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Old VHS Gym Floor Lives on in Pieces

By Nancy Piatt, 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Member

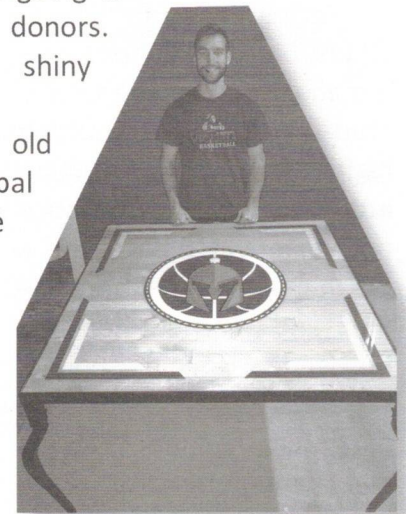
Last summer Victoria alumni, students, and parents were excited about knowing that the old VHS gymnasium floor was going to be replaced, thanks to generous community donors. Most looked forward to seeing the new, shiny replacement.

Some, however, didn't want to see all that old wood go to the landfill. According to VHS Principal Dylan Dronberger, several individuals made requests that they be allowed to purchase some of the flooring for sentimental reasons.

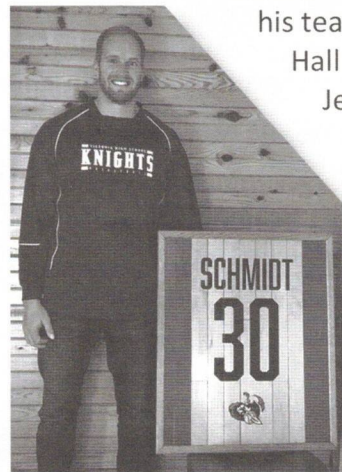
Leroy Schmidtberger '74 knew that he wanted to create something for his son **Colin '11**, former basketball player and current boys' basketball coach. Using the carpentry skills he learned many years ago from his teacher and 2007 Alumni Hall of Fame member Jerry Cronister, Leroy worked for several months

designing and building a table that includes an intricate top design made by Colby Schippers. The finished product was a surprise for Colin's birthday and now has a place of honor on his patio.

Melissa Weber Schmidt '86 made a purchase hoping to surprise her son **Kyle '11** with a piece of his high school days. Kyle, now a PE teacher and boys' basketball coach in



Colin Schmidtberger '11 poses with his surprise birthday gift made from a piece of the old VHS gym floor.



Kyle Schmidt '11 received a plaque using a piece of the old gym floor.

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Ruth Shook Hoard

Honored to Be Grand Marshal for 2019 Homecoming

by Rich Billinger '68

At the VHS Homecoming 2019 weekend, Victoria was graced with the return of alumna Ruth Shook Hoard, 1946 graduate of Victoria High School, performing the duties of Grand Marshal for the parade.

Ruth grew up in Victoria where her dad, Clifford, was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. After high school graduation, Ruth attended Fort Hays State for one year and then found a job in Great Bend where she met and married her first husband, Donald Pound. Together they had two daughters, Donna Williams and Shannon DeHann.

After Donald passed away, she married Dick Hoard, and his classified job took them to many places across the United States. After settling in Tucson, Dick passed away, and Ruth started doing volunteer work at a medical facility until two years ago. Since then she has battled cancer, but just recently was given a clean bill of health.

Ruth started her Homecoming weekend by attending the Friday afternoon social at the V.F.W. Hall with her daughters. It was easy to see that she made friends very quickly, and her friendly demeanor had people paying attention to what she had to say.

After the social, Ruth then took her place as the Grand Marshal of the Homecoming parade. Not only was she excited about the experience of being a grand marshal, but also, she was happy that the

parade route included a drive past her former residence on Main Street in Victoria.

On Saturday evening, Ruth was spotlighted at the banquet, and the 93-year-old alumna held everyone's attention as she spoke eloquently of her experiences while attending school in Victoria. In a later interview, Ruth said her favorite thing about Homecoming weekend was being able to reminisce and compare the past and current school days. She also gave much credit to the nuns who gave her an education.

