



DREW CLASSNOTES

The College of Liberal Arts

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Join us back on campus as we celebrate all Drew alumni on Saturday, June 4. Register today for a fun-filled day of activities, including the DrewItAgain Festival & Beer Garden, Alumni Achievement Awards, fitness, live music, lawn games, a scavenger hunt, and so much more! Want to join us sooner? Sign up for our Friday evening events on June 3, including the Rugby Hall of Fame Induction and Pints with Professors. **To check out the entire schedule and register to reunite on campus with your fellow Drewids, learn more at drew.edu/alumniday.**

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I heard from **Jean Lord** that **Harvey VanSciver** C’57, P’80 died in December 2021. **Howard L. Applegate** and **Elizabeth Hansen** also passed away that same month. **Florence Gray** predeceased them in September 2021. **Clark W. “Jerry” Nicholas** passed away in January 2022, and our deepest sympathies go to our fellow Drew alumna and his wife of 62 years, **Helen Nicholas** C’59. Our class is diminished by these losses. Please see *In Memoriam*, page 12.

Johanna (Zimmerman) Wishart fell in October and broke her left humerus. Other issues cause her to use a walker to

get around. She wrote that Drew seems like another lifetime ago.

Our days at Drew were 65 years ago and I hope to go to Alumni Day on June 4, 2022. I hope more of you will also attend while we can still travel and enjoy being together.

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First, a word about our upcoming Alumni Weekend and the 60th Anniversary Dinner for C’60, C’61 and C’62. We are invited to a special dinner in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. Register for this and other events on June 2–4 at drew.edu/alumniday.

As old age, decrepitude, and senility loom on the horizon we must try to remain young at heart ... even as we continue to grow older in other places. Do you ever have the feeling that you’ve seen it all, done it all, and can’t remember most of it? Does your mind sometimes not only wander but seem to leave completely? And then, just when we were getting used to yesterday, along comes today sweeping us through life on a steady amnesic flow. While growing old may be mandatory, growing up is optional and it certainly is easier to get older than it is to get wiser. I’m beginning to think that the secret of remaining youthful is arrested development. Try it! It’s worked for me. My favorite wife, **Elaine (Norris) Verrusio** C’60, P’93, tells me that I’m off on a tangent. She says that a lot these days! Where were we? Oh yes, classnotes.

After decades of silence, five or six to be more exact, **Robert Berger** sent an email. Bob has crowded a lot of living into those

years. After Drew he went to the University of New Mexico where he got an MS in physics. He then worked as a nuclear weapons physicist for the US Navy for seven years and spent some time at Los Alamos, where the first nuclear weapons were developed, before enrolling at the University of California at Davis for his Ph.D. There he did research on magnetic fusion in Edward Teller’s physics department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). After getting his doctorate he worked for General Electric on breeder reactors, which are fission nuclear reactors that produce more nuclear fuel than they consume. The Three Mile nuclear accident in 1979 doomed the breeder reactor industry and he returned to LLNL to work on nuclear weapons. He is STILL employed full-time at LLNL and is involved in laser fusion research, which after sixty years is beginning to show success. In fact, early this year LLNL published results describing a fusion reaction that briefly sustained itself (for a trillionth of a second). The mind boggles when it isn’t reeling! In his personal life, he divorced his first wife a long time ago. After his divorce he had a lot of time on his hands, so he went to San Francisco Theological Seminary—while working full time at LLNL—and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree. He is not a minister! He remarried and has a daughter from his second marriage. He and his wife studied karate and achieved the fourth-highest level of black belt. They ran their own karate schools for over thirty years until COVID shut them down. He sent a picture of himself at age sixty-eight breaking what appear to be six concrete slabs with his bare hand. Ouch! In his spare time (What?) he is writing a

karate manual for the style of karate he and his wife developed.

As if by magic, a week after hearing from Bob an email arrived from his good friend **Charles “Wil” Roberts**. “I started with y’all in 1956, but took my time at Drew, finally passing enough courses to graduate in 1962, give up my lucrative career lifeguarding on Long Beach Island, pack up my wife and two sons, and take a job as the entire high school English department at Long Lake Central School in the middle of the Adirondacks (K-12 had about 90 pupils).” After a year of teaching high school, he enrolled at Appalachia State University in North Carolina and got an MA in English. From there he taught a year at Delaware Valley University, three years at Lees-McRae College, did another year of graduate work at the University of South Carolina, taught a year at Central Piedmont Community College, and then a year at Paul Smiths College in the northern Adirondacks. While there he was visited by **A.K. “Ken” Wilson** C’63 who was working at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts—as were **Richard “Dick” Del Guidice** C’61 and **Margaret “Midge” (Morell) Campbell**. Ken urged Wil to apply for a job at Greenfield. He started there in 1970 and retired from Greenfield in 2001. While there he was involved with teacher’s unions. He spent thirty years as union president and served on the boards of the State Teachers’ Association and the Community College Faculty Association. He was also active in local politics, spending ten years on the city council and serving one term as president. Post-retirement, he has written thirteen novels and a collection of poems. Until a few years ago he also did mediation work in the courts. Shortly after moving to Greenfield, he met the love of his life, Diane Esser. Between them, they had six children (five his, one hers) and lived in Greenfield and on St. John in the Virgin Islands. Now, nearing his eighty-fifth birthday, he finds “life adequate. Too many loves and too many old friends have died.” He still returns to Long Beach Island every year to visit his sister and gripe about how the island has changed. (Amen! It’s becoming New Jersey’s answer to The Hamptons). I can’t believe that for over twenty years we’ve been a

couple of miles away from one another and never met. Perhaps it’s as Bennett Cerf would say, “a case of your old classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald they don’t recognize you.” Hopefully, we can remedy the situation and reunite—**William Hayes** is scheduled to resume his annual trip to the Island (COVID permitting) and he can join us on that happy occasion.

A few weeks ago we began planning a small reunion at **Frances “Elaine” (Price) Berkoff**’s house in Pennsylvania with the usual cast of characters—**Nancy (Marshall) Stroh**, **Judith Smith**, and **Norman MacArthur**. We usually get together in the summer, but Judy is leaving New York City to live in a retirement community in Connecticut. She has lived in the city since Broadway was a pasture. Oh well, there goes the neighborhood! Suddenly, as we were exchanging emails to find a date that would work for everyone, Elaine sent a video of a young woman swimming. Turns out it was her granddaughter swimming the fastest 100-yard backstroke ever at this year’s NCAA Swimming Championship. You may recall that her son, David, broke the world record in the 100-meter backstroke at the 1988 Olympic Games. He competed in both the 1988 and 1992 Olympics and won a total of four medals—two of them gold. He originated the eponymous “Berkoff Blastoff.” We look forward to the 2024 Olympics and more gold for the Berkoffs. Wow!

I seem to recall getting a Christmas letter from **John Fischer**. He hastened to explain that this was his first and last Christmas letter. Since he knows half the population of the US and Europe, it’s become an onerous chore to send out cards and he is going to cease and desist. Have you noticed how the people like John who should write Christmas letters never do? COVID restrictions slowed down his travels for a time, but he is poised to resume his European travels in the near future.

Haven’t the last couple of years been something? What’s going to happen next? As Yogi Berra would say, “It’s tough to make predictions, especially about the future.” I have retreated into a cocoon isolated from reality by Mozart, Jane Austen, my garden, and crossword puzzles. Elaine, ever the optimist, struggles to keep informed on the current challenges confronting our country, so she can discuss them with those who don’t understand them or have been misled. Dreamer! She finds comfort in reading mystery novels, keeping up with recent scientific developments, and dabbling in antiques.

A wise man, Samuel Johnson, said, “We’re not too old to remember ... just too old to remember correctly.” So send in your classnotes updates before you forget things or you begin to remember things that never happened. Carpe diem!

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An update on our upcoming Alumni Weekend, and the 60th Anniversary Dinner for C’60, C’61 and C’62—we are invited to a special dinner in

a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. We can register for this and other events on June 2—4 at drew.edu/alumniday.

Marian (Dickinson) Fielder is looking forward to a belated 60th reunion in early June and getting to be with friends in the class of 1962.

Bonnie (Weir) Pearce is happily busy running her country resident house and looking after all her 27 tenants. Moreover, the mortgage on the house was paid off last summer. They are planning on traveling to Texas, Abilene, and Spokane for family visits, then to Long Beach Island, NJ in July to enjoy the beach with their son and family.

June (Kamen) and David “Dave” Cowell C’61, P’90 are recovering from surgery and a stroke that Dave had while they were visiting their son and family in Kansas. A remarkably good recovery is underway and Dave is running his antiques business and the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association while continuing to teach a book group on Native American literature. They did pass up on leading a pilgrimage to the UK but hope to be able to be part of the next one in two years. Meanwhile, they will enjoy their house at the shore this summer.

Malcolm “Mac” Hulslander is still very involved with the operation of a retreat center (Cedar Cross) in North Carolina and, while retired from landscaping, is still enjoying what he calls “sacred placemaking”—construction and maintenance of meditation gardens. His enduring interest in racial justice has led him to make plans to take a granddaughter on a “racial justice pilgrimage” to now-famous sites of the struggle in Georgia and Alabama. So much gained; so much being lost! We hope to hear a report of their travels in the next issue. Mac is still in regular contact with Drew classmates **Osamu Takagi**, **Neal Mosher**, and **Robert Warwick**. He notes that it is very hard to believe that May 12, 2022 marks 60 years since **Leslie Banks’** untimely death while serving as a teacher in Japan.

Pearl (Robertson) Carlin does aquatic exercise daily, goes to a gym regularly, and visits with her kids and grandkids, who live by so she is busy. She misses travel but has stopped traveling due to Covid; now she isn’t sure she will start again. She did go to Denver (she lives in Colorado) for the first time in several years and was surprised by how much the city has grown and changed.

