

HOMECOMING 2013

September 20-21

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Hall of Fame 2013

Nominations being
accepted now.



2012 Hall of Fame
Honorees. **TOP:** Sons of
Ruby Schumacher Roth.
MIDDLE: Allen Dreiling.
BOTTOM: Fr. Mike Scully,
OFM Cap.



Each year, as your letters of nomination for the Hall of Fame are read, we sit in awe of the wonderful testimonials given by so many of you. When the candidates have been chosen and the presentations are made, we again sit in awe at the acceptance speeches made by the recipients. It is always quite clear that all things “Victoria” hold a very special place in their hearts and the honor given them is very humbling. It is with this thought in mind that we again ask for your nominations for the 2013 Hall of Fame Honorees.

There are three awards presented. Former and present school personnel of Victoria Schools and any Victoria Alumni graduate. Your letters will be accepted until June 1, 2013. You may submit your letter by email at

info@victoriaalumni.com or

by mail to VHS
Alumni Association,
PO Box 382,
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67671-0382.



Open House & Social

To all alumni and especially the reunion classes: The open house before the parade and the after game social is a special feature offered by your alumni association and is included in your reservation for the weekend.

Reunion classes are encouraged to gather at the VFW Hall around 2:00 on Friday before the parade to 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



The "Border Patrol" on duty at 2012 Homecoming.

We Remember



The 50-year honor class gathered in St. Fidelis Catholic Church to remember deceased classmates.

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.

As we listen to the names of our classmates and family members, fond memories of those we loved and the precious days gone by flash before our eyes.

The beauty of our historic cathedral and the glorious sounds of the alumni choir and ensembles remind us of the past with nostalgia. We are reminded of the faith of our fathers and the blessings we have been given. We sense the true feeling of coming home.

of directors will be on hand to welcome you.

All alumni and their guests are encouraged to attend the social at the VFW Hall following the football game. This is a great time to gather for visiting, beverages and snacks. It is always a special time for alumni to gather and get reacquainted after so many years.

Your alumni board is on duty to welcome you and help you update your membership dues, collect your raffle tickets, and accept your payment for the alumni banquet and dance if you have not already taken care of these tasks.



Members of the 60-year class of 1952 enjoy Homecoming 2012.



Sandy Dreiling Goetz with her loyal 1982 classmates.

Four Scholarships of \$1,000 in 2013

Sixty-nine graduating seniors have benefited from an alumni scholarship. The amount awarded totals \$33,700 to date. Check the alumni website for a complete list of recipients.

One of the first orders of business for the newly formed alumni association back in 1993 was to establish a scholarship fund. Awarding scholarships would be one of the primary goals of the alumni association.

Initially, one scholarship was awarded and **Brandon Schmidtberger '93** was the lucky recipient in the amount of \$200. Thanks to your generosity over the years, four \$1,000 scholarships are now awarded each year. The board of directors has again voted to present four \$1,000 scholarships for 2013.

2013 Raffle

Your response to the homecoming raffle has given a major boost to the value of the VHS alumni scholarships. Watch for your 2013 raffle tickets in your August newsletter. Thank you for your generous participation in the past and we ask for your continued support. You will be getting raffle tickets in your August newsletter. Be sure to respond.

Last year's raffle ticket winners:

- Fran VonLintel '62 - \$500
- Judith Braun Evans '63 - \$400
- Ernie Fisher - \$300 (spouse of Mary Beth Leiker Fisher '76)
- Kevin Brungardt - \$200 (son of Liliota Leiker Brungardt '54)
- Thyra Breder - \$100 (granddaughter of Agnes Dreiling Karlin '48)



Last year's grand prize winner of \$500 was Fran VonLintel '62 of Grove, Oklahoma.

Website * Facebook * Twitter

Has it been awhile since you last visited the alumni website? If so, you will notice a bright new look. Be sure to check out the photo albums. Awesome pictures have captured previous homecoming weekends.

Your alumni association is now on Facebook and Twitter. Find your association at www.facebook.com/victoriaalumniassociation

You can tag yourself and your Facebook friends in the picture albums after you Like the VAA Facebook page. Get important updates about VAA by following @victoriaalumni on twitter.

