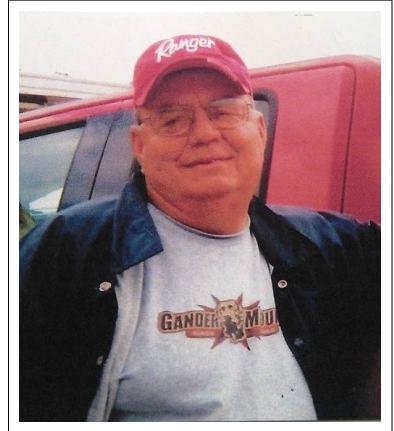


Broken Bow High School ~ Class of 1957

60th Reunion Update DRAFT (still adding)

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60 years seems like a long time since high school, doesn't it?

In July, 1957, I went to San Diego, California to work in an aircraft factory for two years, and then moved back to Broken Bow.

Later, I went to Kearney State for one year and then moved back to San Diego for 6 months and then back to Kearney State for one year.

After that, I worked in Lincoln for two years; and then, in 1963, I took a German coal ship to Germany and hitch-hiked all over Germany, France, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, England, and Ireland.

One major highlight was taking a train to Berlin and crossing into East Berlin on May 1st to see the famous May Day Parade. That was in 1963, long before the Berlin wall came down. That visit was a major event in my life.

In 1964, I joined the Army and spent three years in Frankfurt, Germany. After I got out of the Army, from 1968 to 1970, I lived in Broken Bow and helped my dad buy and operate Ansley Lumber. After that, I went back into the Army until I retired as a Sergeant First Class.

In 1971, I got married and had two boys, Kris and Michael, and adopted one step-son, Kevin. Michael was killed in April of 1990. Kris lives in Massachusetts and Kevin lives in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1990, I was divorced, moved back to Broken Bow, and worked at Ansley Lumber from 1990 to 1997. After that, I moved to Lake Sam Rayburn, Texas where I became a professional Angler and fished all over the U.S. visiting all 50 states.

I still fish a lot, but when the entry fees went up from \$600 to \$5,000 for each tournament, I ran out of money to do that and my knees and balance got bad, so I sold my boat. Now, I look forward to our 60th reunion and seeing everyone in Broken Bow again.

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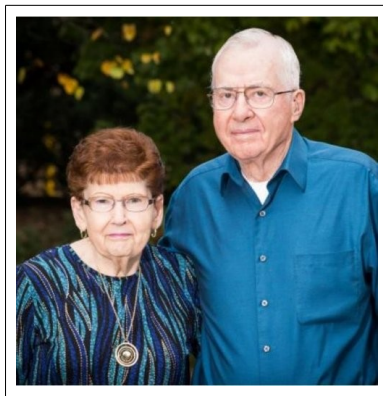
Well, I wish I had a lot to update these past 10 years but I'm afraid this won't take too long. I've been fighting emphysema and Don has been fighting diabetes. But we do manage to maintain some humor in all this getting old crap. Don keeps me laughing. We do miss all of our traveling but did manage to get back east to Pennsylvania for our granddaughter's graduation from Bucknell University five years ago. She is making three times a month what I made in a year at my first job. Do so wish we could get back for this reunion, but will be thinking of all of you. God Bless you all. ~Ann & Don

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Where has the time gone? After high school, I went to UNL College of Agriculture. Turned out to be a Home Economics teacher 1961. Married Duane Watson June 1960. Daughter Stephanie August 1961, Son Greg June 1963, Grand daughter Sarah November 1995. In August 1975, after 10 years being a substitute teacher, I took a staff

position as manager of the costume shop for the UNL Theater Arts department and held this position for 39 years, retiring in August 2014. I seem to be getting the hang of retirement after these 2 1/2 years. I keep my hand involved with a group called Angles Theater Company. I still garden, keep up my flowers, and manage some sewing projects for dance recital projects. Hope to see you in July.

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Since our last reunion ten years ago, we continue to live in Lincoln. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary with our family and a trip to Hawaii. We had a wonderful time in Hawaii. What a beautiful place to celebrate our special Anniversary. Our children still all live here in Lincoln and are pretty much still working at their same jobs. It is so nice to have them all so close. Keith's girls are still in school. His oldest Tiffany just finished her second year of college at UNL, and his youngest Jessica just finished her first year at Lincoln Christian High School. Julie's son Steven join the Army in 2009. Since basic training he has been deployed twice. He was married in 2013 and he and his wife Melissa spent the next 3 years in Germany. In June 2017, they gave us our first great-granddaughter Emma. What a special addition to our family that is.