Jerry and Judith “Judy” (Koster) Rankin live in Vermont. They have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Have traveled a lot until recently, due to health issues. His favorite country is Turkey, hers is France. Definitely considering coming to the reunion.

David Hardwick is happily retired at age 84 but actively hiking and working out. He is an active HAM radio operator at N6LHL and eager to talk. **David and Beverly “Bev” (Allen) C’60** live in Stockton close to the bay but their beach memories are for the Jersey shore. Their daughter is a substitute teacher in the public schools and his granddaughters

are already working part-time while still in school themselves. Dave remembers being in Cape May, NJ in the early summer after Germany surrendered but not being allowed on the beach because too much oil slick from sunken tankers closed the beaches.

Carol (Magee) Davis is doing well and has a delightful great-granddaughter named Evelyn (Evie), who is six months old and developing quite a personality. Carol looks forward to holding her as often as possible. Carol remains in contact with Mary Ann Clinton, and hopes all is well with our fellow classmates.

Neal Mosher and Sharon are living 30 minutes from Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Neal writes that he is 17 years retired from his final job as United Church of Canada clergy. Sharon Mosher has now retired from 24 years of middle school teaching and librarian work. They are now married 60 years—married in the summer of 1961—and are in reasonably good health, but reluctant about lengthy travel, being now over 80 years of age. Border COVID restrictions are lessening, but they expect to largely confine themselves to trips to family in central New York state. During the pandemic, their main activities have been much reading, daily walking, and connecting with “virtual” involvements of their church. The church is slowly offering both virtual and in-person activities, with COVID protections like masking and distancing now common sense, not mandatory. This is partly because Canada has high vaccination percentages. They’re hoping many of you remain in reasonably good health also.

SO MANY MEMORIES. May they flow among us all at the Reunion, hopefully in our private tent for our 60th Anniversary Dinner.

62 Alumni Weekend is approaching, and members of the class of 1962 are invited to a special event, the 60th Anniversary Dinner for C’60, C’61 and C’62. It will take place in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain as a home base for the weekend. Register for this and other June 2—4 events at drew.edu/alumniday.

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Hello from a snowy March Maryland morning where the cheerful little flowers that had recently appeared are now covered by wispy snowdrifts. Except for the required social distancing, the remaining COVID restrictions have been lifted here although the ongoing effects of this pandemic experience continue. The outcome of the horrible war in Ukraine is not yet apparent and the situation certainly is upsetting and worrisome as many of you expressed in your notes.

Along with many others, **Sue (Du Bois) Culhane** wrote that “Christmas Day was peaceful due to quarantines.”

Candace Ridington writes that she and her husband are both well. Throughout COVID times, they both have made good use

of Zoom contacts—in her case, an informal poetry class she leads, a church writing group, and a book group. Some of these may even remain on Zoom! Candy is even beginning to resume some of her character performances in person, and her piano lessons, in person, have resumed. She says, “[a]ll this lifts the spirits!”

Anne and William “Bill” Long are both well and hoping our classmates are staying well. All of their seven grandkids are either graduated or are in college, living in CA, TX, NY, SC, NH, and NC. Very mobile gang! They too are very worried and angry over Ukraine.

Jeffrey “Jeff” Gillman writes that other than a knee replacement for him, he and his wife, Marie, are doing O.K. They have not been hit with COVID and have been fully vaxed and boosted. Needless to say, they have not travelled because of the restrictions, and have made it through this fairly mild winter in northern NJ without incident. They are fortunate to be within a half-hour of their two children and two each grandkids. The masking mandate is now dropped so they can attend musical presentations and sports events. One grandkid is an outstanding trombone player and as a first-year student the only one in the wind ensemble as well as the jazz band. Outdoor track-and-field starts soon and with two high school grandkids in different high schools, they expect to be busy attending meets. Jeff has resurrected his photography hobby of shooting sports pictures and had three photos of varsity soccer published in the local paper. (Pictures are able to be seen by going for Facebook under Lakeland NJ High School soccer.) Both Marie and Jeff have crossed the bridge to eighty and he says for some reason things, in general, are just a little harder to do. He wishes a wonderful rest of the year to all his Drewid friends.

There was a brief note from **Gerie (Snell) Schumann** that spring is very late, it has not yet arrived on Cape Cod and she wonders if they will have spring at all.

William “Bill” Dickinson writes from Alexandria, VA, and enjoys hearing from and learning about our fellow alumni. Bill has friends in Ukraine dating back many years when they hosted a young man (Mykar) when he attended high school there in Alexandria. Their son then spent a summer visiting Mykar’s family traveling throughout Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia. It was a life-changing experience for both, and it became clear that Mykar would never again live in a country controlled by an authoritarian government. Bill expresses what I think many of us believe that “the Ukrainians are showing us all that freedom is not free!”

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Janet (Jones-Parker) Doublier
has been a headhunter in her own business since 1995 and continues to work. She says she just got the best assignment ever, the president of a consulting firm. Janet will

retire when the telephone stops ringing. She thinks this could be a good way to end her career. Janet is a widow four times (cancer and heart attacks) and does not intend to do it again. It’s just too difficult. As for the pandemic, she had six people living on her property who had COVID, but she was spared because she put on a mask every time she left her room. Janet is still masking after the second booster. Nevertheless, Janet reports that her life is good—no—great, really. “So, all in all, I think at our age, not much news is probably good news. Best to all. Great memories of Drew. Recently, connected with two classmates and it was delightful. I would like to connect with more.”

Naomi Shapiro has retired and is now, for the past many years, teaching cello. She has 10 students. She teaches virtually. Some of her students made it into the New Jersey Youth Symphony and will be reapplying in the next few months. This means “my work will increase”. Naomi is just getting over a T-7 spine fracture and trying to live without pain medication of any kind. The brace helps, she reports, but not moving and sitting on ice or heat work the best. She is trying to walk the hallways to increase her healing process. And, she never gave up on her hour of exercise each morning. Naomi yearns to hike again, but is not sure when that will be. She reads a lot of fiction and her partner, Stan, reads non-fiction. “He is still composing, taking music classes at Rutgers and Spanish classes virtually locally. He’s baking pita bread and baguettes and all his own healthy meals.” Naomi declares she’s almost a pure vegan and all her doctors think she’s doing great. “Wish I had exciting things to share, the news is frightening and only seems to get worse by day. Who could have guessed we’d be so housebound for so many years due to COVID! Thank goodness Stan and I bought our first smartphones in September!!!”

Your corresponding secretary, **Allen Hood** C’65, P’92, has had a good year since the last reporting. Until this January! I now have a health problem, which will not allow me to continue writing our Class of 1965. Happily, our middle daughter, Stephanie moved in with us last September. She can continue working from home. She is a big comfort to my wife, Kit, and myself. Kit and I are making the most of my still feeling. I am looking forward to going up to camp on Kezar Lake this summer.

I am also hoping that we will have a new class correspondent so that we all can keep up with each other.

67 Stephen Rosen’s book, 2020: *A Perspective in Rhyme*, has been published and is available on Amazon, B&N, and other sites. His second book is currently under contract.

68 The class of 1968 is looking for a new Class secretary to take over for **Dale Read**, who is stepping down from the role and will be dearly missed!



Jane (Dugdale) Bussard C'69 and her husband, Ed.

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For once I, Jane (Dugdale) Bussard, didn't quite break the camera, so here is a photo of Ed and me recently taken for the directory at our new church. We are now worshipping with a wonderful group of Mennonites. Ed moved on to his eighth decade in late March. I hit the three-quarter-century mark in April. He is working at making our gardens less maintenance-intensive, but it sure seems like a lot of effort to me.

While the rest of us were sitting at home (well, at least some of us), Gloria (Clauser) Van Bree was soaking up the sun and scenery in Hawaii. She writes, "[w]e have remained well, and being in California where restrictions came in early and have remained longer, may have helped. This encouraged us to get brave and venture out for our first trip. So, I am writing from Hawaii—a lovely area of Oahu called Ko Olina (the Place of Joy). I am here to celebrate my 75th. A vacation was definitely in order because both my husband and I have remained busy during the pandemic. After a steep technology learning curve for me, I transitioned to telemedicine, and my work as a psychologist continued. Clients complained about the change. But when I was able to offer a return to in-person sessions, few were interested in giving up the convenience of telemedicine. I grieve the loss of in-person sessions. Despite articles written to the contrary, there is a loss when you are not present with the other person. I remain grateful to have meaningful and challenging work to do that I enjoy. Full retirement holds little appeal for me. I doubt I will make the trip East for this year's reunion. I send best wishes to all the Drew community."

And from Cary and Patricia "Pat" (Sanislo) Campbell we hear, "Pat and I are doing well and still living in Charlotte. We keep busy with the normal activities of retired folks and are fortunate to have our daughter and family also in Charlotte. We have two granddaughters in Charlotte, and we are happy to be able to spend a lot of time with them. Next year we will be moving to a retirement community (Matthews Glen in Matthews, NC) but will still keep our home in Ocean Isle Beach, NC. I still play a lot of tennis and still make my annual fishing trip to Alaska in the summer and fish regularly on the Carolina coast. Pat keeps busy with volunteer work. Nothing exciting but just glad to be happy and healthy."

Nancy Savonick writes, "It's with great sadness that I report that my husband of 41 years, Steve Lund, died in February 2022. We had a fulfilling life together with three awesome kids and lots of laughter and dancing. RIP Steve. I miss you."



Nancy Savonick C'69 and Steve Lund, her late husband.

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First, a word about our upcoming Alumni Weekend and the 50th Anniversary Dinner for the classes of C'70, C'71 and C'72. We are invited to a special dinner in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. Register for this and other events slated for June 2–4, 2022 at drew.edu/alumniday.

