

CLASS OF 1971



School of Nursing

*25 Year
Class Reunion*

*Saturday
August 3, 1996*

Lylaine (Pedersen) Abbott

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: Head of Department - sewing notions, needlework, fabric.

Company/Facility: Hobby Lobby

Years in Current Position: 3

Personal

Spouse: William Spouse's Profession: Pharmacist

Children/Ages: Jason/19; Justin/16.

Hobbies/Interests: Camping, travel, needlework.

Deanna (Mattison) Adams

Mesa, AZ

Current Employment

Position: Clinical Coordinator - Drug Studies - Department of Medicine

Company/Facility: Maricopa Medical Center - Phoenix

Years in Current Position: 8 years at Maricopa - 2 in Research

Personal

Spouse: Dale

Spouse's Profession: Registered Nurse

Hobbies/Interests: Travel, reading and football.

Comments: This is such a nice way to catch up on all the news since our days at ole' Bryan. Our long and usually fun days of yore are perhaps fading a bit in our memories, but the lessons we learned have served us well and we should be proud of the opportunity to have learned at the feet of the masters!!! Perhaps we should start that memory with the awful experience called "probie week." I still shudder when I see a garment come out of the washer inside out!!! We survived only to inflict that shame on our under-classman.

For me, the last 25 years have flown by and I've enjoyed every one of them . . . some more than others I'll admit. I retired once back in 1974, that lasted three months. My next week off was in 1977 when I quit the ICU in Independence MO after three years 8 months and 2 days. . . but who counts. From there I worked with the elderly population for four years and swore that I would never work in a hospital again . . . never say never.

In 1980 I found my true passion, pre-market drug research. Doing research is the best of all worlds for me, challenging, comprehensive patient contact and a good outlet for the compulsive side of my nature. A move to AZ in 1983 put the research on hold until 1994 when I became the Research Coordinator for the Dept. of Medicine at our large Maricopa County Hospital.

In the years between my stated passion, I returned to bedside. As I stated never say never. I worked at Scottsdale Memorial on the Neuro floor for three years then moved to the County Hospital in 1988 to be a PRN float working the night shift. I credit my years at Bryan for preparing me to DO IT ALL. I worked everywhere there from the Burn Center to Peds (anyone who remembers me knows that I hated Peds!!) The night supervisor would bribe me with her lunch just to get me to that floor.

I have been married to a great guy since 1987, a fellow RN who touts the extensive preparation given a diploma grad. (It helps that his sister is also a diploma nurse) Our family consists of two loving Dalmatians, that never complain about our strange hours or our frequent trips (we always have live-in babysitters for them when we travel).

I, for one look forward to hearing all the news from my classmates from a quarter century ago. Hello, and happiness and health to all.

Dorothy (Pojar) Arent

Ainsworth, NE

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse /FNP student

Company/Facility: Cherry County Hospital Home Health Agency /SDSU

Years in Current Position: 3

Personal

Spouse: Keevin

Spouse's Profession: Rancher/Feedmill operator

Children/Ages: Chrishna Lynne/20.

Hobbies/Interests: Eating, singing.

Barbara (Keem) Bohling

Davenport, NE

Linda (Hadfield) Brown

Sutton, NE

Current Employment

Position: Nurse Manager

Company/Facility: Hastings Regional Center

Years in Current Position: 2

Personal

Spouse: Alan

Spouse's Profession: Grocer

Children/Ages: Holly/22; Seth/18; Heather/17

Hobbies/Interests: Reading and needlepoint

Comments:

I worked in the Aurora Memorial Hospital in Aurora for two years after graduation. After our first daughter, Holly Ann I started working part-time at the local nursing home Sutton Community. I worked there for 14 years and two more children, Seth and Heather. I became the Director of Nursing there for a year. After that experience I switched areas of interest by working in psychiatric nursing at the Hastings Regional Center. Presently I am nurse manager of one ward at the Regional Center.

Brenda (Morock) Browning

Wilkinson, WV

Carolyn (Hensley) Bullis

Aurora, CO

Current Employment

Position: Program assistant/Child development center

Company/Facility: Buckley ANG Base

Years in Current Position: 5

Personal

Spouse: Cordell Spouse's Profession: USAF Liason Officer with O'Champus

Children/Ages: Kevin/22; Karin/21; Kurt/17.

Hobbies/Interests: Children's books, gardening, music

Comments:

My nursing career has been brief, working from 1971 to 1973 to "put hubby through school" and again from 1977-78. With Cordell in the AF and our frequent moves (one to the Philippines for 3 years), I decided to be a stay-at-home mom. Now I am pursuing my interests in early childhood development and hope to obtain a degree in this area in the next few years. It's doubtful that I can attend August 3, so I extend my greetings and best wishes to the great class of '71. And, if you're ever in Denver, give me a call!

