

# CHS Class of 1978 40-45th reunion memory book

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- meant to encourage you ALL to submit your “story” so that Julie can make a more complete & attractive edition.

Meanwhile we are commending those here who HAVE ALREADY submitted (and are most welcome to submit a new updated version if desired, BTW)

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# Kris Borowicz Dodd

I had such a great weekend! I was amazed at how many of us have known each other since elementary school, some of you even went to kindergarten together!

I realized after the weekend how many great people I missed out being friends with. So many amazing people doing amazing things. It just seemed like there wasn't enough time.

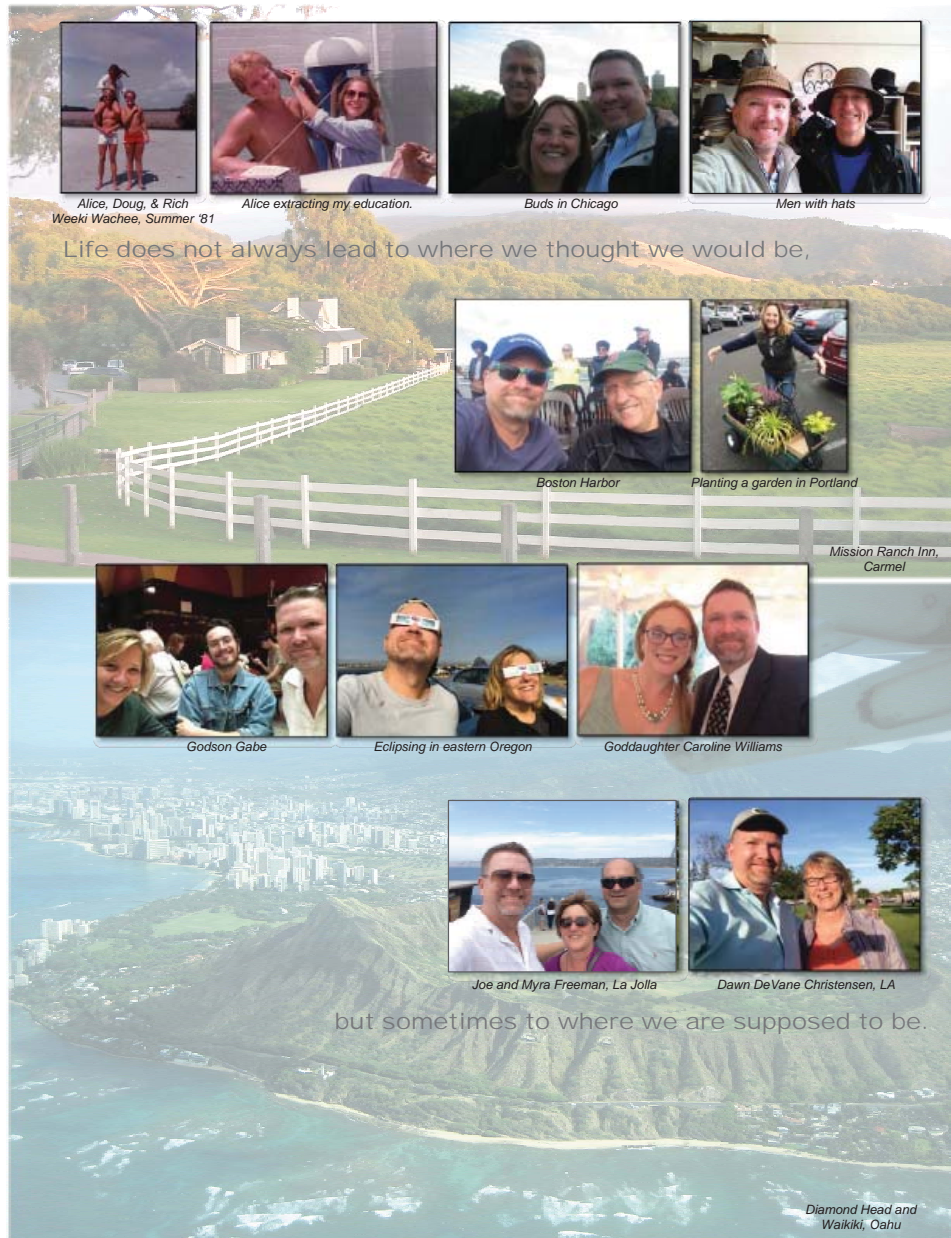
Many thanks to the planning committee, it must have been difficult trying to please everyone.

Love, Kris Borowicz Dodd

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# Rich Brasher





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# Diane Carroll Volpe

I left Florida many years ago and went to New Jersey, my husband Ken's home state. Ken builds and raced motorcycles, I was his crew chief for 11 years. He raced the drag strip with the "All Harley Drag Racing Association", we came in 1st place in many races. He also raced flat track ½ mile clay oval, brakeless class, we travelled extensively on both circuits.

We then landed in the Green Mountains of Vermont where my family had land and we built our home. Ken and I lived up on the Mountain in the Mad River Valley, Sugarbush, Warren, Vermont. Ken has his sport pilots license and would fly our 1941 Taylor Craft tail dragger whenever he could, flying time is limited in Vermont.

In Vermont we had to do our own road work (dirt road), snow plowing and the grading after the winter thaw. Mud season was a challenge and working the road and ditches was top priority. Needless to say our John Deere tractor had many hours on it.

I would come back to Florida several times a year to see family. We recently came back to Florida so I could be my father's caretaker prior to his passing.

My career: Auto & Property Insurance Agent and Claims Adjuster, now semi-retired I work part-time A/R specialist.

WOW 40 years!!! This was my 1st reunion, thank-you to the volunteers for a great job and fun had by all.



# Alex M. Cook

First of all, what an amazing 40th Reunion Weekend! Totally yummy! Thank you for reminding me how magnificent we all were back in the day. As a good friend of mine says, “Nostalgia really is powerful stuff.”

Now on to the oppressively difficult accumulations and summations (sorry, but none of you are in here . . . wait, maybe everyone will see a little piece of themselves after all).

After High School (where I won the most prestigious “Grip Award” and was also the youngest in the CHS class of 1978), I went on to college and followed the time worn path of prioritizing DNA propagation. This pursuit was nicely lubricated by an amount of intoxicant that was significantly greater than necessary. Of secondary concern was my athletic career, with academics coming in dead last. Naturally, these strategies were all somewhat disguised by contextual pressures, but behind the scenes they were clearly in control. Nothing new or unique in any of this for young, competitive males pulsing with testosterone and directed by society onto an awkward and ill-fitting path known as a functional and productive life in the age of information.