Kathleen "Kathy" (Sexton) Hall C'68 are still enjoying retirement in Red Bank, New Jersey. Since COVID, he has been taking online courses in literature, religion, and current events from Brookdale Community College. Kathy is still enjoying her qigong practice, rescuing Cardigan Welsh corgis, and working on her family tree. In August 2022, she is hoping to learn that her application for Italian Citizenship through her Italian great-grandfather has been accepted. He always insisted he was French but the borders were fluid back then. Plus Kathy found his birth and marriage certificates in Genova. It took two years to gather all the info and forms and the Italian Counsel General had another two years to respond. In celebration of her potential dual citizenship, she's learned to make pasta from scratch.

71 Alumni Weekend is fast approaching, and members of the class of 1971 are invited to the 50th Anniversary Dinner for C'70, C'71 and C'72, to be held in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. Register at drew.edu/alumniday for this and other events taking place on June 2–4, 2022.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion, June 2–4, 2022! We will join the C'70 and C'71 classes for our own special 50th Reunion dinner in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. Register for this and other events on June 2–4 at drew.edu/alumniday.

Anezka Sebek became Professor Emeritus at The New School, Parsons Design Division after 23 years of teaching. She assisted in creating the MFA in Design and Technology after her career in film and television visual effects production. After receiving her Ph.D. in Sociology in 2016, she is doing research in India with the Indian Institute of Technology in collaboration with The New School entitled Design for a Billion. As a scholar in residence there in 2020, she worked on sustainability efforts teaching women and children how to recharge their groundwater systems. She is currently studying Hindi with the American Institute for Indian Studies with the expectation to return when the pandemic improves.

Catherine Turrill Lupi continues to enjoy retirement in California and Italy. It has provided time for research and writing, and for undertaking a long-deferred house project, the completion of the renovation/restoration that was begun back in 1999. Her research and writing have been for her neighborhood's monthly newsletter, Sacramento's annual historic home tour brochure, and a few publications and papers about Italian women artists of the 1500s.

Margo Davis continues voice-over work and appears on camera or stage from time to time. She teaches a couple of arts and communication classes at SUNY Buffalo during the fall semesters. During the spring she joins in on builds with the global leg of Habitat For Humanity—Thailand in 2018, and Romania in 2019. She is finding it very eye-opening to immerse herself in other cultures. She is hoping for a build in Africa in 2022.

Charlotte (Bishop) Hill and Chuck celebrated their 47th anniversary last May. She recently retired and they spent time last year with their daughter in Puerto Rico. This year they spent the winter in Punta Gorda, Florida. They enjoy the weather at home in the mountains of New York when not being snowbirds.

With great sadness, we learned of Jeff King's passing. He impacted all of us as our social chairman at Drew, organizing concerts and events that were legendary. His work with our Reunions made them memorable. He will be recognized at the Reunion, June 2–4, 2022, and we will have the opportunity to sign a tribute book for his family at the Ehinger Center. See *In Memoriam*, page 12.

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1973 was an eventful year for many reasons. The Paris Accords ended US involvement in the Vietnam War and the US stopped bombing in Cambodia. The Watergate scandal kept us glued to our TVs and resulted in the resignation of the President. The World Trade Center opened in NYC. The US was plagued with high inflation, an oil crisis, high unemployment, and the worst recession since the 1930s. FedEx was founded, and the first cell phone call was made. The first US space station Skylab was launched. The Supreme

Court ruled on Roe v. Wade ending state restrictions on abortion. *The Exorcist*, *The Sting*, and *American Graffiti* were popular films and *The Godfather* won Best Picture. Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* was the top album of the year, and we also listened to disco, Grand Funk Railroad, Allman Brothers, The Who, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Elton John, Bruce, War, Grateful Dead, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Isley Brothers, Seals & Crofts, The Rolling Stones, The Doobie Brothers and more. For the first time, women were allowed to be jurors in all 50 states.

But there was another reason that 1973 had significance. That August, several bright, hopeful, anxious teenagers from around the US and globe started their first year at Drew University, most staying four years to graduate in 1977. That makes 2022 our 45th college reunion! Come back to The Forest for Alumni Day on June 4 and see some friends. Christine (Stack) Bell and I plan to be there. Check out drew.edu/alumniday to learn more about the day's schedule and other fun updates.

Evelyn "Lyn" Folsom McMahon, Shari (Tenca) Guida C'78, and Ellen Rosenberg Portnoy C'77 P'08 had a mini-reunion in Phoenix, where Shari lives. They visited the Musical Instrument Museum, as well as admired the Chihuly exhibits at Taliesin West and the Desert Botanical Garden. They enjoyed a great visit and reminisced about their days at Drew.

Having recently moved back to New Jersey, Andrew "Andy" Sciranka, MD was enthused about the possibility of now more easily being able to travel to the reunion. Andy is a cytopathologist and operates out of Ocean View, New Jersey.

Glenn R. Cochran passed away in November 2021, and will be sadly missed. Please see *In Memoriam*, page 12.

Remembering his lifelong DJing history, I connected with Eugene Lisansky in March to inform him about a new product our daughter Kate Edwards' team at Amazon launched in the US in limited-access beta for IOS called Amp—a live radio app that enables creators to DJ their own shows for free with tens of millions of licensed songs. It turned out Eugene is an Android guy, but he told me how he got into the field. He fell asleep with the radio on most nights as a child, then his dad gave him a tape recorder when he was 8. He recorded mock newscasts, family arguments, and a Harold Pinter play. He got on-air at age 14, in Puerto Rico, reading poetry, singing songs, and carrying on with his stepbrother's college English class doing a weekly "public service" show. The station engineer asked him to read a "liner" taped to the glass, and it ran all summer (1968): "WBMJ is Hot Fun in the summertime!!" I guess sometimes if you are lucky, you realize your life's passion when you are a kid.

Elena Shaubah won't be able to make the reunion due to a family wedding. Still living in St. Thomas Virgin Island, she is retired and a grandmother. She keeps busy going to exercise classes, playing tennis, doing yoga, and volunteering. She has also been catching up with home projects that have been on the back burner for years.

John and Lois (Schultes) Harding have three married children—Allison, 44 (husband Keith), Matt, 42 (Sarah), and Meredith, 38 (Steve). Allison has two boys; Jasper, 12, and Lyle, 9. Both are excellent students and are in the Junior Olympics program for water polo. Their dad is a former national champion. Allison manages her business as a private collection art curator. Matt has one daughter, Bea, 3. She's in preschool and learned to snowboard last winter. Matt is the proprietor of Vermont Metals. He's a master metal craftsman and fabricates architectural quality metal products, furnishings, and structures for clients nationally. His bold metal sculptures are in collections throughout the country, but his bread and butter are his meticulously designed furnishings. Matt has bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts from Alfred College of Ceramics and Eastern Carolina University. Meredith has two daughters: Maple, 2, and Isla, 8 months. Meredith is a psychologist (therapist) and uses some techniques based upon her study in the art field. She is now building her practice in family therapy.

Meredith earned two associate's degrees plus a bachelor's and master's degree from the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. Jack and Lois feel fortunate that all their children are married to wonderful and accomplished people. Allison and Meredith live in the San Francisco Bay Area, whence Lois and Jack just sold their home. Matt lives in Vermont where Lois and Jack spend about half their time.

Over the holidays I heard from Doug Goodman C'76 and Patty Goodman, Michelle Boyle C'75, Oona Steiglitz C'79, Paul and Marla (Friedman) Boren C'78, and Lloyd "Lou" and Karen (Marx) Hyman C'77, P'08.

Paul and Marla, who live in Williamsburg, VA, celebrated milestone birthdays and their 40th wedding anniversary last year. They enjoyed visits with their two sons, David and Mike, their wives Jamie and Chelsea, and their grandson Henry. Paul keeps busy teaching music history and baseball history, and Marla volunteers through the Peninsula Agency on Aging and the Lion's Club.

Lou and Karen have lived in Cambridge, MD for 11 years, since they retired from their careers. Lou works part-time at Lowes and coordinated the annual Skipjack race in September. He and Karen are administrative and sail volunteers for the skipjack Nathan of Dorchester. Karen works as an elementary school substitute teacher. Their son Louis does mixed martial arts, is completing his special education certification, and began a five-month internship in January. Lou and Karen's daughter Elizabeth "Liz," her husband Rob, and their children Natalie, 13, and Joshua, almost 11, enjoy life in Jacksonville, FL, which Karen and Lou visited last May. Liz is the culinary director of an assisted living and memory care facility there. Lou and Karen enjoyed being with their families in New Jersey last Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Holloway 1st and 3rd-floor quad/Foster 22 suite friends Laura Papa, Jennifer "Jenny" Beaver, Christine (Stack) Bell, Robin Stern

and I continue to stay connected by text and FaceTime. We hope to get together here in Falls Church in September. Our spouses Alan Tolkooff, Laurence "Larry" Babbitt C'79, Paul Bell C'76, Potter Stewart, and Chas Edwards are well, and most are enjoying retirement. Paul receives a gratification as Director of Grants and Research for Feeding Northeast Florida, a large food bank that serves seven counties and experienced significant demand increases since Covid struck.

I hope all of you are well and to see some of you in early June as we venture back into the world.

78 Thomas Tani tt091356@gmail.com

We start off with sad news, namely the loss of classmate Peter Gmunder, who passed away last December. He is survived by his son, Kurt, his mother, Elizabeth, brother, Mark, and former wife, Allison. The class had a Zoom-format Celebration of Life for Peter on March 20, 2022. A group of us classmates shared thoughts and memories of Pete that meant a lot to Allison and Kurt, who joined the gathering. Thanks to Paul and Marla (Friedman) Boren, Tom Mahoney, Alfredo Diaz C'79, and honorary classmate JoAnn Keatz C'79 for organizing. See *In Memoriam*, page 12.

Gerald Barker and his wife, Debbi, announce with great pride the birth of their first grandchild, Chai Barker. However, as much as Gerry loves hanging with Chai, he has no plans to retire. He has started a new business, NFTS4Charity, and is keeping busy with the continued growth of Barker Specialty Company and Barker Animation Art Galleries.