April (Satchell) Carleton

Barrington, RI

Personal

Spouse: Richard

Spouse's Profession: M.D. Cardiologist

Children/Ages: Mary Carleton/20.

Hobbies/Interests: Sailing, gardening, Church.

Comments:

Life since graduation has been good and plenty! Immediately after graduation I moved to San Diego, CA. There I took further courses in intensive care nursing and more pharmacology. I very much enjoyed intensive and coronary care nursing and practiced in that field for a number of years. In 1975, I moved to New Hampshire. There, my husband, Dick, and I had our daughter, Mary Maureen, (now 20 years old!) Wow!! She is currently a student at the University of New Hampshire. At Mary Hitchcock Hospital, in Hanover, N.H. I had the privilege to teach senior nursing students in the CCU. I had many flashbacks to our wonderful instructors during those teaching moments. We did receive a very fine education and I am very proud of my nursing education. We moved to Rhode Island and I was able to work part time as a cardiac rehab nurse, more now in prevention. When our daughter entered Junior High I felt it was time to become further involved in the community. I have not returned to practice nursing as such, but have done hospice bedside care. Hospice Volunteer work I find very rewarding. As I write to you, my hubby and I are sailing the ocean blue off the coast of Maine. We will be living on our 38-ft. sailboat "Smiles" for a month. This is probably the beginning of many new sailing adventures for us. If any of you are on 'tour and travel' in "The East", please do call us. I'll miss seeing all of you wild and crazy folks of 1971! Keep the spirit. P.S. Our home, Barrington, R.I. is only 60 minutes from Boston airport. Love to be your tour guide!

Kathryn (Kliewer) Deever

Omaha, NE

Current Employment

Position: Full-time mother and homeschool teacher

Company/Facility: Flying Crown School

Years in Current Position: 4

Personal

Spouse: Howard

Spouse's Profession: President, Workplace Managed Care Resources, Inc.

Children/Ages: Laura//9; Robin/8; Joanna/6 1/2; Daniel/4 3/4

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, gardening, travel and teaching

Comments:

I am very happy as a mother of four small children. Nursing has changed along with the larger culture since my graduation a quarter of a century ago. It doesn't seem to me that those changes have, in general, been good ones. However, I shall always treasure in my heart those three years from 1968 to 1971 when Bryan School of Nursing so well taught me to be a member of our caring profession.

Ricky (Lanham) Droege

Kansas City, KS

Dianne (Cross) Ebel

Loveland, CO

Current Employment

Position: Office staff nurse for pediatric office.

Company/Facility: Fort Collins Youth Clinic

Years in Current Position: 5

Personal

Spouse: Stan

Spouse's Profession: Rancher

Children/Ages: Amy/21; Nate/18; Kyle/14; Jeff/11.

Hobbies/Interests: Hiking, reading, attending children's activities.

Comments:

I can't believe it has been 25 years since our graduation. My life has been consumed with our four children, so for years I did my own pediatric nursing at home! Stan and I have been in Colorado for 15 years now, and he has pursued raising llamas and developing an outfitting business. Not what I would have thought 25 years ago—I married a pharmacist!! I have never regretted my nursing career and, if anything, wish I had gone on for more education. I'm back in the work force after many years at home and still see a variety of career options in the medical field. I work for Dr. McGinnis' son, Jim (he was our favorite OB doctor at BMH) and he's just as much fun as his dad. I wish you all well, and if you travel to Estes, CO, I'm on your way. I'd love a visit.

Revada (Harris) Farnsworth

Lakewood, CO

Current Employment

Position: Director of Occupational Health
Company/Facility: Columbia - Colorado Division
Years in Current Position: 1

Personal

Spouse: David C. Spouse's Profession: Electrician/Contractor
Children/Ages: Michael Paul/28; Tiffany Dawn/24.

Hobbies/Interests: Running, roller blading, skiing, antiques (particularly elegant glassware).

Comments: We have 3 beautiful grandchildren ages 8 yrs, 2yrs and 19 months.
I completed a CRRN in 1991, CCM in 1993, and a Masters of Science in management in 1996.

Joan (Diefenbaugh) Foster

Merna, NE

Current Employment

Position: Night shift Charge Nurse/Staff Nurse
Company/Facility: Melham Memorial Medical Center at Broken Bow, NE
Years in Current Position: 15

Personal

Spouse: Jim Spouse's Profession: Dentist
Children/Ages: Joshua/18; Zachary/16.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, camping, crafts.

Pamela (Luth) Fox

Bend, OR

Diann (Couchman) Frahm

Plainview, NE

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse/OR and Clinic Nurse
Company/Facility: Osmond General Hospital
Years in Current Position: 10

Personal

Spouse: Jack Spouse's Profession: Seed corn salesman/farmer
Children/Ages: Jacqueline/22; Brian/19.