The sad thing was that we had to wait 4 months before we got to see her, which was much too long. Angie had a baby boy Michael in April 2010, her first child and our second grandson. We now have two grandsons and two granddaughters. Michael just finished 1st grade. He is a real joy to have around, but he really keeps his mother on

her toes. Roger has retired, but spends several hours a week at Sam's Club as a greeter. He has seen a few of our friends from Broken Bow and Callaway from time to time while checking them out. I keep myself busy with some of my favorite things, such as scrap-booking and working in my flower garden. Our church is a very important part of our lives. It is so encouraging to see all that is happening there. We still like to travel although we don't go as much as in the past, but we do try to take a vacation each summer. We are looking forward to what God has planned for us in the coming years.

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After I graduated from law school, I joined the Nebraska National Guard. In the week before basic training started, I attempted, unsuccessfully, to prevent the accidental electrocution of two other soldiers, and for that I was awarded the Soldier's Medal. I did qualify as expert on the rifle range. Later I changed my enlistment to the Army Reserves where I was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corp.

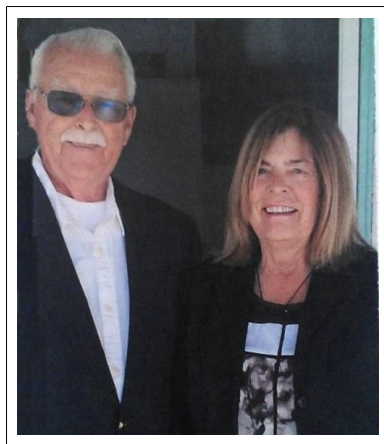
During most of my practice of law, I was primarily engaged in civil and business litigation; contracts, securities, anti-trust, and aviation, usually on the defense side. No criminal or divorce. This type of litigation does not result in many stories that would be interesting to anyone else.

My most famous case arose in 1988 when it was discovered that the manager of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, Larry King, had embezzled 40 million dollars. I was lead counsel representing the Federal Government's insuring agency, the National Credit Union Administration, in recovering as much of the missing money as possible. This case involved a number of law suits against various people who were partially

responsible. I was not involved in the criminal prosecutions of Mr. King and others involved. There were allegations that he was involved in a child prostitution ring, which gave rise to some attention in the national media at the time; and there are still a number of sites on the Internet dealing with it. Very little came of it, but the owner of Brandeis Department store was prosecuted for soliciting prostitution.

Now, I am fully retired from the practice of law. I travel quite a bit, and have spent two weeks in Europe for the last nine years. Amsterdam and Vienna are on the schedule for this August. My health is very good. I work out with weights five days a week at the gym and walk every day that the weather is good. Best wishes to all.

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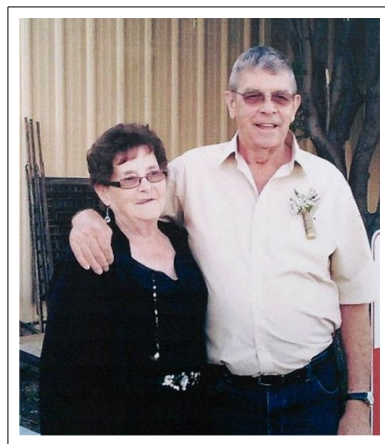
Most of my research is from former trusted colleagues and contact sources from many local, state, and U.S. Government and U.S. Military Agencies that I have cultivated throughout the years, from my careers as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent, Criminal Investigator, Special Agent (Anti-Smuggling), and Special Deputy U. S. Marshal.

With regard to any exciting stories relating to my life since the last class reunion, I have nothing new to report, except enjoying the fruits of my labor in retirement. As the saying goes, I am “living the dream,” doing what I want to, when I want to, if, I want to.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend our 60th Class

Reunion, as traveling is not in my best interest due to health issues. I do, however, wish to relay my best wishes to the classmates who will be attending, that they enjoy the three days of festivities, renewing old acquaintances and friendships, and God Bless those who have passed on.

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After we lived in Iowa for three years, we moved back to Nebraska. We now live in a retirement home. Our family keeps growing. We had five children, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. We lost our youngest son Myron in November last year. It was really hard on us. We enjoy visiting our daughter in Kansas, son in Iowa, and every week we do something or go somewhere. Always busy. Enjoy the reunion. Sadly, I will not be able to attend.

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WOW! 60 Years I can remember thinking those people were really old and I am definitely not old!

I have developed a "Trigger Finger". I called for an appointment with the doctor who did my carpal tunnel surgery and was told they were sorry, but Dr. Ichtertz does not take Medicare Patients.

We have 2 Children, 3 Grandchildren, and 9 years ago we gained a wonderful son in law. Roger and Sally raise popcorn, special kinds of other corn, and soybeans near Chapman. They are also increasing their cattle herd. Sally retired from being a grain merchandiser to farm full time with Roger. It was wonderful to see Nancy's parents-Willard and Lorraine dance at Sally and Rogers Wedding. We lost daddy a year later at age 95, and Mother in 2011.

In 2009, Nancy spent 3 months in hospital, transitional care, and rehab for severe damage to the lower spine and neck that happened 6 months before from a fall. I inherited an electric wheel chair at the time.

