grow through work and play. I have laughed abundantly, survived my trials, and look forward to many more adventures ... perhaps through St. Olaf travel!

## Caroline Peters Belsom

St. Olaf Major: Mathematics, Physics

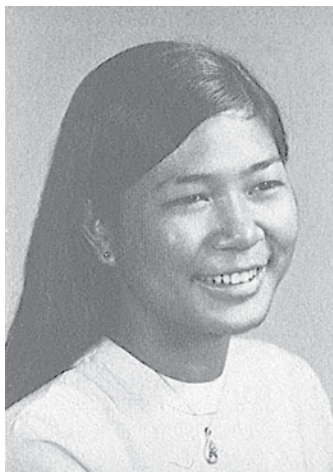
Iowa State University: M.S. in Physics '72

University of Connecticut School of Law:  
J.D. '82

Spouse: Rev. Dr. Jack Edward Belsom,  
B.A., University of New Orleans '66; B.D.,  
Lancaster Theological Seminary '69;

D. Min., McCormick Seminary '84

Stepchildren: Kristina and Benjamin



Grandchildren: Three granddaughters and four grandsons

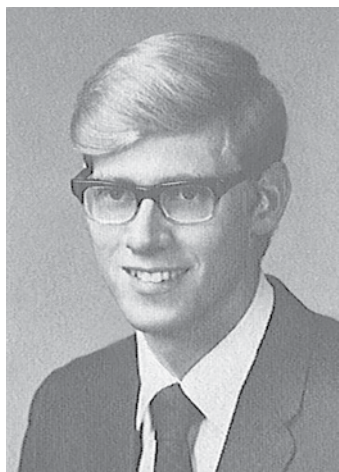
Great Grandchildren: Four great-grandsons

I grew up in Hawaii with its tropical climate and diverse cultures. Beginning with college at St. Olaf, I spent 20 years living on the mainland in Minnesota, Iowa, and Connecticut. At St. Olaf, there was a short time that I was not able to distinguish my roommate from all the other Norwegian Lutherans on campus — as one of the few nonwhite students on campus, I was often assumed to be a foreign student. My teeth chattered in the fall, and I was told to “wait until it was 30 below zero” — 30 where? I bundled up and learned to ice skate and ski while at St. Olaf.

I left St. Olaf and moved to Ames, Iowa to do graduate work at Iowa State in high-energy experimental physics. The solitary life of a researcher, however, was not for me, and I shifted my focus to teaching after obtaining my master's degree. After seven years of teaching in Des Moines, I moved on to Hartford, Connecticut to attend law school. Upon finishing my law degree, I clerked for the federal magistrate in Iowa, and served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Des Moines. I returned to Honolulu in 1986 and litigated civil cases with a private firm, becoming a partner four years later. In 1998 I was named vice president of administration for the owner/operator of the Kapalua Resort, and in 2010 I left the resort and opened a solo practice focusing on homeowner associations, new business formations, and nonprofit organizations. I am transitioning out of the active practice of law and into doing work through our court system on Maui to benefit the wider community.

Much aloha and warm greetings from the island of Maui.

## Dana Petersen



St. Olaf Major: Chemistry

St. Olaf Activities: Saxophone in concert band under Miles Johnson

Spouse: Cindy Davis '70

Following St. Olaf, Cindy and I married in July 1970. We have been quite busy working with adoptions, raising seven

children, and now enjoying 10 grandkids. I attended medical school at U of South Dakota and U of Minnesota, followed by a family practice residency in Seattle, 1974–77.

Work began with the Owatonna Clinic followed by a move in 1981 to Lynden, Washington, opening a new family practice clinic. After 33 years in the office, I transitioned to hospital medicine serving the FCN (Family Care Network) of Bellingham, Washington, until retirement in 2015.

Volunteering at Holden Village as 'medic' and carpenter for two years (2016–18) followed.

Cindy and I have enjoyed traveling and visiting friends and acquaintances. Volunteering with Living Waters for the World in Honduras has been an activity through our local church group. When at home I still play saxophone with a community jazz band. Bagpiping began with 12 years in the Bellingham Pipe Band and now continues for self and any who request and will stand still for this. Substitute school bus driving is a seasonal pleasure that keeps my mind active. Animal husbandry (raising sheep) is slowing now with Stanley-the-goose, the last backyard hold out.

We don't get back to St. Olaf much but do look forward to the 2020 reunion and enjoy the news via alumni news and web sites. I enjoyed hearing the recent St. Olaf band concert via the web.



## Philip Peterson

St. Olaf Majors: Psychology and Asian Studies

St. Olaf Activities: Phi Epsilon, Junior Counselor, Thailand semester, Malta Interim, Lion's Pause Coffee House, several musicals

Spouse: Sheree Peterson, Michigan State 1978

Children: Emily Peterson, Macalester 2009



I was raised in southwestern Minnesota in a family that enjoyed travel, so traveling through St. Olaf programs was wonderful, including an interim trip to Malta and the Thailand semester my senior year. I've been wandering pretty much ever since.

I took my first retirement between college and marriage, 13 years, so I'm 13 years behind my peers as far as a final retirement. No complaints, life has been good. Bill Davis and I drove out to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, after graduation, and then took the ferry up to Alaska. I worked at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, that fall, and in the spring traveled across the Sahara Desert, where I realized I really preferred to be around water. I sailed to Tahiti the next year and have been around water ever since.

I sold sailboats for Sailboats, Inc. for the rest of the 1970s and moved to Bayfield. Other occupations since include marina manager, bed and breakfast owner and operator with my wife, yacht captain in the Caribbean and Bahamas, and marine surveyor. When I turned 60 it was apparent that I needed to get my financial house in order, and with the support of my wife I packed my bags and headed down to the Gulf of Mexico to work on offshore boats in the oil field. I ended up working a year in the Jubilee Oil Field in Ghana, which was a wonderful experience. I also became an Emerald Shellback. I continued to work on offshore supply vessels in the Gulf of Mexico until things went down the toilet in 2016. I am currently happily self-employed as a marine surveyor.

We enjoy sailing and kayaking on Lake Superior, reading, and any excuse to travel. By the time of the reunion we'll have made our third trip to New Zealand, where our daughter, Emily, makes peanut butter in Wellington.

## Daniel Poppe



I enlisted in the U.S. Navy prior to graduation and was inducted shortly after. My main tour of duty started in Florida and ended in Hawaii. Lucky! After my navy discharge in 1973, I returned to Minnesota and started in the financial business. I began my professional career with ITT Financial Services and then moved to a Minneapolis community bank as a loan officer.

In 1984, I took a position with Excel Bank, working in both Edina and downtown Minneapolis where I became EVP and specialized in commercial real estate lending. Excel was sold to M&I Bank in 2007 where I managed several departments before they merged with BMO Harris Bank in 2010. After three years with BMO I returned to my first love, community banking. I joined Bridgewater Bank in 2013 as SVP and chief lending officer.

Life came to a screeching halt in August of 2017 with a heart attack and quadruple bypass. While I still enjoyed work, even in my hospital bed, I made a conscious effort to cut back and schedule in more playtime — golf, travel, and hanging with friends and family. Whether it's a day trip with the top down or a couple months in Arizona, technology has allowed me to cut the office cord and hit the road.

My wife, Kathy, and I have four daughters between us. Heather '94, Lisa, Emily, and Liz. We are thrilled that they all have the good sense to live nearby as they have blessed us with six fabulous grandchildren — from sweet 16 to rambunctious 1 1/2.

Kathy and I have enjoyed living in Burnsville since we married in 1990. It's a perfect location between office, church, and the airport.

## Nancy Powell Saxhaug

St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: Alpha Delta, Basketball

Spouse: Tom Saxhaug '70

Children: Susie (fourth grade teacher) and  
Tim (musician)

Grandkids: Emily and Billy



The most important takeaway from St. Olaf is the many lifelong friendships I made. Twelve of us lived in an off-campus house on St. Olaf Avenue our senior year. We lost one to an early death, but the rest of us meet on a regular basis (at least annually). The friendships have grown deeper and richer over time. Some of us chose careers, some had children, most have dealt with illnesses and trauma — but all of us are still married to our original partners. I find that rather amazing, and think that the values that led us to St. Olaf in the first place have something to do with that.

Tom and I married at the end of 1970 and moved to his hometown of Grand Rapids, MN, two years later. I can remember visiting Grand Rapids in my youth and wondering, “What do people DO here?” I found out quickly that people are involved in their community, big time. Over my years here I’ve led a theatre board, Mrs. Jaycees, the YMCA, a golf league, and now our Children’s Mental Health Services board. I spent some time on the stage and singing in choirs, as well.

There were a variety of jobs before and after kids: ski coach, English aide, retailer and insurance agent. I finally landed at Arrowhead Promotion and Fulfillment for 17 1/2 years as vice president in charge of teleservices, a very satisfying career. For the 14 years Tom was in the Minnesota State Senate, I kept the home fires burning while he lived in St. Paul for part of the year.

Now we’re both retired and enjoying it thoroughly. We travel extensively, both in the United States and abroad. I read, needlepoint, bike, snowshoe, and play golf in whatever spare time there is. Both our adult children moved back to Grand Rapids. How lucky are we?

## David Pritz



St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, ABX, Air Force ROTC, D.O.M. Spouse: Gail  
Children: Nathan and Colin Grandkids: Two grandsons and two granddaughters

I was born in eastern Pennsylvania and moved to Ferguson, Missouri, at age 13. During high school my family moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois, and lived there throughout my college years.

After graduating from St. Olaf I went to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma, for pilot training. My first assignment was to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, where I flew C-141 Starlifter aircraft hauling freight, troops and passengers all around the world, primarily in the US. and to Europe and Africa. Four years later I was transferred to Hawaii. I left active duty in 1978 and joined the reserves where I once again flew the C-141. I retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1991.

In Hawaii, I was hired in 1979 by Aloha Airlines to fly Boeing 737 aircraft around the Hawaiian Islands and finally to the West Coast. Aloha went bankrupt in 2008. However, I continued to fly with our freight operation. I finally retired from flying in 2010.

My wife and I met skiing in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. We left to go to Hawaii. Our sons were born and raised in Hawaii. Gail and I became very involved with our boys in the Boy Scouts. We both served in many adult leadership positions including the training program. In Hawaii, I was the course director for advanced leadership training for both the scouts and adult leaders. Nathan and Colin are both Eagle Scouts.

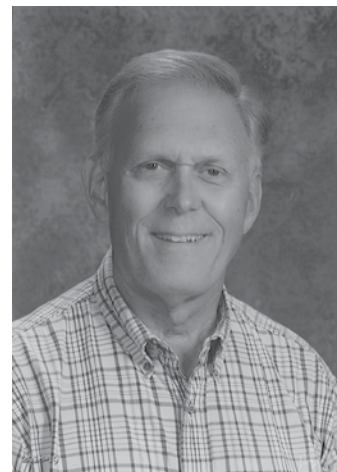
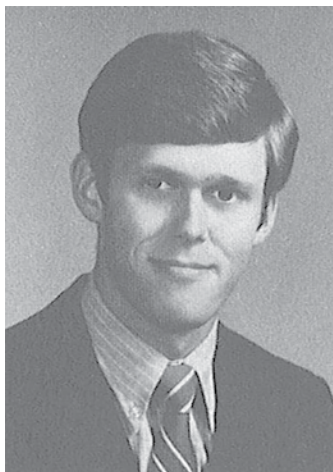
When I retired we moved to Bentwater, Texas, on Lake Conroe, which is about 40 miles north of Houston. We enjoy travelling, especially on cruises. Our sons moved to Texas and now live in our area. We are blessed to be able to spend so much time with our children and grandchildren.

Connections to St. Olaf continue to pop up. The pastor of a Lutheran church in our area is the wife of one of my charges as a junior counselor.

## Mark Quade

I had really no idea what I would major in or what my life's path would be. I did know that I was interested in some form of public presentation, so I eventually decided on a double major in speech and political science.

Upon graduation, I studied for a short time at Brown Institute in Minneapolis and was hired at KTIV-TV in Sioux City, Iowa. I ended up spending 18 years in television



news in Sioux City and La Crosse, Wisconsin, as a reporter and news anchor. I loved the work and met and interviewed some very interesting people, including Nancy Reagan, George Wallace, Gerald Ford, and Victor Borge.

In 1990, it was time to move on. I became an agency resource manager for 10 years with Lutheran Brotherhood. When LB and the Aid Association for Lutherans merged into Thrivent, again it was time to make a change. My next stop was with the ELCA Churchwide Office as a deployed stewardship specialist. I traveled in a five-state area in the Upper Midwest working with ELCA synods and congregations before retiring in 2009. In retrospect, this turned out to be the most fulfilling work I had ever done.

My marriage to Cindy has produced two wonderful sons and three precious grandchildren.

When I look back at my St. Olaf years, I realize that my studies there prepared me well for whatever life held. I must say, the highlight of my college years was singing for three years with the St. Olaf Choir under both Olaf Christiansen and Kenneth Jennings. That experience instilled in me a love of choral singing which has stayed with me to this day and is a cherished part of my life. I am currently in my 10th year singing with the La Crosse Chamber Chorale. We perform five concerts per year.

Thank you, St. Olaf!

## Kathryn Rahdert Miller



Majors: Psychology, Speech, French  
University of Wisconsin: Master of Science  
in Counseling Psychology '72

St. Olaf Activities: Friends (youth  
mentoring), Sunday hymn singing at Odd  
Fellows Home, French House, junior  
semester in Avignon, France

Spouse: John Miller, History, University  
of Missouri '66; Ph.D., University of  
Wisconsin '73

Children: Ann, Biochemistry, Gustavus Adolphus '99; Ph.D., Yale '04, Tom, Electrical Engineering and Religious Studies, Rice University '01

Grandchildren: Grace, Micah, Finn, Liam

Growing up in Ohio, education was always a high priority in our family. With a professor father, teacher mother, and two brothers right behind me, summer trips usually included looking at colleges. I was particularly impressed with St. Olaf, and it turned out to be a good fit. First planning to major in biology, my focus switched to the study of human behavior (psychology and speech majors). By careful planning and a few extra summer courses, I added a French major and the opportunity to spend a semester in France! The experience of living in another culture has spurred me to participate in intense cultural learning programs in both Japan and Turkey. College courses provided great background for my career as an elementary school counselor, as well as for the church and community work I do.

After St. Olaf, I went to graduate school in Madison, WI, and met my future husband within days of arrival. We were married in 1972. Since then we've lived in Stoughton, WI; Tulsa, OK; and Brookings, SD, as well as summer seminar stays in Waltham, MA and Providence, RI. After doing school and mental health counseling for several years, I was fortunate to be a full-time parent for 10 years before resuming my career. Along with school counseling, I've led character education programs, parenting classes, behavior and social skills training, staff and student wellness, and even school gardening. I supervised numerous counseling interns. Teaming to develop a visionary plan for a new intermediate school was energizing!

Since retiring in 2014, I love attending community and university lectures/ classes, concerts, exhibits, plays, sports events, and book clubs. I thrive on volunteer work.

## Peter Ramseth

I concluded my years at St. Olaf only to be beckoned further into the discipline of education. I enrolled at Luther Theological Seminary (Luther Seminary) and completed a Master of Divinity degree in 1975. My journey since has made for a fulfilling vocation.

In 1973, I served as a pastoral intern in Blue Earth, Minnesota. Upon ordination by my father, Rudolph Ramseth, in 1975, I



went out to serve a three-point Lutheran parish at Bucyrus, North Dakota. Here I immersed myself in the happenings of the rural, small town milieu.

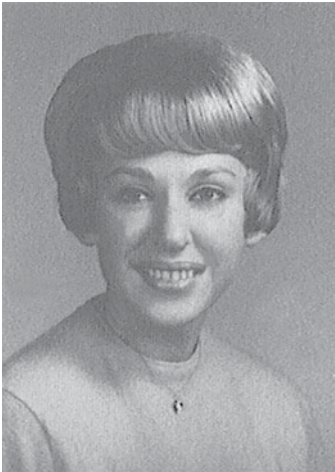
In 1984, I received a call from Clark Fork Lutheran Church in Clark Fork, Idaho. Here I was faced with a radically different culture and ethos, one of mountains, trees and lakes. The congregation was challenging and fulfilling. In 1992, I received a call to serve the retired and elderly population at Immanuel Lutheran Ministries in Kalispell, Montana, a large facility for independent living and assisted living care. Here I served as chaplain for 15 years until my retirement in 2014.

In 2001 I married Patricia Piper and we resided together in our home in Lakeside, Montana, with me commuting to my chaplaincy ministry in Kalispell. Patti, who worked in marketing, died in 2006.

In Kalispell I was active in the local group of ELCA Lutheran pastors. My love during my years in the Kalispell valley was to stand in the tenor section of Valley Voices, a semi-professional chorus which performed in multiple venues across the state and nation. This commitment and interest in vocal performance was instilled in me since my childhood by my mother, a professional children's music composer.

I now reside at Northfield Retirement Center, where I am active in the worship life of the community and the presentation and encouragement for felt-family and community among the residents. Even today I value walking up the Hill for various concerts and, of course, the St. Olaf Christmas Festival.

## Marilyn Rand Kemme



St. Olaf Major: English Education

University of Minnesota: MBA

Spouse: Jack Kemme '70

Children: Alison Pence '99,

Andrea Butz '02

Grandchildren: six boys! (ages 6-15)

I grew up in Minneapolis and decided to apply to St. Olaf after visiting a friend on campus. Career choices were easy for college-educated women in the 1960s: teaching or nursing. I had a great high school English teacher and couldn't stand the sight of blood or needles. Simple decision made. Reality proved quite different. I spent half my junior year at Cambridge University in England with nine other Oles. What a great time!

Jack Kemme and I met freshman week. We dated on and off but were mostly friends. Jack moved home to New Jersey after graduation but returned, and we were married in August 1971. The great friendship continues!

A diverse career! I taught English for three years in New Prague, Minnesota. We moved to Minneapolis, but no teaching jobs were available, so I worked for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune in Human Resources. Then we had children and I decided to get an MBA. I ended up in the investment business for the next 25 years; as an equity analyst (stocks); a credit analyst (bonds); and a portfolio manager, managing individual's trusts and IRAs at Norwest/Wells Fargo. I retired in 2009 to care for my parents for eight years.

Our daughters are both Oles, are married, have careers and three sons each, ages six to 15. We all live in Edina, Minnesota. Jack and I help with transportation to soccer games, music lessons, etc. We have taken boys, two at a time, on several vacations. Their dads take boys camping. With Grandma and Grandpa they go to museums, most recently Smithsonian museums.

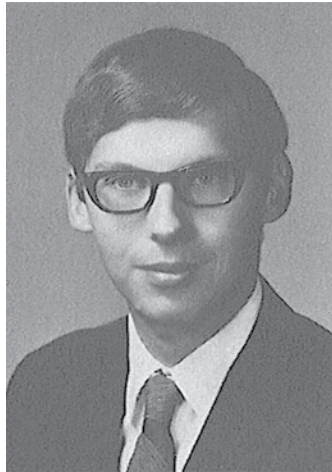
We love to travel and have taken many great St. Olaf Study Travel tours. I have returned to England many times, including four St. Olaf Theater in London tours. At home we enjoy the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, and various volunteer activities — including our 50th St. Olaf Reunion!



## John Rasmussen

St. Olaf Majors: Physics and Political Science

A week after graduation I married my college sweetheart, Sandi Olson '70, so our 50th anniversary will be a week after our reunion! Between us we had \$500, a car, and no jobs. Fortunately, Sandi got a teaching job, and I went to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and got a master's



in materials engineering. I went to work at the Corporate Research Labs of McGraw-Edison Co. In addition, I was elected Alderman of a suburb of Milwaukee. Eight weeks after I took office I received a surprise promotion to McGraw's Bussman fuse division in St. Louis — the end of my political career!

After several years in St. Louis, McGraw awarded me a Sloan Fellowship to MIT, where I earned a master's in management. From there I held a number of high technology management jobs with several companies in the fields of fiber optic communications, night vision sensors, smart munitions, and more. At the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., I wrote and edited several books, none of which were best sellers; fortunately they were paid for by the U.S. Congress!

Along the way we had two very interesting kids. Paul set up and is director of Asia-Pacific Operations for a biotech firm, living in Singapore. Suzanne manages a retail pharmacy in Frederick, Maryland.

We decided to retire early to Naples, Florida, so we could travel. While we have seen much of the world, highlights thus far include two weeks deep inside the Russian space program with a group of MIT alumni, including close-up viewing of a Soyuz rocket launch in Kazakhstan. We were also in the first American tour group into North Korea (and we escaped)!

While continuing to travel, much of my time is spent analyzing foreign policy and performing Wall Street securities analysis. I also swing a hammer and raise money for the Collier County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, where I have been credited with raising sufficient funds to build over 50 houses.

## Charis Rasmussen Stenberg



St. Olaf Major: Art

Spouse: Mark G. Stenberg '70

Children: Siri '96, Master's K-12 Reading '01,

Kjell '98, HRIR M.B.A. '04, Bernt '02, Master' in Architecture '08; Master's MMHSA '16

As a townie, the Ole campus was an extension of my backyard and I thought I knew all about college. Becoming an actual student re-informed all that, provoking intense growth. Turns out I loved going deep and connecting dots over many disciplines. However, two summers in NYC helped me realize that I needed an open country to thrive.

Two experiences that feed my soul began at St. Olaf: Singing in the St. Olaf Choir under Ken Jennings and studying art. Seated next to Mark on choir tour, we started talking. Married in 1971, that initial bus conversation has continued for 49 years. Science and art actually marry well, and music connects throughout.

In 1984 we moved to Rochester, MN, and to our Pine Island farm in 1993. We raised three creative, resilient children (six delightful grandkids). I enjoy construction, so remodeling two homes plus designing and building our farmhouse was fun. I grew perennials for a landscape nursery, and I served on the Board of the Land Stewardship Project for eight years. Meanwhile, we grazed highland cattle for 16 years.

In 1989 I founded the first Community Supported Agriculture farm (CSA) in SE Minnesota, serving 40 families. A skull fracture in 1994 effectively ended the CSA. My gardens became a critical healing place during recovery. Reorienting myself, I learned to make and sell flower essences to a community of mind-body energy practitioners. I chuckle at having become one of 'Those Ladies,' who partners with her plants.

What's next? We're not moving to town yet. We'll continue to travel, having been to Norway, Denmark, Britain, and Hawaii. We've returned to Italy eight times, twice to study mosaics in Ravenna. I have my own mosaic studio now. After having hosted folks regularly for years, I'm building a cloistered garden for my 80s, where guests will be encouraged to wait upon me!

## Susan Roark Waldron

St. Olaf broadened my horizons in many ways, including introducing me to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and trips to the Guthrie Theater.

After graduating with a B.S. in nursing, I practiced in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, and home health agencies in St. Paul, MN; Sturgis, SD; Atlanta, GA; Hallock, MN; and Grand Forks, ND. After working for the North Dakota Hospital



Association on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant project trying to maximize the utilization of small, rural hospitals (“swing beds”), I decided I could better help improve health care in another career. I graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law in May 1990 with a JD. Although I had intended to be a health policy “wonk,” I spent the next 20 years in government service.

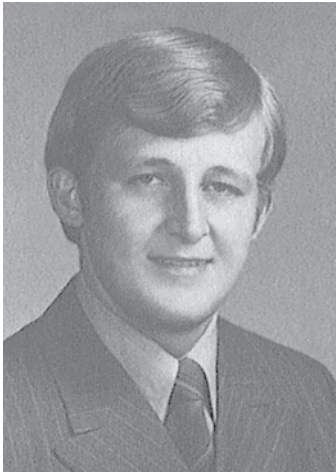
I spent one year as a law clerk for the North Dakota Supreme Court, four years as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, DC, and 16 years as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of Florida, in the Civil Division. During my time in Washington, I was proud to be sworn in as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar.

After we retired in December 2010, my husband, Edward Waldron, and I moved to Portland, OR. We had enjoyed almost three years of our retirement when Ed died unexpectedly in September 2013. I’ve been fortunate to have acquired many friends in Portland, including the St. Olaf alumni here. Recently, I retired from the board of our condo association.

My stepson and his wife live in San Jose, CA, where they are both involved in higher education. We don’t get together very often, in part because I gave up driving after totaling my car in WY on a road trip to a family gathering in South Dakota.

My diabetes alert dog, a Westie named Macallan, was intended to be a pet, but he quickly started to alert me to my blood sugar lows and highs. He now goes everywhere with me.

## Joe Rokke



After leaving St. Olaf, I started my 36-year career in the retail home furnishings industry. I worked for Dayton's Department Store for nearly 25 years and then joined Hadley Companies to run their retail stores as well as serving in procurement and marketing.

2020 will be a big year for Marsha and me.

It will be 50 years since St. Olaf. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in June.

2019 has been a blessed year with the birth of our first grandchildren. Our daughter and son-in-law had a girl in February, and our son and daughter-in-law had a boy in June. We are also fortunate to have two teenage step-grandchildren. We have lived in our same home in Orono, MN, for 47 years.

We enjoy traveling a lot and continue our quest to visit all 61 National Parks. We also love to enjoy as many National Monuments and National Historic Parks as possible. We have six parks in Alaska and one in California to complete our bucket list. We hope to accomplish this in 2020.

Marsha's grandparents started a resort on Burntside Lake near Ely, MN, in the 1930s, and we have inherited several of the cabins. Summers are spent there with family and frequent visitors (including several Oles). I also spend lots of time gardening as well as maintaining and improving our 80/90-year-old log cabins.

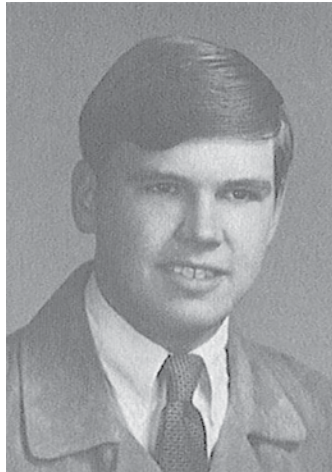
## John Ronning

I studied art and biology at St. Olaf. Then, I got a DDS from Northwestern University Dental School. I ran a private practice in Hinsdale, Illinois, from 1975 to 2017.

I have been married to Kerry since December 23, 1978. Our children are Kerstin, Brynn, and Dave. We are blessed with five grandchildren.

I am a former dental school instructor and served on board of Chicago Dental Society. I'm a scoutmaster, eagle coordinator for Troop Eight, and former president of Hinsdale Golf Club.

My hobbies include skiing, golf, hunting, fishing, and projects. Looking forward to our reunion!



## Paul Rorem



St. Olaf Major: Philosophy

St. Olaf Activities: Track, Men's Senate, Chapel Choir

Luther Seminary: Master of Divinity, 1973

Princeton Theological Seminary: Ph.D., 1980

Spouse: Kate Skrebutenas

Children: Anna Katherine and Joseph Albert

Grandchild: Harry Joseph

In the fall of 1970 I went from St. Olaf to Princeton Theological Seminary, and am still here 50 years later. Boring? Well, yes, but along the way I also attended or taught at three Lutheran seminaries and served as a parish pastor in New Jersey. Since 1993 I have been teaching early and medieval church history in Princeton, and I still love it.

My memories of our St. Olaf years feature philosophy bull sessions, track meets, Men's Senate cases, war protests, and especially Fred Ress, freshman roommate and best friend. Writing his entry for this project revived many detailed memories and renewed my grief at his sad death in 2012.

In 1983 I married Kate Skrebutenas, our seminary library's director of research and public services, and we have two children and a new grandson.

For 25 years, I (and other St. Olaf grads) have been editing *Lutheran Quarterly* in the footsteps of the founding editor of the new series, our St. Olaf religion professor Oliver K. Olson. He is still on the *Lutheran Quarterly* Board of Directors and finishing another book, as formidable as ever. Some things never change.

## Greg Roverud

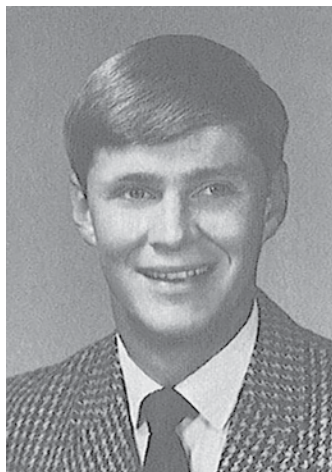
St. Olaf Major: Biology

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Arnold Air Society, ABX, two-year ROTC program

Spouse: Carol “Sunny” Sundheim ’72

Children: Eric ’00, Kevin ’05

Grandkids: Three grandsons, two granddaughters



At graduation, I was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Air Force. Two weeks later, I was at Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento, CA, beginning navigator training, a quick transition from college into military life. After that I attended F-4 training in Tucson, AZ. My first operational assignment was to Kunsan, Korea. While there, I was deployed to DaNang Air Base in Vietnam in April '72. My next assignment took me to Luke AFB in Phoenix, AZ. In April '73, I married Carol. Follow-on assignments took us to Okinawa, Hawaii; Alabama; and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. During this time, I completed a master's degree in management and supervision.

My favorite assignment was a NATO staff position at a base near Oslo, Norway. It was special to be able to live in Norway where we found relatives, enjoyed learning some Norwegian (should have taken it at St. Olaf), and were awed by the beauty.

My last two years were as the base commander at Soesterberg AB in the Netherlands, completing 22 years in the air force. As an ROTC student at St. Olaf, I never thought I would stay in the air force for a career, but overall it was a great experience!

We returned to the U.S. in 1992 and moved to Green Lake in Spicer, MN, where we have now lived for 28 years! I began a second career in sales for a printing company in Willmar, MN, and worked there for 18 years, retiring in 2011 as sales manager. I was a scoutmaster for 10 years, served on the district scout council for 10 years, and continue to serve the troop as a committee member. I enjoy canoeing, kayaking, golfing, fishing, boating, traveling, and having fun with the grandkids. I am a member of the American Legion and serve on the Memorial Rifle Squad.

Fifty year reunion – hard to believe it!

## Kathryn Rowland Cahill



St. Olaf Major: Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Faribault State Hospital Volunteer, Girl Scout Leader, worked in the Lion's Cage and for the Home Economics Department, slid down Old Main Hill on caf trays

Spouse: Winston Cahill

After graduation I worked for Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center in Rochester for two years as an assistant to the staff school psychologists, travelling daily to schools in small towns surrounding Rochester. Next, I attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus to become a school psychologist. I worked for the Minnesota River Valley Special Education Cooperative, serving school districts in Scott County until my retirement in 2013. I met Winston while serving on a committee in one of my schools. We married in 1993.

We have lived in Richfield since we married. We are active at Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Richfield. I'm the Crime Watch Block captain (for a very quiet block) and a member of PEO. Other things Winston and I both enjoy: theater productions, Books and Bars Book Club, hosting an annual Independence Day picnic for friends and relatives, time with our godchildren.



## Darrell Sackl

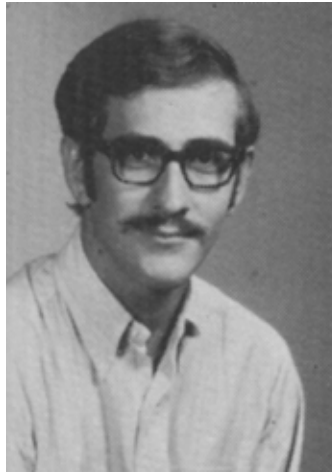
St. Olaf Major: Political Science  
Stanford University of Law: J.D. 1973

I was raised in a wonderful small town in southwest Minnesota where everyone got along well, shared the same German ancestry, ate the same meals, shared the same political beliefs, and read the same publications. While my family traveled to larger cities for vacations,

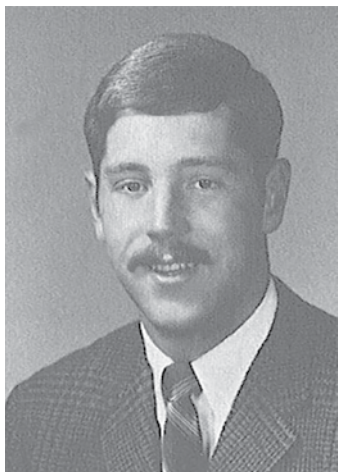
these trips were short. St. Olaf gave me my first opportunity to spend extended time with other students from throughout the U.S. and around the world with very different backgrounds than mine. My professors also provided new points of view. While at St. Olaf, I participated in the Inner City Program in Detroit during the summer of the 1967 riots; the Washington Semester Program where a paper I wrote got me hired to help draft new rules to expand participation in the Democratic Party; and the Cambridge University Program. All of these expanded my views and also led to lifelong friendships.

After graduating from Stanford Law School, I clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco and then joined a large law firm where I stayed until a friend of mine was appointed California's Chief Justice. I became her Special Assistant to help administer the trial and appellate courts throughout California. I left to coordinate a response to a conservative effort to defeat the retention election of the Chief Justice. We succeeded, and I returned to my law firm. I agreed in 1981 to move to our office in Los Angeles, and in 1987 I went to our office in Tokyo where I stayed six years. I returned to our Los Angeles office until I retired.

