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#### HOMECOMING 2012

September 7 - 8

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## Raffle Success Raises 2012 Scholarships to \$1,000

### 65 graduating seniors benefit from alumni scholarship Total amount awarded to date: \$29,700

The VHS Alumni Scholarship Fund was established in the fall of 1993, the first year the alumni association was organized. The board of directors decided that financially assisting graduating seniors from Victoria High School to further their education would be one of the primary goals of the association.

To help fund this goal, the second annual homecoming raffle was another grand success. Because of your generosity the board of directors voted at their February meeting to increase the scholarship award from \$750 to \$1000 for 2012. The initial scholarship was \$200.

Thank you to **Regis VonLintel '62** for his years of service on the scholarship committee. **Deb Leiker Dreiling '79** and **Loren VonLintel '90** have joined that committee.

Watch for your 2012 raffle tickets in your August newsletter. Thank you for your generous participation in the past and we ask for your continued support.



### Winners!!!

Last year's grand prize raffle winners of \$500 were Francis '66 and Beth Weigel from Kingwood, Texas.



Galen Huser '86 and Jeff Kisner '86 serve for the 2011 Homecoming Memorial Mass along side celebrant Fr. Mike Scully.



Marlene Billinger Brown '61 and Geri Urban Rome '61 light candles during the 2011 Homecoming Memorial Mass.

## We Remember

Saturday's homecoming events begin with the beautiful and moving Memorial Mass. It is that time of year when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist and remember, with a solemn roll call, all alumni who have passed on throughout the year and all deceased alumni from the respective 5-year increment classes. The beauty of our historic cathedral and the glorious sounds of the alumni choir and ensembles remind us of the past with nostalgia of bygone days. We are reminded of the faith of our fathers and the blessings we have been given. We sense the true feeling of coming home.

## Open House & After Game Social

To all alumni and especially you reunion classes: This is a special feature offered by your alumni association and is included in your reservation for the weekend. Hopefully more alumni will take advantage of this time to reconnect with former classmates. It is the perfect time to get those name tags on, go through the old year books and those cherished photos. Enjoy the beverages and snacks and get primed to board your class float for the parade down Main Street. Your board of directors will be on hand to welcome you at the VFW beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday. Following the football game, you are all welcome to return to the VFW for more visiting, beverages, and snacks. It is always a special time for alumni to gather and get reacquainted after so many years.



### Early Homecoming Date: September 7-8, 2012

Nancy Piatt, right, enjoys the evening as one of the Hall of Fame inductees for 2011, along with her husband, Bob.



## Hall of Fame 2012

Based on your letters of nomination, the board will choose two school personnel which includes elementary or high school teachers, coaches, secretaries, cooks, custodians, principals, or superintendents and one VHS graduate at large for their outstanding accomplishments during his or her lifetime.

We are now accepting your letters of nomination for 2012 stating your reasons for the nomination. The alumni board will accept letters until June 1, 2012.

You may submit your letter by email at <u>info@victoriaalumni.com</u>or by mail to VHS Alumni Association, PO Box

382, Victoria, KS 67671-0382.

Kelsey and Michael Billinger accept the 2011 Hall of Fame award for their father, Wayne Billinger '73, who passed away in November 2009.



2011 Hall of Fame inductee, Carla Pruitt poses with her husband, Don, as they prepare for the 2011 homecoming parade.



The VHS Alumni Association is online and anxious to hear from you. Check out our first-class website, <u>www.victoriaalumni.com</u> for your information and enjoyment.

### Lifetime Membership Made Simple

Would you like to become a lifetime member of the alumni association and not worry about keeping your membership updated? **Check the home page of the website for an easy calculation**. If you are not sure of your current membership status you can contact John Schulte at <u>shultz@ruraltel.net</u> for that information.



