

A sunset scene with a bright sun partially hidden behind a layer of dark, horizontal clouds. The sky is filled with a warm, orange glow, and the water in the foreground reflects the light. The overall mood is nostalgic and serene.

Remembering our classmates

**St. Louis Park High School
Class of 1970**

Remembering our classmates.

Note: graduation pictures were used if more recent photos were not available.

Notices are arranged chronologically from the most recent deaths.

Thomas Seubert

Thomas Seubert, 70, passed away on June 15, 2022. Tom was born May 12, 1952, to Earl and Elaine Seubert in St. Louis Park, MN. He was a proud Eagle Scout who loved the outdoors, spending time with friends and going on many amazing trips as part of his father's photography work. After graduating from St. Louis Park High School in 1970, Tom worked as a Boundary Waters guide and bus driver in Colorado, before settling into his career as a printer. In 1979, he married Stephanie and had two children, Stephen and Amy. Through the years, Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at the cabin. In his retirement, he was a loyal employee at Deakne's Hardware in Minnetonka. Tom is preceded in death by his father, Earl. He is survived by wife, Stephanie; mother, Elaine; sisters, Sharon Smith and Carol (Greg) Clark; children, Stephen and Amy (Eric) Dawson; grandchildren, Teddy, Louie and Willy; and many nieces and nephews.



Dawn Vergamini (Dougherty)

Dawn Vergamini, 70, of Superior WI, went home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 24, 2022, with her family at her side, at Solvay Hospice House. She was born in Decorah, Iowa in 1952 to Robert and Fern Dougherty, grew up in St. Louis Park, MN, graduated from Concordia College of Moorhead in 1974, and completed Physical Therapy studies at the Mayo Clinic in 1976, practicing in various facilities until her retirement in 2000.

Dawn married Greg Vergamini shortly after completing physical therapy school, and they raised two daughters who remain their pride and joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her best friend and husband of 45 years, Greg



Vergamini, daughters Lindi (Eric) Flemmen of Superior, Carli (Ross) Dudzik of Duluth, grandchildren Lilee Flemmen, Austin Flemmen, Sawyer Dudzik, sister Kay (David) Winek of Superior, and an extended family of in-laws, cousins, etc.

David Weisman

David Charles Weisman, 69, passed peacefully Dec 28, 2021 from complications of COVID-19. His mother, Rivian Weisman gave birth to him Sept 30, 1952 while in an iron lung during the Polio epidemic. A kind, gentle, loving free-spirit, with an undying devotion to his daughter, Sarah, he will be remembered by his weekly "Shabbat Shalom, Love Always" texts and



his everlasting love of chocolate malts. Preceded in death by his wife: Becky Weisman, and parents: Paul & Rivian Weisman, who we believe are welcoming him to a world free of any earthly hurts and pains. David is survived by his daughter: Sarah Weisman &

fiancé, Tony Schmitz; sister: Parrel Weisman Caplan; brother: Billy Weisman, & partner, Robin Fisher; nieces and nephews: Chloe Caplan, Alyssa Caplan, Aly Weisman Gilboa, & husband, Dave; Charlie Weisman, & wife, Laura; and his loving cousins from the Hechter and Weisman families.

Bruce A. Raizes

Bruce A. Raizes, 69, of St. Louis Park, passed away on October 5, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Dorothy Raizes. Survived by aunt, Shirley Ann Cohen; cousins, Joel Cohen, Jan Cohen, Donald Brown and other relatives and friends.



Douglas Rodengen

Douglas J. Rodengen, 69, of Golden Valley passed away Sept. 21, 2021. Third generation proprietor of Fridley Heights Cyclery, Columbia Heights. Preceded in death by his mother, Florine (nee Tomte) Rodengen, father, Roger Rodengen and step-mother, Betty Rodengen. Survived by his beloved wife, Michele; sons, Tom (Carlye), Chris (Amy) and Jon (Laura); grandchildren, Riv-er and Julia; sister, Debbie (Norm) Arns; brothers-in-law, Kevin and Tim (Alex) McMillen; nieces, Mindy and Kayla Arns, Milica McMillen.



Reid Wexler

Reid M. Wexler, 69, of St. Louis Park, died August 7, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Harold and Shellie Wexler. Survived by his wife, Bonny; Matan (Yaffi), Dikla (Matt) and Sema (Avner); brothers, Michael (Rae Ann), Adam (Greta); sister, Jill (Neil) Singer; and many grandchildren.



Michael Sabes

Michael Guy Sabes, 68, born in Minneapolis on October 13, 1952 to Jack & Dolly Sabes. He died peacefully at Our Lady of Peace on the evening of May 22, 2021. We thank the wonderful caretakers and nurses for their loving care and compassion. Michael is survived by his sister, Jacqueline Sabes Ryan and her husband Richard Ryan; and Michael's very special close friend, Eileen Sabes. Michael was a "free spirit" who was loved by so many wonderful caring friends and family members. He is finally free, he is flying and he is happy.



David Haynes Skoro

David Haynes Skoro "Captain Dave", 68, of Bayfield, WI, passed away April 3rd, 2021 in Minneapolis, MN, due to a brief illness. Captain Dave was an iconic



figure in Bayfield and the surrounding area for decades. His influence, humor, personable nature, and expertise touched literally hundreds of people spreading far beyond the local confines of Bayfield. Throughout his life Dave wore many caps of mastery from mechanical tinkering, photography, to printmaking and knowledge of typog-

raphy, and graphics salesman, to his outstanding skill as a sailor and teacher of sailing, working at various sailing businesses including Sailor's World in Wayzata MN. He'd reached the official pinnacle of his seaman-ship acquiring the USCG 100-Ton Master's License. The Lake Superior waters became his home.

After retirement, Dave was honored as Captain Emeritus at Superior Charters, Bayfield WI, where he had worked as Captain, and teacher for the last 25 years. Entrepreneurship was another skillset for Captain Dave, from a start-up print shop, an up-scale florist shop "Yantra," a signage business, to several catering ventures which showcased his love of cooking. Captain Dave was also a licensed minister marrying many couples in many settings including Puerto Rico! Community was everything to Captain Dave.

People who knew Dave, remember him as helping whenever he could, never a bad word to others and giving his sage advice. Dave was a great storyteller and wanted the best for everyone. Dave helped people throughout the area including helping a Native American teen to receive his drivers training towards his driver's license. A proud moment for that teen, reflecting the gratitude many of us have had for having known the big-heartedness of Captain Dave. Sail on Captain Dave.

Dave was born on July 20th 1952, attending St. Louis Park High School, graduating in the class of 1970. Dave is preceded in death by parents Donald & Allie Skoro. Survived by brothers: Steve (Jean, passing in 2016), Martin (Roselyn), Peter (Dede), and Robert (Molly) — nieces and nephews, Robert (Ellen), Elizabeth, Stephanie, Thomas, Allie, John, and Chessa.

Jerald James Portz

Jerald James Portz Jerry, 68, passed away May 9, 2020 after a long and courageous battle with Lipo-Sarcoma. Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; sister, Judith (Jerry) Huls; niece, Jackie (David) Sarff; nephews, Jerod Huls and Justin (Cassie) Huls. Special friends, Josh, Karen, Makaela and Mason Malin, the family who added brightness to his life.



Stephen W. Rasmussen

Stephen W. Rasmussen, 67, of St. Louis Park MN, passed way on April 3, 2020. Preceded in death by parents John and Helen Schaffer Rasmussen and brother Neil Rasmussen. Survived by children Maria (Ryan), Bernard, Joseph, Grace (Steve), Anthony, John, Therese, James, Helen & David; grandchildren Alexis, Tyson, Luci, Evelyn, Charlotte & Teddy; Brother Chris and sisters Ruth and Mary and numerous cousins and friends who we will always cherish.