Debra Bass C'78, G'90, '02 published two books last year: *Lessons from the Bible, Volume 2* and *Facing Life's Challenges: Reimagining the Jacob/Joseph Saga in the Book of Genesis*.

Alfredo Díaz C'79 checked in. He and his wife, Maryann, moved to Naples, Florida in November 2019. They live and work remotely there most of the year, and go back to their other home in East Quogue for the summer months. This allows them to be closer to their son, AJ, who lives in New York City and is engaged to his fiancée, Courtney. Other than that, they spend some time in Charlotte, North Carolina, with daughter Marissa and her husband Josh. Al said his community in Naples reminds them a lot of a small college campus (Drew for him, and Fairfield for Maryann) "but without the need to go to class or study, better dorm room and a few more bucks to enjoy ourselves and, in my case, the gal I have a crush on."

There's an update on Paul and Marla Boren in the C'77 column, above.

Hope to see some of you at the Alumni Gathering in June! Register at drew.edu/alumniday for the events taking place on June 2–4, 2022.

83 Susan (Kessler) Apter apter4@gmail.com

Thanks to Michael Teschner with

a bit of editing from wife **Dona (Serota)** for updates on several classmates they are in touch with:

Francis Halish was recently married to his wife Diane, retired from teaching at Windsor High School (Conn.), and moved to Alabama. He has a new boat and a new dog named Pepper.

Laani (Simons) Brackett is retired from nursing and lives in Sarasota, Florida with her husband Chris, a Fishing Boat Captain. The Teschners and Bracketts vacationed together in Hawaii in March 2020 just as our world was coming apart.

Grant Lenahan retired, founded a company, skis avidly in Colorado, and races Porsches.

Tony Trama went back to IBM, teaches motorcycle safety classes, and along with his wife Deirdre enjoy being grandparents.

Robert Cunningham retired in December 2021. He and his wife Phyllis enjoy their new dog Jet, travel regularly, and attend Jets and Rangers games.

Jonathan Rose is still working but has an eye on a retirement date. Wife **Donna (Mikson)** is active with the Florham Park New Jersey library,

Michael and **Dona Teschner** are doing well. Michael retired from his patent law firm at the end of 2021 after 32 years—his first and only job after law school. While filling his days following retirement is still a work in progress, he's been accepted back at Drew in the graduate school for American history next fall—and may find himself older than the professors! Dona retired from her position as an ethics attorney with the New Jersey Supreme Court about seven years ago. Daughter Cassie graduated from Dickinson College in 2020 and works in the liquor industry.

It was nice to hear from **Jane (Mitchell) Eliasof** who recently published a book *Rebranding: A Guide for Historic Houses, Museums, Sites, and Organizations* with Rowman and Littlefield. Jane is thankful for Professor Berke and the writing class. Jane considers it truly a pandemic project. She signed the contract on March 13, 2020, and received her advanced copy on the day New Jersey Governor Murphy lifted the mask mandate. Jane is also the executive director of the Montclair History Center.

Susan (Stoeber) Ballantine retired as Global Head of OSS/BSS Transformations at Ericsson before the pandemic hit. She chaired three boards in retirement but has reduced those obligations to free up time



From left to right: Diane Bohman, Kathy Scott Notine, Jennifer Garrett, Cindy Wanack, Jody Bell, Lisa Eisenhardt, all C'83.

for enjoying Cape Cod, travel, and her five grandchildren.

Lynn (Bannon) Cummings reached her 10 year anniversary as a New Jersey school Counselor in a Roseland elementary school. This is a second career for Lynn, starting at age 50.

Greg Friedlander is pursuing his work on quantum mechanics through New Mexico CERG program. You can see some stuff on it at www.deepvent.com.

Lastly an update from **Cynthia Wanack** on the "Welch 2 gang". Last September, Cindy gathered in the New York Finger Lakes with **Diane (Felske) Bohman** C'83, P'19, **Kathleen (Scott) Notine**, **Jennifer Garrett**, **Johanna "Jody" Bell**, **Lisa (Gennarelli) Eisenhardt** to celebrate their 60th birthdays. **Susan (Pease) Gadoua** and **Suzanne Spangler** joined them via Zoom later that evening.

86 Sandra "Sandi" Miller SAMiller1029@gmail.com
Suzanne (Simonfay) Gleysteen lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and has been a practicing primary care physician in Brookline for 26 years. She and her husband of 22 years, Jan Gleysteen, a residential architect, have a blended family of three boys. Their oldest son Matt, 31, an American University graduate, is in Singapore completing business school. Andy, 28, a Northeastern graduate, is working for his father's architectural firm. Alex, 28, a Trinity College graduate, works as chief of staff for a tech startup in Cambridge. Suzanne's 90-year-old father, Steve Simonfay, lives in Madison, New Jersey, and she goes down regularly for visits.

Debra (Friedman) Carroll writes from Maryland that two years ago she started fostering rescue dogs for a worthy nonprofit, Operation Paws for Homes. She now sits on the board, and they are always looking for new fosters (and adopters) in DC, Maryland, Virginia, and southern Pennsylvania (ophrescue.org). During the pandemic, Deb took up making sourdough and is proud to report that, two years later, her starter is still going strong!

Margaret Lee spent the winter in Florida where she says it's been a joy to ride and train with her American Quarter Horse. He is a reigning performance horse that Margaret has been riding since 2011. This year their trainer moved to Florida, so Margaret, tired of cold Pennsylvania winters, made the trip. She also adopted a new Labrador Retriever from Brookline Lab Rescue—a goofy yellow boy named Easton.

Mary Ellen (Porcelli) Landolfi recently celebrated the six-year anniversary of her company, Word Spiral Media, LLC, which specializes in writing marketing content for technology companies. Mostly empty nesters now that their youngest is away at school, Mary Ellen and her husband, Nick, are happily working from home (in their respective workspaces). Their older son, Nick, is getting married in July.

Daniel "Dan" Chiariello C'86, P'22 recently started a new consulting job. He's now working

at Computershare as a project manager for a merger they are undertaking. He says it's a nice change, having been at SiriusXM for the past seven years.

Lisa (Lemery) Chiariello C'86, P'22 is still working for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office. Her office recently launched an 'Ask the Agent' podcast (<https://sussex.njaes.rutgers.edu/ag/>).

Congratulations to the Chiariello's youngest son, Jared (C'22), who graduates from Drew in May with a dual major in Environmental Sciences and Philosophy.

87 Forrest Shue forrest@forrestshue.com
Theresa (Kraemer) Pagodin

emailed me to let me know that she and her husband, Ron, are both retired (Ron in December 2017 and Terri on January 1, 2019). They've been playing tennis almost every day since. Terri says it's awesome to be able to get out there during the morning or afternoon instead of having to wait until the workday is over. Her oldest son got married to his high school sweetheart in April 2020, but due to the pandemic, they had the reception in June 2021. Luckily, immediate family was able to attend, and a great time was had by all! Their son and his wife bought their first home (close to Terri and Ron) in December 2021 and they're all enjoying getting together whenever possible.

Mara (Fiarman) Jacobs may have left us for UPenn after our sophomore year, but she's still a strong supporter of Drew and responded to my class news email. She recently started an educational consulting business (Skybound College and Career Consulting) in January of this year. At the time of Mara's writing, her oldest daughter, Sharyn, was planning to be married in April 2022. I last saw Mara at her 40th birthday party in Manhattan—seems like just last year!

I usually hear from **Tina (Todaro) Reynolds** when I ask for updates, and she came through with one this spring. Earlier this year, **Peggy (Sivilli) and Richard Phillips** C'85 invited Tina to meet up with them at a field hockey scrimmage in New Hampshire where their youngest daughter is now a freshman. Tina and her family have been busy with post-pandemic travels to weddings (Maryland), family birthday parties (New Jersey), Thanksgiving (New Jersey and New York), and visits with her husband Mark's college friends (Delaware).

Speaking of the children athletes of C'87 graduates, I've been following closely the cross country and track successes of **Gavin Maguire**'s oldest son, Shaw. Gavin and I ran cross country together at Drew and it's looking like his son is going to be faster than we ever were (if he isn't already, by the time you read this). As a sophomore, he just set his Georgia high school's record for the 1600m. Meanwhile, I see updates occasionally from **Robert Welter** C'88 via Facebook, as Rob and **Debbie (Van Houten)**'s daughter Marli is crushing it (literally) behind the plate for the softball team at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

I heard from **Jennifer Velez** a few weeks ago as well. She let me know that she's got a new job that began in January (senior vice president and general counsel for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey). She's looking forward to seeing a lot of us (hopefully!) at our 35th Reunion in June.

Shortly after our fall 2021 *Classnotes* update was submitted, we learned that **John Jandrasits** had died. You may have seen the obituary for John in the *In Memoriam* section of the prior issue. John was devoted to his family and friends. His Drew friends and soccer teammates called him JJ; his family called him Johnnie. He and **Joe Stampe** did not become immediate friends, but over the course of their four years at Drew, after rooming together (twice); after many road trips, concerts, drinking together and TV watching; going through RA training; and working with and in student government—they became incredibly close. Best friends, like brothers. JJ had a great sense of humor; his logic, at times, seemed strange. Joe called it "JJ-logic". JJ always had Joe's back. After college, they were together when each got married, grew as husbands and fathers, and remained close. Joe remembered that JJ was much better at keeping in touch, calling Joe when he needed a laugh or just a sounding board. He was a good person, an excellent friend, husband, and father. He was one of the good guys.

I hope to see Joe at Drew this June for our 35th Reunion so we can raise a toast in memory of JJ. I know that there is a solid schedule of events for the Alumni Weekend (mostly all outdoors) so hopefully, many of us will get to reconnect there. Register at drew.edu/alumni/day for the events taking place on June 2–4, 2022. As always, if you have any class news, there's no need to wait for my email request. Just send it to me at forrest@forrestshue.com.