A big thank you to **John Schulte '96** and **Loren VonLintel '90** for making all of this possible.

Lifetime Membership Made Simple

Would you like to become a lifetime member of the alumni association and not have to wonder if you are current with your membership? **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 shultz@ruraltel.net for that information.

2013 Upcoming Events

- ALUMNI-SPONSORED SENIOR BARBEQUE —
Friday, May 17
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION —
Sunday, May 19
- FIDELISFEST —
Monday, May 27
- HERZOGFEST —
Friday-Saturday, August 9-10
- VHS HOMECOMING 2013 —
Friday-Saturday, September 20-21

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1943, we would like to congratulate you on your upcoming 70th class reunion from Victoria Rural High School. You have all been very faithful alumni members and just may surprise us with your attendance at Homecoming 2013. Homecoming is set for September 20th and 21st.

Lucy Dreiling Roth '46 and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have two sons and one daughter. Lucy and Bob were married August 13, 1952, in St. Fidelis Church, Victoria.

Class of 1948, 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 and would enjoy getting together with your classmates for your 65th class reunion. Begin making plans for September 20th and 21st.

Linus Wasinger '49 says, "Thanks for the good reading material, keeps me updated."

Gilbert '49 and his wife, **Kathleen Mae Rajewski Sander '49**, gave us an update on their growing family. They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Their Canadian grandsons were married August 4, 2012, in Toronto, Canada. Gilbert and Kathleen were unable to attend but watched the ceremony via Skype. They were sorry to miss homecoming this year.

1950's

Marvin Schmidtberger '52 and his wife, Nancy, consider themselves very blessed because of their good health, wonderful family, and many friends. Family is their main interest. They now number 58. They have five children plus spouses, eighteen grandchildren, eleven married; fourteen great-grandchildren with number 15 and 16 on the way. Their good health has allowed them to enjoy various family activities which have taken them from one end of the country to the other. Winter takes them to California where they are joined by many of their children. When weather permits, Marvin still enjoys the game of golf. They joined the Class of '52 for Marvin's 60th reunion.

Omer Knoll '52 has retired but is still busy working at his art. His current project is resurrecting small sculptures, "Miene Kleine Deutsche Rugga Leute". He can be reached at www.omerknoll.com.

Roselyn Roth Schmidt '52 and her husband, Don, celebrated 57 years of marriage on September 7, 2012. They have two children, 12 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Roselyn and Don live in Sun City West, Arizona.

Class of 1953, we want you to begin planning for your 60th 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 20th and 21st.

Leo VonFeldt '53 and his wife, **Dorothy Goetz VonFeldt '56**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 12, 2012, with a Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plainville. An open house followed at the Palco Township Hall, hosted by their children. Leo and Dorothy have one son; four daughters; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. They were married August 16, 1962, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Paulette Sander '54 and her husband, Norman, send greetings from their home in Powell, Tennessee. She says she sure loves reading her newsletter. They recently bought a condo and absolutely love their beautiful view of the mountains. She sends her best to everyone back home along with big hugs. It was great to hear from you, Paulette.

Frank Denning '54 sends greetings from his home in Citrus Heights, California. "Thanks for doing such an outstanding job on keeping us old wayward folks posted on the latest facts at our home town. Keep up the good work." We enjoy hearing from our wayward alumni. Thanks Frank.

Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56 informed the newsletter committee that her family now numbers 56 and with the addition of two great-grandbabies in October they will be 58. Only nine of her 22 grandchildren are married so she is anticipating a few more offspring. All of Patsy's seven children are Victoria High School graduates; **Bob '76**, **Ellie Dreiling Herl '77**, **Jim '78**, **Mike '79**, **Mark '81**, **Diana Dreiling Clay '82**, and **Anita Dreiling Walters '86**.

Dennis VonLintel '56 and his wife, Kay, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 20, 2012, with a Mass at St. Boniface, Vincent, and a dinner October 27, 2012, at Meridy's Restaurant in Russell hosted by their children. Dennis and Kay have three sons, **Chris '83**, **Darin '86**, and **Loren '90**; one daughter, **Sue VonLintel Hobbs '88**; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They were married October 20, 1962, in Munjor.

