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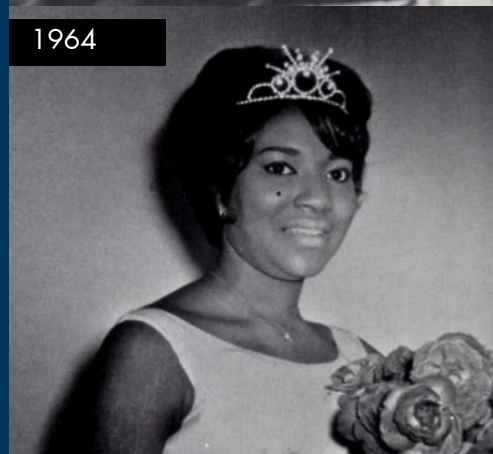
WE ARE PROUD TO HONOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES THIS YEAR:

We will honor the class of 1974 for their 50th Anniversary!

- 1944 - 80th anniversary!
- 1949 - 75th anniversary!
- 1954 - 70th anniversary!
- 1959 - 65th anniversary!
- 1964 - 60th anniversary!
- 1969 - 55th anniversary!



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FROM OUR PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Dear Notre Dame Academy Alumnae,

Welcome to this Notre Dame alumnae reunion. For us sisters, our lifelong relationships with you have always been a great source of joy!

We wanted Notre Dame Academy to be a place where you were nurtured in the conviction that you, as a woman, had a significant contribution to make to the world. Our community has always believed in the power of grace in action, and we hoped that during your time with us, you saw God's gifts in the sisters and accepted them for yourself. Many of you have told us that you have been supported over the years by fond memories of friendships developed and teachers who enlightened and encouraged you. We hope your time at Notre Dame equipped you to take on the adventures, challenges, and changes that life continues to bring to all of us.

The sisters can affirm with you that change has been a constant for us through the years. We have discovered that through even difficult changes something new can be born. When the academy closed in 1974 something new was born in Roncalli Catholic High School. Starting in 1996 the sisters gradually transformed the academy building and motherhouse into 125 units of sorely needed affordable housing providing a safe, supportive, independent living option for seniors. After the closing of the academy, the sisters took on new challenges in services to the survivors of domestic violence, immigrants and refugees, those targeted by human traffickers, as well as other justice concerns.

The U.S. province of the Notre Dame Sisters are, like all of you, losing aging family members and friends.



We now number only 27 sisters. We have five sisters in long-term care. Still, the spirit of Notre Dame is alive and well among us despite the challenges of health and years. We continue to pray confidently the verse from Psalm 92, "They will bear fruit even in their old age."

After assessing our current situation, we have concluded that we no longer need to do intensive fundraising since we have sufficient funds to care for our remaining members throughout their last days. Careful stewardship, a simple lifestyle, generous supporters, and the skilled and dedicated staff have made this possible. We remain deeply committed to our ministries and still want to engage with people who value reaching out to unmet needs and who want to be connected to something larger than themselves.

It is inspiring for us to know that you with your lives of generosity, civic responsibility, concern for justice, and faith in action are our ongoing legacy. Let us celebrate that enduring legacy today.

With blessings,

Sr. Rita Ostry, ND

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sr. Rita Ostry, ND". The signature is written in a cursive style.

President, Omaha Province



Back IN 1974

\$ What Things Cost

A new house: \$34,000
 A new car: \$4,441
 Movie ticket: \$1.89
 A gallon of milk: \$1.39
 A gallon of gas: \$.42
 A dozen eggs: \$.58
 U.S. postage stamp: \$.08

World Population

4,003,794,172

U.S. Population

213,333,634

U.S. President

Richard M. Nixon
 Gerald Ford

Top Movies

Blazing Saddles
 The Towering Inferno
 Young Frankenstein
 Earthquake
 Airport 1975
 Benji
 Herbie Rides Again
 The Godfather Part II

Baby Names

Michael	Jennifer
Jason	Amy
Christopher	Michele
David	Heather

Big Events

Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. president forced to resign after the Watergate Scandal.