ALUMNI-SPONSORED
SENIOR BARBEQUE –
Friday, May 18

 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION — Sunday, May 20

> — FIDELISFEST — Monday, May 28

— HERZOGFEST — Friday-Saturday, August 10-11

— VHS HOMECOMING 2012 — Friday-Saturday, September 7-8



Class of 1937, we have checked our records and see that Clarence Lang '37 is the remaining member of the 75-year class. It would be wonderful if you could honor us with your presence at Homecoming 2012.

Rosemarie Quint Magness '41 sent her regrets and a message thanking the alumni association for inviting her to the 2011 VHS Homecoming as a member of the class of '41 and to join her classmate Armella Leiker Thompson as Grand Marshall for the parade. She says, "The logistics of getting from Ventura, California, to Victoria are not good for an 88-year-old woman." She tells us that she still drives and is an avid bridge player. Her travel is mostly cruises. She said she enjoys the newsletter and is proud to be an alumnus.

Class of 1942, your 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion is fast approaching. The members of your class that could possibly join us for Homecoming 2012 are Winnie VonFeldt Beckwith, Edna Schulte Dreiling, George Lang, Joe Lang, James Rajewski, and Art VonFeldt. Congratulations on your upcoming reunion.

Gilbert F. Schippers '45 and his wife, Rosalyn Pfeifer Schippers '48, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, May 28, 2011, at the Fox Pavilion for family and friends. They had five children; 11 grandchildren; 1 step-grandchild; and 11 great-grandchildren. Gilbert and Rosalyn were married June 2, 1951, at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker.

Alice M. Kuhn DeHart '46 wants us to know she appreciates The Next Page. She says, "Thanks for the memories." Alice lives in Renton, Washington.

Lucy Dreiling Roth '46 and her husband Bob find themselves watching Illinois University football to catch a glimpse of their grandson, Reilly O'Toole, who is the quarterback for the team. Reilly is a sophomore at the university.

Class of 1947, our count shows you remain 16 members strong. Hopefully we will be seeing some of you at homecoming in the fall. We know many of you are still very active members of your communities. Rita Rome Gross '47, for example, is an important member of our newsletter committee. Mark your calendars.

Fred Weigel Jr. '47 writes, "Always appreciate getting the newsletter. You all put together very informative news about the alumni. I do not know any of the younger people but know some of the parents and grandparents. Keep up the good work!" Your newsletter committee loves hearing these comments and look forward to sending out each issue.

Gilbert Sander '49 and his wife, Kathleen Rajewski Sander '49, expressed their appreciation for the newsletter which they enjoy reading. Gilbert had to have a pacemaker about a year ago which has caused him to slow down a bit and Kathleen tells us she keeps busy with her quilt patching and organizing and planning the funeral luncheons at St. Rose parish in Great Bend.

Louis Kuhn '49 and his wife, Lorene, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their children in Topeka, on December 29, 2011. They have one son and four daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Louis and Lorene Engel were married December 29, 1951, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Munjor.



**Class of 1952**, we want you to begin planning for your 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion. In checking our files we see a great group of alumni who we think would certainly enjoy a weekend renewing old friendships. The homecoming date has been set for September 7 and 8.

Bob VonLintel '53 and his wife, Gloria, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 30, 2011, with a dinner and dance at the American Legion, Hays, hosted by their children and grandchildren. They have one son, Clyde '83; three daughters, Luane VonLintel Brungardt '82, Karla VonLintel Roth '84, and Deanne VonLintel Thomas '95; and nine grandchildren. Bob and Gloria (Schmeidler) were married May 13, 1961, at St. Severin Church.

Neon Leiker '54 wanted us to print news of his son, Jeffrey Allen. Jeffrey was inducted into the National Jr. College Coaches Hall of Fame and the Coffeyville Jr. College Football Hall of Fame. Jeffrey is the husband of Jennifer Kreller Leiker '97. Neon died suddenly in October before he could read this in the newsletter he looked forward to receiving.