My life has been very work oriented, and I continue consulting on large real estate and finance projects around the world. Fortunately, several years ago I met my better half, a young medical student who has now completed her medical residency. These days I spend my time assisting her and her friends providing free medical care funded by her parents' foundation to those who cannot afford their medical expenses. It is work I love!



## Thomas Saterstrom



St. Olaf Major: U.S. History, Social Studies,  
Secondary Education

St. Olaf Activities: Sigma Delta, Air Force  
ROTC, Junior Counselor

Spouse: Sheryl Freeman '70

Children: Torre

Born into a family of Norwegian lineage with family who had graduated from St. Olaf, landing there for college seemed to be a natural fit. It turned out to be so. I attribute the excellent experience to the college's residential nature. This promoted the development of friendships of substance, and many opportunities on campus to connect with the breadth and depth of the St. Olaf community.

After graduation and commissioning into the air force, I attended pilot training in Arizona serving as an instructor pilot in the T-37 jet trainer. I was stationed at the same base in Arizona for my entire six-year tour of duty. I still cannot figure that out, as it was during the Vietnam War? Sherry and I were married in 1971 and lived off base in Chandler, Arizona. The experience in the military was a positive one and instilled in me new levels of confidence and decisiveness.

After separating from the air force in 1976, I went to work for a pharmaceutical company in Des Moines, Iowa. Our son, Torre, was born in 1984. Shortly thereafter, we moved back to the Minneapolis area. I continued to stay in field sales for the same company for 34 years, retiring in 2010. The last 10 years of that career were the most rewarding, as a specialty account manager, managing a customer base including public health, state departments of health, pediatric infectious disease, and managed care organizations.

Post-retirement, Sherry and I enjoy regular visits with our son in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Other involvements include Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, bicycling, cross country skiing, monthly winter-only walks with a men's group, creating gourmet compost for Sherry's gardens, and occasional lunches with my 92-year-old U.S. history teacher from high school.

*"Other men [and women] are the lenses through which we see our own lives"* — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I have been blessed by many of you men and women and am grateful. Thank you.

## Thomas Saxhaug

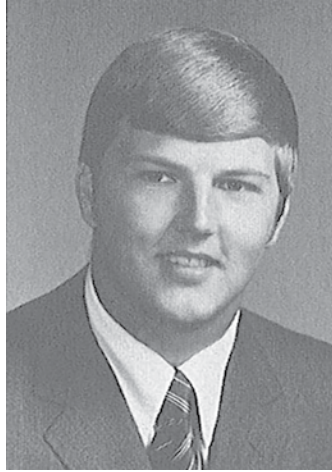
St. Olaf Major: History

St. Olaf Activities: Football, Ski Club

Spouse: Nancy Powell '70

Children: Susie and Tim

Grandkids: Emily and Billy



A son of northern Minnesota, specifically Grand Rapids, I spent a great four years at St. Olaf. The highlights were playing football, forming long-lasting relationships with my teammates, meeting my life partner, Nancy Powell, and, remarkably, graduating!

Nancy and I moved back to Grand Rapids, where I spent 37 years in the family insurance and real estate business. I also became very involved in our small town.

Community service has always been a part of my makeup - from serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce and various boards to moving to elected office. I first ran for a position on the Grand Rapids City Council, followed by election to the Itasca County Board of Commissioners and finally for a seat in the Minnesota State Senate. I served there for 14 years, accomplishing much for our state and northern Minnesota in particular.

During this time we had two great kids. Susie is a successful elementary school teacher and Tim is a professional musician, playing bass in Trampled By Turtles for the last 16 years. It's been fun to follow Susie and her family to games and concerts as well as plan trips to see Tim play all over the world.

Nancy and I are fully retired now. We both love to travel, both internationally and on road trips in the U.S. I like to hike and snowshoe. Last year I was on snowshoes 54 times between November and April. Life is good.

## Marilyn Schadegg Mark



St. Olaf Major: French Education/Music

University of Iowa: M.A. in Special Education '93

Spouse: Tom Mark (J. Thomas Mark)  
St. Olaf College, December 1970, The American College (Bryn Mawr, PA):  
CLU '89

Children: Robert, Jeffrey, Andrew

Growing up in St. Paul, MN, music was always a part of my life. I began piano lessons at the age of four, and organ when I was 14. That year I heard the wonderful Schlicker organ in Boe Memorial. I didn't realize it then, but I would forever afterward be hooked on the pipe organ.

Since my teacher retirement in 2013, I have devoted much of my time to the organ, even playing historic instruments in France, Germany, and Sweden. Besides playing I am active in Beethoven Club, AGO, Lutherans for Life, church and community volunteering. I also enjoy composing and playing my collection of 30+ child's toy pianos.

In 1970, I earned a music ed certification from the University of Minnesota and later an M.A. from the University of Iowa. I married Tom Mark in June 1971 at Boe Memorial with several Oles in the wedding party. Homes have included Wilton, Atkins, Cedar Rapids and Marion, IA. For 14 years I stayed home with our three sons, supporting them in all their activities.

Tom still works full time at Mark Family Insurance, which also employs our two younger sons. Tom's dad began in insurance in 1940, and as an Army captain he spent WW2 processing claims against the U.S. Army by European citizens trying to prove U.S. troops responsible for their losses. Our oldest son is also an Army captain like his grandfather, and lives near Washington D.C. with his family.

Beyond work we enjoy grandkids, home/garden, and travel. Tom plays golf, I do photography. We visit St. Olaf annually and took our photo at Boe for our 25th and 40th anniversaries. We feel extremely blessed to enjoy good health, three accomplished sons and their families, and a wonderful state and country in which to live. We pray for God's continued blessings on our alma mater to stand as a beacon for Christian truth, love, and life.

## Susan Schilling

St. Olaf Majors: German and Studio Art

St. Olaf Activities: Junior year abroad with Ripon College at the Universität Hamburg

Children: Geoffrey and Jeannie

Grandkids: two granddaughters



One year in Europe was not enough, so I found Middlebury College and was accepted into their master's program in

German, and studied this time at Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz. Upon return, I worked at Middlebury College in Vermont and briefly in Philadelphia before returning to Minneapolis and eventually happening upon a career in education technology and software. I led educational software product development efforts for three different organizations, with the most famous product undoubtedly being The Oregon Trail. Moving to California and working for George Lucas was another stop along the way.

The final stop in my career was at a nonprofit, starting up 50 new high schools across the country. My German degree prepared me to listen closely when others spoke. My art degree prepared me to do art projects with my two practice grandkids and my two granddaughters, in addition to continuing to create small stone sculptures of various animals. In between, I do all the traditional retiree stuff: travel a little, read a lot, serve on various boards, study a bit, garden, walk, hike, and enjoy the day.

## Julie Schmidt Hubbard



In August of 1970, I moved to Normal, Illinois, and got a job as a social worker at the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School, a state-run residential complex for dependent and neglected children. I left ISSCS in 1972 for graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis. After receiving our master's of social work degrees, my husband, Mark, and I returned to Illinois, where I established a local

Retired Senior Volunteer Program and directed Senior Services of McLean County. I left that position when our first son, Joel, was born.

In 1979, Mark's career brought us to Springfield, Illinois, where he worked with the fledgling Illinois Child Abuse Hotline. I was employed by the Sangamon County CETA employment and job training program until our second son, Zachary, was born.

In 1984, with both boys in school, I began a career with the regional Area Agency on Aging, where I enjoyed working to assure the establishment of a network of services for older adults and family caregivers, including grandparents raising grandchildren. I retired from the Area Agency at the end of 2016 after many years as its Executive Director.

I have participated in various church, school, community, and professional organizations. I love spending time with my sons, two lovely daughters-in-law, and four fantastic grandchildren. My activities include bell-ringing and choir, golf, duplicate bridge (bronze life master), reading, and "curating" way too much family memorabilia.

A special highlight was participation in a St. Olaf Alumni and Family Travel program in 2016. Dr. David Wee, my first St. Olaf English professor, in the fall of 1966, was the faculty leader of a study of short stories at Holden Village. (Yes, I took along my 50-year-old class notes.) The experience provided a meaningful reconnection with the St. Olaf community and was a vivid reminder of the many opportunities we were offered and the extraordinary people we encountered during our college days.

Life is good, and I am thankful for many blessings!

## Rebecca Schmidt Taibl

After taking an art course from Arch Leean and an art history course from Arnold Flaten, life goals changed from my pre-med ambitions. I have spent most of my life creating, so graduating with a major in graphic arts was not a surprise to my family. Leadership in high school organizations also led to leadership experience as one of the last AWS (Association of Women Students) presidents — before student government was unified — which brought interaction with the college administration. Ultimately, I joined the admissions staff as an admissions counselor.



My first one-month vacation was spent as Artist-In-Residence at Holden Village where I met Glenn Taibl, my husband of forty-seven years. Glenn was taking the summer off before finishing his Master's of Divinity at Luther Seminary. We have enjoyed ministry together in urban congregations as well as suburban and rural settings and now live in St Paul, Minnesota. We have one daughter, Erika Taibl '98, a writer and communications specialist, son-in-law Andrew Wilkowske, a professional singer and musician, and two grandchildren, Annika Maj (12) and Jackson Christopher (6). We are fortunate they live nearby in St. Paul and that they enjoy traveling with us, most recently in Italy and Spain.

As a family we try to practice outrageous hospitality and work to build community for a better and more caring world. My professional history includes experience in seven different fields: graphic arts and preservation, wholesale and retail sales, manufacturing quality control management, newspaper publishing, not-for-profit communications, strategic marketing, and global marketing research. I always say that St. Olaf taught me how to learn!

Although retired from full-time employment, creative arts fill my life. I also do freelance marketing, communications, and strategic planning from my home studio, Silk Portico.

As a member at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, I am dedicated to the mission of the congregation – to proclaim Christ, live in Christ, and serve. I sing in the St. Andrew's 100-voice choir, participate in the ongoing prayer life of the congregation, am completing a six-year term on the Church Council, and will find other avenues of service.

## Sara Schrock Dallman



St. Olaf Major: History and Secondary Education

Over the past fifty years – what a thought – my life has been filled with unimagined joy, family, faith, friendship (Ole House gatherings), and adventures, as well as challenges and struggles.

I will capture a few highlights.

First, I met my “hubby” Steve in Minneapolis and we have celebrated 46 years of marriage.

We have two children, Lindsey and Christian. Both are married and both have four children, and we enjoy eight absolutely amazing grandkids between two and ten years old: Regan, Dylan, Peyton, Ryan, and Cole, Luke, Reese, and Riley (two are boys). Lindsey lives just minutes from us in Colorado, for which we are thankful; Chris is in Michigan. All keep us engaged!

Second, I continued my education at Ohio State University. I taught English and Social Studies grades seven through twelve. I worked at OSU and Upper Arlington Schools while completing my M.A. in counseling and Ph.D. in Education and Human Services. This experience opened opportunities at universities in Colorado, culminating in a long career as a professor and Dean of Education at Colorado Christian University. CCU teacher licensure programs gained state and national recognition, and upon retirement I was recognized as Dean Emeritus, a significant and humbling honor in my life. A favorite professional sidebar was giving Myers-Briggs workshops for couples, nonprofit teams, engineers, and as a career counselor.

Third, we have been active for many years at Bethany Lutheran Church. Our church of 3,000 burned to the ground one sad evening, and Steve and I participated at all levels in the lengthy process of rebuilding both the church and the congregation. While years ago, this has greatly impacted our sense of community and faith commitment, confirming that once you build a church it owns a part of your soul.

We have had fun travels and summers involving campers and boats. We still love Colorado snow skiing and hiking.

St. Olaf was a remarkable stepping stone for friendship, disciplined learning, hard work, long-term commitment, vital faith, and appreciation of life.



## Eric Schroeder

St. Olaf Major: English Education  
Spouse: Linda Strandemo '70  
Children: Cameron and Courtney  
Grandchildren: Katelyn and Soren



What do I remember about St. Olaf?  
Playing touch football behind Thorson,  
watching a puck break during an outdoor  
hockey game, reading *The Complete Works*

*of Mark Twain* in the library while staring at my future wife, standing in the rain listening to the reading of the 44,000 names of American Vietnam dead, and watching movies at the Grand. I got a B+ in Marriage and the Family; I've been married for 49 years.

I met my wife through my roommate, Arnie Henkel. We served on the Homecoming Committee together and, after I dated Linda once, he bet me that I wouldn't ask her out again. He lost that bet.

Upon graduating St. Olaf, I had a teaching job at Minneapolis Roosevelt High but had no income for the summer. Jim Gehant got me to apply to drive a Twin Cities bus. The person doing the hiring liked Oles, and I quickly learned my way around the Twin Cities.

I taught at Roosevelt for nine years, coaching baseball, skiing and girl's cross country. I was drafted in 1970, but a fellow Ole found an Army Reserve opening for me in Faribault. I spent six years in the reserves.

In 1979, I took a position at Rockford High School. For the next 26 years, I coached cross country, participating in 13 state tournaments. In 1995 I was named Minnesota Class A Cross Country Coach of the Year.

I umpired baseball and softball, taught Honors and AP English, served as union president, and became an administrator, balancing curriculum and staff development. I finished my career as athletic director. In 2018, I was elected to the Rockford High School Hall of Fame. I was fortunate to have Dr. Al Moen, a '64 Ole grad, as a mentor for most of my career.

I retired in 2005 to a life of landscaping, woodworking, audiobooks, and golf. I love to travel to the coasts to see family whenever we can. I have become quite good at LEGOs.

## Andrea Schulz Schussler



*Yesterday ... all my troubles seemed so far away...*

A St. Olaf music major meant I easily found a music teaching job, and taught K-12 vocal music in Mound, MN from 1970–2007, pausing two years to earn an MFA in vocal performance from the U of MN. This degree led to many delightful singing opportunities including 22 years as soprano soloist with two major churches in the

Twin Cities, and an eight-year stint with the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers. My experiences in the St. Olaf Choir taught me the highest level of excellence in performance.

*Who knows where the time goes?*

I married my HS sweetheart in December 1970. Larry has been there for me, modeling for me true friendship and forgiveness, for which I am eternally grateful. We found an old house on Lake Minnetonka and spent 40 years expanding, remodeling, and digging up grass for gardens. We raised three girls — all of whom currently live in the Twin Cities.

*Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away...*

Our biggest life adventure so far involved leaving Minnesota in 2016 for Melrose, Montana, famous for the Big Hole River fly fishing. We're living in a big old house with Larry's sister and four cats. 2019 has been a year of construction, including a large deck in back, a beautiful sauna, and a complete remodel of our 1970s upstairs level. The FB challenge of getting down to and up from the floor without using my hands led to a total knee replacement on August 28. On August 30 I learned I had breast cancer, which was successfully removed on September 30. I am grateful for Montana's excellent health care, both in nearby Dillon and Bozeman.

*My life flows on in endless song...*

I'm currently teaching voice lessons in Dillon and classroom music in Melrose, playing the newly restored pump chapel organ in the local Presbyterian church, and serving as school board chair. We find ourselves at peace here in the valley of the Pioneer Mountains, and offer fervent gratitude to God for the richness of our lives, and for our grandson, Heiko.

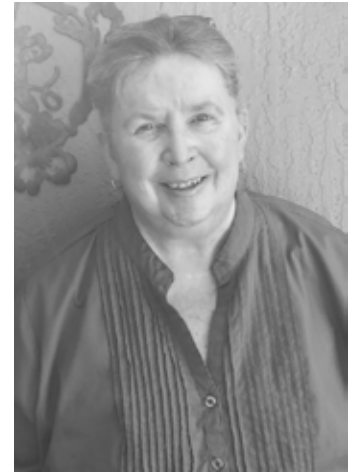
## Carolyn Schwenneker Cobb

St. Olaf Major: Bachelor's of Music/Piano

St. Olaf Activities: Alpha Theta Nu Spouse:  
Richard E. Cobb, Jr.

Children: Jake, Lucas, Megan, Morghan

Grandchildren: 2 boys and 1 girl



After graduation, I worked in Maryland for the Social Security Administration for five years. During that time, I married Rick. I quit the SSA to have our first child. The others followed at two year intervals.

I began teaching 40 piano students as our children were born. I even bought my own 6'3" Yamaha grand piano with these lessons. As the children grew, our need for additional income grew as well. Along with teaching, I began a new career as a veterinary technician and became the senior technician. My husband spent 33 years as a GEICO manager of claims.

With GEICO, everyone moves sometime during his career. We were transferred to Macon, Georgia, and spent seven years there. I again worked for a wonderful veterinarian and became his senior veterinary technician. Working with animals is wonderful.

Another move followed, this one to Lakeland, Florida. This time, I told Rick to find me a job – and he found one at GEICO. I worked there for seven years as a claims underwriter and only retired when our firstborn, who was in the U.S. Army, suffered a critical accident. He spent six months in the hospital and finally healed sufficiently to come home with a traumatic brain injury as a wounded warrior. I have been his guardian and caregiver for the past 15 years and can think of no other way to have helped him.

Rick and I are currently retired, caring for Jake, and raising his 18-year-old son Lee. Lee hopes to go into the Marines shortly, and we wish him well. Retirement is not what we had hoped for, but it is extremely rewarding to do what we are doing. I also do a lot of reading, knitting and crocheting.

God has blessed us in many ways; we are grateful. Our 49+ years together have been a wonderful lifetime.

## Barbara Seal Ogle



St. Olaf Major: History

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Manitou Messenger, Thailand Study Abroad, History Interim in DC

Spouse: Norman Ogle (deceased 1983), Peter Reid (married 1991)

Children: Brian Ogle, Paul Ogle, Ada Reid, Hadleigh Reid

Grandchildren: Elliot Ogle, Hudson Ogle, Ellie Ogle, Georgiana Reid

Memories of my first year at St. Olaf got off to a great start with the lifelong friends made in my Hoyme Hall corridor. Getting used to the “lights out” and “locked-in at 10pm” rules was another matter. Manitou Singers with Alice Larsen, such a gifted and inspired choral director, and singing in the Christmas Concert was an unforgettable experience. As a sophomore I traveled to Thailand. Another highlight was my senior year history interim in Washington D.C.

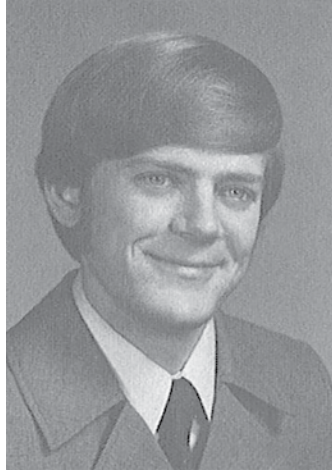
After graduation from St. Olaf, I returned home to Palo Alto, California and worked for a short time at Perman’s Clothing in Los Altos. Soon after, I moved on to work for Communication Arts Magazine. With the birth of my two sons, I volunteered at their preschool and was president of the board and then worked as an elementary school secretary with the Palo Alto Unified School District for 21 years. In 2006 we moved to Olympia, Washington to be closer to our family. I volunteered at our local K-8 school in the library for a year and then was hired by Saint Martin’s University Office of International Programs and Development. Our church has a Food Bank garden that occupies me for the growing months of the year, and I sponsor Sergio, a grade school student in El Salvador.

Family history and visits with our Norwegian relatives have served as a continuing source of interest. In retirement we’ve had the opportunity to travel with favorite stops in Iceland, Norway, Sweden. Another of our memorable trips was to Tanzania, where Peter had served in the Peace Corps.

We split time between Olympia and our place in Santa Cruz, California, where we can visit all our kids and grandkids when they aren’t visiting us. I enjoy riding my bicycle, yoga, kayaking, SUP, rowing from our beach on Eld Inlet to Puget Sound. We look forward to many new adventures with our family and hope that St. Olaf will continue to foster an education grounded in faith and dedicated to the well being of our communities and the world.

## Bruce Seal

St. Olaf College was my family: older brother, parents, godparents, uncles, cousins all made the Olaf family lore. I was involved in Men's Senate, homecoming committees, and emceed the 1969 prom. One highlight was work in the King's Room, with Michael and Marilyn Simone. I served lunch to Maria Von Trapp, who called me "Captain," and the entourage of the King of Norway.



Our access to music awakened me to blues and jazz from Paul Butterfield, Stan Getz, to social issues by Dick Gregory. I remember the politics of anti-war student strike activities. I majored in English and earned a teaching license. Before and after one year of teaching, I used my restaurant skills at a local Marriott, earning more money there than as an English teacher. As a teacher, my senior and junior class students asked me to be their Baccalaureate speaker. Before teaching I was drafted. I enlisted in the Air Force, but failed the physical, so military time was limited to 90 days inactive.

During and after college, I travelled alone three times for a total of 16 months. In 1972, I spent four 1/2 months working on a kibbutz in northern Israel, bunking 1km from Lebanon. One day, Israeli helicopters flew out of the Syrian Golan Heights. After that, kibbutzniks needed army approval to work in the fields. I left Israel.

I worked at the U of M hospital for five years in an adult psychiatric research unit, two years applying behavior modification theories, and three more coordinating a NIMH grant, researching treatment of anorexia nervosa.

My career was special education: 20 years teaching in emotional/behavioral disabilities (EBD), establishing regional full-day EBD programs; four years in district-wide administration; three years on a state project implementing special education in charter schools; and 12 years and counting with a Minnesota company doing similar work with our charter schools.

I have visited 50 states and 23 countries. I sang with a local festival choir on two European concert tours. I plan to continue traveling, golfing, fishing, and doing activities with my wife, our three kids, and five grandkids...

## Barbara Sheatsley Malamen



St Olaf Major: Mathematics, German

St Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Organ Lessons, Work in IBM 1130 Computer Lab

Spouse: Pete Malamen

Children: Adam '99, Johanna, Deborah

I grew up in northeastern Ohio. I first heard about St. Olaf from an intern at my church. I fell in love with the campus at first sight. Once enrolled, the friends I made, and the challenge of my classes kept me here. While a student, I was able to study abroad on a music interim in Europe. After graduation with the help of fellow Ole Betty Heck, I spent a year working at a German reinsurance company in Cologne, Germany. We honed our language skills and expanded our horizons with as much travel as possible.

Back in the States, I settled in Minneapolis working as a programmer at Lutheran Brotherhood. It turned out that Pete and I had common St. Olaf friends. They introduced us, and we married in 1975. We spent the next three years in northwest Florida while Pete was in the Air Force. We returned to Minnesota, spending eight years in Glencoe before settling in Eagan in 1987.

Raising our three children, I was able to take on a variety of volunteer roles such as room parent, Girl Scout leader, and church leader. I enjoyed teaching children's swimming lessons and adult water aerobics for many years. Our family enjoyed travel.

We paddled in the BWCA several times enjoying the peaceful beauty of nature. Family vacations took us to Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Florida, and places in between. When our daughters included study abroad in their college studies, Pete and I used it as an excuse to visit in France (Johanna) and England (Deborah).

A few years ago, Pete and I took our first St. Olaf alumni and friends study tour. It was a wonderful trip with new sights and experiences as well as great companions. Since then we have been on a second Olaf alumni tour and have signed up for a third. When at home I enjoy reading, gardening, and spending time with friends and family, especially the grandchildren.

## Marsha Siblingud Shetterley

I would not be true to myself if my memories put academics first over memories of Heath Creek, rock and roll dances, friendships, and dating. Upon arrival in 1966, we had rules, like lights out at 9:30, curfews, Sunday dress code, and both feet on the floor in the lounge. We found ways to break or change most of these very quickly.



I graduated with an English major, but discovered my passion was not to teach chapter five of a Dickens novel to disinterested eighth graders. I worked at Norwest/Wells Fargo in human resources and regional retail banking in Minneapolis and Duluth. Raised two daughters in a house built in 1906 with a view of Lake Superior. I have three grandchildren in Michigan, and live close to them in summer. I live in The Villages, Florida in winter, where my life comes full circle, and we dance rock and roll most nights!

## James Siegel



St. Olaf Major: Political Science

St Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, Baseball, ABX, food service committee member

Spouse: Marcia Lang Siegel

Children: Jacqueline, Jennifer, Eric

Grandkids: Two granddaughters, six grandsons

I grew up in a small town in Southeastern Minnesota. In the fall of 1965, St. Olaf was on my mind after I was injured and unable to join the military; I wanted to enlist. My father, 1943 grad of St. Olaf, completed his Marine ROTC services at St. Olaf and served in the Pacific. My older brother was serving in Vietnam. Arriving as a freshman in 1966, it was hard for me to understand why students were holding rallies against our flag. The ROTC building was damaged during a student protest. I was asked by the school to serve with faculty and administration members on the judicial panel for discipline. I never forgot the challenges and questions raised.

I enjoyed religion classes, being a junior counselor, baseball player, and the friendships. A memory was being hired by Maria Von Trapp, along with other Oles, to work at the Stowe Family Lodge in Vermont as a singer and waiter in the summer of 1968.

I moved to Rochester, MN after graduation and began a career in insurance and banking. I met my wife in 1971, we married in the fall that year. We raised three children who grew up to be wonderful parents and gave us eight incredible grandchildren. We bought a lake cabin near Hayward, WI in 1986. There is not a nail or board I have not touched, as our family did all the remodeling of our cabin.

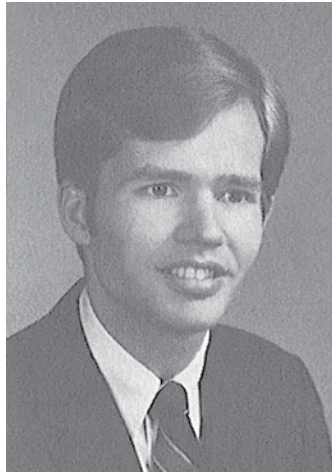
We have lived in many cities and towns and now we are back in Rochester, where all our family lives within an hour of us. We love watching grandchildren's activities weekly. I enjoy the Twins. I was fortunate to work for the Pollad organization as a bank president in 1987 and 1991. I still enjoy golf, building, repairing, upgrading real estate, and reading.

I thank God for all the blessings granted to me and my family. God bless all of you.



## John Skovbroten

St. Olaf Major: Physics  
St. Olaf Activities: Band  
Spouse: Bonny Bray  
Children: Kate and Kris  
Grandkids: One granddaughter,  
two grandsons



For me, a liberal arts degree in a hard science was a key first step in a lifelong journey of adaptation and learning. The first transition came quickly, when two years of graduate school at the University of Minnesota convinced me that software development was a better fit for me than physics and I went to work helping companies use computers.

Through the next couple of decades, I was employed by Mayo Clinic, West Publishing, National Car Rental, and Northwest Airlines, progressing through positions as a software developer, business analyst, and project manager. During that time, I also earned an MBA to better understand the dynamics of business.

I eventually left the corporate world and joined the gig economy as a consultant in business analysis and project management. For five of those years, I also volunteered to manage the certification prep program for the Minnesota chapter of Project Management Institute.

The next decade brought another transition as I became an independent trainer in business analysis and project management, traveling far and wide to teach three-day workshops. I contracted with several training companies including Fissure, Watermark, ESI, and American Management Association. At the same time, I was also an adjunct instructor at the University of Minnesota, teaching the project management portion of the master's in science in software engineering.

Finally, at age 68, I decided to start acting my age and retired. This transition is a work in process that reminds me of freshman year in the dorms. As Bonny and I winter in Arizona, we are once again meeting people from many backgrounds who are all on the same journey. All are uncertain about who they are going to be and what they are going to do and are eager to tell their story and hear yours, hoping to fill in a few more pieces of their puzzle.

## Carsten Slostad



Music was my major, and I graduated with a music education certificate. The early years were spent teaching in public and private schools and doing part-time work as a church organist and choir director. In 1974, I met my life partner Edward Swanson.

We purchased a big old house in St. Paul where I have lived ever since. We had a wonderful life together, and my only regret

was that we were not able to get married since he died in 2010 before it was legal in Minnesota.

Because we were openly gay, it was hard to work in the '70s in the church and schools. I decided to quit teaching and after being fired for being gay in two different churches, I found a welcoming congregation, Trinity Lutheran, the mother church to Augsburg College. I served them until 1992. I went on to serve Edina Community Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Reformation in St. Louis Park. I retired from church music in 2014 and now just sing in the choir at St. Paul Reformation Lutheran, the first Reconciling in Christ congregation in America. In 1976, I became the director of the Wells Fargo Employee Chorus (then Northwestern National Bank). I retired from the chorus in 2018. I am currently (since 2006) the director of the Norwegian Glee Club.

Because music was a part-time revenue source, I worked in food service management and as a chef. Although I still do independent catering, I finished my official food career in 1992 as a sous chef on a cruise ship. My other full-time job was working as the assistant to the director of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program. I retired from that position when the program closed in 2012.

Edward was an internationally known professional librarian. His expertise was in cataloging and I traveled the world with him. I still love to travel, and recently spent time in Norway with my cousins there. In July 2020 our family reunion will be in Norway.

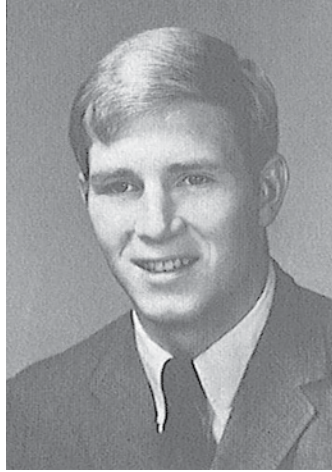
## Tim Smith

St. Olaf Major: Psychology and sports

St. Olaf Activities: ROTC, Sigma Tau, four years of football and basketball

Marriage: April 1970 to Anita Holmes '70, so that would be 50 years at the reunion.

One daughter and two "perfect" grandkids, a boy and a girl.

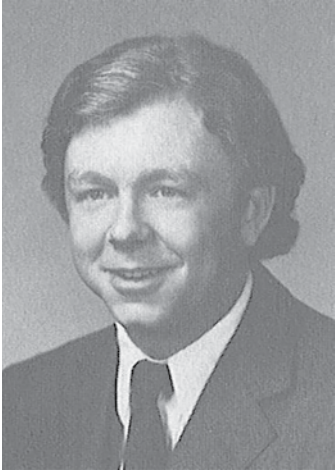


Following graduation we spent five years in the Air Force, moved to Seattle in the spring of 1975 for graduate school at University of Washington and have lived in this beautiful area ever since. We are lucky enough to have our daughter and family close by and we get to see the grandkids all the time.

These things have been great since St. Olaf: my marriage to Anita (still cannot believe she hasn't kicked me to the curb), watching our daughter develop into a caring responsible person who is a terrific mother and wife, proudly serving my country in the Air Force, getting to work in my chosen field of psychology for 35 years as a practicing clinical psychotherapist and being part of the healing for hundreds of clients, the humbling honor of being inducted into the St. Olaf Athletic Hall of Fame.

Anita and I both making it to retirement and enjoying new adventures together, building a home in Baja Mexico and becoming a Mexican resident, the incredible joy of watching our grandkids grow and develop into good people. I also have some not so good events and experiences since St. Olaf but so does everyone and since I am still here it's all good!

## James “Howdy” Snyder



*Early we receive a call but it remains  
incomprehensible.  
Only late do we discover how obedient we  
were.*

—Czeslaw Milosz, “Capri”

My plan was to pursue literature  
and philosophy, and wander around  
contemplating the mystery of Being, and  
ignore most everything else. That lasted a

week. Major revisions were integrated along the way, yet I never strayed from the spirit of that plan, with the help of some very supportive and challenging professors, for whom I offer undying gratitude.

But now what? Where could I study more philosophy, and perhaps explore theology? My pastor suggested Luther Seminary: You could read books there for four more years—unless you’d rather get drafted.

But I had no intention of becoming a preacher, or actually ministering to human beings. I had no aptitude, I had no idea how to listen or what to say, I was unfit, I would fail miserably and wash out in a year—but to them that meant I had all the right qualifications to preach the gospel. Unreal.

And for 45 years that’s what I’ve done—in Texas, Nova Scotia and Minneapolis—often failing miserably, but entering deeper into the wonder of God’s regenerative grace each time.

Not bad for an introvert with impulse control problems, who was expelled from Vacation Bible School, repeatedly sent home from confirmation class, and placed on probation at St. Olaf (not to mention those two arrests). This is not ironic or miraculous, but simply another instance of the power of God to work through—literally—anybody.

In my best moments I’m grateful for it all. That will become more difficult to affirm in the years ahead. But I’ve watched many people gratefully receive even their suffering and grief as a gift that brings them closer to God, and I hope to receive it as a gift, too— for even if I don’t feel it as such, that is what our life in this brief interval of Time has always been.

Married 26 years to Danuta Szewczyk (’72); sons Jason and Jonah; two grandsons. Remarried to Jamielle McKusick (2001–present).