The Oakland Athletics won their third consecutive World Series championship.

Sears Tower in Chicago becomes the world's tallest building.

55 MPH Speed Limit imposed in the U.S. to preserve gas usage.

Hit Songs

The Way We Were-
 Seasons In the Sun
 Love's Theme
 Come and Get Your Love
 Dancing Machine
 The Loco-Motion Railroad
 T.S.O.P.
 The Streak
 Bennie and The Jets



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The Apollo 11 module lands on the Moon. Neil Armstrong takes his historic first steps on the Moon and states, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Richard Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th president of the United States.

The Notre Dame Sisters Omaha province are permitted to wear clothing other than a traditional habit.

250,000 protesters march on Washington against the Vietnam War.

- The Civil Rights Act passed. This was a key step in the civil rights movement's goal of legal equality. It ended the use of "Jim Crow" laws, protected voting rights, banned discrimination in public facilities, and established equal employment opportunity.

● The Beatles made their first live US television appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

- A new Notre Dame Academy wing is constructed to accommodate the increased enrollment.

- Alaska and Hawaii are declared the 49th and 50th States in the USA.

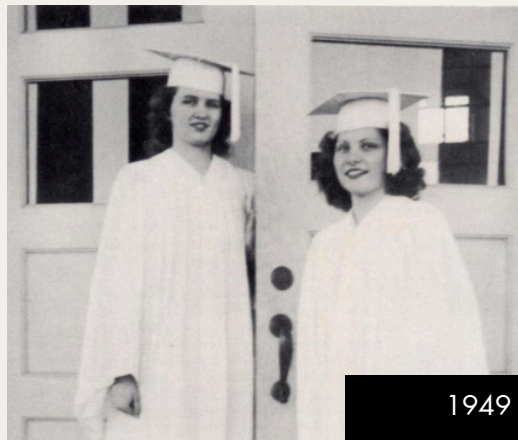
● Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash in Iowa, an event later known as "The Day the Music Died."

- After overthrowing Batista, Fidel Castro became Cuba's prime minister, assuming both military and political power.

● The first hovercraft successfully crossed the English Channel.



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The United States Supreme Court rules that segregated schools are unconstitutional.

The first mass vaccination of children against polio begins.

Elvis Presley's first single, a cover of "That's All Right", is released by Sun Records.

The words "under God" are added to the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

The North Atlantic Treaty is signed in Washington, D.C., creating the NATO defense alliance.

The Soviets Detonate Their First Atomic Bomb and Sparks Nuclear Arms Race.

Chinese Civil War Brings Communists to Power in Beijing.

US President Harry Truman labels his administration the "Fair Deal."

The first of 180,000+ Hungarian Jews reach Auschwitz.

D-Day begins as the 156,000-strong Allied Expeditionary Force lands in Normandy, France, during World War II.

Holocaust diarist Anne Frank sent to Auschwitz concentration camp.

Eight Notre Dame Sisters obtain their U.S. citizenship papers.

NDA





IN *Memorium* OF ALUMNAE

Please join us in prayer for our beloved Alumnae and their loved ones who have moved on to eternal life. Those enrolled in the Memorial Association remain in the thoughts and prayers of the Sisters during our liturgies. An annual Memorial Mass, dedicated to remembering and honoring those who have passed away in the previous year, takes place every November. The names included in this commemorative book were received by August 9, 2024. We can only share the names brought to our attention. If there is a loss in your family or among fellow Alumnae, kindly inform Sr. Josita Hanus, ND, at the Advancement Office so that we can include them in the Memorial Association.