Jim Brungardt '55 and his wife Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58 were married 50 years on April 10, 2011. They have one son, Chris '81, and 3 grandchildren. Jim and Gladys were married April 10, 1961, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Gene Wellbrock '56 and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 5, 2011, at the Victoria Knights of Columbus Hall, hosting a dinner and dance in conjunction with the Minnie and George Wellbrock family reunion. They also enjoyed dinner, November 4, 2011, with their children and grandchildren at a local restaurant. Children of the couple are Gerard '86, Ann Wellbrock Hugunin '91, and Christine Wellbrock Weber '95. They have six grandchildren. Gene Wellbrock and Joan Schmidt were married November 4, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

**Class of 1957**, it is your turn to be honored as the 55<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Victoria Rural High School. Homecoming 2011 will take place on the weekend of September 7 and 8 of this year. The way time flies, it will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar and begin calling classmates. Check the website, www.victoriaalumni.com, for addresses and phone numbers or contact the alumni office for a class list.

Sister Janis Wagner '57 observed her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, Concordia, Kansas, on August 15, 2011. She writes, "Thanks VHS Alumni Association for keeping us informed about VHS and the great memories. Know of my prayers and appreciation for your work."

Rosemary Sander Carraher '58 and Daniel McMahon were married December 3, 2011, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Colleyville Texas, with a wedding reception at Feragne Wedding Room. June Braun Donahue '58 was Rosemary and Dan's matron of honor. Rosemary says, "A good time was had by family and friends!"



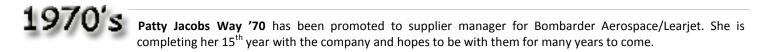
1960's Mary Terese Munk Jones '60 says, "Thank you all for your work on our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion." Mary made the trip from her home in Utah to celebrate the occasion with her classmates.

Marlene Billinger Brown '61 and her husband, Ken, have been married 47 years and now have 12 grandchildren to love and spoil. They are both retired teachers.

Class of 1962!! You are front and center as the 50-year honor class for Homecoming 2012. The dates have been set for September 7 and 8 and the alumni board is busy planning all the festivities for the weekend. Your classmates have had several meetings and they tell us they are expecting 100% attendance. That would certainly break all records. We know you have always been a very close-knit class and this prediction could definitely be a reality. See you in September.

Class of 1967, it's time for a class reunion and it's number 45. Can you believe that? Begin planning now to come home for the weekend of September 7 and 8. We'd love to have you spread the word and mark your calendar.

Carol Kreutzer Foos '68 writes to tell us how much she looks forward to getting the newsletter. She thanks all who help put it together. It is always nice to hear back from our alumni.



Larry R. Dreiling '71 has been promoted to school counselor at Orange Grove Middle Magnet School of the Arts in Tampa, Florida.

Class of 1972, hopefully you will want to be part of Homecoming 2012 to celebrate your 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Those years just keep passing by. Come join your alumni association for a fantastic weekend.

Class of 1977, it's class reunion time, number 35 to be exact. Mark your calendars for September 7 and 8 and plan on a fun weekend renewing old friendships.

Randy Dreiling 79, coach of the Hutchinson Salthawks, captured his 7<sup>th</sup> State Football Championship in 2011. Randy has been coaching at Hutch the past 15 years. His son, Nate Dreiling, received numerous awards as a member of the Pittsburg State Gorillas football team, with an NCAA Division II national championship title on December 17, 2011. Nate also received the Don Hansen All-American Honors, first team, defensive player of the year. Nate is the son of Cathy Younger '82 and the brother of Ashley Dreiling '03 and the grandson of Tom and Det Roth Younger '58.

**LYBUS** Kona Austin Errebo '81 and her husband, Gregg, have moved to Hugoton, Kansas, where Gregg is the high school principal and Kona is the middle school inter-related teacher. Their daughter, Melanie, teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Hugoton and helps coach high school girl's basketball.