88 The class of 1988 is looking for a new class secretary to take over *Classnotes*. If anyone is interested in taking over, please reach out to alumni email: alumni@drew.edu

96 Shannon Travis shannontravis@travistale.com
Happy Spring my fellow C'96 classmates! It has been a while since we had a class update, but we are sure catching up this time around....

For **Christopher "Chris" Blewett**, the last two and half years of COVID have been challenging as a pulmonary and critical care physician in Plano, Texas, but things are finally getting back to an approximate sense of normalcy. He mentioned his family life is full and rewarding thanks to his amazing wife, Kavitha, and two daughters, Asha and Anjali, who attend 9th and 7th grade respectively. Chris also mentioned that he was happy to see the success his former teammate, **Daniel "Dan" Leidl** C'97, is having as the Drew Men's Lacrosse program head coach. Thank you, Chris, for all the care you provided and the

sacrifices you and your family made during COVID to help others.

Speaking of lacrosse, **Caroline (Jacobsen) Berdzik** and her husband, TJ, live in East Windsor, New Jersey with their son Connor, 15, who plays lacrosse. The Berdzik's eldest, Julia, graduated from Saint Joseph's University and moved to Miami to start a position with Marsh. On the career front, Caroline continues to chair Goldberg Segalla's employment and labor and healthcare practice groups and was named to the law firm's management committee in September 2020, becoming the first female attorney to serve on the committee. In 2021, she was named to the National Law Journal's Healthcare/Life Sciences Trailblazers, and in 2021 and 2022 she was listed in the Best Lawyers in America for healthcare law. She was named to the 2020 New Jersey Law Journal Top Women in the Law and was the recipient of the Albert J. Parnell Outstanding Program Chair Award in 2020 from the Defense Research Institute. Congratulations on your accomplishments and recognitions, Caroline!

When I heard from **Erin (Elwell) and Eric Rich**, it made me pause ... They commented how they can't believe it's been 30 years since our Tolley Pit and Brown 3rd days. Wow, has it really been that long? Time flies! Especially, they said, when all of their sons (Aidan, Colin, and Tommy) are now teenagers and their oldest, a college sophomore, reminds them of their age. As for what they are up to, Eric is the Director of Technical Solutions at Nihon Kohden America and visits vast swaths of the US and lots of health care systems in his work travels. Erin took a break from her occupational therapy career last year to spend six months working with leaders across Massachusetts to scale up and direct the over 800 people strong volunteer staff at a large regional vaccine clinic that administered over 4,000 vaccines. Then last fall, Erin headed back to the Newburyport public schools and now is continuing her graduate-level teaching at Lesley University. All I can say to the question of age is ... "Growing old is inevitable but growing up is optional."

I also heard from some of our classmates that are living abroad. **Cassandra "Cassey" Allen** has been living in Germany for the past 6 years with her husband and two kids. She runs a corporate communications consulting practice with global, digital firms. Also, **Emily (Knox) Blitz**, who lives near Geneva, Switzerland, enjoyed being back on campus in April 2022 with her daughter, a prospective next-generation Drew student. Emily is still managing global health and development events, onsite and online, from her home.

Finally, two classmates sent in updates with pics to share. **Kimberly Harris** got to catch up with fellow **Drewids Devyani (Gupta) Morris** and **Stephanie Komsa**, who visited her in Vermont for a beautiful ski weekend. Check out the fun ski photo, page 8.

Stephen Von Stetina sent in a cute photo of daughter Isabella, 8, and the new family

dog, Brownie, who joined them in January. Steve and his wife, Jessica, are living in the Boston area where Steve has been working as a scientist. He left MIT this past September and started a new job in the private sector at a biotech start-up. See photo, page 8.

As for me, my husband and I are still in Erie, PA where every year the town strives to have the most snow in the country and claim the Golden Snow Globe Award. Our snowblower is being put to good use and I am sure it, and my husband is looking forward to Spring. I recently changed jobs and am now working with Guidewire Software standing up a new Business Optimization practice for our customers. I am excited to embark on this new journey.

We would love to hear from more of our classmates. Unfortunately, many of our Alumni Class List email addresses are missing or out of date. Please take a moment to go out to <https://drew.edu/advancement/> and update your details so I can include you in our next call for Class Notes later this year. In the meantime, if you have some stories and/or photos to share please send them to me at drew@travistale.com. Wishing you a wonderful and healthy 2022!

97 Daniel Iliara dilariaj@msn.com
Steve Santucci writes that this past November the New Jersey Historical Commission honored him with an Award of recognition for outstanding service to the public knowledge and preservation of the History of NJ. Also in 2020, he was voted in as a trustee of the Washington Association of NJ. Established in 1874, the group purchased and preserved Washington's Headquarters at the Ford Mansion and was later instrumental in creating the First National Historical Park in the National Park System in 1933. He is a past board member of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey and currently its secretary. He has spent 21 years as a volunteer with Morristown National Historical Park, a seven-year volunteer at Monmouth University's Archeological Field Schools, and worked on numerous archaeological projects in NJ. He has presented at the mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference and the Society of Historical Archaeology. He has been an active member in the American Revolutionary War reenacting community for 21 years and is currently the chairman of the Continental Line and mid-Atlantic coordinator- it is one of three umbrella organizations associated with the community of period reenacting. He is in his 23rd year of teaching and 16th at West Morris Mendham High School.

Tara (Zrinski) Altenbach is running for PA State senate.

99 Kristy (Miskoff) Materasso kristybrooke@yahoo.com
Dawn Digrius Smith C'99, G'05,'07 writes that on September 18, 2021, she competed in the Dr. United States of America pageant, a competition for women holding earned doctoral degrees. It is part of the

Family Album



Kim Harris, Dev (Gupta) Morris, and Steph Komsa, all C'96.



Rosemary Harnisher C'05.



Dawn Digrius Smith C'99 as Dr. United States of America 2022.



Steve VonStetina's [C'96] daughter and dog.



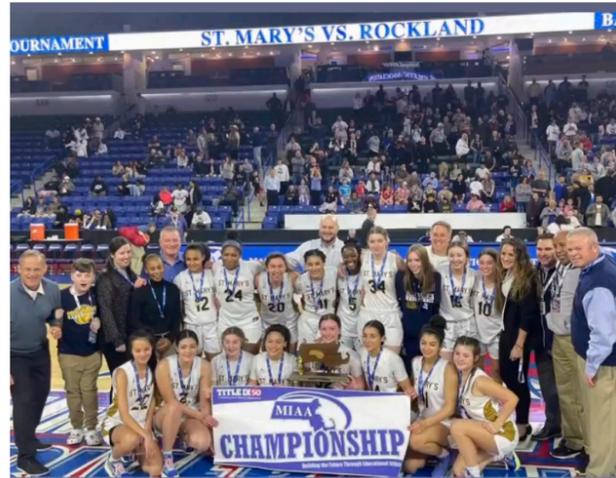
Mary K. Billingsley C'07.



Charlotte Hammond C'10, her son, Fox, and Liz Bowers C'10



Roselyn (Flores) Agar C'02.



Victoria Ault C'12, G'14 and her championship basketball team.



Adrienne Ganoe C'12 and Sam Markowitz.



Morissa Schwartz C'15.



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Morissa Schwartz

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James Weiss C'14 and his wife, Shayna, are expecting in August.



Bridget McRory C'14 and Dan, her fiancé.



Edgar Gonzalez Jr. C'12 and Emilia Domanowski C'13, G'19.

Dr. World Productions organization, whose motto is, “because...smart is beautiful!” and promotes education, community service, mentoring, and leadership development. Dawn is proud to wear the title of Dr. United States of America 2022 and represent Drew at various events nationwide. See photo, page 8.

02 David Lee dl.davidlee@gmail.com

Jessica “Jess” (Snyder) Katzeff continues to successfully manage her own interior design company, JL Snyder Events & Designs. She’s been working on large commercial projects in Wayne, NJ as well as with clients in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Congratulations to **Roselyn (Flores) Agar**, who was promoted to senior vice president, chief human resources officer at Columbia Bank in January. She was also the recipient of the Rising Star award from her professional association, New Jersey Bankers. See photo, page 8.

The Drew family continues to grow. Congratulations to **Craig Carpel** and his wife, Joanna Klein, who welcomed baby boy, Grayson Dilan Carpel in January!

05 Crystal Taylor mscrystaylor@gmail.com

Rosemary Harnisher has been named a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Fellows are nominated by peers and recognized for distinguished achievement, dedication to the legal profession, commitment to the organized bar and service to the public. Rosemary is counsel in the Farrell Fritz law firm’s trusts and estates group. See photo, page 8.

07 Mary K. Billingsley is currently serving as president of her professional association, the Council of Science Editors, a dynamic community of editorial professionals dedicated to the responsible and effective communication of science. See photo, page 8.

08 Erica (Palmieri) Stasio
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Victoria “Tory” (Camp) Walker and her husband are expecting their second child in the spring.

10 Delia Barr
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Charlotte Hammond welcomed a son, Fox Hammond Tavares, in October of 2020. Charlotte and Fox enjoyed a visit from Aunt Elizabeth “Liz” Bowers. See photo, page 8.

Deirdre (Burns) McGrath married Mark McGrath in York Harbor, Maine in September 2021. The wedding was attended by many Drew alums including bridesmaid **Laura Lakin**.

Jonathan Amira joined the faculty of Rutgers Law School in January as an adjunct instructor, coaching the Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Team. The team advanced to the quarter-finals on March 17. Jonathan is a Special Deputy Attorney General/Acting Assistant Prosecutor for Gloucester County, New Jersey.

12 John Dabrowski
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Adrienne Ganoe bought a house in Pennsylvania in April 2021 and married Sam Markowitz in October 2021. They were photographed at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, shortly before their wedding. See photo, page 9.

Caitlin Aase’s third feature film, *Revealer*, is set to debut at Panic Fest 2022 in Kansas

City in April. Her fourth feature film, *Black Mold*, is wrapping up production and was featured in *Fangoria Magazine*.