It was easy to see this classy lady felt honored to be the Grand Marshal. Her daughters took the magnetic sign with her name that was attached to the side of her parade car and had it framed. They gave it to Ruth for Christmas, where it is now part of her living room décor.



Ruth Shook Hoard '46



Old Gym Floor ... continued from Page 1



Bob Leikam received one of the larger pieces of the old gym floor.

LaCrosse, also spent many hours playing on the old floor. His “piece of history” ended up being a framed wall hanging, designed by his next door neighbor, **Jerry Brungardt '62**, a retired VHS teacher, coach, and 2019 Alumni Hall of Fame member.

Former VHS girls' basketball coach Bob Leikam, a Hall of Fame inductee in 2017, got one of the biggest pieces – a surprise gift from his three daughters **Sarah Leikam Fisher '99**, **Anne Leikam Bollig '02**, and **Christine Leikam Driscoll '08**. His spans a whole wall and now resides in his man cave at his rural home north of Hays.

Brent Prockish '96 purchased the “twin” to Mr. Leikam's section. Brent plans to install his section in his man cave, but first has to figure out how to get it moved. He currently has it stored at his aunt's house near Victoria, but needs to get it to Kansas City. Perhaps Mr. Leikam can offer Brent some advice on moving such a large section of the floor?

Dan '74 and **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74** employed the woodworking skills of **Bob Dinkel '73** and his son **Terry '97** to create a coffee table and side table out of most of their purchase of the floor. But they had enough left over to give each of their class members a small 4" X 4" memento when they had their 45th reunion at the 2019 homecoming.

Hall of Fame

There are 56 members in the Victoria Alumni Hall of Fame. Would you like a voice in inducting the next group this fall? It all begins with writing a nomination letter for your potential inductee.

The Hall of Fame began as a way to honor teachers who made a difference in their students' lives. The first four “classes” of inductees were all teachers. Then those eligible for nomination were expanded to include secretaries, custodians, cooks, principals, superintendents, and school board members. Basically, anyone who has been employed by the school is eligible for the Hall of Fame.

In 2010, the Alumni Association began recognizing their fellow alums by creating the

“Alum-at-Large” category. All Victoria graduates are now eligible for induction to the Hall of Fame. To be considered for the Alum-at-Large, the individual must have made a significant contribution of their time and talent to their fellow man.

If you have a person you would like to see in the Hall of Fame, begin by writing your letter of nomination. There is also a nomination form on the alumni website,

www.victoriaalumni.com,

which you can fill out and attach with your letter. The deadline for nominations is June 1st. Your nominee could join this illustrious group as soon as this fall.

Board of Directors News

Two Leave; Two Come on Board

In her third attempt to resign her seat on the Alumni Board of Directors, **Det Roth Younger '58**, finally was able to succeed in parting from the group she so dearly loves. During her previous two attempts, she was persuaded to stay by her fellow board members. This time though, she said that the time was right for her to step down and allow someone younger and with more energy to take her place.



Det Roth Younger '58

Det's presence on the Alumni Board will be hard to replace. Her knowledge of the "alumni family tree" is second to no one. Many times, she would spot an article, either in a newspaper, or more

recently online, that only she would recognize as having a connection to the Alumni Association. Det knows every alum from Victoria, knows who their relatives are, and can come up with their graduating class, rarely needing to look up any of the information. Luckily, she has agreed to continue writing "In Loving Memory" and "Class Notes" for *The Next Page*, so her expertise in Alumni matters will continue to be utilized.