Class of 1958, it is your turn to be honored on the occasion of your 55th class reunion. Homecoming 2013 will take place on the weekend of September 20th and 21st. June Braun Donahue has already made plane reservations. Do come and enjoy all the wonderful camaraderie.

Leland Dinkel '58 and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 1, 2012, with a Mass of Celebration at St. Fidelis Church followed by a dinner and dance at the V.F.W. Hall in Victoria. Their children are **Dale Dinkel '83**, **Karla Dinkel Rohleder '81**, **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84**, and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**. They have seven grandchildren. Leland and Marlene were married September 10, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Ellis.

1960's

Alice Schmidtberger Peterka '62 and her husband, Don, have been married 46 years. They live in Wilson, Kansas. Alice retired after 44 full-time years, teaching business education. She has continued teaching part-time. Their son, Joe, is also in education. He resides in Temple, Texas. After receiving his degree from Fort Hays State University in 1991, he moved to Temple where he was principal for 19 years. He is now executive director of operations which involves hiring and firing people and building more schools. Joe and his wife, Ann, have two daughters, ages 14 and 11.

Jerry Leiker '62 and his wife, Jenni, were back for Jerry's 50th class reunion. He was very proud to announce that he became a great-grandfather to Aubree Faith, born September 12, 2012.

Class of 1963!! You are front and center as the **50-year honor class** for Homecoming 2013. The dates have been set for September 20th and 21st. You were 50 members strong on graduation day. Nine of your classmates have gone to their eternal home. Please consider honoring us with your presence for this historic occasion and relive those wonderful days gone by.

Charlotte Braun Weber '65 retired from the Hays banking community after 30 years of service. She was honored with a reception at Bank of Hays where she worked since its opening in 2004. Charlotte's children are **John '89** and **Jason '94**.

Jerry Dinkel '66 retired from Office Products Inc. after 42 years of service. Jerry and his wife, **Lois Kuhn Dinkel '66**, have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Class of 1968, it's time for a class reunion and it's number 45. Can you believe that? It is some of your classmates that have earned the credit for getting this alumni association organized. One of your own—**Rich Billinger '68**—has been a committee member or board member since its beginning back in 1993. We would love to see all of you so we could personally thank you for being the brain child of such a worthwhile association.

1970's

Roy Berens '71 updated his family information on his recent membership form. He has two daughters, Sara Branch and husband Jason and Lisa Coleman and husband Richard, and two sons, Eric and Scott. He also has four grandchildren, Travis and Owen Branch and Tayler and Evan Coleman. Roy lives in Jacksonville, Florida.

Class of 1973, hopefully you will want to be part of Homecoming 2013 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Wow! According to our files, you were a class of 54 members. We are expecting to see you out in record numbers. Homecoming 2013 is scheduled for September 20th and 21st.

Glen Riedel '75 and his wife, Tammy, Salina, are the parents of Travis Riedel, who received a doctor of philosophy degree in biochemistry and molecular biology and a master of business administration degree from Wake Forest University. Travis's grandparents are **Francis '49** and Mabel Riedel.

Class of 1978, it is class reunion time—number 35 to be exact. In checking our files we see lots of fun loving people in this class. We know a great time is in store for you as you gather for homecoming September 20th and 21st. Please make your suggestions and wishes known to Brenda Kuhn Dreiling, fdreiling@ruraltel.net, or to Diana Braun Schmidtberger, dbschmidtberger@ruraltel.net, as soon as possible. They would like to begin making plans.

Lieutenant Keith Dreiling '78 retired from the Kansas Highway Patrol December 8, 2012, after more than 27 years of service throughout the state. He was one of five troopers in the state assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Pilot Project in 1991, received a KDOT ProActive Traffic Enforcement Award in 1999, and served on the Meet and Confer Team in 2000 and 2004. Keith graduated from Dodge City Community College with a degree in criminal justice and forensic science. Keith and his wife, Linda, live in Topeka. He is the son of **W. Pat Dreiling '49** and **Theresa Lang Dreiling '48**.

1980's

Class of 1983, it is reunion time. Hope to see you back in the area to celebrate your 30th class reunion. September 20th and 21st are the dates scheduled for this event.