James Rohleder '81 and his wife Elaine celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 2, 2011. Their son, Samuel, 21, is a student at Kansas State University in the pre-vet program. He will graduate in the spring with a degree in life science and will be applying for vet school. Thomas, 20, is a junior student at Fort Hays State University. He is obtaining an industrial technology degree. Elaine is the principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Hays and James is busy running Rohleder Veterinary Service in Hays and enjoying taking care of his own cattle herd.

**Class of 1982,** it's reunion time. Hope to see you back in the area to celebrate your 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Get the ball rolling for a great time. September 7 and 8 are the dates scheduled for this event.

**Doug Schulte '84** was given the Purple Heart Award in recognition of his efforts January 29, 2011, when he was shot while on duty. Trooper Schulte made a traffic stop on Old U.S. Highway 40. As he approached the vehicle, the driver exited the vehicle and raised a revolver and fired shots at Trooper Schulte, with one bullet striking him in the left shoulder area at the edge of his shirt badge. He was able to return fire, took cover behind his vehicle, and continued to give verbal commands to the suspect. He notified Kansas Highway Patrol and the Hays Police Department dispatchers of the situation. The suspect was apprehended. Doug recovered from his wound and returned to work in March.

**Chris Braun '86** and his wife, Shauna, enjoyed the 2011 homecoming festivities with fellow alumni. They have two sons, Morgan, born in 2000, and Kendall, born in 2006. Both boys are students at Victoria Elementary.

**Class of 1987**, we hope you realize that you will be honored as the **25-year honor class** for homecoming 2012. The weekend of September 7 and 8 needs to be marked on your calendar. Your alumni board has been busy making plans for the weekend and we hope you are doing the same. It would be great to have one of your former teachers or other school personnel nominated for the Hall of Fame. Think about it and get those letters of nomination in to the alumni board.

**Kari Austin Bruffett '87** has been selected as the state's Director of Health Care Finance. She leads the division with approximately 180 staff, responsible for Kansas' Medicaid program and the State Employee Health Plan. Kari has a background in health policy and government affairs, including eight years working at the University of Kansas Hospital and four years on Capitol Hill.

**Tammi Kippes Sauer '91**, a respected children's author of 11 children's books, has had one of her books, "Mostly Monsterly," selected by General Mills to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Cheerios Spoonfuls of Stories program. Her latest book, "Me Want Pet," was released in March.

**Marthann Schulte '91** and Todd Zwolensky are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Leann Zwolensky, born Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at Watertown, New York. Marthann says, "Mother, father, and baby are doing well."

**Class of 1992**, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion. We always have a great turnout for the 20 year class. Don't let your fellow classmates and alumni board down. Let us know if we can get you a class list. Be sure to check <u>www.victoriaalumni.com</u> for the names and addresses of many of your classmates.

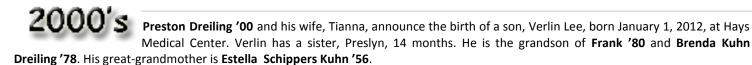
**Curt Kuhn '94** and his wife, Rochelle, announce the birth of a son, Cale John, born December 11, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Cale has three sisters, Brooklinn, 8; Kaylee, 3; and Rachel 2. His grandmother is **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**.

Jay Dinkel '95 and his wife, Janea Scheck Dinkel '96, announce the birth of a daughter, Jaidyn Marie, born July 18, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. She has a brother, Jaxon, 7, and two sisters, Jalyn, 9, and Juliana, 5. Jaidyn's grandparents are Paul '72 and Judy Sander Dreiling '69, Bob '73 and Connie Berens Dinkel '74, and Joe Scheck '70 and his wife, Jeanne; great-grandparents are W. Pat '49 and Theresa Lang Dreiling '48.

**Kelly VonLintel Griffin '95** and her husband, Waylon, announce the birth of a son, Cash Samuel, born on June 28, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. He has a sister, Chloe, 9, and three brothers, Mason, 9, Wyatt, 4, and Duke 1.