After years and years and years (ad infinitum) of school, I finally burst into the world of adult commerce. My subliminal efforts remain on gene replication . . . but the game has changed! In the “real” world, quality reproductive counterparties now prefer signs of financial prowess . . . so, I regroup and focus my competitive efforts on the aggregation of capital. As my horizons broaden financially, my mating opportunities increase, and eventually I convince a wonderful woman to promise to bear the burden of my intimate presence into perpetuity. For the next 30 years we practice at reproduction and raising offspring, mostly feeling like we have made the right choices along the way when it comes to our major life decisions. Something we might call LOVE invigorates our family with a waxing and waning, but rarely totally evaporates. We seem to be better at this thing than were our parents. (Granted, a low hurdle.)

I continue to aggregate wealth and power by working in the coal mines of Wall Street, perhaps more out of habit than intentioned reasoning, although the fear of uncertainty is also a significant driver. On paper these ruminations appear as indulgences, and are probably much easier to contemplate after one has accumulated “enough.”

Today I focus on what could loosely be defined as keeping my whirling brain from eating me alive. Most of my work centers on ego suppression and intentioned thought, with the main idea being that emotions are internally generated, not externally imposed, fleeting by nature, and we don’t have to act on them immediately (or ever). Again, nothing new here, but I will continue to proselytize just the same. I have three groups of three that I use along with antibiotics, NSAIDs, and dental floss (three more!) to try and keep me ambulating and pain free. The groups, in no particular order, are:

- Movement in Nature with Friends
- Humility Compassion Gratitude
- Personal Growth, Social Networks, Service to Others

These are my little semantic reminders that keep the existential angst at bay - you’ll have to find your own. I will say that little daily habits like making your bed, smiling at strangers, and going for an invigorating walk seem to work wonders for nearly everyone. Wow, yet another group of three!

I’ve already violated my ego suppression goal by writing so much about myself, and, of course, awkwardly implying I have any useful advice to offer my classmates. But, just to show how impressive is my perseverance, I will close with a thought that I will thinly veil as a question (and another one of those magic threes):

“What’s so funny about Peace, Love, and Understanding?”





# Steve Cormier

I have been fortunate to have been able to stay in Clearwater where for the past thirty years I have worked in Cable TV and am currently a Fios Operations Manager.

In 1997 I married Beth Whittier's sister Donna. Donna and I have been blessed to have two healthy children who will one day be attending their own CHS Reunions. We are looking forward to renewing old friendships and perhaps making new ones.



# Forrest (Frosty) Dillon

Forrest “Frosty”, Colleen, Ryan (24), Nora (13) and the dog “Mandy” (6)

Currently: Living in Dearborn, Michigan and working in Detroit at a law firm (since 1998). Colleen is an ex-school teacher. Ryan graduated from University of Michigan in 2015 and is working at an accounting firm (PriceWaterhouse). Nora will be a freshman in high school next year and is interested in theatre and dance.

Past in chronological order:

After CHS, I went to University of Florida and graduated in 1983 (roommates included Tom Christ, Phil Kellogg, Billy Sutton, and saw a lot of Phil Jester).

Worked at an accounting firm in its Tampa and Sarasota offices (Arthur Andersen) from 1983 to 1993.

September 1990 – Colleen and I got married in Sarasota, Florida.

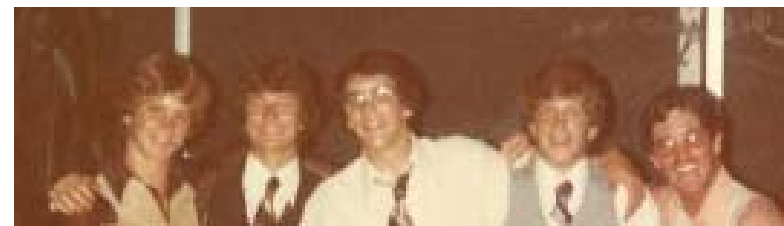
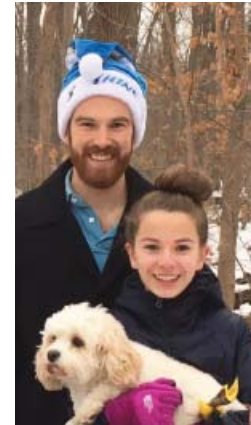
I went to law school in Chicago (Northwestern) from 1993 to 1995 and worked in Chicago until 1998 (Kirkland & Ellis). Bob Phillippi and his wife were residing in Chicago for a bit during the time we were in Chicago. Ryan was born in February 1994.

Moved to Dearborn, MI (where Colleen was born and raised) in February 1998 and have been working in Detroit ever since (Bodman PLC). My office is inside the Detroit Lions football field. We live in the Henry Ford Historic District. Henry Ford had 250 homes built in 1919-20 for workers employed at his Dearborn Fordson Tractor Plant.

Nora was born in September 2004 (a bit of a gap between children).

Purchased half of a sailboat with a CHS grad (Ted Nohren) in 2014. The boat is in St. Petersburg. We try (somewhat unsuccessfully) to visit frequently to go sailing and visit my two brothers (Mike – CHS class of 1975 and Tom – CHS class of 81) that are still in Clearwater. My sister Monica (CHS class of 1972) is in Minneapolis.

One of my fondest high school memories was driving through the CHS parking lot with Tom Christ with the ski boat in tow after having played hooky for the day and skiing on Lake Tarpon.



Blast from the past (1978): Tom Christ, Steve Molsberry, Phil Jester, Kevin Firm and Frosty Dillon

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# Richard A. Dunn

## Richard A. Dunn – Summation Since CHS 1978

### Certificates/Degrees

Clearwater High School, 1978

B.A., St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater Campus, May 1980

B.S., Geology, University of South Florida (USF), December 1984, minor in Biology and Engineering

OSHA Certified Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, 1989

OSHA Certified Field Trainer, 1991

Registered Professional Geologist, Florida (No. PG0001509), March 1993

Registered Professional Geologist, Georgia (No. PG001402), April 1997

Registered Professional Geologist, Alabama (No. PG000310), December 1997

FEMA, Introduction to the Incident Command System, October 2006

Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM), August 2016

### Work Experience

More than 34 years of experience including material testing, geotechnical, environmental studies, multiple type geotechnical/environmental drill rig activities, sinkhole/subsidence investigations providing technical support, supervision and guidance for assessment and cleanup of petroleum and hazardous waste contamination, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys and site characterization. Provided technical support for EPA Region IV (oversight of remedial design, cleanup and supplemental assessment activities) at Sydney Mine Superfund site in Hillsborough County, Florida. Technical Support & Project Manager for FDOT Emergency Response Contract & Assessment Contracts and City of Clearwater Brownfields Program Contract. Currently a senior technical advisor and Professional Geologist (April 2000 to present), acting as senior technical liaison with FDEP under former BPSS Preapproval Program and current Petroleum Restoration Program for site assessment, remedial actions and site restoration. Company names; Jammal & Associates, Inc. – 1984 to 1994, Westinghouse Remediation Services, Inc. aka: WRS Infrastructure and Environment, Inc. aka: WRS, Compass, Inc. 1994 to October 2013, NorthStar Contracting Group, Inc. bought WRS, Compass Inc. October 2013 to present.