ALUMNAE

Therese Brichacek Shramek, '45
sister of Dolores Brichacek Homic, '49

Patricia DeLuhery Schaub, '47

Darlene Murphy Healy, '47
sister of Geraldine Murphy Goodrich, '49 (d)
sister of Patricia Murphy Kimball, '52 (d)
mother of Susan Healy Tworek, '73

Sr. Joan (Loretta) Polak, ND, '47
sister of Rose Marie Polak Rosenberger, '52 (d)

Rosemarie Morbach Mailliard, '49

Rose Marie Polak Rosenberger, '52
sister of Sr Joan (Loretta) Polak ND, '47 (d)

Joanne Hohman Schrepel, '53
sister of Lois Hohman Christensen, '55

Marlene Kuffel Carlson, '53

Sr. Alma (Margaret) Janousek, ND, '54

Carol Rogers Sacks, '59

Margaret "Peggy" Cullen Sapienza, '60

Bernadet McNamara Taylor, '61

Sandra Adams Hoff, '64

Clara Jean Yechout Bruning, '64

Frances Cortese Fisher, '66
sister of Marilyn Cortese Rogers, '69

Linda Reznicek Havelka, '66
sister of Delores Reznicek Yosten, '58

Diane Sempek Widfeldt, '66

Mary Ellen Bleich Nolte, '67
daughter of Helen Wall Bleich Tamisiea, '39 (d)
sister of Barbara Bleich Hoepfner, '69
sister of Mary Jen Tamisiea Cook, '69
sister of Cathy Bleich Pfeiffer, '71
sister of Sue Bleich Feregrino, '72

Debra Spitsen Tedford, '71

Mary Patricia Stillmunks, '72

Patricia Crisman Hickey, '73

Sandra M Hoyle, '73

Deborah J Sullivan, '73

Mary Robertson Sweaney, '76

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RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

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Martin W Rowe

son of Gwendolyn Harvey Rowe, '48 (d)

Dr. John L. Zimmer

son of Mary Parle Zimmer, '35 (d)
brother of Sr Mary Ann Zimmer ND, '64
brother of Jeanne Zimmer Barzydlo, '67

Delilah J. Hayworth

mother of Pat Hayworth Rolf, '70

Thomas J Henderson

brother of Sr. Patricius Henderson, OP, '41
brother of Mary Henderson Herrley, '41 (d)
brother of Rita Henderson Schnase, '45 (d)
father of Mary Kay Henderson Stockton, Roncalli '75
father of Kathleen Henderson Carter, Roncalli '78

Paul W. Kenworthy

brother of Betty Ann Kenworthy Muntean, '48
brother of Camilla Kenworthy Cox, '51
brother of Lora Kenworthy Pecor, '55
brother of Mary Lee Kenworthy, '63 (d)

Louis J. Sabatka

husband of Irene Curtin Sabatka, '52 (d)

Joan Michalec Miller

Patricia Michalec Smith

sisters of Sr. Mary Frances Michalec, ND, '53

Owen G Neary

husband of Betty Pitner Neary, '53

Clem J Bruning

brother of Elizabeth Bruning Harvey, '56
brother of Janet Bruning, '71

Lois H. Woster

sister of Marcia Cordes Davies, '56

Duane A Horn

husband of Helen Uher Horn, '57 (d)

John G Kittridge

husband of Margaret Tesnohlidek Kittridge, '57 (d)

Rolland D Svec

husband of Magdaline Reznicek Sindelar/Svec, '57

Joseph A Micek

husband of Suzanne Prokupek Micek, '58 (d)

Donna Remar Greenlee

sister of Judith Remar Wichert, '59

Robert C Campos

brother of Rosemary Campos Salcedo, '61 (d)

William J Cole

husband of Theresa Lacz Cole, '61 (d)

Dr. Robert L. Matcha

brother of Sr. Stephanie (Catherine) Matcha, ND, '62
brother of Elaine Matcha Birstihl, '64

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RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

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James J Prouty

husband of Carol Holmstedt Prouty, '65

Charles O Graham

husband of Dorothy "Dodie" Yeshnowski Graham. '66

Thomas M O'Reilly,

brother of Patricia O'Reilly Enenbach , '66 (d)

Wesley W Anderson

stepfather of Linda Wagner Bungler, '67

Lavina M Goracke

mother of Lynne Goracke Houtz, '67

Rev. Stephen J. Gutsell

brother of Patricia Gutsell Adler, '68

Margaret M Ricketts

sister of Colleen Murray Fyfe, '68
sister of Maureen "Renie" Murray, '70 (d)