We have truly been blessed, Francis is slowly gaining his strength back after being in hospital 3 times in 8 weeks this spring. He did get to have a helicopter ride on one of the trips. Twice Kearney Regional called Nancy to come right away when he was still in ICU. Sally spent a lot of nights with Francis and Home Health is still coming to our home.

Francis has been an expert on the BBQ grill for 20 years. His specialty is chicken. Two years ago he purchased a smoker pellet grill. He likes it because he doesn't have to watch it as much. We smoke about 9 lbs of chicken at a time and freeze it in small ziploc bags for future meals.

Besides reading, Nancy plays around with the computer for fun and research. Just think what school would have been like with computers and smart phones in Mr. Korte's, Mr. Cupl's, and Mrs. Schwengle's classes.

When I read Judy Gardner's obituary, I had not realized that we both graduated from UNL in January 1961. In fact I started teaching in Cozad 3 weeks before I graduated.

I will always remember Judy's wedding, December 27, 1960. It was a true old fashion Nebraska blizzard going on after the wedding when we left the church.

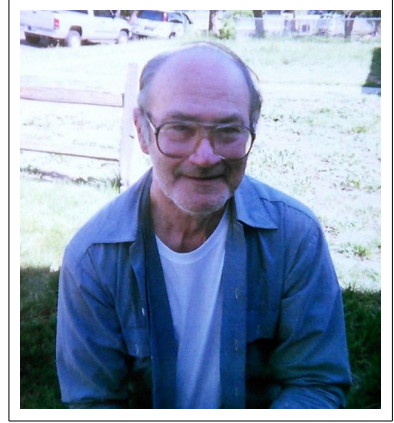
This year, we found out that Francis is still in 7th place in the shot put in the overall records at UNK. Our grandson Ryan is also in 7th place in the discus.

We have a wonderful girl (she will always be a girl to us) who helps with vacuuming, scrubbing, windows, roses, etc. Stacy started helping us when she was in Jr. High. She helped pack when we moved into our home in 1996.

Stacy has a wonderful husband and 2 children who are 4 and 5 yrs old. They love to open the doors when Nancy goes to physical therapy. Stacy was the first person Nancy called when she needed to get to the hospital fast. She is a good driver and she can really do anything.

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Little did I know, that upon graduation from high school 60 years ago, learning things would be a full time occupation. There were many other schools to follow: Navy for one year of general electricity, University of Colorado for one year of electrical engineering, Pikes Peak Community College for an associate degree in commercial art, and several weeks of school for the business of art.

However, by following the rules of engagement and instructions of school advisors, one year of electrical engineering took 2 years, 2 years of commercial art took 4 years, and for a school on becoming an electrical journeyman, I was too old at age 31.

Henceforth, I worked grave-yard shifts at a Target store for 3 years, and as a janitor at a machine shop or 30 years.

I have had guns pointed at me twice, but I was never fired at. The first was at a high school in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Yet I have had 4 good friends murdered. One was a high school art instructor, and that is still unsolved. Another was maitre d' at a Navy club while I was stationed in Japan.

By some miracle of happen-stance, I now live in a house inherited from my parents who, if they had not cared or accomplished so much, or lived as long as they did, my life would have certainly been much worse. I also owe much to my brother who has helped endlessly.

My brother is married. His wife had two children from a previous marriage. I am still single.

In 2013, I had 3 surgeries for bladder cancer. The 6-month check-ups have been extended to one year, so that is a good sign. After that, it took about one year to prepare the house and have it treated for termites.

From day to day, I have made up 3 rules to live by. They have served me well, and may do the same for others:

1) Make an extra effort to be different, and with that thought, be honest. Always. In time, however, I did catch 'me' . . . lying to myself. You know, thinking, "Oh well, that can't hurt me."

2) Always keep a mind, Today, I might be able to help someone, even a little bit. It doesn't have to be a major event.

3) Develop a sense of humor. Happiness, and maybe even survival, may count on it. And, to put a smile on any child's face is worth gold.

I am sorry that I won't be able to attend the re-union, but I am wishing all of my classmates: Best wishes. Good health. And much happiness.

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Seems like only yesterday, doesn't it? I am fully retired now and enjoy life immensely. My husband and I travel extensively. Our most recent trip was to Israel for 3 weeks. It was most fulfilling and spiritually nourishing.



In the past 45 years, I have traveled to more than 60 countries and the entire United States. Travel has certainly broadened my view of humanity and different cultures, although my favorite travels are to Nebraska to visit family and friends. I have lived in Oregon, California, and currently Washington State, having resided here the past 48 years.

My careers have been in local government, municipal, state, and federal.

I have two sons and two grandchildren, plus two adopted granddaughters. My most life altering experience was the near fatal crash of my youngest son, Kip. He was severely injured and thus has had an altered life. It changed the dynamics in our entire family as we have all been caregivers.

All in all, I've been blessed with wonderful and loyal friends and family. I am now married to Dr. Alvin Harsch.