**Class of 1997**, be sure to mark the calendar for September 7 and 8. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. This is a perfect time for you to return and touch base with all of your classmates.

**Cory Wellbrock '97** and his wife, Sherry, announce the birth of a daughter, Victoria Sheridan, born January 9, 2012, at Salina Regional Health Center. She has two older brothers, Trenten, 7, and Cooper, 4. Her grandparents are Neil and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**.



Sarah Green Doerfler '01 and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of a son, John Owen, born February 9, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. His grandparents are Merle Fager and Delilah Sander Green '73 and Dr. Dan and Deanne Brown Schmidt '77.

**Class of 2002**, begin making plans for your 10-year reunion from Victoria High School. You are our youngest honor class and the future of Victoria Alumni Association. We hope to see many of you for homecoming festivities on September 7 and 8. Help make this the best homecoming ever.

Sheena Billinger Salinas '02 and her husband, Jona, announce the birth of a daughter, Aniston Rose, born August 3, 2011.

Justin Gottwald '03 and his wife, Jennifer Robben Gottwald '02, announce the birth of a son, Keaton Gage, born August 16, 2011. He has a brother, Treydon, 3. His grandparents are Mike '74 and Sandy Robben.

John Schmidtberger '03 and Charlesa Robbins were married November 19, 2011, at Westview Church, Hays. John graduated from Pratt Community College in 2005 and from Fort Hays State University in 2007. He is a mechanic at Carrico Implement, Hays. Charlesa is a 2002 graduate of Natoma High School and attended Fort Hays State University. She is a licensed in-home day care provider in Victoria. John is the son of **Wayne '65** and Marie Schmidtberger and the grandson of Robert and Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47.

Kristin Robben Heffel '03 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of a son, Holden Menno, born December 22, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. His grandparents are Jim '70 and Crystal Robben.

John Jones '04 and Aubrey Dreiling '04 announce the birth of a son, Cooper Paul, born February 17, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. His grandparents are Cletus '79 and Rose Ann Kuhn Dreiling '77 and he is the great-grandson of Allen '55 and Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53 and Estella Schippers Kuhn '56.

Brittney Hertel Lorson '05 and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their son, Brighton Paul, born February 21, 2012, at Salina Regional Hospital. His grandparents are Jeff '79 and Shari Hertel.

**Class of 2007**, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association, that being the 5-year reunion class. We have been hearing that the Class of '07 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 7 and 8.

**Trevor Dinkel '07** graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, September 17, 2011. He is employed as a Russell County sheriff's deputy and serves part time with the Russell Police Department. Trevor is the son of **Wilmer Jr. Dinkel '73** and his wife, Darlinea.

**Michelle Hansen '07** graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of science in biology with a concentration in cell biology. Michelle is a Specimen Management Associate with Quintiles in Overland Park.

Kelsey Robben '07 graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed as an accountant with RANS Inc. of Hays. Kelsey is the daughter of Joe Robben '81 and his wife, Gail.

Parker Wilson '08 and his wife, Josselyn McLaren Wilson '06, announce the birth of their daughter, Elliot Jude, born October 9, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Her grandparents are Norman '78 and Pam Braun Scheck '80 and Randall and Geralyn Ruder Graver '85. Great-grandparents are Alfred "Fritz" Braun '56 and his wife, Anita, and Allen '62 and Mary Kuhn Ruder '62.

Jordan Robben '09 received an associate in applied science degree from North Central Kansas Technical College. He also received his journeyman certificate. Jordan is an electrician with Glassman Corporation, Hays. He is the son of Rick '76 and Marla Brungardt Robben '78.

# VHS Alumni Classic Golf Tournament - 2011

Twelve teams gathered at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual alumni golf tournament. The clubhouse was filled with laughter and anticipation as the teams registered for the 18-hole event.