Steve served in the Army for nearly four years, and worked over 33 years in the Post Office. He subsequently worked in a group home for four years.

He was a loving, charitable person who was very involved with the Mission of Mercy, which helped people in Haiti. He and his family and friends held an annual pig roast fundraiser for about 20 years to aid Haiti, as well as bring many good people together.

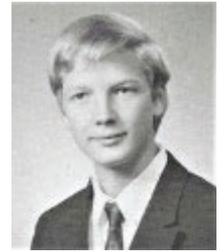
Marianne Kane

Marianne Kane, 67, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2020. Preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Estelle Kane. Survived by brother, Bruce (Sue) Kane; sister, Abbie Kane; nephews, Matthew (fiancé, Jessica Usem) Kane, Michael Kane, Steven (Libby) Kane and their son Theodore; and special friend, Mark Kiperstin.



James Olson

Jim W. Olson, 67, formerly of St. Louis Park, went home to rejoin his beloved family, friends and pets who passed before him on January 25, 2020. Jim handled his battle with cancer with hope, grace and courage. During his too brief time here, he made many friends and influenced countless others with his unique outlook on life. He is survived by parents Chuck and Peg, brothers Charles (Liz), Scott, Brennan, Todd, Luke (Karah), sister Jill Heinbigner (Kurt) and special friend Laura Stolpe. Jim was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.



Linda Hanson Swaggert

It is with great sadness that the family of Linda Hanson Swaggert, 67, beloved wife, sister, aunt, and friend, announce her passing on December 6th, 2019. Born in Minneapolis on June 30, 1952, Linda was preceded in death by her sister, Diane Hanson, father, Clifford Hanson, and mother, Helen Hanson. Linda graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1970 and enjoyed a successful career at ADP. From her early 30's onward, Linda faced serious medical challenges, yet she responded with purpose and vigor by developing deep medical knowledge, forming collaborative relationships with her medical teams, and approaching life with a zest and passion that defied her physical limitations.



In 1990, she married the love of her life, Joel Swaggert, who became her selfless caregiver, truly fulfilling his marriage vows, "in sickness and in health." Linda was devoted to her two canine companions, Bandit and Gracie, and loved spending time in nature, especially on the North Shore, Sanibel Island, and evenings on the porch with sunset walks around her neighborhood lake. She was a loving and caring sister and aunt, always interested in the lives and adventures of her extended family members, always inquiring about others, as well as a loyal friend.

Her remarkable tenacity and life spirit will never be forgotten. Linda is survived by her husband Joel, brother Brad (Karen) Hanson, sister Julie (Russ) Magnuson, many brothers and sisters in law, and her adored nieces and nephews.

David Ketrosor

David Benjamin Ketrosor, M.D., J.D., 67, of Minneapolis, died due to complications of MS on November 7, 2019. Preceded in death by mother, Grace. He will be deeply missed by his wife and soulmate of seven years, Deidre; son Bryan (Nicole), grandson Matthew; sister Diane (Pat) Thurlow; brother Robert (Jane); sister Heidi Ketrosor Massey; father Irwin; in-laws, cousins, nephews and nieces; and other family and friends including special angel, Reva Lear.



David was born to Irwin and Grace Ketrosor. He graduated from St. Louis Park School, attended Stanford and University of Minnesota Medical School where he earned his Medical Degree, specializing in neurology. He later earned his law degree at William Mitchell School of Law and was a licensed accessibility expert.

Carole Alch Simon

In the presence of close friends and family, Carole Jean Simon, 67, of Traverse City, transitioned to ancestorhood on Oct. 6, 2019 at 6:20 a.m. Both daughters, Elizabeth (Lillie) Jean Wolff and Sarah Simon Wolff, were beside her at Munson Hospice House as she departed this plane. In her words, she had to “drop the body” after gracefully facing the course of a rare and incurable cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends throughout her final weeks, including her older siblings, Stephen Simon and Sharon Frank, and her dear friend and former husband, Glenn Wolff.

Carole approached her final years on her own terms, with style, wisdom and humor, similar to how she related to challenges and blessings alike throughout her life. She was illuminated by her quintessential warm energy and spirited personality right up to her final moments.

Her zest for upholding sound ethics and community justice never waned. She was a loving and devoted mother and mentor to Elizabeth and Sarah, who feel she imparted wisdom beyond measure as she guided them along their respective life journeys. Both daughters identify with Carole's passions, personally and vo-

itionally. They are embracing a connected afterglow of her loving presence.

Carole was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 4, 1952 to Florence Dansky and Melvin Simon. In her late teens she became enthralled in studying music and dance. She exhibited remarkable talent for both and was encouraged by her music teachers to continue pursuing singing and playing piano. She danced with the Nancy Hauser Dance Company, where she explored modern dance choreography and also studied at the University of Minnesota.

In Minneapolis in 1978 she met Glenn soon after he graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. They moved to New York City in 1979, where Elizabeth was born, and in 1987 they relocated to Traverse City, where Sarah was born. Shortly thereafter Carole pursued a real estate license and cultivated a well-respected business in realty through Coldwell Banker and Real Estate One. She was known for her ethical business practices, impeccable attention to detail and passionate love of houses throughout her three-decade long career.

In 2013 Carole took up social dancing, reigniting her passion and love for dance. She was stunning to watch with her innate coordination, musicality, charm and charisma and her deep understanding of movement style. In addition to her talent for piano and dance, Carole was a gifted wordsmith and poet. Her family plans to publish a chapbook of her poems in the coming year.

Carole was an active and proud member of Temple Beth Shalom, where she found cultural connection and supportive community within the small but vibrant local Jewish population.

Carole was known for her wisdom and big picture understanding of what's important in life. She would often write down her poignant insights. When asked about the dying process she remarked to her family, "We are all electrical energy, which, when we die, and in this case the dying person is me, the electrical energy continues. We don't know exactly where it goes, but it coagulates somehow into a magnetic field, like the movements of a really good modern dancer who's totally grounded and connected with the floor. We are all just iterations of stardust, here for a moment and then back again to where it all began. A completion of the loop."

Jeff Norman

Jeff Norman, 67, died on August 24, 2019 of complications from leukemia. Jeff attended the University of Colorado/Boulder and received his BFA in Visual Arts from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. He received his MA from San Francisco State University (Creative Arts Interdisciplinary Program at the Center for Experimental and Interdisciplinary Arts).



Jeff was an artist, and in his 50's he returned to an early love of music and began writing, performing and recording his songs. Jeff also did freelance graphic design and also designed museum exhibits. He was married to Kathy Geritz and they have no children. After moving to San Francisco in 1979, he bought a house in Oakland in 1984, where he lived until his death.

Beginning in the late 1990s, his art projects were focused on his neighborhood and included books, temporary and permanent installations, a paper archive and a website (under construction) relating to the neighborhood, and community projects. (See his website sharedground.org). His earlier art work included photo and text pieces and pastel drawings, which he exhibited widely.