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In the last ten years, since our last reunion booklet bio, we have had a lot going on. Our family has definitely changed. We are fortunate to have our three kids and families in Nebraska.

Our daughter, Denise and her husband are in Lincoln, along with their three boys. Denise is still using her nursing skills. Adam and wife Jamie have two little girls ages 4 and 6. Aaron and Andrew are not married as of yet. Adam works for Coca-Cola Company and Aaron is with First Bank. Andrew is a designer for a landscape company.

Our son Brad is the principal K-12 at Scribner, Nebraska. Their son Tobin works out of Omaha for an insurance company in a managers position. Their daughter, Tiana was married last July and is a teacher in Wilcox, Nebraska. Jerry and family live in Kearney, Nebraska. He is an engineer and works for Kearney Cement and Block. His wife works at the University in Kearney. Their daughter Kelsey is a sophomore at the University in Omaha. She plays soccer for UNO. Megan is graduating this year and plans to go on to college.

As for Louie and me, I we will be retired twenty years in June. We have a time-share in Branson, Missouri and spend time there. The past few years, we have chased after our grandkids in their sports. We go to our grand daughters' soccer games whenever we can.

We took a trip to Los Angeles, California this past September with our son and family to go to Kelseys' soccer games.

We also enjoy our cabin at Sherman Lake and try to spend as much time there as we can. I am still involved with my Red hat group. We have several activities each month to get together. I have lunch once a month with a group of our classmates and I play a lot of bridge, so keep quite busy.

Louie and I have been in Broken Bow for most of our married life, and in the same house for 50 years. Broken Bow has undergone many changes, a lot of them in the last ten years. A lot of building has gone on, especially on west side of town. We are so proud of the redoing of the park downtown. The band stand has been redone. Broken Bow has been a great place to live and to raise our family.

== Jane Ash Prescott Cottam
by Mina Mills

I was pleased to have had the chance to see her not long before she died. She was traveling back to Nebraska from Arizona in 2002, and stopped in Dalhart overnight. She called me and came over, which resulted in a great visit, looking at photos, and singing and playing the piano like we did so many years ago when she lived with the Kelly family and we were school friends. It was a memorable few hours, and I treasure it now. She was married to Virgil Prescott and they had four children: a daughter, Becky and three sons, Scott, Mitch, and Matt. She always felt very close to her family, even though much later she married George Cottam. She lived at Hastings for some time, but her remains are buried at Edgar, Nebraska where George Cottam is also buried.



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After meeting Leah and her mother, sisters, and brothers in the Philippines, Leah came to visit me in Broken Bow.

We got married October 2, 2010. In one short year, Leah passed all the tests to become an American citizen. so she got to vote for president for the first time. In May this year, the Jennie M. Melham Hospital awarded Leah for her five years employment.



We have season tickets for the Huskers Football season and can't wait for the season to start again. We travel to New Mexico to visit Annie and help her pick all the apple trees and make hard cider ;) apple butter, etc.

Also lots of trips to Kansas City, Missouri to see Jim Jr. While there, I also saw my grandson Jake make All American in the Triple-Jump as a senior in high school. Now he is on a full ride scholarship at Central Michigan where his goal is to jump near 60 feet. He is now over 50 feet. Besides Jake, the other three grand children are in sports for baseball, basketball, soccer, and swimming.

In April and May of 2016, I had two serious operations during tax season :(but as the country song says, what old men need are faster horses, younger women, old whiskey, and more money. I made it through this tax season and finished all of my 250 to 300 clients' taxes. It has been a good year. Hope to see you all in July 2017.

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Recently, I took up riding a bicycle again. As nearly as I can remember, I'm sure it had been at least 65 years since the last time I rode a bike. Yet as it has often been said that one never forgets how to ride a bike, sure enough, as I climbed on and took off down the street, it was as though I had never stopped riding.

In fact, it was quite an exhilarating feeling and it almost gave me a flash-back sensation as though I was once again riding my first bike on a summer's day down to our old swimming pool in Broken Bow. It made me want to find a

clothes pin to clip on a playing card like we used to do to hear the flutter of the card on the spokes. Anybody else remember doing that? Now, I ride 5 miles almost every day to the community swimming pool where we now live so it's almost like being 8 years old again.

Many wonderful memories of growing up in Broken Bow still flash back in my thoughts from time to time, especially now as I think about writing this update for our 60th class reunion. As I started to contemplate what to write for this update, I enjoyed going back to read again all of the interesting bios that so many of our classmates sent for our 50th reunion booklet.

So, this time, since it seems like a good time of life for reflecting, the idea came to me that it might be fun to begin compiling a collection of favorite memories, places traveled, and life experiences. Don't worry, I'm not going to unload all of that on you, but just looking back over the past 10 years since our last reunion, a few new highlights come to mind, the first of which is ... hey, praise God, I'm still here ;)

Very thankful that I've been blessed with good health most of my life. Only been in the hospital twice. The first time, about 35 years ago, I had a miracle healing right in the hospital room on the morning that I was scheduled for surgery, so they sent me home without doing anything. Wow. It doesn't get any better than that. Three years ago, I had brain surgery. Not quite as impressive as the first miracle, but able to go home in three days, so praise God.