Hobbies/Interests: I am active in the Order of the Eastern Star - having held a state office 1994/1995. Also an a member of PEO. Active in our Congregational Church.

Comments:

Jack and I celebrated 25 years of marriage this year - 1996.

Lois (Hillen) Franzen

Leigh, NE

Current Employment

Position: Northeast Nebr. Marketing & Case Management

Company/Facility: Olsten Kimberly Quality Care/Norfolk, NE

Years in Current Position: 2 months

Personal

Spouse: Darwin

Spouse's Profession: Grain Merchandiser

Children/Ages: Sarah/22; Ryan/21(foster son); David/18; Anne/16.

Hobbies/Interests: Sitting on LOTS of bleachers (all year long) in NE Nebraska! Football, volleyball, basketball, track, baseball (since 1986)

Comments: Lived and worked in Fairbanks, Alaska 1970-1973. Moved to farm and first child born in 1974. Worked at Columbus Hospital, Schuyler Hospital, and Norfolk Lutheran Hospitals 1974-1988. Second child born in 1977. Third child born in 1979. Staff Development/Inservice Ed at Stanton Nursing Home from 1988-1996. Case Manager for Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging (part-time) from 1984-1990. Added cousin's son to our family in 1990. (Think twice before taking in a 16-year old male relative!) Quit farming in 1992. Sarah graduated from Doane College this spring, Ryan returns to UNK this fall, David will be a freshman at UNL and Anne will be a junior in high school. (Mom is FRIED!)

Nancy (Kisler) Gondringer

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: Director Pre-surgical Services

Company/Facility: St. Elizabeth Community Health Center, Lincoln

Years in Current Position: 9

Personal

Spouse: Gerald

Spouse's Profession: Data Processing

Children/Ages: Chad/19; Brett/14.

Hobbies/Interests: Outdoor sports, fishing, football

Nancy Harms

Elkhorn, NE

Current Employment

Position: Chair, Nursing Division

Company/Facility: Midland Lutheran College

Years in Current Position: 9

Personal

Spouse: Gerhart Wehrbein Spouse's Profession: Engineer - Lucent Technology (formerly AT&T)

Children/Ages: Nosey Rosie - non human feline

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, going to lake, professional activities

Comments:

Besides the attainment of my B.S.N. and Ph.D., the biggest highlight in my life has been my marriage to Mr. Wonderful, Gerhart Wehrbein, on March 7, 1992. We were married on my parents and grandparent's anniversary. Our (both sets) of parents were at the wedding, for which we were very grateful. Since then, my father died after having a heart attack while playing golf in Holdrege, NE on Jan. 5, 1994. My mother passed away in her kitchen on Feb. 9, 1995. We have closed the house in Holdrege. I still enjoy my position at Midland Lutheran College where I have the rank of full professor. I have been at Midland since 1980 having taught at an associate degree and diploma nursing program prior to Midland. I also worked in Holdrege after our graduation from Bryan. It will be great to see everyone at our reunion.

Susan Hart

Federal Way, WA

Vicki (Fusselman) Harvey

Page, NE

Current Employment

Position: Director of Surgery

Company/Facility: St. Anthony's Hospital

Years in Current Position: 6

Personal

Spouse: Lyle Spouse's Profession: Bulk fuel and oil manager

Children/Ages: Cameron/24; Jason/22

Hobbies/Interests: Horse back riding and camping - breaking a colt at present time - flying - visiting our sons - almost anything outdoors.

Comments:

We moved to our hometown of Page to settle just before our oldest son started school. Twenty years later we're still here. I'm an EMT and fireman and have been the past 20 years. Also, am a Trauma Coordinator in the process of developing a trauma center at the hospital.

Peg (Schrage) Henricks

Fremont, NE

Joyce (Gaston) Herz

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: RN - Emergency Department

Company/Facility: Bryan Memorial Hospital

Years in Current Position: 8 - Emergency Department

Personal

Spouse: Don Spouse's Profession: Accountant

Children/Ages: Jeff/21; Jason/18; Jenny15; Jessie/9

Hobbies/Interests: Crafts, enjoying my children and their sport activities.

Comments: I've lived in Lincoln for 28 years. Married for 24 years. I have been at Bryan for 25 years as of July 26, 1996. (1971-74/Med-Surg, 1974-75/ICU, 1975-88/Bryan Mobile Heart Team and for 8 years Emergency Department). I have worked part-time nights for 21 years.

Charles Hodgkin

Yankton, SD

Current Employment

Position: Staff CRNA (Locum Tenens)

Company/Facility: Medical Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado, AK

Years in Current Position: 3

Personal

Spouse: Mary Jane Spouse's Profession: RN

Children/Ages: Mike/28; Keith/27; Tiffany/24

Hobbies/Interests: Golf, fishing and travel.

