

Notes from the Class of 1980

Jean Faulkner Smith

I am pleased to say that our children, sons-in-laws and grandchildren are well and thriving. We continue to enjoy retirement with many activities. Traveling to new and familiar places is what we most enjoy doing together. We are blessed.

Margaret “Meg” Swift Rogers

I’ve had a big year. I traveled with my brother to England and France last May and in September to Scotland! Both trips were amazing. Other than that, I’ve been spending a lot of time in San Diego with my 94-year-old mother. She still lives alone, but I try to be there often. Last year I flew out five times. This year I’ll basically just live there, flying home to visit instead of vice versa. I am very blessed to have my mother still with me, and still awfully darn sharp and mobile. I can’t wait for our 50th! HOW can we all be that old? I remember going to our five year Reunion and feeling so grown up. That was a lifetime ago.

Maria Vega Prado Monhaut

Last year we traveled quite a bit. First, we cruised to Hawaii in January. Then, after our wonderful class reunion (it was fun to spend time with classmates), we continued traveling throughout 11 states. We visited many National parks and art museums. The highlight was hitting my husband's 50th state: North Dakota. I am missing a couple states, so we have goals for this year. In October we made it to Italy to experience the Jubilee Year. We spend time with our Tulsa grand littles almost every day. Retirement keeps us very busy. We are enjoying life. Grateful for that.

Anita Greer

My mom passed away in July at 101 years old. She lived a beautiful life but was so ready to join my dad in heaven. I retired in October. Between singing, traveling and volunteering, I’m not sure how I ever had time to work. Living the dream.

Kathleen “Kathy” Archer Steele

While nothing super exciting happened in the last year, my family and I are in good health and continue to connect with the community through volunteering.

Dave and I made it to the Rose-Hulman homecoming and had a great weekend touring both campuses. We rehashed so many memories. I was saddened by the change to The Woods' Le Fer lake. I loved that bridge.

Katheryn Newport

Nothing new to report. Just living a good life and so grateful for my many blessings that have grown exponentially since our college days!

Catharine “Cathy” Brown Phillips

We’ve had a very hard year. The day before Brad’s birthday, he got Covid, and has been very sick but is finally recovering. He fell as well and was weak but thankfully no injuries. Other family members have had a hard time as well. I’m doing pretty well but am a bit worn out.

Barbara Wan

My husband and I are FINALLY fully retired.

In 2025 we went to Hong Kong/China (twice), Japan (twice), took a cruise to Greece and Turkey.

None of my two kids are interested in getting married, needless to say, no grandkids - but hope springs eternal!

Susan “Sue” Sedlacek Wilson

This year has been bittersweet for me. I lost Ray, the love of my life, in March. His health had been declining for several years. We had just returned from a cruise when he got pneumonia and passed away a week later. His lungs were just too damaged to recover.

Since then, I have been able to visit my son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter; in Fort Wayne, I was also able to watch her for a week last summer, here in St. Louis. Babysitting and watching my granddaughter, Montana, grow has been wonderful

Mary Jeanne Schram Miller

Last May I attended The Woods’ graduation of my niece, **Lillie Gendel ’25!!** Then went back for our 45th Class Reunion, it was a small group but we

had a great time. It was so wonderful catching up with our classmates! In July I ventured to Mississippi to attend a reunion of family I had never met. After the reunion I met up with **Laurie Mayers** in Memphis, Tennessee. A wonderful time!!

Husband, Eric suffered a stroke in front of me. Thanks to the quick action from our son and others he ended up with ZERO deficits within 24 hours! A true miracle! I have no doubt that Jeanne had something to do with it! I continue to love canning and quilting. I will see you at our next reunion - the big 50 - in 2030!

PHOTOS

Laurie (friend) and Jean T. Faulkner Smith after finishing a half marathon in October 2025



October 2025: Christine Devine, Jean T Faulkner Smith and LP Smith in Schenectady, New York



Angel Brown Menestrina's great niece married her sweetheart on December 20, 2025, in Lexington, KY.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Tabatha Menestrina (daughter-in-law), Tony Menestrina (oldest son), Grandson Roman Menestrina, husband Rick Menestrina, and **Angel Brown Menestrina**



October, 2025 - Angel Brown Menestrina's family

LEFT TO RIGHT: Grandson Chandler, Tristan (daughter-in-law), Grandson
Easton and Alex (second son)



(Photo file 'archive' attached)

Mary Jeanne Schram Miller

The first picture is of the only three people at the Schram reunion who grew up as Schram. Mary Jeanne with the 98- and 88-year-old Schram ladies.

Photos 3-11; Reunion Class of 1980- Summer 2025



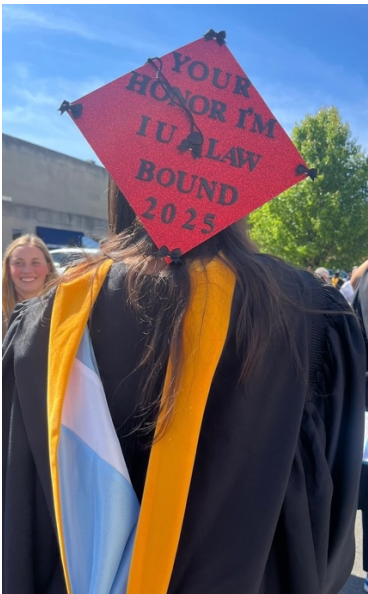






Photos 12-15; Woods 2025 Graduation-**Lillie Gendel '25**







And the last two pics are baby quilts she made for friends. One had a NASA theme and the other lives in Arizona.