Meanwhile, work on my favorite project, The AV7 Bible is continuing, and while we have not yet finished the expanded second edition, we have completed a new smart-phone "app" that is now available FREE for Android phones here: play.google.com/store/search?q=av7
Also, I've now published four more books that are now available on Amazon. www.amazon.com/Josef-G.-Lowder/e/B004VU1NX8

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Now, I am mostly resting, gardening, being a session (board) member of my church, and being a granddad to eight and a great granddad to one. I still reside on an 80 acre farm near Chimney Rock. My hot tub calls to me in all sorts of weather and I enjoy snowflakes on my tongue once in a while.

I retired from medicine in December, 2011, having successfully navigated the rigors of governmental interference and regulations, and not killing anyone after forty one years. I have, however, become a major consumer of medical services, not one tenth as fulfilling as being a provider. My practice of medicine was a great joy for me, but my return to my Christian upbringing has continued to be my greatest joy.

I have eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, along with many friends who keep me interested and engaged. My little 80 acre farm is proving to be quite a challenge, although I only tend the homestead 2 acres, with a 40x50 garden, in which I continually prove that I have a brown thumb, except for weeds, which flourish.

Diana and I travel a lot, going to the events of grandchildren, and attending weddings and graduations galore. We have driven the wheels off two vans in the last few years.

I return to Broken Bow a couple of times per year, visiting Walt and Loretta, my brother Denny, and James Ernest

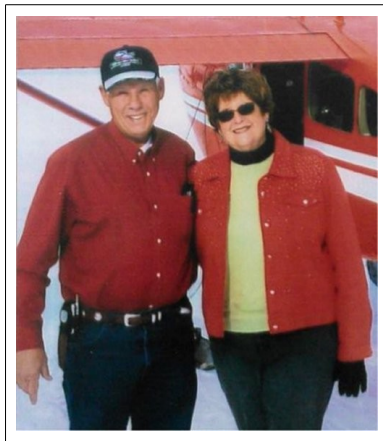
Peister. Walt and I often frequent “car heavens” where I just about (but not quite) get my fill of old cars. The old burg has changed a lot, but is still recognizable, a lot like me.

My school days in Broken Bow continue to be pleasant reminiscences and my educational journey dominates my memories. I continue to cherish each day, learning new facts and foibles as I continue along the path. My wife has been my witness to all of the learning experiences I have experienced, never failing to remind me of feelings, facts, and people I might have misjudged or mistaken.

Since I gave orders for forty-one years, I am not easily dissuaded from my own opinions about myself, and we often have differences about my progress in life. It seems that having a partner in life is also having a witness to one's shortcomings. My striving to be better never ends, but I continue to fail miserably. I guess that reflects my human nature and therefore, I rely on God to forgive me through Jesus Christ.

I look forward to our gathering together at her reunion, and pray that all will be safe. Class of '57 John Stevens

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Here is a short update of the last 10 years for the addendum to our 50th class reunion.

Beth and I did get to tour Alaska, our 50th state to visit. We saw Iditarod dog teams, a calving glacier, snow capped mountains, a gold mine, beautiful Mt. McKinley, a working Salmon wheel a farmers market, and friends who lived there. I am involved with the missions committee at the E. Free Church in Broken Bow. In 2013, led a house building team to Haiti from our E.Free Church. We paid for and built a one-room house in 4 days for a displaced mother and family from the earthquake.

I also serve on the Broken Bow Township Cemetery Board. So if you want your remains in the BB Cemetery, talk to me.

I also help do chapel services at the Broken Bow Care and Rehabilitation Center and the quality senior village regularly.

Our grandson Matt Bernie now have 3 biological children plus an adopted child with disabilities. This means we are great grandparents of 4. Matt's mom is Merry Robin who lives in and works in Ansley, Nebraska, our second child. Our first, Barbara Lynne is married to Jim Purcell and lives in Tucson AZ. Our 3rd child is Mark and lives in Beatrice at BSDC, and our 4th child is Becky Stadler who teaches 2nd grade this year and lives in Hatley, Wisconsin. I thank the Lord Jesus who is my savior for the blessings He not only has bestowed on me but on both Beth and I.

Hoping to see you and wishing you the best for the few remaining years we have.

== Judy Gardner Hoffman

Judith Ann Hoffman died peacefully on July 15, 2015. Her husband of 55 years, Erwin, was at her side.

Judy was born January 4, 1939, in Lexington, Nebraska, the first child of Ira and Ruth Gardner. She grew up in Broken Bow with her brother Jerrold and she studied piano, organ, ballet, and violin. She played saxophone in the high school band and was editor of the yearbook.