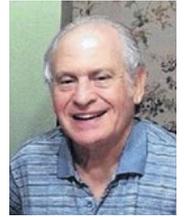
Claudia (Dee Dee) Noren

Claudia M. 'Dee Dee' Noren, 67, of Champlin, passed away April 9, 2019 surrounded by family and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Lachlan M. and Shirley M. (nee Wilkinson) Noren; brother and sister-in-law, Randall J (Cheryl) Noren. Dee Dee was a bright light who looked at the world through rose-colored glasses. She was retired and a volunteer with Lutheran Social Services. Survived by daughter Jessica (Daniel) Sylvestre; grandson Vincent Noren-Sylvestre; siblings, Robert (Debra) Noren; Jude Savage; Nancy (Gary) Carpenter; and Pat (Lyle) Noren Enderson; uncle, Marlow O. Noren; friend, Cindy Olson; nieces, nephews, cousins and many other loving family and friends.



Richard Friedman

Richard L. Friedman, passed away at the age of 66 on December 11, 2018. Rick was born in Chicago in 1952 and moved to Minneapolis in 1957. He graduated from University of Minn. in 1974, and he received Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Microbiology in 1979. He worked as a research scientist in Bern, Switzerland 1982-1984. Rick was a professor at University of Arizona, College of Medicine, as a Microbiologist from 1984-2017. He served one sabbatical as a scientist at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London England 1994-1995. Rick published numerous scientific articles during his career and he was a guest speaker at biological science conferences in the U.S. as well as Europe, Egypt, South Korea, China and India. Rick is survived by his aunt, Bernice Berger and cousins, Michelle Sarab, Robin Goldstein, Karen Kaplan and families, and his partner, Martha Frailey. In his younger years, Rick was a soccer player and skier. He was an ardent supporter of University of Arizona basketball and was a season ticket holder for 30 years. He was an avid fly-fisherman and hiker. Throughout his adult life, Rick was passionate about cooking both in his kitchen and on his outdoor grill. Rick was well loved by family and friends who will miss him greatly.



Stephanie Lynn Kirk Kasper

Stephanie Lynn Kasper, 65, a resident of Underwood, died Thursday, April 26, 2018. She was born on September 8, 1952, to Edward and Barbara (Overmann) Kirk in Minneapolis, MN. Stephanie attended Ethel Baston Elementary School and graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1970.



Stephanie had a successful dog grooming business in the Battle Lake area from 2006 through December 2017. Prior to that, she had been a bartender in Minneapolis for 30 years. Travel was Stephanie's passion. At home, she loved gardening, always anticipating her first home grown tomato. She loved reading and playing with her many pets.

Preceding her in death was her father, Edward L. Kirk; husband, Neil Kasper; grandparents, Lambert and

Hazel Kirk, Albert and Mary Overmann; uncle, Ralph Kirk; aunts, Dorothy Lindstrom, Mary Mitchell, and Jean Schultz. Survivors include her mother, Barbara Kirk; son, Eric Charles Blaisdell of Underwood; and significant other, Terry Bakken of Battle Lake; siblings, Theresa (Brian) Bennett of LaPorte, CO, Edward (Ann) Kirk of Deerwood, MN, Cynthia (Scott) Ulrich of Apple Valley, MN; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Daniel S. Oakes

Daniel S. Oakes, 65, of Minneapolis, MN passed away on October 8, 2017. Cancer technically beat Dan, but he fought very hard for six years. He was still trying to qualify for a cancer study last week and was working as a much-loved Veterinarian at his clinic, Diamond Lake Animal Hospital, until Wednesday. Even though he couldn't go into the office, he refused to quit and continued to work from home. He passed away peacefully in his sleep with his family by his side.



Preceded in death by his father, Arthur. Survived by his wife, Pat; his children, Krista (Colin Simmons), Kelsey, and Jeff; his grandchildren, Arona, Leon, and Simone; his mother, Marion; his siblings, Rosanne (Tom) Higley and Tuvia (Nina) Alon; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Patricia Tietze Iverson

Patricia "Patty," 65, of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by family on September 10, 2017. Preceded in death by parents Clarence and Dorothy Tietze; brother Thomas Tietze.



Survived by loving husband, Donald; children, Chelsa (Fletcher) Bigelow and Alec Iverson; grandchildren, Dorothy and Frederick Bigelow; nephews John, Sam and Hugh; other family and friends. Graduate of St. Louis Park High School. Graduate of U of MN with a Masters degree in Human Resources. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, and making others happy. Patty was a loving and caring wife, mother, Noni, aunt and friend who will be deeply missed.

Craig L. Mattson

Craig Luverne Mattson, 65, passed away on March 25, 2017. He was born to Ralph and Frances Clauson Mattson on February 28, 1952 in Karlstad, MN. His first years were spent on a farm near Lake Bronson, MN. His family moved to Minneapolis, MN where he attended Calhoun Elementary School, Westwood Junior High and St. Louis Park High School graduating



in 1970. While in high school Craig modified his car and did some drag racing at MN Dragways. Later on he customized a 1965 Nova which he raced at Brainerd International Raceway and Rock Falls, WI with his crew. He enrolled at Dunwoody Institute to learn the trade skill of welding only to be interrupted by a draft notice from the U.S. Army. After basic training he was stationed in Germany. Upon return he traveled to California and found employment making side cars for motorcycles which led him to purchase a Harley Davidson Sportster which he customized. It's a beauty!

Using his skills he was employed by Twin City Welding and Maple Grove Welding for many years until he opened his own shop.... C Mattson's Welding in Hopkins, MN. He was well known as the best welder in the area.

Craig was married two times and divorced. He has a son, Kyle Luverne, with Jean Moy. He also became a second Dad to Jean's two children. He has two sisters, Kay and Mary/Lainey Mattson Vagle, Brother-in-law Chuck Vagle and Kay's son, Kevin whom he considered his brother. Craig's Doberman Pinscher, Tina, was an important part of his life and well trained. Craig lived life to the fullest. His friend, Kelly King (and his deceased brother, Jeff) knew him well...the good and the bad. They worked hard but also played hard! They partnered in restoring cars, presently working with Kyle on a 1969 Camaro. Craig made friends easily with everyone he met and retained his connections with high school friends and even Cub Scout friends as well. He would help anyone in need. John 15:12-13. Craig told his sister "this very funeral home has become our hangout now" as he has lost many buddies in recent years.

In the later years he was a seasonal worker for Chuck Minter and family in McGregor, MN on Davis Lake. He became a family member to them. Craig said often it was like paradise living there with clean air, acres of trees and lakes, the natural habitat, picturesque and

peaceful. Old Murphy (his least favorite horse) has outlived even Craig!

Craig's loving care team of Kyle, Kay, Mary/Lainey, Chuck and Julane witnessed his transition to his eternal home. It is a Swedish/Norwegian tradition in our family that when a death has occurred you open a window and light a candle, which we did, to let his spirit soar. At the same moment on the street outside we heard a roaring motorcycle go by.....Craig's last ride! RIP Buddy! Survived by a host of family and friends.

John Liepke

John D. Liepke, 66, of Eden Prairie, formerly of St. Louis Park, passed away suddenly Jan. 16, 2017. Survived by wife of 38 years, Debra; children, Gina (James Fehling) Bliss, Sherri (Eric) Moyer, Brian (Chelsea) and Erik (Amber); grandchildren, Holly, Olivia, Blake, Julia, Savannah and Skylar; brothers, Malcolm "Skip" (Michelle) and Peter (Roberta); also many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A 10-year baseball coach for Eden Prairie Community baseball.



Nancy Mattila Mack

Nancy R. Mack, 65, of New London died on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar.

Nancy Rebecca Mattila was born March 1, 1952 at the then Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, the daughter of Edward Mattila and Ardis Mattila. She graduated from St. Louis Park High School and attended St. Cloud State University. Before her retirement, she worked as a law office administrator and a software sales representative. She was an expert gardener, a professional-level cook and a superb editor. She lived with her husband, John Mack, in New London until her death.