Patricia Hoops

Byron, NE

Kathleen (Carlson) Hoppes

Springfield, MO

Current Employment

Position: Part-time staff nurse - Senior Adult Psychiatry

Company/Facility: Cox Health Systems

Years in Current Position: 3

Personal

Spouse: Bradley Spouse's Profession: Professor/Economics

Children/Ages: Ryan/19; Adam/17.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, counted cross stitch.

Linda (Jones) Hubbard

Lyons, CO

Current Employment

Position: Flight Nurse

ER Nurse

Company/Facility: Columbia Airline-Denver

Boulder Comm. Hosp.

Years in Current Position: 6

12 years

Comments:

I've spent most of my 25 years in critical care or management. I'm a Paramedic/Firefighter with the Lyons Fire Protection District, a volunteer fire department, for 15 years. I'm planning on retiring sometime to Mexico and currently am studying Spanish to help realize that goal as well as to translate for Spanish-speaking patients in the ER. I have a nice little house nestled in Lyons on the bank of the North St. Vrain Creek. Lyons lies just inside the mountains north of Boulder 15 miles. It's a small, 1500 population, town that's suffering some growing pains. I began practicing as a flight RN 6 years ago and thoroughly enjoy it, although there's an incredible amount of stress that is innate to the job. It's a very autonomous position, and, if you remember me, you'll know that's what I truly like about position.

Vicki (Gillaspie) Janssen

Thousand Oaks, CA

Current Employment

Position: Manager of Utilization Management

Company/Facility: Prudential Health Care

Years in Current Position: 8

Personal

Spouse: Roger Spouse's Profession: Architect

Children/Ages: Teri/19; Jeremy/17; Courtney/14.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, working in the yard, traveling.

Comments: After living in Lincoln for 9 years after I graduated, we moved to Cheyenne, WY. We were there for 2 1/2 years and moved to Fort Collins, CO. I worked at Poudre Valley Hospital until 1988. We moved to California at that time and have been here since then. Most of my activities have been centered around the kids. I am a swim team, soccer and roller hockey expert. Teri will be starting her second year at Nebr. Wesleyan Univ. this fall. Jeremy will be a high school senior and Courtney will be a high school freshman. Roger is working as an architect for a firm that designs schools.

Rhonda (White) Jensen

Neligh, NE

Carolyn (Springer) Johnston

Colorado Springs, CO

Jane (Oliverius) Kloberdanz

Cody, WY

Sue (Schroeder) Lang

Sioux Falls, SD

Current Employment

Position: Volunteer Coordinator

Company/Facility: Volunteer and Information Center

Years in Current Position: 1

Personal

Spouse: Terry Spouse's Profession: Pediatrician

Children/Ages: Heather/21; Gretchen/16; Robin/13; Betsy/10.

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, running kids around

Comments:

Got a degree in Social Work in 1994 from Augustana College in Sioux Falls. Live on 3.1 acres inside the city limits of Sioux Falls.

Peggy (Sissel) Lautenschlager

Geneva, NE

Pat (Hoover) Lorenz

Beatrice, NE

Current Employment

Position: Lab Instructor LPN Program

Company/Facility: Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus

Years in Current Position: Since 1993

Personal

Spouse: Steve Spouse's Profession: 7th Grade Science Teacher

Children/Ages: Corey/24; Daughter-in-law, Sara/24; Chris/20.

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, working on degree in Nursing

Comments: I have learned we must never say "never". In 1971 I felt getting a job and settling down was most imperative. I would never need a degree because I would not want to "teach" nursing. Well, 24 years later, I find myself in a college classroom becoming a student again. The crazy part is, I love the challenge of teaching and returning to the classroom again as a student. I have a long way to go.

Colleen (Fyfe) Lutjelusche

Richland, NE

Sandra (Baldwin) Maahs

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: Clinical team leader

Company/Facility: Tabitha Home Care Specialities

Years in Current Position: 1 year

Personal

Spouse: Ervin

Spouse's Profession: Farming and Registered Hereford Cattle

Children/Ages: Mitch Mullins/37; Mary Mullins Logan/35; John D. Mullins/32; Michael Maahs/19.

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, walking, fishing

Comments:

A few years after graduation I decided to specialize in geriatrics. Over the years I have held various positions including DON, medicare coordinator, quality improvement coordinator at various SNFs in Lincoln. After 6 years of "desk jobs" I decided to get back out into the field again and can now be found at all hours of the day or night—any day or night—galloping around Lincoln to call on our Home Care clients—and loving every minute of it! We live east of Lincoln on the farm and I enjoy having the grandchildren out to visit. They love the horse and playing with the cats and chasing chickens. Wish I had their youthful energy, but have enjoyed good health all these years and can still keep up with the progeny and any younger peers.

Life has been good! Think of our years at Bryan often and how well prepared we were when we graduated. It's still one of the best nursing programs around!

Leslie (Stake) Martin

Wahoo, NE

Cynthia (Hanson) McCune

Benkelman,

Current Employment

Position: RN Staff Charge Nurse

Company/Facility: Dundy County Hospital

Years in Current Position: 5

Personal

Spouse: Terry Spouse's Profession: Deputy Sheriff

Children/Ages: Benjamin/20; Lisa/14. Grandchild, Chloe Janae, born June 25, 1996.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, painting, gardening, swimming, Nebr. Sheriff's Assoc., Church UMW Resource Chairman, Organ donor committee, communications committee - hospital.

Comments:

Following graduation I was employed at Bryan Hospital from 1971-1986. Then we moved to Loup City where my husband, Terry, was on the police force. From 1986 to 1987 I worked as a Staff RN at Richard Young Hospital in Kearney, NE. Then started work at Loup City in 1987 at the hospital where I worked doing Home Health and taught LPN classes through Kearney. In 1990 I worked skilled care in Grand Island after Loup City Hospital closed. In 1991 we moved to my husband's home town, Benkelman, where I worked at Dundy County Hospital. I also go on ambulance frequently to UCMC in Greeley and Denver, CO. Obtained BS in HA in 1985. I'm past President of the American Heart Assoc. of Sherman County. ACLS certification and NALS certification.

Glenda (Hoffart) McGrew

Norfolk, NE

Current Employment

Position: Nurse Supervisor

Company/Facility: Norfolk Veterans Home

Years in Current Position: 20

Personal

Spouse: Dave Spouse's Profession: Maintenance Supervisor

Children/Ages: Tara Geiger/20; Amanda McGrew/18; Ben McGrew/15; Kimberly McGrew/12.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, sewing, travelling, motorcycle riding

Comments:

Since graduation I first worked at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings, then moved to Norfolk. Here I worked at the hospital for 2 years and another nursing home for a year prior to working at the Vets Home. My first husband died in 1988 and I remarried in 1994. My daughter is 20 and our other children are 18, 15, and 12. We will be on vacation at the time of the reunion and will not be able to make it. The past 3 years I have been taking some classes at NENTCC towards my Bachelors Degree and have enjoyed each one very much. Have a great reunion.

Diane Metheny

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: Utilization Management Coordinator

Company/Facility: Bryan Memorial Hospital

Years in Current Position: 11

Hobbies/Interests: Sports, volkswalking, bird watching/feeding, do-it-yourself projects, reading, gardening.

Comments:

July 26th will mark 25 years at Bryan as an employee. Managed care has kept my job in Utilization Management ever changing and a challenge. I bought my first house 6 years ago and have become an avid gardener along with bird watching. I have a 2-year old Schnauzer puppy named Lizzie, who keeps things very active at home.

Linda (Smith) Miles

Curtis, NE

Current Employment

Position: Nurse Educator

Company/Facility: Mid Plains Community College, North Platte, NE

Years in Current Position: 4 1/2

Personal

Spouse: Steve Spouse's Profession: Teacher

Children/Ages: Monica/24; Amber/20;

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, playing piano, crafts, cooking.

Comments:

I have done many things in nursing - Dr. office, school nursing, DON, 1 year as surveyor for Dept. of Social Services. In May, 1995, I graduated from Clarkson College with a Masters in Nursing Education. My husband continues to teach. Our oldest daughter, Monica, graduated from Doane College and works in Lincoln. Amber spent last year at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. She will be going to Central Community College in Grand Island this fall in the paralegal program. We have had an exchange student from France and got to go to France for 10 days. I'm also volunteering as a Parish nurse for our church and will have an article published in the winter issue (1997) in the Journal of Christian Nursing about my experiences in Parish nursing while I was working on my Master's degree. As I'm helping our daughter move, my parents get ready for a 50th anniversary Aug. 16th, teaching a summer school session among other things, I may not make it.

Carolyn (Robertson) Miller

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: Office Nurse

Company/Facility: Dr. Bruce Taylor - Contemporary Health Care for Women

Years in Current Position: 13

Personal

Spouse: Larry Spouse's Profession: Caterpillar - parts

Children/Ages: Trevor/15; Adrian/12.

Hobbies/Interests: Keeping up with my kid's activities, sewing, reading, crafts.

Comments:

After graduation I was employed at Bryan for about 10 years, working one year on med-surg and finished the rest of my time in OB/GYN, labor delivery and nursery, for the most part as assistant head nurse (the last 4 or 5 years). During that time I was married and our son, Trevor, was born. About that time an office nursing position became available and since I felt I had given up my share of holidays, weekends, nights and evenings, I decided it was time for a change. Not only did my work lifestyle change a lot, Larry and I also added our daughter, Adrian, to the family. I have worked in an OB/GYN office now for about 12-13 years and thoroughly enjoy it. When we had students observe on rotation for UNL College of Nursing, it was quite a surprise to find their instructor was Joan Westphal—talk about feeling old! We had a nice chat, though. It brought back a few memories of OB rotation so many years ago. Now having one, and very close to two teenagers keeps us hopping when we're not working. But, even after all these years, I still don't miss working holidays and weekends!

Judy (Fundum) Miller

Hoskins, NE

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse Home Health Care/Hospice

Company/Facility: Faith Regional Health Center

Years in Current Position: 12

Personal

Spouse: Jim Spouse's Profession: Loan Officer at Commercial State Bank-Hoskins

Children/Ages: Melissa/21; Megan/19; Amy16.

Hobbies/Interests: Counted cross-stitch, golf, softball, flower gardening.

Sandra Kay (Wittmann) Muller

Lincoln, NE

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Dianne (Tesch) Osler

Lincoln, NE

Judy (Ross) Pearson

Ceresco, NE

Current Employment

Position: Director of Nursing

Company/Facility: Saunders County Community Hospital

Years in Current Position: 7

Personal

Spouse: Allan

Spouse's Profession: Sales

Children/Ages: Elizabeth Ann/21; Kristin Dawn/18

Hobbies/Interests: Watercolor and Oil Painting; daughters' speech meets and sports events.

Comments:

Following our graduation, I was employed at Bryan for nine years; first on 5th floor where Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Zobs were DON and assistant DON. Then after critical care classes, I transferred to the CCU and ICU. During those years Allan and I were married and our two children were born. In November of 1979 I left Bryan and began working at Saunders County Hospital in Wahoo. In this small hospital setting I used everything we studied in our three years at Bryan!

The past six years I have been Director of Nursing in Wahoo. I have started a Cardiac Rehab Program which is exciting and very rewarding. After lots of resistance from our older nurses, I have gotten them all ACLS certified. We give a lot of Activase to heart patients in our ER and I feel very proud of my staff. I work closely with one of our classmates, Leslie Martin. Leslie is our education nurse and does most of our cardiac rehab.

Our daughters have both graduated from High School and are in college. We've gone through being Scout Leaders, Youth Fellowship Sponsors, faithful volleyball and basket ball and speech meet fans and are just now beginning this new phase of life with no kids at home!

(We are in a wedding this weekend. I regret not being able to attend)

Patricia (Grummert) Pohlmann

Plymouth, NE

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse

Company/Facility: Beatrice Good Samaritan Center

Years in Current Position: 4

Personal

Spouse: David

Spouse's Profession: Farmer

Children/Ages: Jennifer/24; Mark/22; Kurt/18; Lisa/15.

Hobbies/Interests: My kid's activities

Kathryn (Jones) Pons

Denver, CO

Shirley (Landon) Retzlaff

Walton, NE

Current Employment

Position: Instructor

Company/Facility: Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

Years in Current Position: 20

Personal

Spouse: Alan

Spouse's Profession: Self-employed, owns trucking firm and farms

Children/Ages: Rob/23; Ted/21; Jason/13.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, watching my sons' various sports activities

Comments:

Our oldest, Rob, graduated from Nebr. Wesleyan this May and wants to start law school next fall. Ted is a junior at the University Nebraska and gets to do some kicking on the football team. Jason is in junior high at Waverly and is busy with those activities including student council, band, and sports. Alan hauls many different products including liquid fertilizer, bridge girders, and grain. He is on the Waverly school board and is elder at our church. I am working at the School of Nursing. We are starting distance learning this August with a class of advance placement (LPN) students in Beatrice. Next year this will be expanded to other sites in the state. I am also on the District III board of NNA.

Karen Rustermier

Omaha, NE

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse, Preceptor General Surgery

Company/Facility: Clarkson Regional Health Services

Years in Current Position: 25

Hobbies/Interests: Vocal music, antiques, gardening, community service, travel, professional activities, NE football.

Comments:

Currently I've been very busy with various community service projects, Association of Operating Room Nurses Activities, on the local and national level. The highlight of my vocal music performing career came this year when I sang America the Beautiful with Ray Charles at the opening session of the Annual AORN Congress in Dallas in March. The light of my life, Emerie Justine Secora, my goddaughter, came into my life last September. She has been a joy! I do get to spend lots of time with her. And, of course, I think she's about the cutest baby ever! My latest project is in the infancy stage. It's called "A Home for the Holidays". Ask my about it when you see me.

Kristi (Harris) Scheele

Waco, NE

Current Employment

Position: School Nurse

Company/Facility: Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran School

Years in Current Position: 4

Personal

Spouse: Fred Spouse's Profession: Farmer

Children/Ages: Karla/19; Kevin/12; Kyle/10.

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking/baking, sewing, gardening, travel, antiques.

Comments:

After graduation, I worked at UNL student health center and went to Nebraska Wesleyan to finish my bachelor's degree. In 1973, I took the Adult Health Care Nurse Practitioner course at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. In February 1974, I married Fred Scheele and moved to our farm near Waco. From that time I have worked just part-time; first at York Medical Clinic, then I taught prenatal and parenting classes at York General Hospital, then I was Parish Nurse for the Aurora United Methodist Church. Currently I am school nurse for Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School in Waco.

Our daughter, Karla, is a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Political Science. Our sons, Kevin and Kyle, attend Centennial Public School and will be in the 7th grade and 5th grade respectively. My activities include teaching Sunday school and serving on various church boards at the United Methodist Church in Utica, Bethel Guardian for Bethel #19 in York for 6 years, helping with the boys' cub scout dens, York General Hospital Auxiliary, P.E.O., Nebraska Parent Network (a committee of Nebraska Association for the Gifted) and helping with the farming. We live on the farm that Fred's great-grandfather started in the 1880's. Our house was built in 1893, and totally renovated before we moved in on March 7, 1977. We both like antiques and have used several to furnish our home. We also used as much of the original woodwork as possible. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Silver Anniversary Reunion.

Aloha (Stara) Schmid

York, NE

Current Employment

Position: Team Leader - Hospice and Home Care Specialties

Company/Facility: Tabitha - York Regional Office

Years in Current Position: 6 months

Personal

Spouse: Tom Spouse's Profession: Ag Credit Manager for USDA Farm Service Agency

Children/Ages: Scott/24; Julie/22; Jeana/21; Jane/17

Comments:

Worked as hospital staff nurse in Lexington, NE, David City, NE and York, NE. Took off ten years from 1979-1989 to be a full-time stay-at-home Mom (almost became a professional volunteer instead!) Went back to work at St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln (yes, I drove from York) for seven years - worked Oncology and Medical. Also worked PRN for Tabitha Hospice in York County. Then in February, 1996 became Team Leader for Hospice/Home Care Specialties - full-time position.

Rosemary (Jobring) Stoddard

Ft. Collins, CO

Marsha Stork

Omaha, NE

Current Employment

Position: Executive Director-Co-Owner

Company/Facility: Nurse Providers, Inc.

Years in Current Position: 4+

Personal:

Hobbies/Interests: Golf

Comments: After graduating from Bryan, I continued my education—finished my BSN, MA in Adult Ed and an MBA. While going to school, I worked full-time at Immanuel Medical Center, University of NE Medical Center and Clarkson Hospital in various staff and management positions. Then I changed my focus to home care, both in staff and administrative positions, till 4+ years ago, my partner and I started Nurse Providers, Inc., a non-franchised, home care agency. We have adult and pediatric cases, from high-tech to custodial care; staff with RN's, LPN's and HHA's. This area of the business continues to grow. About 2 1/2 years ago, we diversified and opened a Residential Care Facility for Alzheimer's residents in Omaha and this year opened another in Lincoln. Both facilities are beautiful, large homes—great alternatives for these residents from a nursing home. Both homes are doing well. Since graduating from Bryan, I have lived in Lincoln or Omaha, NE; have been divorced for 11 years. Currently am dating a terrific guy who also is a business owner with a very busy schedule.

Georgeen (Cain) Strong

West Webster, NY

Current Employment

Position: Health Aide in Nurses Office at Junior High School

Company/Facility: Webster Central School District

Years in Current Position: 2

Personal

Spouse: Ron

Spouse's Profession: Chemical Engineer for Eastman Kodak

Children/Ages: Laura/14; Adam/11; Emily/9.

Hobbies/Interests: Music-play flute, piano, handbells, sewing and crafts, Girl Scout Troop leader, PTA - various positions, volunteering at kid's school.

Comments: After graduation I worked on 4 East at Bryan Hospital for 9 years, the last 5 as Asst. Head Nurse. In 1980, I married Ron Strong and moved to the Rochester, NY area and have been here since then. I took 14 years off from working to remodel our home, have 3 children and become heavily involved in Church work as a Sunday School teacher, Education chairman and children's choir director; and as the children got into elementary school, also as a room mother and art room volunteer and many different PTA jobs. Two years ago, a 4-hour per day job as a Health Aide was created in one of the junior high buildings in our school district and I was fortunate to be hired. I do almost as much as the school nurse, but with better hours and less responsibility and can still do some of the volunteering I enjoy and have summers off. So for now, it's the perfect job for me!

Shirley and Kristi— Believe it or not, I will actually be in Nebraska at the time of the reunion, but that weekend is an 80th birthday celebration for my mother (in Aurora), so with all the preparation for that, I won't be able to get to Lincoln. Please greet the class for me! Maybe some day I'll be in Lincoln long enough to get a tour of Bryan with all the changes that have occurred! Hope you have a great time!

