



**OWATONNA
HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1963
*2017 UPDATE***

A 55th Anniversary Reunion?

Our great 50th reunion was already four years ago. It was so successful that we are considering having a 55th reunion next year. It would be a lower key affair than the 50th but a chance for everyone to get together and socialize. You don't need to commit to anything right now, but please let me know if you have a general interest in a 55th reunion and whether you would prefer a casual event or a more formal event like we did last time.

Jim Colton

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We are still missing four classmates contact information:

From the mailing to those without email made last April the four names listed below came back as not deliverable. We did add about 10 classmates to our email list as a result of the mailing - not huge but still good to get those added to the email roster.

Here's what's missing for addresses from those without email:

Carol Dinse Marold
Wendy Johnson Mathis
Sandra Pace Longfellow
Doris Thompsen Christensen





L-R, Front Row: Ralph Schroht, Gladys Schroht, Ron Eustice, Phyllis Eggers Stransky, Marie Nelson Kedziora, Kathy Johnson Lembke, Helmer Lembke. Back Row: Jerry Carstensen, Mary Stibal Carstensen, Nancy Schmanski Newgard (partially hidden), Chuck Newgard, Joel Knippel, Bill Stransky, Gary Kedziora (partially hidden).



Bill and Phyllis Stransky seen with their grandchildren and friend.



Helmer Lembke, Kathy Lembke, Ron Eustice and Joel Knippel at first table. Second table can be found Gary & Marie Kedziora, Nancy and Chuck Newgard.

Steele County Fair Class of 1963 Gathering August 17, 2016

Twelve of our class members plus some of their spouses gathered August 17th at the Aurora Diner on the Steele County Fairgrounds. Those present were *Ralph Shroht, Ron Eustice, Phyllis Eggers Stransky, Marie Nelson Kedziora, Kathy Johnson Lembke, Helmer Lembke, Jerry Carstensen, Nancy Schmanski Newgard, Chuck Newgard, Joel Knippel, and Bill Stransky.* Linda Suess Christofferson was present as well but could not stay for the picture.



Ralph Schroht, Nancy and Chuck Newgard at left. Gary and Marie Kedziora and Mary Carstensen at right.

OHS Classmates Fared Well at the Fair



Linda Suess Christofferson proudly poses with her Grand Champion Santa Claus painting in the Hobbies Section at the 2016 Steele County Fair.



Darlene Truhlar Polesky's award winning jewelry on display at the 2016 Steele County Free Fair.



FROM JIM COLTON

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Jim Colton and Paul Hammel at University of Minnesota, College of Science and Engineering

Greetings to all my fellow classmates 54 years after graduation!

We know a lot of you have grandchildren and even great grandchildren. Our big news is that, after a long wait, we will soon be joining your ranks when our son Eric and his wife Melissa have a baby girl around Thanksgiving! We will be changing our travel habits significantly since we plan to go to New York regularly to see our granddaughter.

This May we went to my 50th college reunion at the University of Minnesota. Paul Hammel also attended the reunion. The gathering was a big affair that culminated in our class of '67 donning caps and gowns and leading the commencement procession for the current class of 1100 graduating from the College of Science and Engineering.

While in Owatonna, Mary Jo and I met Jerry and Mary Carstenson for breakfast. We of course have been communicating about the class newsletter, but it was great to see them in person and catch up over the senior menu at Perkins!

Mary Jo is visiting as many national parks as possible, and I'm her photographer. On this trip we went to the Badlands, Wind Cave and Theodore Roosevelt National Parks in the western Dakotas. The photo is from Theodore Roosevelt.

I'm still doing serious photography. You can see my work at jimcolton.zenfolio.com

I'm looking forward to reading updates from many of you!

Cheers,

Jim Colton

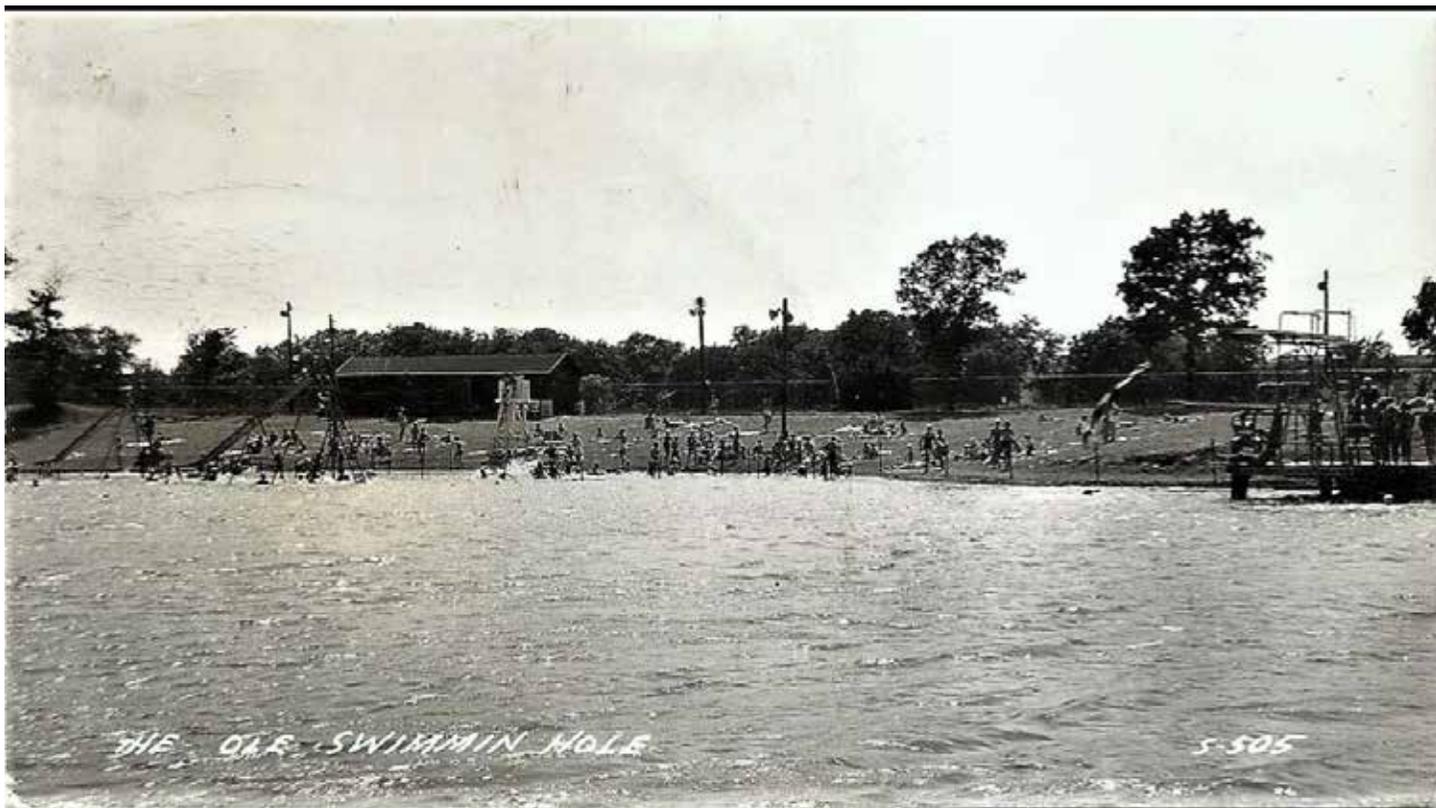
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Owatonna Swimming Pool (1955)

Update from Curt Krause:

I retired five years ago as an agriculturalist but help out my former employer as a consultant part time. I still enjoy farming. My wife, Karen retired from her job as a school counselor and now we have time for traveling; having gone on two trips to Florida and Texas in the last 4 months. We do volunteer work, participate on some boards and enjoy our 3 children, their significant others and 4 grandchildren, both at the farm and at our home on Cannon Lake by Faribault. *Curtis's e-mail is curtisakrause@gmail.com*

Mineral Springs Park (at right)
Remember the water drive through at Mineral Springs Park? That section of the park is now closed to vehicles and the road that is still there is now a walking path. Was the rock bigger then?

Update from David Kulas:

David Kulas spent 37 years with Northwest Airline and retired two weeks before they declared Bankruptcy. As a result, he is now a retiree from Delta Airlines and travels. David has been living in Des Moines, Washington State. We like to say we are in the other Des Moines and the "Other Washington". David lives very close to Sea-Tac Airport and says thank you for keeping up with our class.

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FROM JIM RANDERS

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Jim and Jan at their annual Morning New Year's day celebration, of like souls, to welcome the New Year's Sun, 2017

As the world keeps turning we keep rolling along, captured in time of constant movement, we can embrace it or ignore it but this is our time in the universe ... to live it. There is so much to do and see but what has the most meaning for myself and Jan is our friendships with different people that come and go in our lives and the tales that they tell.

