

CLASS OF 1975

Holy cow, within hours of my post...Teesie was the first to write back! Woo-hoo

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I'm still kicking and hopping on a flight to go somewhere about every other month! That's definitely how I like to roll!

(The Four Corners - where Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona meet).

I'm currently enjoying the beautiful snow here just south of Telluride... This is for sure my happy place!

Hope to be back in California in March for my first Grand's 15th b-day. Perhaps I'll be able to cross paths with some of you when I'm in Sacramento & the Bay Area ?

Best wishes to all for a peace-filled 2026!

Diane Boudinet Shaw writes: dianeshaw1@comcast.net

I am still up in Michigan surviving another winter. I've retired from teaching ESL for 18 years now. I thoroughly enjoy my time with a monthly book club, but mostly quilting wall-hangings using applique. My creative juices get going, and I come up with my own designs. My church had a Quilt Show last November. We had 100 quilts on display and for sale. (I donated six quilts) and our total sales were \$17,000.

My fondest memory of the Woods is when I hear our song-The Bells of St. Mary's; I hear they are calling and/or "Whose woods these are? I think I know".....It seems to me we had an album with that song on it sung by St. Mary's Choir gals. I wish St. Mary's would record a new CD of it with the current choir. Maybe they have it, but I can't find it online through their bookstore.

I also heard in the past that our class has a yearbook of our photos from way back when. I was supposed to get a copy but never did. It's really hard to feel like I am a part of the group. Getting older 'ain't for sissies', especially when I can't put names with the faces of fellow classmates.

Blessings to you for sending out the emails. I know it can be a huge job since I was the President of Newcomers and Friends in Livingston County for two years with 330 members.

All the best....

Sarah Snelson Armstrong: armstrong5335@comcast.net

I am good in St. Paul.... retired, teaching Sashiko (Japanese Embroidery), traveling, sewing and visiting friends and family. It was so great to see many of you at the Reunion! **Ann Heckler Fetzer, Susan "Sue" Homan** and I had a wonderful adventure in Spain and Italy. My family is good and I visit them all several times a year. Please say many prayers for the people of the Twin Cities to bring peace to this wonderfully diverse community.

Lizabeth "Beth" Rybinski Haynes: haynes.beth97@gmail.com

Reunion was a wonderful event; it was good to see everyone and reminisce about the good old days. I am including a few pictures from Guerin Hall. The dorm room is the one **Mary Hess Schroeder** and I shared. I was shocked to see the furniture we used was still there!

News:

All is well at the Haynes household. Wayne and I plan on spending more time on our new houseboat on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky throughout the year. Our two grandchildren, Cristopher and Chloe, are turning 21 and 16 respectively, they are growing up too fast! I am still traveling to Ohio to spend time with my mother who turns 95 in July. She is living in her home and is sharp a tack, hopefully I inherit her good genes.





Kathleen “Katie” Angelicchio Barth: mbarthiii@aol.com

We are well. Mike is still working, the kids have truly flown the coop. Claire is in Portland, Oregon, Anne is Rotonda, West Florida and Michael is in Indy stuck with looking after the parental units. The 50th Reunion was awesome; we still rock. Mike and I celebrate 50 years in April and are looking forward to spending July on Big Canon Lake in Ontario, Canada. Cheers to another year.

Ann Heckler Fetzer: ahfetzer52@gmail.com

I hope this finds everyone well and happy! February 2025 to February 2026 have been full of heartfelt celebrations and salutations.

In March 2025, my beloved mom passed. Although not a surprise, I can't seem to reconcile the fact that she is gone. I still wake up thinking I have/need to call mom. Does this ever pass? Had my parents still been alive, in May 2025, my dad (who passed away in 2017) would have celebrated his 100th birthday and my parents would have been married 75 years! God love my mother! We never thought she would survive without him. She was so incredibly strong. I truly believe my mom chose to be with my dad to celebrate this milestone. Or perhaps, it's just this daughter's perception, who has known no greater love than that of my parents.