Survivors include her husband, John Mack; her sister Trudy Mattila; and her brother, Jeff Mattila. She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Ardis.



Daniel White



Daniel J. White, 64, passed away April 17, 2016 in Andover, Minnesota. He does not show up in any yearbook and apparently was only at school here in 1970 where he shows up on the graduation commencement program. Per his brother Phil, Dan's key talent was "fine craftsmanship". Dan went to trade school for gunsmithing and studied blade smithing and metallurgy.

Sandra Lee Lesch Aldrich

Sandra Lee Aldridge, Age 64, of Plymouth, MN, passed away March 28, 2016. Preceded in death by parents, Lorraine and Donald Lesch. Sandy spent over two decades working for UFCW Local 653, retiring in 2012. She has since spent her time with family and friends, and caring for her granddaughter, Olivia.



Patrick J. McIntosh

Patrick J. McIntosh, 63, of St. Bonifacius, passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 from pancreatic cancer. He was preceded in death by father, Donald. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; mother, Gloria; sister, Mary (Dan); brother, Douglas (Polina); nephew, Leo; Patricia's family; aunt, Patty; many cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed.



Gale M. Southworth Winikoff

Gale M. (Southworth) Winikoff, 62, of Edina, passed away July 15, 2015. Preceded in death by parents and two siblings Patricia and Diana. Survived by husband Arlan; daughters, Andrea (Sean) Davis and Sarah (Stuart) Winikoff; grandson, Benjamin Davis; sister, Sue (Steve) Holmer; brothers, Bill and Skip (Audrey) Southworth; many other relatives and friends. Gale dedicated her career to education, teaching grades 4, 5, and 6 in the Osseo School District. She will be remembered for her devotion to friends, family, and students.



Thomas Merfeld

Thomas Walter Merfeld, 62, former residence of Outing, MN, died unexpectedly June 2, 2015 in Miami FL. Graduated from St. Louis Park High School 1970. Preceded in death by father, Theodore, mother, Lillian, brother, Gary, great nephew, Adrian. Survived by James Jeske, Life Partner of 42 years, brother Glenn, (Kathleen), former sister-in-law, Diane Merfeld, niece Lesley Morehouse (Jim), nephews, Mark Merfeld (Kathy), John Merfeld (Stephanie), David Merfeld (Audrey), Joel Merfeld (Irma); and 8 great nieces and great nephews.



Howard Brand

Howard Bruce Brand, 62, passed away May 14, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert "Morey" & Idelle Brand. Survived by brother Darrell Brand (Jennifer Turner-Brand), and many loving relatives and friends. Howard was a lifelong resident of St. Louis Park where he graduated from high school in 1970 and attended the U of M. Howard was a principle at the family business, Brand's Cameras, which was Minneapolis institution, catering to many professional and amateur photographers for 40 years. Howard's smiling face and humorous personality greeted customers daily at the store.



Wendy Jill Sokol Moss

Wendy Jill Sokol Moss, 64, passed away on September 25, 2016. Wendy graduated from Syracuse University and from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. She was a member of the California Bar and served as an LA deputy district attorney. No obituary.



Dona L. Miyazaki Taylor

Dona (Miyazaki) Taylor, 63, of Mpls., formerly of St. Louis Park, passed away peacefully March 27, 2015. Preceded in death by parents, Gilbert and Evelyn. Survived by son, Jordan; brother, Gary; nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends. She will be deeply missed for her free-spirited energy and love of life.



Dana Larson

Dana Larson, 62, died in his apartment on December 30, 2014 in St Paul, MN due to a heart attack. Dana was born on April 12, 1952 in Minneapolis, MN to Raeder and Sue Larson. He graduated from St Louis Park High School in 1970, Amherst College in 1974 and University of Denver Law School in the late 1970s. He subsequently passed the Colorado Bar. Dana is survived by his wife Sandy Yanez-Larson, and two sons - Dana C and Tyler. He is also survived by his Mom, Sue Larson and siblings, Jim (Jill), Rolfe (Peg and daughter Mariella), Lee (Jose and daughter Oliviana) and Judd (Monica and daughter Maya).



He is also survived by the many people he came in contact over his journey of life: Working at DeGigido's Restaurant, working at Baker's Square, driving a School Bus with rowdy kids that he always enjoyed bantering with, working with the accounting for the Baseball Teams of West St Paul. Dana enjoyed life to the fullest. He could pick up any sport within a matter of hours, and was one of the top Squash players in America in the early 1970s. He always tried to do what was best for everyone, and was always interested in other people. He would learn something from every conversation he had with anyone, including total strangers.

Brett R. Zlonis Lehmann

Brett R. Zlonis-Lehmann, 62, of Maple Grove, went to his final concert May 27, 2014. Music, travel, gardening and the love of his wife, Gerri, brought immense joy to his life. He will be missed by family, friends and his canine buddy, Grover.



Eloise L. Schwab

Eloise L. Schwab, 62, passed away on March 21, 2014. of St. Louis Park. Survived by mother, Beverly Johnson; brother, William Schwab; sisters, DeeAnn Anderson, Katie Hill and husband, Chris; niece, Alisa Erickson and nephew, Joshua Hill; feline companion, Babiez; relatives and friends. Preceded in death by father, Edward Schwab; grandparents, Annie and Otto Pederson; special aunt, Eloise Pederson.



Gerald Lerdahl

Gerald Steven Lerdahl, 61, passed away on January 29, 2014. He was born on August 5, 1952 in St. Louis Park, MN, the son of Audrey June Anne (nee Samland) and Gerald. J. Lerdahl. A graduate of St. Louis Park High School, Jerry served in the US Army from 1970 to 1974. He moved to Atlanta in 1987 after living in Tennessee. Jerry has worked as a veterinary assistant at VCA Buckhead Animal Hospital (formerly Buckhead Animal Clinic) for twenty-two years. He is survived by his aunt, Carol Albold, his cousins, Debra Lynn Stone, Penny Marie Reich and William Allen Jarvis, any his many loving friends and coworkers.



Kay Marie Houdek Gasman (Houdek)

Kay Marie Houdek, 61, of Laporte, MN, died Monday, October 14, 2013 at her home. Kay was born January 13, 1952 in Crystal, Minnesota, the daughter of Neon and Lorraine (Walz) Houdek. She was raised and educated in St. Louis Park, MN. She married Greg Gasman in Nov. 26, 1982 in Bemidji. She is survived by her husband – Greg Gasman; 2 sons - Dustin (Jessica) Gasman Shyler Gasman; father – Neon Houdek; sisters-Karen (James "Bo") McCarter, Bambi (Duane) Goodwin, Gale (Ken) Garin, Nancy Houdek; brother-Rod Houdek; numerous nieces nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother.



Barb Hougahl LaVigne

Barbara Hougahl LaVigne, 61, of rural Star Prairie left us unexpectedly on July 20, 2013 at Regions Hospital, after the sudden onset of serious health issues.

Barbara Joanne LaVigne was born February 4th, 1952, in Stevens Point, WI, to John and Margaret Hougahl. She attended school in Colfax through her sophomore year, and graduated high school in St. Louis Park, MN. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in social work. She married Nick LaVigne in 1979, and they had three children, Tyler, Anna, and Tucker. Barb worked as a social worker for Polk County, and has worked at Baldwin Area Medical Center for over 20 years. She loved to be with her family, work in her flower gardens, read, and travel.