As happened recently; Jan and I have a good friend in Hudson WI, her name is Birgith, she moved to the U.S. from Denmark when she was 25. Birgith's neighbor is Jim & Kathy Flom, and Jim is Linda Flom's cousin, yes, our classmate. I got to know him through Birgith as he plays guitar and has taken it to a higher level while I simply play the guitar for fun. He played his first live gig at Pudges in downtown Hudson Sunday before the Fourth of July holiday. It is a renovated beautiful stone building now, with a view of the St. Croix River. My wife Jan and I went to see him play and while there someone said his brother was in the audience. About fifteen of us were on the outside second floor balcony. I went up to introduce myself and tell him I knew his cousin Linda in high school, in chatting we found out we were both in the Air Force and that led to a whole new conversation. It was a charged, fun filled evening but what got to me the most was now I know two of Linda's cousins and it's been over 50 years since we left high school. Talk about six degrees of separation, this was amazing. I often find the coincidences in life as fascinating as the people I meet.

The Floms were related through their dad's side of the family, he talked about her dad and family a bit and it brought me right back to Owatonna. All of a sudden my mind left the balcony and I was in Steele Co. I saw my dad's sporting goods store, our house on South Park St, the fairgrounds (the great free fair), I also saw the high school float I helped with senior year, I thought it was at Linda's house but I can't be sure but I do believe she was there. What was sure was at that moment I didn't hear the music or see the people, I was taken back in time. Again, it made me realize that no matter how far I go or what I do I still can't escape my roots, I was shaped by my first 18 years of life in Owatonna. It was an exciting evening but I never dreamed it would be reflective especially with everything else that is going on in our lives right now ... emotional.



2003 Anniversary Harley V-Rod, my last bike, Sold!

Among other things this year I sold my last and final motorcycle, Jan and I also sold our second home at Maiden Rock, WI on the Mississippi River. All change of life issues.

We spent part of the winter in Charleston SC, on Folly Beach, a welcome respite from white/gray world of the north. In September, we spent time with some old college friends in western North Carolina, in the mountains. Beautiful country and not over populated.

Our granddaughter Autumn Elizabeth, is twenty-one months old now and pure nonstop energy, curious and independent, it is so much fun to be a part of her life.

An exciting summer visit in 2016 came from Tim Rowley back from Australia. We got some great face time in his busy schedule and I was grateful for that. Tim grew up across the street from me, we were playmates through six grade and in scouts together.

Many thanks to Ron Eustice, Jerry Carstensen and Jim Colton for keeping up with all the class business, stories, and reunions, they do a good job and it's much appreciated.

Jim Randers
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***Granddaughter
Autumn Elizabeth
Arndt***



Jerry Carstensen recently completed the FAA flight review and check ride to keep his Commercial pilot license current.

Hi Everybody.

Mary and I are doing well. We've made several nice trips this past year and especially enjoy seeing our daughters and their families in Texas. Our twin granddaughters are off to college now and our grandson is going into the 1st grade.

Mary and I have been keeping busy locally – Mary is serving on the board of the local Hospitality House (a home for temporarily homeless men), she also designs, creates and sells women's jewelry and has an annual show along with several of her friends. Mary's Mother is turning 96 this year and needs a lot more care so that keeps her pretty busy, too. I'm still serving as a SCORE volunteer, on the Owatonna Regional Airport Planning Group, and an Economic Development Authority Commissioner for the city of Owatonna. I have found that if you make any comments or suggestions to our Mayor Tom Kuntz he'll put you on a commission. So now when I see the Mayor I make sure to tell him how great things are going and I have no complaints. It has really been a good experience, though.

For the past 15 years we've had a small team of gals and guys that have put together an annual car show at the Elks Club here in Owatonna. It's really been

a very successful fund raiser and all the proceeds are donated to ALS. We all decided it was time to turn it over to another group after the car show this past year so a new team will be handling that now.

It's been great staying in touch with everybody and reading the newsletter updates. I'm amazed and impressed by the very interesting and unusual things so many of you have accomplished and especially enjoy reading about your activities in retirement. You all are a pretty creative and talented group of people!

Best regards to all of you. I hope that you are doing well and have another good year.

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Publishers Weekly list of bestselling novels in the United States in 1963:

1. *The Shoes of the Fisherman* by Morris West
2. *The Group* by Mary McCarthy
3. *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters, and Seymour-An Introduction* by J.D. Salinger
4. *Caravans* by James A. Michener
5. *Elizabeth Appleton* by John O'Hara
6. *Grandmother and the Priests* by Taylor Caldwell
7. *City of Night* by John Rechy
8. *The Glass-Blowers* by Daphne du Maurier
9. *The Sand Pebbles* by Richard McKenna
10. *The Battle of the Villa Fiorita* by Rumer Godden



*Airplanes on a Stick
Owatonna, Minnesota*



From Judy Sandstrom

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Judy Sandstrom and husband Peter travelled to Morocco in March 2017.

Peter and I had wanted to visit Africa ever since we had seen mountains of Morocco looming up over the Strait of Gibraltar.

A few years ago we signed up for one of the few Mediterranean cruises offering a stop in Africa--in this case Tunisia. The stop was changed to Sardinia following a terrorist attack on tourists in Tunisia. Peter receives brochures for Yale University alumni tours. We had never taken one, but finally last fall we received notice of a 10-day bus tour of Morocco scheduled for March. A surprise--the faculty lecturer had attended my church years ago; I hadn't known he had since been teaching at Yale. It was a small group--14 participants, plus the lecturer, the tour manager, and 3 Moroccans--the tour guide, the driver, and his assistant.

Everyone was nice; the hotels were lovely and the food delicious. I had always thought of Morocco as a desert, but the area we visited, between the Mediterranean/Atlantic and mountains to the south was gloriously green, at least in March.

It was interesting to visit a Muslim country. The 5 daily calls to prayer are announced by loud speaker from each mosque. Our guide said he "wasn't very religious."

He would do the first 2 prayers on time (crack of dawn and later in the morning), but would put off the other 3 until just before bedtime. Some people would go to a mosque for each prayer, but others would

work through them, or pray at work or home. He said that in a more strict country, like Saudi Arabia, someone caught on the street during prayer time would be arrested.

In Morocco only 1 sermon is given every week, at the Friday noon prayer service. It's the same in every mosque. It is written by a group of imams under the supervision of the King. (As in the U.K., the monarch is the official head of the faith.) It will always be something about the life of the Prophet or how to live a good life--nothing to inspire terrorists. We saw a service at a synagogue attended by a few elderly men. I don't know if there are any other functioning synagogues; most Jews have emigrated to Israel. We were told there are 4 large Catholic churches left from the time of French rule in the early 20th century. I also saw a minaret with a small cross instead of the usual 3 balls, so I assume that was also a church. Altogether, it was a very worthwhile trip.

Judy Sandstrom



INTERSTATE 35; THE SUPER DEFENSE HIGHWAY

The first section of the Minnesota North/South Interstate 35 was constructed from Owatonna to Medford and opened in 1958. It was approximately 7 miles long and was the beginning of the Minnesota Interstate 35 project that now stretches from Laredo, TX to Duluth, MN.

The picture shown below is facing south and the Owatonna Regional Airport would be towards the bottom right of the picture. The new Mayo Clinic and Allina Hospital are now in the northwest corner of the interchange.



Minnesota Highways

Aerial photograph of I-35 under construction northwest of the city of Owatonna, facing south. This was the first section of Interstate freeway completed in Minnesota, opening to traffic on August 21, 1958. As was true across the country through the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, completed segments of the Interstate system would end and a temporary ramp to a local road would take traffic back to the old highway. However, as short as some as these segments were, people would go out of their way to drive on them. The diamond interchange is located at 26th Street N.W.



Pictures from MN Dept. of Transportation: A Survey of Roads and Highways in MN



Minnesota Highways

The formal opening of the first Minnesota link in the Interstate highway system was climaxed by the cutting of a ribbon – decorated with red, white, and blue roses – with a four-foot pair of steel shears. L to R: Deputy State Highway Commissioner (and future Commissioner) Frank Marzitelli, State Treasurer Val Bjornson, Highway Commissioner L. P. Zimmerman, Congressman (and future Senator) Eugene McCarthy of St. Paul, master of ceremonies Dan C. Gainey of Owatonna (partially hidden), Governor Orville Freeman, State Representative John A. Hartle, Owatonna, Assistant Regional Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads Ira E. Taylor of Kansas City, MO., Mayor Glen Myers of Owatonna, and State Senator Harold S. Nelson of Owatonna (behind the mayor).



Minnesota Highways

Employees of the Minnesota Highway Department who were on-site workers for the state's first completed link in the Interstate highway system. L to R, front row, G. W. Johnson, R. C. Wandrey, M. L. McGowan, Tom Fowler, M. G. Johnson, and D. L. R. Kohnert; second row, I. B. Anderson, A. L. Sotebeer, I. L. Anderson, Resident Engineer Don Larson, E. N. Erickson, R. K. Kenow, A. R. Baud, and E. J. Reyer; third row, G. E. Coin, T. H. Duerre, J. M. Larson, J. E. Mracek, H. J. Hogle, and C. M. Sommerstad. All except Don Larson were highway technicians.