Plaques were awarded to first place winners Glenn Dinkel '82, Darin Dinkel '89, Mark Robben '82, and Ray Bombardier '84. Earning second place honors were Jim Hoffman '80, Rueben Urban, Alan Hoffman '67, Alan Dinkel '68, and Dan Basgall '69 and taking third place was Allen Lang '85, Chad Befort, Ryan McClung, and Loren VonLintel '90.

Additional prizes went to Gary Stramel '62 for closest ball to pin #9 and to Pete

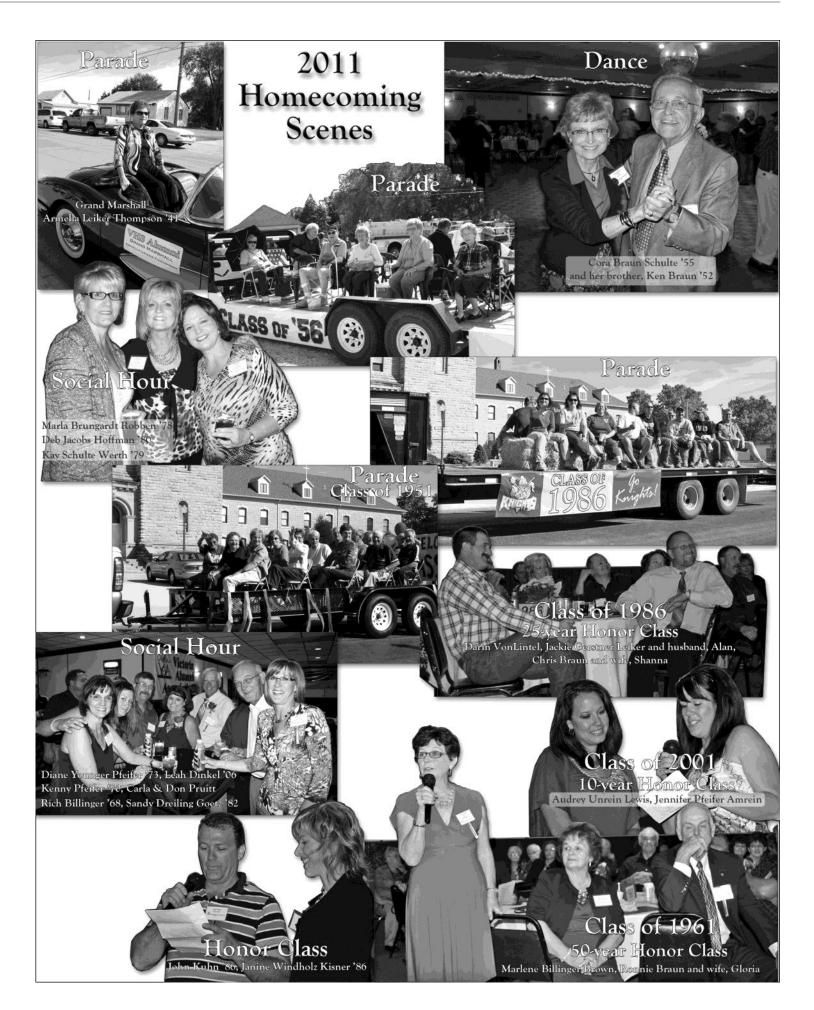
**Braun Jr. '62** for closest ball to pin #18. **Bob Pfeifer '85, Ken Braun '52, Bob Brungardt '51, Nathan Younger '52,** and Bill Roth were the winners of the "TGIFO" (Thank God It's Finally Over) award.



This year's tournament will be **Friday**, **September 7**<sup>th</sup>, **at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.** More details to follow in the next newsletter.



A large group of participants listens to instructions before the 2011 VHS Alumni Classic Golf Tournament. The instructions: "Don't bring a bowling ball to a golf tournament."