Edgar Gonzalez Jr. married **Emilia Domanowski** C’13 G’19 on March 18, 2022. **Nicholas Klein** C’13 was the best man and **John McHale** C’11 was a groomsman during the ceremony. Edgar continues to work on his sci-fi audio drama podcast *Galatic Punch Bowl* that you can check out on YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter via @GPBProductions, and where you can listen to it on Buzzsprout. See photo, page 9.

Victoria Ault C’12, G’14 got engaged to her girlfriend, Sharell, this past Christmas and will be getting married in summer 2024. Victoria is the assistant basketball coach at St. Mary’s High School of Lynn, Massachusetts, and they won the MIAA Division 3 State Championship. See photo, page 9.

14 Bridget McRory bmcroory6@gmail.com

Former varsity fencer, **James Weiss**, and his wife, Shayna, are adding to the Ranger community, expecting their first child this August. See photo, page 9.

Bridget McRory and her fiancé, Dan, plan to be married on October 8, 2022. See photo, page 9.

15 Amy Benedict abenedict@drew.edu

Morissa Schwartz CC’15, G’20 was named to Forbes 30 Under 30—Media (2022), recognizing her among the most influential young media personalities in North America. Morissa founded GenZ Publishing, a book publishing company that has produced more than 20 Amazon bestsellers, primarily from under-represented groups. She is also the owner of Dr. Rissy’s Writing & Marketing, a writing and marketing company in New Jersey. See photo, page 9.



The Theological School

00s Wayne Croft T’02, G’05, T’09 had his fourth book published by Judson Press, *A History of the*

Black Baptist Church: I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired. His book won the 2021 Independent Press

Award and was Judson Press best selling book in 2021.

The Caspersen School

80s Jeffrey J. Richards G’83, ’85 shared the sad news that his wife of 49 years, Debbie, passed away in March 2022. Along with Jeffrey, Debbie leaves their twin daughters, twin grandsons, and her parents and siblings. Debbie and Jeffrey were partners in ministry, and had lived in several states. They spent the past 35 years living in Salisbury, North Carolina, where Debbie was born. Jeffrey also writes that the church where he is pastor, Covenant Church of

Statesville, North Carolina, is most mission-minded. They have a sister church in Kyiv, Church of the Gospel, which also houses Kyiv Regional Bible College. Jeffrey recalls the book of Jonah, offering a reminder to listen to the call the first time and willingly follow the Lord’s leading.

00s Marc DiPaolo G’02, G’04 has published an autobiographical novel with Bordighera Press and

Audible, *Fake Italian: An 83% True Autobiography with Pseudonyms and Some Tall Tales*. Marc has written three nonfiction books: *Fire and Snow: Climate Fiction from the Inklings to Game of Thrones* (2018), *War, Politics, and Superheroes* (2011), and *Emma Adapted: Jane Austen’s Heroine from Book to Film* (2007). He has appeared in the documentary *Robert Kirkman’s Secret History of Comics* (2017) and is an Associate Professor of English at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



In Memoriam

The Drew community and its alumni associations extend their heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of those alumni and members of the Drew community listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

College of Liberal Arts

Emilie B. Manning C'51 became a teacher at Drew, and then completed a master's while teaching in New Jersey and Maryland. She married Richard J. Manning T'81 in 1955 and they enjoyed 57 years together, in which they were blessed with two children. Widowed in 2012, Emilie died a resident of New Jersey in September 2021, at age 91. She is survived by her two children and family members including two grandsons.

Blanche Jabitsky Hirsch C'52 grew up in the small town of Middletown, New York. After studying French literature at Drew, she completed a master's at Northwestern. She then found a way to spend six months in Europe, testing her French before returning to teach it in the New York City schools. Blanche married Rudy in 1958, and they enjoyed over 60 years together. They raised their three children in Denmark, Great Britain, Connecticut, New Jersey, Chicago, and Miami. They retired to Washington, DC, and Blanche passed away at her home there in August 2021, surrounded by family. She was 90. Preceded in death by Rudy in 2019, Blanche leaves three children and six grandchildren. She remained in close touch with her "Drew Crew" friends for life.

Cecil D. Lear C'52 moved to Belmar, New Jersey, in his teens and became a faithful son of the Jersey Shore. He studied business at Drew, served in the US Naval Reserve out of Lakehurst, and spent 20 summers lifeguarding in Belmar. A New York advertising sales executive, his publications included *Surfing Magazine*. He co-founded the Jersey Surfing Association and the Eastern Surfing Association, and organized competitions.

His contributions to the growth of the sport were recognized through such accolades as induction into the Huntington Beach Surfers Walk of Fame in 2021. He also served on the Belmar Board of Education, the Belmar Fishing Club, and as a deacon of the Belmar Presbyterian Church. Cecil met his wife, Mary Lou, on the Belmar boardwalk in 1953. They were known for their family traditions and travels. Cecil passed away at 91, a Belmar resident, in January 2022. Mary Lou survives him, along with their three daughters and their families, including two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jane T. Winfrey C'53, a Morris County native, moved to Washington DC after graduating from Drew. She worked for the Methodist Board of Temperance there, and at Madison College (now James Madison University) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, before stepping back to focus on her children. In 2013, Jane was preceded in death by her husband, David O. Winfrey T'53. She died at 90 in October 2021, a resident of Smithsburg, Maryland, and a member of the Washington Square UMC in nearby Hagerstown. Jane leaves family including two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

William Z. Berman C'54 went on from Drew to the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a master's degree at Wharton. He became a practicing CPA. A long-time resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he was involved with civic activities there and was a faithful Flyers fan. Bill passed away peacefully in January 2022, leaving his wife, Patricia, three daughters, two sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

Jack F. Doyle C'54, P'77 passed away as a resident of Whiting, New Jersey, but Morris County loomed large in his life. He grew up in Denville, an avid swimmer and boater at Indian Lake. He met his first wife, Barbara, in Denville. After Jack's time with the Army in Germany, they returned to Indian Lake to raise their family. Jack served as a Denville councilman, and readers of Morris County's Daily Record followed the political sparring between Jack and his father, John Doyle. Jack also published a book, *American Idiots*. Jack was preceded in death by Barbara. He died in November 2021 at 89. He leaves his second wife, Phyllis, two daughters (including Deborah Alfano C'77), and other family members, including five grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and two step-daughters.

Howard L. Applegate C'57 met his wife, Shelby Applegate C'57, at Drew, and they were married the summer after graduation. They proceeded to Syracuse, where he completed both the master's and the PhD in history. He worked as an administrative and cultural historian in Syracuse and Philadelphia, where he was honored with the Liberty Bell award in 1976 and a medal presented by the King of Sweden. He then served as a professor and dean at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania. He was widowed after 62 years of marriage when Shelby passed away in 2019. Howard died a resident of Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, in December 2021, at age 86. Their eldest son preceded them in death, in 1987. Howard leaves four children and family members including seven grandchildren.

Florence Gray C'57 studied botany at Drew, and gave of her gardening talents to her parish, St. Peter's Episcopal Church in

Morristown, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her husband, James. Florence died a resident of Dover, New Jersey, in September 2021, at age 89.

Elizabeth J. Hansen C'57 proceeded to Drew from Bernardsville, New Jersey. She married Todd a year after she graduated from Drew, and they enjoyed 47 years of marriage, until his death. They relocated to Wilmington, Delaware, in 1965, where they raised four children and Beth also worked as a legal secretary. She volunteered on the bereavement committee at her parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary. On Christmas Eve, 2021, Beth passed away at home in the Carrcroft neighborhood of Wilmington, surrounded by family. She was 85. Preceded in death by Todd and one grandson, she leaves four children and their families, including six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Clark W. "Jerry" Nicholas C'57, a native of Brooklyn, met his wife, Helen Nicholas C'59, at Drew. They began 62 years of marriage in 1959. He served in the Army from 1960 to 1962. They raised their five children in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Jerry worked at Kraft Foods in White Plains, New York. He actively volunteered with the Upper Saddle River youth sports program and the Bergen Highlands UMC. As retirees, they moved to Wantage, New Jersey. He passed away in January 2022 at 85, surrounded by family. Preceded in death by one son, he leaves Helen, their four surviving children, and other family members, including many grandchildren.

Harvey E. VanSciver C'57, P'80 met his wife at Drew, the former Grace Longley C'57. He completed a master's at Crozer Theological Seminary and did additional graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary. As a Methodist minister, he served eight congregations in New Jersey while Grace worked as a teacher and they raised their family. Harvey led over a dozen mission teams to Smolensk, Russia, continuing after his retirement. Preceded in death by Grace in 1997, Harvey leaves four children (one of whom is Dorothy VanSciver Weller C'80) and their families, including seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Henry W. Moeller C'59 was from coastal Absecon, New Jersey. He proceeded from Drew to Rutgers, earning a PhD in marine botany. He moved to Long Island, where he became a strong advocate for environmental preservation. A professor, he variously taught and did research at Columbia University's Lamont Doherty, at the Adelphi Institute of Marine Science, and at Dowling College. He was also a published expert in the history of flags. Henry strived to live in accordance with his Quaker ideals. He passed away at 84 in December 2021, a resident of Hampton Bays, New York. He was preceded in death by one son. His survivors include Barbara M. Moeller C'60, his wife of 60 years, two sons, four grandchildren, and other family members.

William W. Engler C'61, an Eagle Scout, grew up in Pennsylvania. He enrolled at Drew where he met his wife, Jacquelyn (Hill) Engler C'62, at a soccer game. After Army

service in the early 1960s, he pursued a career in banking and insurance. Bill and Jackie raised their two sons in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where he enjoyed over 50 years of membership in Hope UMC of Havertown. Bill also rooted for the Phillies and attended many performances of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He passed away in January 2022 at 82. Bill leaves Jackie, their two sons, two daughters-in-law, and a granddaughter.

