

"And I have promises and miles to go." Before I share the news of fellow classmates which reveals promises fulfilled and literally miles traveled across the world, I am saddened to report classmates' passings. This winter I befriended a gal at church who was mourning the loss of her sister. Her sibling was **Cheryl "Cher" Snellenberger Bumps** who passed on October 14, 2025. I received a call from **Mary Botti Greenberg '71** that her sister, **Patricia "Pat" Botti** passed on October 27, 2025. She mentioned that Pat had fought RA for years, During the time that she lived with her sister in the Chicago area, she was grateful to **Janica "Jan" Borhauer Biller** for frequent visits, **Mary Borders Key** received word from **Rosa Miranda Colon's** husband that she had passed on February 15, 2026. Rosa's obituary on the [dejohnfuneral.com](http://dejohnfuneral.com) website contains a wonderful photo story of her life.

After sharing our favorite Rosa memories, Mary shared her greatest treasures. She has six grandchildren and by the end of May she will have seven GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. Mary is lucky enough to have four of them living in Princeton. Krissy and her husband are missionaries in Indonesia but are on a six-month sabbatical and will have their third child while here.

**Coletta Keenan Sayer** retired from Houston ISD after 27 years. Since this time, she and her husband, Mark, and their son, Mark have enjoyed family trips to Ireland, Thailand and Alaska. All three of them did the polar plunge in Barrow, Alaska. Coletta and her husband spend time out east and New York City where their son lives and owns his own fitness business - Sayerfit' When they aren't traveling, they spend their time living in Denver, Colorado and Houston, Texas.

**Judith "Judy" Kienzler Eckstein** and her husband, Ken, are doing fine in Metamora. They are fortunate to have all eight grandchildren living close by. They attend many school concerts, band competitions, and volleyball and basketball games. Judy enjoys meeting new people as she volunteers at a Local Resale Store whose profits benefit the school district. Judy, **Mary Beth "Betsy" Cera Grossman** and **Anne Loehr Frantzen** try to meet at Starved Rock for lunch and a visit at least once a year.

**Marcia Reder Schmidt** and Jerry are both retired and have been married for 54 years. They have three sons in Charlotte, North Carolina. If anyone is living there, Marcia can recommend two great doctors and a lawyer. They are fortunate to have their daughter near Cincinnati. They are looking forward to a cruise with the whole family, including 12 wonderful grandchildren from ages seven to 26 years old. Marcia keeps busy with volunteer work, traveling, exercising and whatever may come along. She and Jerry still help with projects at SMWC.

**Patricia “Trish” Andrews Shanahan** and her husband, Bill moved to a retirement community in Georgia three years ago. They enjoy the city and have made many new friends and learned new activities. Trish is trying to relearn Bridge but at this age it is so hard to remember all those rules. The last time she played she lived in Guerin Hall. Their kids have remained in Chicago, and they are fortunate to visit everyone on one trip. Although Trish's career took her on a much different path than her major, she still remains an avid sewist of fashion.

**Paula Duffy Meany** has retired from 40 years of teaching pre-school and Kindergarten. She now appreciates the rewards of two special volunteer jobs at Evanston Hospital. One is with the Ambulatory Surgery Unit, and the other is with the Pet Therapy program. Plenty of air travel is happening with two children in Boston and one in Scotland. Paula is blessed with five grandchildren.

**Barbara “Barb” Clark Smith** has been a very active Real Estate Broker in Hobe Sound, Florida for 46 years and is still going strong! All three of her sons are married. Doug, the eldest, and his wife and two beautiful children also live in Hobe Sound. Mark Patrick, a senior film editor, and his wife and two boys live in Chicago. Ryan, his wife and dog, Sadie, reside in Chattanooga. When Barb goes home to Princeton, she takes the Hobe Sound grandchildren. They then drive to Chicago and always stop at The Woods. The grands really love to go there! If you are traveling to or near Hobe Sound, give Barb a call.

**Adelynn “Addie” Patera Brandenburg** and her husband Greg retired to Fountain Hills, Arizona in 2019 and thank God every day for bringing them to a place they love so much. Addie and Greg are very involved in their church, St. Bernard's of Clairvaux. They enjoy their eight grandchildren who live in many places. Their eldest, Erin, has recently taken a job in Washington, D.C. as the Judicial Conference Secretariat Officer for the Federal Judiciary. Their son, Erik lives in Boise, Idaho and is vice president of Global Affairs for Simplot. The youngest son, Joe, is a certified financial planner. Addie and Greg celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2024 with the whole family in Ireland. Addie is looking forward to seeing Arizona Woodsies at a gathering organized by **Cheryl Erazmus Freeman '74**.

**Jacqueline “Jackie” Trzaska Zapf** continues to be retired but is elated with her new job as Grandma! Her granddaughter, Harper was born July 15, 2025. Christopher and his wife live in the next town, so Jackie is babysitting two mornings a week currently. Her husband Michael is easing into retirement. This has afforded some amazing travel experiences including last year's cruise of the Iberian Peninsula. Jackie noted that the architecture in Spain and Portugal is unbelievable. This year they will be going on a cruise of the British Isles and spending four days prior in London. Jackie keeps busy with Bible study and two book clubs. Thanks to having UCLA football season tickets, they can visit with family in Chicago when playing Northwestern and explore another midwestern town when playing Ohio State.

**Elizabeth “Beth” Luking** is grateful to be retired (almost nine years) and in good health. She still lives in Connersville, her hometown, and has lots of family in the area. She talks frequently with **Nancy Seifert-Kessell** who lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. This past summer/fall Nancy has worked hard replanting her yard with flowers, shrubs, etc. For her November birthday, Nancy and her sister, **Teresa Seifert '75**, came to visit. In August I was pleased to host **Trese Ashley Edward '76** from Massachusetts for several days. Initially, we had planned to visit **Diane Chandler Hickman '76** in Ohio. She had been battling cancer since 2019 and sadly passed away on August 12, 2025. So with updates from the Hickman family, it was a delight to be part

of the "Woods Connection" and talk to **Linda Snyder-Lundstrom '76** and their class secretary to share Diane's passing. It was amazing to talk via phone for the first time in 40-45 years and the response was gracious and helpful. **Lynn O'Linski '76** was very helpful in connecting Frank Hickman with the correct people in the SMWC Advancement Office. The class of '76 was the first class that I served while being Director of Guerin Hall. They will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion this May. I also enjoyed reconnecting with my little sister, **Madonna "Donna" Stocker Guelker '74** by phone, following the passing of her husband David.

These reflections and updates serve as a positive boost for our class to reconnect! May the days ahead be filled with blessings and opportunities to reach out and renew old friendships!