Dale Brungardt '86 has been named Middle School Principal of the State of Kansas for 2012. Dale, and his wife, **Beth Billinger Brungardt '86**, will be traveling to Washington D.C. to receive the award. Dale is the son of **Jerry '62** and **Mary Brungardt**.

Class of 1988, we hope you realize that you will be honored as the **25-year honor class** for homecoming 2013. 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.

1990's

Anne Ruder Dinkel '90 received a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Wichita State University in May of 2012. Anne teaches kindergarten at Victoria Elementary School. Anne is the wife of **Craig Dinkel '84** and the daughter of **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Class of 1993, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th 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 www.victoriaalumni.com for the names and addresses of many of your classmates.

Chris Younger '95 and his wife, Katina, announce the birth of their daughter, Kinzley Fay, born March 5, 2013. Kinzley has a big sister, Cyera. **Frank Younger '70** and his wife, Jolene, are the proud grandparents. She is the great-granddaughter of **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**.

Shelley Gilliam Bryant '97 and Travis Hageman announce the birth of two sons, Brody Michael born July 10, 2009, and Holden Russell born July 26, 2011.

Class of 1998, be sure to mark the calendar for September 20th and 21st. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. You had a nice group present for your 10th reunion. Maybe you can get a few more classmates out this time.

Chris Kreller '98 and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of a son, Carson Michael, born November 15, 2011. His grandparents are Mike and Ruth Kreller.

Blaine Younger '98 and his wife, **Suzu Hansen Younger '02**, announce the birth of twin sons, Miles Thomas and Leo Jackson, born March 21, 2013, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Grandparents are Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Brandon Dinkel '99 was named Firefighter of the Year in 2011 for the city of Russell. Brandon and his wife, Lisa, and their two children, Isabella and Easton, live in Russell. Brandon works for the Russell County Highway Department. He is the son of **Wilmer Dinkel Jr. '73** and his wife, Darlinea.

Sarah Wasinger Shubert '99 and her husband, Dustin, announce the birth of a daughter, Felicity Mae, born January 21, 2013. Her grandparents are John and **Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74**.

2000's

Kristin Sander Mauch '00 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of a daughter, Mya Elizabeth, born March 12, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. She has a big brother, Mason, 4. Her grandfather is **Dave Sander '72**.

Brian Romme '02 and his wife, Anna, announce the birth of a daughter, Morgan Rose, born August 29, 2011. Her grandparents are **Rickey Rome '75** and his wife, Susan.

Alicia Denning Kelley '02 is teaching third grade at Council Grove Elementary. Her husband, **Michael '01**, returned recently from serving overseas for nearly a year with the United States Army Reserve. Alicia is the daughter of Dennis and **Betty Weigel Denning '65**.

Jolene Hoffman Haas '02, employed by Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott & Pfeifer, has passed all parts of the Uniform CPA examination. She is a graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in accounting. She joined the Hays office staff of the certified public accountants firm in 2007.

Class of 2003, 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. You need to be thinking of a spokesperson to tell us about the mighty class of '03. You have bragging rights as the 10-year reunion class. We hope to see many of you for homecoming festivities on September 20th and 21st.

Scott VonFeldt '03 and his wife, Rachel, announce the birth of a son, Konnor Arthur, born January 17, 2013. He has a brother, Kaden, 3. Konnor's grandparents are **Steve '69** and **Teri VonFeldt** and his great-grandparents are **Arthur '42** and **Joan Mermis VonFeldt '47**.

Erin Dinkel Pfeifer '04 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a son, Brantley James, born December 12, 2012. He has a sister, Gracie, 4½ years old. Brantley's grandparents are **Glenn '82** and **Paula McClurg Dinkel '83**. **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60** is his great-grandmother.

Class of 2008, 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 '08 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 20th and 21st.

Cole Dreiling '08 has started his own business, Dreiling Pipe Testing, LLC, located in Victoria. Cole is the son of **Joe '84** and **Brenda Dreiling** and the grandson of **Norman '55** and **Joann Dreiling**.