While sharing our loss and our memories, friends mentioned a few thoughts that reveal a lot about Barb: She made the time for what was important- family and friends; She was the "conduit" that kept the extended family connected; Her irreverent sense of humor raised raucous laughter-and eyebrows; If you asked for her opinion or advice, you could depend on getting the unvarnished "truth according to Barb"; She went above and beyond to meet the emotional and financial needs of patients and their families; and this was repeated by many, "She was my best friend."

Left to miss her and celebrate her life are: Husband, Nick; children Tyler (Jenny Phillips-Kube), Anna, and Tucker. Brothers John Hougahl (Ginny), Doug Hougahl (Debi), and Tommy Hougahl. "Grandchildren," Jake and Lucy Kube. Niece (Cassie) and nephews (Robin and Josh), Aunt Bev, and many cousins. Mother-in-law, Ina LaVigne, and sisters and brothers-in-law. Many life-long friends, close friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Preceded in death by: Parents John and Margaret Hougahl; father-in-law Norman "Stony" LaVigne.

Mark Thompson

Mark A. Thompson, 60, of Schaumburg, IL, formerly of St. Louis Park, MN, died Tuesday, February 26, 2013. He is survived by his two loving daughters, Sarah Thompson and Michele (Patrick) Pope; his sister, Ann (Robert) Moore and brother, Michael Thompson and his many nephews. He had many passions in life including car racing and being outdoors with his family. He devoted much of his time and energy to his love of photography. He will be greatly missed.



Ida Matthews Tomasko



Ida (Matthews) Tomasko, 61, of St. Louis Park, passed away Jan. 6, 2013. Preceded in death by parents. Survived by children, Gregory, Shawn, Kelly, and Ashley (Eric); brother and two sisters; five grandchildren.

Steven K. Balick

Steven K. Balick, 60, passed away on September 9, 2012. From his Caring Bridge site:



“In February of 2011 I was diagnosed with Lymphoma. It was clear from the pathology that the best way to treat the disease was a bone marrow transplant. The idea was that I would have 6 rounds of chemo to kill all of the cancer in my body, extract healthy stem cells, then put me in the hospital at Stanford, kill my immune system and then put the stem cells back into my body where they would eventually grow a completely new healthy immune system. The transplant took place in September 2011 and it wasn't long before I was feeling OK, weak but OK. Unfortunately our optimism was short lived. We found out shortly after the first transplant that the lymphoma never went away and that a donor transplant would be necessary. The idea behind this one is that after chemo, donor stem cells are infused into my body where they fight with my own compromised cells, take over and create a new healthy immune system. Weird science.” No obituary.

James C. Raabe

James Raabe, 60, of Plymouth, passed away at home August 2, 2012. Jim was born in Huron, SD, grew up in Spirit Lake, IA and graduated from St. Louis Park High School class of 1970. After high school, Jim spent 2 years in the army where he was stationed at Ft. Myer, VA as a member of the Presidential Honor Guard. He worked for Minntech Corp. for 22 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond E. Raabe & step-father, Frank Sovis. He is survived by his wife, Lori; son, Derek Raabe; mother, Mary Jean Sovis; brother, Kevin Raabe; children, Shannon & Jared Bertheaume; grandsons, Xavier & Xander; many other loving relatives and friends.



Risa Weisman



Risa Weisman, 59, of Hallandale, FL, formerly of Minneapolis, passed away July 16, 2012. Preceded in death by her parents, Irving & Sylvia Weisman and brother Steven. Survived by brother, Ronnie Weisman; sister-in-law, Lisa Weisman; nephew, Jess; niece, Allison.

Kevin P. O'Reilly

Kevin P. O'Reilly, 59, of Champlin, formerly of St. Louis Park, passed away July 13, 2012 peacefully into the arms of Jesus surrounded by family. Preceded in death by parents, James & Lois; brothers, Timothy and Daniel. Survived by wife, Chris; son, Adam; sister, Mary (Jeff) Bugge; many nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends.



Donald C. Aldrich



Don “Dondo” C. Aldrich, 59, died May 15, 2012. Preceded in death by mother, Dorinda Aldrich. Survived by wife, Cynthia; father Anthony; brothers, Robert (Jane), Alan, Steven (Nancy); 9 nephews, 4 nieces, 8 grand nephews, 3 grand nieces; and many stupendous friends.

David Tabor

David L. Tabor, 60, of Ham Lake, passed away on March 17, 2012. Preceded in death by sister, Jennifer Johnson; grandparents, Tabor and Stevens; father-in-law, Thomas Wiswell Sr.; brother-in-law, Rich Wiswell; niece, Rebecca Olson. Survived by loving wife and partner, Margaret (nee Wiswell); daughters, Heather Marie Tabor, Rachel Renee Shirpiro; 5 grandchildren; parents, John and Lorna Tabor; siblings, Gail (Chip) Shaefer, Bruce Tabor, Cynthia (BIL) Hopp; many other relatives and friends.



Rita Anderson Remington



Rita Arlene (Anderson) Remington, 60, passed away March 2, 2012. She grew up at 2917 Kentucky Avenue South where her father Donald L Anderson lived until he died in 2003. Her mother Florence died in 2017. Rita is survived by children Cassandra, Curtis, and Kendra.

Wendy Dahl Schoenike

Wendy S. Schoenike, 59, of St. Louis Park, passed away on October 29, 2011. Preceded in death by parents, Juul and Marie Dahl. Survived by loving husband of 40 years, Everett; children, Paul (Sara), Jenny (Nate) Snedaker; grandchildren, Sierra, Lynk, and Ella; sister, Judy (Don) Schlais; brother, Rick (Diane) Dahl; and nieces and nephews.



John Little - American History teacher



John T. Little, 83, former Minnetonka and Kasson, MN resident, passed away on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Preceded in death by wife, Patricia. Survived by children, Tom (Nancy) Little, Megan (Steve) Beyerl, Thomas Gilmore, John (Angie) Gilmore, Jim Little and Matt Little; five grandchildren; and special friend, Jackie Kellar. Graduated from University of Minnesota with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Taught social studies for 30 years at St. Louis Park High School. Married Patricia Eslinger in 1972. In 1985 they moved to Kasson with Jim and Matt, where John pursued real estate. He enjoyed his retirement years with special friend, Jackie Kellar.

Gary A. Nelson

Gary A. Nelson, 57, of Brooklyn Park, passed away on August 17, 2010. Gary was loved by his family: son, Todd (Sheena); grandson, Crosby; mother, Mabel; 2 sisters and their families. Gary loved watching storms and enjoyed fishing. He will be greatly missed.



Michael H. Golden

Michael H. Golden, 57, of Plymouth passed away March 27, 2010. Michael, owner of Golden Photo, was a talented photographer and local blues musician. Survived by sons, Ryan and Evan; parents, Irving & Helen Golden; brothers, Daniel and Jeffrey; nieces and nephews Ben, Faye, Seth and Sara; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Robert Gendreau

Robert H. Gendreau, 58, of Maple Grove. Loving

husband, father, brother and papa died suddenly on March 1, 2010. Preceded in death by parents, Robert C. and Helen E. Gendreau. Survived by wife of 38



years, Linda; sons, Robert A. and Daniel (Hope); daughter, Mia (Ryan) Hobus; 3 precious grandchildren, Isaiah, Hannah and Bethany; sisters, Eileen (Norman) Schwartz and Mary Snell; nephews, Adam, Ryan, Nate and Erich; niece, Heidi; and many more family, friends and wonderful neighbors. Robert was a union carpenter for 30+ years. He enjoyed morning coffee with friends, camping, outdoor sports, helping people and playing with his grandchildren. Family time was very precious to him.

