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Elizabeth “Betsy” McDonald Moore There is another common thread in this year’s Class Notes. Last year was retirement. This year: Our 70th Birthdays! I want to wish everyone a Happy 70th! I also want to thank everyone for reaching out during my husband, Kevin’s, cancer battle. He’s doing well. Also, thank you for the prayers after my broken ankle accident this winter. I’m still recovering, but pray for full healing. A special thank you to **Barbara “Barb” Eggert Maloney** who has suffered through broken ankle surgery and offered a long distance shoulder to cry on and helpful advice! I hope to celebrate my 70th birthday with my twin, Nancy, as she’s planning to come to Traverse City in April so we can be together on our big milestone! Kevin and I plan on a summer filled with family fun!

As most of you know, **Susan Record** left us on June 18, 2025 after a long, hard-fought cancer battle. I was so thankful that **Philomena “Peggy” Bowling Zitzer, Shirley Guiler Millsap, and Cathy Behm Minor** could represent the **Class of 1978** and attend Susan’s funeral in Mattoon, Illinois. I know it brought much comfort to Susan’s family. I keep in touch with **Sheila Record ’79** and she relays that the Record family appreciates everyone’s prayers and expressions of sympathy. Please keep their mother, Joan, in your prayers. This has been such a heartbreak for Mrs. Record.

For four years, Susan and I sat next to each other or across from each other in Journalism classes in Guerin Hall. Late newsroom nights editing, galley paste ups/layout sessions, and a few tears, forged friendship for life. Fellow journalism majors **Susan “Sue” Finley** and **Anne Walsh Walton** and I texted back and forth in the aftermath of Susan’s death. We all agreed Susan was a steady, calm classmate during our four shared years of deadlines. We all deeply miss Susan. I can’t hear a Jimmy Buffet, Jackson Browne, or Dan Fogelberg song without immediately being transported to a car ride, life in Le Fer or sips at Simrell’s without thinking of Susan. Reunions just won’t be the same without her! I will miss her forever!

Cynthia “Cindy” Acklin I have started writing poems from my photos—they’re my inspiration. My poems express the simplicity of every day things - some with a colorful political slant. It started with COVID when it was hard to find flour ... to mushrooms with their RBG collars ...to meringue “left-wing” desserts ... admittedly fun!

It's hard to believe we were at The Woods in the 70s ... and now celebrating 70 this year! Happy 70th everyone!



Ladies Who Lunch: Kim Alexander enjoys quarterly reunions with **Ann Hartman Stolte '79** and **Ellen Murphy '79**. They meet for lunch in Effingham, Illinois. Kim drives from Sullivan, Indiana while Ellen and Ann drive from the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

Michelle Tesar Barrentine I am in a process of adjustment. I stopped working for the Beginning Experience Ministry at the end of September, but being the nerd that I am, I wanted to continue to finish a few projects and obligations. Sooo....

In mid-October, I drove from Texas to Kentucky for a conference, stopping to spend a few days with **Judi Stankovic '77**. The conference was good and I got to meet one of my successors in person.

After driving and spending a few more days in Cleveland to visit family, I drove back to Texas to get ready for the next conference, which was in Singapore. It was wonderful to meet people in person who I had seen on Zoom or with whom I exchanged emails. Singapore was interesting and beautiful, but very humid.

I had never been to that part of the world before, so I wanted to do something else after the conference. I convinced one of my sisters, who had just retired, to come with me on a 12-day cruise out of Sydney, Australia, around New Zealand. It was wonderful and I wish we could have spent more time there. But, we had to get back because we were going to Florida for a nephew's wedding. We drove from San Antonio to Florida (visiting with friends along the way), had a wonderful time at the wedding, then drove up to Cleveland for Christmas. I left my old car in Cleveland and flew back to San Antonio on New Year's Day. I quickly got my new car and then the adjustment period started.

I am just about to the point where I am getting organized so I can finish a couple more Ministry projects and get my taxes done. Now that I have time during the day, I have joined my 55+ community chorus, which is fun but not overly demanding. Nothing too exciting coming up anytime soon, but I think I can use the rest and time to catch up.

Mary Catherine Doyle I have been feeling the itch to travel so I bought a Ram 1,500 ProMaster Scope. We will be traveling soon to visit friends and family. When at home, I've been making sourdough bread, working in the yard and taking classes online. I find time flies and I often wonder how I had time to work. I loved teaching, and I love being retired.