James W Crampton

brother of JoAnn Crampton McAllister, '69 (d)

Kathleen Geier

sister of Nancy Geier, '69 (d)
sister of Barbara Geier Gatrost, '70
sister of Shirley Geier Nelson, '70

David M Austin

son of Patricia Pouster Austin, '71

George M Hruska

husband of Lucy Logsdon Hruska, '71

Joseph J Krejci

husband of Barbara Brown Krejci, '71

Fred S. Riebersehl

brother of Pamela Riebersehl Sparough, '71

Patricia Ann Braun

sister of Jackie Linehan Goodrich, '72

Clyde M Karschner

father of Linda Karschner, '72 (d)

Carol J Reynek

mother of Leslie Reynek Sutton, '73
mother of Paula Reynek Remme, Roncalli '75

Kathleen M Clark, Class of 1975

sister of Jeanette Clark Badalucco, '71

Marianne Vaccaro Heywood, '75

sister of Karen Vaccaro Aliano, '72

1941- 1962



Sr. Patricius Henderson (Lousie Henderson) '41

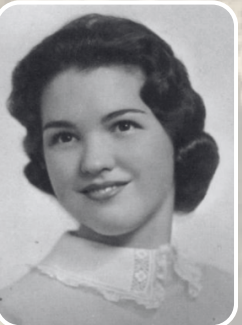
Sr. Pat celebrated 80 years as a Dominican nun and she just turned 102 years old this past June. She is a very sweet, reserved, gentle, loving and prayerful aunt. She spent many years as an X-ray technician and is very precious to me. I am blessed to have her in my life. ~ Margaret (Herrley) Zook '67.



Magdaline (Reznicek) Svec '57

Marvin Sindelar and I had a family of 3 children on a farm next to Holy Trinity - Heun Church. Marvin passed away at 44 of a heart attack, with our 16 year-old son and me at his side. Three years later, Rolland Svec of our parish, came to help with the farm. He had taken care of his mother and dad during their elder years. We became friends and were married for 38 wonderful years. From my 2 daughters and 1 son, I have 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, all scattered around the U.S.

Rolland passed away March 19th of this year, the feast day of St Joseph. He lost the battle to prostate cancer, and serious side effects of medication. Rest in peace, Rollie.



Frances (Ingram) Ranck '59

I have been living in Lincoln the last 7 years. My husband died six year ago. I have a daughter and son who live in Omaha with their families, a daughter and family in Lincoln, and a son and family in Lenexa, KS. I stay active with various church activities, grandchildren's sports events, and get together with friends for coffee and luncheons. God has blessed me with good health. May God's peace and love be with all of you.



Margaret (Klosner) Wagner '62

I'm blessed with two adult children and three wonderful grandchildren.

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Carol (Hemmingson) Rosenbaum '64

I am still living in Atlantic, Iowa. I joined the Elks Club here in town, and I have found so many wonderful friends! We host pot lucks, play cards, volunteer to help with intellectually disabled people by hosting dances and bingo games. I am on a committee to determine where to use our grant money. I also joined a group at the library that has a speaker come in each week, called the VIP club. We often have a nurse from Senior Solutions come to give us ideas on aging gracefully. I am not able to attend the reunion, but hope everyone has a wonderful time!



Mary (Byrne) Bongers '64

Life is good for us here in California. Barry and I are in good health and keep busy. The weather is mild and we walk to daily mass. I've been a Eucharistic Minister for over 40 years. I belong to a women's singing group called Sweet Harmony, and I play bridge 2 times a week. Our daughter lives a few blocks away, and we enjoy being part of their lives and watching our grandchildren grow. We visit our sons and families in New York and Kansas. We have 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren!



Michaela (Zmolek) Thomas '64

After 49 years of living in Massachusetts, we moved to Vermont. We chose Vermont to be near one of our 4 children, and also our only grandchild lives here. It didn't take a long time to make new friends with the help of book and knitting clubs. We still love to travel, and last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary (2 years late due to the pandemic) and went to South Africa.