On our Swedish Circle trip we spotted the McClintock Burglar alarm on a former bank building in Scandia. My great uncle owned the company and Dad worked for him.

Melissa McClintock Carlson



The Rock Island northbound Plainsman coming from Kansas City is about to make a stop in Owatonna. Note the smoke stacks from the Owatonna Power Plant on the left side of the picture. This depot was located on Riverside Avenue. The picture was taken sometime in the early 1960's (As a side note – the Power Plant now has 3 smoke stacks...a sign of growth in Owatonna).

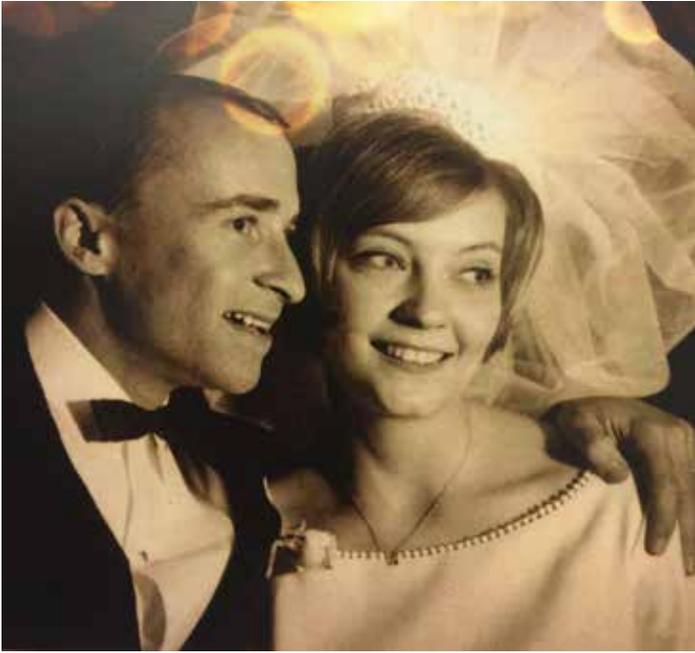
And...in 1952 then Presidential candidate Dwight Eisenhower made a campaign stop in Owatonna at this train station during a "Whistle Stop" tour of the Midwest.

This picture of Eisenhower below isn't from the Owatonna stop but from the Eisenhower Archives website. The tour agenda was also shown. His speaking points; War, corruption in government, inflation, taxes, national debt, and rights and responsibilities of citizens. Interesting, not much has changed from our politicians since then.



FROM MARY O. ROBERTS HORN

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May 6, 1967



May 6, 2017

This was a “milestone” year for us. The wedding picture is from May 6, 1967 and family picture is from our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party on May 6, 2017. We feel fortunate to be so blessed with health and happiness - God is Good! I am in the third year of my (final) four-year term as county judge of Denton County, Texas. Sounds a little crazy but it actually is more difficult to decide to not run for office than it was to decide to run the first time. The job is never done, I enjoy (most) of the people I get to work with and proud of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve but it's now time for someone else to take over. Besides that my grandchildren are growing so fast I want to enjoy being with them at all their activities - baseball, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, etc., etc., etc. You all know the drill.



At Right: I always enjoy looking at everyone's pictures so thought I would send another - My son (Major Jim Horn) got married last October. This picture was taken right before the service. We seriously were beginning to wonder if that was ever going to happen. Something about multiple tours of duty all over the world that is not conducive to finding a wife! When he returned from Italy a couple of years ago he was out with friends here in his home town and ran into a girl he had known since the 5th grade - as they say, the rest is history.

Mary O Roberts Horn

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School days in Deerfield Township 60 years ago...Revisited



School District 78-92 (later 2142) was located in southwest Deerfield Township about 4 miles north of Meriden. The building still exists but has been re-modeled into a home.



Ron Eustice and Don Redman were classmates in Deerfield and later graduated in the OHS Class of 1963. They got together in September with their wives Susan and Margaret.



Steele County District 78-92 as photographed in 1956. Twenty-nine students are in the picture and most graduated from or attended Owatonna High School. Photo courtesy of Don Redman

FROM MIKE CHRISTIANSON

I am retired. My wife and I are living in Texas up on a hill overlooking a beautiful lake. I'm currently building a new house using a construction method called "drystack". It entails stacking concrete blocks with no mortar between them. Every other core has rebar in it, and it gets filled with concrete. Then a layer of surface bonding cement is put over the block wall inside and out. It looks very much like adobe or stucco, but makes the wall about 10 times stronger than stick construction. It's water tight and is impervious to bugs, mildew, fire, etc. We're building the house to be passive solar. The concrete construction makes an excellent energy bank. Cool in the summer and warm in the winter. If anyone is interested, information can be found at drystack.com.

Other than that I am working on a book I'm writing named "Do Christians Sin?". Yes, I know everyone thinks the answer is obvious, but read 1 John 3:6-9 in your King James Bible and then tell me if you still think it's obvious. The answer to this dilemma is found in Luke 10:25-28. I've been walking with the Lord for over forty years and have been involved with in depth bible studies and teaching bible classes. I've found that things are not always as obvious as they seem. If anyone would care to discuss this with me I would be happy to hear from you.

Gods blessings on you all,

*Mike Christenson Romans
13:8-10*



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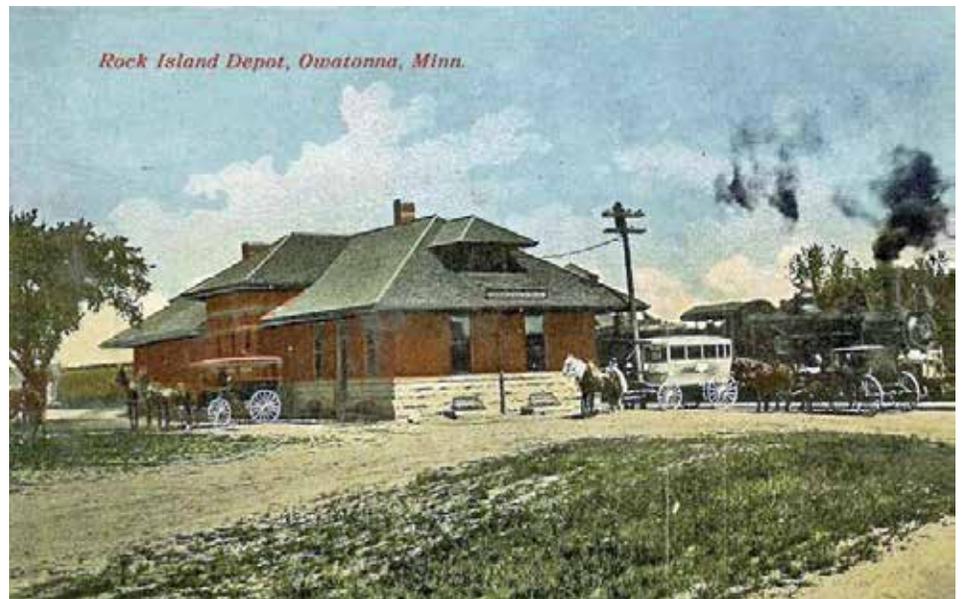
FROM RICHARD ELSNER

Since I left Owatonna in 1964, I spent 8 years in the U.S. Navy. After the Navy I received a BS degree in education and a Masters degree in elementary education. I taught for 31 years in Iowa, N. Carolina, & Tennessee. I retired in 2007 and enjoy building (honey do jobs), playing golf, yard work, and my church.

I do pray that the Lord will come soon and we can have a reunion in heaven.

Yours in Christ

Richard (Dick) Elsner



FROM DORIS (POGALZ) SCHERGER
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Jerry, Dory Scherger and Babybird.

I married Jerry Scherger in 1964. Our son and his wife have three daughters. Our daughter and her husband have one daughter. I retired from my legal secretary position in 2001. Jerry retired from his engineering career at 3M in 2002, and later that year we moved to the Scherger family farm.

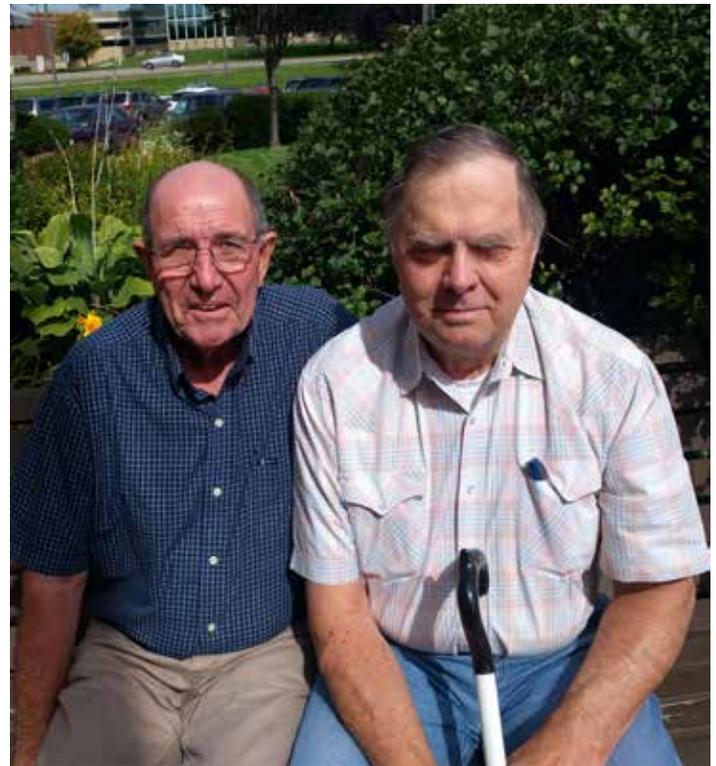
Over the years we have had many fishing vacations in Canada; a Hawaiian vacation in 2003. We had a Caribbean cruise in 2005, where our daughter was married on St. Thomas Island. In 2006 we took a trip to Alaska with friends where we first stopped at Homer for the guys to fish for Halibut, and then we joined a land and cruise tour following the 1898 Gold Trail. In 2007, we went to Costa Rica for a vacation at Tamarindo where a highlight was a walk through a rainforest, and an exhilarating zip line experience.