Tomorrow, February 8, 2026, I will celebrate my 70th Birthday, even though I have been celebrating with friends for the past week. I have cousins that turn 70 in January. We will celebrate in September with a beach house in Newport Beach, California for a week. I think I will be celebrating this birthday all year! Happy 70th to all my classmates! God Bless, Everyone!

Susan "Sue" Carroll Finley Since I'm probably the youngest in our class, I am counting on all of you to let me know how you are doing having reached that impossible number. How is this even possible, I ask myself daily.

I'm still doing freelance work for my former company and still getting comments like, "I thought you retired." I am learning to balance my time so I can work on projects I enjoy and find time for volunteer work.

Work on the WRAC project – Women Religious Archive Collaborative – is gaining traction. We're up to more than 40 congregations that we'll be representing in a spectacular museum in Cleveland. All will be complete in

2027 due to construction delays but it will be worth the extra time. Plenty of informative and entertaining exhibits – I invite you all when it opens.

As for volunteering, I am involved with the Lakewood Historical Society and soon, the Cleveland Metroparks. All park volunteers must go through a background check. I just hope they don't pull up my records relating to my repeated illegal parking in front of LeFer.

Last summer's Woodsie gathering found us in Chautauqua, New York. This adventure included **Nancy Hunter Miller '79, Ellen Murphy '79, Ann Hartman Stolte '79; Cathy Nolan Balay; Mary Kay O'Malley, '77.** Sticking a pin in a map to find where 2026 will take us.

Sometimes it's fine to report "nothing new," so fine, in fact, I have done a cut n' paste from last year: Mike is doing well and still runs the Student Production Program at Cuyahoga Community College – preparing students for the crazy professional world of media production. He still plays out with a couple of different bands.

He and I just celebrated "30 years of togetherness" in January and we're considering a trip to celebrate that, along with his milestone birthday and mine – all in 2026.



Cathy Nolan Balay '78, Ann Hartman Stolte'79, and Nancy Hunter Miller '79 enjoyed a Girls' Weekend in Chautauqua, New York with **Susan Caroll Finley '78, Mary Kay O'Malley '77 and Ellen Murphy '79.**



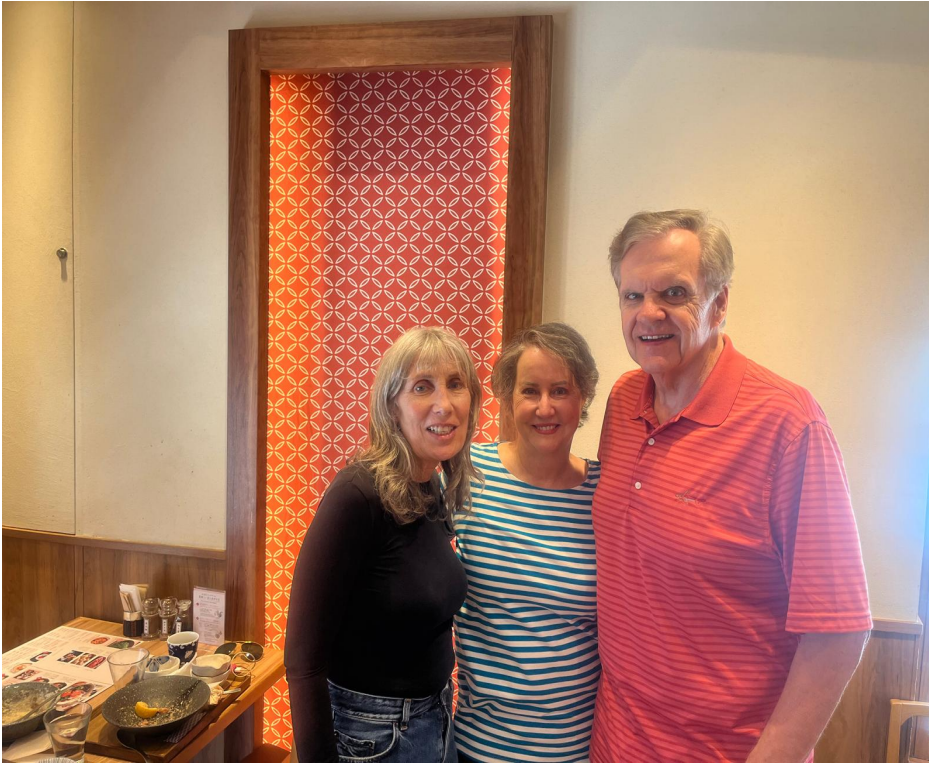
Susan Carroll Finley '78, Cathy Nolan Balay '78, Ellen Murphy '79, and Ann Hartman Stolte '79 posed in front of Susan's house in Lakewood, Ohio before setting off for a Reunion in Chautauqua, New York.