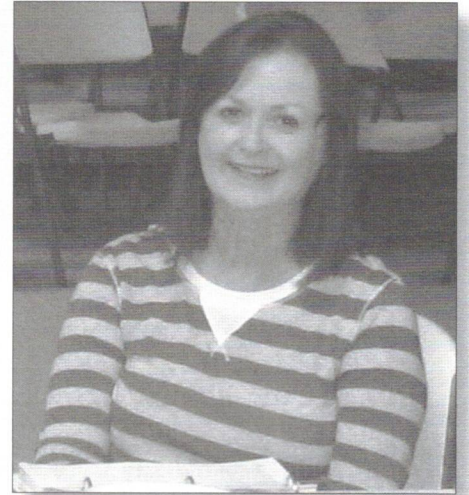
Rose Dreiling Rifford '70 also gave up her seat on the Alumni Board after homecoming 2019. She, unlike Det, was successful in her first attempt to resign. But Rose had to go to the drastic measure of moving to South Carolina to insure she wouldn't be

talked into continuing with the Alumni Association. Rose actually moved to Charleston to be closer to her family.

Rose's role on the Alumni Board was something of a behind-the-scenes role. She organized and coordinated the fund-raising that is done every year for the alumni golf tournament.

Early each July, she and a few other Board members would meet and divide up their business contact lists. Some businesses were happy to make a donation after receiving a letter, but some needed a face to face visit, and Rose knew how each business preferred to handle their donation. It is much more complex than it sounds. Rose spent many hours calling and making trips to potential donors to help keep the cost of the golf tournament as low as possible.

The Board seats vacated by these two extraordinary ladies have been filled by **Bernie Schulte '88** and **Nolan Schmeidler '03**. Bernie lives in Ellsworth, Kansas, with his wife, Janet, and has three children, Janae, Bransen, and Braden. Janae and Bransen are in college and Braden is a Junior at Ellsworth High School. Bernie is employed by ONEOK, Inc. Nolan and his wife, Miranda, live in Victoria and have two children, four-year-old Dalton and one-year-old Peyton. Nolan works for Invenergy at the Buckeye Wind Farm north of Hays. We welcome them to the Alumni Board, and hope they can serve as successfully as their predecessors did.



Rose Dreiling Rifford '70

Randy's Passing the Torch But He Really Enjoyed Last Year's Tournament

By Randy Leiker '70

The 23rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was a huge success, much like the previous 22 Tournaments. We must be doing something right!

This golf tournament through the years has raised thousands of dollars that go to the scholarship fund. Each year the Alumni Scholarship Committee selects four seniors to receive funds to help in their next level of higher education, whether it be a college or a vocational school! We have an amazing alumni board! It takes a lot of work and volunteers to make the homecoming weekend so special and so much fun. They have supported me over the last 10 years running this tournament and I am forever grateful! I sure had some fun.

However, I feel that the time is right for me to step aside and turn the reigns of the golf tournament over to **James Brungardt '05**. James has been a regular at the tournament for many years, and will do a great job of keeping this tournament a success and enjoyable.

Speaking of fun, let's get to the details of last year's tournament. The weather was fantastic and we had 70 golfers (and I use that term loosely) show up for a great day of golf. A few of them have played in all 23 tournaments including **Gary Stramel '62**, who is really old but still a great putter. He won the

longest putt on hole #15! Way to go, Gary!!! Another old guy, **Jim Dinkel '63**, won closest to the pin on #18. Now my definition of old guys is anyone older than me, and I'm from the class of 1970. **Mark Robben '82**, a younger guy, won the last two hole prizes for longest putt on #1 and closest to the pin on #9. I don't remember that we have ever had anyone win more than one hole prize in the tournament. Good job, Mark!

The out-right winning team shot a score of 60 — Mark Robben (yep, same Mark who won two hole prizes), **Darren Dinkel '89**, **Dan Windholz '96**, and **Dale Windholz '01**. First loser, I mean 2nd place, went to **Joe Robben '80**, **James Rohleder '81**, **Kelsey Morrow '07** and Lance Morrow. They shot a score of 61! There was a two-way tie for 3rd place shooting 62 — **Kameron Dinkel '11**, **Grant Weber '16**, Tony Geschwentner, and Markus Hilger. Also shooting 62 was **John Ruder '89**, **John Weber '89**, **Alan Pfeifer '89**, and **David Younger '89**. That is some really good golf, guys!