Christina J. Harris C'64 spent 40 years teaching elementary school for the Lake Central school system in St. John, Indiana. She made sure her students became avid readers, and she served for a time as an Indiana textbook commissioner. She passed away peacefully in September 2021, a resident of St. John, at age 79. Her survivors include a daughter and two grandsons.

Charles S. "Scott" Bickell C'65 joined the National Security Agency after graduating from Drew, where he served 30 years, including three in Okinawa, Japan. In retirement, he became a founding member of The Serenity Center of Columbia, Maryland. He also spent many happy hours watching his seven grandchildren pursue their sports. He passed away in August 2021 at age 77, a resident of Columbia, Maryland, where he had settled after graduating from Drew. Scott's survivors include his former wife, Elizabeth Petz Bickell C'65, their three children, their seven grandchildren, his partner, Dale, and other loved ones.

Donald W. Howie C'65 arrived at Drew from North Carolina, the first in his family to earn a college degree. He went on to Yale for a law degree, and Brandeis for a master's. A political science major at Drew, he had been active in the civil rights movement. He moved to Long Island and entered academia, becoming the chair of the Black studies program at Stonybrook. He also started a legal practice with his attorney wife, Barbara, in Patchogue, New York, where they settled. Don passed away in September 2021. He was 78. Barbara survives him, along with a son, a stepdaughter, four grandchildren, and other family members.

Herbert L. Gage C'67 entered the field of journalism in northern New Jersey, publishing and editing his own tri-lingual newspaper, *The Paterson Voice*. He then entered his family's insurance business in New York's Hudson Valley, relocating to Middletown, New York, in 1976 with his wife, Claire. He lived the rest of his life in Middletown. Traveling with his family, making his own wine, and rooting for the Yankees and the Giants were among his joys. He passed away in October 2022 at age 77, leaving Claire, three children, two grandchildren, and other family members.

Richard R. Hubbard C'71, an Eagle Scout, became a minister, earning master's degrees at Salve Regina and the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. After five years of parish ministry, he became a Navy chaplain. He served for 15 years, with postings at San Diego, Newport, Lakehurst, and overseas in Scotland and Greece. Military retirement led Richard and his wife, Diane, to New York's

Southern Tier, where he pursued college chaplaincy and parish ministry for over 20 years, including long terms of service with the Hornby (New York) Congregational UCC and First UCC in Elmira, New York. An outdoors enthusiast, Richard canoed the length of the Mississippi River. Richard passed away at 73, in February 2022, a resident of Addison, New York. He leaves many family members including Diane, his wife of 41 years, and two brothers.

Jeffrey H. King C'72 found that music was central to his being, and he spread the love of music by collecting, selling, disc jockeying, and making playlists. Fittingly, Jeff was at Drew in an extraordinary time, when the Baldwin Gym was rocked by such luminaries as Jefferson Airplane, The Who, Pete Seeger, Richie Havens, Billy Preston, Chuck Berry, and Blood, Sweat and Tears. Jeff was the social committee chairman in his senior year, and Carly Simon played his booking only one week before *Anticipation* became a smash hit. Jeff's collection of concert posters was legendary, and he generously shared them with other Drewids, which will be remembered and celebrated at Reunion 2022. Jeff passed away in February 2022, a resident of Woodbury, Minnesota. He was 72. Jeff's life after Drew included his wife, Christine, three children, four grandchildren, and other family members who survive him today — along with many memories of his global travels, in which Jeff always favored the scenic route.

Jeffrey A. Hoeltzel C'73 went on from Drew to the London School of Economics, a student of history at both. He taught at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now known as the Drexel College of Medicine), the Seamen's Institute, the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital, Horizon House, and COMHAR. He traveled widely. Jeff had a second home in Vienna, Austria, but as a lifelong Pennsylvanian, he also remained a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, where he served on the vestry, ushered, and worked in outreach. He passed away peacefully in October 2021. Jeff leaves many friends and family members, including two brothers and a sister.

Lynne McAuley C'76 grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. At Drew, she especially enjoyed her involvement in theater and The Acorn. Her Drew semester in England piqued a life-long love of travel. After earning an MPA degree at Kentucky State, she spent 25 years with the Federal Department of Labor, and became a CPA. She then spent 10 years working with pension plans in the private sector, earning the CEBS accreditation. Her "third act" entailed accreditation to teach English as a second language. She moved to Bangkok and taught there for over a year. Lynne passed away in January 2022, with her sister, Gail, at her side. She was 66, a resident of Corona Del Mar, California. Lynne's survivors include Gail, their mother, a sister-in-law, and her ex-husband.

Glenn R. Cochran C'77, an Eagle Scout, proceeded from Drew to Rutgers Law School

in Newark and was admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He served as Princeton Housing Authority’s attorney, and was known to foster civility in the midst of legal conflict. An avid golfer, he was instrumental in creating the Princeton Manor Golf Group. He died at 66, in November 2021, a resident of Kendall Park, New Jersey. Glenn’s survivors include Linda, his wife of 39 years, two children, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

Peter C. Gmunder C’78 grew up in Watchung, New Jersey, and eventually returned to live in Warren, New Jersey, after residing in San Francisco and New York. An economics major at Drew, he became an investment banker, investment analyst, and private consultant. He was an avid golfer and traveler. He passed away in December 2021, at age 65. Peter leaves family members including his mother, one son, a brother, and his former wife.

Edwin H. Collins C’81 enjoyed an outdoorsy upbringing in Katonah, New York, with summers at Montauk. He came to New Jersey to attend Drew and stayed as a permanent resident, settling in nearby Boonton. He taught briefly at the Delbarton School in Morristown, and then pursued a long career in insurance with several major companies. His taste for adventure led him to ride his bicycle alone across the US as a young man. His wife, Anne, joined him in walking the length of Hadrian’s Wall, exploring her home country of Scotland, and running the New York and Berlin marathons. Ed died unexpectedly at home in November 2021. He was 62. Ed leaves Anne, two siblings, two nephews, and many other family members, coworkers, neighbors, and friends.

William L. “Lee” Kinney C’88, a second-career minister, was a prolific writer and preacher. He served as senior pastor of the First Presbyterian churches in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Washington, North Carolina. He was a member of the Oxford Round Table of Harris Manchester College, Oxford, England, where he presented a paper. He married Marguerite at age 21, and they had three children. Lee passed away at 66, a resident of Washington, North Carolina, in January 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite, and by his father. Lee leaves his mother, three children, and their families including five grandchildren.

Michael R. Smoliga C’16 passed away in January 2022, after an extended hospitalization following an auto accident in October 2020. At the time of the accident, Michael was in his final year of law school at Rutgers Camden. Michael had grown up in Hamilton Square, New Jersey, an accomplished swimmer. At Drew, he studied philosophy and anthropology and captained the swim team. Michael was predeceased by his mother and grandparents. He leaves his father, his beloved girlfriend Theresa, and an uncle.

Theological School

Frederick G. Mech T’53, ’75, originally from Baltimore, did his undergraduate work at Albright College. He followed his Drew degrees with a master’s from Adelphi and further

training as a pastoral counselor. He served several UMC churches in the New York metropolitan area, principally on Long Island, spending 12 years at the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Hempstead. Frederick leaves family including two daughters, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was previously widowed, and was also predeceased by one son.

Wyatt J. Weeks T’53 reached the age of 100. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, he became a tail and wing gunner in World War II and then pursued higher education. He entered Methodist parish ministry after Drew, and served principally in Ohio. He and his wife, Norma, returned to West Virginia in retirement, and he passed away in January 2022 as a Charleston resident. He was preceded in death by Norma and a son. Survivors include a daughter, a grandson, and many other relatives.

Nelson C. Woody T’54 grew up in Virginia and was first licensed to preach at 17. He attended college in Virginia, then proceeded to Drew where he met his wife of 66 years, Ruth Woody C’57. For 70 years, he was a member of the Holston Conference of the UMC. His parish ministry included nine churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia. He retired from the State Street UMC in Bristol, Virginia. A lifelong sports fan, he loved preaching and spending time with his grandchildren. He died in February 2022, at age 92, a resident of Bristol, Virginia. Nelson’s survivors include Ruth, three children, and five grandchildren. He was buried at the Holston Conference Cemetery in Emory, Virginia, the same town in which he attended college.

Ira M. Wheatley T’55 was born into the Great Depression and grew up as a “preacher’s kid” in the tiny Chesapeake Bay town of Crisfield, Maryland. An accomplished student and athlete, he was admitted to Duke, but could not afford it. So he took the train across the country, equipped with a shoebox of hard-boiled eggs, to attend college in California with the assistance of an older brother who lived there. After a stint as a social worker in New York City, he pursued ministry, earning a master’s at Drew and then entering Methodist parish ministry and college chaplaincy. He later earned a PhD in comparative religions at the University of Iowa and began teaching at Eastern Michigan University, where he chaired the history and philosophy department. Ira passed away in March 2022 as a resident of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was 91. Ira was preceded in death by Alice, his wife of 64 years whom he had met at college in California. He is survived by family, including four children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Alrik J. Monstrom T’58 was born in Vermont to Swedish immigrants, and developed a lifelong love of sport and adventure. After his studies at Drew, he served a church in California for four years, and earned a master’s in social work at UC Berkeley. This led to a career as a social worker in his adopted region of Mendocino County, California. In the early 1960s, he and his carpenter father built

a house together in Redwood Valley. He put many miles on his 1972 Volkswagen bug, driving back roads all over California, playing tennis, sailing, hiking, and riding his bicycle well into his 80s. He loved being a father and grandfather. He died peacefully in November 2021 with family by his side. He was 89.