Mary Lou (Yulga) Grillot '64

My husband and I moved back to the Kansas City area from Colorado in 2011 to be closer to our grandsons. It was a great move. I love being able to be involved in their lives. Our daughter is a single mom, so I am called on a lot to help with getting the the grandchildren to wherever they need to be. I so enjoy being with them, and have them share their feelings and their joys. Our oldest plays basketball and we try to make all of the games. He will be a sophomore this coming year. My time is consumed with my daughter, both boys, and my husband!

1964



Jeanie (Mayr) Woods '64

I continue to live in West Des Moines and am enjoying retirement.



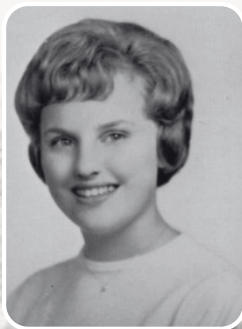
Margaret A. Proskovec '64

I became a vowed member of the Notre Dame Sisters in 1967, and then became an art educator. I taught at NDA and Roncalli, received a Master of Art Education degree from Drake University in 1981, and continued teaching art on many levels from Pre-school through college. Currently, I am beginning my final year in the classroom with a course in Art Appreciation at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Over the years, I have also served on the leadership team of the ND Sisters, coordinated the Docent program for Joslyn Art Museum, and been Vice Chancellor and secretary for Bishops William Dendinger and Joseph Hanefeldt in Grand Island.

An additional ministry in which I participate is helping coordinate a team of volunteer women who visit the Hall County jail each week to pray with women inmates there. Some of my best God experiences happen there.

My favorite experiences as a student at NDA include varied activities of the Latin Club, and knowing many amazing women who have gone on to live lives of service and faith that carry out the Notre Dame Spirit.



Irma Jean (Drahota) Farrell '64

I have lived in Lakewood, Colorado for over 50 years and John and I celebrated our 45th anniversary this June. We have one daughter, Jennifer, who is married to Ryan Daberkow and we have two grandchildren, Kayleigh (10) and Nolan (8). We are fortunate that they live close by and we can be involved in their activities. I am active in our parish and sing at our Saturday Mass along with being president of the Altar and Rosary.

I am secretary of my garden club and also president of my Mile Hi Czech fraternal organization. That group is part of CSA Fraternal Life and I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company. I have had an alterations business for 50 years, and am also in charge of the Quilts of Valor bee for my quilt guild. I have fond memories of Notre Dame, the sisters who taught us, and the friendships made.



Marty (Dvorak) Minchow '64

In 2021, God sent some strong messages : good crops and grain prices, a nation wide need for used farm equipment, and a grand nephew who wanted to be a full-time farmer. So, Jerry listened and at our 50th wedding anniversary celebration, he announced that he would retire after farming for 64 years. We knew that he had made the right decision when he had a mild stroke on April 18, 2022.

We continue to live in the home that we built when we married and enjoy watching as our nephew and grand nephew continue to take care of our fields. This allows us the freedom to attend 7 AM mass, go to a baseball game, concert, play, or event of one of the grands (Ally - 17, Addy and Jack - 5) on any day.

I continue to substitute teach a few days a month, am a CDA officer, a lector, am in my 50th year as a foods judge at county fairs, and have judged at the NE state fair for about 40 years.



Jeri (Schaffart) Bartek '64

The past 10 years have flown by. I am blessed to have Larry to bring me to this year's Reunion. We enjoy life with all the aging challenges. We love our parish and have a true pastor of souls. We live in a Christian Covenant Community that absorbs much of our life. Our children and grands are all living in different cities/states. We always have something to celebrate and plenty to pray for. I feel so grateful for my life: family, friends, and a great deal of grace that I've experienced. Life has been like fine wine; it improves with age. I am fatter, grayer, and walk with a cane, but I'm convicted to not complain. P.S. My sister Judy got to go to heaven May 15, 2023.



Marlene (Smith) O'Connor '64

After working for Hyatt Hotels and Resorts for 32 years, I retired 7 years ago. I keep in touch with several of my coworkers, going to lunch or dinner with them. I have 11 grandchildren and keep busy with school functions and sporting events. The summer months are always the busiest and I love it!