Now on to the most important part of the day, lunch! We had some of the best pulled pork ever that was catered by **Jeff '79** and **Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82**! We also tried something different by letting the golfers eat "at the turn" instead of after the tournament. That little adjustment made the day run a little quicker. Hopefully, Jeff and Sandy will be back this year; I

don't know if they can beat that pulled pork though. And the cinnamon rolls by **Jeanette Wagner Pfannenstiel '70** were out of this world, again!

I can't forget our chief sign hanger and photographer, **Rick Rajewski '69** (by my definition he's an old guy, too). Speaking of signs, Rick Rupp provides the banners and hole sponsor signs each year — thank you, Rick. **Verlin Hammersmidt '63** has made the wooden trophies since the very first tournament and I hope to win one of those sometime soon! If I just had a better team...(I'm in trouble now)!

As I stated earlier, it takes a lot of work and volunteers to make each tournament a success. **Pat Sander Legleiter '65**, **Rose Dreiling Rifford '70**, **Kathy Schulte Dreiling-Amrein '76**, **Jane Baier Schumacher '79**, and **Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82** spend an enormous amount of hours contacting the sponsors for the golf tournament. Thank you, ladies!

Especially, I also want to thank **Marge Rome '58**, **Rich Billinger '68**, and **Det Roth Younger '58**! You all have been with me at every tournament making sure everything runs smoothly and make me look like I know what I am doing. Thank you everyone! James, I want to be the first team to sign up for the 24th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament on September 25, 2020! It's going to be great!



CLASS NOTES



1940's **Louella Dreiling Bowman '49:**
 "Almost can't imagine it's been 70 years!! God's been good. Bless all of you for keeping this going."

1950's **Class of 1950,** hopefully, you have made plans to take part in the homecoming festivities for September 25 and 26. This homecoming marks your **70th Class Reunion.** What a feat it is. We would love to spend the weekend with you.

Ted Crawford '54 and his wife, Cecelia, sent an update of their family. They have 9 grandchildren including 7 boys and 2 girls. They are very proud of all of them, especially the four who graduated from Victoria High School. **Aaron '10,** the oldest, is making a career in the United States Air Force. Their two granddaughters, **Audrey '13** and **MaKayla '15,** are both practicing registered nurses and **Austin '15** will be graduating from the University of Kansas in May of 2020.

Class of 1955, can you believe five years have already passed since you last gathered for a VHS Homecoming weekend? Now, the time has come to celebrate your **65th class reunion.** Hopefully, you can rally your classmates and join all of us for a special celebration.

Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56 tells us her family numbers 87 as of the end of September, 2019. She has seven children who are all married. She is happy to report that of these there are no separations or divorces. She has 22 grandchildren (17 are married) and 33 great-grandchildren. She did the math and reports a total of 415 years and 11 months of marriage.

Mary Wellbrock Mirkovich '59 sent this in: "Hi! Sorry I was not able to attend our 60th reunion. I wish it had been possible. I did visit Victoria in August 2019, and had lunch with my classmates **Fritz VonLintel Durall,**

Carol Ann Rome Dinkel, Doris Weigel, & Ethel Stegman Younger. It was a fun lunch at The Library."

Robert Sander '59 and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary September 5, 2019. They are happy to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild, Josephine.

1960's **Class of 1960,** the time has come to plan to return for homecoming 2020 as you will be celebrating your **60th class reunion.** Be sure to mark your calendar.

Kenneth Dreiling '60 works for the Houston Astros baseball team and was not able to make it back for homecoming in 2019. The Astros qualified for the playoffs and advanced to the World Series in 2019. He hopes everyone had a great homecoming.

Class of 1965, it is **reunion year number 55** for your class. Give some thought to coming home and getting reacquainted with classmates from those treasured years of high school. Your alumni association looks forward to seeing you and hosting a wonderful weekend for you. We are sure you won't regret it. Spread the word and mark the calendar for September 25 and 26.