Anne Franklin The highlights of every year are being in good health and spending time with our children, grandchildren, and extended families. Both of our children and our three grandchildren live nearby, so we spend a lot of time together.

As you know, Mike and I enjoy traveling. In addition to several trips within the US with and without our children and grandchildren, Mike and I headed out of the country a few times in 2025. We spent the month of April in Asia. We started in Singapore, then traveled through Malaysia, and spent the final two weeks in Japan. An absolute highlight of our trip was a half-day spent with **Mary Grace Sylvester** in Tokyo!

In May, we took our daughter, Sarah, and our grandchildren to London and Paris for a two-week trip. Grayson is 12, and twins, Sadie and Scarlett, are 10. They are at a great age for traveling. Mike and I spent September in Africa. We traveled from South Africa, through Namibia, into Botswana, then to Zambia and Zimbabwe. We saw many animals on various safaris. I do not ever need to go to a zoo again! Zimbabwe was the 70th country we have visited. There are four countries left on our bucket list. We hope to visit three of them this year. Israel is on our list, but we might not make it there given the current situation.

I wish all of our classmates and their loved ones great health and happiness in 2026!



From left to right: **Mary Grace Sylvester** , **Anne Franklin** , and Mike Flak (Anne's husband) reconnected during Anne and Mike's Asian tour. They were able to visit Mary Grace who lives and works in Tokyo.

Geri Leliaert Garrard My eldest sister, Ann Marie, who lived in California, died in February 2026. She did not attend The Woods. Thanks for the prayers for comfort and peace.

I spent some time with my sister, Mary Leliaert, over the summer. She fell and had to have shoulder surgery. So, I went to Indiana to help her with whatever she needed me to do. I was able to see my son who lives in Coldwater, Michigan while I was there. I also traveled to Alabama to see my daughter and stopped to see my sister, **Paula Leliaert Sumpter '80**.

We are in a deep freeze in Buffalo, New York this winter. Lots of snow and many days of temperatures in the teens or below. We get a lot of wind off both Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

Mike and I continue to work on renovating his parents' house while living in it. We finished the basement and have been slowly working on the first story. We have been traveling a bit. Mike's kids are in North Carolina and we like to visit them and his grandsons.

In July 2026, some of my sisters are traveling to Buffalo for a sisters gathering. Those attending are:

Deborah Leliaert '90, Paula Leliaert Sumpter '80, and Teresa Leliaert '81. Mary Leliaert, Teresa's twin, attended The Woods for a semester when we were Seniors. Deborah attended The Woods before us (class of '76) but left and then went back to graduate through WED program.

My daughter and I will meet in Chicago this summer for a daughter/mother weekend. She turns 40 (!) and I turn 70.

Recently I was elected to serve on the Vestry of my Church.

Isn't being retired great?

Barbara “Barb” Eggert Maloney I wish everyone a Happy 70th special birthday!

Sister Mary Henning, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph (Maple Mount, Ky.) who graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, celebrated her 60th anniversary of religious profession in 2025.

Sister Mary is a 1978 Saint Mary-of-the-Woods graduate with a degree in music. The Axtel, Ky., native earned her undergraduate degree in 1969 from Brescia College (now University) in Owensboro, Kentucky., and has a master's degree in music in 1979 from Northwestern University. In addition, she earned a diploma in Liturgy from Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1998. She was an associate professor of music at Brescia for 32 years (1981-2013). She was also a teacher prior to becoming a professor. Since 2013 she has served as director of worship and liturgy at the Ursuline Motherhouse in Maple Mount, Kentucky.

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356.

Geraldine “Gerry” Bush MacLeod After two and a half years, I have retirement down pat. I love having the time to volunteer and to do things I enjoy. Ken also enjoys retirement (since May). We have a good rhythm, doing some things together and some things separately. He just had a hip replacement, so we look forward to when he is up and running (so to speak) again! He misses long walks with our puppy, Luna.