### USF & Family

Stayed in Clearwater attending St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater Campus, B.A., May 1980. Moved to Tampa to go to USF, B.S., Geology, December 1984, roommates at one time: Danny Wilkinson, James Bronkhorst, Penny Dunn (younger sister), and Jamie Hunter. Moved to Tallahassee with my 3 children in April 2000.

Married 10/1987, Divorced 11/1997. Grew up with 9 brothers and sisters see family photos attached.

Kids: Ryan Anthony (Son) – 9/8/1986, Jasmine Nicole (Daughter) – 4/17/1988, Katlyn Terese (Daughter) – 6/14/1994.

Grandkids (son's kids): Declan Bear (5) – 9/20/2012, Dallas Moon (15 months) – 4/16/2017 (Easter Day).

### Incidents

Rattlesnake: April 1981, Eastern diamondback - left leg, Tampa. Rattlesnake: June 1983, Pygmy – left hand, Clearwater. Motorcycle accident: February 19, 2003, whole body broken, Tallahassee, one year later, on the same day, David Dunn my youngest brother and our 1978 classmate, passed February 19, 2004 (RIP). Motorboat repair: February 21, 2016, broken back – severe pinched sciatic nerves, Tallahassee. Back deck fall: February 3, 2017, broke right tibia, left elbow and left-hand injury, Tallahassee. Frisbee fall: June 16, 2017, tore 3 ligaments in right ankle.

### Trips

Lake Havasu City 2001

Eastern Caribbean, 2009

Western Caribbean, 2014

Dominican Republic, June 2018



My Kids & I



Brothers & Sisters



Ryan Family & I



My Kids

**Richard A. Dunn, FCCM, P.G.**

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Declan at the beach acting like papa

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# Tana Ebert Shiver

These years have been so important and cover the majority of my successes as well as family life.

I was married in 1992, now with Matthew a successful lighting designer and raising my son Cameron (16) who attends Steinbrenner High and living in Hillsborough County.

I studied to be a Diamontologist and worked for five years along with designing jewelry for clients for in house as well as educating my clients about Diamonds and setting for that special day or event.

Achieving knowledge for the cosmetics world, managing counters for clients such as Christian Dior, Chanel and Lancôme opened my horizons to an elite business world.

My latest endeavor and best achievement recognizes the art of Organic Hair and I am pleased to have serviced and built a business for the last 25 years in the Tampa Bay area. You can view my websites at: [Organichairtampa.com](http://Organichairtampa.com) and [tanadoesyourhair.com](http://tanadoesyourhair.com)



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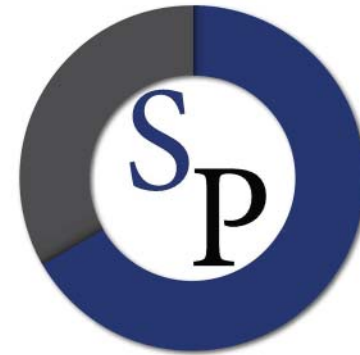
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Greetings Classmates!

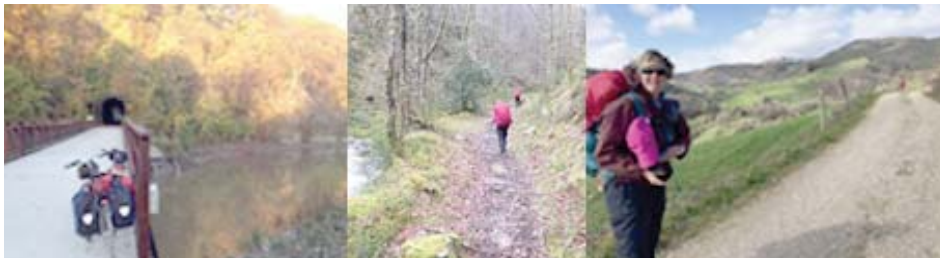
Doesn't seem possible that it's been this long. So sorry to have missed our latest reunion, but after calls of "where are you?" by a few of our classmates I (hopefully!) won't make that mistake again.

I've retired now from my 32-year Air Force career – guess the necklace that I had made with "88" in gold on a bicycle because I was going to get out of the Air Force in 1988 and bike across the country, was a waste of money. It was fun and challenging despite or because of the 18 moves, 13 deployments, and 6 command tours.

Now I live where I want – Colorado – and spend my time between corporate board and non-profit board work, and lots of adventures. I still bike, but haven't been across the entire country yet. Hiking is my latest passion, with 3 trips on different Camino de Santiago trails totaling 850 miles. The next one will be this March.

See you all in 2023!

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# Joe Freeman

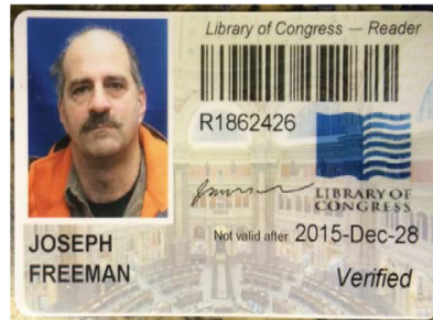


## Joe Freeman

North Potomac, Maryland

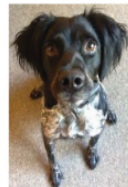
Myra and I have been married over 30 years. I was very lucky to find the only person on the planet who would put up with my quirks.

We have lived in North Potomac Maryland outside of Washington DC for the last 24 years. Living near the nation's capital has been great. It is approachable while having a lot going on at the same time. You can do all kinds of things like get your own library card to the Library of Congress. Remember to **not wear your orange raincoat** for the picture or will you look like you are on a prison work detail. The 80s mustache may not have helped either



We moved to Maryland from North Carolina with our three awesome children. Two enjoy the urban lifestyle living in the DC area. One enjoys the great outdoors while living in Boulder CO.

I have been in the technology industry since graduating college. We've had our own independent consulting business since 1994. I worked for HP, Next Computer, Netscape and SpringSource/VMWare in addition to a bunch of interesting customers on the consulting side. I've been very lucky to have my work be in a field that is also a passion of mine.





# Alan Gooch

“Life’s Been Good So Far “ - Joe Walsh

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Division IA National Champions 2003, 2007

“Once a Knight, Always a Knight”

Pictured - Zach, Linda, Alan and Noah Gooch



# Sharon Green Yount

After graduating from CHS in 1978...

I went on to SPJC. I changed my major a few times, 'til I decided it was time to move along to something different. After traveling within Florida, I came back to Clearwater to settle down.

I gave birth to my son, Josh, in December 1987. I graduated SPJC in 1990 and was hired 2 weeks after graduation with The Salvation Army Corrections as a Probation Counselor within the Pinellas County Misdemeanor Courts.



After diligently working for 3 years, I have birth to my daughter, Jessica, June 1993. I married the love of my life, Scott Yount, November 1993. We bought our home in Clearwater, April 1994. When I returned to The SAC, I worked in the field of Domestic Violence. I retired after 10 years.