## Jane Solberg Rinehart

St. Olaf Major: Psychology, Asian Studies

St. Olaf Activities: Orchestra, Orchestra Interim in Norway, Term in the Far East, Psychology Club

Spouse: Dennis Rinehart

Children: Daniel and Sarah



I was drawn to St. Olaf by the academic excellence and the orchestra. I was thrilled to be a cellist on the first Orchestra interim tour in Norway, January 1967. So many firsts on that trip: first airplane flight, first international travel, first time cross country skiing, first time knitting a Norwegian sweater. The friendships formed in the orchestra remained significant throughout my college years and beyond.

St. Olaf provided the academic challenge that I hoped for, and I went on to get a doctorate in psychology at the University of Minnesota. Most of my professional work was in outpatient mental health at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. When my husband finished his radiology residency, we moved to Northfield to raise our two children. As a college student, I never dreamed that I would later return to Northfield to live. It's been a great community for raising our children, and now, for retirement living. The community orchestra has been a good place to play my cello and form chamber music groups. St. John's Lutheran is a wonderful church community. I've found ample ways to volunteer my time. Perhaps the most adventurous was work with our ELCA synod global missions, with several trips to partners in Tanzania and Colombia. After our children were launched, I resumed work as a psychologist in private practice for several years.

Retirement has given Dennis and me time to travel. We recently completed a two-week river cruise in Russia, starting in St. Petersburg and ending in Moscow, with stops at river towns and villages in between. Highlights were seeing Rembrandt's painting of the Prodigal Son in St. Petersburg, and attending a Rossini opera at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow. Back in Northfield, I enjoy concerts and plays at the local colleges and in the cities, go for walks in the Arb, try to keep up with three book clubs, and do some quilting for LWR with a church group.

## Karen Soli



St. Olaf Majors: Religion, Social Psychology  
Gettysburg Seminary:  
M. Div. '78

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago:  
D. Min. in Preaching '98

St. Olaf Activities: First Year Band, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Congregation, Christian History in Rome Interim, St. John's Honor House

Spouse: The Rev. Dr. Joseph Holt

Family: Two daughters, Berit and Louisa; Joe's three sons, Joseph Jr., Stevan, and Eric; six grandchildren — two granddaughters in college, one grandson in the Marine Corps, three young grandsons (ages four, two, and one).

I grew up in Granite Falls, Minnesota, with my dad singing us to sleep with "Um! Yah! Yah!" and the Marine Corps Hymn. Both he and my mom attended St. Olaf 10 years apart. He played on the undefeated St. Olaf football team of 1930.

After graduation, I began work as a Christian education director. I attended Gettysburg Seminary after a year of graduate study at Catholic University in 1974. A Lutheran pastor marrying a Presbyterian pastor was unusual news in 1978 as Joe and I wed and began looking for calls. Northern Minnesota welcomed us. We served there in separate parishes for several years, served in central Minnesota, and returned to "Da Range" in 1992. I served many congregations, always the first female pastor in the community. In 1999, I arrived in Sioux Falls to lead a mission redevelopment congregation.

Each move took a long time as I tried to break through the stained glass ceiling. I was asked to run for synodical bishop three times. I have been a pioneer, trailblazer, and groundbreaker for women in ministry.

I spent four years creating and directing a mobile food pantry and other relief ministries for an ELCA nonprofit in Sioux Falls. I served three terms in the South Dakota State Legislature, and recently received a Distinguished Alumni Award for Witness in the World related to this work.

I am so grateful for my husband and family and for all the opportunities I have had to serve. I look forward to traveling to visit our far-flung family, growing roses, and serving in other ways in the coming years.

## Stephen Solum

St. Olaf Major: Music

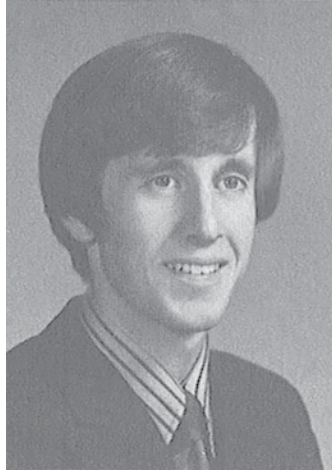
St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Band, St. Olaf Orchestra

New York University: Master's in Music

University of Minnesota: Ph.D. in Music Composition

Child: Nate

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters



My life has revolved around music, coming back full circle in retirement. I grew up singing and playing. Having faculty as parents, it was a short move to Ytterboe Hall; I never seriously considered another school. Along with activities noted above, some may remember The Sparklers and The Weekly Gathering among other groups of which I was a member during college years.

Sid Hahn '70 and I were married soon after graduation. One thousand stage performances in pop music followed, along with a recording studio and work in synthesis. Sid's career took us to New York and my opportunity to get a master's degree, start doctoral work, and teach at New York University, leaving singing behind. We returned to the Twin Cities and decided to go separate ways, but our treasured son Nate and our trusted and trusting friendship keeps us connected.

I finished my Ph.D. in computer music composition at the University of Minnesota, then spent 20 years on the faculty of Minneapolis College near Loring park. I founded and directed the Sound Arts A.S. degree program—centered on using high technology in the service of sound and music—and authored a foundational text: *The Craft of Controlling Sound*.

In retirement I have returned to creating music, this time recorded in-studio. The idea of making a solo album of pop songs has been in my head for 50 years and it now nears completion, hopefully to be released in the spring of 2020.

At the Friday dinner of our 45th reunion I (again) met Ginny Jacobson '72, sister of our classmate Kathy. We have been together ever since, for which I am deeply grateful and still excited. Part of our yard in Minnetonka is being converted into a bird, butterfly, and bee habitat, which gives many happy hours of critter watching. Life continues on, as a true blessing.

## Sandra Sorensen Sunde



St Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Chapel Choir, Musicals, Ad-Hoc Committee for student housing, Lion's Pause, Kappas  
Spouse: Steven Sunde

Children: Berit '97, Maren '00, Kristina — Lawrence University '01

Grandkids: Grace, Maggie, Elliot Viland; Annabelle & Will Morse

Inspired in high school by a former member of Ole Choir, I spent the first two years as a music major working in the music library, intending to become a vocal music teacher. Joining the folk group, the weekly gathering, lead to a life defining moment when Dr. Ken Jennings said I had to choose between the group and Ole Choir: I chose the group and became an English major.

Stephen and I married in 1971 and moved to St. Louis where he attended Washington University Law School while I worked in interior decorating for JCPenney. We settled in St. James, Minnesota, where he has practiced law to this day. I taught piano lessons, learned to play the pipe organ, directed church choirs, acted in and directed community theater, and most importantly, raised our three daughters.

Nearing 40 years old, I felt something missing in my life. I returned to St. Olaf for summer school to take some education classes, living in the basement of Thorson! Afterwards, I was hired to teach English in St. James and direct theater productions. After completing my master's in education, I became an adjunct professor for Minnesota State University, Mankato, teaching composition, literature, and public speaking. I directed over 85 musicals, dramas, and one-acts. I also sang in and directed church choirs and accompanied many student groups.

Currently, I am active in Uniting Cultures, a group dedicated to promoting understanding and acceptance in our diverse community (51% of our school population are Latino. As a member of our church council, I am responsible for music, worship, and the arts. For fun, I play bridge, follow grandchildren's activities, cheer on Gopher football and basketball, research family genealogy, and enjoy traveling.

I am grateful to St. Olaf for the quality education received, for professors and other leaders who provided moral leadership at such pivotal times in my life.



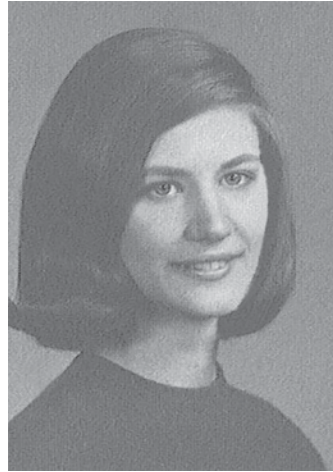
## Ann Sorenson Behrens

St. Olaf Major: Organ Performance

Western Illinois University: Master of Arts in Music Education, 1974, Truman State University: Education Specialist, 1991, University of Missouri: Ed.D. Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, 2005

Children: Paul, Kristin, and Peter

Grandchildren: 3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters



I grew up hearing about the St. Olaf Choir from my dad, who sang in a soldiers' chorus during World War II directed by a St. Olaf graduate. (Ken Jennings sang in the same chorus). When it came time to choose a college, I only applied to one. Because my parents had to work on move-in day, they sent me by train to Northfield, where I was met by Ken and Carolyn Jennings, fed breakfast, and escorted to Hoyme Hall.

My time at St. Olaf was transformational. I was privileged to sing in the St. Olaf Choir for three years and experienced first-hand the power of music to unite people from around the globe.

After graduation, I pursued a teaching certification at the University of Illinois and obtained a choral music teaching position in my hometown. I taught in that position for 20 years and then became a principal, serving for 14 years in schools housing grades four through six, kindergarten through three, and finally seven through nine. In what some claim was my wildest plan, I finished my doctorate the same year I retired.

That led to a teaching position at Quincy University in the graduate education program. I became the Dean of the School of Education, and a few years later was I named the Vice President of Academic Affairs. I retired (again) in 2017.

Throughout all this time, I have served as organist and choir director at several churches. I am currently the Director of Music, organist, and adult choir director at my home church.

Since retiring, I have had the opportunity to visit grandchildren more frequently. I also participate in a variety of dog sports, including conformation, obedience, rally, and agility. This keeps me active and relatively fit! I currently own two flat-coated retrievers.

My life has been richly blessed.

## Margie Staab Njus



Major: Art and Asian Studies

Spouse: James Njus '70

Children: Ben 44, Ellen 36

Jeff (deceased)

Grandkids: 3 boys, 3 girls

The St Olaf Global semester '68 was an amazing, life changing journey for me. I feel so lucky to have been at a school that made travel a big part of the learning experience. I've also made some life long friends at St Olaf that I've been getting together with monthly since the mid seventies!

At the end of senior year I met my future husband, James. Three years later we got married after he finished law school in Iowa. I taught art in the twin cities for ten years before and after we had kids (twin boys and a daughter) and then had part time jobs as a library assistant, a crime prevention coordinator, and a graphic artist, to name a few. James opened his law practice in Minneapolis which he has expanded over the years. We now live in St Paul in the same house we bought 40 years ago!

We also spend time at our tree farm in Wisconsin which we've had for over 30 years. James tends to his trees and dabbles in farming. My hobbies include reading, watercolor painting, and tennis. We both love to travel, especially to see family. Tragedy struck 10 years ago when we lost our son to suicide. We've learned to ride the ups and downs this life throws at you.

## Carolyn Stady Anderson

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

University of Minnesota School of Public Health: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Spouse: Richard Anderson

Son: Charles



In the nursing program at St. Olaf spending time off campus in Minneapolis health care settings was valuable not only to broaden my perspectives, but also to develop lifelong friendships. The fall after graduation, Shel, Connie, Cindy, and I leased a car and traveled three months through Europe. Although there were a few scary moments and mishaps, we mostly enjoyed an amazing, eye-opening trip.

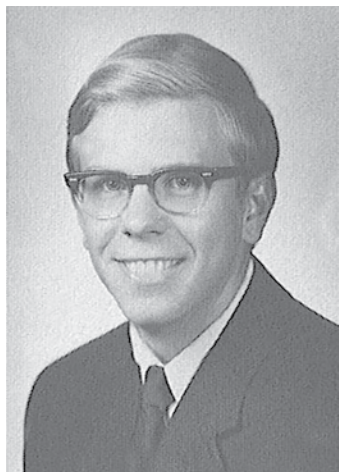
Back home, I became a team member in the St. Paul schools working with children with special health needs; and soon realized public health and pediatrics would be my passion going forward.

Interesting positions followed including teaching at the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota, and consulting at the Minnesota Department of Health where I had the opportunity to promote development of services and care systems for children with special needs and appreciate the many challenges and joys families experience.

Most recently I was involved in the rapid expansion of state newborn screening which is possible due to new robust technologies and enhanced identification of genetic diseases. My work involved ensuring prompt access to specialist assessments and intervention to prevent or lessen the severities of the disorders. I had the opportunity to work regionally and nationally on projects such as putting in place a metabolic registry to monitor clinical and public health outcomes of children. I value the talents, expertise, and commitment of my many colleagues. I look back on St. Olaf with fond memories.

Now retired, my husband and I have more time to enjoy travel. We meet up in various parts of the world with our son, a 'digital nomad' with his own business.

## Gregory Steeber



St. Olaf Majors: Chemistry, Religion

St. Olaf Activities: Musicals — technical, production, lighting crew; Chemistry Lab TA; Soccer

University of Minnesota: M.D. '74

Spouse: Mary Bengston Steeber

Children: Annelisa '07, Greta '09

Grandchild: Ada Mae, born May 2019

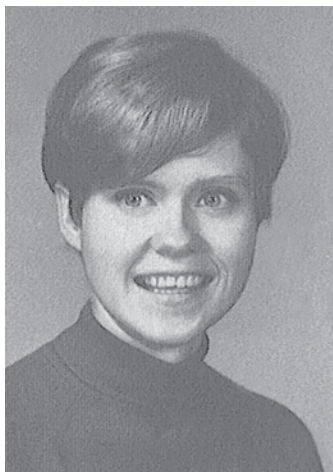
Being the first one in my family to attend college, I was fortunate to be able to go to St. Olaf as it was a lot of money for a blue collar family in those days. My horizons were expanded beyond what I could have imagined when I first arrived. My vision of the world, my future, and religion were all changed dramatically as experiences with classes, professors, and friends helped shape me over our four years at St. Olaf.

After graduation, I moved directly to medical school, but also started doing volunteer work along with my studies. For many years, my primary volunteer work was at Holden Village in Washington State, including being on the board for 20 years. I met my wife, Mary, there in 1974, but we did not marry until 1982 due to initially being mutually unimpressed. After medical school, I did an internship in Portland, OR, and then a Family Practice residency (which was a new opportunity then) at Hennepin County. I took a year off after residency to hike through the Alps and volunteer at Holden. Then worked for Group Health in Seattle for a few years until moving to Leavenworth, WA, to do small town medicine for several years. Finally, we moved to White Bear Lake, MN, where I worked for many years. I retired in 2017 after 40 years of family medicine and we returned to Leavenworth, WA.

Throughout this time, our family traveled extensively and continued to do volunteer work, mostly related to the church, medical care, and St. Olaf. I still volunteer at the local free clinic and serve on several committees. We spend a lot of time hiking and skiing (especially since my knee replacement), traveling, and hosting visitors to our beautiful part of the world.

## Sylvia Steinbart Rortvedt

Two photos sum up Spring 1970 for me. In one, I am signing the marriage register in the Palacio Municipal de San Angel in Mexico City with Dick Rortvedt '69 during spring break. In the second photo, I am in a graduation robe with a white armband, flanked by my grandmothers and ready to leave for Europe with the St. Olaf Choir that night.



In our first five years of marriage, Dick and I lived in Okinawa, TX; Abilene, TX; and Albuquerque, NM. Another photo memory from July 1973: we are hitchhiking next to the I-35 entrance ramp in White Bear Lake holding a sign saying "South America." We got there and lived in Quito, Ecuador for a year with \$5/day travels through the Andes and the Galápagos Islands.

What does one do with a music history major? Happily, libraries found me. After a 1975 move to the Washington, DC area, where Dick made a career with the Department of Agriculture, I started working in a library at Northern Virginia Community College, and earned a master's degree in library science at Catholic University. I never left the community college library and enjoyed responsibilities for reference and instruction, collection development, and administration before retiring in 2013.

We remain in Arlington, Virginia where our son, Victor, and daughter, Helen '04, grew up. Visiting them has taken us to Havana, London, and Bolivia; now those trips are to Burlington, Vermont and Washington, DC (where our two grandchildren live).

My favorite volunteer gig is being a docent at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. It is a privilege and great fun to share the portraits and stories of America's history and culture with visitors, and to be continually learning new lives.

Everyone needs a list, and mine is Simon Jenkins' *England's 1,000 Best Churches*. In 20 mostly-solo visits since 2005 I have reached 695. The best ones are the ones you have to walk to, and I think that's true of life in general. Thanks St. Olaf for giving us walking shoes.

## Barbara Steinhaus Moore



St. Olaf Major: Sociology

University of Minnesota: Master's in Health Administration '80

St. Olaf activities: Manitou Singers, AWS, Junior Counselor, Faribault State Hospital Volunteer

Married: James Moore, 1998; Marquette University Graduate Stepchildren: James Jr. and Joshua; U of WI Graduates

Step-grandchildren: Six

I began my career in social work right after we graduated, in the Nursing Home unit of a VA Hospital. Three years later, I returned to St. Olaf as the assistant dean of women, working with Carol Johnson, Bruce Roberts, and Hank Helgen — remember them? As much as I love the Hill, it became clear to me that working with elders, not college students, was where I belonged.

After getting my M.H.A. and my administrator's license, I worked in non-profit facilities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. After 20 years, I left facility administration and worked as a consultant and educator. In 1998, I began to work providing in-home services for elders and persons with disabilities through the Wisconsin Medicaid Waiver program, retiring in 2013. I found my career working with elders and persons with disabilities rewarding and I believe I made a difference. What else can we ask for?

My husband and I moved from the Milwaukee area to the Turtle Flambeau Flowage in northern Wisconsin in 2011. I'm a bit prejudiced, but it is the most beautiful spot in America! We have been blessed with the ability to travel — both wildlife-based travel and seeing the sights of our country and the world. The last five years we've escaped Wisconsin winters with a two month stay on St. George Island, near Apalachicola, Florida.

This time of our lives brings new challenges. Since December of 2014, I have been battling ovarian cancer. I've had several recurrences and numerous other related health problems. We have appreciated the love, support, and prayers of our families and friends (including St. Olaf classmates). We maintain hope for the future — and I look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion!

Some words of wisdom I recently received: "Sometimes the only mode of transportation available is a giant leap of faith."

*Editor's Note: Barbara Steinhaus Moore passed away peacefully on December 4, 2019.*

## Mark Stenberg

St. Olaf Major: Chemistry

St. Olaf Activities: Viking Chorus, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Choir, ABX, Junior Counselor, Faribault State Hospital Volunteer, Church and Youth Outreach Group

Spouse: Charis Rasmussen '70

Children: Siri, Kjell, and Bernt

Grandchildren: six

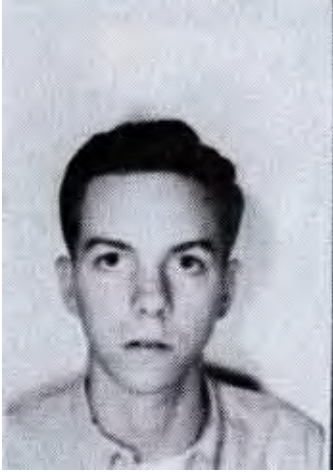


After getting over the shock of just being in college, I learned that I really enjoyed St. Olaf. My best memories are shared experiences in dorm life, nearly constant singing with one group or another, overwhelming demands for my scholarship, and being immersed in such a rich (and I thought diverse) environment compared to my earlier years.

After graduation, I spent two years at University of North Dakota Medical School and two years at the University of Minnesota, and I did residency and first practice in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 1974 to 1982. Since 1984 we've lived in Rochester, Minnesota, where I practiced internal medicine at the Olmsted Medical Center until retiring in January 2013. Marrying Charis in 1971 was the best decision I've ever made. Raising children, working, hobby farming, and sharing with family and community has been deeply gratifying.

In 2002 I developed facial pain. I had my first neurosurgery in 2011 for trigeminal neuralgia and the second in 2015, each after what I call "meltdowns." (Suicide made cognitive sense, but not emotional sense.) Since then, I'm committed to making these experiences "the best thing that ever happened to me" and right now I absolutely love my life. I spent 2018 studying modern stoicism and 2019 reading contemporary Jungian psychology. I don't have cattle, geese, guinea fowl, or hogs anymore, but I still have chickens and fish as well as a dog and a cat. Since retirement I've been to Italy eight times and England, Denmark, and Norway each once. I have a pottery studio, a mosaic studio, and family stretched from Mountain View, California, to Hamburg, Germany. I love them all. Living with Charis remains a daily blessing, even when we annoy one another. We hope to continue to travel and grow in the coming years.

## Jim Stengel



I came to St. Olaf a small-town kid of limited and parochial experience. I was thrilled to meet fellow students who had travelled and read more widely, to play drums in bands with more talented musicians, to study abroad in Cambridge, and to become a teaching assistant. Those experiences broadened my horizons, which have since just kept on broadening. After graduating, I worked for a year in England and Germany, then for two years in

upstate New York and New England before moving to Minneapolis.

I am pleased and proud to be Sandy's husband and Carrie and Daniel's dad. No other roles have meant more to me. I am also pleased and a bit surprised that I am still living and fairly active, having apparently dodged the most limiting of the genes in my family pool. I've had neither career nor profession, but many and diverse jobs, finally admitting in my late 50s that I am a lifelong dabbler.

I am a bit perturbed that although music and history still mean a lot to me, it's been a long time since I've made music or read dense histories. I am more than a bit perturbed that I can't excise such drivel as 1950s pop song lyrics from my memory to clear space there for new learning. My current interests in ecosystem restoration, wildlife recovery, and native plant gardening would be so much better served.

World events like the sudden collapse of the Soviet Union and the rise of digital media have duly impressed, but it has been more intimate encounters that have truly amazed me. A monarch butterfly, the offspring of grandparents that spent the winter in Mexico, finds a newly sprouted swamp milkweed just months after I planted it in our yard. Fourteen bighorn sheep keep on grazing the margin of a road, apparently indifferent to the two clanging head butters among them. Our kids exhibit courage and resilience beyond my comprehension, one living with schizophrenia, the other in Guatemala.

And so we carry on.



## John Stensrud

Five weeks after graduating from St. Olaf College I began what became a 25-year career in the United States Marine Corps. After completing the Basic School at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, and the Basic Field Artillery Officer Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I spent 18 months overseas. During the following 23 years I was extremely fortunate to be assigned to interesting, challenging, and rewarding



Fleet Marine Force and Supporting Establishment positions at various locations in the United States and in foreign countries. Interspersed in these assignments were enjoyable assignments to the Australian Army Command and Staff College in Queenscliff, Victoria, Australia, and to the College of Naval Warfare at the United States Navy War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Shortly after retiring from the Marine Corps I began a second career as a legal administrator in Charlotte, North Carolina. This career included service as an office manager and executive director at large southeastern U.S. law firms and as a director of administration at a large international law firm. I retired in May 2015.

I am married to Ellen, an absolutely fabulous lady, and thoroughly enjoy retired life. Together, Ellen and I have a son, Thor, and a daughter, Saralyn. Thor is a United States Navy F-35C fighter jet pilot and lives in California. Saralyn is a recreational therapist and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. I also have two daughters who live in New Jersey. Kirsten is a seventh grade mathematics teacher and Megan is the very busy and supportive wife of my son-in law, Jim, and my three adorable grandchildren, James (6 years old), Isla (3 years old), and Ryan (1 year old). I now keep pleasantly busy reading, traveling, doing volunteer work, woodturning, woodworking, and being with my family.

As I reflect on my life journey, I am extremely thankful I had the opportunity to attend St. Olaf College and had the opportunity to learn while taking diverse courses; the chance to discover new horizons; and most of all, the pleasure of meeting, knowing, and associating with such a tremendous group of fellow Oles.

## Richard “Dick” Stern



Following graduation, I was pretty wiped out. I wrote to Luther Seminary asking if I might postpone my entry for a year. Yes, that would be fine. I found a job that would tide me over for a year, got married to Sawyer, whom I had met on a Grand Canyon raft trip, and rested my brain for a year. After graduating from Luther Seminary, I was assigned to the Illinois District, eventually receiving a call to a small rural parish in central

Illinois. After five years I then went to a larger rural parish as an associate pastor. I determined fairly quickly that although I was a good pastor I would never be a happy pastor, so I applied to Northern Illinois University with the intention of getting a master's degree in human communication theory and media production. I then was given the opportunity to continue studies toward a doctorate in instructional design and technology.

I studied how people taught preaching, even though I had no intention to teach preaching. But a chance conversation with a Dominican friar at a preaching conference led me to apply to Saint Meinrad Seminary, an apostolate of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, a Benedictine monastery. From fall 1990 through May 2018, I taught preaching to seminarians and permanent deacon candidates. I will be eternally grateful for my time at Saint Meinrad. I told the rector at my job interview that I was too Lutheran to be a good Catholic and too Catholic to be a good Lutheran.

Now retired, I have concluded that it seemed to work pretty well for all of us. I preach regularly in a small local parish. We recently sold our motorcycle and sidecar, but I still ride bicycles. Along the way I have developed a deep interest in the theology in bluegrass music and am learning to play bluegrass and old-time banjo. While Sawyer travels around the world in her retirement, I mostly go to music camps. I confess that I did not really appreciate the formation I received at St. Olaf until years after graduation. That has thankfully changed.

## Bruce Steuernagel

St. Olaf Major: Economics

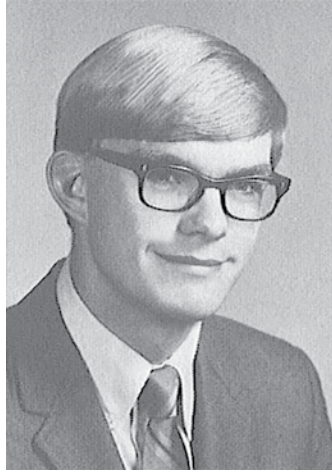
Syracuse University: M.P.A. '71

St. Olaf Activities: Orchestra, Intramural Basketball, Phi Epsilon

Spouse: Pat Needham '70

Children: Brad and Jeff '02

Grandkids: Two grandsons



I was a labor market analyst for the Minnesota Employment Security Agency and for the System Office of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for most of my career. For five years, I was also the research director for the JOBS NOW Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy organization. I retired in July 2010 and did some consulting for colleges and organizations in the career and technical education field for about six years.

Our younger son was a college counselor at international schools in South Korea (three years), Hong Kong (eight years), and Zurich, Switzerland (two years), so we traveled to see him and his family. One of our trips to Hong Kong also involved spending a spring break in south Vietnam. As a 1970 graduate, I never thought I would reminisce about a vacation in Saigon. Over the years we have also traveled to Brazil on a short-term mission, and to Israel.

What I do now: enjoy staying active and fit by doing water aerobics at the YMCA, playing pickleball, and working out in the fitness room. During the summer we also enjoy walking, riding a tandem bike, and golfing. Pat and I both sing in our church choir and play in the handbell choir.

## David Storlie



St. Olaf Majors: Economics and Political Science

Spouse: Kathryn

Children: two daughters Grandchildren: two grandsons

As most of us started our college experience in 1966, I was not looking forward 50 years from graduation from

St. Olaf and what I might say about my life's journey. It has been a good experience and St. Olaf certainly played a role in the development of the person that I would become. It was a turbulent time in America in the late 1960s. A never ending war in Vietnam was killing tens of thousands of young Americans, race relations were at a boiling point, and the political system was failing to address these problems. Protests by brave young people, many of which were college students, ultimately made a difference for the better. I hope that St. Olaf will continue to emphasize the need for independent thought and moral actions that recognize the rights of all people.

After graduating from St. Olaf, I attended the University of Chicago Law School and graduated with a J.D. in 1973. I had enlisted in the Naval Reserve prior to starting law school. My intention was to be a Navy JAG officer after law school. After training in Newport, Rhode Island, and a brief assignment at the Great Lakes Naval Base, I was offered a discharge from active duty due to the military reducing their forces after Vietnam. After consideration I decided to leave the military. Kathryn and I settled in Eagan, lived there from 1975 to 1988, and had two daughters. I was the General Counsel for Western Life Insurance Company during that time.

As corporate America changed, so did my job situation. I took a job with Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Company in Peoria, Illinois. We bought a 30 acre property outside of town and substantially remodeled the home that was there. We have enjoyed living in the county for over 30 years but we are nearing the time when we must move on to a less demanding environment. I retired in 2011. We enjoy visiting family and taking cruises.

## Linda Strandemo Schroeder

Major: English

Spouse: Eric Schroeder '70

Children: Two daughters

Grandchildren: One granddaughter (11), one grandson (5)



What do I remember about St. Olaf?

Cashiering at the St. Olaf Bookstore (my four year work study assignment);

surviving the freezing-cold wintertime walks from Hilleboe to Old Main for 7:45am classes; appreciating Michael Simeone's impressive take on "cafeteria food," and being in college during such a historic time of upheaval and dizzying change, both on campus and throughout the world.

I met Eric, the love of my life, at St. Olaf. We got married the month after graduation and will celebrate our 50th anniversary in June 2020. After living in Minneapolis, we moved to a home 30 miles west of Minneapolis, where we've lived for 40 years. We have two beautiful, talented daughters, who live in New York and California. Needless to say, we spend a lot of time flying between Minnesota and the coasts.

I also met cherished lifelong friends at St. Olaf, who shared a senior-year off-campus house on St. Olaf Avenue. We connected periodically throughout the '70s and '80s. Then the 11

of us got serious about our unique friendship, and we've gathered together every other year (lately every year) since 1992. This 50-year friendship is an incomparable blessing that continues to enrich and sustain me in countless ways.

After graduation, I taught (1970-82) and then directed publications and conferences for the Freshwater Foundation (1982-89). I spent the next 20 years as owner of Schroeder Communications, working mostly with public school districts. I developed factual, objective referendum communications and also facilitated community decision-making. I loved helping people understand complex facts and issues, and I loved facilitating consensus-building. I retired in 2010 — well before understanding facts and reaching consensus stopped being universally valued commodities.

I love retirement. I read a lot, I walk, I garden, and I chronicle our grandchildren's lives through photography. Most of all, I find joy in spending leisurely days with the love of my life, visiting our daughters and their families, and trying to live up to my coffee mug that says "World's Best Grandma."

## June Striffler Sand



On a warm, sunny fall day in 1966, I arrived from Des Moines, Iowa, at my new dorm room at St. Olaf College. Three and a half years later I graduated in an icy frigid December morning and headed to my new husband and life near the naval base in Wickford, Rhode Island. Clutched in my hand were my St. Olaf nursing pin and diploma.

St. Olaf was pivotal in forming my spiritual life, my nursing career, and my lifelong group of friends. Foremost was marrying David Sand '68 in 1969. He is an amazing man with a beautiful bass voice who sang in the St. Olaf Choir. David and I have been married 50 years and have three adult children. Kristin, Maren, and Brandon are married and have filled our lives with seven ambitious, lively grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 18.

During the past 50 years, I have worked continuously in the nursing field, and I thank my St Olaf nursing professors every day for their instruction and life-enriching education. I have worked in a variety of nursing areas but find that community health work has most engaged me. While we were in North Carolina and David attended law school at Duke, I worked in Kennedy Neighborhood Health Clinic for the African American community. Although segregation was no longer legal, the city of Durham was still segregated. The community nursing team worked in the tobacco fields with migrants and in their homes with dirt floors and no running water. My life was enriched as I learned how people cope with less than desirable circumstances. Their spirit was boundless.

Now, I still work in the Augsburg College and Central Lutheran Church Nursing Center for the homeless and marginalized in downtown Minneapolis. Recently I retired as a parish nurse and still serve on the national ELCA board to grow this position and support parish nurses. Between this and community volunteer efforts, David and I travel and spend time with our grandchildren. We are thankful and fully blessed with life lessons learned at St. Olaf.

## Steve Sunde

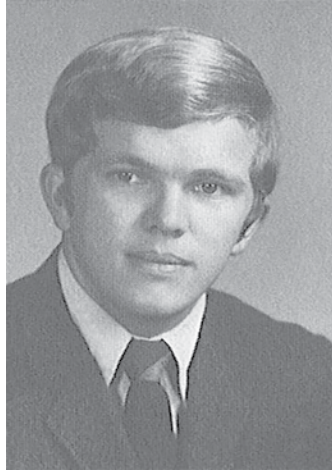
St. Olaf Major: History and Political Science

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor

Spouse: Sandra Sorensen '70

Children: Berit '97, Maren '00, Kristina

Grandchildren: Three granddaughters, two grandsons



Raised in northwestern Iowa, I had every intention of furthering my education at Grinnell college in Grinnell, Iowa. I then visited the St Olaf campus on an October Saturday when the leaves were golden, the campus was beautiful, and I was all in. The result was an incredible four years of making lifelong friends and receiving quality education from understanding and caring professors.

After college, because of my low lottery number in the draft, I became a member of the National Guard and went through the usual training. During that year I renewed contact with my college friend Sandra Sorenson, which turned into a romance. We married on August 21, 1971 and a few days later moved to St. Louis, Missouri where I attended Washington University School of Law, graduating in 1974.

Sandra and I very much enjoyed living in St. Louis (I am still a diehard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan), but decided it would be best to return to Minnesota. I began practicing law with a firm in St. James, Minnesota, where we raised three daughters. Sandra obtained her teaching certification and masters degree, taught high school English and college level English and directed school plays for several years.

My practice is primarily limited to civil litigation and municipal law. I have been honored to serve in several law-related organizations, including judicial selection committee, as chairman of the district ethics committee, and on the committee raising funds for southern Minnesota regional legal services. I'm also a fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America.

Sandra and I enjoy traveling, golf, and most of all, attending our grandchildren's events.

## Gail Sundem Noller



St. Olaf Majors: Philosophy and Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Paracollege Founding Committee, Synchronized Swimming, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Alpha Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board

Spouse: Jerry Noller '68

Children: Jenna Noller Dorst '99, Jessica Noller Goddard, and Jeffrey Noller

Grandkids: Declan and Olivia Goddard;

Simon, Ellen, and Cameron Dorst

In my freshman year, Howard Hong noticed my fascination with philosophy and hired me to type the transcripts of his books translating Kierkegaard. I spent many hours in an office high in the chapel typing on a manual typewriter. I also loved psychology and found the two majors dovetailed nicely. It was psychology that I pursued in my career.

As director of social services for Mount Sinai Hospital, I was challenged by a patient's family to improve the care of the dying. Our efforts led to a bioethics committee at the hospital, a training program for staff and community on death and dying, and one of the first comprehensive hospice and grief support programs. Simultaneously, my father was dying at a hospital down the street.

When I was 40, I pursued my master's in psychology at the University of St. Thomas. I was the mom of three children, married to a physician, and working part-time. At age 50, I earned my doctorate in counseling psychology from St. Thomas and practiced in an Allina clinic until I started my own practice. My professional focus has been health psychology, end-of-life care, hospice, and grief.

Jerry and I married after his stint in the Peace Corps. We have three children and they all live nearby. We are a "village" raising five grandchildren. We call ourselves "The Clump" and enjoy dinners together, trips to our cabin near Itasca State Park, weeks at our house in Puerto Rico, and other adventurous trips.

As a latecomer to my private practice, I continue to work. Jerry retired a few years ago from his internal medicine practice. We are world travelers and global citizens, as are our children, and we pray that our country will see clear to again embrace globalism and return to the civility that we so miss.



## Darrell Swanson

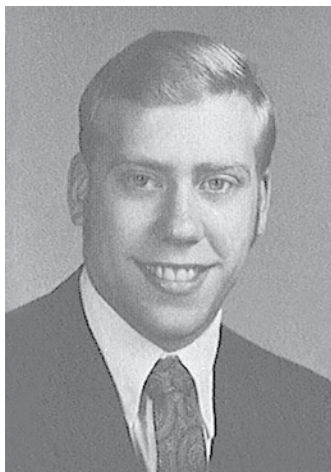
St. Olaf Major: Psychology

St. Olaf Activities: Announcer for WCAL

Spouse: Susan Swanson

Children: Laura '94

Grandchildren: One granddaughter and one grandson



I applied to St. Olaf because of a Carleton relays high school track and field event. I had never been to Northfield and the gym at St. Olaf was where my track team changed before heading to Carleton for the track meet. I was simply awestruck by the architecture and the feeling of majesty it conveyed! The next time I was on campus was when my folks dropped me at the entrance to Kildahl Hall where I met Randy Wensman who helped me with my luggage and has become a lifelong friend.

These two events fairly characterize my life's journey of never quite knowing where I'm going but always sure I belong there when I arrive. My career in mortgage banking has taken me from the snows of Minnesota, to the cornfields of Iowa, the Rocky Mountain highs of Colorado, and even to the big cities of Chicago, New York, and L.A., and finally home again to the Lake Country of Minnesota.

I have been married to my wife, Susan, for 42 years and we have one daughter, Laura '94, and two almost perfect grandchildren. We are blessed that they live in Crosslake and are part of our everyday lives. In retirement I am active in our local church, and I even tried my hand at politics and was privileged to serve my community as a three-term mayor of Crosslake. Susan and I enjoy traveling with friends and family and have explored most of Europe and a bit beyond.

My favorite past times are playing golf (mediocre), following the Twins and Vikings (always hopeful), and visiting every hamlet, village, and city in Minnesota to watch the grandkids sporting events (spectacular!).

Most recently, I was told "you're too old to be building a new house" — but, that is what we are doing as we transition to a smaller footprint to embrace the coming years.

## Maren Swanson



St. Olaf Major: English

St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Choir, SDS, Oxford semester

Spouse: Rob Smith

Children: Christopher Reigstad, Morgan Smith '12, Jack Smith

Grandchild: Rose Reigstad

Having graduated from St. Olaf with an English major and with no earthly idea what I wanted to do in life other than have a family, I got married. Good man, bad idea, totally my fault. Six years later, after earning a master's in teaching at the University of St. Thomas, learning I was not cut out for teaching either, and working at Savran's bookstore for \$2.50 an hour, I took a class on sex-based discrimination at the University of Minnesota, discovered an affinity for law, and entered law school. I took two years off to have my first baby, worked part-time as a law clerk, and finished law school at the University of Minnesota in 1981. Since then I have practiced law, first in Owatonna, Minnesota, and since 1986 in Northfield. I've also had two more children and one grandchild, and I finally got marriage right.

Since college I've learned that children and grandchildren are the best part of life; that sex discrimination, like race discrimination, is still rampant (will these battles never be won?); that aging has immense benefits in the nature of liberation from all kinds of strictures; and that St. Olaf is a special place, contrary to the cynical opinion of my youth.

I have always been kind of shy and quiet, so I may not know many of you, my classmates, but whenever I get up the courage to talk to someone I don't know, I always enjoy hearing their stories. So I hope my path crosses with some of yours and we are able to share something meaningful at our reunion. Um Yah Yah!

Oh yeah, also, I grew up in the loving care of Cliff Swanson (St. Olaf Chaplain) and June Swanson (St. Olaf voice teacher) and watched many, many rickety people come back to campus for their 50th reunions. Oh my, they did seem old! Thankfully, 70 does not seem so old now.

## Richard Swiggum

Following graduation (major in health and physical education), I attended the University of Wisconsin in the M.A.T. program and did my intern teaching at White Bear Lake, MN. Upon completion of the internship, I was fortunate to get hired as the head football, assistant basketball, and head track coach, with the physical educator teaching position at Shullsburg, WI.



This was where I met my wife, Teresa, an elementary teacher in the same district, and we were married in 1974 and are celebrating 45 years together. After six wonderful years of teaching and coaching, I had the opportunity to get into the insurance business and the Richard Swiggum Agency was born in Watertown, WI and continued until my retirement. We were blessed with two children, Lee '78 in Scottsdale, AZ, and Hattie '80 in Mesa, AZ, and an awesome three-year-old granddaughter.

With retirement comes retirement activities such as bicycling, reading, lawn work (at a much slower pace), and traveling around our great country with plans to relocate in the Mesa, AZ area in the near future. Reflecting back on the St. Olaf days, I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for the legendary football, basketball, and baseball coaches. They don't come any better than these men. Many great friendships and memories of St O.

## David Sydow



St. Olaf Major: Biology

Spouse: Paula L. Fredrickson '70

Children: Eric (b. 1975, University of Illinois, project manager at Naval Research Laboratory. Gregg (b. 1981) '03, M.D. diagnostic radiology.

Grandchildren: Tabitha, Tom, Ava, and Alec

Born in Chicago, raised in Rolling Meadows in the shadow of Arlington Park Racetrack, and graduated from a suburban high school, I was woefully unprepared for the rigors of the pre-med curriculum. It did not take long for me to realize that I was not the sharpest knife in the drawer academically, but I persevered even though it afforded precious little time for other activities. Because of its make-you-or-break-you reputation among medical wannabes, Wes Pearson's organic chemistry class still gives me palpitations when I reflect back on it. I was lucky enough to be accepted by the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. After graduation I joined a partnership with three other dentists outside of Peoria, Illinois, and opened a new satellite practice in rural Elmwood (pop. 2100); this was the only practice within a 20-mile radius of town. By the time I retired in 2012, the partnership had expanded to five offices spread over three counties employing 13 dentists.

The fondest memory I have of St. Olaf was during freshman orientation week when I first met Paula Fredrickson who became the love of my life. We were married in 1971. Together we raised two fine sons.

With one son's family living in Alexandria, VA, and the other in Flagstaff, AZ, most of our travelling revolves around these destinations. Currently I enjoy puttering on projects around the house, stamp collecting, bicycling, golfing with Paula, and woodworking. Although I have absolutely no musical gifts whatsoever, I enjoy listening to almost all genres of music thanks to the music appreciation class I took at St. Olaf. To satisfy an old pipe dream of mine, I volunteer as a train engineer on a kiddie train at our local Wildlife Prairie Park; it is not quite like holding the throttle of the real thing, but it is close enough.

## Nancy Talsness Hordern

When I first arrived at St. Olaf, I was often introduced as “from way up North,” referring to my hometown of International Falls. During a first week square dance I met someone with roots even further north, Canada.

Four years later, Rick Hordern and I were married. We spent our honeymoon canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota and then moved ... north.

We have lived at seven addresses in three cities: Saskatoon, New York and Regina. Our moves have been either to attend school or to teach. In each place we’ve been fortunate to find welcoming communities. New York City had the bonus of St. Olaf friends, including those from my 1968-69 Global Semester, and many Ole gatherings.

I have taught in a variety of settings: elementary and middle school classrooms in Saskatoon, the Columbia University Reading Center and Riverside Church in New York, and a Regina program for young children with complex language challenges where I spent many years as Parent Services Coordinator. For the last fifteen years, I have consulted regarding high school students with a wide range of challenges, both advising on appropriate planning and working directly with students. In every setting I have found it invaluable to use Howard Hong’s methods of examining presuppositions (as well as his advice to maintain body warmth by covering one’s head in cold weather!).

My volunteer work has included boards of church and professional organizations, infant and maternal health issues, breast cancer advocacy, and our daughters’ activities (two favorites: Girl Guide camping and co-directing kids’ musicals). There were also numerous events to plan and host during Rick’s terms as Luther College President!

Time spent with family and friends is still the best of all. We enjoy traveling but are happy our daughters have settled in Saskatchewan. Kjersten is a French immersion kindergarten teacher, our son-in-law Aaron is a computer systems analyst, and Marja is a Lutheran pastor.



## Douglas Tate



St. Olaf Major: Biology

University of Minnesota: M.D. 1976, Ph.D. 1982

Spouse: Corinne Johnson, Gustavus Adolphus 1972

Children: Christopher Tate '05; Alexander Tate, Gustavus Adolphus '10

Grandchildren: Waiting already...

After graduating from St. Olaf, I entered into a combined M.D.-Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota Graduate and Medical Schools with an initial plan of going into academic medicine. I obtained my M.D. in 1976 and my Ph.D. in 1982. During that period I completed my residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in pediatric hematology and oncology. After completing my Ph.D. in 1982 I considered going into veterinary medicine. However, my spouse suggested I get a “job,” which I thought was a novel idea.

I joined Metropolitan Pediatrics Specialists in the Twin Cities in 1982 and retired in 2014. I enjoyed the pediatric practice and its atmosphere in which I never had to grow up or wear a tie and white coat. During that time my wife Corinne and I raised two boys on a hobby farm with horses, dogs, and barn cats in Prior Lake, Minnesota. During those years I coached both of my sons' soccer teams from their first year at U-6 through high school with the Lakeville Soccer Club. When my son Chris entered St. Olaf I started coaching the St. Olaf Men's Reserve Soccer Team. I continued coaching soccer at St. Olaf for over 12 years.

In 2005, after returning from a medical mission in Peru, I connected with biology professor Ted Johnson. After multiple cups of coffee at the Cage we developed a study-service Interim for those students interested in the health professions: the Peruvian Medical Experience. The program has since partnered more than 200 St. Olaf students with over 20 volunteer medical professionals in serving impoverished Peruvian communities. 2020 will be our 15th consecutive year.

I am fortunate, and I am always grateful for the people I have served and have supported me throughout my life: family, friends, mentors, and institutions of learning. I'm especially indebted to Carleton College for turning down my application in 1966.

## Stephen Taylor

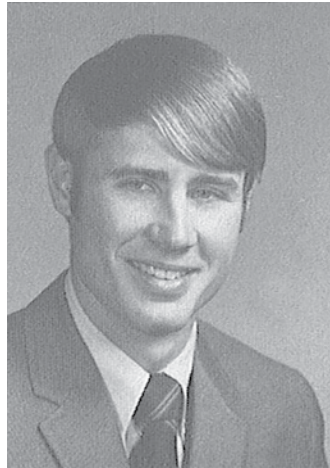
St. Olaf Major: Biology

University of Iowa: Medical School

Spouse: Sue Von Wald '70

Children: Scott, Megan, Kevin, and Brian

Grandkids: four granddaughters, six grandsons



My initial visit to Northfield was actually to interview for admission at Carlton. While in town I chose to visit St. Olaf and considered both options until mid-summer 1966. My choice of St. Olaf truly set the course for the rest of my life.

I met so many wonderful and accomplished friends, including my wife-to-be, Sue Von Wald, and my roommate of three years, Gary Erickson. Great memories include: Ytterboe, junior counseling, broomball, Sigma Tau activities, trips to hockey games, and many trips to and from Des Moines with other St. Olaf students.

I had known Sue Von Wald since freshman year but it wasn't until spring of senior year that we started seriously dating. Sue and I were married in 1971 and I finished medical school at the University of Iowa in 1974. We subsequently lived in Grand Rapids, Rochester, and Eugene as I completed my orthopaedic training.

Des Moines became our home in 1980, and we raised four children as I practiced orthopaedic surgery for 37 years. Sue and I enjoy two or three ski trips most years and have also loved bicycle adventures in the United States, Canada, and Italy.

In addition to four children we have now been blessed with ten grandchildren — six in Des Moines, two in Indianapolis, and two in Kansas City. Each summer Sue and I host “Camp Napa” (Nana and Papa) for four to five days at our summer retreat in Clear Lake, Iowa. It's just us and eight grandchildren. Sue plans a full schedule and the kids look forward to returning each year.

Lutheran Church of Hope has been a very strong and stabilizing part of our lives. Worship, a close small group, volunteering, and several mission trips have filled a great deal of our lives.

Overall, Sue and I have been blessed with a great family, church, good health, and an active lifestyle. I look forward to seeing many of you in May 2020.

## Joan Teigland Peterson



St. Olaf Major: Psychology

Oberlin College: M.A.T. '72

Activities: St. Olaf Orchestra 1966–70;  
Orchestra Interim in Norway, January  
1967; Junior Counselor

Spouse: Paul Peterson, Music, Concordia  
College '71

Children: Olaf, Engineering and Spanish,  
ISU; M.B.A., U of Iowa, Sarah,  
Engineering and Spanish, ISU; M.P.H.,  
U of NC

I taught elementary school from 1971–2008 for Albia Community Schools in Iowa — 37 years. That included years in the regular classroom, some Title I Remedial Reading, and English as a second language. I think my favorite was teaching second and third grade.

I worked at Camp Hantesa during college summers for four years. Then in June 1973, I married Paul Peterson, a music teacher in Albia schools.

I continue to play violin in the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra and have played with them since its inception 33 years ago. I also sing in the Albia Community Choir. It started 14 years ago with my husband as the director.

Many summers and weekends have been spent on my husband's 150-year-old family farm near Estherville, Iowa, working and visiting. Spending time at my family's property in northern Minnesota is another fun activity. My parents built a lakeside cabin in 1946, and all my siblings and their families share the activities and time there.

In retirement, I love caring and playing with my five grandchildren in the West Des Moines and St. Paul areas. There are two boys and three girls, ages five to nine.

I am also a 19-year cancer survivor and grateful to be here.



## Anne Terhune Nettles

St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Alan Nettles

Child: Adam



After the initial shock of rules and regulations, my favorite memories of St. Olaf include meeting my future husband, wonderful musical venues, and the

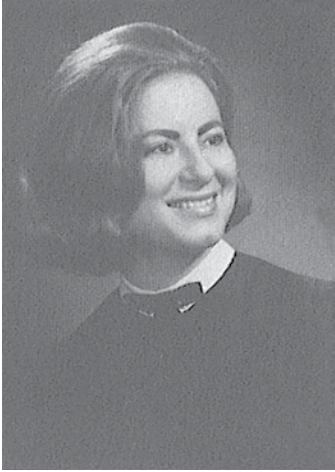
challenge of the nursing curriculum. The Vietnam War was a very sobering time and studying its causes and effects changed my life views profoundly.

We married after graduation and moved to St. Louis, where Alan started law school and I started graduate school in nursing. Next we located to New London, Connecticut, where we both practiced and I finished my degree at Boston University. Three years later we were back in Minnesota. I moved from critical care to rehab and eventually settled into a subspecialty focusing on patients with diabetes. My 15 years as a CNS at the University of Minnesota Hospital, coupled with lots of national volunteer work, kept me very busy. My son Adam was born in 1982.

The next career stop was the world of managed care with a pharmacy benefit management subsidiary of United Health Care Corp. The contrast with academic health care was something else. Three years later I incorporated Diabetes CareWorks and went on my own, consulting with major health organizations to develop system wide programs for their populations with diabetes. Being self-employed allowed me to retire gradually and continue to volunteer.

We still reside on Lake Minnetonka, where we have lived since 1986 and sailed for many years. Thanks to good health, travel remains a priority and we are always looking for new and interesting places to go.

## Maren Thomte Spencer



My parents both went to Christian colleges — Mom to St. Olaf and Dad to Luther. They valued their college experiences so much that they wanted similar experiences for their three daughters. One of my sisters went to St. Olaf and the other went to Luther, so I was the tie-breaker. I chose St. Olaf, mostly because I hoped someday to get in the St. Olaf Choir like my mother. When I did get chosen to be in the choir, it was a happy day. The rehearsals, tours,

concerts, and the friendships through all of that remain my best college memories.

At St. Olaf I majored in music education. After graduation I married and taught elementary music. When our three girls were small, I stayed at home, but later went back to teaching, completing 22 years at Cumberland Elementary School.

My first husband and I divorced. I met Tom, the love of my life, when he joined the church choir I was directing. We married in 1997. After I retired from teaching, we moved to Whitehall, Wisconsin, to the home in which I grew up. My mother lived with us for five years. Tom and I made it our home and spent much time and energy gardening and enjoying the outdoors. Our favorite role has been being grandparents to our nine grandchildren.

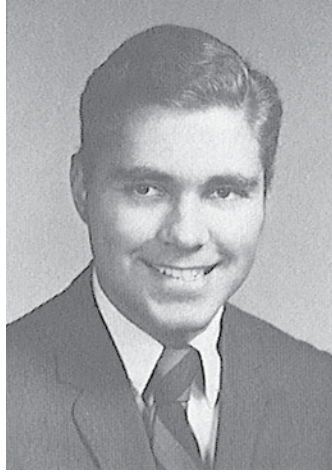
Tom has been in a facility since the fall of 2018 with Lewy body dementia. This has been a difficult and challenging time. We have both had to rely on God, and our love for each other has grown. I am learning to see the sweet moments of every day, and to lean on family and friends.

## Dean Tollefson

St. Olaf Major: History

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School: M. Div.

While at St. Olaf I enjoyed being a part of a group called CINCH, “Christ in Collegiate Hearts.” I was also a photographer for the *St. Olaf Magazine*, which gave me some interesting opportunities to photograph



and visit with people at St. Olaf, like Sidney Rand and Olaf Christensen. I still have fond memories of the St. Olaf campus in the fall with all the beautiful maple trees in full color — a photographer’s delight!

At Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (now Trinity University) I was able to be a founding member of *The Post American* (now *Sojourners* magazine) and serve as a graduate assistant to Kenneth Kantzer, who later became editor of *Christianity Today*, and John R. W. Stott. Those are also fond memories.

After Trinity, I combined my two sides (theologian and engineer) and became the founder, general manager, and chief engineer of a Christian radio station licensed to Ortonville, Minnesota: KCGN FM 101.5. It was a Class C (100,000 watts) FM station serving a large area of west central Minnesota and eastern South Dakota. I remember traveling back to Northfield to pick up large reel-to-reel tapes of the St. Olaf Christmas Festival so we could broadcast that program on the station.

Following my work at KCGN I turned more to my scientist, engineering side, and worked with Seymour Cray developing the Cray 3 and Cray 4 supercomputers; first in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and later in Colorado Springs, Colorado where I presently reside.

After Cray, I worked with the Missile Defense Agency at Schriever AFB as a senior staff engineer for L-3 Communications (now L-3 Harris). I retired from L-3 after 16 years.

In retirement, I find myself moving back to my theological side, brushing up on biblical Hebrew and Greek and using the Bible study software program Logos 8. I am enjoying writing on many different biblical topics and singing in our church choir.

## Bob Tonolli



St Olaf Major: Mathematics

Spouse: Linda Nuessle '70

Children: Anne '02, Bill, Gustavus '08, John, Gustavus '08

I met Linda senior year in a math ed class. After graduation I taught math at Kellogg High School in Roseville, MN while Linda taught math at the junior high across the street. We married in 1973. We moved to Bismarck, ND, Linda's hometown, in 1974

where Linda continued to teach junior high math, but I switched to an accounting position with Supervalu. In 1978 I passed the CPA exam and was promoted to division controller. In 1984 I accepted a transfer to Supervalu's newly acquired division in Jacksonville, FL, which managed to stay in business for two years before shutting down. Fortunately, the division controller's position was open in Fargo, ND, so we moved again.

In 1988 I accepted an offer to be the CFO of the ND Insurance Reserve Fund (another new company), so we moved back to Bismarck. I stayed with NDIRF until retiring in 2015. Linda started teaching as an adjunct math instructor at Bismarck State College and 20 years later retired from BSC as an associate professor.

While at St. Olaf I played basketball for two years and was co-director of intramural athletics my senior year. Glen Haugen (a Badger and Packer fan) and I (a Gopher and Viking fan) managed to be roommates all four years, including as junior counselors.

All three of our kids live in the Twin Cities, so we get down there often. In our younger days, we fly fished many summers along the Stillwater River in Montana. We have also taken three cruises: the Mediterranean, to Alaska, and from Australia to Hawaii. I try to stay active by swimming, and although I think I'm closing in on the World's Worst Golfer title, I enjoy golfing.

## Stuart Torgerson

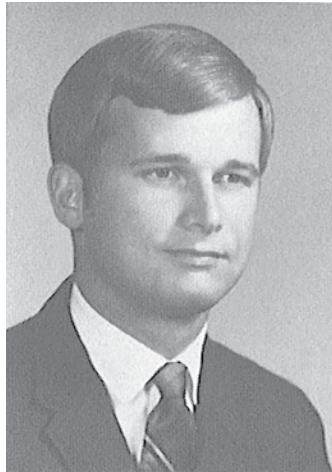
St. Olaf Majors: Biology, Chemistry

St. Olaf Activities: Junior Counselor, ABX, Intramurals

Spouse: Crescense (Cressie) Kelly

Children: Alissa and Andrew

Grandchildren: 1 granddaughter, 1 grandson



I graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1974. My St. Olaf pre-med education, which prepared me well, was a significant factor in the admission process. The faculty interviewer mentioned the high esteem the medical school has for St. Olaf.

St. Olaf memories are many and include: countless hours in labs and the library, Dr. Pearson's "make or break" organic chemistry class, dorm life including freshman Ytterboe and Kildahl as a junior counselor, "traying", long caf lines, and various campus activities.

I met the love of my life, Cressie, as a blind date in med school. A St. Paul native and St. Catherine's graduate, she is a former excellent educator who became a wonderful stay-at-home mom. Our 46th anniversary was in September 2019.

We moved to Springfield, Illinois, after med school. I did an internal medicine residency and a gastroenterology fellowship at SIU School of Medicine and was a co-founder and president of a 5 person group which practiced gastroenterology in Springfield for 25 years. Thereafter I was an Associate Professor of Medicine at SIU for several years doing patient care and teaching students and residents, a very rewarding experience.

Our daughter is a University of St. Thomas graduate and met her husband there. They reside in the Twin Cities and are parents of our dear grandchildren. Our son, an epidemiologist with the county health department in St. Louis, graduated from St. Louis University and earned a masters from Washington University in St. Louis.

We re-located to Eagan, Minnesota in 2014. I have been practicing outpatient gastroenterology with a large Twin Cities group and retired at the end of 2019. This has been a low stress and career extending position with no call or hospital work. We enjoy summer at our lake cabin near Grand Rapids, time at Sanibel Island in the winter, and life in the Twin Cities. Most of all, we treasure the nearness of a large family after being away for 40 years.

## Katy Townsend Johnson



A quick synopsis of my life:

- Married (James) Eric Johnson, St. Olaf Class of '69 after summer school, August 1969
  - Finished courses for Bachelor of Science in Nursing December 1969
  - Full time nurse until son Ben born in 1972
  - Moved to Michigan
- Worked mostly part time until daughter Marta born in 1980
  - Was a full time at home parent for 10 years, then returned to part-time nursing
  - Ben graduated from St. Olaf in 1994
  - Marta graduated from a Michigan college
  - Was a home care nurse with a community health agency
  - Changed to hospice nursing within the same health organization
  - Retired from nursing employment in 2010
  - Six weeks on Michigan Peace Team in Palestine in 2010
  - Moved to Cuenca, Ecuador in September 2011

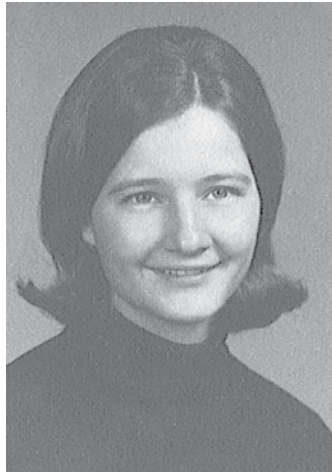
Blessed with two grandsons (now teenagers of Ben's) and two granddaughters (preschoolers of Marta's), visits to them made yearly.

Some of the reasons why Eric and I chose to retire in Ecuador are: the goal of immersing ourselves in another culture, live a healthier lifestyle without a car, and enjoy springtime temperatures year round. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year.

To live as a minority in a Spanish speaking country nurtures humility and flexibility. I average five miles/day of walking. My Spanish is functional. I volunteer with a fledgling hospice organization, sing in an international choral, facilitate a website linking English speakers with Cuenca medical resources and usually have one activity involving children. I enjoy singing in the choir and playing harmony with my French horn at International Christian Community. Eric and I intend to live the rest of our days in Ecuador. Every day is an adventure lived with gratitude. Namaste.

## Donna Treece

Armed with creative lesson plans from Professor Carol Ann Pesola, I began teaching junior high German in Minneapolis after graduation. Three years later I joined the Peace Corps. At the time South Korea was listed as one of the five poorest countries in the world. It has been one of the great joys of my life to watch this poor dictatorship develop into a wealthy democracy. I have made more than a dozen



trips back to Korea and Japan, introducing family and friends to this unique country.

After the Peace Corps, I moved to Cambridge, MA, where I lived in an intentional housing cooperative. During those 13 years I had my first two daughters and worked in insurance, and ESL and kindergarten education. In total I have taught 34 years at every level from kindergarten to adult education with the exception of fourth grade!

We moved to the Midwest in 1989, and I was asked to take over a high school German position. It had been 27 years since I had taught German, but I dived in. I hadn't realized how much I had missed it.

In 1993 I was blessed with a surprise, daughter #3. Irene also taught English in Korea and has my wanderlust. She presently lives nearby and works as a travel advisor. Middle daughter Mia lives in Buffalo, NY, where she teaches high school German. Oldest daughter Victoria lives on the other side of Boston, and is on medical leave from her law firm. Mia and Victoria each have two children. I am an involved, but not overly involved, Oma.

I took an early retirement to return to my family in the Boston area, but was offered another job teaching middle school German — my career had come full circle. I am fully retired now, although I do pinch hit for German teachers on maternity leave. Since retiring I have traveled and joined book groups. I keep wondering when my wanderlust will be sated, but apparently not yet. I have also become increasingly active in my multi-denominational church.

Life is good. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends at the reunion.

## Karen Trost DeZiel



St. Olaf Major: Nursing

Spouse: Greg DeZiel, St. John's University,  
Carlson School of Management 1976

Children: Charlie, Dartmouth 2001;

Jeff, St. Olaf, University of Minnesota 2005

Greg and I met on Valentine's Day in 1970  
and were married in 1972. In our wedding  
vows we stated, "From this time onward,

we will make a life together, and we will grow old together." For 47 years that's what we've been doing.

After graduating from St. Olaf, I moved to Minneapolis and first worked at St. Mary's Hospital. Then for seven years I was the director of Nursing at Stevens Square, an assisted living home for elderly women. In 1978 we moved to Escanaba, a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (the U.P.), on the shore of Lake Michigan. Having lived here for 41 years, we consider ourselves "Yoopers." Our sons who were born here are true Yoopers!

Having two young boys I did the usual "Mom" things with scouts, church, and PTO. I also served on the BBBS board, was an art center docent, and more recently worked as a dental assistant for a young dentist who was starting up his endodontic practice. (Five years of root canals...Yikes!) Today I am a Eucharistic Minister at our Catholic church, make Swedish meatballs for our annual Ethnic Food Festival, enjoy reading, am active in the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and in this land of Packers and Lions fans remain a loyal Minnesota Vikings fan. SKOL!!!

We have lived in three homes in Escanaba: a small two-story Cape Cod, a grand three-story historic "diamond in the rough," and currently a simple one-story ranch. We remodeled all three houses and, although very different from one another, each has a beautiful view of Lake Michigan.

Although basically homebodies, Greg and I have vacationed in Scotland, much of Canada, the New England states, and Palm Desert, California. We spend a month in southeast Florida every winter.

There is a small plaque in our kitchen that reads, "If you're lucky enough to have a house by the water, you're lucky enough."

And so we are!



## Cynthia Truog Mote

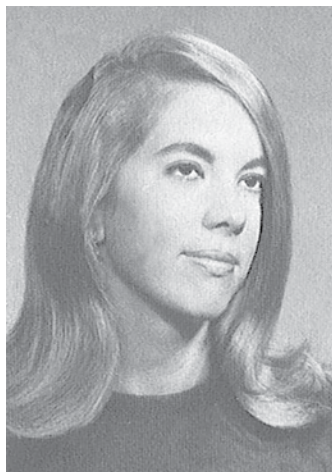
Major at St Olaf: Nursing (Bachelor of Science)

Spouse: Steve Mote

Children: Nycole, Alexander

Stepchildren: Michelle, Rob, and Tim

Grandchildren: Seven granddaughters, nine grandsons



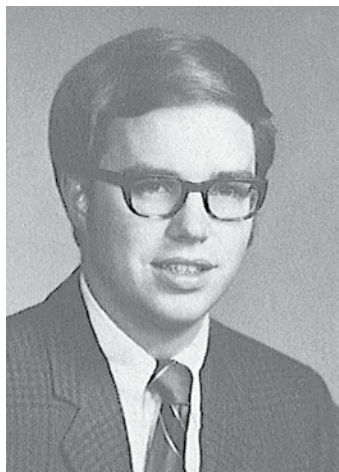
I grew up in a military family so we moved frequently and lived in many places before I arrived at St. Olaf from overseas with a typewriter and a suitcase. I had only seen a couple of pictures of St. Olaf and never dreamed I would be lucky enough to go there.

I regret that I spent so much time in the library, and less time with other activities. Of course the one time I participated in an activity I went tobogganing and ended up in the hospital.

I can't remember not wanting to be a nurse and chose pediatrics after seeing a young child lying in a ditch in Cairo in 1966. My career was split between hospital and outpatient pediatric nursing: Picu, Pedi floor, intermediate care, walk in clinic, children's health clinic, and two private pediatric practices spread between Iowa, Maryland, Washington DC, and most recently, Texas. Pedi outpatient with the continuity of care was my favorite, I loved working with children and their parents. My contribution to adult medicine was working at the VA hospital in Minneapolis, the Northfield Hospital while at St. Olaf, and other hospitals during the summers in MN and CA. Medicine has come so far since we graduated, younger grads find it hard to believe we didn't have fancy monitors, IV pumps, caths and lines, multiple meds, MRI's, ventilators, etc.

I retired in 2014 after 13 years at a private pediatric practice in San Antonio, TX. I am enjoying spending more time with our large family and attending events that I couldn't get to while I was working.

## Rich Ugland



St. Olaf Major: History

Spouse: Peggy (Watson) Ugland University of Minnesota: B.A. '70

Children: Beth and Aaron

Grandchildren: Two granddaughters and one grandson

Many good times happened at St. Olaf, and I often regret not having maintained relationships with the friends whom I

had in those times. Dorm life, with its open doors and casual, impromptu visits from fellow students, remains a fond memory. Also unforgettable are the anti-war activities in our final year that helped bring us out of the campus bubble and taught us that doing even very little is better than doing nothing at all. I'm grateful for the College's forbearance and tolerance during those difficult times, and especially for the congeniality of fellow students on different sides of the debate.

St. Olaf instilled in me a lifelong love of learning and the life of the mind, despite my inadequacies in those endeavors. Immediately after graduation I entered graduate study in American history at Indiana University. My work there was interrupted by service as a conscientious objector at a retirement and nursing home in Minneapolis, after which I returned to Indiana to complete the Ph.D. Peg and I then moved to Columbus, Ohio, for a temporary teaching position at The Ohio State University.

Little did we know that the temporary position would result in a 37+ year career in administration and teaching at the University for me, and a unique career working with a local entrepreneur for Peg. My passion for teaching has continued into retirement where I have developed courses on the Reformation and Dietrich Bonhoeffer for our church's adult Sunday school program.

My life has been blessed in many ways. Foremost among them is my marriage in 1971 to Peg, my high school girlfriend, and then our children and grandchildren. Each of our children lives a mere two miles from our house and watching them develop their own families has been a weekly treat. I have never desired a bucket list, but opportunities along the way have allowed for many unexpected adventures. I am thankful for this thing called life.

## Joanne Valentine Clark

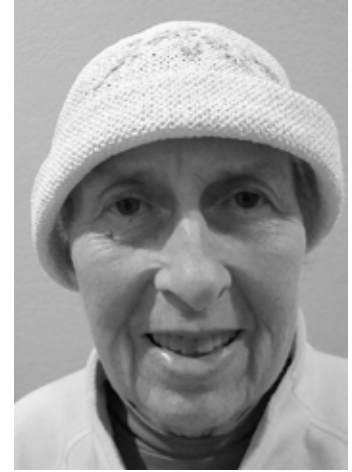
St. Olaf Major: Psychology and Mathematics

St. Olaf Activities: Chapel Choir, Liturgical Choir, Junior Counselor

University of Oregon: Master's and Doctorate of Clinical Psychology

Stanford University: J.D.

Spouse: Gerald Clark



I chose St. Olaf College for the music. I was from California, and the weather and the Midwest were new to me. I enjoyed musical opportunities and making new friends. I learned to knit!

I lived in Juneau, Alaska for 20 years, working for the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, and briefly for the Governor's Office. My areas of work were planning, administration, and budgeting. Living in Alaska was a great experience.

My last job before retirement was for an epidemiological cancer research center in the San Francisco Bay area, managing federal human subject protection and research ethics programs.

## Sonja Velde Wall



St. Olaf Major: Physical Education (Health), Spanish

Spouse: Kenneth Wall '68

Children: Peter and Andrew

Grandkids: One granddaughter

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, And that made all the difference”  
The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

Taking the road to St. Olaf made all the difference. Four years on the Hill challenged me to become a critical thinker as I attempted to fulfill the requirements for a liberal arts degree; it reinforced the cultural ties to my Norwegian-Lutheran heritage; it emphasized the importance of being a contributing member of one's community; and it introduced me to incredible individuals, some of whom remain soulmates to this day.

Choosing (or being chosen by) an Ole for my spouse made all the difference. Ken Wall '68 and I were married in 1971 and moved to Springfield, MA to begin graduate studies at Springfield College. After completing our degrees in 1975, we accepted an invitation to teach at the Pedagogical University in Caracas, Venezuela. Our two sons, Peter and Andrew, were born in Caracas.

Selecting Springfield College for graduate school made all the difference. In 1983 Ken accepted the position as Director of the International Center at Springfield College, and returned as a professor. I returned to teaching in the Springfield Public Schools.

Deciding to retire in 2011 after 30 years of inner-city teaching made all the difference. Freed from the academic calendar, I traveled with Ken to visit SC students in five states and 10 countries, made more frequent trips to Northfield to visit my mother, sister, and brother, provided backup daycare for my granddaughter, and continued to support church activities.

Finding inspiration from hymns sung at St. Olaf chapel services made all the difference.

*“For the Harvest of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the Good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us.  
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.”*

Which road made all the difference for you?

## Teri Vierima

St. Olaf Major: Physics, Math

Yale University: M.A. '72; Ph.D. in Physics '74

Spouse: Dave Hoffman University of Maryland: Ph.D. in Physiology '71

Children: None, by choice

After graduate school, my career consisted of academic, governmental, corporate,

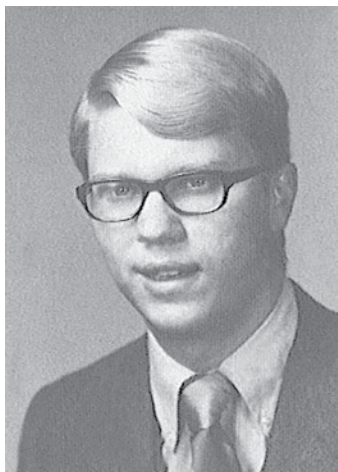


and consulting positions relating mainly to the potential biological and health effects of ionizing and nonionizing radiation. I was involved in a wide variety of issues, including high- and low- level radioactive waste disposal, emergency response to nuclear power plant and other radiological accidents, medical uses of radiation, indoor radon, environmental radioactivity, and for the most part of my later years, exposure to 50/60-Hz electromagnetic fields from electric power lines, appliances and radiofrequency fields from cell phones and towers. I loved the variety! It kept me busy, interested, and always learning new things. It had been on my bucket list to have a job that involved international travel, and in my last position I attended a couple of international scientific conferences every year. I retired in 2015.

I met my husband in graduate school and we have been married for 45 years, 42 of which we have lived in the same house in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Before he retired, Dave worked as a consultant in the medical field. We love camping, hiking (more like strolling, these days), gardening, traveling, reading, and volunteering in civic activities. In my early 40s, I learned to ride a horse and have been riding ever since. Cats and dogs have always been important members of our family.

I am proud to be an Ole, and I am immensely grateful for the education and love of learning that was instilled in me during those years. I have donated to the college annually for 40 years. I also made lifelong friends there. In my senior year, 11 others and I were the first single women to be allowed to live off campus, in a big house on St. Olaf Avenue. We have been getting together every year for many years now.

## Thomas Viland



St. Olaf Major: Political Science

Single — never married.

I loved the community life in the dorms, classes, and other activities. It was the first time in my life I ever felt so close to so many friends. We had a group of Oles from the class of '70 & '71. In this group it was all for one and one for all!

Unfortunately, I was not suited academically or financially for St. Olaf. I

flunked five foreign language courses & graduated in the bottom 5% of my class. My college debt was \$5,300 ... I could not think of buying a car & other things that would help me find a good job. I lived near the U of MN for two years, working as a busboy. I then returned to my hometown of Morris, Illinois, where I worked running heavy construction equipment for my dad & other blue-collar odd jobs.

The only reason St. Olaf had accepted me was because of my high SAT, NM scores. I was not an honor student in HS. At St. Olaf, I had to take summer classes to make up for my failed courses.

It was not until my first alcohol rehab in 2010 that I was told I have a racing mind, which makes it hard for me to concentrate.

After many years working odd jobs & temp help warehouse jobs, I was hired in 1990 as a blue-collar shift worker at Lyondell Basel Chem Co., about seven miles from my hometown. This was the first job I had with retirement benefits & good wages so I could save for the future! I retired in Dec 2008 after 18 years when the plant was downsizing.

In Oct 2013, my mother went into a nursing home leaving me free to live my own life ... In Oct 2013 I moved to the NE lakefront area of Chicago. I now live in a nice one-bedroom 29th floor apartment overlooking Lake Michigan at the Breakers, an upscale independent living facility for seniors.

I have been sober and clean now for seven wonderful years. I could either give up my liver or alcohol.

## Lucile Vono Merrell

I met Ted Merrell on a blind date arranged by our junior counselors in September 1966. It was a successful first date, but St. Olaf was not a good fit for Ted. It was during Vietnam and he knew he would be called up, so he volunteered. We got engaged during spring break my senior year. He returned that summer and planned to go to school. When he went to register, even though he was in the best



physical condition of his life, he was required to take PE, so he quit again.

We married during Christmas break.

When we returned, we lived off campus. We had one car, so he'd bring me to school before he went to work and then come back to get me late in the afternoon. Many times, we had to drive through anti-war protests. It was very hurtful and painful.

We left for Alaska the day of graduation. We have had a wonderful life here. Ted works as a commercial fisherman. I stayed home with our two children until they were in middle school and then worked for the Alaska Legislature and then for 20 years for a financial planner.

My daughter lives in Minneapolis and has a two-year-old son. Our son has a wife and son and daughter who live in Juneau. We are blessed to have them so close.

Although when I went to St. Olaf I took no music classes, in my thirties I started the handbell choir at my church and then took classes at the University of Alaska Southeast. I took organ lessons and have been the organist for 25 years. I've also served on the Juneau Symphony Board, including six years as president. Now I'm the symphony representative on the board to build a performing arts center in Juneau.

We get to Minnesota every year to see our daughter and I have made it to St. Olaf reunions a few times. I have a few friends that I've kept in contact with and treasure those relationships. I'm looking forward to seeing them and others at the reunion.

## Susan VonWald Taylor



St. Olaf Major: Music Education

University of Wisconsin – River Falls:  
Wisconsin Master’s in Elementary  
Education

Spouse: Steve Taylor ’70

Children: Scott, Megan, Kevin, and Brian

Grandkids: Four granddaughters, six  
grandsons

When I reflect on my years at St. Olaf, two main points appear. Lifelong friendships were formed at college. I also developed my love of education and music performance, which I have greatly used and enjoyed over the following years.

Memories of St. Olaf: “Beanies,” hours, roses, cold walks, hours of music practice but no voice from cheering at basketball or football games, and “The House.”

After St. Olaf, I attended the University of Wisconsin – River Falls to get my master’s in elementary education.

Steve Taylor and I continued dating from senior year and were married one week after I finished graduate school. I began teaching third grade three days later in the Cedar Rapids School District while Steve attended medical school. Short honeymoon!

The next years were spent moving for Steve’s education and we began our family. In 1980 we made our final move to Des Moines, Iowa where we have remained. We have raised four children here. Steve practiced Orthopedic Surgery and I have held different part-time jobs over the years, including: community service learning coordinator for the West Des Moines School District, preschool teacher, and accompanying choirs, individuals, or groups of vocalists or instrumentalists.

The life cycle continues for us as we are both retired and we watch and cheer for 10 grandchildren. We do more volunteering through our church or community and we attend classes at Drake University. Summers we spend as much time as allowed with our family in Clear Lake, Iowa. The rest of the year we try to get in a couple ski trips, bike trips, or a visit to somewhere on our bucket list.

I am grateful to St. Olaf for giving me my husband who has shared every step of our journey together, 10 special women from “The House” and the love St. Olaf instilled in me for lifelong learning.

We are looking forward to May and seeing many of you.



## Ann Vordale Housh

As far back as I can remember, I was always going to attend St. Olaf College. From songfests around Minnesota lake campfires singing Um! Yah! Yah! and visiting the campus on family vacations, to attending St. Olaf, it felt like a natural next step. I was going to be, after all, a third generation Ole. I was drawn to languages at that time for the exotic-ness attached to faraway places! I studied Spanish and French. My

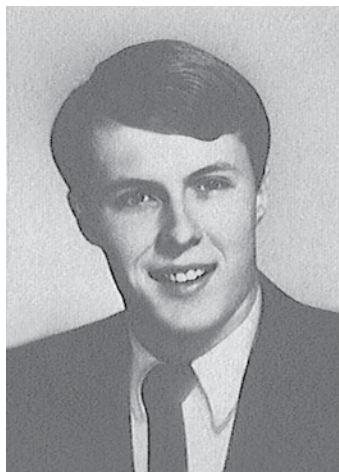


major was French education, largely because I thought Paris sounded like a dream and I wanted to go there. I did take advantage of St. Olaf's study abroad programs and spent the second semester of my junior year in Avignon, France, where my love for language and travel blossomed. I learned a lot about myself, a real "outward bound" experience on how to survive in a very different world. Nearly 30 years passed before I actually made travel my vocation.

Skip Housh and I married in 1971, and have three children and five grandchildren. From the Chicago area to Dallas, Texas, and finally to the Panhandle of Florida, for the last 30 years we have lived and worked in Gulf Breeze/ Pensacola Florida. Along the way, once the oldest two were in and out of St. Olaf, I finally had my opportunity to work in the travel industry and have taken people everywhere I always wanted to go!

At this point in my 70+ year-old life, I'm as busy as I want to be with my travel business, volunteering to help preschoolers get ready for kindergarten, and actively involved with our church. Skip and I have traveled extensively; I have a grandbaby in town to love and cherish as well as two grands in Scottsdale and two more in Golden Valley. With a wonderful and loving husband, great friends, and a strong faith community I say, "All is well. I am truly blessed."

## Paul Watson



St. Olaf Majors: History and Secondary Education

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater: post graduate work

Spouse: Donna Perkins, Wartburg College 1971

Children: Elise Forward, Wartburg College 1998; Julia Martinson, University of Wisconsin - Madison 2003

Grandchildren: Hannah Forward, 14; Amelia Forward, 9

St. Olaf College was an appropriate challenge to my academic ability. Financially, attendance at St. Olaf was expensive, but it is undoubtedly the most remunerative investment I have made. What a value it has become!

St. Olaf faculty and staff members that were particularly influential to me would include Erling Jorstad, Joe Iverson, and Mike and Marilyn Simone. Working as a waiter in the President's Dining Room was a privilege and I had the opportunity to serve His Majesty Olav V, King of Norway; Chief Justice Earl Warren; Governor Rolvaag; Senator Mondale; Maria Von Trapp; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Skoglund; and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rand.

Following graduation, I worked for two years as an admissions counselor for Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. This nine-month appointment allowed me to attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. In September 1972, I entered UW-Whitewater as a full-time student in the guidance and counseling program. Due to my wife's serious illness in the winter of 1973 that prohibited her from working to support us, I withdrew from school and entered full-time work at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) in Delavan, Wisconsin, as a child care counselor.

I worked at WSD until June 1975, when I relocated to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and began work in the financial aid office at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) as a financial aid counselor. I continued working in the financial aid office at UWSP until July 2014 as assistant director, associate director, and director of the office for the final 10 years of my service. Excluding academic scholarships, in the 2013-2014 academic year, I administered in excess of \$75,000,000 in student aid.

In retirement, my wife Donna and I have enjoyed extensive travels to England, Iceland, and Scotland, and cruising the Caribbean, Mediterranean, and South Pacific.

## Carole Wedding Page

St. Olaf Major: Social Psychology

Pacific Lutheran University: Master's  
in Human Relations '73

St. Olaf Activities: Six campus jobs,  
Faribault State Hospital, Scouting Program,  
Junior Counselor, Coffee Houses, Alumni  
Board of Directors (1970s)

Spouse: Richard Page '68; DDS, U of MN  
'72



Children: Benjamin (deceased, 1999) and Cindy

Grandchildren: Four grandkids, two great-grands

I grew up in rural Redwood Falls, MN. When I moved into Hoyme Hall, I met my lifelong friends, the women of 4th North. That night, I also met my future husband at the dance — life was never the same again!

In 1970, we were married in St. Olaf Chapel, and I began work in foster care. Our first overseas trip came when we escorted nine children from South Korea to their new families. In 1972, the Air Force sent us to Tacoma, WA, and we adopted our bi-racial infant son. I got my master's, and we decided to stay in the Pacific Northwest. We moved to Oregon and built a dental clinic from scratch in tiny, rural Creswell.

I pursued a writing career. Our daughter was six when we adopted her. We continued our civil rights and women's rights activism, and worked with Special Olympics. Life was challenging, and we were grateful for the strength, stability, and critical thinking skills we learned from St. Olaf. Our world expanded to include the HIV/AIDS epidemic during its crisis years, with family experiences as both victims and perpetrators. Our son, Benjamin, took his own life 20 years ago.

For 10 years, we cared for my mom, who was dealing with Alzheimer's, and dealt with our own cancers. We have happily continued our travels to visit friends we have met from around the world. We have been so enriched with times in the homes of our ever-expanding chosen family, and the experiences in every country. We helped raise our grandchildren and now get to spend time with the great-grands. Our lives have been blessed with more breadth and depth than we ever could have imagined, and our St. Olaf years certainly provided the foundation. 50 years – wow!

## Warren Weeg



I attended Wartburg Seminary. I interned at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, for one year and then at Hope Lutheran Church for a second year. I married Margaret Ann Erickson, who I met at Pacific Lutheran, in 1974. I received my Master's of Divinity degree in 1975 and accepted a call in Indiana. In the following years I served congregations in Peoria, Illinois, Ingleside, Illinois, and Lake Mills, Iowa. While in Lake Mills, I resigned from

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and joined the North American Lutheran Church. I served my final congregation in St. Ansgar, Iowa. We are now retired in northwest Iowa.

Margaret (Peg) and I have two sons: Peder, who went to St. Olaf, and Erick, who went to Luther. Peder's most recent endeavor is a collaboration with a longtime friend on a short film being "shopped around" to various festivals. Erick is in family wealth banking with Ascent, a part of U.S. Bank in Minneapolis. He married Christie and they have our grandchildren, Aune and Henrik.

I laughed after getting an email from Dennis Nelson about football in the late '60s at St. Olaf regarding the size of players. Erick started for three and a half years at center, four inches taller and 115 lbs heavier than me during my bench warming days.

50 years! How much has happened. How much has changed. We are enjoying life on an acreage. "Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa." We bought it for the views. Our pasture borders a golf course, and we have a six-stall horse barn. We don't golf, and I have never sat on a horse in my life. Go figure.

Peggy was born and raised in Sacramento. When asked how she agreed to end up with me in a little rural town in Iowa, I answer, "because she could stand ALL my relatives!" She gained six new sisters, three cousins, and three wives of cousins. We have been here long enough now that they all agree that they like her more than me. "Happy wife, happy..."

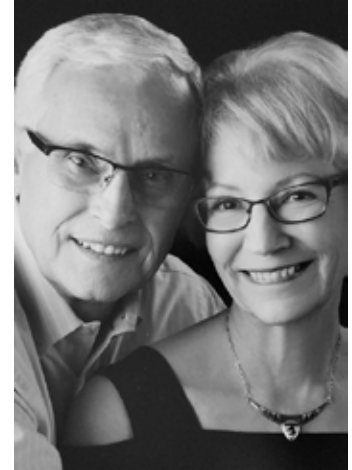
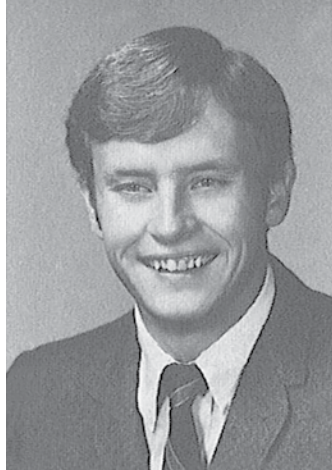
## Randy Wensman

St. Olaf Major: Psychology Rutgers  
University: MBA '83

St. Olaf Activities: Sigma Tau, Junior  
Counselor, Swim Team

Spouse: Peggy Olson '70

Children: Scott '97, Eric, Brett  
Grandchildren: 2 Grandsons, 2  
Granddaughters



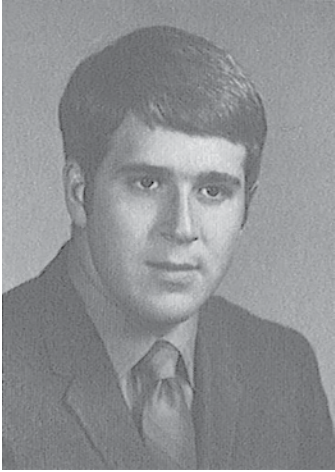
My fondest memories of St. Olaf are of friends and activities. I found my life-long love and soul mate in Margaret (Peggy) Olson. We shared our senior year growing our relationship and began our life-long journey together in 1971. We celebrate our 50th year from graduation this year and our 50th wedding anniversary in 2021. Time has passed so quickly that I'm not sure it really is half a century! Peg and I have raised three sons, Scott ('97), Eric, and Brett. We have four grandchildren, two girls and two boys. It startled me to learn that one of my Psychology Professors (my major) actually revealed my grades to son Scott! What an embarrassment!

At St. Olaf I pledged the Sigma Tau society to participate in social activities. Honestly, "The Creek" was a more memorable activity for doing the same. Another memory is the Sophomore room draw. My roommate and I drew the "coveted" storage room right under the front steps of Thorson Hall! Nothing but the best at St.O. I served as a Junior Counselor in Kildahl Hall and swam for the Ole swim team my Junior and Senior years. As a Junior, I earned the conference championship in the 100 yard freestyle and senior year co-captained the swim team.

I spent twenty years working at AT&T in Sales, Marketing and Government Regulation. That allowed us to enjoy Minneapolis, New Jersey/New York City and Atlanta, each for seven years. I earned an MBA from Rutgers University in 1983, working full time and carrying a full time study load for two years. Peg and the kids were an unbelievable support for me those two years. We moved to Scottsdale, AZ in 1990, continuing my career in Sales and Marketing and retiring here in 2010.

In retirement I have served eight years as an HOA Treasurer and President, am a volunteer helping senior citizens remain living in their homes, traveling with Peg, and playing lots of tennis and some golf. Life is good, except for my knees. We thank our Lord for all his blessings.

## Steven Wiener



I attended St. Olaf from 1966–70, and from 1971–72. I'm proud to say that I was a member of the 1969 Midwest Conference Champion football team. Being a part of that collection of amazing teammates and wonderful coaches for four years was a highlight of my time at St. Olaf. My wife loves to tease me because I remember the scores of all our games.

After finally receiving my B.A., I earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Hawaii and subsequently taught at Southwest Minnesota State University, helped create that university's rural studies program, and simultaneously led the Countryside Council, created the Minnesota Rural Youth Institute, and consulted with the National Farmers Union American Farm Project. Personal events took me away from academia to West Virginia and a 26-year career in management with the Schwan Food Company with postings in Morgantown, WV; Chicago; Marshall, MN; Hammond, LA; and Jackson, MS.

I met my incredible wife, Gail, in Louisiana. We married in 1998. We each had two children from previous marriages: Joshua and Tawne, Darren and Kindra. We have four grandchildren: Savannah, Arwyn, Laurel, and Maxwell. Our extended family is scattered throughout the country with kids and grandkids in California, Virginia, and Michigan. We currently live on the shore of Lake Saint Clair in Michigan. We spend much of our time traveling, visiting children, or just exploring. We've been deep in the mud in the UP watching the northern lights over Lake Superior, the gravel and sagebrush of the Mojave, the giant redwoods of Humboldt County, in eight feet of snow in the Rockies, communing with gators in Louisiana bayous, and for a month or two every summer at a family "hamlet" full of cousins, uncles, and aunts on Lake Koronis. Gail has thousands of photos and is working to put them together in a book: *America at 85 mph*. We both paint — Gail in acrylics and I in oil. Our house is full of paintings ranging from "oh no, nobody can see this," to "hey, that's pretty good."

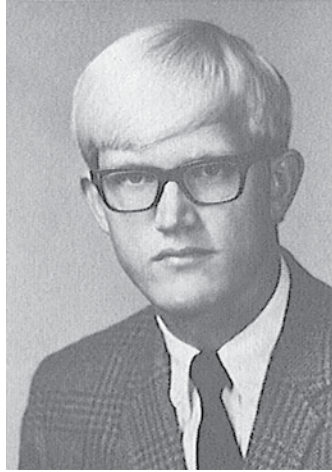
## Richard Wigen

St. Olaf Major: History

Spouse: Fritz Lichty

Children: Rosa and Myriam

Grandchildren: Olivia (8)



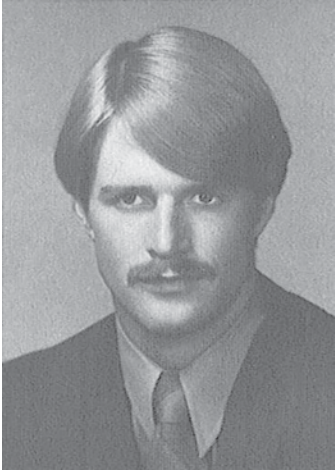
After St. Olaf I attended Luther Seminary. I spent my third-year internship working as a hospital chaplain at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

I never left San Francisco, and after graduating from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley I went on to study social work. I began my social work career at San Francisco General Hospital, but for most of my career I was a social worker for Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco. During the 1980s we were on the front lines providing nursing care and social services to people with AIDS.

I met my partner, Fritz, in 1978. Last year we ended our 40-year courtship and were married in a civil ceremony in San Francisco City Hall surrounded by family and friends. We had never thought about having a family, but that all changed when we met Mariana, a young indigenous woman from Ecuador. In 1984, she and her boyfriend arrived in San Francisco. They stayed with us for several months. Her boyfriend returned to Ecuador, but Mariana stayed in the Bay Area and worked as a live-in nanny. Mariana stayed with us on her days off, but she never told us she was pregnant, so it was a big surprise when she called us from San Francisco General Hospital to say she had given birth to a baby girl. She and the baby came to live with us, and that arrangement lasted for about 30 years. About five years into this alternative family relationship, we helped Mariana bring her other daughter, who was 12 years old and living in Ecuador, to San Francisco. We were then a family of five: mother, two daughters, and two dads.

Fritz and I are in good health and enjoying retirement. We love to travel to unusual places: Bolivia, India, Laos, and recently Madagascar. Every year we spend several months living in Buenos Aires where I study tango and try to improve my Spanish. I'm also an avid gardener and photographer. Check out my Instagram: richardwigen.

## Bryce Willett



I was a political science major. I was the punter on the football team as a sophomore, until I was injured. I was a member of the Sigma Delta society. I joined the marines after graduation. I trained as a naval flight officer and was assigned to F-4 phantom fighters and served an abbreviated tour in Vietnam in 1972. Later, I attended California Western School of Law (where I was editor-in-chief of the law review) while still on active duty and

became a judge advocate. I left active duty in 1982 but remained in the reserves and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

I practiced law in San Diego starting in 1982. I had a civil trial practice before becoming the managing attorney of USAA's Staff Counsel Office, a position I held for 23 years before retiring in 2015. I also served occasionally as a pro tempore settlement conference judge, court-appointed arbitrator, and mediator. I am an "AV" rated attorney.

I met my wife, Melinda, when we were both marine corps lieutenants stationed together in Hawaii; we've been married for 45 years. We have five children (including two medical doctors, a microbiologist, a teacher, and a public servant) and nine grandchildren (so far). Three of our children graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and Melinda and I have become avid navy fans!

My hobbies are gardening and cooking. Living in southern California, I get to spend time gardening year-round. I attended the Culinary Institute of America's "boot camp" after retirement. Much to Melinda's delight, I have taken over the cooking duties.

Melinda and I enjoy traveling almost as much as we enjoy being grandparents! Since retiring, China, the British Isles, France, and Canada have been on the travel itinerary, and scheduled trips include Italy, Belgium, and Holland. In addition, we travel frequently to visit our kids and grandkids, who are spread around the country.



## Curtis Wilson

St. Olaf Major: Music Education

St. Olaf Activities: Chapel Choir, Repertory Singers, Musical Theater Productions, Urban Interim, Urban Semester

Partner: Greg Guinsler



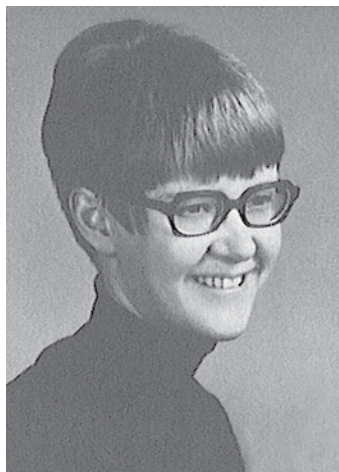
I first heard of St. Olaf College from friends of my family who were alumni and had a daughter attending there. I never visited and had seen only pictures of the campus before arriving for first-year orientation. I found the rigors of an Ole education to be most challenging, even more so than my later graduate studies. Among the fond memories of college life are the days I spent off campus with the interim in Minneapolis and with the semester in Chicago.

After graduation, I returned to the East Coast to live closer to the ocean. I taught in a New Jersey public school for over 30 years. Much of that time was moving from classroom to classroom, teaching music from a cart. One of the best parts of those years was helping with the middle school musical theater productions. My master's degree was earned in education.

Soon after retirement, I met my partner, Greg Guinsler, and we have been together for 14 years. Greg and I like to travel. We have met some really charming people on our St. Olaf tours to Cuba, Chile, Argentina, Easter Island, and the Netherlands. We also enjoy visiting New York for plays and restaurants. Key West is a recurring jaunt in the early spring and fall.

To keep me outside and active, I tend to small vegetable and flower gardens. I keep very busy with church, singing in the church choir, and singing in two community choirs.

## Nancy Winder



St. Olaf Majors: Religion and Spanish

St. Olaf Activities: Manitou Singers, Orchestra, Student Congregation (Vice-President for Worship), lots of guitar playing and singing!

Luther Seminary: Master's of Divinity 1976  
Spouse: Larry Howard

Children: three stepsons (all teachers)  
Grandchildren: four

I applied to St. Olaf knowing not much about it except it was a cool name and I'd heard the choir once. It was a long way from my Seattle home, but it sounded like a good adventure. I had never been in weather so cold, and I almost transferred the first time my eyebrows froze. Twice I decided to put on pants when we still had the dress code during our first semester. Someone actually turned me in, and I was called in to see Dean of Women Lavinia Anderson both times!

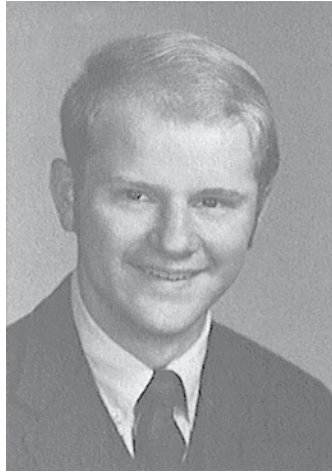
I had advanced placement in Spanish, so that was pretty straight forward for a major, but I also started in English. I changed to religion when I realized that I liked reading theology. As Lutherans in North American voted to ordain women in June and October of 1970, I decided to be a pastor and started at Luther Seminary in the summer of 1972. I graduated and was ordained in 1976. I was the first woman ordained in the Pacific Northwest and the 14th in the ALC.

My first call was at Holden Village. Starting in 1978 I served three interims in the Seattle area. In 1981 I received a call to Faith in Seattle, where I served until 2009. I returned to Holden Village for one year and then served on the staff of the Northwest Washington Synod until my retirement in 2017. My husband and I travel often, with yearly visits to Tofino on Vancouver Island. We are very involved with Holden Village, as he is the archivist and I am often on the teaching faculty. We enjoy hosting family and friends in our home. I sing in Mirinesse Women's Choir (founded by two St. Olaf alumna), play viola from time to time, and help out at my church, Phinney Ridge in Seattle.

## Calvin Winter

Hey, I got older. I bet you did too!

A lot can happen in 50 years, some bad and some good. Married four times: got custody of our beagle first one; shared two children second one; waited until two children graduated high school third one; 40 years after our first date re-met Pam at a high school reunion, first met her in eighth grade. Had the second date, long distance, dated six years then married. And — we're VERY happy! We have 10 widely dispersed children. Seeing them absorbs much of our year. Her 19-year-old daughter is still unlaunched.



Work was more successful than marriages. Life insurance company actuary, then CFO. One-year hiatus teaching in a small town in Malaysia. Retired at age 45 after a successful LBO, then part-time consulting for local companies in East Asia through 2006.

Grateful to be caregiver for my parents until they died, to backpack Europe with my two older children, to be an at-home parent for two younger children. Scout leader — took our entire eight-boy patrol from Cubs to Eagle. Church treasurer and then auditor. Treasurer for numerous other groups. Pam and I love to cook: French, Indian, Malay, Thai, cooking magazine.

Love active vacations. Hiked entire Chemin de St. Jacques/Camino Santiago; brother and I currently doing the Via Francigena in biennial stages. Went mountain climbing with Outward Bound. Have done several week-long wilderness canoe trips here in Florida.

Love trains, have a model railroad based on the FEC Key West Extension.

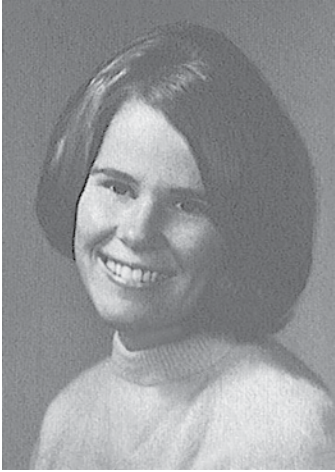
Returned to my religious roots — Pentecostal not Lutheran. Need to sense God every minute of my life, not just chant about Him Sundays.

Became a populist conservative. Our intellectual intelligentsia, with virtue-signaling open borders, enviro-wacko policies, permanently-branded identities for all, are creating a neo-feudal society with no yeoman and where 80% will be state-dependent serfs. Tech barons now control more of our lives than did Gilded Age robber barons. One of the 20%, but grew up blue collar and want no part of that.

My best!

Cal

## Lynn Wold Engman



St. Olaf Majors: History, Social Studies

St. Olaf Activities: Sophomore Class Secretary, Student Parliament, Kappa Theta Phi, Junior Counselor

Spouse: Frederic Engman, Gustavus Adolphus '70

Children: Heather and Christa Grandkids: Isaiah, Kaiani, and Vivianne

It was with bold naiveté I left California in 1966 to attend a college I had never seen, in a state I had never visited. I never dreamed this decision would determine my course in life. My first-year roommate, along with others, became lifetime friends. After an eye-opening interim in Minneapolis studying education in the inner city, I chose northside Minneapolis for my student teaching experience. I went on to spend eight more years teaching in Minneapolis where busing to achieve racial desegregation was occurring. Social justice issues continued to be my focus.