I live in the home we raised our 6 children in so there's always plenty to do. I love doing yard work and I have a reputation for having the best lawn on the block!

I spend a few weeks in the winter in California with my sisters, nieces and nephews, and their kids. February is always a good time to get out of Omaha and go where everything is green!

It's hard to believe it's been 60 years since we walked the halls of Notre Dame, but those 4 years are years I'll never forget!



Marie Pokorny '64

My joys in retirement:

Learning to make a perfect pie crust with my electric mixer and baking festive cakes for group celebrations.

Listening to audiobooks while water walking and exercising at our Wellness Center.

Arranging flowers from our garden.

Relaxing in our screened in back porch with friends and neighbors and catching up on their families and grandkids.

Traveling the world with Bob and visiting with our families, kids and friends.

Celebrating the birthdays of our 3 grandchildren for their 13th birthday and making memories with them in Yellowstone, Glacier, and the Grand Tetons National Parks and New York City and Niagara Falls.



Mary Ann Zimmer '64

I retired from teaching theology at Marywood University in Scranton, PA in 2021 and am now living at Notre Dame Housing and walking the familiar halls! In family news, I am happy to say that my sister, Jeanne Barzydlo '67, recently moved to Notre Dame Housing and is living just down the hall from me! We lost our first sibling, my brother John, this March after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. My other brothers are mostly in Nebraska except Matt who lives in Georgia.

I am serving on the Notre Dame Sisters' provincial council: typing minutes, doing a whole variety of jobs -many involving future planning, and tending to the needs of the sisters. I spend an awful lot of time trying to organize my papers, which disorganize themselves overnight when I am not looking!

In my spare time I love to read and am trying to learn to knit!



Mary Ann (Pouzar) Harding '64

It's hard to believe 60 years have passed since we rode the bus to Notre Dame from all parts of the city. I met my husband, Tom, in 1967 while working at National Indemnity Insurance, and we married in 1968. We had three children: Christine, Patrick, and Mark. After moving several times for Tom's work, we returned to Omaha, where he was later diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away in 2004.

Since then, I've been blessed with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and opportunities to travel the world, including visits to Italy, the Holy Land, and a memorable 49-day cruise around South America. I have many fond memories from our Notre Dame days, and even though I lost Tom too soon, I'm grateful for the life we've built and the memories I've made.

1964

The Class of 1964 would like to take a moment to recognize and honor the memory of their dearly departed classmates:

Carol Earring Aberle
Clara Yechout Bruning
Suzanne Barna Buxton
Margaret Mary Hoffman Czyz
Marcel Guerra DeArauz
Linda Jaeger Eastman

Dianna Babcock Eden
Susan Herschman
Sandra Adams Hoff
Mary Frances Kawa
Mary Jean Synowiecki Krueger
Stephanie (Camilla) Alba

Sheryl Witecki McDermott
Charity Philipp Schneekloth
Mary Margaret
Reh Werking
Helen Matherly Whiteing
Geraldine Hoffman Yates

1965



Kathy (Feichtinger) Vogt '65

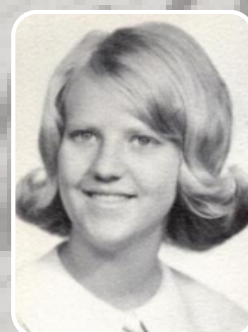
I am retired and living in Loveland, Colorado. I have one daughter, 2 grandsons, and 5 great grandchildren; 4 of which live in Maine! I try to keep in touch with a few of my Notre Dame classmates. I will not be attending this year, but certainly plan to attend our 60th reunion next year and hope to see many of my classmates. I hope this finds you all well and happy considering all that is going on in this world. Give me the good old days anytime! I have so many great memories of my time at Notre Dame and cherish them all.

1966



Irene (Kridelbaugh) Ratliff '66

I am still living in Bothell, WA. spending time with my neighbors and visiting my son and his family in eastern Washington. I have two grandsons, who are grown, and a granddaughter, who will be 12 in August. I am very involved with my parish. We are going through combining of parishes throughout the Archdiocese. My oldest sister Susan, died last November. I am trying to workout every day to keep healthy. Otherwise, my life is really peaceful.