In May 2025, Ken and I had a few setbacks. Just prior to our 50th SMWC Reunion, Ken fell and suffered three fractures in his wrist. Home is where I needed to be, so dear classmates, attending our reunion was not an option. **Susan “Sue” Homan** (still and forever, Susie Scoop) thank you for using facetime to allow me to “attend” our reception

and visit with so many classmates! It truly was the next best thing to being there. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin knows I was there in heart, soul and prayer.

Thanks again to Sue and **Sarah Snelson Armstrong**, in June 2025, I was able to accompany them on a trip to Spain and Italy!! I imagine Sue might have shared the details, but for me it was a lifelong dream. As only Woods sisters would, Sue and Sarah helped me deal with an inconvenient medical issue that did factor on our trip. Gratefully, thanks to prayers to Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and the kindest dad/chaperone named Chad, I had the most amazing adventure! Thanks for the memories! (OMG, is that what Bob Hope said?!)

My husband, Ken, has Alzheimer's, and since 2010, we have never been apart for more than three days. My wonderful sister-in-law, my beautiful stepdaughter, and my adorable grandkids traveled from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Naples, Florida respectively to be with Ken so I could travel. It would prove to be a priceless time for all of us. The longer I live, the more I appreciate these moments.

We had such a wonderful time! Sue, Sarah and I are hoping to take a river cruise this November or early December to tour the European Christmas markets! Fingers crossed!

Just a few weeks ago, February 2026, Sue and Sarah came to visit us in Bluffton! I simply don't know enough ways or words to thank you! What a priceless gift! Along with my siblings, my sister Paula, my brother Luke, and my sister-in-law Nancy, who all live nearby on Hilton Head Island, they joined us in a quiet celebration as Ken and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Thank you, Sue and Sarah. I am forever grateful!

Over the past several years, Sue, Sarah, and **Ann Stineman Nick**, have come to my rescue in Michigan! Now I am so blessed and grateful to welcome my beloved friends in South Carolina!! Life is short. Memories fade. Time spent with those we love becomes more precious and few. My dear classmates, I cherish and pray for all of you. Should you ever find yourselves near Bluffton, South Carolina, our door is always open, and you are always welcome.

Until we meet again. Love to all!

Tanya Zaylor Ashinhurst: tashinht@gmail.com

What a wonderful Reunion! So greatly enjoyed seeing everyone and hearing remembered stories! We are a great group of ladies, so glad to have you in my life.

The rest of 2025 was much the same for me working still and planning to attend 2026 horse shows. Winter found Cleveland with extended frigid weather and lots and lots of snow (I live in the 'snow belt'). Looking forward to attending the 2026 Reunion.

Joyce Thatcher: jthatcher007@gmail.com

Count me in! By far the most exciting news I've got to share with all of you in the class of 75 is the fact that I am finally a grandmother to two adorable grandsons! The firstborn is Cooper aka the Coopster, born to our son Ben, 36, and his wife of three or four years, Joanna. Both were born in Boston, and both will never leave. Call it Red Sox fever, Bruins fanship forevah, Patriots always on a roll or what have you, they feel their deepest ties to Boston and Cambridge. Hence, I call our son Ben the "other Ben of Boston" because he has the same allegiances as Ben Affleck and is almost as cute, predictable and funny in his spectatorship as the legendary Ben A is. Kind of like Tom Nick in his worship of da Bears of Chicago 🤪!

Our other grandson Adam, at one and a half years, lives in Burlington, Vermont with our daughter Camille and her hubby Justin. They are relentless Buffalo Bills fans, however, and fortunately do not go crazy for every sport the upstate New Yorkers support. They play golf instead and are generally really into sports for themselves and the arts too. What a relief!

Peter and I continue to bounce between Charlottesville Virginia and Massachusetts, but this chapter will soon come to an end, for we are soon to bounce back to Massachusetts and stay closer to both kids and grandkids. I feel pretty sad about moving further away from most of my family of origin and their kids, but really happy to think of the better proximity to the close community of family and longtime friends in eastern and Western Massachusetts. I think Mrs. Doubtfire said it best when he/she told her charges that family are the ties that bind. I would only add that for our family those ties extend to longtime close friends of ours, and those of our children we've known as their BFFs, our kids and their families, and friends who are Woodsies. Childhood chums count in a big way too, as do the women I went to university within Switzerland for my junior year at the Woods. The memories of these chums are priceless, as are those of the visits we made to our friends' homes during those years... what we put our parents through and what they did for us, just amazingly wonderful! Such patience in them!