The other loves of my life include Roscoe, our 7 year old dog, Snoopy, our 18 year old cat & Brazil, our 18 year old ball python. My additional loves are Gemma, 5 year old Grandpuppy & Behr and Max, 6 year old Grandcats. My Joys are Rock Painting and Gardening.

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# Jane Hagler Essig

After graduating from CHS, I attended the University of Florida, where I earned a BS in Business Administration Management. I moved to Tallahassee where I got married, had two children, and got divorced.

I raised Akitas, the Imperial Guard Dog of Japan, American Quarter Horses, and two children. The light of my life has been my children, Kendra Michelle and Cody James.

After working for the State of Florida for 35 years, I enjoyed retirement for a year, then went back to work. I am now the Database Administrator for the State University System Board of Governors, and I raise goats, chickens, honeybees, satsumas, pears, and persimmons.

The most impactful even of my life was losing my son Cody in 2014 at the age of 19 in a motorcycle crash. I thank God for my MZT, M.R. Hagler Street, for getting me through that impossible time and continuing to be my rock and best friend.



Jane and Mary Ruth on their birthday, 2017

# Mary Ruth Hagler Street



At My Favorite Bookstore for the launch party of the 2017 Leon County Reading Council's Student Writing Contest Anthology, which I publish as a community service.

hero and to become his friend. I was given membership in the "A-Team," the General's closest circle of friends, and learned of the General's service to our country in three wars, his bravery on Iwo Jima, and his philosophy of turning enemies into friends. This last point lives on in the Reunion of Honor, an annual pilgrimage to Mt. Suribachi that the General founded to honor the sacrifices on both sides of the battle. *Snowden's Story* won a Bronze Medal from the Military Writers Society of America and was accepted into the bookstore at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia.

I have worked for the state of Florida for over 30 years. As State SADD Coordinator in the mid-1990s, I showed students the inter-connected nature of risk factors. This led the Florida students to re-brand SADD from "Students Against Driving Drunk" to "Students Against Destructive Decisions," a term that was later adopted nationally. During my tenure as the program manager for the state's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, I launched the statewide Quit-for-Life Line, now known as the Quitline, for tobacco cessation assistance. As program manager for Diabetes Prevention and Education, I developed the "hub" concept which expands the reach of diabetes self-management education programs. I am now the State Safe Kids Coordinator and working to fulfill my final professional legacy: securing a fleet of Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training trailers which will be used to store and transport equipment to CPST certification classes, making children safer.

As a writer for the *Clearlight*, I used the byline Mary Ruth Hagler. However, around my senior year at CHS, I was given the nickname "M.R." Except for some family members and life-long friends who still know me as Ruth or Ruthie, "M.R." stuck. As it turned out, my nickname was a perfect name for a writer of books for middle-grade and young-adult readers. My books include *Blue Rock Rescue* (First Place Royal Palm Literary Award from the Florida Writers Association [FWA]), *The Werewolf's Daughter* (Gold Medal from the Florida Authors and Publishers Association [FAPA]), *The Hunter's Moon* (sequel to *The Werewolf's Daughter*), and *The Health Is Power League in Attack of ZomBacon* (two Silver Medals from FAPA). You can find my books on Amazon, Tallahassee-area bookstores, and [www.turtlecovepress.com](http://www.turtlecovepress.com).

My writing led me to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: Working with Lt. Gen. Lawrence F. Snowden to compile and publish his memoirs. I was honored to meet and work with this great American

Over the last 40 years, I have experienced both joy and sadness. My joy has come from sharing my life's ups and downs with my husband and watching our two children grow into young adults (now age 16 and almost 21). I also enjoy getting together with my sister Jane Hagler Essig. We often meet for lunch, theatre, or art days. Our little brother Wes Hagler is also in Tallahassee, and we enjoy seeing him and his family.

The most profound sadness of my life, which still seems unreal, is the death of my nephew Cody. In 2014, at age 19, he lost control of his motorcycle. As hard as this loss is on me, I know it is even harder on my sister. Her strength to carry on day by day amazes me. We both feel Cody close, and wonder how he can be gone when he is so "present."

To close on a positive note, I am happy to announce that Jane and I, after living almost 53 years as fraternal twins, "became" identical. We got our DNA tested in 2013, and 15 out of 15 markers matched. People confuse us for each other more now that we are MZTs! I have the best twin in the world!



Arrival at Fox Haven June 2018 - Me, my husband Phil, my daughter's boyfriend Austin, my daughter Allison, and my son Derek. This was the first time my kids had been to the cabin in North Carolina where Jane, Wes, and I spent many wonderful summers when we were kids.



# Michael D. Heath



1978 was a long time ago...We were just children, caterpillars, entering the chrysalis (krīs'ə-līs) to become butterflies: until today...Henceforth, what is currently happening NOW with Michael (Mike) Heath?

Well, young Children, let us review (with Photos)...

- Wait, I digress, have I attended any reunions? Well, yes I have! (1988 (officially w/ wife), crashed the 1998 and 2008 Beach Bar gigs (for about an hour)!

Michael D. Heath  
(July 15th, 2018),  
Belle Isle, FL

(Note: planned on crashing the Beach Bar event in 2018, well...all this fancy security, etc.– hmm, highly unlikely, I suppose)

-- 1978:

You have pictures of this: refer to 'Water Ski Club' photo in the yearbook!(Can someone scan and email me that picture, Please!)



-- 1983:

Was introduced to my  
Beautiful wife Ju-ana  
Rodriguez, and her son Frankie



-- 1988:

With the Infamous Ju-ana  
Monaco



-- 1998:

After Pembroke Pines, FL –  
we returned to Clearwater,  
FL for about a year!



-- 2008:

At Rocky Point (Tampa) – Woo Hoo!!!



--2018 (+/-):

Mi Madre and MiEsposa, Dec  
2016, Belle Isle, FL

My Web Page:

<http://ju-ana.com/heathvision/HeathVision/Start.html>

(hint: The woman, the handbag she carries, and the Kung-Fu Shoes!) – fyi – the resume is there, if you really care!

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(Important: Any disagreements with 'yours truly', will be handled by the ghost of David Jones accordingly, as seen at <http://ju-ana.com/heathvision/HeathVision/Photos.html#113>)

# Chris Hinton

After High School I left for Gainesville, FL to attend the University of Florida. As you remember the drinking age was 18 back then and as such I attempted to drink my way through college, and so I went into full on party mode at UF and joined a fraternity (Delta Tau Delta) and proceeded to squander the first three years at college in a fun but hazy existence. I finally realized that I wanted to go into business and spent the last two years bringing my grades up so that I could graduate (1983).

In the summer of (1982) I went to FSU to visit Kevin Harwood (CHS -78 also) and we had a fun week in Tallahassee and while there I met Lynn Fleming. She was from Winter Park, FL and was a year behind us in school and although she was already dating a guy (Greg), I swept her off her feet. We dated long distance for a few months and soon I moved in with her after I graduated from UF. We lived together in Tallahassee for a year and then we moved back to her home town of Winter Park.