Myrna McColley '66

I am trying to stay healthy. I play pickleball for exercise and work part-time at UNMC, play-acting as a patient for medical students, physician assistants, and nurses. It's a very fun job!

1968



Jean (Bender) Lorenz '68

I am now in my second year of living in Maine. I moved from Nebraska with my husband in 1973 to Oregon. With a brief stint in California, I have lived in Oregon since. However, John passed just over 2 years ago, so pulled up deep roots to move to where my sons live. Definitely a huge transition!

1969



Margaret (Schab) Kubat '69

Recently, Pat Philbin '69 from Seattle and Jane Feldman '69 formerly from Las Vegas in route to moving to Ohio, were both in Omaha over some of the same days. Jane stayed at my home as she spent time visiting her 6 siblings in the metro area. I entertained Pat and Jane along with Cindy Nordell Sauer '69, Pattie Golla Selzle '69, Mary Sanford Wood '69, and Kathy Catalano Wiley '69 at my house. Barbara Kisicki Olson, who came to Notre Dame our first two years, also joined us. We ate and laughed and talked for 6 hours, but that wasn't nearly enough time. I'm sorry to be missing our 55th, but I will be on a trip to Cape Cod on the date of the reunion.

I am still working part time at Korisko Larkin Staskiewicz funeral home. I'll be starting my 10th year in January 2025. I mostly work evening visitations, but fill in wherever else as needed. It has been a great ministry for me. I also still work for the Millard Public Schools scoring graduation requirement writing assessments. This was my 50th year on the Millard payroll - 32 years of full-time teaching and 18 years with special projects.



Marcella (Reed) Meek '69

I am retired (from teaching and homeschooling) and traveling as much as possible. I have been married for 52 years and we have 4 girls, 4 sons- in- law, and 16 grandkids (so far).

1969



Pat Philbin '69

I have lived in Seattle for over 40 years. I went to graduate school at University of Washington in nursing and never left the area. I still work part-time as a hospice nurse. I find the work very rewarding. I have 2 daughters, Maya (29) who is a graduate of Gonzaga with a Masters in Executive leadership and marketing, and Anna (25) who is in her fifth year of a PhD program in Immunology at Creighton University.

1972



Carol (Houlihan) Brown '69

I live in Greensboro, North Carolina (moved here in 2005). I am married to Roberto Orihuela. Together, we have 10 grandchildren. We are retired, and loving our humble home. I love to read, and am surrounded by books - a dream come true!



Nerita (Schmitz) Schwabauer '72

Just a quick note to let you all know we have moved to Texas! I love being close to our youngest son and his family. We see them quite often as my husband and I are watching the grandchildren until they go back to school.

1974



Karen (Grohmann) Bever '74

As I reflect back, I am appreciative of the life preparation provided by NDA. The science courses led me to healthcare, resulting in a nursing career that spanned 45 years. A friend recently reminded me of Sr. Michelle's Seminar in Russian History which was a great overall experience, and, exposure to the creative arts (needlework, ceramics, etc.) served to ignite lifelong passions to balance my life.

My husband and I are now retired and are enjoying life with family and our adult children.

I am forever grateful to all of you for the opportunities, shared experiences, and many kindnesses along the way.



Jane (Krause) Knight '74

Moved to California about a year after graduating from Creighton Pharmacy School '79, and have been here ever since, living in Redlands, CA. My spouse Randy and I have been in the same house since marriage, 41 years now! We have 3 kids spread around a bit- Washington, D.C., Austin, and Santa Barbara, CA, giving us plenty of excuses to travel and enjoy retired life.



Margie (Houlihan) Emanuel '74

We have 3 children, and 7 grandchildren (6 boys and 1 girl). I am a retired pharmacist. We still live on a farm outside of North Bend, NE.