Judy's Midwest values always stayed with her as she entered University of Nebraska from which she graduated in 1961. She majored in organ and played bassoon in the band and violin in the orchestra. She also performed with the orchestra dance group and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta sororities.

After marrying Erwin Hoffman on Dec. 27, 1960 in Broken Bow, she returned to Lincoln to graduate in January and immediately began teaching music in Chadron, where Erwin taught band and chorus. In 1963, the Hoffmans moved to Wilber, where Judy taught kindergarten and music while Erwin taught half time and commuted to the university to pursue a Master's degree.

In August 1963, their son Eric was born and in January 1965, their daughter Susan was born while Erwin and Judy were teaching music in York, Nebraska. In 1967, they moved to and taught in Greeley, Colorado, and while there, Judy completed her M.A. degree and Erwin his Ed.D. While living in Colorado, they enjoyed drives to the mountains and skiing on weekends.

In 1970, they moved to Champaign, Illinois, where Erwin was appointed to develop a new music curriculum at Parkland College and Judy taught music in area schools; and later as a string and orchestra teacher 1981 to 1996.

After retiring, Judy taught music appreciation at Parkland College and Windsor of Savoy. Judy believed every child should enjoy music as a participant or listener. She rebuilt the west Champaign string program and produced top-quality performance ensembles in Champaign schools.

She passed the joy of music on to hundreds of students and many of them continued to study with her after her retirement in 1996. Her love for music and her students extended to tireless volunteer work for the CU Symphony as president of the board (1985-87) and of the Symphony Guild (1979-80); also in promoting and supporting the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Judy and Erwin enjoyed trips to Europe, Spain, Portugal, and winters in Arizona, Florida, Texas, and California. They rarely missed the Jazz Quarterfest in New Orleans in April, and they enjoyed several cruises with friends.

Judy was deeply committed to her family and was active in many social groups including P.E.O, N.A.S.L. and their church. She loved gardening and was an accomplished seamstress and an amazing cook. She loved her family above all, always giving her children love, encouragement, and a passion for the arts. We will miss her lovely smile and her loving thoughtful ways. Judy is survived by her husband, Erwin; her daughter, Susan, her son, Eric, and three grandchildren.

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After graduation, I entered the Army, spent six months on active duty and fulfilled my enlistment in the National Guard.

Married my wife, Janet (Province) in 1961 and we raised two daughters. Farmed and ranched in the Gates community until 1982. Worked in the Merna area a number of years and in 2004 we moved to Merna. Currently spend some time helping my son-in-law during planting and harvesting.

I have been blessed with a good wife and great helpmate of 56 years, two wonderful daughters and son-in-laws, five grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. -Louie Myers

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I am not tuned in to the hi-tech world, but can still run a pen, so here goes:

I am now serving on my second year term with the Custer Public Power Board. Our family has increased with the addition of a granddaughter Sophia Leeann. Grand kids are great. Ages: Ben 14, Nate 11, Sophia 9. Most everything else has remained the same since the last reunion. We still reside in our country home 3 miles south of Broken Bow.

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In June 2010, I retired from Bemidji State University. I created my own business and continued to work thru 2014. I now work as intermittent employee at Northwest Technical College of Bemidji as well as I am an AARP volunteer tax preparer (involves working four months at the beginning of the year and this is my 4th year of this experience). Since my mother passed away, I don't have a regular contact in Broken Bow so am unaware of community happenings. Thanks much and look forward to seeing classmates.

After high school, I completed the secretarial/accounting program at the Lincoln School of Commerce and worked for Consumers Public Power District until May 1960. I then married Jim Gildersleeve and we lived in Omaha and Mead for our first seven years of marriage. Jim worked for Western Electric and I worked at Omaha Steel Works as well as Western Electric during that time.

We returned to Broken Bow from March 1967 to March 1970, farming and I worked at Custer Public Power District. March 1970 we bought a dairy farm near Bemidji MN. In August 1970, I started working in the Financial Aid Office at Bemidji State University (BSU) as Data Management Officer and accountant. In 1996, we moved off the dairy farm and have lived in our current lake home since July 2000. I retired in June 2010 after 40 years at BSU. However, I then created my own business working part time in Financial Aid and Records areas as well as I am an AARP volunteer tax preparer. Jim retired 3 years ago and is now very involved in "hospice care." We enjoy

living on the lake, where fishing right off our dock is great. When the opportunity arises, family enjoys tubing and fishing in the summer and ice fishing in winter.

We have three daughters. Renee graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from the University of North Dakota in 1983, married, and has three sons: Derek age 27 (pharmacy student at NDSU), Tyler age 24 (business graduate and employed with realty/rental company), and Braden age 20, sophomore at UND. Renee is one of three main administrators in the Altru Health Care System in Grand Forks. We also have a great granddaughter, Taeya, who will be 3 in August and a great grandson, Axel, born May 24, 2017.