We married in (1985) bought a house, went to work, and started our little family, it was a lot of fun...and we had high hopes.

In (1989) we gave birth to our Daughter, Madison (and although hers was a very premature birth and she was underweight we loved her very much and she was so pretty). She had some physical issues initially but over time we were able to overcome those, and life was really great. I started a career in the Insurance business and became a commercial general lines agent, selling; workers compensation, liability and property insurance to business owners.

By (1997) our careers were rocking, Madison was eight and doing really well in school but something was off. Lynn and I were no longer in love with each other and I could feel it but I also didn't really understand it either. She wasn't fun anymore and I imagine she probably would say I wasn't the husband she really had expected me to be either. It took me a little while (well really about a year) to figure out that Greg had come to Winter Park (his career as an Architect landed him a job just a few blocks from where Lynn worked on Park Avenue in downtown Winter Park) and as luck would have it they ran into each other one day while walking to lunch on the Avenue. One thing lead to another and with the hindsight of 20 years I have come to the conclusion that she just wondered "what if it had been Greg instead of Chris" and well...it is what it is...they had an affair (and like I said after about a year) I figured it out. Clever me right... =) I never would make it as a good Detective.

Given, that I had fallen out of love with Lynn, honestly, this made it easy for me...So I filed for divorce and moved out of our house and into an apartment.

Surprisingly, the leasing consultant (Lisa) who helped me acquire my new apartment home, kept suggesting that I needed to meet her Boss. I will admit I was reluctant, I was a little scorched, but after moving in, I went into the office and introduced myself. Her

Boss was Jill. Jill and I were truly meant for each other, we started off as friends for many months and our friendship just kept growing. We were both going through divorces and as you can imagine we had a lot to talk about comparing notes and sharing our experiences. I can't speak for Jill but I think I was just happy to have a such a good friend... Our friendship was amazing right up until Jill's divorce became final and she accepted (for the first time) one of the many offers to go out on a date from one of the many guys she knew from college.

It was really kind of funny how quickly I realized that this was not just a friendship, I was in love with this girl and this was getting ready to turn really bad if I didn't think of something quick. I got lucky, she cancelled the date with him (he was 25 and had a good job, a nice car, a bank account and for all intents and purposes was well accomplished for his age but...he still lived at home with his parents and that was a deal killer for Jill). I took her out on that first date (that night) and we never looked back. We married in (1998). We bought several houses together over the next seven years working our careers and also fixing up those houses (while living in them) and then flipping those houses.

In (2001) I bought my first Insurance Agency, I proceeded over the next several years in buying eight more Insurance Agencies and built up a nice little business. I sold the entire Enterprise (in 2005) and pocketed a nice lump sum and decided to go into the Real Estate business in earnest and I started flipping houses on a commercial level with many homes in various stages all of the time. It seemed easy and then even easier and I was making even more money on every single deal I did. I was making so much money I couldn't believe it and I couldn't lose...it was awesome and I was so clever and I kept buying more and more and getting bigger and it was great. Until it wasn't, and the bottom fell out of the Real Estate bubble and I lost everything.

In late 2007, I had to go back to work and I had to reinvent myself. I didn't want to do a repeat on insurance, so I took a job with a large company called Johnson Controls (JCI) and I taught myself the business of large commercial air conditioning. I worked there for a number of years becoming the top sales person of the Branch and at the peak I left to take a higher paying position with Schneider Electric selling to the same type of sales guys that I had just been at JCI. I am with Schneider Electric today.

In (2003) Jill and I gave birth to our son Jake. He has grown to be an awesome 14 year old that is planning on starting High School himself this fall. Madison (now 29) married a super guy named JR a few years ago and they live very close to us and we spend a lot of time with them often. I haven't had the good fortune yet to have any grand-kids but I assume it will happen in the next couple of years.

Jill and I are so happy and so fortunate. We have terrific careers. We just built our dream home and we are in the process of completing our custom pool now. Jake is doing really well at school and we recently added a new member to our little family and his name is

# Chris Hinton cont'd

Knox and he was a puppy when we got him 9 months ago and now he is 115 pounds and still growing. He is an English Mastiff and he is such a cool dog, we love him.

Jill and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary just a few months ago and it seems like we are still on our honeymoon.

I have had a lot of ups and downs in my life and I can truly say with confidence that I feel my best years are yet to come.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our 40th CHS 78 Reunion.



# Denise Jordan

Continuing on from the 2008 update.

Spent 3 years in Athens, Greece and then transferred to Barbados in 2011.

We were in Barbados from 2011 to 2013, then retired from the State Department and moved back to the Belleair area.

We are both retired and living in the Largo area just outside of Belleair Bluffs.

Our son Josh just turned 23.

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the event on Saturday night but will try to stop by Capogna's on Friday Night to see everyone.

only have a facebook page on social media. Anyone is welcome to look me up there, although I don't really post personal stuff much.



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# Debbie Leptrone Walks

Hi everyone!

Wish I could be there! It's been so long since graduation...almost a lifetime it seems.

I hope you all have a grand time enjoying one another and relaxing!  
Here's what's happened to me in the last 40 years in a nutshell:

I got my bachelors degree from University of Florida and went to medical school there. I did my pediatric residency at University of South Florida in Tampa and moved to Mobile, Alabama where I still live.

I married John Walks in 1991 and we have four children from 25 to 18 years of age. I am a pediatrician and work in public health. My husband is a mechanical engineer and works in shipbuilding. We love our jobs and look forward to retirement in a few years when we hope to do some traveling and missions work.

God bless you all!



# Robert E. (Bob) Lewis

Sorry that I couldn't make the reunion. It is hard to believe it has been forty years. I just recently became aware of the reunion page and the memorial tributes. I was sorry to learn of the passing of so many classmates and good friends.

After graduating from CHS, I went to the University of Florida and graduated with an accounting degree in 1982 and a law degree in 1985. After graduating from law school I worked at a law firm in Tampa (Shackleford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans) where I practiced corporate and securities law until 1994.

I then served as the General Counsel of Eckerd Drugs from 1994 to 2005 and of Gerdau Ameristeel (formerly Florida Steel) from 2005 to 2011. Since 2012 I have been the General Counsel of Masonite Corporation, an international door manufacturing company based in Tampa.

I live in Tampa with Kathy, my wife of 28 years. We have three sons: Bobby, age 25, George, age 22 and Lawson, age 20. All of them went to or are attending SMU in Dallas. I enjoy playing golf and fishing. I am blessed that my elderly parents (ages 97 and 94) are still in good health and active. Last April I ran in the Boston Marathon to raise money for a life-long friend from New England who lost his 25 year old son to glioblastoma, a particularly deadly form of brain cancer. So far the family has raised over \$1.0 million for cancer research at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.

I wish everyone good health and happiness. I hope to see everyone at the next reunion!