**Raymond B. Schulte '47**, 2004 VHS Alumni Hall of Fame recipient, died July 18, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include his wife, Leona; three sons, **Doug '84**, **Alan '85**, and **John '96**; a daughter, **Marthann Schulte '91**; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



John Kanzlemar of Jacksonville, Florida, died July 10, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Brungardt Kanzlemar '57; one son; one daughter; 2 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Thomas Lee Billinger '68 died July 25, 2011, at Brookside Hospice House, Palm Harbor, Florida. Survivors include two brothers, Gilbert '63 and Larry '65.

Galen F. Dinkel '83 died July 31, 2011, at Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Jane; two sons; his mother, Rosie Braun Dinkel '60; five brothers, Glenn '82, Craig '84, Carl '86, Dennis '87, and Darian '89; and one sister, Karen Dinkel Nowak '92.

Sophie Berens died August 8, 2011, at St. John's of Hays Health Care Center. Survivors include one son, **Delmar '55**; three daughters, **Sharon Berens Thompson '65**, **Joyce Berens Newell '67**, and **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**; 25 grandchildren; and 56 great-grandchildren.

Alfred P. 'Fritz' Rohr died September 15, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include two sons, **Jerry '59** and Leon; six daughters, Bernita Rohr Schrant, **Firma Rohr Hammersmith '57**, Shirley Rohr Hammersmith, Vera Rohr Rohleder, Mary Ann Rohr Kuhn, and **Arlene Rohr Giebler '64**; two brothers; 22 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Blaine Matthew Billinger died September 17, 2011, at St. Luke's South Hospital, Overland Park. He is survived by his parents, Ken '79 and Patty Sander Billinger '81.

Alan Michael Rohr died September 27, 2011, at Hospice of St. John, Lakewood, Colorado. Survivors include his parents, Al and Alice Sander Rohr '52; four brothers; and one sister.

Edwin Engel died September 29, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; five daughters, **Donna Engel Woolen '68, Sandra Engel Caballero '71, Paula Engel Robben '73**, Joan Engel Ice, and Joyce Engel Thompson; three sisters; and eleven grandchildren.

Neon "Rocky" Leiker '54 died October 13, 2011, at Freeman Hospital, Joplin, Missouri. Survivors include three sons; a daughter; two brothers, Robert Leiker and Laurian Leiker '55; five sisters, Armella Leiker Thompson '41, Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46, Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47, Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52, and Ethel Leiker Gatschet '57; and eight grandchildren.

Hubertine Stramel died October 17, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include one son, **Gary Stramel '62**; five daughters, **Bernadette Stramel Strong '59**, **JoAnn Stramel Billinger '61**, **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**, **Kathleen Stramel Pryor '66**, and **Janice Stramel Seib '73**; two brothers; two sisters; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; a step-granddaughter; and two great-great-grandsons.

Jennifer Meder Lehmann '94 died October 24, 2011, at Kay Pogue Hospice Center, Salina. Survivors include her husband, Vincent; three children, Macy, 6, Carson, 4, and Colten, 2; her mother, Lena Scheck Meder '56; one brother, Tom Meder '78; three sisters, Cindy Meder Robben '77, Jody Meder Dinkel '87, and Saundra Meder Karlin '84.

Irene E. Dinkel died October 28, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include one son, Wilmer Jr. Dinkel '73, two daughters, Agnes Dinkel Dreher '71 and Mary Ann Dinkel Windholz '74; 3 brothers; one sister; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Carol Cline died October 31, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Hays. Survivors include five sons, **Craig '71**, **Chris '73**, **Dr. Kevin '74**, Kirk "Cookie", and Carl; a daughter, **Cindy Cline Ubert '69**; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Cecilia Brungardt '52** died November 22, 2011, at Newton Medical Center. Survivors include one brother, **Paul F. Brungardt '49**; three sisters, **Sr. Valeria Brungardt CSA '45**, **Yvonne Brungardt Rohleder Braun '56**, and **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58**.

Robert F. "Bob" Unrein died November 25, 2011, at his home. Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie Brungardt Unrein '60; one son,

Robbie '84; one daughter, Ramona Unrein Weigel '88; one brother; seven sisters; and three grandchildren.