In January, our elder son, Greg, started his own landscaping company in Columbia, South Carolina! His first year had its successes and its challenges, but he has done really well, overall. Columbia is only four hours away, so we get to see him relatively often.

Our younger son, Tommy, started nursing school in September! Now he’s juggling classes with ski season as a fourth-year instructor at Snowbird Resort in Salt Lake City. We were able to visit him there last summer and saw him at Thanksgiving as well.

In August, the MacLeod clan gathered in North Dakota to celebrate 200 years of marriage collectively for Ken and his four siblings. There were almost 80 people aged one to 81 and spanning three generations!

In June, Ken and I will celebrate our 40th anniversary and, in September, we will travel to Iceland with a group from our local senior center.

With most of us turning 70, I have to wonder how we got to be the same age as old people???? May it be a good year for all of us!

Shirley Guiler Millsap My heart is broken over the loss of **Susan Record**, my roomie and bestie. Our big sisters, **Betsy Guiler Franklin ’76** and **Sally Record Eck ’76** introduced us on move-in day Freshman year. By second semester, we were roommates, and stayed together our remaining years at The Woods. I think our claim to fame was winning the Halloween costume contest all four years with suitemates **Rose Lynn Schnell** and my cousin, **Elisabeth “Lisa” Hegarty Grabiell**. I owe so much to Susan. She introduced me to her Mattoon High School friend, Mike Millsap, and the rest was history. She was so brave in her battle and my heart just breaks for the Record Family, especially their mom.

Mike and I are retired and spending our time watching our five grand kids (ages six through 13) play all sorts of sports. In our spare time we like to travel while we still can. We head to Arizona for spring training (not our

beloved Cardinals) to see how the other teams live! We will take a cruise on the Danube in December and plan to shop at the Christmas Markets!

Cathy Behm Minor Thank you all so much for everything these many years. You all are such a blessing in so many ways. Thank you to the SMWC staff for everything. It was a blessing to be able to attend our class reunion in 2023. I look forward to our 2028 class reunion.

I was able to join **Shirley Guiler Millsap** and her husband, Michael, and **Peggy Bowling Zitzer** at our classmate **Susan Record's** visitation on June 22, 2025 and Mass of Christian Burial on June 23, 2025. We were able to be with Susan's families: her partner Paul Conforti, mother Joan Record, brother Rush Record, sisters **Sally Record Eck '76**, **Sheila Record '79**, Shady Record Raboin, and friends. Everything was a beautiful tribute to Susan's life and legacy. May Susan rest in peace.

My family has had a very blessed year in 2025 and looking forward to 2026. In May, 2026 our son, Kyle, and his wife, Anna's, daughter, Olivia graduates from high school. In the fall, their son, Cooper, will be in ninth grade in high school. Our daughter, **Courtney Minor Moore '07**, and husband, Andy's, children Dylan, will be in fifth grade, and William, will be in third grade.

My husband, Kerry, and I really enjoy being parents and grandparents. It has been such a blessing to be able to participate in their lives. We are so thankful for our families and many friends in our life journey.



Cathy Behm Minor, and her husband, Kerry (back row, far right), with their children (standing from left): son Kyle; daughter-in-law, Anna; daughter, **Courtney Minor Moore '07**; and grandchildren (seated from left): Olivia Minor, William Moore, Cooper Minor and Dylan Moore. (Courtney's husband, Andy Moore, took the photo.)

Cynthia "Cindy" Noe As much fun as owning a craft brewery was for five years, I'm really enjoying catching up on reading, traveling, and doing as much yoga as my schedule allows. My sisters and I (including my older sister, **Debra Noe Johanningsmeier '74**) traveled through France and The Netherlands last October, tracing Van Gogh's life. What a thrill it was to learn so much and spend that much time together. Daughter Kathryn lives and works in Washington, D.C. and is newly engaged to a terrific guy she met at school. Very sweet and exciting for everyone. In March, I leave for a few weeks in Sicily and will also visit a friend in Berlin. **Jill Spooner** and I are in frequent touch and I will visit her in Chicago sometime in April. 2026 is off to a very good start.

Jane Arnold Sirkoch My news is that we breed Papillons. Our Papillon, Guerin Just Playing Games, is the number two Papillon in the country. He has been invited to Westminster dog show. So we're very excited for him.