Michael J. Dreiling '66 and his wife Karen have been married for 50 years.

Sam Braun '67 and his wife **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 16, 2019, at the Rose Garden with a dinner party for family. They were married on February 15, 1969. They have two daughters, **Nichole Braun Harrah '92** and **Michelle Braun Strick '93.**

Brenda Schmidtberger Yoder '67 and her husband, Rocky, are just having "Fun! Fun! Fun! and more fun." She sends compliments to the alumni board for their great job.



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Otto Windholz, Jr. '69 and his wife Jackie have been married 45+ years. They have two children, Travis and Lyndsie, and two grandchildren. Otto retired but returned to the energy business. Jackie retired from pre-school teaching and now teaches bible at their parish pre-K school part-time.

Annette Pfeifer Lane '77 retired from teaching in May 2019. She has taught 32 years in Kansas schools. Her last 25 years were spent teaching 4th grade in Gardner, Kansas.

1970's **Class of 1970**, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at homecoming 2020. The exact dates are Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26. We want to remind you that you are the **50-year class** and will be given special honor at our banquet. Hopefully, you have already been hearing from some of your classmates as to any special plans made for the event. Your class will need someone to speak about the good times at VHS.

1980's **Class of 1980**, how about joining us for homecoming 2020? Hopefully, you are making plans to join us for homecoming weekend on September 25 and 26 to celebrate your **40th class reunion**. We know you have some wonderful memories you need to be sharing.

Patty Jacobs Way '70 retired in January of 2019 after 22 years with Bombardier/Lear Jet and 18 years with JC Penney Company. She said, "It has been an awesome journey and I am loving retirement."

Connie Robben Linder '80 and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of their grandson Ryker, born April 6, 2019. His great-grandmother is **Doris Braun Robben '55**. Connie and Roger also celebrated the commissioning of their son CPT Jerod M. Linder to Major Jarod M. Linder U.S. Army on August 30, 2019, in Washington D.C.

Chris Cline '73 says, "Thank you, Alumni Association, for all your work."

Debbie Bellendir Zachman '81 thanks the alumni board for all we do. It is so satisfying to hear from so many of you alumni. Your comments are very welcome.

Class of 1975, this is your **45th reunion** from good ol' VHS. The years pass by so quickly. Take this opportunity to join in the homecoming festivities and get reacquainted with your classmates. You will be guaranteed a wonderful time.

Craig Dinkel '84 has taken a new job with Crawford Supply Co. in Hays.

Mitch Weber '75 has retired as the official photographer for Fort Hays State University after 32 years.

Class of 1985, Important Notice!! Your **35th class reunion** will be celebrated September 25 and 26, 2020. Begin thinking about your parade entry.

Kathy Schulte Amrein '76 became a grandparent for the third time when Cora Sue Schmidt was born on June 23, 2019, to Hannah Dreiling-Schmidt and husband, Nick Schmidt. Her great-grandmother is **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

Craig '86 and Marcia **Braun** announce the marriage of their daughter, Madison, to Cooper Griffith on December 28, 2019. Madison's grandparents are **Pete '62** and **Tina Geist Braun '58**.

Anita Dreiling Walters '86 was chosen as faculty advisor of the 2019 school year for the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences at Fort Hays State University. Anita is the daughter of **Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56**.



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Chad Hammerschmidt '89 and **Tiffany Weippert Sanford '96** were married August 29, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Chad is the son of **Allen '68** and **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '70** and Tiffany is the daughter of **Van '70** and Darla **Froelich**.

1990's **Class of 1990**, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your **30th class reunion**. We are sure all of you have some news to share with your classmates. Some of you have never been back for a reunion. We encourage you to get your class back for a fun weekend. It's not too early to be planning that float entry and various other activities for the weekend. Your alumni association is planning another great weekend and your participation is a must!! We are anxious to see all of you.