Victoria Roth Lord

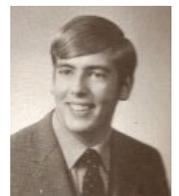
Victoria Ann (Roth) Lord, 58, died unexpectedly on February 14, 2010 in Bremerton, Washington. The cause of death was cardiac arrest after choking on food. She had resided for the past several years at her



parents' home in Okee, WI. Vicki had a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Minnesota. She loved reading, writing, listening to music and swimming in Lake Wisconsin. She is preceded in death by her daughter Tori. She is survived by her immediate family members: her parents, Jim and Audrey Roth; her son Travis Lord (Jewell); her beloved grandchildren Kayli, Jacob, Ashen and Melinda; her siblings Jennifer; Cynthia (Anita); James, Jr. (Lou Ann); John (Shelly); and six nieces and nephews.

David D. Smith

David D. Smith, 57, of Big Lake, died on Feb. 1, 2010. Survived by his wife of 34 years, Zona; son Bryan, his wife Liz, and their daughter Chloe; daughter Betsy, her husband Jason Bartholomew, and their children Jasper and Lilly; parents Dudley and Mary Anna Smith; brother Kevin (wife Bev Zimmer) Smith; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Curtis and Lil Wood; brothers-in-law Dave (Dianne) Wood, Steve (Pam) Wood; and nieces and nephews.



Cynthia L. Kunin Ginsberg

Cynthia Kunin Ginsberg, 57, of Minneapolis, died peacefully at home on September 28, 2009 surrounded



by her family after a courageous battle with uterine cancer. Survived by husband, David Ginsberg; children, Andrew (Emily), Todd, Adam, and Charles Ginsberg; grandsons, Ethan and Eli; parents, Beverly & Paul

Kunin; sisters, Jennifer Kunin and Wendi Kunin Tanner (Kenneth); mother-in-law and father-in-law, Doris & Ted Ginsberg; brothers-in-law, Gordon (Kate), and Joel (Sara) Ginsberg; nieces and nephews, Sam, Josh, Brody, Miya, Dana, Jessica, and Amanda; and a powerful & devoted circle of friends. Everyone who knew Cindy will miss her smile, her caring nature, her kindness and her love.

Mary D. Jaenson

Mary Dee Jaenson, 57, Minneapolis, MN, died of cancer at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, on September 24, 2009. She was preceded in death

by parents, Richard and Gladys Jaenson and brother-in-law, David Longinaker. Survived by twin sister, Holly (Lee) Borgen, brother, Richard (Sharon) Jaenson, and sisters, Jeralyn Longinaker and Allyson (Tony) Martin; nieces and



nephews, Thomas (Carolyn), Lynn, Michael David (Nyaradzo), Shawn and Kimberlee; grand-nieces, Takunda, Elise, and Elizabeth as well as numerous other relatives and friends. Mary graduated from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities earning a Bachelors of Arts degree. She was employed by Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets Corporation for over 30 years. Mary loved the Twins, Vikings and Minnesota Gophers. She was an avid golfer who once shot a hole-in-one at the #4 hole at Cedar Hills Golf Course, referred to by her family members as the "Miracle of the Trees." Mary's joyful spirit, great generosity, deep faith, good humor and tasty barbeque will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Elizabeth (Beth) Hockensmith Anderson

Beth Anderson, 56, of Nisswa, died Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Good Samaritan Society Bethany in Brainerd. Beth was born in Minneapolis on April 27, 1952 to Edward and Joyce (Johnson) Hockensmith. She is survived by many friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom.



Lorene Munson Burns

Lorene E. (Munson) Burns, 55, of Mpls., passed away on March 9, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Charlene. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Tim; sons, Jon (Ginger), Brad; siblings, Sandie Aubol, Greg Munson, Chuck (Kathy), Lynnette (Loren) Heine; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Linda J. Svendsen Doyle

Linda (Svendsen) Doyle, 55, of Medina, passed away on September 25, 2007. Survived by husband of 35 years, Tim; son, Michael; daughters, Amy and Molly; brothers, Michael Svendsen, Steven Svendsen; sister, Mary Svendsen Hjort.



Herbert D. Weitz

Herbert D. "Rocky" Weitz, 55, of Chaska, passed away on September 2, 2007 due to a result of a traffic accident. Preceded in death by his father, Herb Weitz; sister, Mary Fuhr. Survived by his loving family: wife, Teri; daughters, Anna and Rachel; mother, Olive Weitz; brother, Gary (Beth) Weitz; mother-in-law, Shirley (Ron) Sternaman; father-in-law, Cary (Joan) Breheim; brother-in-law, David (Penny) Fuhr; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Pam (Mike) O'Leary, Julie Tolzman, Cheri (Mike) Jensen, Amy Breheim, Katie Breheim.



Dr. Ronald L. Keith

Dr. Ronald L. Keith, 55, of Emporia, KS, formerly of St. Louis Park, MN, died August 25, 2007 in Emporia, Kansas after an extended illness. He was born in Minneapolis to Arthur L. and Jacqueline F. Keith and graduated from St. Louis Park High school in 1970. He graduated with a BS with high distinction from the U of MN Institute of Technology in 1975, completed three years of graduate study in astrophysics and earned a MS in science education from Cornell University in 1983. He earned his PhD in science education and MS in physics from the U of MN in 1993.



Dr. Keith taught physics and interdisciplinary studies at Emporia State University (ESU) and served as the Director of the Peterson Planetarium since 1991. Dr. Keith distinguished himself as a teacher, colleague and member of the ESU community. He was the recipient of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award in 2000 and was recognized by them again in 2007 for his excellence in service to the university and his college. The ESU Faculty Senate honored him in 2007 with a resolution commending him for outstanding leadership and service.

Ronald Keith will be greatly missed by family, friends, colleagues and students to whom he eagerly gave so much of himself. He embodied both a love for life and a love for learning, applying his indefatigable curiosity across many fields of interest. His favorite personal interests included cooking and world travel. Dr. Keith relished his family roles as son, brother and uncle. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John. He is survived by his brother, Arthur; sister, Jan; sister-in-law, Barbara; nephew, Erik; and nieces, Carissa and Catherine.

Michael Z. Burnett

Michael Burnett, 55, of Boston, formerly of Mpls, passed away on March 20, 2007. Preceded in death by parents, Gerald & Bernice. Survived by wife, Lenore Pellani; sister, Patty (Mark) Batalden; niece & nephews, Austin, Zachary and A.J. Batalden, James and Terry Cubeta.



Mark K. Greffin

Greffin, Mark K. age 54, of St. Louis Park, died Dec. 3, 2006. Survived by beloved wife, Jody; brother, Pat (Beth); father-in-law & mother-in-law, Rod & Barb Lewis; special niece & nephew, Abbey and Adam; favorite aunt & pastor, Judy Francis; many loving relatives & friends, and his beloved cats, Rocky and Pooky. Preceded in death by parents, Herb & Irene Greffin. Mark fought a valiant battle against cancer.



Joan Chazin Esterkin

Joan Chazin-Esterkin, 54, of Deephaven, on October 2006. Preceded in death by father, Norman Chazin and daughter, Alexandra. Survived by husband, Neil; children, Noah and Paige; pet, Fluffee; mother, Myra Chazin; brothers, Alan and Thomas Chazin; sisters, Marilyn Chazin-Caldie and Amy Levine; and nieces and nephews. Joan loved creating her art at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Anybody who knew her loved her.