# Kymm N. Mariani

I thought the reunion was a great time and so nice having it a casual event. Most of the feedback I have heard was the same - loved casual although some people were very hot – even if we moved to an inside venue I think keeping it casual is great.

In the photos from left to right:



Ann Locke, Beth Whittier, Beth Braswell, Kris Borowicz, Judy Rankin, Kymm Huseby, Hal Reddick.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

Kymm N. Mariani  
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# Betsy Marvin

After graduation

1978 - 1985 worked at Gayfers Department Store while attending college.

1981 to current - worked at numerous banking and mortgage lending companies in many capacities. Current employment with Franklin American Mortgage Company soon to be an affiliate of Citizens Bank N.A. since August 2001 as a senior account executive in the wholesale lending channel.

No kids. A few assorted pets along the years.

Hobbies - travel, golf, sports, working out, the arts, event and travel planning.

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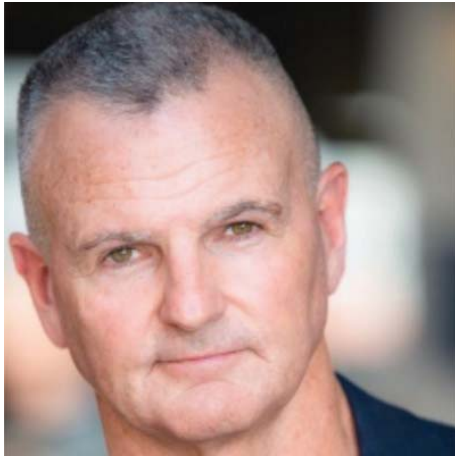


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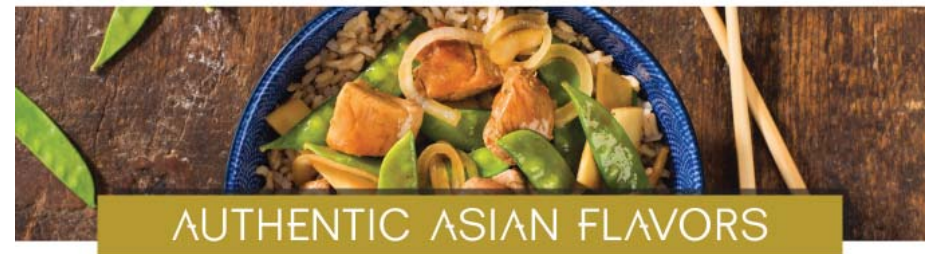
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# Roger Nemeth

No bio for me. Anyone who would care already knows. If you can fit my picture in somewhere with my name, people will at least know I'm still around.



The "Blood Moon" rising over downtown Clearwater taken from the Friday night party on Clearwater Beach. Taken by Roger Nemeth.



# Hal Reddick

OK, let's try and do a quick summary of the past 40 years.

Immediately following CHS, I spent 6 fun filled years at the University of Florida, where I was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and served as Social Chairman and Little Sister Chairman, Delta Gamma sorority Anchorman, intramural sports official & player, Florida Cicrones. While at UF I met my wife of 30 years, Michelle, who was my boss at a part time job.

Believe it or not I have held only one "real job" since college! I have made advertising (print-digital-social media) sales a career and have been with the exotic car magazine, duPont Registry for 32 of the 33 years we have been publishing! I deal primarily with high end exotic and collector car dealers, luxury bespoke product and service companies.

I have had the pleasure of owning and driving some really cool cars over the years. Currently a '72 Buick GS 455 Convertible is in my garage. I've been to some neat places and have partied at The Playboy Mansion with Hef and friends, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, many car races and collector car auctions, courtside and the visitor's locker room at the old Boston Garden.

When I was 31, I was reintroduced to playing baseball through the LA Dodgers Adult Baseball Fantasy Camp which is a week of playing side by side and against Dodger greats. Since then I have continued to play hardball in a Men's Senior Baseball League (wood bat) in Clearwater. I compete on a 45+ team and now I'm feeling real old on a 55+ team. Both are league champion teams!

Several years ago while in NYC watching a Dodgers vs Mets game at Shea stadium I ran into "HoJo" (Howard Johnson, CHS '78) in the tunnel between locker rooms with Bud Harrelson on their way to getting introduced as members of the "Fans All MET Team". Blew his mind to see me there, especially when he saw me hanging out in the Dodger dugout pre-game! Baseball

has also taken me to Havana Cuba (2000) for a week of playing against Cuban teams...AWESOME experience!

We have lived in NE St Petersburg for 28 years. Daughters Haleigh and Cayla were both very competitive ball players so lots of coaching girls fast pitch softball and assorted kid stuff when they were young.

Now one daughter is in NC (UF grad) and one in NYC (FSU grad)! Spare time is enjoyed by boating and fishing as long as there is a cooler with some beer, a s'wich and a couple cigars (catching is a bonus). I added snow skiing to the adventure list about 10 years ago...love it! Park City is this year's destination.

And yes, Michelle is still the boss (of course).

A lot of you knew my family in Clearwater: dad is living in Largo, mom in Lakeland and moving to Tampa, Susan is in Lakeland and moving her family to Tampa, Pam is a retired Colonel USAF currently at Osan AFB S. Korea and soon to move to Tampa's MacDill AFB!

Almost forgot...GO GATORS! (IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER...)  
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# Kyle Roche

It's hard to believe it's been 40 years since graduation! Where did the time go?

From high school I went directly to St. Petersburg College and graduated in 1980 with an AS in Veterinary Technology. I worked in small animal practice until 1997 when I started with Hill's Pet Nutrition (a subsidiary of Colgate Palmolive). I am now in my 21st year with them and looking forward to retiring in the next 4 years. I did go back to school and graduate with a BS in Business in 2010 (that and \$5 will get you a Starbucks!).

I got married in 1985, got divorced a few years later. No kids, but I have an awesome nephew.

I bought a "fixer upper" or possibly a money pit, depends on the day, in 1998 in Old Seminole Heights in Tampa that is still being fixed.

I traveled frequently with my dogs from around 1990 to 2008/2009 competing in flyball and agility and doing demonstrations. My dogs have been in demos for the Orlando Magic (for a few seasons), the Tampa Bay Rowdies, the Harlem Globetrotters, multiple Bark in the Parks and the Tampa Bay Rays. We also competed in the Purina Dog Challenge and participated in a sports show filmed at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

I did the Crossfit Open in 2015, thought I was gonna die! It was both awesome and awful at the same time.

I have also been doing some traveling without dogs. I went on an Alaskan Cruise in 2012 with my sister and nephew – thank you Penny Gerasimos! South Africa in 2015 for an amazing photo safari, and just did a fantastic Bike and Barge from Amsterdam to Bruges, Belgium in May of this year. I am dabbling in photography and have attached a few pictures here. I did not take the photos of my dogs.

Life is good!





# Warren Samoluk

**First fleet squadron, Norfolk VA, 1985.**



After CHS, I went to school in Annapolis, Maryland, to seek a commission in the Navy. While there, I was fortunate to get to know CHS classmate, Alex Cook. I graduated from the Naval Academy in 1982, and served as a helicopter pilot until I retired in 2002. I enjoyed each duty station in the Navy, serving in Jacksonville, Norfolk, Pensacola, Newport, RI, Philadelphia, and San Diego. I made six deployments to the Mediterranean, Western Pacific, and Persian Gulf.

I flew the CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter. Our job was to deliver passengers and cargo throughout the battle group, and perform Search & Rescue and Medevac services. The CH-46 was kind of the UPS truck, Airport Shuttle, and ambulance for the fleet.

Around the mid-point of my career, I married, and we raised two fine boys. My final duty assignment was at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, near Pensacola, FL, as a flight instructor. Whiting Field trains all Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard helicopter pilots. We settled in a small town outside Pensacola, where I currently reside.

**With my younger brother, Rob in Clearwater, 1989.**



Upon retirement in 2002 I went to work for government contractor Lockheed Martin, doing much the same thing I was doing on active duty, except in flight simulators, not actual aircraft. I have been doing that ever since, teaching young officers instrument flight, navigation, and tactics in the simulator. I also teach helicopter aero-dynamics in the classroom.

My wife and I divorced in 2013, and our beautiful boys have grown into fine young men. My oldest son, John, is 23. He graduated from Auburn University with a degree



**My son John's commissioning in Auburn, May 2018.**

time as possible fishing the gulf, the bay and our local rivers. I don't claim to approach Tom's skill as a hunter or a fisherman, but I can clean and cook fish and game as well as anyone.

The only person from our class with whom I've been in regular contact since graduation is Glenn Oppen. Chops lives a few hours north of me in Alabama, and I look forward to his visits to my house several times per year when he's in Pensacola on business.



**My younger son Tom with a boar he killed in the Escambia River Wildlife Management Area, Nov 2017.**

in Electrical Engineering in May of this year. He was commissioned in the Navy from the Auburn NROTC Unit, and was selected for the nuclear submarine program. He begins Nuclear Power school in Charleston, SC the week of our class reunion.

My younger son, Tom, is 21. He lives with me, and works as a heating and air conditioning technician. He lives to hunt and fish, and is quite good at it. John and Tom are my best friends. We have a couple of modest recreational fishing boats, and spend as much



**Me at 'work' in the helicopter flight simulator. It's really more like playing a video game.**

# Carl E. Scussel

Lives in Cullowhee, NC.

Travels frequently.

Graduated UCF 1992 w/BSEE.

Owner of Scussel DAS Concepts & Integrations Inc. (Designs wireless distributed antenna systems for in-building resolution for the various wireless carriers.)

Hobbies: Riding my Harley through the mountains with friends, attending HD events throughout the SE, kayaking the many rivers and lakes, Fishing & Boating, Being with friends and family. I enjoy attending concerts, plays and have even been known to attend a few ballets as well. But most of all I enjoy making new friends and getting the opportunity to travel throughout our GREAT COUNTRY.





# Jodi Steel

After graduation, I continued my education at SPJC and graduated with my BS in Nursing from USF.

I'd started working at Morton Plant Hospital during my senior year, thanks to the Cooperative Health Occupations class and continued working there in coronary care until 1992.

As a single divorced mom wanting a stable schedule, I left the hospital to join Clearwater Cardiovascular Consultants and worked there for 24 years in their Clearwater office.



My daughter and son-in-law relocated to Seattle in 2015 and with no family left in Clearwater, I decided to join them, making the move in September 2016. The move to Seattle has definitely taken me out of my comfort zone, both personally and professionally.

I was very fortunate to be hired by a great medical organization, Virginia Mason, in GIM (general internal medicine). I work at their Lynnwood Medical Center as an RN Care Manager - a nurse that meets with patients and follows them long term in conjunction with their physician. I love my job and am fortunate to work with a great team!

Seattle is a big change from Clearwater and there have been challenges, but I am very happy I made the move and love the PNW. My daughter was recently hired by Amazon as a Design Technologist in their training and certification division and my son-in-law is a statistician for Nordstrom, so they have settled in as well.

This will be my first visit back since the move and I am looking forward to seeing everyone!

# Peggy Tench Davidson

Graduated in 1983 with Bachelor's of Science Computer Engineering from University of Florida.

After college I held several Software Development positions in Clearwater, Warner Robins Ga, and finally Atlanta.

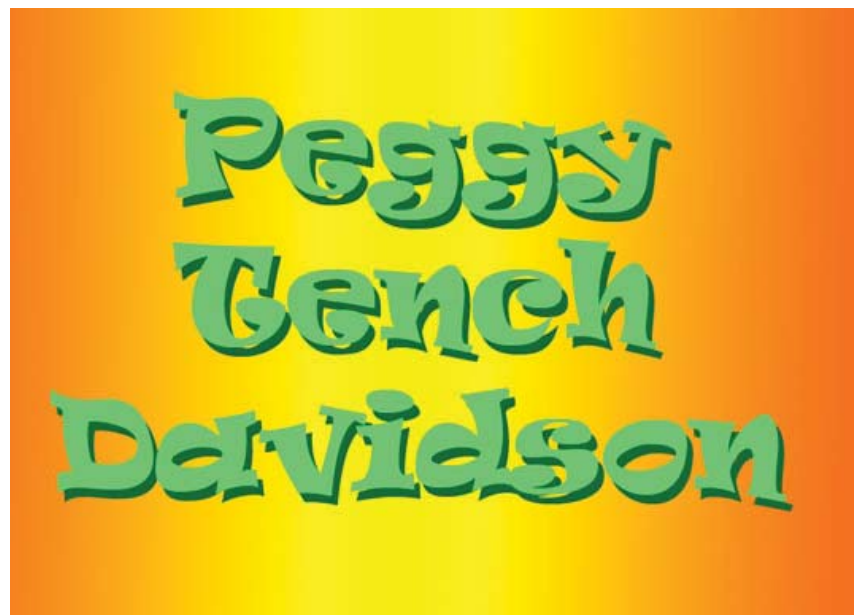
Presently I am a Technology Manager with Manheim (part of Cox Automotive a division of Cox Enterprises) in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2003 I bought a house in Alpharetta Georgia and love the area. A couple of years ago my twin sister Patty moved up to Atlanta, Ga to start a new job and it's been great to have family here. As much as I love the area, my heart is in Clearwater and at some point plan to retire in that area.

I still enjoy Outdoor Sports, Cooking, Wine and watching my Gators with our two cats.

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# Janie Tilley Grayson



## WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Wow, hardly anyone calls me Janie anymore! So, summer of 1978...high school graduation. This is my story since then.

After a year at SPJC, it was apparent that college was not the right path. Full time employment at JCPenney in Sunshine Mall followed. A friend from work invited me to a picnic at MacDill AFB in Tampa, where I met Tom Grayson. We were married in December of 1982.