Anne Ruder Dinkel '90 received her "Wall-Of-Fame" plaque at USD 432 for teaching more than 20 years with the Victoria School District. She is currently the kindergarten teacher at Victoria Elementary. Anne is the wife of **Craig Dinkel '84**. Their children are **Christen Dinkel '07** and **Corey Dinkel '12**. She is the daughter of **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Class of 1995, your **25th class reunion** is quickly approaching. Your class will have a spot on the program to claim bragging rites for the class of '95. Each year special honor is given to the 50-, 25-, and 10-year classes. We hope you will make a special effort to get back for this special reunion year.

2000's **Class of 2000**, your class has a reunion coming up in September of 2020. We hope you will get your class together for your **20th reunion**. After 20 years there should be lots to catch up on. It is always a fun weekend. Hope to see you there.

Scott Koerner '00 and his wife, Janelle, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Barrett Scott, born June 18, 2019. He was welcomed home by three siblings, Carly, Jackson, and Charlotte. His grandparents are Tim and **Doreen Braun Koerner '79**.

Beth Younger Ricke '00 and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of a daughter, Ivy Roth, born October 25, 2019. She has two brothers to welcome her home. Henry is 8-years-old and Harrison is 4-years-old. Ivy's grandmother is **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Class of 2005, it is time for your 15th reunion. Your class had a good turnout five years ago. Let's see if you can do it again this year.

Jessica Kuhn Beims '05 and her husband Britton, announce the birth of their daughter Anastasia Marie, born January 13, 2019. Anastasia's grandfather is **Marvin Kuhn '64**. Jessica was promoted to Review Examiner with the FDIC in June 2019. She will now be working in the Dallas Regional Office.

2010's **Class of 2010** you are the 10-year honor class this year and the youngest of our honored classes. Rumor has it that many of you will be coming back. Please honor us with your presence at the banquet Saturday evening. You have bragging rights that night and we are anxious to hear about that special class of 2010. Check the website for photos from last year's activities. Your alumni association provides a weekend filled with good food and drink.

Cody Scheck '11 and Mikayla Linn were married September 7, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Cody graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Master's degree in accounting and is currently a CPA with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Accounting. Mikayla is a pharmacist at Hays Medical Center. Cody is the son of **Rick '79** and **Sandy VonFeldt Scheck '82**. Cody's grandparents are **Jim '61** and Connie **VonFeldt** and Francis and **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**.



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Corey Dinkel '12 received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Kansas in December 2019. He is the son of **Craig '84** and **Anne Ruder Dinkel '90** and the grandson of **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60** and **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Kelton Unrein '12 moved to Collyer in January 2019 to work for Remington Ranch. On August 17, 2019, he married Marris Harvey. Kelton's parents are Curtis and **Diane Kuhn Unrein '83**.

Connor Gagnon '14 and **Haley Robben '15** were married September 29, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Haley's parents are **Jason '96** and **Julie Robben** and **Rosa Leiker Rome '97**. Her grandparents are **Norman '72** and **Linda Robben** and **Mike** and **Marilyn Suppes Leiker-Pfanennstiel '78**.

Class of 2015, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association. It is time to celebrate your 5-year reunion. Get your calendars marked for September 25 and 26. There are lots of activities planned and we don't want you to miss out. It is time to touch base with one another.

Maegan Karlin '15 and **Caleb Scholz** were married September 21, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Maegan is the daughter of **Tom '83** and **Sandra Meder Karlin '84** and the granddaughter of **Lena Scheck Meder '56**.

MaKayla Crawford '15 and **Kelby Parton** were married on December 21, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. MaKayla is the granddaughter of **Ted '54** and **Cecelia Crawford**.

Editors Note: *Please help your newsletter committee. If you wish to see your family information—a death, birth, marriage, anniversary, or other news—appear in the newsletter, please submit it to VHS Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, Kansas 67671 or email to info@victoriaalumni.com*



Dale Stramel '74 reacts to Alumni Board treasurer **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80** presenting him with a raffle prize at the 2019 alumni banquet.