Sara Esther Burstein

Sara Burstein, 53, died of liver disease on October 26, 2005. Preceded in death by parents, Abraham and Sadie Burstein. Survived by sister, Linda; brother-in-law, Marty; nephews, Adam and Sean Dveris, and many other relatives and friends. Born in Winona, moved to St. Louis Park at age 14, B.A. the University of Minnesota. In her work at organizations such as the Crick-et Theater, the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, the Jerome Foundation, and the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center, she recognized and supported many young artists before they became well-established. People knew her as a passionate and sensitive human being. Sara also served on the boards of Jewish Vocational Service and the Adath Jeshurun Congregation. Four years ago, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the New Israel Fund where she organized young supporters and conducted outreach to cities such as Minneapolis in support of progressive organizations in Israel.



Gary Sprague

Gary W. Sprague, 53, of Minnetonka, passed away on July 6, 2005. Preceded in death by his father, Dale Sprague. Survived by Pam Scheunemann; his mother, Jeannette Sprague; sisters, Pat and Julie and their spouses; and brother, Jim.



Keith R. Pelton

Keith Robert Pelton, 52, of Inver Grove Heights, died December 17, 2004 after a short illness. He was kind hearted and a loving husband and father. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, golf and tennis. He is preceded in death by his mother, Mildred, and brother Lee. He is survived by his loving wife Ann Carlon, daughter Brenda and her husband Ben Furuseth, son Robert, twin brother Ken and his family, and his father Clifford Pelton and family. He was a 21 year veteran in the Air Force. He retired from military service in 1993 as a Senior Master Sergeant. He graduated from college in 2002 with a degree in business management. His family and friends were what mattered most in his life. We will miss his beautiful soul.



Charles M. Cornelius

Charles M. Cornelius, 52, of Elk River, died on October 14, 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving wife, Vicky; daughters, Mary, Rachael, Amy, Carolyn and Katherine. His mother, Jane; brother, Richard; and sister, Kathy Shafer. Also survived by mother-in-law, Jacky Austin.



Donna Marie Mark Vollmer



Donna Marie (Mark) Vollmer, 51, of New Hope, passed away on March 27, 2004. Preceded in death by husband, Steven; parents, Carl & Dorothy Mark. Survived by daughter & son-in-law, Sherry & Rich Ruohonen; granddaughter, Hannah; sisters, Judy (Wally) Sanford, Kay (Bill) Peterson; brother, Greg Mark; and other family & friends.

Odell Olson

Odell Olson, 51, passed away on November 2, 2002. No obituary found online.



Carolyn L. McNeil



Carolyn L. McNeil, 50, of St. Paul, died unexpectedly on July 5, 2002. She was employed by the Minneapolis Public Libraries for many years and was a member of the Rovers Club. Preceded in death by her father, Orris and mother, Isabel.

Survived by brother, Rick (Karen) & their children; Melissa, Rebecca and Jeremy; brother, Bruce (Mary) and their children, Matt & Adam and Chris & Brad; other relatives and many loving friends.

Marsha Jean Stagg (Sewall)

Marsha Jean Stagg (Sewall), 49, of Casa Grande, AZ, formerly of St. Louis Park & a 1970 graduate of St. Louis Park High School. Moved to Arizona in 1978 after an 18 year struggle with MS. She died surrounded by her family on May 17, 2002. Survived by parents, Robert & Lucille Sewall; 2 sons, Jamison & Ryan Swigart; brother, Michael & wife Colleen Sewall of Ham Lake; sister, Cheryl & husband Richard Gutierrez; 3 granddaughters, Ashley, Alyssa & Halley; special friend & cousin, Terry Strout; niece, Dayna Diaz; nephews, Jody & Christopher; also aunts, uncles, cousins & many friends.



Steven K. Eakins

Steven Kent Eakins, 49, of Bloomington, formerly of St. Louis Park, died March 8, 2002 at home with family after a battle with liver cancer which he fought with a sense of courage and dignity that inspired his family and friends. Survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Cindy; 2 sons, Jay and Jonathan; parents, Lilla and Lyle Eakins; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Meg of Bloomington, David and Voni of Champlain Park, Jim and Brenda of Mound; mother-in-law, Margaret Algren; brother-in-law, David Algren; 5 nephews; many aunts, uncles, cousins and many very special friends.



Steven always said he was rich in friends, and he was. Steve loved life and people and found joy in his

journey with cancer because of all the wonderful new people he met. He enjoyed nature, golf, playing bridge, and coaching youth athletics. He was well regarded in the Bloomington Athletic Association where for many years, he coached football, basketball & baseball. He later coached his sons' traveling basketball teams. He was honored by both Bloomington High School teams at the Jefferson-Kennedy basketball game in January.

Jeffrey Goodman

Jeffrey David Goodman, 49, of Jordan, passed away on July 24, 2001. Preceded in death by father, Harold H. Goodman. Survived by mother, Ruth Goodman, St. Louis Park, fiancée, Kathleen Larivee, Jordan, her children, Lanissa and Landon Lavee, Jordan; sons & daughters-in-law, Jason and Sephanie Stebbins, Columbia Heights, Adam Goodman, St. Louis Park, James & Molly Goodman, Plymouth; foster daughter, Kelly; 2 grandchildren; sister, Gari (Gigi) Goodman, Seattle, WA, and nephew, David Goodman, Seattle, WA.



Steven Schlicht

Steven Schlicht, 48, was born July 8, 1952, and died April 16, 2001. Steven is buried in Saint Victoria Catholic Cemetery in Victoria, Minnesota, USA.



Deborah Lauer Johnson

Deborah Lauer Johnson, 49, died on February 21, 2001. No obituary was found online.



Michelle Elaine Leigh Schwartz

Michelle Leigh Schwartz, 48, passed away in Multnomah Co, Oregon on March 5, 2000. She is survived by husband Bruce Leigh and daughter Marie (Leigh) Bales. No obituary was found online.



Eileen Nelson

Eileen Nelson, 47, passed away on August 18, 1999. No obituary was found online. Debbie Peterson recalls her dedication to all things academic, and her love of music. "I have fond memories of her in orchestra, playing her cello with such ease and grace."



Paul D. Knigge

Paul D. Knigge, 47, passed away on February 11, 1999. No obituary found online.



Mark R. Griffith



Mark R. Griffith, 46, born February 20, 1952 passed away August 1, 1998 as a result of an automobile accident. He attended Southwest Minnesota State College for one year before moving to Florida where he lived for several years.

He had been a resident of Spencer, Iowa for the last 15 years. Mark is survived by two daughters: Shaeli and Alissa.

Tairi Gould



Tairi Gould, 45, of Santa Barbara, CA, formerly of London, England and Minneapolis, MN, passed away Tuesday, January 27, 1998. Preceded in death by loving husband, David Gardner. Beloved mother of Seth, Josh and Cassie. Further survived by devoted parents, Edmund "Chief" Gould and Reva Gould of Minneapolis; brother, Michael of Santa Barbara; sister, Barbara of Los Angeles; mother-in-law, Florence "Flossie" Gardner of London, England, and best friend, Marsha Zeesman of Brooklyn, NY. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in California, London, Santa Fe and Minneapolis. Tairi will forever be remembered for her kind and giving nature, and for her bravery, courage, and humor in life, especially during her battle with breast cancer.

Barrie Haskovitz

Barrie Haskovitz, 44, passed away on October 27, 1997.

From Jack Haskovitz:

"Barrie wasn't just my older brother, but a person who was one of my heroes in life. How memorable he was is illustrated by how many people still come up to me that knew my brother and always have a smile when they talk about him. Although my brother lived a short life, don't feel bad for him, because we should all live such a full life. From the time he graduated SLP he was one step on a airplane off to somewhere exotic place. Unfortunately our father had to call the police to escort him off the plane till he was



18 a couple of times :-). He traveled the world twice, visited places like Iran, Iraq, India, China, and too many countries to count.