Mary Grace Sylvester A highlight was **Anne Franklin**, and her husband, Mike Flak's visit to Tokyo. We had such a great visit. I'm busy working and building my business—teaching English to Japanese corporate employees. Hotel training began yesterday. I'd like to visit my sister **Angela Sylvester Lipparoni '81** and her husband, Enrico, in Perugia, Italy late spring or early summer.

Loretta Ryan Tuegel, MD 2025 gave us the opportunity to spend more time with extended family as two of my nieces and a nephew were married. We traveled to Oklahoma, Michigan, and Ohio to help the happy couples celebrate. We also traveled to Abilene, Texas to visit with Eric's older brother and some of his brother's family. Our cruise this year was of some of the Great Lakes - lots of excellent food, interesting fellow cruisers, and educational excursions.

We enjoyed lunch with **Geraldine “Gerry” Bush MacLeod** and her husband, Ken, in July as they passed through Richmond enroute to Indianapolis.

Our granddaughters are now eight, six and three, and provide lots of entertainment. Eric and I continue to enjoy retirement. Our daughter, Erin, lives with us, works part-time in the business office at our local hospital and enjoys participating in Special Olympics. Wishing the best to everyone!

Anne Walsh Walton I escaped the Cleveland tundra for a bit and enjoyed time in Florida this winter. I'm also making an effort to get to the gym—inspired by **Susan “Sue” Carroll Finley!** I enjoy reunions with Sue and classmates **Cathy Nolan Balay, Kim Alexander, and Nancy Hunter Miller '79, Ellen Murphy '79, and Ann Hartmann Stolte '79.**

Mary Frances “Mary Fran” Cebuhar West I am still working and hope to retire the end of 2026. I have some projects I have worked on for years and am trying to complete beforehand.

I am very sad about my brother, Mark Cebuhar's, sudden death June 22, 2025. That makes two deceased of the five adult children in our family. We suspect he had a heart attack after a long day in his orchard with high heat in Metro Detroit.

I'm so thankful I saw Mark at **Barbara Ann Cebuhar's '77 RIP** son, Connor Lahey's, law school graduation in May in Washington, D.C. Mark was there because of his son Johnathan's wedding. I just can't believe this - it happening so soon after Barbara Ann's passing. Life is fragile and short.

My son, Matthew, is engaged to Kaska. She hopes to get into medical school. As I write this, Matthew is here in Orlando for a Costar conference. He spent the weekend with me and it was so nice that he focused on ME and didn't run to see all his former friends here. He is a very good tennis player (gets that from his Dad, RIP) and he played tennis with me on Saturday and Sunday. We went to a local Orlando park with a ball machine and hit balls for an hour. I think I am going to take up tennis! I played again with **Colette Vogel Boeker '80** and her husband, Warren, at Colette's mom, Phyllis Vogel's, home in Venice, Florida. (Phyllis turns 90 this summer!) We also swam and attended an art festival. Colette and Warren live on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Warren is a professor at the University of Washington in the Business School and Colette works in the Master of Business Administration placing students with companies.



Florida Fun: **Mary Frances Cebuhar West** spent time with **Colette Vogel Boeker '80** and Colette's mom, Phyllis Vogel in Venice, Florida.

Philomena "Peggy" Bowling Zitzer Although retired from Chicago Public Schools, I still work as a Resource Teacher at St. Pius X Parish School in

Lombard, Illinois, my grade school alma mater! My husband, Dave, and I are blessed to have our daughter, Ellen and her husband, Chad, nearby.

I made my way around Lake Michigan to Traverse City, Michigan last summer to visit my roomie **Elizabeth “Betsy” McDonald Moore**. We enjoyed a boat ride around West Grand Traverse Bay with her husband, Kevin, in the Captain’s chair. It was a relaxing visit in beautiful Northern Michigan sipping wine from Leelanau Peninsula wineries, late night talks like in LeFer, and reminiscing and laughing about our antics at The Woods. (Sorry, **Denise Wilkinson, SP ‘68!**) We hope to see lots of you at our 50th Reunion in spring of 2028! Remember, “Our Days Are Numbered!” “Be There Or Be Square!”



Former roommates, **Philomena “Peggy” Bowling Zitzer ’78** and **Betsy McDonald Moore ’78** sitting on the dock of West Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City, Michigan.