Cade Scott '08 and Tiffany Werner were married September 8, 2012, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays. Cade is a 2012 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He is teaching sixth-grade at Ness City Elementary School and is Junior High head basketball coach. Tiffany is a 2008 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and a 2011 graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College with a registered nursing degree. She is a registered nurse with Graystone Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery at Hays Medical Center. Cade and Tiffany are living in LaCrosse. Cade is the son of Pat and Gia Scott.

Gus Pfanenstiel '09 and **Ciera Kohl '11** announce the birth of their son, Gage Ryan, born January 29, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Gage's grandparents are **Curt Pfanenstiel '83** and his wife, Kim.

Jordan Ottley '09 and **Jordan Karlin '08** were married August 18, 2012 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Jordan will graduate from Fort Hays State University in May 2013 with a degree in elementary education with a minor in special education. He is employed at Hays Recreation Center. His wife, Jordan, graduated from Fort Hays State University in December with a degree in graphic design. She is employed at Northwestern Office Suppliers Copy Center as a graphic designer. Jordan is the son of David and Andrea Ottley and Jordan is the daughter of John and **Susan Robben Karlin '82**.

For a 10-year reunion class, the Class of 2002 had the largest response to a Homecoming celebration. Congratulations!



VHS Alumni Classic Golf - 2012

“The Drought Buster Tournament”

by Randy Leiker '70



The Drought Buster Golf Tournament of 2012 (also known as The 16th Annual VHS Alumni Classic Golf Tournament) held at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course was another huge success. We had a record 13 teams participate in our rain delayed golf tournament. Did I mention rain...we had rain, wind, and hail that conveniently passed through right about the time we had lunch. It hailed so hard that it looked as though the ground was covered with snow. After the storm passed we resumed play and everyone had a great time.

The winning teams were **Mark Robben '82, Rod Goetz '82, Darin Dinkel '89, and Ray Bombardier '84.**

Second Place went to **John Weber '89, Darrell Dortland '89, James Dreiling '89, and Kevin Klein '89.** Third Place plaques were awarded to **Alan Hoffman '67, Jim Hoffman '80, Allen Dinkel '68, and Bruce Goetz '73.** Hole prizes went to **Nathan Younger '52** for the longest putt and **Kevin Klein '89** and **Brett Karlin '02** for the ball closest to the pin.

Start making plans for this year's tournament to be held at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course on Friday September 20th. There is no better way to kick off the 2013 VHS Homecoming festivities than to get together with fellow classmates to play golf, enjoy free refreshments, win prizes, and make new memories that will last a life time. Hope to see you there.



TOP LEFT: Allen Lang '85, Loren VonLintel '90, and Brett Dreiling '02 can't wait to start golfing.

TOP RIGHT: Allen Dreiling '55 lines up his swing for a nice putt.

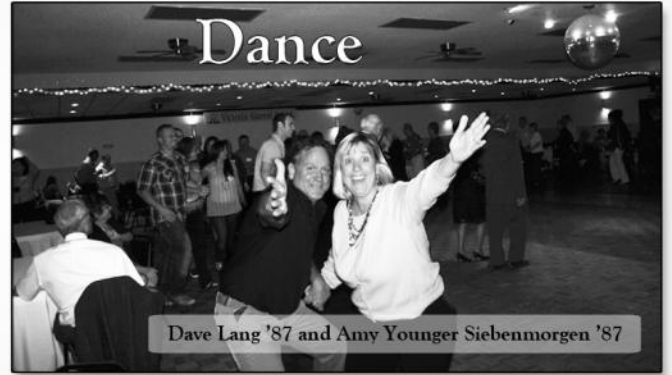
BOTTOM: The golfers relax at the club house during a rain delay.

2012 Homecoming Scenes



Social Hour

Anne Ruder Dinkel '90 and Kristy Dreiling Windholz '92



Dance

Dave Lang '87 and Amy Younger Siebenmorgen '87



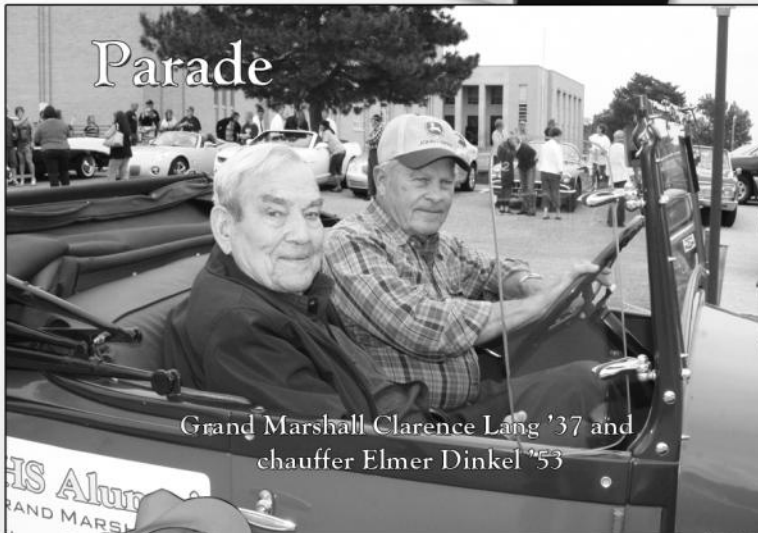
Randy Leiker '70 and his sister, Mary Beth Leiker Fisher '76

Social Hour



Dance

Regis VonLintel '62 and wife Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51

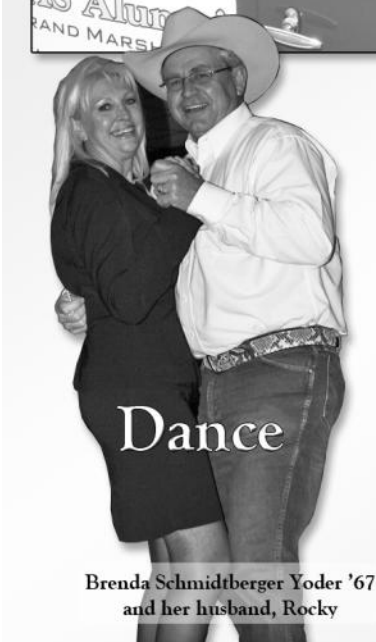


Parade

Grand Marshall Clarence Lang '37 and chauffer Elmer Dinkel '53



Class of 1962 50-year Honor Class



Dance

Brenda Schmidtberger Yoder '67 and her husband, Rocky



Class of 1987 25-year Honor Class



Dance

Marge Rome '58 and LeeRoy Schuckman

In Loving Memory



Regina Dechant died July 6, 2012, at Brookside Retirement Community, Overbrook. Survivors include one son; two brothers, George Dinkel and Father Harvey Dinkel O.F.M.Cap.; five sisters, **Sister Francis Rose Dinkel C.S.A. '43**, **Irene Dinkel Scruggs '45**, **Mary Dinkel Younker '48**, **Sister Paul Ann Dinkel C.S.A. '51**, and **Viola Dinkel Richmeier '51**; and two grandchildren.

Louis R. Sander died July 8, 2012, at Russell Regional Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Irene; two sons; a brother, **Lawrence '57**; four sisters, Sister Helen Sander C.S.A., Lillian Nowak, Vera Hoffman, and **Rosie Sander Nash '58**; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Sander '44 died July 28, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by one sister and several nieces and nephews.

Velma VonFeldt died July 31, 2012, at her home in Russell. Survivors include two sons; two daughters; two brothers, **Elden Stang '58** and **Wendy Stang '63**; two sisters, **Delilah Stang Brungardt '60** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '62**; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Elaine Brungardt Klitzke '66 died August 5, 2012, at her home in Hays. Survivors include one son; two step-daughters; one sister, **Darlene Brungardt Dreiling '57**; and three grandchildren.

Richard J. Schmidtberger '61 died August 10, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Kathy Kuhn Schmidtberger '64**; two sons, **Curt '91** and **Jake '97**; three daughters, **Melissa Schmidtberger Wentling '88**, **Stacy Schmidtberger '94**, and **Shana Schmidtberger Rome '96**; one brother, **Dan Schmidtberger '53**; one sister, **Mary Schmidtberger Smith '57**; and eleven grandchildren.

Twila Brungardt died August 19, 2012, at her home in Victoria. Survivors include her husband, Frank; five daughters, **Mary Beth Brungardt Stern '72**, **Margaret Brungardt Gifford '75**, **Marla Brungardt Robben '78**, **Melaine Brungardt Collins '80**, and **Melissa Brungardt Haley '83**; one sister, Elgerine Wayne; a step-brother, **Gene Wellbrock '56**; four step-sisters, **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**, **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '52**, **Mary Lou Wellbrock Mirkovich '59**, and **Rose Ann Wellbrock Welser '63**; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Garlan Schoenrock died August 20, 2012, at Wheatland Nursing Center, Russell. Survivors include his wife, Sandra, of the home; two sons, Garlan Jr. and **Ken '92**; a daughter, Sue Stahlecker; two brothers; one sister; and eight grandchildren.

Hubert R. Dinkel '49 died August 20, 2012, at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Center, Wichita. Survivors include his wife, Anna Louise; one son; three daughters; four brothers, Gilbert,

Bob '50, **Leroy '52**, and **Leland '58**; and four grandchildren.

Lavina Kuhn VonFeldt '50 died August 18, 2012, at Orchard Park Assisted Living Center, McKinney, Texas. Survivors include one son, **Bryan '73**; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Frank Polifka died August 23, 2012, at University of Nebraska Medical Center; Omaha, Nebraska. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58**; a son; three daughters; a brother; a sister; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Norbert Robben died August 24, 2012 at Stormont-Vail Health Care Hospital, Topeka. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; five sons, **Mike '74**, **Jim '77**, **Dan '78**, **John '80**, and **Joe '81**; two daughters, **Marijo Robben Isbell '76** and **Susan Robben Karlin '82**; three sisters; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Rich Weber '66 died August 26, 2012. Survivors include his wife, Diana; one son, **Richard '87**; one daughter, **Melissa Weber Schmidt '86**; one brother, **Mitch Weber '75**; one sister, **Roben Weber '71**; and six grandchildren.

Cody John Schmeidler, son of **Kent '95** and **Carla Schmeidler**, was stillborn August 28, 2012. Survivors include his parents; a brother, Eli; two sisters, Shelby and Sienna Schmeidler.

Laurian Leiker '55 died September 4, 2012, at Kay Pogue Hospice Center, Salina. He is survived by his wife, Janice; four sons; one daughter; one brother, Bob; four sisters, **Armella Leiker Thompson '41**, **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**, **Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47**, and **Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52**; and eight grandchildren.

Gloria Lang '63 died September 7, 2012, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Vic, two sons; a daughter; two step-sons; a step-daughter; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

Lawrence J. Brungardt Jr. '59 died September 13, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two daughters, **Cindy Brungardt Pottorf '80** and **Amanda Brungardt-Oxenford '96**; one brother, Sam Brungardt; two sisters, Marge Carlson and **Jackie Brungardt Prickett '71**; and five grandchildren.

Julian Gonzales died October 6, 2012, as the result of a motorcycle accident near Great Bend. He is survived by his wife, **Vicky Werth Gonzales '81**; three sons; a daughter; his mother; two brothers; a sister; and nine grandchildren. His wife, Vicky, is the daughter of Kenny and **Doris Hammerschmidt Werth '58**.

Almeda Brungardt Hoffman '43 died October 22, 2012, at Via Christi Village Care Center, Hays. She is survived by one son, **Don '70**; one brother, Frank C. Brungardt; two sisters, **Rosie Brungardt Schulte '45** and **Betty Brungardt Basgall '51**; three grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Alvin J. Schmidtberger '38 died October 30, 2012, at his home. He is survived by a son, **Tim '79**; two brothers; a sister; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Alvin was honored as Grand Marshall for Homecoming 2008.

Mildred Quint Kuntzsch '45 died November 15, 2012, at Via Christi Village Care Center, Hays. She is survived by one son; four daughters; two brothers; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Alphonse A. "Al" Pfeifer '34 died December 18, 1912, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by a daughter, Monica Halbleib; two brothers, Wilfred A. "Willie" Pfeifer and **Robert A. Pfeifer '45**; four sisters, Rose Pfeifer Pfannenstiel, **Esther Pfeifer Maher '43**, **Albertine Pfeifer Rajewski '49**, and **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51**; and two granddaughters. Al was very proud to accept the alumni's invitation to act as Grand Marshall of the homecoming parade in 2009.