When he came back to the states he settled in L.A. Self-teaching himself the skills to become extremely successful. Barrie wanted to be an actor getting a few small roles in movies, one I still watch every time it's on is the original Star Trek motion picture. He also took his dancing skills to the Gong show being the only person to be on it twice and actually won! I still have the gong in my living room mantle. From there he had to make a living so he became the head controller of Hemdale pictures, a little studio that while he was there produced a couple of small pictures you may have heard of, "Platoon, and Terminator."

He was on his way to reaching the stars until one fateful day when he went to UCLA to have himself tested for a sickness that was afflicting male homosexual men. My brother was always courageous and open with his sexuality. When he found out that he had contracted this disease and was HIV positive, like everyone at the time, he knew it was a death sentence. That was 1981. It wasn't till 2 years later that he accepted that it didn't need to be a death sentence. I truly believe my brother's life began after he contracted the most insidious disease of our generation. As more and more of his close friends, lovers started passing away around him, he became more active in AIDS awareness and prevention.

He was a constant beacon of light for so many. Because he was diagnosed at UCLA, he was in the first comprehensive study of its kind on the disease. Because of this he had access to all the cutting edge drugs available. He had AZT before it was called that. He had the cocktail before it was the cocktail. But I truly believe his calming nature, his sense of humor, and how at peace he was kept him healthy and alive for so long. He was one of the backbones of the Pasadena AIDS Service Center. Being a person so many looked up to, showing that AIDS doesn't have to be a death sentence. But what was one of his truest acts of courage was a project he received a small grant from to start a literacy program for homeless people. The difference is he would teach homeless people to teach other homeless people how to read. His belief is that a homeless person would be more responsive to another homeless person, and give self-worth to the person who was the teacher. He had no immune system left but still worked with homeless people every day. It

was one of his proudest achievements. My brother lived for 16 years with AIDS and he fought it till the end. I don't know what was harder to see in the end, him passing away, or the countless people that were devastated by his passing that on a daily basis were cheered up by his sense of humor. How he was seen as a symbol of how you can survive with AIDS. How many people came up to me after and personally wanted me to know how he affected them in such a positive way. So I just wanted you fellow classmates of my brother to know he lived, he dreamed, and he became a person who represents the best of what a person can be."

Steve H. Koval

Steven H Koval, 45, born on November 14, 1951 and passed away on January 4, 1997.



Deborah Anton Sims

Debbie Anton Sims, 44, passed away July 28, 1996 of breast cancer.

Thomas P. Larson

Thomas P. Larson, 43, away on August 28, 1995.

From Steve Aretz:

"Tom and I lived on the same block grew up together and became good friends. I have many fond memories of Tom, David Le Sage, Dean Benjamin, Steve Steige, and I hanging as the pack of boys terrorizing the neighborhood. I can still here his sweet mother opening the front door and saying in the kindest of voices "Tom you'll have to come in now, Boys you'll have to leave". I know what his mother thought that some of us were a bad influence on Tom, but those of us that knew him knew that along with that kind demeanor was just was a boy just as mischievous and adventurous as any of us.

Tom and I were also roommates when we went to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. We spent many nights, smoking, drinking and listening to Cat Stevens and T-Rex while solving the world's problems. He was a very talented man with a gentle soul."

From Wayne Klayman:

"I got to know Tom in 12th grade art class. We were both born again hippies and we became fast friends. I still look fondly at his dry-humored tribute to me in my senior class yearbook. I was saddened to see he



had passed so young. He should have outlived me. I miss you Tom..."

Dennis R. Nordstrom

Dennis R. Norstrom, 42, passed away on December 8, 1994. He was a great friend during high school. Lots of fun and full of energy. Started his work life at the original Target food department at Knollwood.



Nancy Adelmann (Johnson)

Nancy Adelmann Johnson, 40, passed away on January 18, 1992. No obituary found online.

Richard E. Rose

Richard E. Rose, 38, passed away on November 15, 1990.

From Bob Brill:

"Boy, did Dick pass too soon! I remember all those drives around Lake Harriet, with a cigarette or two (always Harriet - never Calhoun). What were we looking for? No, not the Rose Garden. All the years working at Burt's - Max Kamel telling us to stop playing switch finger (never quite knew what that meant but it didn't sound good) and Andy Nowak bringing his lunch. Dick was a good guy and a good high school friend. He is a good memory!"

From Bill Goldman:

"How many free games did we rack up after school and weekends on the pinball machines at the Carriage House? Pretty much every day after school for us it was hang out there with Garber, Peltz, Scroggins and Kurenitz. When we weren't there and the weather was nice, it was hop into the car and out to Paul's Landing where we jumped in a boat and spent the late afternoon and evening fishing (what homework?). Lunch on Saturdays at the Nankin, then back to the store..... You left us WAY too early and I think about you often."



Janine A. Christian Holzem

Janine Christian Holzem, 31, passed away on October 23, 1983. Not listed in yearbook. No obituary.



Larry A Holm

Larry Holm, 27, passed away on July 1, 1979. No obituary.

Pery Affias

Pery Affias, 27, passed away on March 3, 1978. From Ginny Rutz (Revak):

"I often think of what Pery would look like all grown up like the rest of us.....He was a handsome and fun loving friend and I miss him still."



Kevin P. Ringham

Kevin Ringham, 25, passed away on September 6, 1977. From Al Hartman:



"Kevin was, at times, a crazy sort like when he climbed a high voltage tower and did a Superman flying impersonation at the top until the cops ordered him down and took him home. But he had his serious moments, too. He was a good friend with a good sense of humor and he left us way too soon."

Dean R. Benjamin

Dean Benjamin, 18, passed away on December 17, 1969. From Beth Kimball:

"Dean and I started to become friends in senior high, especially 12th grade. We sat across from each other in, I believe, Mr. Allen's class. We talked about a lot of different things, but one thing that sticks out in my mind was that Dean idolized Steve McQueen. When he passed, I remember going to his funeral and it was wicked cold and blustery. The next day I became very ill and remember talking to Dean alot from my sick bed. I missed him alot back then, and still think about him today."



From Steve Aretz:

"Dean and I were best friends from the age of 7 until his death. We lived and terrorized the same neighborhood together. He was a great guy who died way too early."

From Jim Bergeson:

"Dean died suddenly during our senior year from Hepatitis. Dean was a great guy that was well liked by all who knew him."

Richard G. Cochran



Richard Cochran, 12, passed away on January 25, 1965. He attended Brookside and Central Junior High. We understand that he was hit by a car while delivering papers in 7th grade.

Stuart Burstein

Stuart L. Burstein, 46, was born on March 6, 1952. He died on September 20, 1998. We know that Stuart had been residing in Minneapolis. No further information available.



Unfortunately we have no information on the following classmates who have passed away:

Sally Haas

Athena Skoura

Froilan Araujo

Doug Cook

Gary V. Turnau

Gerald Kurth

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The Reunion committee has used various sources to compile the data contained within and edited for clarity and space considerations. Some information came directly from friends, family, classmates, partners and spouses. Other sources included The Star Tribune, other local newspapers and many online resources. Every attempt was made to verify the information is correct. If some of the information is incorrect, we apologize.

We Remember Them

At the rising sun and at its going down;

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength;

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart;

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; *We remember them.*

When we have joy we crave to share;

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer