

Our sympathy to the family of **Ellen Cooper Riddle** who passed away on June 25, 2025. May Ellen rest in peace.

Joan Mellican Dickson has been facing some medical issues with a great attitude and no pain. After being diagnosed with cancer, treatments were delayed due to a mini stroke (TIA). In March she fell and needed a partial hip replacement followed by a surgical infection. Presently she is undergoing radiation for a tumor. Joan is still able to play golf occasionally. In June Joan and Bob flew to Asheville, North Carolina to visit son Craig and wife Christy. Next stop was traveling to Southern, Illinois in Craig's RV to visit Bob's relatives. In February Craig and Christy visited. While Christy enjoyed art lessons, Craig helped with odd jobs around the house.

Kathleen "Kitty" Farrell Zink now has six great grandchildren and 28 grandchildren. Her son Joe's son, Charlie, won the Cox Research Institute Scholarship to the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. He enjoys college life and especially the fantastic year for Indiana football. Granddaughter Delilah graduates from Purdue in May and begins employment with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. Her research on an immune-contraceptive to control the wildlife population was published in *ScienceDirect*. Son Jim spent another summer teaching for the North Carolina State Political Science Department in Brussels. Several family members visited him in Brussels. Seth, Joan's son, graduates from Purdue in May and is already employed by Garmin Kansas. Son Bill and wife Shari traveled to Japan in November with Sheri's Mom so she could visit her siblings. Kitty's summer was spent at the lake house with family members passing through. While there, she was able to see George's brother and sister. Kitty is not as involved as previously, but remains active in church and community activities. Since most of the family is near, she is able to enjoy the grandchildren's participation in choral and marching band activities.

Laura "Lolly" Trauscht Holland had a terrible fall and a VERY PAINFUL case of shingles this winter. Her activities have been limited due to her chronic spine pain, but her spirits have been positive.

Rosemary “Roz” Burke Ciaudelli had eye surgery that resulted in a bleed. She wears a patch which has resulted in her balance being off and uses a cane. Both she and Harry no longer drive, but live independently for which they are grateful. Son Joe moved both his home and business from Connecticut to Melbourne, Florida. Joe’s business is called RAYVEL which makes holograms. Daughters Gina and Maria both have homes in Bonita Springs on the west coast so Roz has several choices of where to visit.

Peggy Gardner Gallagher (our fitness queen) accomplished her goal of biking 1,000 miles on September 27, 2025. She’s in great shape and truly enjoys the activity.

Grace Ann “Dace” Doran McLaughlin and Bob love living in their continuing care community, enjoying many interesting people and lots of activities. Their daughter has experienced a very difficult year working for the National Institute of Health where she brings patients in for health issues. She commented that each day brings new challenges.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Chott Carey and Tim enjoyed an Alaskan cruise with their daughter and son-in-law. In July they celebrated the wedding of grandson Tim and wife Sara who live in Colorado. Granddaughter Anna was married in Kauai, Hawaii in February. They spent the month enjoying the sun and all the celebrations. Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are all doing well and live close so they see them often. Son Bob and his two sons who live in Florida visited at Christmas.

Marilyn Rogge DiNardo celebrated the graduation of two grandchildren from Notre Dame in 2025. She now has two grandchildren at Tufts in Boston and one at the University of Kentucky. In April she visited Italy with her two daughters, both of whom studied there. They enjoyed a wonderful trip and fabulous food!

Mary Ellen Gase especially enjoys the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and Ballet along with the Meier Garden Sculpture Park. The Christmas exhibit featured trees from 46 countries. In May the park will host their third Chihuly exhibit. Her Saginaw Community Foundation college music scholarships continue. She opened it up to four high schools last year as two of her former students are choir

directors there. It is a very rewarding project. She also enjoys spending lots of time with her two sisters.

Mary Burtch Feters writes that much has not changed for her except her balance, which we probably have all experienced. She uses a walker which limits her completing many outside projects. She really enjoys hearing all the class news.

Gaye Salerno Kenny and Phil live at The Mather, an assisted living facility in Evanston, Illinois. **Juanita Madison Schretter's** sister Dottie Fugiel also resides there. This summer we enjoyed a delightful lunch and shared lots of Woods stories. Gaye has recovered from foot problems and is doing well.

Elizabeth "Liz" Merry O'Daniel keeps busy with doll and book clubs, yoga, swim classes and attending great grandchildren's events. In July they celebrated Roger's 90th birthday. He remains active with the Ham and Eggs group, as well at the local Air Force and Legion chapters. He often is a guest

speaker and enjoys writing numerous opinion pieces on current events. Their youngest daughter, Kadi, is a head nurse at the top trauma hospital in downtown Minneapolis. Son Lee's bicycle accident, and subsequent brain trauma over three years ago, still presents memory problems and difficulty with daily tasks. He is fortunate that his wife and children provide excellent care. Granddaughter, Karrah, had her book published, *Ashes of Saint Dominique*, which is available on Amazon. Five of daughter Merry Beth's six grandchildren live nearby. Pehr's family returned to Minnesota and have enjoyed the outdoor recreation. He works as a software engineer for Netflix. Son Steven and Toni sold their horse farm, but are building a smaller house and barn. Their son, Christopher, and wife Nicki live in New Mexico. Liz's granddaughter Kaitlin and family live in Alaska where they particularly enjoy fishing and camping.

Patricia "Pat" Needham Burns had two successful cataract procedures this summer. Son Ian was with her those days. In June she attended the inurnment service for **Rosemary "Dee" Cirando Coyne** at Arlington National Cemetery. A Mass followed with a procession to the Columbarium. It was a very impressive ceremony. Pat traveled to Pennsylvania for several days at Thanksgiving to Ian's home. At Christmas Ian's family visited Pat for several days. Pat adds that she doesn't enjoy winter weather!

Judith “Judy” Haley Giesen is delighted with her apartment at Mount Carmel Bluffs, an independent living facility, in Dubuque, Iowa. Her neighbors include Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, widows and some couples. She adds that her prayer life has become richer and her work in social justice is inspired by the Sisters’ values. She is active with immigration by teaching English to immigrants/ refugees at the Lantern Center that promotes peace. In addition, it collects food scraps to compost which eventually becomes soil for gardening. She comments that she is a “river rat” who enjoys the three seasons on her balcony watching barges, pleasure boats and kayaks navigate the Mississippi River. Phone calls and visits with adult children and five grandchildren are plentiful and appreciated. Judy saw **Elizabeth “Liz” Merry O’Daniel** at a funeral memorial in Edina, Minnesota. The deceased cousin and Liz were in the same swim class in Minneapolis. Judy reminisced that she was the only girl from Iowa and Liz was the only Minnesota girl in the SMWC Class of ’59!

Rosemary “Roe” Fratto Malec and Bruce had some health issues, but visit their doctors regularly. She reports that they are getting along pretty well. Bruce suffered a heart attack and Roe has Parkinson’s, but has remained stable. They enjoy three great grandchildren. Two are from Ryan who lives in Philadelphia and a boy from Kyle who lives in Wisconsin. In July they attended the wedding of grandson Riley in St. Louis. The reception was at The Train Station which was lots of fun. Roe adds that they keep in contact with Mickey Coyne, **Rosemary “Dee” Cirando Coyne’s** husband, who misses Dee but is doing well.

Carolyn Stower Edelmann worked 17 years at Delaware & Raritan Greenway, a non-profit that preserves land, especially land with waterways leading to the Delaware River. While she retired at 85, she continues her preservation role via Facebook many times weekly. Her years as a nature journalist and photographer of Princeton mostly ended with the 20th century. Her daughter Catherine Lynne lives in California. She earned her Ph.D in Psychology, practiced and taught until drug availability in California caused patients to stop wanting to heal. She taught literature and writing at Santa Monica College. One year, with my permission, she taught with my first book of poetry. Carolyn’s friends keep her going. They take her to stores, restaurants or their homes to watch Philadelphia Eagles games. She enjoys classical music at Richardson Hall in Princeton and art films at the art theatre. While she always enjoyed cooking and entertaining, those days have passed and now reading is everything!

Janice Searles Vanderhaar keeps involved with Pax Christi both locally and nationally. While she is less involved than in the past, she is not ready to “hang it up!”. She restarted Waters Edge Cover Gathering so neighbors can come together to express concerns. The Sheriff’s Department is involved and usually sends deputies, along with a chief, to keep us informed. It has been a terrible situation with ICE, causing great pain and concern among the Latino community. PCM is a partner with Memphis Interfaith for Action and Hope (MICAH). Both groups keep me very active.

I (**Agnese Piszczek**) continue to serve on the board of Maryville Academy. While I am using a walker, I am still able to drive. I enjoy luncheons, a monthly book club and dinners with friends. Please continue to support the Woods Fund and give back so others can enjoy The Woods!