**Darlene Urban Meis '55** died November 27, 2011, at her home in Westminster, Colorado. Survivors include her husband, Kenny, of the home; two sons; one sister; and two grandchildren.

Daniel J. Edsall died November 29, 2011, at Smith County Memorial Hospital, Smith Center. Survivors include his wife, Patsy; a step-son, **Fred Braun '79**; three step-daughters; two brothers, Frank and **Ivan '64**; ten step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Alma Billinger died December 2, 2011, at her home. Survivors include two sons, **Gilbert '63** and **Larry '65**; eleven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

**Cletus Younger '46** died December 20, 2011, at his home. Survivors include his wife, Rosie; one son; two daughters; two brothers, **Nathan '52** and **Francis '59**; four sisters, Irene Linenberger, Bernice McMillin, Geraldine Ruder, and Marilyn Prewo; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marvin F. Basgall '51 died December 30, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Sandy; one son; two daughters; two sisters, Vera Basgall Bellendir '50 and Boots Basgall Maltby '59; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Josephine Windholz Robben '24 died December 30, 2011. Survivors include one son, three daughters, 26 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, and 33 great-great-grandchildren.

Gloria Leiker died January 4, 2012. Survivors include her husband; three sons; two daughters, three brothers, Kenneth '58, Allen '63, and David '70; four sisters, Donna Brull Wasinger, Sheila Brull Zimmerman, Patricia Brull Null '62, and Paulette Brull Moser '67; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

William "Bill" Schrant '83 died January 18, 2012, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by his parents, Paul and Alice Schrant; five sisters, Marilyn Schrant Joy '77, Lucy Schrant Conness '79, Marjorie Schrant Straub '81, Patricia Schrant Anschutz '85, and Pam Schrant Irwin '87.

Leo R. Herbel died January 19, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Hubertina Weigel Herbel '46**; two sons; a daughter; three sisters; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Betty Rajewski died January 21, 2012, at her home. Survivors include her husband, **Marvin '51**; one son; two daughters; one brother; three sisters; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth Dreiling Stephens '55 died January 21, 2012, at Highland Ranch, Colorado. She is survived by a son, Damon; five brothers, Marvin '44, Alfred "Fritz" '49, Charlie '51, Tom '59, and Jim '63; two sisters, Lucy Dreiling Roth '46 and Theresa Dreiling Ellis '57; and three grandchildren.

Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47 died January 26, 2012, at her daughter's home. She is survived by four daughters, Susie Dreiling Windholz '61, Betty Dreiling Brungardt '73, Theresa "Teri" Dreiling Brantley '74, and Patty Dreiling Rohr '82; three brothers, Art Vonfeldt '42, Leo VonFeldt '53, and Karl VonFeldt '55; two sisters, Winifreda "Winnie" VonFeldt Beckwith '42 and Charlotte VonFeldt Sanders '49; nine grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Paula Walter Rigby '65 died February 11, 2012, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Pat; a son; three daughters; a brother, Joe Walter '73; two sisters, Cathy Walter Hupach '68 and Betty Walter Ballard '76; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Marcella Klein died February 22, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by a son, Jerry '68; three daughters, Connie Klein Faulkner '67, Linda Klein Staab '69, and Elaine Klein Scheck Meyer '74; a step-son, Floyd Klein; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

**Bernice Weigel Rupp '47** died February 29, 2012, at St. Francis South Campus Hospital, Indianapolis. She is survived by three sons, one daughter, one brother, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Stella Sander died March 3, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by one son, **Jim '70**; a daughter, **Judy Sander Dreiling '69**; one brother; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Wanda Dinkel McInerney '71 died March 3, 2012, at her home in Carroll, Iowa. She is survived by her mother, Irene; a step-daughter, Cathy McInerney; four brothers, Ron '66, Steve '70, Bob '73, and Larry '80; two sisters, Carol Dinkel Lamoste '68 and Mari Dinkel Rauch '83.

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