Pamela graduated from BSU in 1985, and is a high school math teacher in Big Fork, MN. She also received her Masters in Education from Bemidji State and was inducted in the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2007. Pamela is active in many school activities and is often volunteering and sponsors many of them as well as coaches golf. She has two sons, Phelan age 25 and Keegan age 23 - both employed in Fargo ND. She remarried in 2008 and has two stepdaughters. They all enjoy bird and deer hunting as well as fishing.

Debra received her AA Business Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983 and has been working in property management. She married, had a little girl named Kayla, divorced and later remarried. She is the executive director of a property management firm specializing in medical clinics and hospitals. Kayla, now age 28, is a travel agent for company in the Cities and enjoys foreign travel regularly.

The last couple years we have enjoyed traveling with a group from our bank and are enjoying exploring the US as well as Canada and other foreign countries (last fall we traveled down the Rhine River enjoying various cities/countries and their history). Our picture was taken

less than 2 months ago while touring eastern Canada and the famous Niagara Falls.

PS: If anyone is in our area, be sure to give us a call as we would enjoy a visit. (The room rates are the best.)

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My how the time does go by. Seems like we just did this a little while ago. My world stays pretty quiet. Shortly after the reunion in 2012, my Mother passed away. I stayed in Broken Bow a while longer, but have not been back to visit since that time. Since I do not travel alone, I will not be driving in to attend this year's class reunion. I hope you all enjoy your visit and have fun catching up on things.

No big changes for me. I am in good health, still in my house in Noble, Oklahoma, taking care of the yard, flowers, and anything else that I want to do. I follow a lot of pro and college football and basketball and other sports and enjoy them on the TV.

Roaming the Antiques stores and Flea Markets and shopping are things that I still love doing. I also do Holiday and Christmas decorating around the house and start with Fall in September, making all the changes through Christmas by Thanksgiving. Then I have time to enjoy all of it until after January. I do not use my face book much, but do use my e-mail, so zip a note anytime. I would really enjoy hearing from anyone along with any pictures you care to send. Sorry I'm missing the party, but you all have fun and be safe.

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I was born at Ansley, Nebraska on November 27, 1939 to Ray and Mary Mills. We moved to Broken Bow when I was 5 years old, and I started kindergarten and continued in Broken Bow schools until we moved to Alliance after my sophomore year. My brother Joe was a grade ahead of me. My sister Patricia was born when I was 6. I left Alliance and relocated to Texas, traveling with a couple who needed help in their home. I lived with them until I met and married Carl Keenan. We were married 20 years and had 6 children: 2 boys, Les and Grady, and 4 girls, Katharine (Kitty), Wynona (Nonie), Rebecca (Becky), and Carla. Later, I married Jack Frazier, who died in 2001.

My life's work always centered around elder care, due to time spent at Sunset Rest Nursling Home in Broken Bow, operated by my aunt, Hazel West during my youth. I admired her and spent many happy hours there on Sunday afternoons singing with my mother while she played the piano for their entertainment. I remember making scrapbooks for the residents to look at, cutting pictures, jokes, etc. from old magazines. I received my GED certificate in 1990, and took a community ed course to certified Home Health Nursing Assistant.

Currently, 77, I have been twice married, twice widowed, and have lost two of my children. Nonie was killed in a convenience store robbery where she worked in 1986 in Quitman, TX. She was 23 years old and had two little girls ages 2 and 4. Les, my oldest son, was badly burned in an oil field construction explosion and died in 2008 at age 51. He was a good father and grandfather.

I am blessed with 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Two of the greats were born this year, two days apart - a boy on Good Friday and a girl on Easter Day. My family are scattered, but we are close in heart. My son, Grady, has a ranch near Austin, Texas. Daughter, Becky is an office aid for Walmart in Arkansas. Carla lives in Fort Worth and is a working mom. My oldest daughter, Kitty, moved here to Dalhart in 2009 to help her father until his death in 2012 from cancer. Now, she and I share a home and enjoy each other's company. She works as produce manager at United Supermarket.

During her vacations, we like to travel the US. Some of our favorite states to visit are New Mexico, Arkansas, Missouri, and Florida where my sister lives. I am a member of the Church of the Nazarene, and Kitty and I both like helping with the Food Bank distribution there once each month. I substitute as Sunday School teacher for our adult class and play offertory occasionally. We stay busy with the house and yard work, but in leisure time, we enjoy good movies, all kinds of puzzles, adult coloring, crafts (especially jewelry making), reading, music, cooking, and baking (trying new recipes), and shopping. We talk and laugh a lot, and are generally happy and content. I start each day with a devotional and prayer time to thank and praise the Lord, for we are truly and greatly blessed.

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Moved from Wyoming to Black Canyon City in March of 2013.