In Loving Memory



LaVern Goetz '46 passed away December 4, 2018, in Oklahoma City. He is survived by his wife, Jan; six children; and many grandchildren.

Don L. Sander '46 passed away March 7, 2019, at his home in Great Bend, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; three sons; two daughters; three sisters, **Lil Sander Dreiling '50**, **Alice Sander Rohr '52**, and **Rosemary Sander McMahan '58**; 12 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Prewo passed away August 20, 2019, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Tom; two brothers, **Nathan Younger '52** and **Francis Younger '59**; one sister; and many nieces and nephews.

Lila Sanders Klein '52 passed away September 15, 2019, at Via Christi Village in Wichita. Survivors include her husband, Elmer; two sons; four daughters; one brother; one sister; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Howard Rajewski '46 passed away September 23, 2019, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**; three sons, **Dr. Richard Rajewski '69**, **Neal Rajewski '71**, and **Dr. Roger Rajewski '80**; four daughters, **Susan Rajewski Kisner '74**, **Rosann Rajewski Schippers '75**, **Joann Rajewski Wheeler '78**, and **Leann Rajewski Fortino '85**; one brother, **Delando "Del" Rajewski '51**; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Judy Braun passed away October 7, 2019, at Good Samaritan Center, Ellis. Survivors include three sons, **Doug '82**, **Scott '91**, and **Curt '92**; one brother, Edmond Schmidtberger; three sisters, Margie Gagnon, **Cheryl Schmidtberger Hammerschmidt '64**, and **Paula Schmidtberger Walts '70**; and eight grandchildren.

Richard "Rick" Scheck '79 passed away October 9, 2019, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Sandy VonFeldt Scheck '82**, and one son, **Cody '11**.

Bertha Brown passed away October 9, 2019, at her home in Walker. She is survived by three sons, Richard Jr., **Roger '79**, and Rodney; three daughters, Colene Schmitt, **Jolene Brown Purvis '74**, and Galene Steckel; one sister Arlene Brown; 18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Brenda Dome Luff '75 died November 4, 2019, at her home in Wichita. Survivors include her husband, Clyde; a step-son; a step-daughter; her father, Floris Dome; five brothers, **Florian Dome '73**, **Darrell Dome '77**, **Marion Dome '80**, **Stan Dome '82**, and **Stuart Dome '82**.

Rita Rome Gross '47 passed away November 20, 2019, at her home in Victoria. Survivors include a daughter, **Janet Gross Trombley '73**; one son, **Michael '83**; a sister, **Marge Rome '58**; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dominic "Doc" Schuckman '73 passed away November 20, 2019, at his home in Newton. Survivors include his wife, **Michelle Vsetecka Schuckman '73**; two sons; a brother, **Sam '76**; two sisters, **Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74** and **Martha Schuckman Boardman '78**; one step-brother, **Charles Vsetecka '77**; one step-sister, Cheryl Vsetecka McNamara; and four grandchildren.

H. James "Jim" Brungardt '55 passed away November 24, 2019, at Hays Medical Center, Hays. Survivors include his wife, **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58**; one son, **Chris '81**; one brother, **Bill '59**; 3 grandchildren, **James '05**, **Janea Brungardt Tidwell '08**, and **Janessa Brungardt Schuetz '11**; and six great-grandchildren.

Benita Braun passed away December 26, 2019, in Montrose, Colorado. She is survived by three sons; three daughters; two brothers, **Norman '55** and **Kenneth '65**; two sisters, **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58** and **Ruth Dreiling Weigel '63**; and seven grandchildren.



In Loving Memory continued



Harold Schmeidler passed away January 4, 2020, at Good Samaritan Society, Hays. Survivors include three sons, **Glenn '72, Kevin '78, and Kelly '78**; two daughters, Myra Burns and **Wanda Schmeidler Tabor '70**; one brother; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Virginita Linenberger passed away January 4, 2020, at Kenwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salina. Her survivors include a brother, John Linenberger; one sister, **Bonita Linenberger Schulte '61**; and many nieces and nephews.