Shortly after we were married, I was introduced to Mary Kay Cosmetics. The products worked for me and soon I was a Skin Care Consultant. In 1988 I earned the use of a red Grand Am and became a Sales Director.

Then Tom was offered a job in St. Louis in 1989 and off we went to Missouri. This was not a happy transition at first. We went from Florida weather to 11 inches of snow our first day in St. Louis. No coats, no boots. You get the idea. And that storm shut down the city. We were staying in one of those places with a little kitchen in the room. That meant no restaurant in the building. There were some mints and one bag of microwave popcorn on the counter. That was our first dinner in Missouri.

Eventually we found a place to call home in St. Charles, MO just across the river from St. Louis. In 1990, a new job application for stay-at-home-mom was accepted and we added Jake to our family. When Jake started preschool at our church, I took a couple of part time jobs in the office. Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Music teacher at the preschool. I also volunteered as a dog trainer for obedience classes. We got our advanced classes at no cost if we helped with the newbies. Occasion dog shows produced a small collection of ribbons and medals for 2 of our dogs.

About this time, my mom was retiring from the retail world. We invited her to move to MO and live with us. She had a big yard sale and packed the rest in a U-Haul and drove north. It was our plan to have her stay with Jake while I worked full time at the church.

By 2002 we had outgrown the first house and built another one on the other side of town. It was also time for a change of employment. There was an opening for receptionist/bookkeeper at an accounting firm near our house. The job was just what I was looking for. Eventually I was in the cube cluster with other accountants, seeing clients, teaching QuickBooks and preparing tax returns.\

Fast forward to 2013, Tom's mom joins us in Missouri. I will pause here a second and let you think about that one. Yes, we had both moms in our house. And no, they didn't

get along all that well. We had an upstairs grandma and a downstairs grandma to keep the peace. We lost Tom's mom at the end of 2014. We didn't actually lose her, she died. Just to be clear, since it was mentioned they didn't get along.

On a happier note for that year, we added a daughter in law. Jake and Jalyn were married in May, 2014. They lived with us for a couple of years to save for a house. Now they have a nice place about 20 minutes from us. No grandbabies yet. They have a hedgehog named Snickers. Yes, Snickers gets a gift at Christmas.

By 2017, tax season hours were making public accounting less than desirable. And it felt like the time to be closer to home, so Grayson Accounting LLC was formed. I have a small office about 10 minutes away from home and it is great to be the boss. And the janitor. And the secretary. Thanks, Mr. Werk for introducing me to accounting at CHS. I still love it!

Somewhere along that timeline, paper crafting was introduced to my creative side. I have been making cards and other paper crafts with a group for over 15 years.

You can find me on Sunday mornings at First St. Charles United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School and attending church with my mom. In the summer, you can visit us in St. Louis to share frozen custard, Cardinals baseball, The St. Louis Zoo, Grant's Farm, Anheuser Busch Brewery Tours, The Muny, and many great restaurants. Did I say baseball? Go Cards!

It seemed that 2 pages was much to fill, yet here we are on the second page! If you are still here, thanks for reading to the end.

It was a disappointment to miss the 40th class reunion, but I look forward to reading all your stories! Please connect with me on Facebook (Jane Tilley Grayson) if we are not already "friends". Or check out my website [www.GraysonAccountingLLC.com](http://www.GraysonAccountingLLC.com).





# Joel Weber

*Joel Weber - partying band geek in '76'77'78*

*USF – Engineer in '84*

*Got Family – including new grand kids*



*Liv'n life in Wellington FL*



*Got Business – exciting high tech selling Telemetry systems on top programs*





# Beth Whittier Sparks

After high school, I moved to Houston and became a Texan!

I met and married my husband Larry and we will be celebrating our 32nd anniversary next month! When my son was born in 1994, we moved to Conroe, Texas. Clayton is now out of college, where he had a successful college baseball career, and is working on his Master's Degree in Construction Management. We are very proud of him!

I have also been blessed to have a rewarding and fulfilling career, doing something I love! After receiving my bachelor degree in elementary education from Sam Houston State University, I have taught kindergarten and first grade and have had over 500 students touch my life. I can't imagine doing any other job, and I can't believe I am now considered a "veteran" faculty member. However, I am reminded of how time flies by when I see some of my early students with careers of their own!

Can't wait to catch up with everyone!



family



friends

# Doug Williams



## Introduction

Wow, I'm sitting here in a coffee shop near our home in Somerville, MA, thinking about what I want to say about the last 40 years. I keep thinking back to the movie, *Dazed and Confused*. It seems like it mirrored CHS '78 pretty well. I would've been (I was) the blond kid with glasses and his hair parted down the middle.

## Our Family

We're definitely blessed - family, friends, work, health. I met Cynthia at college my senior year. We got married three years later in '84. I'm still pinching myself - we could not have been luckier. Cynthia is a professor at Wentworth Institute of Technology, teaching the humanities in a cross-disciplinary way to a largely technical set of students. It's a perfect fit for her and for them. She got her PhD after raising our daughters. I'm proud that we are now "Dr. and Mr. Williams."

Our oldest daughter Caroline is engaged to Sage Kennedy, and lives in Somerville (with us) with their beautiful dog Bindi. Caroline works at [www.GREY2KUSA.org](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org), a greyhound advocacy group. They're particularly focused now on the successful passage of Amendment 13 on November 6th. If you're Florida voter, please support this measure to protect Florida's greyhounds - more info can be found here - <https://www.grey2kusa.org/about/states/fl.php>.

Our youngest daughter Emily married Mike Di Re in 2016. A wedding photo is included below. They recently bought a home in Reading, MA, 20 minutes away (still close to us!). She works at [www.MOO.com](http://www.MOO.com), a British "online print and design company that's passionate about great design and the difference it can make to our customers and the world." MOO's US operations are centered here in Boston as well as Providence. At least here in Boston, it seems like all the "cool kids use MOO" for their business cards and stationery.

## Me

I've had a good ride on the "tech waves," from hardware, to software, to web, to mobile. It keeps things interesting, and Boston is a great place to do it. I've been heading up tech teams as CTO/VP Engineering for the last 20 years: including Zipcar (which we sold to Avis), Runkeeper (truly a dream job for a Clearwater High runner, which we've sold to ASICS), and FamilyEducation (we sold to Pearson Education).

I'm currently CTO at iSpecimen, finding patients and samples for next-gen cancer diagnostics., and also in the process of setting up Centanni Park with my Boston friends, a strategic consulting company focused on mission-driven startups and projects.

As a skinny, nerdy kid, I really enjoyed the Clearwater High (CHS) cross-country and track teams with Coach Thurston. Being a part of those teams put me on a good path to staying in shape after CHS: crew in college, running and now biking after college.

Here's an Aqua Clara photo of me on RunKeeper - <https://blog.runkeeper.com/1284/why-im-running-the-boston-marathon-this-year/>. I'm now primarily doing charity rides. You can donate here <http://profile.pmc.org/DW0109> to help raise money for cancer research - all the money donated goes directly to benefit research.



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