Teresa (Gurney) Robinson '74

Since graduating from NDA 50 years ago, I went on to obtain my RN degree from Clarkson Hospital, and recently retired from a very fulfilling 45 year career at Nebraska Medicine. My husband Ron and I have been married 46 years and live in Omaha. We have 2 children and 2 beautiful granddaughters whom we love to spend time with often. We love to travel and have many more adventures to come!

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Rita (Lohmeier) Livengood '74

My husband of 48 years and I live on 9 acres just outside the city limits. We have 3 outside barn cats, a dog, and 3 horses who entertain our 5 grandsons living in Omaha. We also have a granddaughter in Bend, OR. We were fortunate to be able to take them all on a trip to see the total solar eclipse in April. My four sisters and my mother all live close, so between family and keeping the acreage up, I am busy and happy. I have used many skills I learned at Norte Dame that I never thought I would - too many to list. I thank the wonderful, caring teachers I had in high school, God Bless you all, He certainly has blessed me.



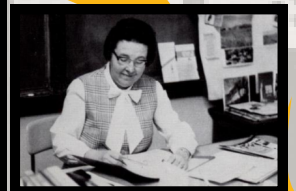
Therese (Andrews) Smith '74

I have been married to my husband Steve for 44 years. We have 2 sons - Jacob and Gabriel, and 2 grandsons. I was an RN for 45 years here in Omaha, and am currently retired.



Ellen Kay Casaccio '74

It's hard to sum up 50 years, but the highlights are careers in journalism and libraries, from which I just retired. I moved to Massachusetts in 1981, married Frank Sitarski in 1997, and adopted two children from China: Brent and Noelle. I'm grateful to Notre Dame for four wonderful years and life-long friendships; for teaching me to write and to type--which became so important in our computer-driven lives, but especially for teaching us how even the smallest kindnesses can have a great impact. No NDA memory is complete without mentioning the legendary cinnamon rolls.



The Dawn of a New School



Notre Dame Academy officially opened her doors as a high school for girls on September 8, 1926. Twenty-six girls enrolled in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades that first year; four of these were day students. From the very beginning, Notre Dame Academy devoted itself to the physical, intellectual, and spiritual development of the girls.



A building expansion at 3501 State Street, made necessary by the need for space, ushered in the tenth scholastic year at Notre Dame Academy. In August 1936, construction began on a \$50,000 addition to the building.



On August 12, 1951, Archbishop Bergan dedicated another new building which included the chapel and new convent. Beneath the chapel was the auditorium, with a seating capacity of four hundred!



On May 10, 1960, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan dedicated the Shrine of St. Joseph to solemnize the Golden Jubilee of the arrival of the Sisters in the United States.



Before long, the Academy could not accommodate the many students who applied, chiefly for the ninth grade. For obvious reasons, the Sisters undertook their fourth and final building project. In 1964, the construction of the east addition to the Academy and a south addition to the convent was completed.

The End of an Era

On October 26, 1973, Father Thomas O'Brien, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, and Robert Matt, President of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, officially announced the consolidation of Notre Dame Academy and Archbishop Rummel High School to form Roncalli Catholic High School. The commencement on May 24, 1974, ended a forty-eight year history of education at Notre Dame Academy. The forty seniors who received diplomas that evening brought the total number of graduates to 1,751.

Education remains important to the Sisters, and each year, they extend scholarships to students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools and support programs to provide young mothers with professional education for the support of their families

Notre Dame is not only a school. It is not only an institution for taking required courses, but a place to grow as a person and to learn to share oneself in many ways with others. As ridiculous or overused as it sounds, Notre Dame really does further your development as a woman—a woman capable of making her own way in today's or tomorrow's world. ~Margy Meister '74



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SCHOOL SONG

THE SPIRIT OF THE WHITE AND BLUE,
THE SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME,
IS HARM FOR NONE AND HELP FOR ALL,
OUR PATRON'S GLORIOUS CLAIM.

INSPIRED BY FAITH AND LOYALTY,
UNITED IN MARY'S NAME
WE PLEDGE OUR HEARTS IN GRATEFUL LOVE
TO YOU DEAR NOTRE DAME!