For summer fun in Minnesota we attend cruise-ins and car shows with our '57 Thunderbird. We have a home in Casa Grande, Arizona where we spend our winters. Entertainment there is learning to golf (LOL) and more enjoyment with a '57 Thunderbird which stays there.

Doris (Pogalz) Scherger



FROM PHIL HAALAND
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Phil Haaland lives in Dalhart, Texas. Phil visited the Minnesota State Fair in August and caught up with Ron Eustice

My report to the class of 63 is as follows: Other than getting better acquainted with several doctors not much new in our life. We still farm a section of half of corn and a half section of wheat. We sold the rest of our land so we are sort of retired.

We spend a lot of time with grand children of which we have 13. We had the first one graduate from college this spring. Two more in college and one is in Japan this summer for a class.

We did spend a day at the Minnesota State Fair last year and went to the Garrison Kiellor show. I really think he should stick to storytelling and forget about singing; but he did fill the grandstand.

We did think the pork chop on a stick was about the best thing on a stick at the fair.

Next month Donny and Marie are going to be in Albuquerque and we plan on seeing them.

That is about all I can come up with.

Phil

FROM DAVE & PAULA LONG

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Dave & Paula Long at the church where they were married 40 years ago.



TownMansUSA.com



The car picture is with Richie, in David's 49 MG TC.



From: Nancy Karaus Johanssen

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No news of any significance, we are just thankful that we are able to maintain two places; cross-country ski; kayak and keep up with 10 & 11 year old grandsons.....And that we lived long enough to see the Cubs win the 2016 series!

Nancy



David with his daughter Sarah, and Beatrice, his granddaughter on the recent occasion of her first birthday .



*Rick Nelson at home in Port Townsend, Washington
(Photo by Paul Lian)*

Mayor Tom Kuntz Honored for Public Utility Advocacy



On June 20, the American Public Power Association awarded Kuntz the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award at its national conference for his work in and advocacy for public power as Mayor of Owatonna. He is one of three public officials around the country to receive the recognition.

Kuntz, who was general manager at Owatonna Public Utilities prior to his retirement, has remained active in utility issues and regularly visits St. Paul or Washington, D.C., to speak to legislators about energy policy issues.

**MR. MAYOR:
YOU MAKE US PROUD!**

Greetings from Rick and Kathy Nelson,

Another year has passed and we seem to be in good health.

Our five grandchildren keep us busy with baseball, basketball, soccer, biking, water skiing and tubing at the lake. Hailey, our oldest granddaughter, will be a junior in the Fall and will spend her school year at the Gonzaga University campus in Florence, Italy.

Looking forward to salmon fishing later this summer. Crabbing started July 1st, and so far it has been a great season with exceptionally large Dungeness crab-- the best crab you will find anywhere!

We are still involved with hot rods and will attend several car shows this summer.

If you are in Washington, please drop by and see us!

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Mary Helen and Ray Pelton

Mary Helen has shared her memories of 2016/17 elsewhere in this edition. Thank you Mary Helen.



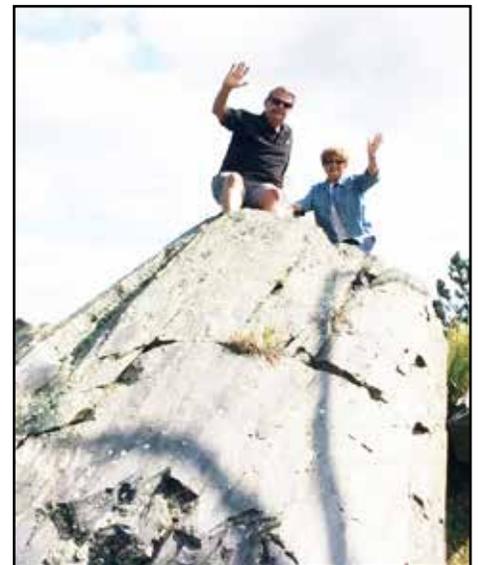
Mary Helen Hamilton Pelton, Sabra Whiting Ottesen, Ron Eustice and Florice Nelson Lietzke in Green Valley, Arizona (April 2017). Mary Helen, Sabra, Florice and Ron have an annual get-together with their spouses in Arizona. This year, the gathering was at Florice and John Lietzke's home in Green Valley, south of Tucson.



Owatonna Girls Gathering

Seated left to right: Phyllis Eggers Stransky, Judy Reese Kretlow, and Pat Irwin Roensch. Standing left to right are Marie Nelson Kedziora, Kathy Johnson Lembke, Doris Behsman Hauser, Kathy Pobanz Schuster and Darlene Truhlar Polesky. These gals met for lunch June 2017 in Owatonna. Doris Behsman Hauser was visiting from Kentucky and was a perfect opportunity to get together and "catch up". Doris had just become grandma to twin granddaughters.....coincidence because Phyllis has twin granddaughters as well. As I think back to that day and look at the picture.....I wondered where these last 54 years had gone!!! 7 of us continue to live in Minnesota (3 in Owatonna). However, Helmer and I did live in Wisconsin for a short time but Doris is the only one that left Minnesota. It's been a journey for all of us.....happy times, sad times.....a few "bumps" along the way.....BUT we survived and continue to....

From Kathy Lembke



From: Kathy Johnson Lembke: Helmer and I continue to live in Elysian on Lake Francis.....getting a little slower, I s'pose, but can't complain.

We didn't go on our annual couple days get a way with the Newgards this year but did visit relatives in Hill City, SD for a couple days. It had been years since we had been to Mount Rushmore/Black Hills area and had a great time. Wishing all of you our best today and the days to follow. Keep in touch.

Helmer & Kathy (Johnson) Lembke
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OHS CLASS OF 1963 ANNUAL UPDATE FOR 2017

“ The best gifts we can give our family and friends are not things but memories.”

As we gather at reunions, celebrate times with friends, and share even more precious time with family we:

Reflect on and honor the past

Live in present making memories for those we love; and

Create a future memories filled with life and love that we will remember ‘til the end of our days

I don’t know who shared this advice with us but my husband Ray and I followed it this year. We tore up the gift list and instead made....

Memories 2017

December: So sad..... no wedding present for the newly wed granddaughter Molly and husband Kent. Instead, for their wedding gift, the couple received an all expense paid trip to spend with us in Tucson or northern Minnesota. They chose to celebrate a glorious Christmas with us in Tucson. Molly and Kent chose the activity-filled itinerary which included ATV riding the foothills, a visiting Tombstone “ the town too tough to die”, hiking to the nearby petroglyphs, a romantic dinner overlooking the city and horse back riding in the mountains. It sounded like so much fun their parents and brother wanted to come too.

With the newly weds permission all came. What a delightfully shared experience we had.

March: How sad for them.... no birthday presents for daughters Dawn and Jill. Instead we flew them to Arizona. All of Ray’s family came at the same time so we had great family time including art projects (the results were Worthy) and a vineyard visit and wine tasting at their Uncle Roger’s (Ray’s brother) new vineyard /winery in Tucson. After time with extended family, we whisked them off to spend four days in the magnificent art colony of Sedona, Arizona.

May: Are we terrible grandparents or what!? Can you believe it!? NO high School graduation presents. Instead our twin grandchildren HAD to pick a journey and an adventure we could share with them. In other words the grandparents would tag along. I had hoped they’d pick a real adventure like Syria or Kenya or even tame Machu Picchu but they wanted to go to Hawaii. As we were planning it, the parents of the grandchildren thought it sounded like so much fun they wanted to go too. So off the six of us went to the Big Island of Hawaii. We got out the brochures and planned adventures for almost everyday...for just a taste of adventures (p.s. are you still awake) night swimming with the Manta Rays, zip lining in the rain forest. Culinary tour of homes in the area; eating our way through all the weird food the guide book suggested, flying over the erupting volcano, in Volcano National Park. –So much, so many memories and still time for cooking great food (Ray cooked) and as always, playing cards and reading under the falls at the pool.

June: So sad...no presents for son Geno and grandson Sam. Instead off we went to fish in Lake Michigan for the lake’s beautiful salmon. They call it fishing for a reason. Three big, yummy Salmon were caught but memories were made.

July: Again so sad. No beautiful sculptures or "can’t live without kitchen gadgets “ for us. Tomorrow we leave for Sitka, Alaska where my youngest sister Jackie (class of 73’) lives. Part of our Hamilton family is Korean (I’d explain how but the genealogy might be too boring and you might spill your coffee as you fall asleep) so how great is this!? The Koreans and the Hamilton-Pelton will gather in Sitka for a weeklong celebration. Along with the family will come the world’s most adorable twin Korean-American grandnephews, 18 months old. Look for pictures on Facebook after my sister Jackie helps me figure how it works. She’ll use hooks to drag me out of my 1963 technology cave. Heaven help me-I didn’t even take typing!!

August: So...so...so sad. No gifts for our 35th anniversary. We traded them in for a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest then flying to Prague. Hmmmmm. So much for the new carpet in the family area. Though the old rug might have been able to tell an amazing tale or two, the trip will certainly provide more memories than the rug could articulate.

December: You may remember my special needs sister Kathy. After our mother died 20 years ago we brought Kathy back with us to live in Minnesota. Of all her loves in life, she loves her family the most. . So as a Christmas surprise for her we are going to meet sister Jackie, the worlds’ most adorable Korean-American babies and their parents in Hawaii for a week in December. Hawaii is about ½ way for Koreans and ½ way for the Hamilton clan. After the Hawaiian week, Kathy will fly back to Alaska with Jackie for an Alaskan Christmas. Kathy will be beside herself. Not only will she have an Alaskan Christmas, she’ll get to see her third grandniece or grandnephew who will be born in two months in Alaska.

What a year!!

The travel budget is spent; but the memories won’t break, be the wrong color or size

And won’t have to be returned.

We are blessed to be able to see Ron, Margaret, Sabra, Bill, Florice and John as we live close by for part of the year.

And what about you??

Let us pray for good health, safe travels, and wonderful memories and to see you all very soon. As my husband keeps reminding me...” you’re not getting’ any younger.”

Let’s get together in 2018

Mary Helen Hamilton Pelton

From: Jon Simon

It has been a difficult and yet somewhat rewarding year for me. I was unable to drive for 11 ½ months due to a dropped right foot and a fractured left ankle courtesy of Mayo doctors as a result of a procedure. In September of 2016 I had both hips replaced within two weeks of each other. If that wasn't challenging enough in February of 2017 I had nine hours of surgery on both sides of my spine in an effort to repair major nerve damage. The great news is that the terrible pain has been silenced as a result. Additionally it is easier for me to stand up straight; however I cannot stay upright without support.

After four months of physical therapy I'm no closer to being able to stand up straight on my own without the support of a walker. During pool therapy I can stand unassisted, walk forward, backward, sideways, etc. without any problem. But the minute I exit the pool I drop like a rock. It is more than discouraging; it's very upsetting to say the least.

I grew up being modest but after sixteen major surgeries I have no modesty left. Let me explain briefly why...prior to, during and after surgery you are fed heavy doses of narcotics used to either sedate or to kill the pain, all of which block up your bowels big time. Then you're given suppositories by your nurse, and not orally I might add. After several attempts and no results the nurses take more drastic measures and then I'm asked "do you think you can reach it with your fingers" and I respond "are you for real?" Then finally results and you can't get to the bathroom in time - wonderful! Now the cleanup - bottoms up, two young nurses cleaning me up. You can't imagine how embarrassing and humiliating this whole process was. I have a granddaughter that is thinking about becoming a nurse. I don't know how they do it. I just hope I never, ever, see any of the nurses on the street.

I want to express sincere thanks to my family and friends for all their love, support and prayers. Please keep praying that someday I can once again stand and walk without the support of a walker.

Jon Simon



Jon Simon is pleased to be more mobile following extensive surgery.

From John Hammel:

My e-mail address is tollmaster@cox.net. We are no longer Colorado residents and the new address is:
John Hammel, 3587 N Scout Dr., Florence, AZ 85132.

Chuck Starker is my winter neighbor here in Florence which makes for some fun. He recently bought a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air and has been working on it all winter.

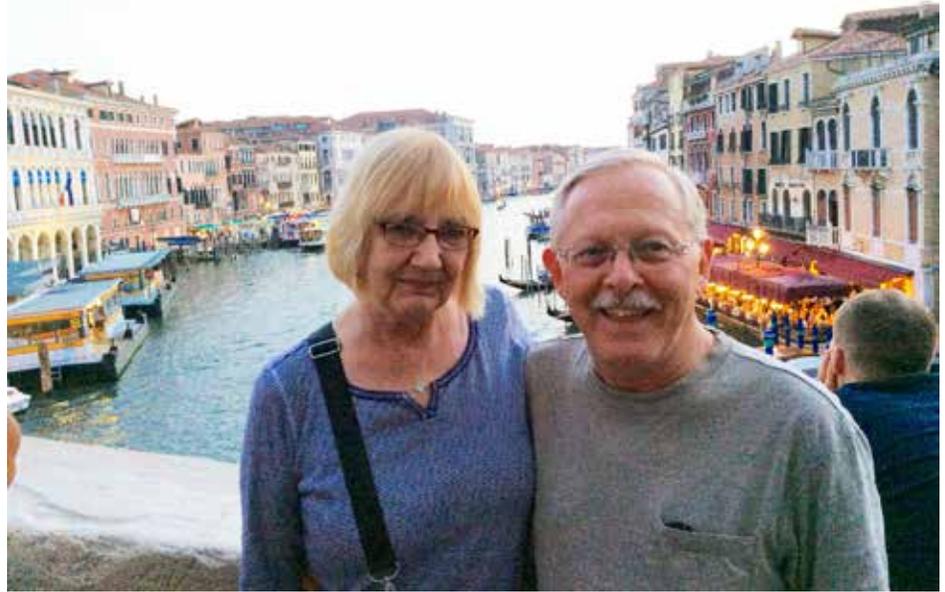
I think that we are fairly close to Ron and Margaret Eustice as he said that they live in Tucson when I talked to him at the reunion. There are others close by also. Sometimes we stop in Owatonna when we drive to our condo in Hugo MN. A lot has changed since 1963!

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From: John Anderson
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Members of the Owatonna American Legion and Owatonna Veterans of Foreign Wars color guards stand at attention on Elm Ave. as the truck hauling the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall departs from the Steele County Fairgrounds for Faribault. The memorial was on display through Labor Day.



Roxanna and John Anderson in Venice in August 2016

Listed below are some highlights from our trip last year to Europe, and my upcoming visit to Minnesota.

My wife Roxanna and I took a three week trip to Europe last August. We spent four days in Munich, four days in Venice, three days in Interlocken, and four days back in Fusen, Germany. We had a great time traveling between cities by train sometime making train connections with less than 5 minutes to spare! Interlocken is surrounded by mountains and I was able to take a memorable para-gliding ride with a spectacular view of the city and surrounding mountains.

This summer I will be visiting Minnesota and spending most of my time between August 12 and 28 at our cabin on Lake Francis near Elysian.

This summer at the Lake my sister Roberta, brother Alan and I plan to run a full day four day "summer camp" we call "Kamp Kuz" for our eight grand-kids. This is a tradition started by my parents, Frank and Sophie Anderson, with our children, their grand-kids, some 30 years ago. The grand kids range in age from 12 to 4. We have sent them "Kamp Kuz" Registration Forms and have put together a full schedule of fun activities (e.g. swimming, kayaking, canoeing, archery and several crafts) along with "Kamp" clean-up duties like washing dishes. No parents are allowed during the four day camp, and we have the grand-kids put on a little program/skit the night their parents come to pick them up. Roberta, Alan and I figure we'll be exhausted by the end for the four days.

John Anderson



A special section was set up for soldiers from Steele and surrounding counties.



Vietnam Memorial Wall set up at Faribault Fairgrounds at night.



**FROM FLORICE NELSON
LIETZKE**

Hello to all,

Have had a good year enjoying family and friends in Colorado, Arizona and Minnesota.

Our youngest grandson graduated from high school and will be attending Baylor University in Waco, TX. Hard to believe that any of us are "old enough" to have grandchildren heading off to college!!

An exciting event in my life this year will occur on September 24th in Owatonna!! Through the generosity of family and friends (some of you included); the Nelson Free Dental Clinic will be opened in honor of our parents, Hazel and Neal Nelson. The ribbon cutting will take place at 2 pm Sunday afternoon at 134 Southview St where the clinic will operate. Please join us if you are available. It has been such a privilege for my brothers and I to spearhead this opportunity. We look forward to helping those in need in the Owatonna area.

Hope you are all well and that we will all be together again for our "55th" reunion!!

Florice
jflietzke@gmail.com

FROM ROBERT BARTOSCH:

At the prompting of Jerry Carstensen's letter, "No email address for you" I'm submitting my email and some of my history.

1963-65--Austin Vo-tech school, Machine Trades/Tool Maker

1965-68--US Army, Air Defense Artillery-Missiles. Served in Missouri, Texas, Massachusetts as launcher crewman, New York on a public relations team, and one year in Korea as a launcher crewman and later a section chief.

1969-77-- Worked in manufacturing building custom machinery for Green Giant, Gedny, Hormel, King Coil Bedding, etc. Chaska, MN

1977-80-- I started work in St. Bonifacius MN as a tool maker for an ordnance manufacture, built a house in Delano MN, and married Paulette. I met her at the ordnance company. She went on to work in management at several medical companies (Medtronic, St. Jude, Boston Scientific, Sanofi Pasteur) in the Twin Cities area

1981-87-- During this time Paulette and I had two children, Kristi and Dean. A challenge at times. I often wondered where they would fit in this world as adults. Kristi is married, no children, living in Chicago Il. Dean is married, two daughters, living in Howard Lake MN.

Paulette and I are so proud of our Granddaughters. Good kids and a real treat to be with. I thought time moved so slow when I was growing up. Watching these girls grow is like watching Jack's Bean Stalk. They seem to change over night. One day they are babies and before you know it they are young ladies.

1987-92--Worked for a company in Plymouth MN building custom machinery.

2003 -- We moved to my boyhood home, the farm, in Owatonna. Dad passed away in 2000 and Mom in 2006. Paulette and I went to work and totally gutted the farm home and made it our own. What a project! Don't think I'd do it again. A real test of a marriage!

1992-2008--University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Campus, East Bank Physiology Dept. I ran a prototype shop for Academic Health, supporting medical research departments with their special needs. Great job!

2008--Grant money is tight at the "U". Many of us close to 65 yrs of age are offered a severance pkg. I took it and haven't looked back. Never regreted it.

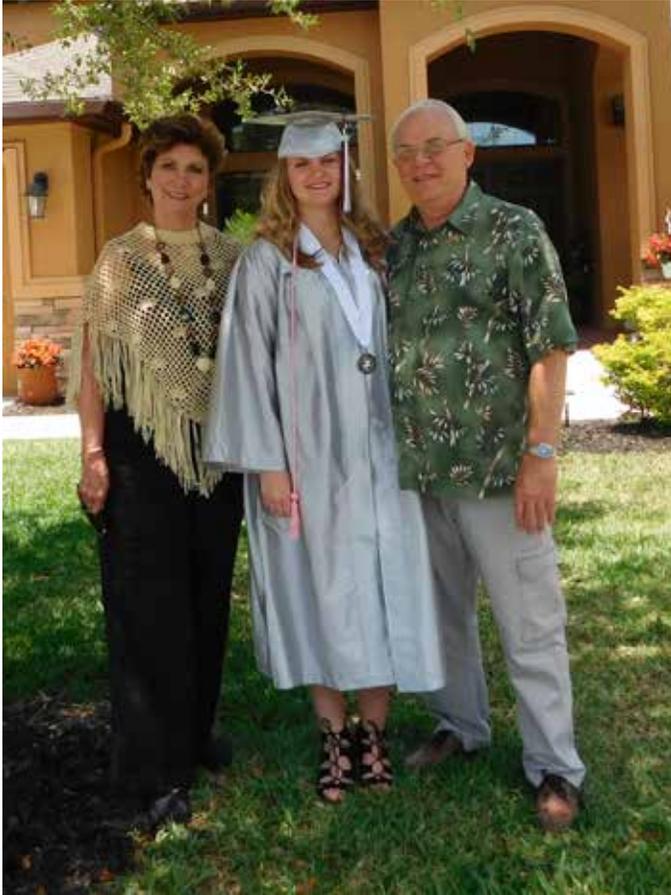
2008-2017-- Have a small shop at home where I occasionally make parts for a fellow in Hugo MN. He sells parts for the antique gas pump restoration hobby. My interests are in that same area, antique (not muscle) cars, trucks, tractors, gas engines, etc.

As others have said, "LIFE IS GOOD!"

The best to all of you!

Robert Bartosch
barto003@umn.edu

FROM PAUL PIRKL



Sharon and Paul Pirkel with granddaughter Marissa

My granddaughter, Marissa, graduated from High School in May. The ceremony was held in the USF Sun Dome, which offers box seating. My son, knowing how much I dislike stadium seating rented a box for eight of us. We watched 600 graduates receive their diplomas while sitting in the most comfortable seats in the arena. What a guy my son is!

Marissa will be going into the Army at the end of August and will train to be a Patriot missile operator. My grandson, Joe, joined the Army in Jan 2017 and is awaiting deployment after finishing his training in Virginia as a truck mechanic. Both Joe and Marissa are hoping to begin taking college courses while in the military. We pray that there will be no major escalation of conflict and they will be safe

Now, I need to brag about my wife, Sharon. Like me she is 72 (But looks like 52 and often is mistaken for being my daughter!). Unlike me, she is still working as a production make-up artist for a local TV station that specializes in doing uplinks to the major national TV networks. She gets to meet a lot of interesting people

in the news; such as, politician, show biz personalities, authors, financial advisors, military and business leaders. One of her favorite guests to make-up was Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor. He was a warm and humble man dedicated to his mission in life. Sharon was impressed with his passion and sincerity. Sadly, Elie passed away a few months later.

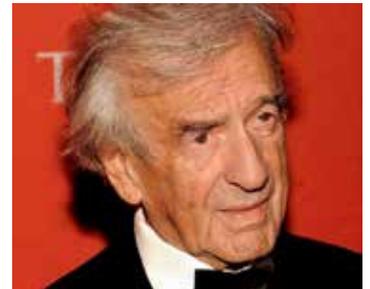
“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” Elie Wiesel

We are getting geared up for two more cruises sailing out of Tampa this winter. Both are seven night trips going to the western Caribbean. The terminal is about 40 minutes from our house so we don't have to get on one of those cattle car planes. Makes it nice to live so close to the Gulf. Tampa has just started a major multi-billion dollar re-development project centered around the river and cruise line Terminal. In Wesley Chapel, where we live, a new four rink ice hockey facility just opened along with several new hotels, restaurants and a premium outlet mall. It is a booming area and we feel fortunate to be living here along with our families.

Paul Pirkel

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*Elie Wiesel
Holocaust Survivor
(at right)*



Joe Pirkel

FROM JOEL KNIPPEL

For the last number of years we've made a trip to Deadwood, SD to celebrate our anniversary. This year Jerry and Mary Carstensen met us there and Rick and Kathy Nelson were on a road trip they were taking with Kathy's sisters and brother-in-law so they were able to be there, too. We visited Boot Hill Cemetery and several museums in Deadwood and one day Jerry and Mary joined us on a drive along Spearfish Canyon Hwy. It was a beautiful time of the year and such a scenic drive.

I have several friends here in Crosslake that take their classic cars to the "Back to the 50's" car show at the MN State Fairgrounds in June. I was able to attend that show again this year and met up with Jon Simon, Jerry Carstensen and Curt Abraham. I also ran into many other friends and it's amazing when attending such large events how many people you see that you know. It was a great show and we had a good time.

I really enjoy reading the updates and best wishes to all of you.

Joel Knippel



Nina & Joel Knippel

It's been another fast but good year. The second annual "barge" fireworks was held in Crosslake, MN over the July 4th holiday. Last year was the first year using the barges and this year we were able to use half as many pontoon structures to make up the barge. The fireworks company that we contract with for the display was able to condense a lot of the components and so much of it is done electronically now. I still haven't been able to see the fireworks, though. By the time I'm all done with the set up and try to find a location to observe the display all the viewing areas are filled up. But that's okay - it's great knowing the kids are enjoying the display and have that to look forward to.

Nina and I have been staying busy. I'm still working as a general contractor in Crosslake and surrounding areas. We do both commercial and residential work for new and remodel construction.



Fourth of July fireworks at Crosslake.

FROM RON EUSTICE

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The year has gone too quickly. Every day is an exciting adventure and life is good.

Margaret and I now spend about 8 months each year in Tucson and the remainder in Burnsville except when we are travelling. We just returned from a Danube cruise to Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. We finished the journey with a visit with friends in Coventry we met in 2016 during a cruise on the eastern Danube from Bucharest to Budapest.



Ron & Margaret at their home on Via Assisi in northwest Tucson



Ron & Margaret relax in England in early July.

Margaret and I are involved with many projects in Tucson. We are members of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, a group with over one-thousand members. I participate in cactus rescues which involved removing cacti, ocotillos and other desert plants from construction sites, mining projects and excavations. In Arizona, the cactus are protected by state law and permits must be secured before removal. Plants are brought to a central location and then sold to the public by the society. Volunteers are allowed to take some home so our 1.3 acre property is a “plant paradise” with at least 2,000 desert plants of various types, none of which would survive a Minnesota winter.

OHS classmates are always welcome at our home. Mary Helen and Ray, Florice and John and Sabra and Bill are regular guests. Jerry and Mary Carstensen, Rick and Kathy Nelson, Jon Simon and Paul Lian have also visited. The welcome mat is always out!

International Farm Youth Exchange



Ronald Eustice
Waseca,
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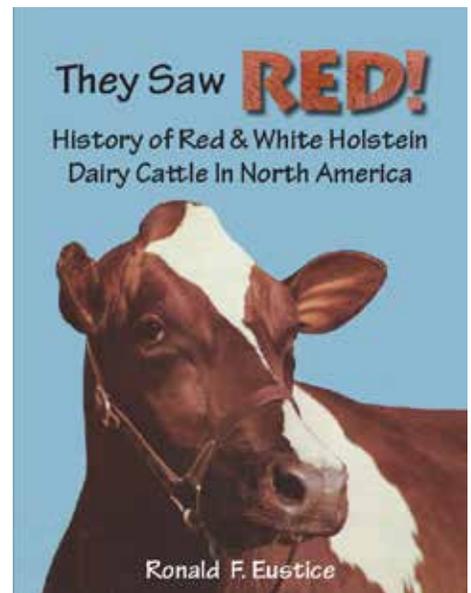


1967 Delegado a Uruguay

"I am one, we must all work together for peace."

In August, I will travel to Uruguay for three weeks. While there, I will reunite with several host families with whom I lived in 1967/68 as an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate. I have returned many times to Uruguay during the past 50 years and value the close contacts with host families.

I also volunteer at the Postal History Foundation and Margaret is a board member and officer of the Assistance League, a 501c3 organization that accepts donations which are sold at the group’s thrift shop. Proceeds are then used to buy new clothing for needy elementary students in the Tucson area.



Ron’s big project this past year was publishing a second book on the history of Red & White Holstein dairy cattle. The 275 page book is titled, “They Saw Red!” and is available through Amazon or directly from Ron.

RECIPIENT OF STEELE COUNTY LIVESTOCK HALL OF FAME NAMED

Recipients of the Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame were recognized August 16th at Steele County Fair

The Steele County Livestock Service Award, goes to a person in the livestock industry who gained their leadership skills through youth work in Steele County. The award will not necessarily be given yearly. Recipient of the first award is Ron Eustice, a native of Deerfield Township. He served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Beef Council for 22 years (1990-2012).

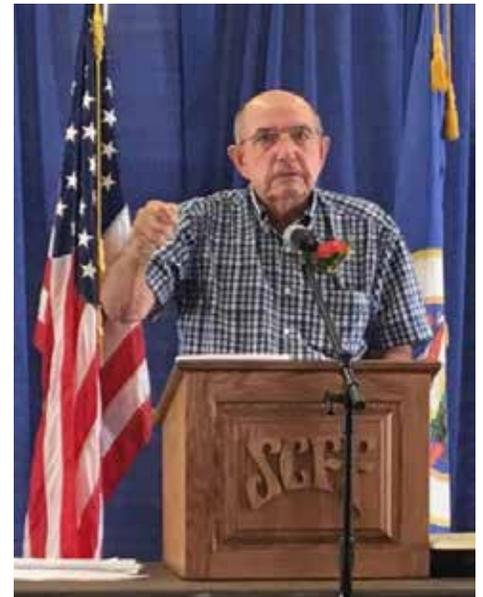
He has been recognized internationally as an expert in food safety and irradiation and has lectured at over 150 workshops in 30 states and 9 foreign countries. He was an early promoter and director for two years of the Red & White Dairy Cattle Breed and has authored books on the history of the breed.

He was elected to the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame in 2008. He was an international 4-H Youth Exchange delegate to Uruguay, South America in 1967-'68 and is still in contact with several of his host families in Uruguay.



Ron Eustice was the first recipient of Steele County Livestock Service Award at the Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held at the Steele County Fair on August 16th. Seen above with Ron are Livestock Superintendent Tom Trotman and Dan Deml, Steele County Fair Board President.

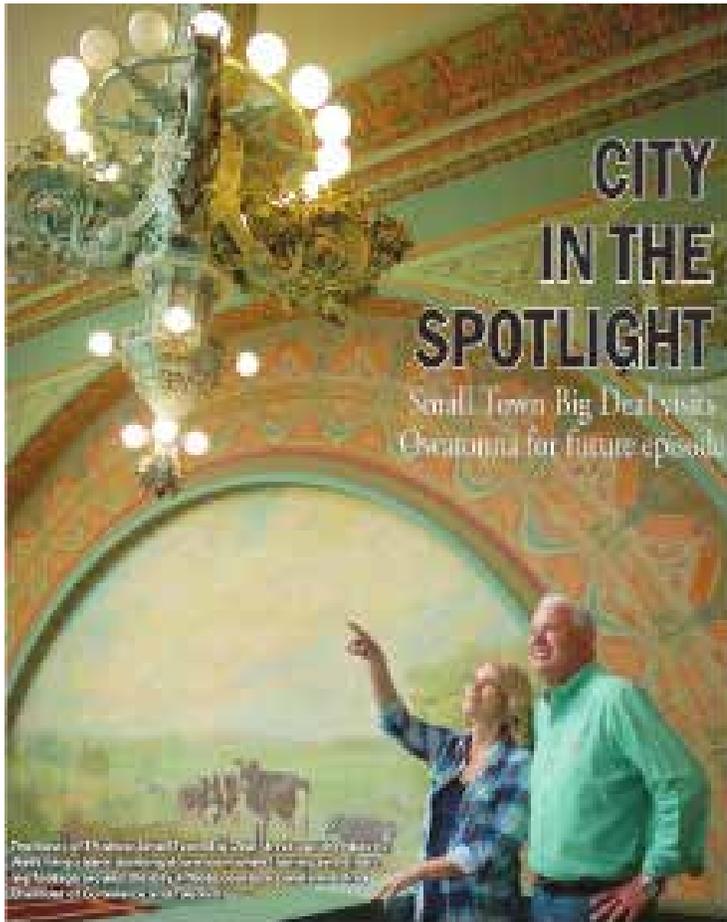
Ron has two brothers in southern Minnesota. Robert in Byron owns a large purebred Holstein herd, Donald lives in Faribault. The Eustice parents were Donald F. and Alice Mae Eustice.



Ron Eustice is semi-retired but does consulting work in food quality and safety. He and his wife Margaret live in Burnsville, MN and Tucson, AZ. They have two children; Kevin and AnnMarie and a granddaughter Sabine.



Ron Eustice together with his wife Margaret and daughter AnnMarie at Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame Ceremony at Steele County Fair. Photo by Ashley Stewart, Owatonna Peoples Press (August 16, 2016)



SMALL TOWN: BIG DEAL!

The co-hosts of television show *Small Town Big Deal* say the name tells viewers pretty much exactly what to expect.

“We go all over America telling big deals in small towns,” said Rodney Miller, founder of the independent show. “We like to say *Small Town Big Deal* is our love letter to America,” co-host Jann Carl added.

The show has traveled the country, spotlighting small communities and interesting people, businesses and events they find there, since 2012, and this fall, Owatonna will be joining the lineup after the crew spent much of Friday and Saturday shooting segments around the city. “You’ve got a beautiful town,” Miller said. “We travel all over the country, see a lot of small towns, and this is one of the best.”

The crew got the VIP treatment, with Mayor Tom Kuntz and the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism pitching in to ensure they saw all the important sites, including the Wells Fargo bank downtown, Costa’s Candies and the city’s many parks.

The show, which is independently owned and managed, is syndicated on about 150 stations nationwide. The episode featuring Owatonna will appear sometime this fall.

Owatonna People’s Press

July 18, 2017

*The hosts of TV show **Small Town Big Deal** check out the historic Wells Fargo bank building downtown while touring and shooting footage around the city.*

Remember soda and French fries after school at Woolworths?



The F.W. Woolworth store pictured in 1950 was a major retail outlet on Broadway in Owatonna. Next door to the west was Burr’s Department Store. To the east is Mary Diedrich’s Liquor Store and Central Bakery.

Lives Remembered

Vietnam



Walter Tramel – Class of 1950

Sydney Klemmer – Class of 1962

Warren Robinson – Class of 1963



Larry Kelm – Class of 1963

Curtis Ringhofer – Class of 1963



Lee Harra – Class of 1964

James Widen - Class of 1968



John Schrom – Class of 1968



William Seykora – Class of 1970



Steele County: Clyde Lee ✧ Dale Otto ✧ Raymond Spinter ✧ David Wendt

*A very nice museum is on display in the lobby of the Owatonna High School.
One of the exhibits is to recognize those OHS students that were lost in the Vietnam war*

Lives Remembered



John Harry "Jack" Lindgren
October 30, 1944 - October 23, 2016

John Harry "Jack" Lindgren, Jr., died peacefully at Duke University Hospital on October 23, 2016, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born October 30, 1944 in Hollywood, CA to John Harry Lindgren, Sr. and Phyllis Mae Kenyon Lindgren.

Jack retired in 2013 from the University of Virginia, where he had taught since 1978 and was named Outstanding Young Professor in 1983. He served as McIntire School of Commerce professor emeritus and was the driving force behind the school's renowned Advertising and Promotions programs. His classes repeatedly took top awards in the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competitions.

He held the Consumer Bankers Association Professorship and directed the McIntire Business Institute (MBI) Program at UVA. He was consultant in the area of multimedia development and web design

for clients including the US Department of Commerce and the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and Chicago.

He was past VP of the American Marketing Association, and served on boards and as faculty for many organizations and institutions in his field. He published many articles, monographs and co-authored 10 books.

Jack Lindgren served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines from 1968-1970. He was very proud of having built and stocked a library in Abra, where there had never been one, overcoming (as was his style) logistical and political obstacles.

Dr. Lindgren was a graduate of Owatonna High School, Class of 1963, earned his BA from Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, MBA from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, and PhD from Kent State University in Kent, OH.

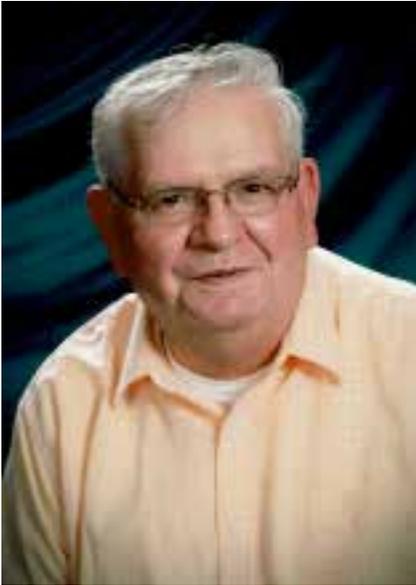
He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Krista and Chad Kerner of Raleigh, NC; son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Katherine Lindgren of Charleston, SC; son, John Harry "Jr" Lindgren, III of Santa Cruz, CA; siblings, Jill (Steve) Merkel, Gerry (Fran) Lindgren, and Jeff (Monica) Lindgren, all of the Rochester, NY area; and 2 grandchildren who loved him dearly, his fishing buddy, Austin Kerner and princess, Emma Kerner. Jack is also survived and mourned by legions of former students, colleagues, golf buddies and friends whose lives he touched in dramatic ways and who loved and respected him like family.

According to his wishes there was no funeral, and his remains were scattered in the waters off the coast of Aruba. He loved Aruba, Lake Gaston, traveling, gambling, golf and the Vikings.



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Lives Remembered



*Eugene A. Baker
(1944-2017)*

Eugene A. Baker, 72, Wausau, passed away peacefully in his sleep Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at home. He was born on June 2, 1944, in Rhineland, Wisconsin. His parents were Esther (Meeks) Baker, and stepfather Chester Baker. He graduated from Owatonna High School, Owatonna, Minnesota in 1963. Gene Baker married Jane Tietz on November 8, 1969, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wausau. He worked at Connor Forest Industries, Sterling Drug, Crestline, and Wausau Chemicals. After a back injury, he returned to school and earned his accounting degree from Northcentral Technical College in 1984, where he served as president of the Adult Returning Students Club. After obtaining his degree, he worked for the Federal Milk Market Examining Board and as an auditor for the IRS, from which he retired in 2011. After his retirement, he worked for Young's Long Term Care Pharmacy as a driver.

Gene was very generous with his time and enjoyed serving and assisting others. Over the years he volunteered for several organizations, including coaching minor league and little league baseball and Women's Softball. He was

involved with the Wausau Softball Association, serving as treasurer and supervisor of the concession stand. He served on the Grant School PTA, the state PTA board and on the Wausau Auxiliary Police. He had also been very active in volunteering at church, where he served on the church council, was treasurer, served on multiple committees and volunteered for Open Door and the Wausau Community Warming Center. He also had volunteered as a poll worker on election days.

When Gene Baker wasn't busy serving others, he found time to make wood projects and furniture to give as gifts, fish at the cottage, cruise around the lake in the pontoon boat, play cards and attend car races. He enjoyed baking and cooking, especially the large annual Thanksgiving meal for his family. He also loved watching the Brewers, Packers and Badgers and spending time with the family dogs, of which there were several over the years.

Gene is survived by his wife Jane and children Nicole (Brian) Tieman, Wausau, Kimberly (Jesse) Suchon, Town of Maine, and Matthew (Melissa) Baker, Kronenwetter, and six grandchildren that he was very proud of: Vanessa, Natalie, Ty, Crystal, Eli & Ethan. He is also survived by siblings Faye Mervyn, Antigo, Roger (Sandra) Baker, Austin, Minnesota, Gladys (Bill) Shea, Rochester, Minnesota, and Rose (Robert) Hunn, Kasson, Minnesota, and sisters-in-law Ellen Tietz, Wausau, and Mary Baker, Denver, Colorado and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Thomas Baker and Ruth Munguia and brothers-in-law Donald Tietz and Gary Mervyn.

The funeral was January 24, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau with interment at Restlawn Memorial Park.



*Warren H. Schley
(1945-2017)*

Warren Hugo Schley, 71, of Owatonna, died Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Owatonna Hospital.

He was born August 3, 1945 in Waseca, Minnesota the son of Hugo and Berniece (Warner) Schley. Warren graduated from Owatonna High School with the Class of 1963. He farmed with his parents until 1977. Warren married Lee Ann Nelson February 19, 1977 at St. John Lutheran Church in Owatonna. The couple lived in Owatonna where Warren worked for Gandy Co., Pineapple Appeal and later Hy-Vee. He retired from Hy-Vee in 2007.

Warren was a member of Bethel Church and later Daybreak Community Church. Warren enjoyed being outdoors. He loved fishing with his boys, gardening and mowing his lawn.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Ann Schley of Owatonna; sons, Dan Schley of Owatonna and Adam Schley of Owatonna; grandchildren, Marcus and Madilyn; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held February 21, 2017 at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church with Pastor Brian Wright officiating. Interment was in the St. John Cemetery in Owatonna.

Lives Remembered

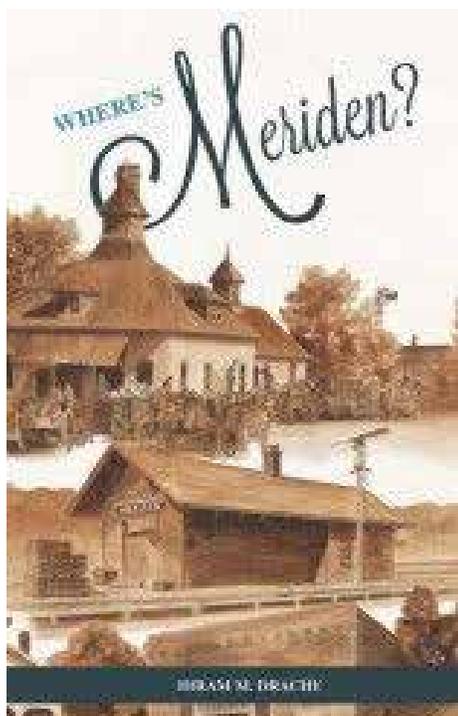


Darlette Grace Weatherly Haaland

Feb. 25, 1946 - Jan. 2, 2017

Darlette Grace Weatherly Haaland was born in Waseca, MN on Feb. 25, 1946. She grew up on a pristine dairy farm outside of Owatonna. She attended a one-room country school in Meriden Township through 8th grade and graduated from Owatonna High School in 1963.

Following high school, she worked as an A&W Root Beer carhop and bank teller. In 1966, she married Phillip Haaland (her husband for 21 years) and they had three children in three years, and they farmed, so life was very busy.



In 1979, the family moved to Dalhart, TX to farm. Not long after, Darlette began her 36-year career of being an Avon Lady. This was a huge source of joy as she loved visiting people and accommodating their orders of lipstick, fragrance and jewelry. Darlette loved the Lord. She was a wonderful and caring mom and loving grandmother of 10.

She enjoyed reading, sewing and stitching, and writing letters, and she was known for her beautiful penmanship. Darlette also loved cooking and catering. She fed thousands over the years including a state senator, who raved about her BBQ sausage. She made her special dishes for local town's people at various events and fed many prison inmates at the Dalhart unit, where she worked for 11 years.

She enjoyed bake sales and craft sales, local plays and XIT. She embraced local history, cowboy art and music. She loved storytelling and family heritage. Darlette was truly a part of her community.

Darlette was devoted to her church, Grace Lutheran, and her groups over the years including, La Rita Performing Arts Theatre, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Dalhart Extension Education, Dallam Co. Extension Education, the Cowboy Church, the Red Hattitudes, Dalhart Area Fine Arts Association, and Dalhart Senior Citizen Association.

Survivors include her three children and 10 grandchildren: Karlyle Haaland with spouse Amy have Kaleb, Josef, Eli, Chloe and Adam; Lynette Haaland Seitzler with spouse Bill have Ellie and Erin; and Monica Haaland has Madison, Maci-Lyn and Morgan and two sisters: Audrey Groskreutz of MN and Rita Vogt of AZ, and several cousins, nephews and a niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Russell and Alma Weatherly, brothers Curtis and her twin, Darwin.



Darlette raised her family in Dalhart, Texas