Estella Schippers Kuhn '56 passed away January 4, 2020, at her home in Victoria. Survivors include two sons, **Francis "Buddy" Kuhn '85 and Curtis Kuhn '94**; two daughters, **Rose Ann Kuhn Dreiling '77 and Brenda Kuhn Dreiling '78**; one brother, **Paul Schippers '55**; three sisters, Sister Mary Ann Schippers CSA, **Lucy Schippers Baier '54, and Lillian Schippers Leiker '58**; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Agnes Dreiling Shearer '48 passed away January 9, 2020. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

JoAnn Stramel Billinger '61 passed away February 6, 2020, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by one son, **Galen Billinger '85**; three daughters, **Cindy Billinger Boor '80, Lisa Billinger Scott-Sauber '81, and Laura Billinger Rome '81**; one brother, **Gary Stramel '62**; four sisters, **Bernadette Stramel Strong '59, Carol Stramel Billinger '65, Kathleen Stramel Pryor '66, and Janice Stramel Seib '73**; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her former husband, **Earl Billinger '62**.

Carol Wittman Gregg '64 passed away February 23, 2020, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Eldon; one son; one daughter; one brother; one sister; and four grandchildren.



Ken Billinger '79 lights a candle during the 2019 Alumni Memorial Mass in the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Mary Ann Herl passed away March 6, 2020, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons, **Dan '72, Neal '74, and Wayne '77**; two daughters, **Karen Herl Bland '69 and Sharon Herl Jantz '70**; one brother; two sisters; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mabel J. Riedel passed away March 13, 2020, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by two sons, **Glen '75 and Terry '86**; two daughters, **Donna Riedel Burgess '77 and Tammy Riedel Jacobs '89**; one brother; one brother-in-law; 9 grandchildren including **Parker Riedel '16**; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Regis Schulte '66 passed away March 16, 2020, at Ascension Via Christi Hospital-St. Francis, Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; one son; one daughter; one brother, **Damian '59**; one sister, **Claudia Schulte Hertel '63**; and three grandchildren.

Mary Jane Weigel Thorpe '69, passed away March 20, 2020, at Overland Park Medical Center, Overland Park, Kansas. Survivors include one son; one daughter; a brother, **Francis Weigel '66**; a sister, **Joyce Weigel Jacobs '76**; and four grandchildren.

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Raffle Sales Boost Scholarships

In 2010, the Alumni Association began holding a cash raffle to coincide with homecoming. This raffle helps to fund the scholarships that are given out to graduating seniors every spring. The raffle also has



Emcee **Rich Billinger '68** announces raffle winners drawn by 2019 Parade Grand Marshall **Ruth Shook Hoard '46** with a little help from Alumni Board member **Pat Sander Legleiter '65**.

become an event that the members of the Association look forward to. Alums enjoy the raffle so much that they have begun contacting board members after receiving their spring newsletter, wondering where their raffle tickets are. Do not worry, the raffle tickets

will be included in the fall newsletter. That edition of *The Next Page* will be delivered sometime in August.

The raffle for 2019 was held during the alumni banquet, and the homecoming parade grand marshal **Ruth Shook Hoard '46** did the honor of selecting the winners. The \$100 prize went to **Kathy Dreiling Johnson '69**, who was celebrating her 50th reunion. Ruth then drew a name for the \$200 winner: **Ivan Edsall '64**, celebrating his 55th reunion. **Dale Stramel '74**, 45th year reunion, had his ticket pulled to claim the \$300 prize. Next was an alum celebrating her 60th reunion, **Doris Weigel '59**, receiving \$400. The grand prize of \$500 went to **Darrell '64** and **Cindy Truan Dinkel '65**. Darrell celebrated his 55th reunion in 2019, and Cindy will have her 55th this fall.

Due to the generosity of alums participating in the raffle, the alumni board was able to increase the value of this year's scholarships to \$1,250 each, with four scholarships being offered. The winners of the 2020 scholarships will be announced in the fall newsletter.