It was St. Olaf connections that led me to a wonderful marriage with a University of Minnesota medical student. We had two daughters and set off to St. Cloud in 1978 for the next 32 years. The first part of that time I enjoyed being a mom and immersing myself in volunteer work with the schools, the church, and the community.

In 1987 I decided I needed to get back to work, but first left on a life-changing trip with the Center for Global Education to Nicaragua and El Salvador. With a new understanding of U.S. foreign policy, I went to work to try to change the policy in Central America and became immersed in helping political refugees. I also went back to teaching history at Cathedral High School.

In retirement I have been able to spend lots of time with grandkids, start a sister parish program in Guatemala, work with Sudanese refugees, read, and do some traveling. We have now retired to our lake home north of Brainerd, MN, and spend the winters in California. I love to sit beside the trees and water and try to make sense of what is happening in our country and in our world. I will always be thankful for the experiences, growth, and friendships I gained at St. Olaf College.

## Kirk Wolter

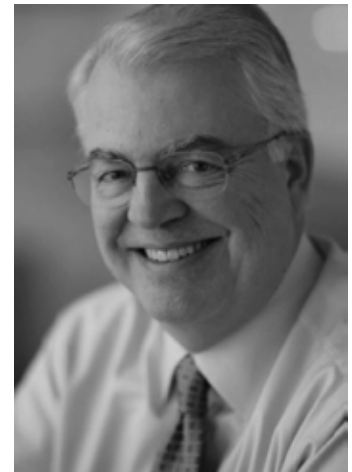
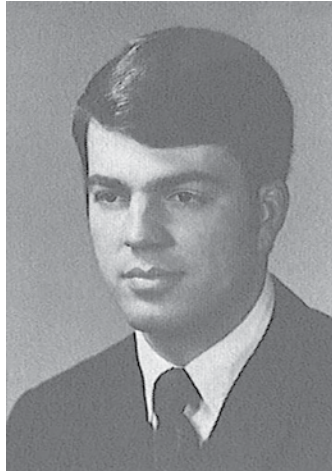
St. Olaf Majors: Mathematics and Economics  
St. Olaf Activities: St. Olaf Band, pit orchestras for Broadway musicals, various small ensembles

Spouse: Mary Jane Vanderford,  
University of Maryland

Children: Nicole Garcia, the University of Texas at San Antonio; Asilinn LaBrie '99;

Alexander Wolter, Northwestern and the University of Illinois

Grandchildren: 10, six grandsons and four granddaughters



Following completion of graduate degrees at Iowa State University in the Department of Statistics (M.S. 1972, Ph.D. 1974), I moved to the Washington, D.C. metro area, where I lived for the next 14 years. I met Mary Jane there and we were married in 1981. During this period, I worked at the U.S. Census Bureau and was on the faculty of the George Washington University.

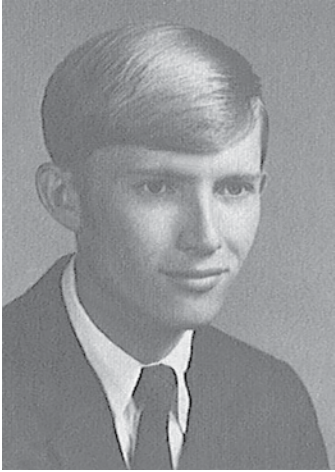
In 1988 I had an outstanding opportunity to return to the Chicago area where I grew up. For the next six years, I was an executive with the A.C. Nielsen Company, where I developed and managed methods of market and media research in the United States and 26 other countries.

I accepted a leadership position at the National Opinion Research Center and a faculty position at the University of Chicago in 1994. Except for a two-year period when I returned to Iowa State to start up a research institute, I have worked at NORC and UC ever since then. With a view to slowing down a little, I shifted to part-time status with both organizations just a couple of months ago.

Throughout my career, I have been interested in our nation's need for accurate, unbiased information to drive business decisions and public policy. I made substantial contributions in a number of areas, including America's labor force statistics; retail, services, and wholesale trade statistics; consumer price indices; population and demographic statistics; natural resources statistics; the presidential election crisis of 2000; information about the supply and demand for child care; and public health statistics.

Mary Jane and I have had wonderful opportunities to travel both domestically and internationally. We love to play golf at a club near our summer home in Door County, Wisconsin.

## Richard Zapfel



St. Olaf Majors: Biology and Chemistry  
University of Minnesota: Doctor of Dental  
Surgery 1974; Master's 1976

Children: Kim, Vassar 2001; John, St.  
Thomas 2004

Grandchildren: Leila (5) and second  
expected December 2019

My specialty was orthodontics. I started a solo practice in a small office with one window in the Unity Professional Building in Fridley, Minnesota. In time the practice grew and I moved to a larger space and eventually to my own building in Spring Lake Park.

I retired in 2017 and now live with my wife, Suzanne, in Naples, Florida. We have been able to visit some fascinating parts of the world and plan to continue our travels.

I am finding this stage of life to be rewarding. My days are filled with golf, fitness classes, yoga, and running. I am finding that there are different challenges to subtropical gardening than those one encounters in Minnesota. A bonsai garden is a work in progress.

My years at St. Olaf were filled with enlightenment and good times. I am always thankful for the part they have played in my life.

## Paul Ziemer

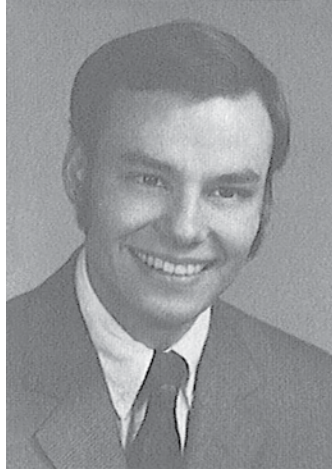
St. Olaf Major: Chemistry

Spouse: Gael

Children: Emily and Ted (no Oles)

Grandkids: Two granddaughters

How would I summarize my life over the last half century? That's daunting. Certainly, I have been blessed, in spite of some real challenges. Life is an adventure.



At St. Olaf, I led a quiet life (Rolvaag tends to be that way), but I always felt very fortunate to be at a college that emphasized exposure to the liberal arts. St. Olaf was a wonderful setting to study those, and they truly shaped my subsequent life. I'll always cherish my contact with faculty. While in the University of Minnesota medical school, I considered many different specialties, but my liberal arts background led me eventually to become a psychiatrist because of its humanist traditions and emphasis. I practiced psychiatry in the Twin Cities and found the work very fulfilling and rewarding (it's an honor to be brought into people's innermost lives), but over time it became emotionally strenuous, particularly the inpatient work. After a series of health problems, I took the opportunity to retire in 2011, and retirement has been good to me.

My life interests have always been cultural, attending concerts, operas, ballets, and plays, and I am fortunate to be in a place where I can pursue these. Two years ago, I remarried, and I cherish my wife's companionship, sharing these activities and socializing with friends. I now have the time to play the piano and read extensively (literature and history mostly) — a luxury to be sure.

My children both live in the Washington D.C. area, and I love to visit them, my grandchildren, and extended family. I am part of a couple of discussion groups and do some volunteer work in our church. I do think a lot, though, about what kind of world we are leaving our children, and marvel at how different the world looks today compared to our innocence (or at least mine) during freshmen week 54 years ago. It's not a tidy world. Well, keep the faith and live ethically.







## REMEMBERING

Some of our classmates have passed through the final season of life.

They have crossed the horizon to a new plane.

We no longer hear their voices, their laughter, their music.

But we remember their lives and give thanks.

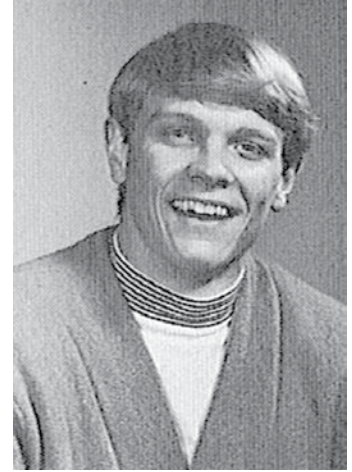


## Daniel Agness

1948 – 1987

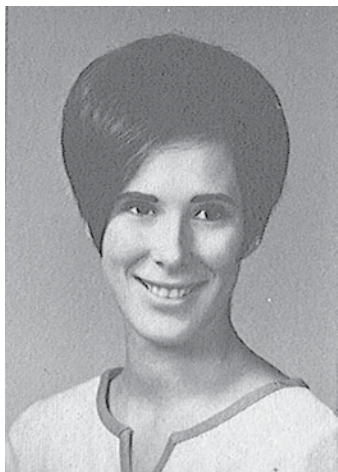
Dan Agness was born July 13, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and passed away March 3, 1987 in Port Angeles, Washington. He grew up in Edina and graduated from Edina High School in 1966. Following his graduation from St. Olaf College in 1970, Dan attended medical school at the University of Minnesota and then completed his residency in ophthalmology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dan cared deeply for his patients and was dedicated to their well-being. Dan's love of the outdoors drew him and his wife, Kathy, to Port Angeles, WA, where he was also active in his church. Dan was a committed and caring friend and loving husband and father. For those who knew Dan, they will forever remember a laugh that echoed far and wide.



*by Deb Nelson Laub and Greg Steeber*

## Patricia Helene Barnes Werner



1947 – 2007

Patricia was born on November 11, 1947 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At St. Olaf College she majored in Speech. She sang in the St. Olaf Choir for three years and participated in drama. Pat married James Drew Werner in New York City in 1978. She died on November 21, 2007. Pat wrote twenty-three medieval romances, western historical romances, and contemporary romantic suspense novels and was a launch author for Zebra Bouquet Romances. Her titles included *Mountain Dreamer*, *The Troubadour's Song*, and *Sweet Tempest*. Romantic Times Magazine declared that *Sweet*

*Tempest* was “a fresh and innovative plot for your reading pleasure.”

When she was not writing, Patricia enjoyed hiking in the mountains and doing volunteer work for social reform groups. One of her favorites, Citizens Commission on Human Rights, investigates and exposes psychiatric abuses. Another one of Patricia's passions was literacy. She was an ardent supporter of phonics (recognizing individual letters instead of the whole word), and encouraged parents to support children learning phonics, reading, and grammar. These words of wisdom even apply to aspiring authors. She told beginners to “go back to the basics of spelling and grammar. These are the foundations upon which creativity must flow. Having basic techniques down enables you to communicate more clearly and effectively.” Clearly, Patricia followed her own advice. She received the 1998 Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' Writer of the Year Award.

*from [www.kensingtonbooks.com/author.aspx/23574](http://www.kensingtonbooks.com/author.aspx/23574)*

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## Randolph “Randy” Bentson

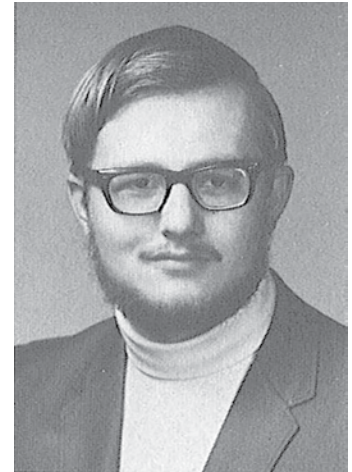
1948 - 2018

Major: Math, Physics

Activities: Viking Rifles ROTC, WCAL Radio

Spouse: Cynthia Woodcock Bentson

Daughter: Karin Hoskin



Randy grew up in Lakeville, MN. He became an Ole early, because he attended Luther League Leadership workshops at St Olaf. Once at St Olaf, he was a member of the Viking Rifles ROTC, worked at WCAL Radio, and worked with a professor who translated ancient Norse mythology. That's where he developed his passion for computers.

Randy met Cynthia on a blind date during high school. They stayed in touch and married in 1969. They had one child, Karin Leah (now Hoskin) who was born on the day that Randy was supposed to take his final finals exam at St Olaf! Karin has two children Caleb John Collins Hoskin and Livia Kay Collins Hoskin who referred to Randy as “Pop”.

After two years in Kansas working in the computer industry, Randy, Cindy, and Karin moved to a small town in New Jersey, then in 1980 to Fort Collins, Colorado for Randy and Cindy to attend graduate school.

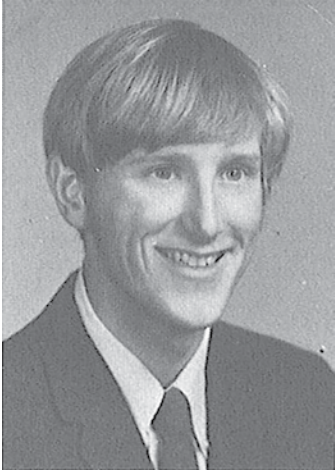
In 1990, they moved to Seattle to satisfy his love of sailing, and the two spent time ‘on the boat’ sailing in Puget Sound and around the San Juan Islands. Cindy worked as an Industrial Organizational Psychologist for the Federal Aviation Administration. Randy worked for several tech startups, interspersed with periods of teaching at Seattle University and University of Puget Sound.

He earned his PhD in 1994 and wrote *Inside Linux: A Look at Operating Systems Development* (1996) that is still used in academia and Linux interest groups. During his PhD ceremony at Colorado State University, he wore his bright yellow-gold tee shirt with “Um Ya Ya” on it! Once an Ole, always an Ole!

Randy and Cindy returned to Colorado in 2016 to live in Boulder near Karin and family as Randy's dementia progressed. It was heartbreaking to see a man with incredible intelligence lose his capacity to think and communicate. Though his cognitive abilities declined, he remained a gentle and generous good-spirited man until his passing on July 26, 2018.

*by daughter Karin Hoskin*

## Erik Olaf Berglund



1948 – 2013

Erik Berglund, age 65, of Mt. Shasta, Calif., and formerly of Northfield, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, from bone marrow cancer.

Erik was born Feb. 27, 1948. He attended Northfield schools and graduated with honors from St. Olaf College in 1970. He sang in the St. Olaf Choir, played the violin in the orchestra and performed with leading roles in many theater productions.

After graduation, he moved to New York City where he became a partner in the city's largest puppet theater, writing and performing productions. While in New York City, Erik studied harp with the renowned premiere harpist, Mildred Dillon.

He later moved to California where he continued to develop his musical talents as a singer and harpist, composing, producing CD's of his original work. He traveled worldwide on concert tours, and met thousands of people who loved him personally, and loved his special gift of inspirational music. Between his many worldwide tours, he made trips to Northfield where he generously gave of his time and talents at the Northfield Care Center, honoring his mother, Olga, and her friends and extended family with concerts. He cheered their hearts with his uniquely engaging style of showmanship.

Erik was known and will be remembered for his determination, energy, love and compassion for others. He just finished recording what he considered his very best work for an additional CD when he became ill.

Erik is survived by his longtime partner, Scott of Mt. Shasta, Calif., his older brother, Peter (Linda) of Hopkins, Minn., and his younger brother, Andrew (Rebecca) of Northfield. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Olga Berglund, and older sister, Miriam, all of Northfield.

*from NorthfieldNews.com - September 6, 2013*

## Audrey Arline Mattson Bryan

1948 – 2013

Audrey was born on September 15, 1948 to Conrad and Arline Mattson, at Le Sueur, Minnesota. She grew up in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota and came to St. Olaf for the nursing program. She excelled in her studies and made many good friends. Audrey is remembered for her intelligence, hard work, curiosity, kindness, and spirited enthusiasm.

Following graduation from St. Olaf in 1970, Audrey worked in a variety of nursing positions while she and her husband Tom Bryan lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Spokane, Washington. Audrey returned to her studies at the University of Minnesota where she earned a Master of Public Health degree and credentials as a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in 1976. Audrey and Tom, a Lutheran pastor, lived with their daughters Erica and Nicole in Earl, Spooner, and Eau Claire, Wisconsin where they were active in their church congregations and communities. Erica and Nicole were Audrey's pride and joy.

Audrey worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner until 1987 when she took a position as Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. In the fall of 1991 she decided to pursue a doctorate at the University Minnesota. Upon completion of her PhD in Nursing degree in 1995, she returned to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and was promoted to the position of Associate Professor where she served until her death. Audrey was recognized as an excellent teacher who took much joy in facilitating the learning and growth of young people aspiring to be nurses.

Audrey loved God, her family, and her friends. She was passionate about her faith and about life, and over the years her passion touched many people. Audrey cared deeply and was unabashedly curious about life. Her interests were many and her aim was always the same--to promote understanding that would allow people to live more graciously with each other. She enjoyed traveling, liked to dance, appreciated art and music, and loved being a mother.

Audrey died on November 18, 2001 at age 53 after a six-month bout with cancer.

*by Carolyn Stady Anderson and Barbara Lund Strandemo*



## Warren Hugh Bryce



1948 – 2019

Warren was born August 3, 1948 in Lower Merion, Pennsylvania. He graduated from high school in Hudson, Wisconsin in 1966. Warren graduated from St. Olaf College in 1970 and the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1976 after majoring in genetics and biochemistry. He married Larissa “Laura” Glazkova on September 29, 1995 in Waukegan, IL. Warren retired from Abbott Laboratories in 2006 as Senior Research Scientist after 29 years. He was a member of the American Association for Cancer Research. Warren was a member of Journey Church in Beach Park,

Illinois. He enjoyed extensive traveling including South America, Western and Eastern Europe and the United States. He had a large interest in foreign languages and studied German, French, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic. He also enjoyed photography, history, gardening, and camping.

Warren died on July 19, 2019. Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Laura Bryce; stepdaughter, Olga; stepsons, Anatoliy and Pavel; and a son, George. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Hugh and Laverne Bryce.

The funeral was at Congdon Funeral Home and internment at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion, Illinois.

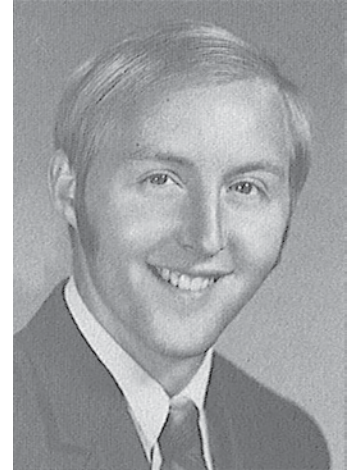
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## John Mead Cavert

1948 – 1977

John M. Cavert was born on June 25, 1948. He graduated from St. Olaf College in 1970. John enjoyed writing, studying history, playing the French Horn, and conversing with friends. He struggled, however, with transitioning to the adult world after college. His gentle nature was unable to cope with the prospect of being drafted into the Vietnam War, leading to his descent into a debilitating depression and mental illness. Over several years, he gradually recovered and aspired to a career in journalism, but then suffered a sudden hemorrhage and, sadly, died on April 24, 1977, at age 28.



*by John's brother Winston Cavert*

## Karen Lee Clark



1948 – 2017

St. Olaf Major: English and Psychology, University of Minnesota: Master's in Psychology and Sociology

Karen's life was a gift to her St. Olaf friends, to co-workers who worked with her and for her, and to future Oles. Before she died of lung cancer, Karen established, through her will, the Karen L. Clark Endowment Fund to provide scholarship funds for Ole women hoping to study abroad. Karen's generosity will continue to help Oles for years to come. Karen

was among the first to participate in St. Olaf's program with Manchester College, Oxford, in 1969. The study and travel opportunities ignited her lifelong passion for travel and learning. She traveled extensively worldwide, regularly returning to the United Kingdom.

Between winter and spring terms in 1969, five Ole women traveled around Europe together — Karen and Paula Nelson at Oxford; and Annette Akers, Betty Coaker, and Marilyn Rand at Cambridge. They picked up a VW fastback in Paris, squeezed themselves and luggage into the car, and were off. Staying in youth hostels, from Paris they drove to Geneva and the French and Italian rivieras — Nice, Monaco, Rapallo — then Florence, Venice, and beautiful Vienna on Easter. They ended the tour in Amsterdam, booking a youth hostel before arriving to find that the hostel was in the middle of the Red-Light district!

For 32 years, Karen worked in the Minnesota Senate Public Information Office. As a writer and editor, then director, Karen and her team provided detailed coverage of bills, committee and floor debate, and other legislative processes and actions. It was meaningful but hectic work — the Senate introduced more than 50,730 bills during her tenure.

A group of Ole women became her family — Sid Hahn, Shirley Lindberg, Franny Muehl (now Hyde), Thelma Nordos, and Maggie Staab. "She was a Treasure," said Thelma. "Karen loved to read, travel, and write. She had a rich and satisfying life, with no regrets."

*by Thelma Fricke and Marilyn Kemme, and from the St. Olaf "For the Hill and Beyond" publication.*

## Kay Francine DeVries Finney

1948 – 2017

Kay Finney, 69, of Austin, Minnesota, died Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in her home, surrounded by family after a courageous two-year battle with melanoma.

Kay was born August 15, 1948, to Elmer and Arvilla (née Cady) DeVries of Preston. Kay graduated from Preston High School and attended St. Olaf College. In 1967, Kay married Robert Finney of Canton at Christ Lutheran Church in Preston. The couple lived in Rochester while finishing studies



at Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) and then moved to Austin where Kay had a successful career at the Hormel Credit Union (now Accentra), while Bob was with Hormel Foods.

Family life was first and foremost for Kay, whose household was always busy with school, sports, music concerts, holiday and birthday celebrations, beloved pets, church activities, and family vacations. As adults, all her children lived in close proximity, and she and Bob were able to enjoy being part of the lives of their eight cherished granddaughters. They traveled extensively with friends and family.

Survivors include husband, Bob; son Kyle (Robyn) Finney; daughter, Kirsten Shipler, son Nathan (Becky) Finney; and eight granddaughters.

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## Mary Elizabeth Ditmanson Peterson



1947 - 2011

Mary was born on July 1, 1947. She grew up in Northfield as part of the St. Olaf community. Her father was a professor of religion at St. Olaf. She attended Pacific Lutheran College after graduating from high school and transferred to St. Olaf after a semester. She majored in nursing, a field that had always been part of her dreams for her future. Being a nurse and a mother were her goals as a child, and she excelled at both. Mary's intelligence and compassionate mind served her well and made those around her laugh at the ironies in life that she could so clearly point out.

Mary suffered the loss of her parents, a sister, Barbara, and her daughter Stacy within a short time period. Her strength of character helped her survive those losses with grace. Mary succumbed to cancer after just a few months of treatment for cancer.

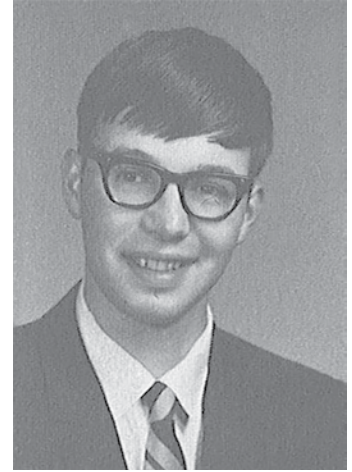
Mary died on April 15, 2011. She is survived by her former spouse and lifelong friend, Charles Peterson '70; daughter Amanda Peterson Wycoff '96; and daughter Laura Peterson Roads.

*by Carol Cowles*

## David Nesbit Dolloff

1947 – 2002

David was born on March 6, 1947, in Wausau, Wisconsin, to Nesbit Ellwood Dolloff and Jacqueline Bernadine Dolloff. He attended Wausau East High School and graduated from St. Olaf College with a BS in Biology. Later he went to Wausau Technical College, where he studied to be a computer operator. David married Susan Smith on July 23, 1978, in Durand, WI. He worked at Dadco Data, CESA 6, and ITT Finance, retiring in 1992. He was a resident of the Mike Wilson House, an assisted living facility, for six years prior to his death. David liked golfing, ice fishing,



the Packers, and the “*Jeopardy*” game show. He died on February 4, 2002 at age 54 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Susan, one son Matthew of Eau Claire, one daughter Teri of Eau Claire, and other family members, including five granddaughters.

*from Peggy Johnson*

## Scott Donald Duncan



1948 – 1998

Scott Donald Duncan was born July 11, 1948 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He was the oldest of four children born to James and Lorraine (Heller) Duncan. He grew up in Chisholm, was confirmed in the faith at Faith Lutheran Church, and graduated from Chisholm High School in 1966.

Scott received a B.A. degree from St. Olaf College in 1970, having majors in psychology and religion. He returned to Chisholm and began working

at U.S. Steel's Minntac Plant. On June 26, 1971, at the Chapel of the Pines in Side Lake, he married Candice Grafing, whom he had known since fourth grade. Together they raised two daughters.

An avid hunter with bow and rifle, Scott pursued deer, elk, antelope, bear, and pigs. He also enjoyed fishing and traveling. Scott was active at First Lutheran Church, Hibbing, and was currently serving on the church council. He was on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Ore Operations Credit Union and a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Involved in a serious car accident in 1974, in which he almost died, he viewed every day since then as a gift from God to be cherished. Scott died on Monday, October 12, 1998, at Fairview Riverside Hospital in Minneapolis, while undergoing surgery to resolve complications from the accident 24 years earlier. He was 50 years old.

Scott was survived by his wife, Candy; and daughters, Sarah (Chad) Kuha, and Bonnie.

*from the obituary in Scott's funeral bulletin*

## Reginald Travis Evans

1948 – 2013

Reginald was born to William and Thelma Evans on May 7, 1948 in Lake City, Florida, and he died on February 21, 2013. He entered St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN while actively performing with the University of Colorado Summer Opera Workshops and the acclaimed St. Olaf Choir. Having majored in Voice Performance and Conducting, he then toured the United States with the Whitlow Singers, matriculated to the Conservatory of Vienna in Austria. During the decade of the 1970s, he lived in Vienna, became fluent in five languages, and appeared in concerts throughout



Europe and the United States. He also was a composer-in-residence at the Austrian National Radio and was a soloist and artist at the Volksoper and the Bach Gesellschaft. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in New York City in 1981. In the Washington, DC area, Mr. Evans was a featured soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra, The Paul Hill Chorale, The Washington Choral Arts and Oratorio Societies, the Bach Consort and many other choral groups in the area. After the death of his mother, Mr. Evans returned to Europe, living in Prague, Czech Republic, actively teaching and performing until he came to Dayton because of declining health.

Forever cherishing his memory will be his brother Rubin Rushen Kenon and sister, LaVerne Kenon Sci; and many relatives and friends across the United States and Europe. He was a devoted member of the Central Christian Church of Kettering, Ohio.

*published in the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News on Feb. 28, 2013*

## Matthew Thomas Frame



1948-1980

I am writing this to you, on behalf of my brother Matt. He certainly did enjoy his time at St. Olaf College. Being born in Northfield, it was always the college of preference for him. Matt, who excelled in math and science, graduated from Lakeville High School with honors.

My brother was born on February 29, 1948 with a congenital heart defect, so he had to deal with that throughout his short life. He did it well though and was always a great brother, son, and friend. He loved sports,

especially baseball. His world revolved around being a big fan, but he participated as best he could despite his health issues. Matt loved horses and was a wonderful artist. Throughout the years he drew hundreds of horse sketches. My brother was a rather shy fellow, but to overcome his shyness he joined the debate team in high school and Toastmasters International after college.

Matt graduated from St. Olaf with honors, worked for a time in Dakota County going from farm to farm as a “milk tester”, and then landed a government job at Scott Air Force Base in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a computer programmer as that field was emerging.

Matt enjoyed his life in St. Louis. He bought a horse and took English riding lessons (a dream come true for him) and attended baseball games at Bush Stadium. While there, Matt got engaged to the love of his life, Becky.

At the Mayo Clinic, Matt was finally able to have open heart surgery. It took many hours, but the surgery was a success and Matt was told he would live a nice long life. It was an answer to all of our prayers. Unfortunately, within a couple of years, Matt died in his sleep of heart failure.

Matt did live his 32 years to the utmost and left a legacy to his family, who loved him dearly!! He was able to pay for his younger brother to attend St. Olaf, with the inheritance he left behind.

*Written by Matt's sister Nancy Tanberg in consultation with Ruth Erickson Kruse*



## Ann Barbara Friedrich

1948 - 2020

Ann Barbara “De” Friedrich was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on March 23, 1948 to Karl and Lillian (Krueger) Friedrich. After graduating from Oshkosh High School, she attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, aspiring to become a home economics teacher. She then studied at UW-Stout, earning a degree in Dietetics.

Ann was a Registered Dietitian working in both hospitals and nursing homes. Her professional career culminated in becoming a Federal

Inspector with CMS, in Kansas City, KS retiring in 2012. She was a well-respected member of the CMS team.

Ann was a loving daughter, sister, aunt and sister-in-law. Her parents and her brother Robert have died. She is survived by her brother, Richard, as well as nieces and nephews.

Holidays were a special time for De, as she spoiled her family with her amazing array of baked treats. Ann made sure to pass down the German specialties she learned from her mother. In retirement she took classes in photography, interior design, wine, and the culinary arts.

She was the family genealogist. She enjoyed researching and piecing together the extensive histories of the Friedrich and Krueger families.

Ann loved traveling, welcoming every spontaneous adventure and opportunity to see and experience the world. She preferred being her own tour guide, always taking the road less traveled. She was proud to have visited most European countries and 49 states, only missing Alaska.

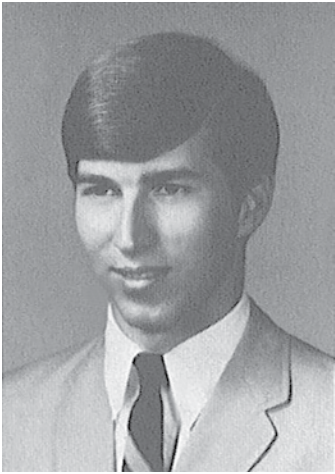
She was never without her camera, quietly documenting life as it happened.

Ann was always ready to help with a full heart, never asking for anything in return. She died on March 20, 2020.

*published in the Oshkosh Northwestern on March 28, 2020*



## Donald Dale Gaston Jr.



1947 – 2015

Donald Gaston was born in McAllen TX to Barbara Mathes Gaston, and Donald Gaston Sr, on September 18, 1947, and died Monday March 30, 2015 after battling cancer. Don graduated from Lincoln High School in Des Moines, IA and St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. He received a Master's degree in Education from the University of Connecticut.

Don described himself as a social studies teacher, not a history teacher, and taught for 38 years in the Stafford Springs, and Somers CT school systems. He loved inspiring students, teaching sociology, psychology, current affairs, law, philosophy, and occasionally ancient history. He also advocated for teacher rights and represented teachers at both the local and state level. He retired from teaching in 2009 and did substitute teaching for a few years. Much to his surprise, he found himself enjoying working at the middle school level and on a rare occasion with elementary school students.

Don taught confirmation classes for about thirty years in three churches: St. Paul Lutheran in East Longmeadow MA, Holy Trinity in Stafford Springs, and St. John in Brooklyn, CT. Don also served on Church Council in Stafford and in varying capacities at St. John for many years. Don actively supported youth ministry, preparing pancake breakfasts, driving teens to camp for youth retreats and confirmation camp and quietly sharing his faith.

Don's interests included camping at Camp Calumet after working on staff as the Family Campground Manager for 3 years in the 1970's. He hiked 40 of the 44 4000 foot mountains in the White Mountains and climbed Mt Washington seven times. He loved sailing on Lake Ossipee and watching for shooting stars at evening campfires.

Don loved to travel. He visited Walt Disney World over 50 times. He loved to cruise and watch the ocean from a balcony cabin. He always spotted the flying fish. Finally, Don loved cheering on the Husky Women's Basketball team.

Don is survived by his wife Debra Gaston of Putnam CT, his sons Andrew Gaston of Shrewsbury MA, and Daniel Gaston of Southwick MA, and his daughter Alyssa Foster of E Falmouth MA.

*[wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970](http://wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970)*

## Leroy W. Grever Jr.

1948 – 1977

Leroy W. Grever, Jr., was a faculty member of the Russian Department of the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University, one of the world's leading academic institutions and located in Washington, DC. The Leroy W. Grever Memorial Award was established to reward students who exhibit strong moral character, maintain a strong academic record, and who plan to pursue graduate studies in the Slavic field.



*<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/74883659/leroy-w-grever>*



## Rev. Francis C. “Fran” Griffeth

1940 – 2008

Rev. Francis C. Fran Griffeth, age 68, of Marion, Iowa and formerly of Tiro, died Saturday, September 6, 2008 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa after a long illness.