Hugs to all, big Georgiana pine tree hugs to sister members of the class of '75!!! Hope all goes well for you and yours ❤️💚 now and forevah 🤪!

Marcia Tozer: tozer47834@aol.com

I lead such an exciting life! I am still doing therapy for my broken arm. The snow of January did me in! Actually, it was a ridge of ice that I offered my left arm as a sacrifice to! C'est la vie! Me and my two four-legged boys are still recovering at home. I'm not driving yet as I do not have a range of motion in that arm yet. I still drive my standard shift car, so I need two hands! Once I get a back brace and if I can handle standing again, I may return to the workforce. There are a lot of ifs in that statement! Enjoyed our visit and look forward to a possible visit with **Susan “Suzie” Massey Jarmin** this spring!

Mary Hogan Weber: mw_53@yahoo.com

Reunion 2025 was great! I enjoyed seeing everyone and reminiscing about our time at the Woods 50 years ago! There was a feeling of love and connection among us that was so nice.

I'm fortunate to still enjoy my usual routine: traveling with my husband, enjoying time with our kids and grandkids, socializing with friends and, of course, book club! I came away from the recent Sisters of Providence book sale with a stack of books, even some from the SMWC library!

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy year ahead.



Judith “Judy” Riordan Bogart: judy.bogart7@icloud.com

I'm still loving living in Western Colorado, staying busy helping write community grants and growing beautiful flowers and plants in my greenhouse. Great early Christmas present-new grandson, Michael, born a month early! My daughter, her husband and three-year-old sister are doing great!

I have a big trip planned for mid-April-mid May,

Going to Borneo to check out one of the oldest rainforests and orangutans' sanctuary, Jakarta for cultural immersion, Bali for a little diving and rounding out the adventure with 10 days in Sidney! Yes, life is very good! It was so great seeing so many classmates at the reunion last May.

Jody Klein Nesbitt: jodynesbitt@comcast.net

We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary with a trip to Copenhagen and Amsterdam this summer. Places that neither of us have spent any time outside their airports. Grafe and I are treating our three children and the four grandchildren to come along and suspect this may be the last whole family journey once they start college.

Beth McElhone: bam49001@aol.com

Not much has changed in my life.... I still work as the Director of Music for a small parish north

of Kalamazoo which keeps me very busy. (Sometimes too busy Emoji) and my second job (which is much less enjoyable) is kidney dialysis three times per week. Unfortunately, I was

removed from the transplant list (they felt I was too complicated.... after 1-1/2 years of testing everything but my ears and my feet!) Anyway, I have applied to another Hospital (in Detroit) as they credit themselves for taking "complicated" cases and still have over a 90% success rate! I have my first appointment with one of their doctors in March. Our Michigan winter has worn me down, too much snow and WAY too cold! I am looking forward to Spring! Hope all is well with you and yours!

Beth (McElhone)

ALL OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, Beth

Ann Stineman Nick: asnick@comcast.net

Hi all! Spent the first weekend in October at Rose for “the boys” 50th . Was not as much fun as the Woodsie Reunion! I was home for the month of December since Baby sis was due. It was worth it but happy to be back in Florida! Savannah was born on the 12th to join big sister Avery who is almost 4. I love being Grannie. They will be joining us for two weeks in April! Hope everyone is well! Almost forgot, our son Rob threw a surprise 50th for us in August. Lots of fun!



Susan “Sue” Homan: Woodsie75@aol.com

I’m still enjoying my teaching days (daze, someday!) It’s rather interesting teaching US History these days. Perhaps, I should go to Washington...hmmmm. I’m Nana Ho to three adorable grandchildren. After nine years, all three of my children are finally in the same time zone!

50th Reunion was wonderful to see so many faces. If you weren’t there, you were asked about. Please reach out and contact someone. We do wonder about so many.

I traveled to Spain and Italy with **Ann Heckler Fetzer** and **Sarah Snelson Armstrong** in June. We went with my friend’s High School group and were tagged as “THE GODMOTHERS”. The highlight of the trip was the nighttime golf cart tour of Rome. Highly recommend it!