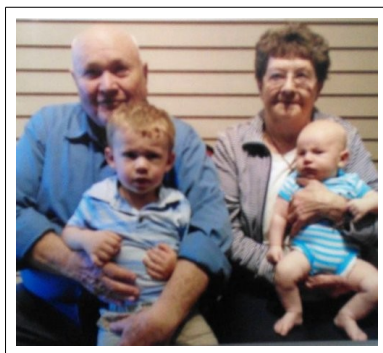
Was planning on going to Broken



Bow for Memorial Day but gave up on that thought. Know I won't make reunion. Had a mishap with my BOBCAT (excavator) 2/10/15 - and severed my left foot and crushed bone. Saved leg to approximately 6 inches below knee. Had last revision surgery last June. Guess basketball days are over (HA) and haven't traveled since accident. If your ever head North on Interstate I'm just off exit 244 on West side stop by for visit. Feel free to pass this on to others.

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Life moves on. After 30 plus years in the grocery store and 14 years with a food brokerage, we are now retired in modest fashion in Merna.



Delores and I have been married for 57 years and have five children, 14 grandchildren, and four great grands. We have been blessed many times over and continue living each day looking forward to new adventures. God Bless.

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After high school, I attended mechanics school in Omaha. I met my wife Bonnie at Burwell and we were married June 10, 1962. We lived in Burwell for several years and then moved to Elgin in 1970 to help on the Jennings family ranch.



In 1988, we moved to Petersburg where we still live.

We have three children: Teresa, 50; Todd, 48; Tanya, 43; seven grand-children; and two great-grand-children.

We are now retired, recently celebrated our 55th anniversary, and now enjoy our children, grand-children, and great-grand-children.

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I have read and enjoyed every one of the stories in our reunion booklets, being thirsty for news from all of you. It is hard to believe that 60 years have passed since high school. I would love to see you all and wish you all the very best. I can't travel because of health, but I am doing as well as can be expected, and I am quite happy.

I have had a good life, and for now I will relate only one escapade that I had when I was in my late 20s. By that time, I had a husband who had gone to war in Vietnam, returned safely, thank God, had two children, and a bachelor's degree that took five and a half years to achieve because it was interrupted by transferring colleges, getting married, and living in different four states.

The "escapade" that I mentioned began at the Air Force Academy. Because of severe pain due to intractable pinched nerves in my neck, I ended up being hung by my head from a tall door at the Academy hospital. After several weeks of that door/traction treatment, with no success, I decided to go ahead with my dream to own my own horse, take riding lessons, learn English hunter riding style, and eventually jump my trusty steed over ever higher and higher fences.

I hired a wonderful riding instructor, Lynn, who taught me

the basics to get me comfortable on a horse. I was riding Peanuts, a horse rented from the stables, and she and I had gone on a trail ride into the foothills at the Academy. I was feeling rather cocky and had taken the lead on the trail back to the stables. Lynn was riding her horse behind me.

Then, while riding at a full gallop, something made me look over the left shoulder of my horse, and I saw a very long, stretched out rattlesnake crossing the trail at the same moment as we approached him. The snake was not coiled to attack, but it did so anyway - apparently hitting my horse's hooves with his fangs.

Naturally, Peanuts went NUTS, and in a quick 1-2-3 movement, he bucked, twirled, and kicked his back legs. My terribly inexperienced skill caused me to be bucked off, landing on the only sand around for miles (as there was only rocks and cactus-like plants everywhere). Then, sitting up as fast as I could, all I could think of was that I had surely landed on that damn snake!

Lynn was still on her horse and helpless to do anything. She told me later, after galloping off after Peanuts and bringing him back so I would not have to walk home, that when I sat up so abruptly, Peanuts was simultaneously kicking out with his hind legs. Lynn said that he missed the top of my head by only an inch or so. She thought I was surely going to die.

But that isn't the end of the story. Remember all those traction treatments that had been totally ineffective? After being bucked off of my horse, landing and rolling like an athlete (which I have never, ever been), it seems that cured my pinched nerves and to this day, I have never had any further pain in my neck.

Life is good, and I still cherish my books and my cat. Wish all of you the best! Have fun at the reunion. I would love to hear from any of you.

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- * Where were you born?
- * Where have you lived?
- * Where did you go to school?
- * What has your life's work been?
- * How many career changes?
- * What are your most significant memories of your parents?
- * What was their ancestry?
- * Where have you traveled?
- * How did you meet your spouse?
- * How long acquainted before married?
- * What have been your most memorable experiences in life?
- * What have been your most enjoyable and rewarding special interests?
- * Do you have a "bucket list" of things that you have wanted to do?
- * Which of them have you done?
- * And which do you still hope to do?
- * Did you ever serve in the military?
- * If so what branch and how long?
- * What have been your most significant achievements in life?
- * Do you have a clear sense of mission and purpose in life?
- * Have you ever experienced a miracle or had a miraculous encounter?
- * Have you ever had a significant spiritual awakening experience?
- * Who have been the most important mentors or influences in your life?
- * What are the most important lessons you have learned in life and about life?
- * Do you have any favorite quotes?
- * How do you want to be remembered?