He was born February 6, 1940 in Mansfield, the son of the late Cleo and Vernice (Cole) Griffeth. Fran was a 1958 graduate of Tiro High School. On February 18, 1961, he married former Shelby resident, Barbara West in Anchorage, Alaska. Fran served in the Air Force and Army for 22 years (14

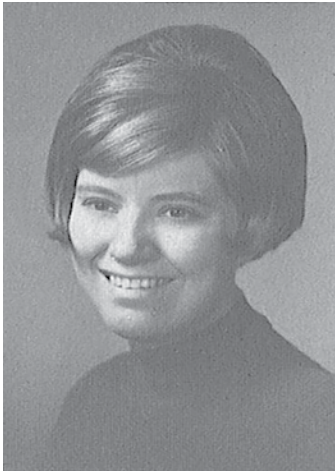


years in the Reserve Forces). In 1967 he left the active military to attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained into the ministry of The American Lutheran Church in Northfield, Minnesota on July 15, 1975 and served parishes in Illinois and Iowa. In 1995, after a heart attack and two triple bypasses, he took a medical disability, but continued to serve over a dozen congregations as an interim. Fran was a pastor for over 30 years. He loved his family, grandchildren, and friends in many places. He loved to preach and share stories and humor from the pulpit.

Fran is survived by his former wife, Barbara (West) Griffeth of Marion, Iowa, to whom he had been married for 36 years; a son, Brent and Anita Griffeth of Spooner, Wisconsin; a daughter, Jenny and Shane Hartzler of Marion, Iowa; six grandchildren; and 3 brothers.

*[penwellturner.com/obituaries/Rev-Francis-C-Fran-Griffeth/](http://penwellturner.com/obituaries/Rev-Francis-C-Fran-Griffeth/)*

## Carolyn Joan Groettum Stockbridge



1948 – 2016

Carolyn “Carrie” Groettum Stockbridge of Red Wing, MN, was born on December 7, 1948 and died at age 67 on June 30, 2016. She was a former long-time resident of Marion, WI. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and educator. Carrie’s children are Joel (Rachel) Stockbridge of Brooklyn Park, MN, and Beth (Todd Dresser) Stockbridge of Green Bay, WI. She had four grandchildren. Her family and friends

will miss her generous and compassionate spirit. Carrie was preceded in death by her brother John Groettum, and parents Rev. Carl and Mrs. Joan Groettum.

Carrie was a devoted member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Marion, singing in the choir and serving on the church council. She lived out her faith through her work as principal of the Visions School at Homme Youth and Family Programs, Wittenberg, WI. Her compassionate spirit touched the lives of countless youth. While her retirement was too short, Carrie enjoyed it by traveling and attending her grandchildren’s school activities and sporting events.

*Evans Nordby Funeral Home, Brooklyn Center and Osseo, MN [www.evansnordby.com/obituaries/carolyn-stockbridge](http://www.evansnordby.com/obituaries/carolyn-stockbridge)*

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## Gregory Scott Gruman

1948 – 2018

Major: English and Psychology

Activities: Announced away football games one year, radio show on campus, Sigma Delta

Spouse: Candace Ostberg Gruman, divorced

Children: Alexander Peter Gruman and Amalia Taylor Gruman Laird, plus 2 Springer Spaniels

3 granddaughters and 1 grandson

Greg was born on October 3, 1948 and died on July 9, 2018.

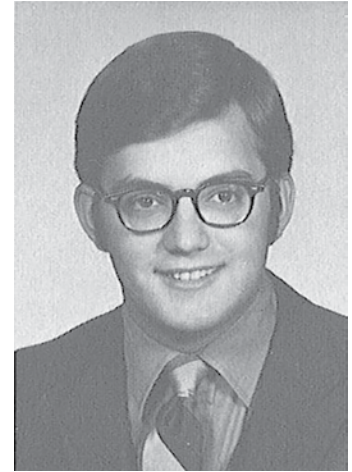
He was a fourth-generation owner of Winkley Orthotics and Prosthetics. He was a skilled prosthetist, loving grandfather, and active church member. Greg enjoyed many things in life, especially singing, music, reading, history and taking family trips to Hawaii. He was proud that Alex went into orthotics and Amalia is a prosthetist, and they are leading the company.

He knew the words to most rock songs and friends would call him during a Trivial Pursuit game to get answers. He loved going to Rainy Lake every summer to visit Chris Buslee's cabin and see Al Nettles (both from 1970). Greg loved his log home on a little lake outside of Eau Claire, WI. He added a beautiful garage and a 2-story addition and filled the house with books. The kids call it "The Lodge" and are fixing it up to be on VRBO.

Greg was a very good photographer. He loved the north country and some of his shots were comparable to Brandenburg's.

Greg also had a caring and generous side. In response to the Iraq invasion, Al and Anne Nettles joined others in forming the Iraq and American Reconciliation Project (IARP). Cultural and medical visitors came to Minneapolis. Greg had Winkley donate two artificial legs, together with all the training and physical therapy to enable a 21-year-old Iraqi woman to resume her life. Eklas had just earned her teaching degree when an unexploded shell took off one leg at the knee and the other above her ankle. She came to Minnesota as an invalid, relying heavily on a wheelchair, with no prospects for career or marriage. She returned to Najaf walking, got married and now has a child.

*by Candace Ostberg Gruman & Al Nettles*



## Bonita “Bonnie” E. Hahn



1948 – 2004

Bonnie was born on March 26, 1948 and grew up on a mink ranch between Arlington and Gaylord, Minnesota. She loved horses and especially enjoyed riding her favorite horse, “Little Joe.” Bonnie also loved the outdoors. When she brought friends home during summer vacations they would camp “down at the lake,” which was a slough and woods at the edge of their property.

Bonnie’s brother, Phil, shares that she was intellectual and philosophical — a non-conformist and an independent soul. She was “inclined to turn to philosophy for answers to life’s most perplexing questions.” While at St. Olaf, Bonnie participated in a Global Semester where the students studied in Ethiopia, India, Thailand, and Japan. This experience broadened her view of the world. She loved studying comparative religions and other cultures.

After her St. Olaf graduation, Bonnie lived in Boston and then Chicago. At the University of Chicago, Bonnie earned a master’s degree in the humanities. Her love of literature was evident in her master’s thesis on Virginia Woolf. Bonnie became a very cosmopolitan woman. She loved working with international students and while at the University of Chicago she entertained friends from India, Afghanistan, and many other countries. Phil remembers that “most of all, Bonnie found support and meaning through her associations with her most interesting friends from all over the world.” She was self-employed, arranging travel plans for students, and also serving as a substitute teacher.

Bonnie was only 39 years old when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. For 17 years she needed to use a wheelchair to get around. At first her family took care of her, but later she needed to live in care centers. During her last years she lived in St. Cloud, Redwood Falls, and finally Des Moines, Iowa. Bonnie died on July 16, 2004 at the age of 56. She is survived by her brother, Phil Hahn of Des Moines.

*by Ruth Erickson Kruse from conversations with Bonnie’s brother Phil*

## Douglas Hanbury

1947 – 2013

Doug was born November 21, 1947, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert J. and Lela C. Hauge Hanbury.

While at St. Olaf, Doug was affectionately known as Leo. He was a member of the Gamma Deltas. He had an amazing talent of knowing which highways ran through any town

in the United States. He had worked for AAA and knew all the routes. He also had a great fondness for “tunes,” especially oldies, of which he had quite a collection. By the time he was a senior at St. Olaf, he was suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

Doug moved back to Des Moines following graduation. He retired from work in 2006 after several years of service in the Wells Fargo Trust Department.

He had a love for computers and loved to surf the internet. He was also an avid photographer and enjoyed going to dinner in various restaurants. He was a gentle soul who loved everyone, no matter their disposition. He was a friend to all and had an infectious laugh.

Doug died on September 20, 2013. Although all of Doug’s family have all passed away, he was considered a son, brother, and friend to the family of his life-friend, David Castle of East Peoria, Illinois.

*by Carol Cowles*





## Martin “Marty” Landin Hansen



1948 – 2017

Martin ‘Marty’ Landin Hansen of Austin, TX, died September 1, 2017. He was born to the late Finn and Rags Hansen of Glen Cove Long Island, NY, on February 8, 1948. Marty is survived by his sister; Vidi Garner of Woodbridge, VA; his former wife of 32 years, Jan and their four children; Kristin Lauderback and Mark (Paige) Hansen of Austin, TX; and Erik (Jenna) Hansen and Karl (Cristen) Hansen of Magnolia, TX. Marty had 13 grandchildren.

Marty loved baseball and football. His nickname in high school was ‘Blue Cross Hansen.’ He was a starting pitcher in baseball and a quarterback in football. He played tennis and golf and enjoyed coaching his kids sports teams. He had a wealth of knowledge about life, history, politics and all religious beliefs.

Marty graduated from North Shore High School in Long Island, NY. He was drafted by the Phillies but chose to attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN where he played baseball. Marty then transferred to Pan American College in Edinburg, TX on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a BBA in Latin American Business. Before graduating, he was recruited by Continental Oil Company and worked in Houston, TX, and Lake Charles, LA. Marty then became the Director of Human Resources for the Champion Oil Company refinery in Enid, OK, where he took night classes and received an MBA from Phillips University. He became Director of HR for the Port of Corpus Christi (TX). However, he soon realized that this was not a personally challenging opportunity. In 1983, Marty and Jan purchased a Management Recruiters Inc. (MRI) franchise, and moved the family to Austin, TX. For 17 years they managed one of the most successful MRI franchise in the U.S. In 1997 they sold the franchise and Marty retired.

Marty courageously fought a battle with CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome) for over 10 years. We are comforted to know that God has released him from his suffering and has called him home.

*Found on <https://www.findagrave.com>. (grave memorial # 183096468) See also: [wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/](http://wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/)*

## Richard Nelson Hatle

1948 - 1973

Richard “Dick” Hatle was born on April 4, 1948. He played football for four years at St. Olaf while earning a teaching degree. He was an excellent defensive tackle, having captained his Minneapolis Central High School team. He was devoted to the team and was well liked by his teammates. His career was complicated by Hodgkin’s disease which was treated between his junior and senior years. He came back to play as a senior and was on the 1969 Championship Team.



After graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Linda.

He was hired by the Minneapolis school system where he taught and coached football at Patrick Henry High School. He was an inspiration to his players and loved coaching. He passed away on June 26, 1973, at the age of 25. His team dedicated the next season to him.

*by Jim Gehant*

## Stephen Paul Hegland



1948 - 1997

Stephen married Susan Mintern in 1969 before beginning his senior year at St. Olaf. After graduation and National Guard training, Stephen completed his master's degree in Counseling Psychology at Iowa State University.

Stephen and Susan moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked as a suicide prevention counselor and directed emergency walk-in services at a community mental health center.

After the birth of their first daughter, Corine, they moved back to Iowa where Stephen continued his graduate education. There, their younger daughter, Sarah, was born.

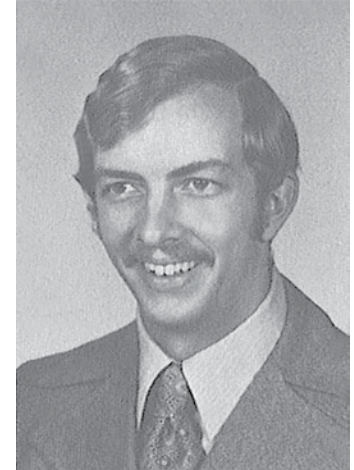
After his divorce, Stephen moved to Chicago to work in computer programming. He worked there for several years before a bike accident resulted in brain damage that eventually led to his death in 1997. He is remembered most for his kind heart and great love for his daughters.

*by Stephen's daughter, Sarah Hegland*

## Curtis Alan Heiserman

1948 – 2012

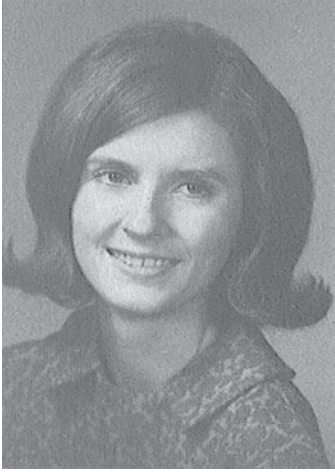
Curtis Alan Heiserman, 63, of Minneapolis, died on Monday, January 2, 2012. He was born February 1, 1948, in Amery, Wisconsin, the second child of Charlotte and Francis Heiserman. After graduating from high school in Fergus Falls, MN, he attended Saint Olaf College as a National Merit Scholar, receiving his BA in 1970. Curtis loved reading, gardening, golf, home and family. Golf was his major avocation. He followed golf on television and played many courses around the Midwest, often with his brothers Paul and Phil or son Zach. He was particularly delighted by his



opportunity to play several of the historic links courses in Scotland. At home he established a family tradition, holding a Fathers' Day croquet tournament for 25 years. A life-long reader, his interests included history, politics, philosophy, and science, which he enjoyed discussing with everyone. Curtis retired in 2011 from his career as a professional waiter at many prominent area restaurants, the last 23 years at Manny's Steakhouse. Curtis is survived by his former wife and beloved friend, Lanore; his sons, Seth, and Zachary (Melissa) and three grandchildren.

*published in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on January 8, 2012.*

## Ann Marie Hermanson Collins



1947 – 1984

Major: Nursing Spouse: David Collins Children: Scott and Jeff

Ann Marie Hermanson was born on December 1, 1947. She arrived at St. Olaf College from Mason City, Iowa. She was welcomed into the nursing program by classmates who enjoyed her sense of humor, pleasant demeanor and kindness.

Ann married a classmate from high school and moved to Rochester, Minnesota after graduation. She worked as a nurse at Methodist Hospital in Rochester and taught parenting classes. She was active in her neighborhood and the community where she had many friends. Ann was a member of Christ United Methodist Church where she enjoyed participating in women's' groups and organizing day care. She had two sons.

Ann and her sons died tragically and unexpectedly on October 7, 1984, at the hands of her husband David, who committed suicide following their deaths. Ann was 36 years old at the time of her death.

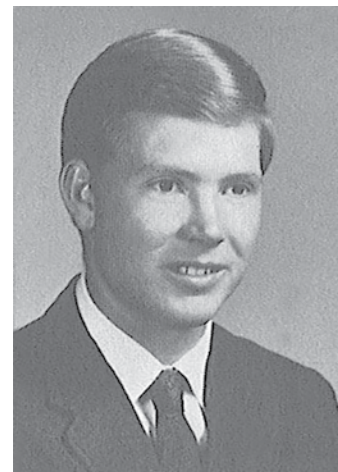
*by Carolyn Stady Anderson and Barbara Lund Strandemo*

## Loring Dale “Jackson” Hilstad

1948 - 2015

Classmates at St. Olaf knew him as Loring Hilstad, but later in life he was known as Jackson Hilstad.

Jackson was born on October 18, 1948 in Glasgow, Montana to Milo and Hertha Hilstad. He grew up and graduated from high school in Circle, Montana. He was a history major at St. Olaf but said this didn't qualify him to do anything. So, he earned a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Minnesota State University in Mankato



and began teaching history in Minnesota. He then became interested in Education Administration, and he obtained a Doctorate in 2005.

Jackson's career in education took him from Minnesota, to South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. He served as teacher, principal, special education and curriculum director, assistant superintendent and superintendent. His greatest joy in education was helping underachievers accomplish success. He had a special knack in reaching kids, teachers, and parents and getting them all on the same page to produce the best results.

Jackson married Nancy S. Quin Krey in 1995 in Deadwood, South Dakota, and they made their home in Saratoga, Wyoming until 1996, when they moved to Circle, Montana and operated the Hilstad Family Ranch. They raised Limousin cattle and quality alfalfa/grass until 2011, when they sold the ranch and retired to Buffalo, Wyoming, beneath the Big Horn mountains, home of Longmire. Jackson enjoyed riding horses and his Harley, spending time in the mountains, and driving his 1995 Mustang. He and his children cherished memories of riding in his old yellow pickup with their favorite cat, Thomas. Jackson passed away suddenly at his home in Buffalo on Friday, July 31, 2015.

His family includes his wife, Nancy, son Cody, and daughter Sage.

*By Paul Meierding with information from Jackson's wife Nancy*

## Elizabeth Anne Hovey Nelson



1948 – 2011

Elizabeth A. Hovey was born in Hennepin County, Minnesota, on July 4, 1948 to Raymond and Alice (Orfield) Hovey. Her mother, Alice, was a teacher at West High School in Minneapolis.

At St. Olaf College, Beth majored in math and statistics. Though she did not graduate from St. Olaf until 1973, she identified with the Class of 1970. After college she worked at North West Transport in the finance department.

In November 1975, Beth married Roger Yngve Nelson in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

A resident of Edina, Minnesota, Beth passed away at the age of 62 on March 31, 2011.

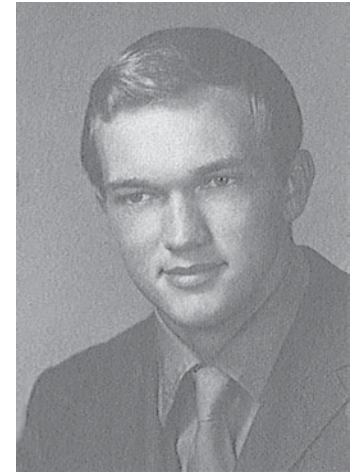
“Beth was always an optimist and a faithful member of God’s family. She is dearly missed by her loving husband, Roger; brother, Bob, and his wife, Siv; sister, Carla; and many other relatives.”

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## Gary O. Neil Iverson

1948 – 2017

Gary O. Neil Iverson died May 8, 2017, at age 68. Gary graduated St. Olaf pre-med and received his medical degree from UW-Madison Medical School. His residency was at Gundersen Lutheran in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he stayed and practiced for the next more than 30 years. Gary was a dedicated and caring internal medicine physician. Gary retired in 2011.



Gary was born August 28, 1948 and grew up in Milwaukee, the oldest son of Gordon and Opal (Trostem) Iverson. He was also raised by his uncle, Orlando Iverson, known to all as “Unck.” Gary graduated from Greenfield High School, where he excelled at football and was an integral member of the golf team. He brought those talents with him to St. Olaf as a starting member of the St. Olaf football team for each of his years, including starting linebacker on the 1969 Midwest Conference Championship Team.

Gary married Pamela Beranek, MD, on July 16, 1977, who preceded him in death. They had three children. Gary married Marlys Bengtson on November 15, 1990, who also preceded him in death. He married Susan Brueggen on June 29, 2009. Gary is survived by his wife Susan, children Erica (Marc) Stevermer, Nicole (Tanner) Hagelstrom, Derek (Marci) Iverson, Elizabeth (Matt) Chizeck, Adam (Heather) Brueggen, Alex (Jessica) Brueggen, Richard (Wendy) Bengtson, Brett (Kris) Bengtson and Shawn (Becky) Bengtson, and his brother Willard (Willie) Iverson. Gary had 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Gary was an avid traveler who kept close ties to his children and grandchildren spread across the country. He loved Hilton Head, S.C., the family cabin in Hayward, Wisconsin, and hiking and skiing vacations in the West. His other passions included history and rock n’ roll music.

Gary — or Iver as he was known at St. Olaf, was fun to be around. He was open and caring to all he met, often telling yet another one of his stories to anyone who listened. He is greatly missed.

*by Al Hinderaker from obituary at Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation Services, LaCrosse, Wisconsin*



## Jeanne Marie Johnson Brandt



1947 – 2005

Major: Nursing

Spouse: Michael

Children: Erika, Alisha, Kayla, Ona and 5 grandchildren

Jeanne Brandt was born January 22, 1947. She came to St Olaf from Bloomington, Minnesota. After graduating from Bloomington High School and California Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles, she earned

her bachelor's degree in nursing at St. Olaf College where she was compassionate, excelled and had many friends.

In Bloomington in 1969 Jeanne married Reverend Michael Brandt whom she met at Bible School. She moved with Michael to serve in congregations in Lake Stevens, Washington, Amery Wisconsin, and Cloquet, Minnesota. She and her family, that included four daughters, were located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where Jeanne was active in the Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church. She loved serving Christ and helping people. She was involved in many church activities including music and nursery child care. Jeanne also worked as a nurse at the Sioux Falls Surgical Center prior to her death. She died peacefully at home on May 22, 2005 from cancer after a brief illness. Her husband has written a book with daughter, Kayla communicating the last months of Jeanne's journey on earth. Titled *Sent and Received: This Mourning's E-Mails, Packaged with Prayer*.

*by Carolyn Stady Anderson*

## Stephen Davis Keye

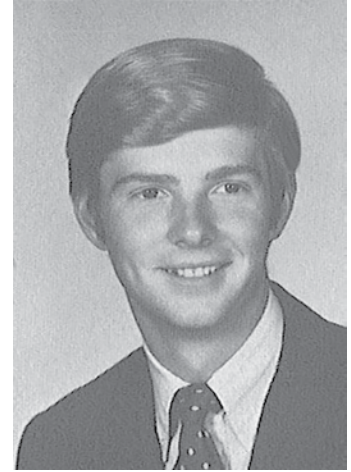
1948 – 1992

Major: Performing Arts and Studio Arts

Activities: Theater, Phi Epsilon

Spouse: Zehra Avsar '70

Son: Emir Avsar Keye



Steve was born December 18, 1948. He graduated from Frank B. Kellogg High School in Roseville, a St. Paul suburb. He and Dick Andrews became best friends in high school. A trip to Istanbul, Turkey, was a graduation present from his parents. On the second day of his Junior year he met Zehra Avsar, an international student from Turkey who had just started St. Olaf as a Junior. In high school Steve had developed an interest in theater arts and expanded that interest by majoring in Performing Arts at St. Olaf. Global Semester stimulated Steve's interest in foreign cultures and international travel. Steve and Zehra married on December 29, 1972. Steve was drafted and joined the Minnesota Army Reserve as language specialist and was sent to Monterey, California, where he studied Russian at the Monterey Language School. He continued his service as a Russian radio specialist at San Angelo, Texas. Still as an Army Reservist he returned to Minneapolis in 1973 and opened an antique and oriental rug store on Grand Avenue in St. Paul. His son Emir was born in 1974. In 1975, Steve interned at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and catalogued oriental rugs at the Tapestry Division. He worked at the University of Minnesota, International and Study Center for 3 years. In the mid-1980s, Steve worked at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. for a year as a textile curator specializing in Turkish rugs and killims. He produced and curated a show for the Textile Museum titled "Flowers of the Yayla" with a book sharing the same title. He earned his Master's in Art History from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1988.

Steve and Zehra divorced in 1988. Steve lived in New York City after the divorce. He became ill and died on January 23, 1992. Emir, an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank, lives in San Francisco with his wife and two daughters ages 8 and 10.

*by Dick Andrews with information from Steve's former wife Zehra*

## Kathryn Keyt Schade



1948 - 2009

Kathryn Keyt Schade passed into peaceful rest at age 61 on Tuesday, December 30, 2009 at Bridgeport Hospital (Connecticut). Kathryn was born on July 11, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minnesota before moving to Connecticut many years ago. She is the daughter of the late Ferris G. Keyt

and the Harriet Minnis. She is survived by her brothers Richard C. Keyt of Granbury, TX and Bruce Keyt of Hillborough, CA; sister Dotty Bergmann of Congers, N.Y.; faithful companion and friend Greg Koundry; and other relatives and friends who will sorely miss her.

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## Donald R. Krahn

1948 – 1995

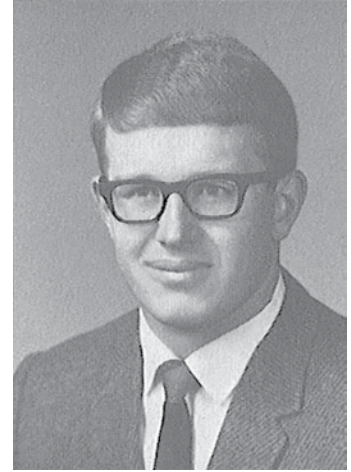
St. Olaf Major: Physics

Ohio State: MA and PhD, Physics

Widow: Betina Krahn

Children: Nathan, St. Olaf, '95, Zebulun, St. Olaf, '02

Don was born on January 3, 1948. He passed away at his home in Eagan, MN on November 18, 1995 at age 47 after being diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1992.



He was dedicated to his family, his work, his church and his friends throughout his life. Don was Cubmaster of Pack 104 of the Indianhead Council of the Boy Scouts of America. When Nathan and Zeb played youth sports, he coached their teams. He was active in his church, where he taught and served on the design and construction committee. He served on the Personnel Committee for the development of the St. Paul Synod of the new Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

For nine years he was on the faculty of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He subsequently was an engineer at Sperry Corporation in Eagan, MN before becoming a Senior Principal Development Engineer in the magnetic sensor development group in the Solid-State Electronics Center at Honeywell in Plymouth, MN. He developed high-sensitivity magneto-resistive transducers and did important work on magnetic random-access memory. In 1992, he was awarded Honeywell's highest technical award, the H.W. Sweatt award, as a member of a team that developed the advanced integrated magnetometer. He had numerous patents and published many papers in the field of magnetics. He was dedicated to his profession, actively participating in professional groups and as an officer of the Magnetism and Magnetic Materials Conference.

As a colleague he was extremely responsive to other people's needs. He would often work late if that would help someone else's project. He had a breadth of knowledge in magnetics, especially in areas related to materials and their engineering properties, which his colleagues found valuable. Outside of work, Don took an interest in his colleagues and offered help where help was needed.

One of his favorite quotes: "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." - Thoreau

*by brother Dave Krahn '68*

## Michael Jeffrey Laub



1948 - 2016

Michael Jeffrey Laub died on November 21, 2016. He lived in Dellwood, Minnesota. Michael was born to Helen and Murray Laub in Bay Shore, New York, on June 17, 1948. He graduated from Edina High School and later attended St. Olaf College before graduating from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in English.

Michael, an executive, excelled in business, initially running a family business with his father for many years, followed by several prominent manufacturing businesses. Michael's integrity in business translated into a passion for mentoring others embarking or struggling in their careers. Without any personal motives, he desired to help others achieve their potential. However, Michael's passion for business was only a part of who he was. He was a thinker, a fighter, a reader, a poet, an adventurer, and a rebel. Most of all, he was the most affectionate, fun, and protective husband, father, brother, and son a family could ask for.

Michael is survived by his partner in life and love, his wife of 44 years, Debbie, along with their three daughters, Erin (Lee) Bloomquist, Sarah (Kyle) Skubas, and Mara Laub. Michael lives on in his daughters and four grandchildren.

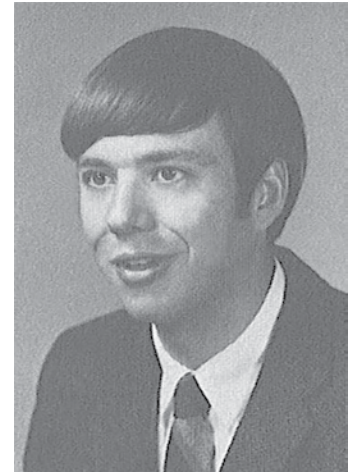
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## Bernt Edward Lukkason

1949 – 1974

Bernt was born on April 5, 1949. He began his educational journey in a one room school house for grades 1-8 near Bowstring, Minnesota, before finishing school in Minneapolis. He graduated from Edison High School in NE Minneapolis. At St. Olaf College he majored in English and became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Blue Key Honor Society.

Bernt traveled during and after graduating from St. Olaf and enjoyed making friends and learning wherever he went. After graduating from St. Olaf, he studied in Oxford, England and then returned to the U.S. where he was enrolled at General Theological Seminary in New York. At the time of his death he was studying in Philadelphia at a Lutheran Seminary. Bernt died on November 22, 1974.



*by Paul Meierding with information received from Bernt's sister LaVern Halling*

## Dennis Orin Lundgaard



1947 – 2017

Dennis Lundgaard was born in Hennepin County, Minnesota, on November 20, 1947 to Orin Grant and Merna Marguerite (Sampson) Lundgaard. He graduated from Edina Morningside High School and then St. Olaf College, where he received a B.S. degree in math. Later, he took courses at the University of Minnesota in business and accounting.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He received training in artillery surveying and served in Germany during the Vietnam War. Dennis lived in Edina. He did carpentry work for his dad and cousin, and he painted houses. Later he worked as an accountant with Pella Products.

Dennis was kind, helpful, and well liked. He was witty, enjoyed a good joke, and had a great sense of humor. He liked to solve puzzles, make fun drawings of a person or animal, watch comedic sitcoms, and read. Of the many books in Dennis's collection, topics of interest included history, biographies, philosophy, nature, space, art, ocean life, mysteries, and comics.

The sports he enjoyed most were tennis, bowling, biking, and canoeing.

During his last two decades, Dennis was a caregiver for his parents. His dad died 25 years before his mom — but his mom was able, with Dennis's assistance, and later Dennis's sister's assistance, to live in her own home until she was age 98.

Dennis died on February 28, 2017, a Minnesotan not only by birth but by choice.

Dennis is missed by many friends and relatives, including his sister, Joan Hennigan, and his niece, Karmen, and family.

*by Dennis's sister Joan Hennigan*

## Royd John Mahowald

1948 – 2015

Royd J. Mahowald, M.D. “Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”

Royd J. Mahowald, age 66, cherished partner of Edgar Nell, passed away at home in the early morning of February 23, 2015 after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease.

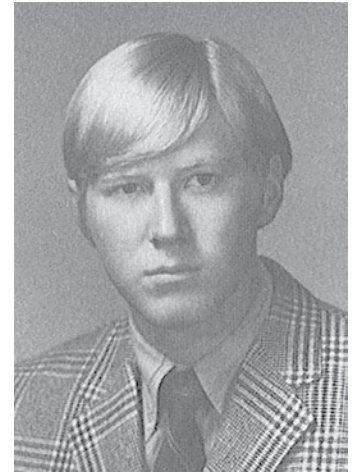
Royd was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 25, 1948.

Royd is predeceased by his parents Wallace “Wally” and Shirley Marie Mahowald. He is survived by his life partner, Edgar Nell, by his brothers, Mark Mahowald MD of Minneapolis, Paul Mahowald of Cornstock WI, and nieces and nephews.

Royd grew up in Edina, MN, received his BS in Biology from St. Olaf’s College in 1970 and his MD degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1974. He moved to Los Angeles for his internship at the Veterans’ Administration and made the city his permanent home. He joined Kaiser Permanente in Panorama City, Cal as a radiologist. He remained at Kaiser for 20 years, rising to the position of Chief of the Radiology Department. In 1998 he took an early retirement, when he was diagnosed with the early stage of Parkinson’s.

Royd was a loving, giving, caring, loyal, wonderful friend and partner. He enjoyed life to its fullest. He swam, jogged, cooked, played the piano, was well-travelled and loved all music. Most of all, he loved making his house a warm and welcoming home. He will be missed by all who knew him. He would have wanted to say Thank You to Joyce Blackburn and Ana Hernandez, his long time care givers, who were always there and cared for him with gentleness and love.

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## Mihoko Matsuda Nelsen



1947 - 2018

Mihoko Nelsen, 70, of Middleton, Idaho, along with her husband Bill, passed away in a plane crash on August 11, 2018, near Baker City, Oregon.

William Jeff Watts (Bill) was born on April 3, 1941 in Pasadena, CA. Bill lived in the Los Angeles area his whole life until 4 years ago when he and his wife, Mihoko Nelsen, MD moved to Idaho. He was a commercial kitchen designer with his own business for 50 years. At the time of his death he was still working but had discovered a new passion for flying. Bill was very proud of earning his private pilot's license at exactly 100 flight hours and loved his Mooney plane. Some of his favorite activities were flying his plane, dining with friends, visiting with everyone he met, texting his son-in-law every morning (literally!), traveling with his beloved bride, USC football, fast cars, fishing, and caring for the ducks, geese (Alpha & Bravo), and cats.

Mihoko was born December 10, 1947 in Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Mihoko moved to the United States 50 years ago. She graduated from USC medical school 40 years ago and lived in the Los Angeles area until she moved to Idaho with Bill. She was a sought-after neurologist and retired in October 2017. She had a passion for learning. She particularly enjoyed researching how food affects the body. She never hesitated to tell people to avoid gluten! She was devoted to Bill, her many friends, and her extensive garden. She had an amazing ability to remember everything about all the many people she met. Some of her favorite activities were flying with Bill, dining with friends, gardening, keeping Bill healthy, learning how to heal the body naturally, golf, and carrying for those ducks, geese, and cats.

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## Kathryn “Kay” A. Nelson Lindsey

1948 – 2013

Kay was born May 6, 1948. She grew up in Albert Lea, Minnesota, where she graduated from high school in 1966. She entered St. Olaf and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Nursing in 1970. She made many loyal friends in the nursing class and was known for her sunny disposition, fun loving nature, kindness and positive attitude. She had been diagnosed with diabetes prior to coming to college and managed this complicated disease competently, privately, and without complaint.



After graduation, she was a nurse at Methodist Hospital (Mayo Clinic) until 1975, when she lost her sight to diabetic retinopathy. She and John Lindsey were married on May 31, 1975, at Zumbro Lutheran Church, where they became lifetime members.