Irene M. Dinkel died January 7, 2013, at her home. She is survived by a son, **Bill '67**; four daughters, **Pat Dinkel Cook '64**, **Betty Dinkel Schneider '65**, **Linda Dinkel Basgall '69**, and **Firma Dinkel Cassai '70**; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Melinda M. Dinkel Griebel '48 died January 11, 2013, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Paul; seven sons; four daughters; two brothers, George Dinkel and Father Harvey Dinkel O.F.M. Cap.; five sisters, **Sister Francis Rose Dinkel C.S.A. '43**, **Irene Dinkel Scruggs '45**, **Mary Dinkel Younker '48**, **Viola Dinkel Richmeier '51**, and **Sister Paul Ann Dinkel C.S.A. '51**; and 10 grandchildren.

Caroline Schmidt died January 17, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by three sons; two daughters; two brothers, Vince Dreiling and Francis Dreiling; two sisters, **Theresa Dreiling Brungardt '50** and **Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54**; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mark Younger '65 died January 17, 2013, at Salina Hospice House. He is survived by his wife, Twila; two sons; one brother, **Marlin '70**; three sisters, **Mary Younger Strecker Carpenter '67**, **Maggie Younger Pechanec '73**, and **Myra Younger Younger '78**; and four grandchildren.

Leona Rohleder died January 17, 2013, at the Hays Good Samaritan Society. She is survived by four sons; three daughters; a brother, **Francis Kuhn '45**; a sister, **Martina Kuhn Bieker '43**; 22 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Marvin Francis Windholz '64 died January 22, 2013, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by two sons, **Chris '89** and **Jared '93**; a daughter, **Janine Windholz Kisner '86**; his father, Jerome; a brother, Alfred; his former wife, **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**; and six grandchildren.

William I. Bacchus died January 23, 2013, at Capital Caring Hospice in Arlington, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Dreiling Bacchus '55**, and one brother.

Wilfred 'Bill' Dreiling '49 died February 15, 2013, in Topeka. He is survived by his wife, **Rita Denning Dreiling '48**; three daughters; three sisters, **Hedwig Dreiling Matthews '41**, **Blanche Dreiling King '50**, and **Mary Dreiling Bacchus '55**; and four grandchildren.

William S. 'Bill' Dreiling '43 died February 16, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; three sons; two brothers, Vince and Francis; two sisters, **Theresa Dreiling Brungardt '50** and **Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54**; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Fridolin B. 'Fritz' Dreiling died February 17, 2013, at Hays Good Samaritan Center. He is survived by his wife, **Edna Schulte Dreiling '42**; three sons, Rene, **Joel '72**, and **John '79**; two daughters, **Rose Dreiling Rifford '70** and **Mary Dreiling Jones '81**; two brothers, Vince and Francis; two sisters, **Theresa Dreiling Brungardt '50** and **Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54**; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann Gerhardt Roberson '46 died February 23, 2013, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. She is survived by one son; two brothers; and two sisters.

Sophia VonLintel Stecklein '36 died February 28, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by two sons; one daughter; two half-brothers, **Gilbert VonLintel '47** and Otto VonLintel; three half-sisters, Benita VonLintel Wolf, **Catherine VonLintel Pfannenstiel '47**, and Joanna VonLintel Murta; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Victor F. Hoffman died March 14, 2013, at Via Christi Village Long Term Care Center, Hays. He is survived by three sons, **Alan '67**, **David '78**, and **James '80**; two daughters, **Judy Hoffman Leiker '66** and **Kim Hoffman Wellbrock '74**; three brothers; four sisters; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Kathy Kuhn Thomas '78 died March 19, 2013, at her home in Eureka, Kansas. She is survived by her mother, Theresa Braun Kuhn; a brother, **Robert Kuhn '76**; and a sister, **Sharon Kuhn Bleske '83**.

Francis J. "Frank" Hoffman died March 21, 2013, at Via Christi Village, Hays. He is survived by two sons, **Gary '75** and **Ken '83**; three brothers; four sisters; and one grandson.



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