Barbara (Ivey) Tiwald

Lincoln, NE

Current Employment

Position: School Nurse at Lincoln High School

Company/Facility: Lincoln Public Schools

Years in Current Position: 3

Personal

Spouse: William Spouse's Profession: Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

Children/Ages: Justin/22; Jessica/20.

Hobbies/Interests: Backpacking, growing flowers, traveling

Comments: I am sorry to miss the reunion. My husband and I are taking an Inside Passage cruise in Alaska. We have enjoyed traveling—including backpacking trips when our children were small. I have done a variety of things since our graduation so many years ago. I worked in psychiatric hospitals with children and adolescents. For 3 years I was the AIDS Education Coordinator for the Lancaster County Red Cross. In 1985 I returned to school to finish my BSN. During the school year I am busy tending our busy health office at LHS which has 2200 students. In the summers, I work for the Public Health Department making home visits and working as a HIV counselor. In all my work experience I have found that the basic education I received at BMH has been a good foundation for all my experiences. I think our long hours of clinical experience were a level of education that I don't see in a lot of programs these days. I truly believe that the "hands on" education gives you a great deal of confidence and competence. My nursing career has been very rewarding both personally and professionally. I wish you all well and will look forward to reading about your lives.

Suzanne (Ericksen) Vallentine

Tucson, AZ

Barbara (Carlson) Wakeley

Wausa, NE

Current Employment

Position: Office Manager

Company/Facility: Carlson Home and Auto, Inc.

Years in Current Position: 6

Personal

Spouse: Robert Spouse's Profession: Propane retailer

Children/Ages: Brian/20; Carla/18; Kristen/15

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening

Janet (Spilker) Waltz

Plymouth, NE

Current Employment

Position: Adult Health Occupations Instructor

Company/Facility: S.E.C.C. - Beatrice campus

Years in Current Position: 12

Personal

Spouse: Bill Spouse's Profession: Driver for United Parcel Services

Children/Ages: Aaron Lee/20; Tyler William/18.

Hobbies/Interests: Camping, boating, collecting chickens and eggs. Have made and sold crafts for 26 years, have clowned with a partner 11 years.

Comments:

Worked as a charge nurse and ER nurse first year after graduation. Then became a school nurse covering 21 schools for 5 years. Home 2 years having babies, then back to work in a nursing home as an Inservice Director where I started teaching NA classes and CSM (pharmacology) classes. Helped to write a book for State of Nebraska in both those areas. Southeast Community College wanted an instructor to cover more people in a wider area, so I started in Adult Ed. and built the program from the bottom. Ended up I'm in my 12th year there and love teaching. Now that my boys will both be in college, I will be going back to school to get my B.S.N.

Jane (Schroetlin) Wenzl

Budd Lake, NJ 07828

Brenda (Uecker) Wilke

Norfolk, NE

Personal

Spouse: Rodney

Spouse's Profession: Feed sales Manager

Children/Ages: Christopher Kit/17; Code/14; Jesse/12.

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking and baking, crafts, gardening and canning, Church and Christian Women's Club activities.

Comments:

I worked as hospital staff RN for 12 years. Then I let my license lapse with 3 moves and 3 boys to raise. During this last winter I took a RN refresher course and completed it in April. The end of July I will be helping with local county immunization clinics and I am currently looking for part-time employment to keep up my nursing hours and still be home with my family when needed.

Marcia (Damon) Zabel

Racine, WI

Current Employment

Position: Staff Nurse - Emergency Department

Company/Facility: All Saints - St. Mary's Medical Center

Years in Current Position: 10

Personal

Spouse: Larry

Spouse's Profession: Materials Manager

Children/Ages: Jason/22; Aaron/18.

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, cross-country skiing, knitting, reading, investment club.

Comments:

After graduation, I spent time in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas, Canada and Illinois prior to moving to Wisconsin. Most of my nursing years before ER were spent in Neonatal ICU's. I was clinical manager of 2 neonatal/OB units for 15 years. I have really enjoyed working Emergency—love the pace and experiences as you never know what will come next. Outside of nursing I have been active forming a woman's investment club called WOW (Women of Worth). I have always been very active with my children's lives. Now, they are both out of high school and on to other things. We still are very partial to Nebraska—my husband and sons are very avid followers of the Huskers. The physician, who is in charge of our ER here in Racine, happens to be a consultant for the new ER that is being built at Bryan Memorial. He is very impressed with Bryan Memorial Hospital. Living between Milwaukee and Chicago we have access to many activities—sports, theatrical, etc. Many things are available here for vacations, so anyone is most welcome to come and visit. It is really a gorgeous area. I would dearly love to come to the reunion, but time constraints have made it impossible for me. I still have very fond memories of my Bryan days. After talking to other nurses over the years, we really did have a unique experience in our 3 years, one I personally will treasure forever. I will be thinking of everyone in August—have a great time!