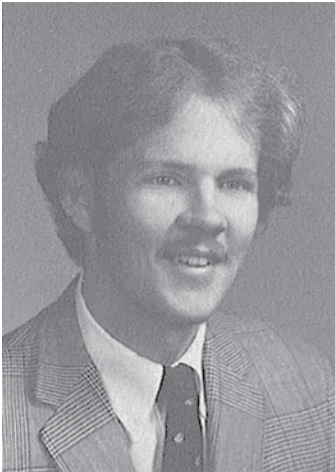
Kay was a devoted and loving partner to John, a beloved sister and aunt, godparent (to 11), and a treasured friend to many. Her ready smile and wonderful self-deprecating sense of humor made her the perfect listener and confidant to her family, her godchildren and her many friends. Invariably cheerful and positive in the face of challenging health problems, she encouraged and inspired all who knew her. She loved to meet with her knitting friends (the Knitwits) and was a faithful member of the Mary Circle and the Tuesday morning Bible study group.

She stayed connected to St Olaf friends and was a regular at periodic informal reunions of her nursing classmates.

She died on January 3, 2013 at age 64 from complications after a fall in her home.

*by Carolyn Stady Anderson and Barbara Lund Strandemo*

## Ronald A. Nelson



1948 - 2010

Ron was born in Rock Island, Illinois on May 25, 1948. He came to St. Olaf and majored in English. Following graduation, he worked for the Postal Service in St. Paul for many years before launching a freelance photography career.

He was considered to be a thoughtful, brilliant and creative person by his friends. He enjoyed traveling to places such as France, Mexico, Italy and Greece, and would study and learn the languages he would need to use before going, and he photographed his journeys.

He got into digital photography in its early years. He showed his work in shows around the Midwest. He was a gentle soul, with a great sense of humor.

Ron died on February 13, 2010.

*by Carol Cowles with information from [wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/](http://wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/)*

## Erle Lynn Nickerson

1948 - 2005

Lynn was born in Akron, Ohio on 3/12/48 and grew up in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

At St. Olaf Lynn majored in Vocal Music and Speech and minored in Education. While a freshman he played football and had the male lead in "Sound of Music." His sophomore year he played Tony in "West Side Story." He also was a member of the St. Olaf Choir.

After graduation he broke into show business, starting with cruise ships. He moved to NYC, a block from Lincoln Center, where he studied voice/acting and taught ballroom dancing at Arthur Murray. He garnered small roles in "Medea & Jason" ('74) and "Man on the Moon" ('75) and toured with "Show Boat." Lynn worked as an assistant stage manager plus understudy for two actors, who played five roles in "Bubbling Brown Sugar."

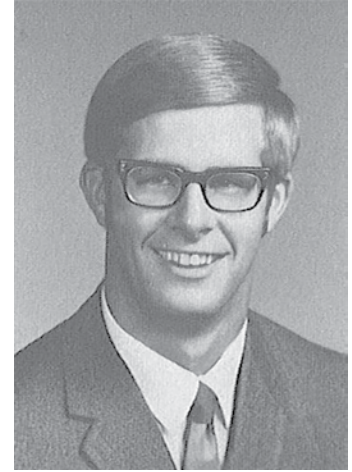
Lynn met Edith "Peg" Lawson, who did theatre work in wardrobe, specializing in hat-making. They married on 4/12/80 at "The Church-in-the-Gardens," an historic church in the Forest Hills section of Queens. They toured nationally with BBS that year and internationally in 1981-82. Lynn would supplement his income with corporate shows, theatre showcases, commercials, and television.

While Lynn was living in a small apartment in Elmhurst in Queens, he became the exclusive salesman, selling business promotional items for a company operated out of an apartment on the upper West Side by a widow. Lynn faithfully cared for the widow as her health failed from Parkinson's Disease. After her death he went to graduate school and started work as a substitute teacher.

In 1983 Peg gave birth to Lynn's only child, Jonathan (John) Nickerson. As their marriage ended, Peg took Jonathan to Providence, RI. Lynn faithfully visited every other weekend and exercised his summer parental visitation rights, bringing Jonathan to NYC.

Lynn blessed "The Church-in-the-Gardens" by being in the choir, participating in musical productions, working with youth, co-sponsoring a bible study, and serving as a Deacon.

He died 6/3/2005 after developing sepsis from an infected hand. He's interred with his parents in Fairmont, MN.



*by Steve Ahlgren with information from Liz Hebbel and Lynn's sister Caroljean '65*

## Nell Nunn-Ploth



1948 – 2014

Nell Nunn-Ploth was born August 3, 1948. She lived in Gladstone, MO, and died on March 23, 2014 at the age of 65, after a valiant fight against cancer.

Nell began as a flight attendant with Pan Am, because she was unable to find employment fitting a female with a degree, even though she graduated with honors from St. Olaf College. After about a year, she saw Pan Am was in distress, so she left and moved to Florida. For a while she threw papers, sold jewelry, and worked as an accountant for a real estate firm. Eventually she took over a failing marina restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale, and by utilizing her people and management skills turned it around.

Later she was hired by the Union Pacific Marketing Department. Shortly thereafter she recognized a market that was not being addressed properly and made recommendations. Her efforts led to astonishing results, which took UP revenues to heights never seen before. She succeeded by developing strong personal relationships with new customers.

One treasured memory at UP was that, because of her minor in Russian, she was invited to travel to New York with the UP President and serve as interpreter upon picking up the Russian Ambassador and bringing him back to UP headquarters.

After marrying, she incorporated Nunn, Yoest, Pritza and Associates as a Missouri corporation and began working out of her basement. At the zenith of the Company, it had locations in Kansas City, Atlanta, Washington DC, and Portland with a staff of over 50 people. She cared deeply for every person within her Company.

Nell created an even more successful home environment, devoting herself to providing a loving, nurturing, and caring environment to her husband, her family, and all with whom she came in contact.

Nell is survived by her husband I. William Ploth, son Kevin Ploth, daughter Rebecca (Jeff) Evans, son Eric (Stacey) Ploth and three granddaughters. She is also survived by her father William (Muriel) Nunn, mother Marie Nunn, and three sisters.

*www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/kansas-city-mo/nell-nunn-plot-5904150 edited by I. William Ploth and Paul Meierding*

## Richard Olson

1948 – 2010

Richard H. Olson, 62, of the Town of Pittsfield, died unexpectedly at his home on October 2, 2010. He was born September 26, 1948, in Green Bay, to Harris and Leone (Saunders) Olson. In 1966, he graduated from Pulaski High School and went on to attend St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He married Sheila Neitman in Milwaukee. They moved to Green Bay in 1980 to be closer to his parents. For over 20 years, Ric worked at Camera Corner before retiring due to his disability. Ric enjoyed farming, first in his youth and later raising beef cattle and cash crops. He loved going to Florida and spending time on the Gulf of Mexico, enjoying its beauty and its fishing. He loved nature, being outdoors, and his gardens.



He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Eric Perrault of Pittsfield; two grandchildren who he adored dearly, Emily and Andrew, who in turn loved their “Big Papa.” He is also survived by his mother, Leone Olson of Pittsfield; his father-in-law, Eugene Neitman of Green Bay; and other relatives and many, many friends.

Ric was preceded in death by his wife, Sheila.

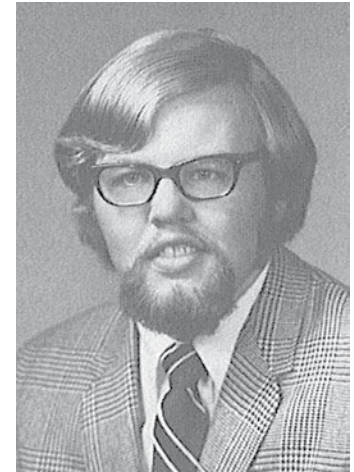
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## Mark Carl Overvold

1948 -1988

Mark Carl Overvold, Associate professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Virginia Commonwealth University, died of cancer November 2, 1988.

Overvold was born February 15, 1948 in Veblen, South Dakota. He was graduated *summa cum laude* from Saint Olaf College in 1970 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1976 and taught at Brown University, the College of William and Mary, and the University of Texas before joining the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth in 1977.



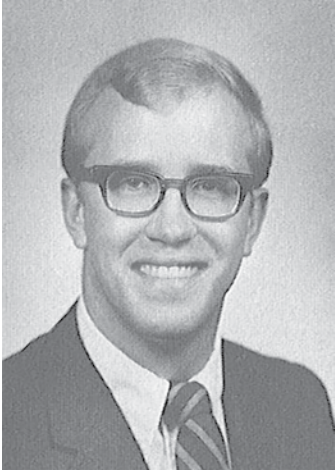
Overvold was a member of the Eastern Division of the APA, the North American Society for Social Philosophy, and the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, and was past President of the Virginia Philosophical Association. He was a frequent participant in APA colloquia and published a number of papers in ethics including “Morality, Self-Interest and Reasons for Being Moral” (*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 1984); “Self-Interest and Getting What You Want” (in Miller and Williams, eds., *The Limits of Utilitarianism*, 1982); and “Self-Interest and the Concept of Self-Sacrifice” (*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 1980). In 1980, Overvold received the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award for his paper “Individual Welfare and Getting What You Want,” presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Overvold was awarded grants and fellowships for his own research and for departmental, University and community programs from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council for Philosophical Studies, the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, and the Faculty Grant-in-Aid program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The philosophy program at Virginia Commonwealth owes much of its present strength and vitality to Overvold’s efforts. He was instrumental in the development of a revamped curriculum and in winning new positions for the department. He and his wife Angelina will also be remembered by many past and present members of the VCU community for their generous hospitality, which did much to foster a sense of community within the Philosophy Department and the University.

*from “American Philosophical Association” Proceedings, Vol. 63, p. 32.*

## Gary Robert Paulsen



1948 – 1996

Gary was born on January 21, 1948. After graduating from St. Olaf College, Gary worked in the family business, joined the Army Reserves at Fort Snelling, married his longtime childhood friend Jan, and fathered 5 children including 2 sets of twins. His favorite saying was: Not many can get 5 hits in three at bats!

Gary was a great cook. When the Army found out how good he was, they put him in charge of the weekend meals. He also knew where the local donut shop was. Around the house and the cabin, he would tackle anything. Too bad he didn't live long enough to use YouTube.

His favorite past time was coaching softball in the Golden Valley Traveling League. Every weekend was a tournament in a different city culminating in regional and national events. His 25th wedding anniversary was spent at a Minnesota State Tournament.

Each year his family would travel to the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs National Convention. While Jan attended business sessions, Gary had charge of the kids. He had as many as twelve to entertain! Mostly they headed for the hotel swimming pool.

Life was good until one day at his yearly physical his white blood cell count was out of whack. He had Leukemia (ALL). He needed a bone marrow transplant. A match was found in Rhode Island. The transplant was a success, but before he gained his immune system back, he had a lung infection and died August 17, 1996 at age 48.

*by wife Jan Paulsen*



## Tom Peinovich



1948 - 1989

Tom was born February 5, 1948, the second of four boys who grew up in Fargo, North Dakota. He spent summers on Pelican Lake (Pelican Rapids, MN). In his early years, he was active in student council, choir, and sports (football and swimming). His summer jobs were as a lifeguard. He was described by a high school girlfriend as “the best dancer,” and he appreciated music, especially Motown. Tom followed his older brother Mike to St. Olaf, and five years later he drove me, Steve, to St. Olaf as an incoming freshman. Tom was always the life of the party, who could light up the room, and his advice to me was: “Don’t worry about your classes, have a good time, it won’t matter if you drop out.” Yet things always came easy for Tom and he had a double major in art and math and was a tackle on the championship football team. Upon graduation, he went on to get a master’s degree in art therapy and taught art in a Bloomington, MN middle school, and art therapy in Minneapolis schools before moving to San Francisco where he was an art therapist in hospitals. Tom liked to stay in shape and had a side career as a professional model.

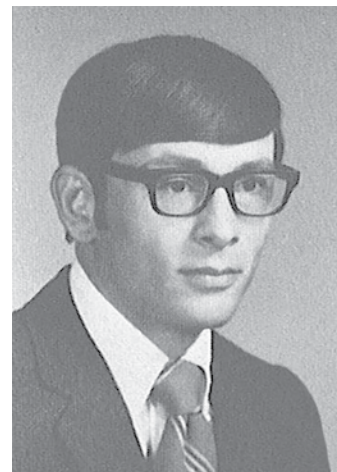
Most of all, Tom was generous of spirit and cherished his friends. He was the only guy I know who started out as a Midget (Fargo Central) and ended up as a Giant (SF Giants). Tom passed away on March 2, 1989 at age 41, but he left his passion for life with all of us who were fortunate to know and love him.

*by Steve “Yata” Peinovich ’75*

## John Martin Pierson

1948 – 2017

John was born November 26, 1948 to Doris (DeWall) and Elroy Pierson in St. Paul, MN. He graduated from Johnson High School and then from St. Olaf in Northfield, MN. John worked as a Leasing Manager for NCMIC Group, Inc. and also enjoyed a creative side career. He was an actor in two movies that were filmed in Des Moines. He did radio voice-overs and was master of ceremonies for the church building fund. John was also a talented musician, playing the piano by ear, taking guitar lessons, and



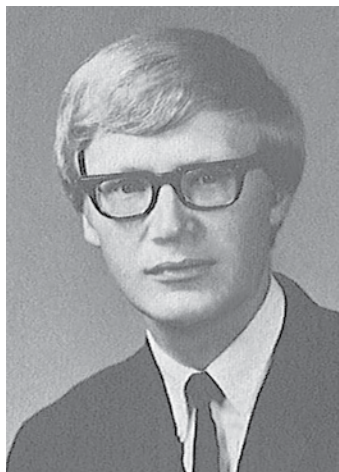
was a member of Higher Ground singing group at Lutheran Church of Hope. John was also a proud member of the Mason's Waveland Park Lodge #654.

During his life, John enjoyed hockey and handball and was a member of the Des Moines YMCA Hinder Club. He was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Twins and the Minnesota Vikings.

John died October 4, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Sue; children, Amber (Kris) Goeden and Justin Pierson; grandson, Krew Goeden; and his brother, Gordon (Jan) Pierson.

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## Dennis Warren Reppen



1948 – 1995

Dennis was born in Edgerton, Wisconsin on March 19, 1948. In 1963, as a high school sophomore, he began playing organ at Edgerton's Central Lutheran Church. At St. Olaf, Dennis studied organ with Theo Wee. She remembers him as a hard-working, kind person with a sense of humor. He graduated from St. Olaf with a BA in Music. For the next four years he studied organ, church music, musicology, and theology at Heidelberg University in Germany, where he was a PhD candidate and choir director. One of Dennis' Minnesota colleagues, Dorothea, shares that he also spent some time at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hannover, Germany, where he took voice, organ, piano, and harpsichord lessons at the Church Music School. While there he directed a children's choir. On his return to the states, Dennis studied theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dorothea says that Dennis served as Music Director at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in North St. Paul from 1979-1985. While there he was the organist and director of adult and youth choirs. Dorothea has fond memories of the years that she took organ lessons from Dennis. She says, "He was a wonderful mentor and a great teacher."

From 1987 to 1993 Dennis was carillonneur and assistant organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. During this period, the Noyes Memorial Carillon at House of Hope underwent a major renovation. This included enlargement of the instrument to 49 bells, installation of a new practice keyboard, and a new playing cabin. In the summer of 1992, Dennis inaugurated a Sunday evening recital series, and continued the series in 1993. In September 1992, he organized a highly successful carillon workshop, taught by Todd Fair, whose participants came from across the country.

Dennis died of cancer on September 29, 1995, in St. Paul, Minnesota. His life was celebrated by family and friends at services in Edgerton, Wisconsin on October 4th and on October 9th at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minnesota.

*by Ruth Erickson Kruse*

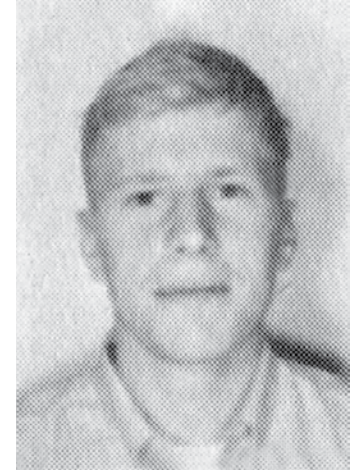
## Fred Ress

1947-2012

Major: Religion

Activities: St. Olaf Choir and yodeling, climbing the WCAL radio tower and old Mohn Hall

Fred Ewald Ress was born April 7, 1947 in Northfield, MN, to Ewald and Mabel (Sargeant) Ress. Fred started with us as a freshman (we were a triple with Paul Meierding in Ytterboe), sang briefly in the St. Olaf Choir (where he did a wicked imitation of Olaf Christianson), and transferred to the University of Minnesota mid-sophomore year. If you knew Fred, you'll remember his manic energy, humor, love of debate and physical adventure, and perhaps especially his amazing tenor voice, singing or yodeling or yelling Tarzan-style.



Besides a fascination with Soren Kierkegaard, Fred was committed to summer and volunteer work with disadvantaged kids. We spent the summer of 1968 at Wilderness Canoe Base, where he went on for years of ever-longer canoe trips with troubled kids including one all the way to Hudson Bay. And, he kept singing, all the way to the New York stage of the Metropolitan Opera for the 1970 National Tryout finals.

Fred spent many years alternating between these two loves, singing opera including at the Juilliard School and with the Minnesota Orchestra, and founding Expeditions of North America, a wilderness therapy program, including a trip from the Pacific Ocean over the Rockies to Lake Superior! Sadly, he never reached full expression in either area. Later on, he sang a little at his home church, Joyce Methodist in Minneapolis, and counseled adolescents part-time at Allina Children's Hospital in St. Paul. Slowed and then incapacitated by an aggressive form of Parkinson's, he lost his energy, his voice, and even his love for life, dying suddenly on July 18, 2012.

Those who got to know Fred Ress will remember him the rest of their lives and be thankful for such vivid memories.

*by Paul Rorem*

## Mary Lysette Reutiman Lopez



1947 - 2010

Mary Lysette Reutimann Lopez was born in Minneapolis on May 27, 1947 to Robert William and Elsbeth Bertha (Doering) Reutiman.

She had one brother Robert William Jr. Mary attended and graduated from Minnetonka High School. While at St Olaf, she majored in Spanish, graduating in 1970.

In 1972 Mary married Julio Lopez (Ceniceros), who was from Mexico.

Their two adopted children were also from Mexico. They raised their family in Shorewood, Minnesota. Mary became a single mother after their divorce. She had a gift shop named Collectors Choice in Excelsior, where she sold “quality country antique furniture and accessories.” Mary died on February 10, 2010 in Hackensack, Minnesota, at the age of 63.

*by Barbara Lund Strandemo with information from Mary's brother Robert*

## Barbara Jean Schneider Snyder

1948-2011

St Olaf Major: Nursing

Pepperdine University, CA: Master of Business Administration

Spouse: Dennis B. Snyder

Children: Eric and Jamie and grandchildren



Barbara was born March 5, 1948 in Chicago to John and Phyllis (Robertson) Schneider. She came to St Olaf from Chicago and entered the nursing program. She received her bachelor's degree, graduating as a registered nurse with her fellow classmates.

She enlisted in the delayed entry program in the US Navy while she attended Pepperdine University where she earned a Master of Business Administration degree. She began her career in the US Navy stationed at Jacksonville and then relocated to the Naval Hospital in Corpus Christie, Texas. Barbara met her future husband Dennis B. Snyder there, married and had two children, son Eric and daughter Jamie. At the time of her death she had a grandchild.

The Navy sent Barbara to Miramar for two years; then to the Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA for four years. She then reported to Glenview, Illinois followed by a tour at Pearl Harbor. In 1984 she worked aboard Naval Hospital Oak Harbor as a Quality Assurance Risk Management Coordinator retiring as a Naval Lieutenant Commander in 1990.

Following retirement from the Navy, Barbara met new challenges working in Oak Harbor, Washington in the School District. She enjoyed travel, reading, quilting, and cross stitching. Barbara died at her home May 5, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

*by Carolyn Stady Anderson and Barbara Lund Strandemo*

## Robert Peter Seal



1947 – 2013

Robert Peter Seal was born June 21, 1947. After graduation from St. Olaf College, Bob lived in Palo Alto, California. He received advanced computer certification from Control Data and was employed by Calma Company of Sunnyvale. Bob traveled extensively for Calma, setting up computer aided mapping projects around the United States and the world. After Calma, Bob moved his family to Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for Net Library and Mesa Labs coordinating computer archival

functions for clients including the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Bob retired to Olympia, Washington, where he lived until his death on November 10, 2013. In Boulder, friends and co-workers celebrated his life with a dawn hike up to his favorite lookout in the Bold Mountain Recreation Area where the sunrise and moon's setting were simultaneously visible. It was a fitting celebration of Bob's love of friends, nature, and the celestial events. His family and friends gathered again on the shores of South Puget Sound in 2014, on what would have been his 67th birthday, to celebrate his life. Per Bob's wishes, some of his ashes were placed in a model Viking longboat, which was subsequently set aflame and launched into the Sound.

Bob is survived by daughter Kendra Petersen and her husband, Mark Pedersen; daughter Nadya Seal Faith and her husband, Luke Faith; sister Jo Ann Lincoln and her husband, Richard Lincoln; sister Barbara Ogle and her husband, Peter Reid; by grandchildren, nephews, and by the many friends and co-workers who shared his life, his work, and his many hiking, rafting, and other adventures.

Bob is greatly missed by his family for his unrelenting optimism, his intelligence, and excitement at problem-solving, his sometimes wild and crazy adventures, and his great love and happiness in parenting his daughters, Kendra and Nadya.

*Remembrance by Barbara Seal Ogle '70, edited by Jack Acker '69*

## Karen Sjoquist Jenkins

1948 – 2012

Karen Sjoquist Jenkins of Fallbrook, California, passed away on April 1, 2012 after a 13 month battle with brain cancer. She was born on January 19, 1948, in Mora, Minnesota, the youngest child of Helmer and Irene Sjoquist. Karen attended St. Olaf College where she received a B.A. in Mathematics and Psychology in 1970. She graduated Cum Laude and was selected for Phi Beta Kappa. In 1971, she received a Masters in Science of Teaching from the University of Wisconsin. She taught as an elementary school teacher for the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District for 33 years, where she was “Teacher of the Year” in 1994 and was selected as “Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher” by the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council in 2000. She wrote the book “Kinder Krunchies, Healthy Snack Recipes for Children,” which sold well over 100,000 copies. Karen was overjoyed that following her cancer diagnosis she was able to attend the wedding of her daughter Suzanne in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and to participate in the planning of the upcoming June wedding of her daughter Beth. Karen is survived by her husband, Bentley and daughters Beth and Suzanne. A memorial service attended by her many friends was held in the backyard of her house, amidst all of her flowers she loved so much.



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## Barbara Steinhaus Moore



1947-2019

Barbara Steinhaus Moore of Springstead, Wisconsin passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on December 4, 2019 at the age of 72.

Barb was born to Allen and Dora (Green) Steinhaus in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on November 25, 1947. She graduated from Sheboygan South High School in 1966, received a sociology degree from St. Olaf College, and her MHA from the University of Minnesota. She was a recognized leader of services for the elderly throughout Wisconsin.

Barb viewed life with optimism, joy and a sense of humor, traits that served her well during her five years with ovarian cancer. She found peace in the outdoors and joy in adventure travels. She took pride in being the Steinhaus family historian and brought love and laughter to all her family and countless friends.

She will be deeply missed by her husband Jim Moore, sister Nancy Lawrence, brother Fred Steinhaus, her sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, stepsons Jamie Moore, and Josh Moore their families, nieces and nephews Kelly Ottman, Rob Steinhaus, Christine Melby, Ric Steinhaus, Jeff Lawrence their families and other loved ones.

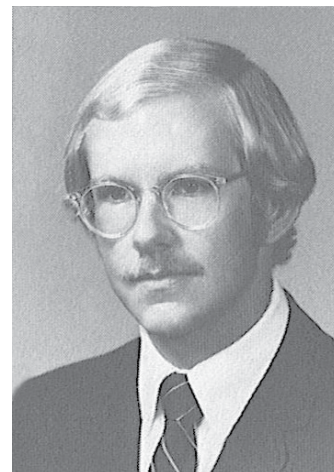
Special thanks are offered to doctors and nurses of Marshfield Clinic and the care providers of Flambeau Home Health and Hospice.

*Nimsgern Funeral and Cremation Services of Woodruff, WI. Published in the Sheboygan Press - December 7 & 8, 2019*

## Daniel Earl Thompson

1948 - 2011

Three things defined Daniel: golf, ability to learn languages, and enjoying life. Dan was born June 14, 1948 and grew up in Little Falls, Minnesota. He spent most of his time at the Little Falls Golf Course, learning one of his lifelong passions – golf. Dan and his good friend Tom Mundahl both attended St. Olaf from Little Falls. At St. Olaf, Dan was a member of the golf team. After graduation, he taught English at an Austrian secondary school. After a few years, he returned to Minnesota and earned a Library of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He married Lisa Jesse in 1982 and they moved to Germany. He taught at the Bonn American School.



Daniel joined a local German Golf Club, where he became one of their main competitors. Later, Dan and Lisa divorced. When the Bonn American School closed in 1997, he moved to Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal, where he worked at the American School on the Airforce Base. He was the high school librarian and also the French and German teacher. There he learned Portuguese and took up scuba diving. Despite early struggles diving, he never gave up and kept taking courses and diving, becoming a Master Diver.

In 2001, he married Louise Denham. He also enjoyed bicycling. He even made the 120-mile Triple Bypass Ride over Juniper, Loveland, and Vail passes in Colorado. He retired from teaching in 2007. Next Daniel and Louise moved to Aviano, Italy. When they arrived there, he already had a good working knowledge of the Italian language, so he was able to join the Castelo di Aviano Italian Golf Club and played for their Senior Team. Before he died May 22, 2011, he had helped his club win the league championship. No matter where he lived or traveled he was able to quickly pick up the language, so he could talk to anyone. He loved conversation as much as he loved golf. His gift for languages, his ability to play golf, and his love of life are always remembered when thinking about Daniel.

*by Bill Lindberg*

## Stephanie Ann Ulen Friedman



1948 – 1993

Stephanie Ann Ulen was born on August 15, 1948 in Elysian, Minnesota, to Myron and Ione (Soule) Ulen. Her brother, Dana, writes that when he was a tiny boy he would go to his sister and “she knew that I needed to be held. She would wrap her arms around me in comfort and love.” Stephanie attended high school in Mankato. She loved writing, so at St. Olaf she became an English major. She made friends easily and had a wide circle of friends. Some of her good friends at St. Olaf were Kathy

Jacobson, Kaki Christensen, and Connie Dabelow.

Steph married Bill Craine, a Carleton student, in the summer of 1969, before her senior year at St. Olaf. After graduating they moved to New York State where she taught high school English in Binghamton. She loved teaching.

Stephanie’s marriage ended in divorce, and for a time she struggled with dependence on prescription drugs. She returned to Minnesota, got treatment, and eventually recovered. She lived in Woodbury and worked for the Horace Mann Educators Insurance Company. “She had a special ability to meet and deal with people.”

In 1982 Stephanie married Charles Anthony Friedman, a chemist for the St. Paul Water Department. On April 26, 1993 about 10 hours after having a hysterectomy, she died of complications from the surgery. She was 44 years old. She was survived by her husband; her brother, Dana '72 of Elysian, MN; her sister, Michele (Ron) Leckelt of Ham Lake, MN; and three nieces and a nephew.

*by Paul Meierding from conversations with Stephanie’s brother, Dana Ulen*

## Valerie Viezbicke Fairman

1948-1978

Valerie was born October 19, 1948. She married her high school sweetheart, “Woody” Fairman, in 1971. They lived in the Chicago area and then in Milwaukee, where she died February 6, 1978. Woody died in August 2019; he never remarried.

Valerie was beautiful, sweet, and gracious. She was a generous friend. While a private person, she was also outgoing, with a contagious sense of humor. She had her own style, she dressed impeccably, and she had a flair for decorating.

After graduating with honors in Home Economics, Valerie taught in the Evanston and Libertyville school districts in Illinois. She completed additional coursework in education, photography, art, and real estate. She dreamed of traveling the world to take photographs.

Valerie’s grandmother lived in a house on St. Olaf Avenue, and Valerie lived there during her freshman year. After her grandmother died, Valerie proposed having her grandma’s house become an off-campus residence for herself and 11 friends our senior year. Because of a shortage of on-campus housing (and after vetting our “characters”), St. Olaf agreed to the proposal, and the 12 of us became “the House.”

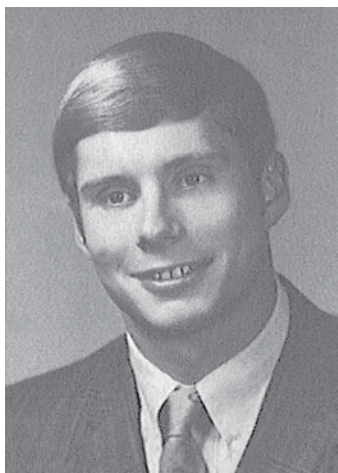
Valerie’s lasting and loving legacy to us is that 11 women of the Class of ’70 forged a friendship that is still going strong 50 years later. We stayed in touch sporadically through the ’70s and ’80s. Starting in 1992, though, we began planning formal House reunions every other year (lately every year). After 21 reunions, the tradition continues.

Every year, we toast Valerie for the gift of bringing us together in 1969 and igniting an enduring flame of friendship that continues to enrich our lives 50 years later. Thank you, Val. We wish you could have lived to be a member of this group of remarkable Ole women. You would have loved it.

*Page submitted by Linda Strandemo Schroeder on behalf of the House*



## Thomas John Windolff



1948 – 1995

Thomas Windolff was born in Ramsey County, Minnesota, to Herman and Ruth (Bernau) Windolff on March 8, 1948. He grew up in Wisconsin, attending Hudson High School.

At St. Olaf College Tom was a Biology and Health Studies major. He lifted weights and trained long before fitness training became popular. After graduation he worked for the Rupp and Bowman Company, which was a medical equipment and pharmaceutical supply company. Tom went on to earn a Masters degree.

He married Sandra Johnson in San Diego in 1975, but the marriage lasted only six months. He lived for a while in Texas before moving to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he independently sold medical and pharmaceutical supplies. Tom died in Knoxville on December 29, 1995 at the age of 47. Tom's only sibling, Arthur F. Windolff, had died in 1985 at the age of 42. Tom was survived by his sister-in-law Mary Ann Windolff and her two sons and a daughter.

*by Paul Meierding from conversations with Tom's nephew, John Windolff*

## Diane Janine Witherspoon

1948 - 2016

Diane was born on October 26, 1948 and was raised in Minneapolis. She graduated from North High in 1966.

After graduation she attended St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Diane then relocated to California and later to Las Vegas five years ago.

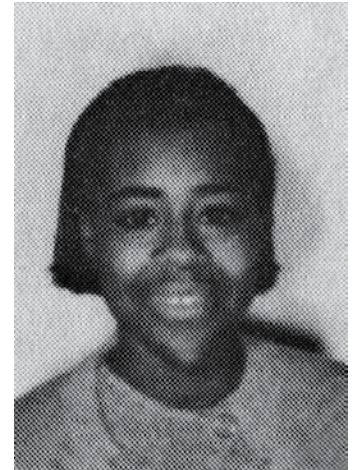
Diane always wanted to be a teacher and did teach music for a while.

However, being inspired by her sister, Shirley Witherspoon, Diane began pursuing her own musical career. Her gift of singing inspired people around the world from Moscow, to Dubai, India, Japan, Chile, Africa, and more. She will be missed by so many.

Diane died December 14, 2016. She was preceded in death by parents, Harvey and Frances Witherspoon, and siblings, Gloria, Shirley, and William.

She is survived by children, William Lasley III, Asha Saddik, and Dalila Witherspoon, and four grandchildren. Her loved ones will cherish her gift of music in their hearts forever.

*[wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/](http://wp.stolaf.edu/classhomepages/class-of-1970/)*



## Terry Yarger



1948 – 2004

Terry was born October 7, 1948. He majored in math and art at St. Olaf. After graduation he applied his math aptitude by working as the Comptroller at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

He soon discovered that his creative side was yearning to be expressed, so he resigned from that position and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. There he became a skilled carpenter, avid fly fisherman, and accomplished skier. Later he re-entered the business world as a co-owner of Steamboat's historic movie theater.

On one of Terry's many visits to Minnesota to visit family and friends he met Jill Naylor. They fell in love and married in 1998. Together they began their new marriage in Lander, Wyoming. Jill worked in administration at a local community college while Terry built a workshop and created woodworking art. Meanwhile he tutored Jill in the joys of mountain camping and trout fishing.

Their story-book romance ended way too soon as Terry was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died June 27, 2004. Terry will be remembered by all of us for his generosity, artistic expressiveness and his wonderful sense of humor. He was the definition of a good friend. We will always miss him.

*by Brom Johnson and Jeff Anderson*

## Our Other Classmates

Listed below are living classmates who did not submit autobiographies.

As you review these names, we hope you experience the same delight of reconnecting with some of them as we did reconnecting with you. Find contact information for classmates using the college's online alumni directory at [stolaf.edu/alumni](http://stolaf.edu/alumni).

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