Kenneth A. Austenberg T’59 grew up in Brooklyn, active in the Norwegian Methodist Church. He proceeded to Drew after City College of New York, and then did further study in chaplaincy and pastoral counseling. He pursued parish ministry, pastoral counseling, and involvement in the training and education of others in pastoral counseling. A private pilot, he enjoyed his time in the air, but his greatest joy was his time with his children and grandchildren. In an effort to make the world a better place, he was a vegan for over 35 years. He died at 87, in December 2021, a resident of Flanders, New Jersey. Kenneth was predeceased in 2013 by Nina, his wife of 56 years. His survivors include four children and five grandchildren.

Lawrence E. Staton T’59 was born and raised in Salisbury, Maryland, where he also resided at the time of his death. He served three years in the US Army before pursuing higher education. Ordained in the UMC in 1959, he served several appointments in the Peninsula Delaware Conference. After retirement, he gave over 1,500 volunteer hours to the local hospital. Lawrence passed away at 93 in November 2021. He was preceded in death by one son. His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty Ann, three children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

James E. Tallman T’60 spent 61 years as an ordained Methodist minister. Much of his career was spent supporting programs for youth and continuing care retirement communities. He was a founder of Wesley Enhanced Living. Jim enjoyed family, golf, and fishing. He belonged to both the Philadelphia Country Club and Hershey’s Mill Golf Club, spending five years as president of the latter. Jim died at 85, a resident of West Chester, Pennsylvania, in December 2021. Jim was preceded in death by one son. His survivors include his wife, Pat, one son, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

William E. Thomas Jr. T’60 grew up in Nebraska and Texas. He served in the Army and then met Louise, the love of his life, in college. While he earned a master’s at the Theological School, she attended Columbia University. They married after graduating. His career in ministry was evenly divided between campus and parish ministry. An avid hiker and outdoorsman, Bill’s formal ministry unfolded principally in Montana and Wyoming. In 2004, Bill and Louise retired to Port Angeles, Washington, on the Olympic Peninsula. Bill passed away peacefully at home in Havre, Montana, surrounded by family, in December 2021. He was 89. Predeceased by Louise in 2011, his survivors include a son, two daughters, their spouses, and six grandchildren. He is remembered for his insatiable curiosity

and dedication to humanity, which he fueled with coffee and cookies.

Harry J. Ausmus T’63 spent 30 years as a professor of history at Southern Connecticut State University, having followed his Drew degree with a PhD at Ohio State. He wrote and published five books. Originally from Tennessee, he lived in Cheshire, Connecticut for 50 years, until the end, and enjoyed summer vacations on Cape Cod. He was known for his wit, sarcasm, and his insistence on listening to the play-by-play on the radio while attending a baseball game live. Harry passed away at 84, in January 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda. His survivors include two children and four grandchildren.

Garry W. Campbell T’64, ’79 was born in Saranac Lake, New York. He became a Methodist minister, serving churches in New York state and Vermont, where he loved hiking his native region’s Adirondack High Peaks or Vermont’s Long Trail. Garry was also an administrator at Wesley Health Care in Saratoga Springs, and served as conference council director of the Troy Conference Council. He enjoyed a long marriage to Debbie, who predeceased him in 2015. Garry died in March 2022 at 82. He leaves three children, four grandchildren, and other family members.

William R. Doughty T’67 married Shirley, his high school sweetheart, in 1947, after serving with the 82d Airborne in Germany. In 1959, he received a call to ministry. He served as a Methodist minister and chaplain for over 50 years. Eventually, Bill and Shirley retired to Maine, where he loved kayaking. His ministry continued in retirement there, and included chaplain roles with the VFW. Bill died in January 2022 at age 95, a resident of Portland, Maine. He was preceded in death by Shirley, with whom he enjoyed 65 years of marriage, and by one daughter, who died in the last two months of Bill’s life. His survivors include two children and their families, including four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Wesley G. “Gregg” Monroe T’67, a retired minister with the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the UMC, lived near the Willamette River in Springfield, Oregon. He passed away in November 2021. Gregg was 82.

Judith M. Bennett T’77, G’88, G’93 earned graduate degrees at Drew and served as a UMC minister in New York. A native of Portland, Oregon, she also served with the Virginia Council of Churches and taught at Virginia Union University. She passed away at 87 in February 2022, a resident of Shelton, Connecticut. Her survivors include four children, their spouses, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Earl D. Farthing T’82 was born and raised in North Carolina, attending Wake Forest and Southeastern Seminary before his time at Drew. A Baptist minister, he spent time as a missionary in Japan in the 1960s. He served churches in North Carolina, both before and after his time in Japan. He eventually retired from Elizabethtown Baptist Church. Earl died at 89, in January 2022. Preceded

in death by his first wife and one daughter, Earl leaves his wife, Vondia, one son, five grandchildren, and many other family members, including step-children, step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren.

Robert C. Peterson T’82 earned a teaching degree at Montclair State, spent time in Vietnam with the US Army, and earned a master’s at Drew. His career involved both parish ministry, with 16 years at Byram Bay Christian Church in Hopatcong, New Jersey, and hospice chaplaincy. Bob passed away peacefully in February 2022, at age 77, a resident of Hope, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lynn A. Peterson C’07, two sons, and other family members.

Jacqueline A. Sojourner T’82 was raised in Jersey City, New Jersey. As a young member of Christ UMC, she was involved in conference boards and activities. After undergraduate work at Pfeiffer College, she worked in Christian education, and was ordained in the UMC after earning a master’s at Drew. She served churches in New Jersey and Tennessee, often as the congregation’s first female clergy. She settled in Dickson, Tennessee, where she lived for decades. Jacquie passed away at home in November 2021, at age 73. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orien Price Taylor T’69. Her survivors include her brothers, nieces, nephews, and stepchildren. One highlight of her ministry was baptizing her great-nephew.

Robert J. McCune T’83 was a Methodist minister who served communities in central and northern New York state. Before earning a doctorate at Drew, he completed degrees at Allegheny College and Boston University School of Theology. In retirement, Bob and Alice, his wife of 69 years, traveled the country on mission projects with the UMC Nomads. Bob died peacefully in September 2021, at 92, a resident of Trumansburg, New York. Preceded in death by Alice in 2020, he leaves family including four children, 12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Larry D. Davidson T’85 met his wife at First Baptist of Plainville, Illinois, the first church he served as a student pastor. His ministry included churches in Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Iowa, Florida, Indiana, Virginia, and Kentucky. A faithful Iowa Hawkeyes fan, he attended numerous bowl games, enjoying college football and basketball with his wife in each of the states where they lived. In January 2022, he passed away at home in Muncie, Indiana, surrounded by loved ones. He was 77. Larry leaves Mary Colleen, his wife of 54 years, and family including four daughters, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Jean B. Alnor T’86 was born and died a resident of Somerset, Pennsylvania, although she lived many other places in her lifetime. Originally a teacher, she earned a master’s in special ed at William Paterson College, and became a principal at Red Bird Mission in Nebraska. She then earned a master’s at Drew and became a Methodist minister, serving with the Great Plains conference of the UMC. Jean passed away at 94, in December

2021. She was preceded in death by her minister husband, Warren K. Alnor T’52 and two children. Jean’s surviving family includes three children, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Robert F. Carter T’87 began his ministerial training at Atlanta Christian College, earned a master’s at Butler and a doctorate at Drew. His career took him to Indiana (Indianapolis, Gosport, and Redkey) and Chattanooga. He enjoyed flying, golf, and his involvement in many civic organizations, but his time with his family meant most of all. He passed away in January 2022 at 86, a resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, where he served most recently as the pastor of Sharon Christian Church. Bob leaves Martha, his wife of 65 years, and family members including five children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard C. Pedigo T’89, a Methodist minister, served in the Navy as a chaplain and also pursued parish ministry. He passed away as a resident of Green Cove Springs, Florida, where he had lived for over 40 years, and where he had been pastor of the UMC of Green Cove Springs. He died in November 2021, at 92. Richard was preceded in death by two sons and two grandchildren. His survivors include his wife, Reba, two children, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Michael Ross T’94 served as a minister in the Nazarene Church for over 50 years. He completed the bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Trevecca Nazarene University, and then a doctoral degree at Drew. Michael died in December 2021, a 75-year-old resident of Pendleton, Indiana. He leaves his wife, Diana, and family members including two children and four grandchildren.

Harold R. Gunsalus T’95 earned degrees at Eastern Pilgrim College (later known as United Wesleyan College) and Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a doctoral degree at Drew. Ordained in the Wesleyan Church, he pursued parish ministry that included the First Wesleyan Church of High Point, North Carolina. He passed away peacefully at home in High Point, surrounded by family, in February 2022. He was 81. Harold’s survivors include Mary, his wife of 61 years, two sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Cora A. Cornish T’96 was one of 12 children raised in Millville, New Jersey. She originally entered the field of nursing, then eventually earned a master’s at Drew and became a Methodist minister. She served multiple churches in North Jersey and South Jersey. Cora returned to live in Millville, and died at 78, in January 2022. She leaves siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Wendy B. Spector T’99 had diverse talents. A Cooper Union-educated artist, she became a New York City social worker, a Methodist parish minister, a hospital chaplain, and a bereavement counselor. She passed away at age 77, a resident of Denville, New Jersey, in October 2021. Wendy leaves Michael, her husband of 52 years, and family members including their three children.

Peter L. Padro T'03 lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Sonia, and they were members of the One City Church there. He passed away in February 2022.

Michael K. Alston T'20 grew up in Paterson, New Jersey, where he accepted Christ at an early age. He was employed as a social worker at the Passaic County Juvenile Detention Center for 25 years. In 1990, he was licensed as a minister. He served actively with several churches and within the larger Paterson community. His Drew master's studies included chaplaincy internships in the New Jersey state prison system, and at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Morristown. After graduating from Drew, he worked for the Passaic County Board of Health. Michael died in November 2021, a resident of Paterson. He was 62. He leaves a large family including his mother, three children, and 12 siblings.

Caspersen School

Elizabeth M. Boyle G'77 spent 76 years as a Sister of St. Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey. She earned a bachelor's at Caldwell University (then Caldwell College), a master's at Catholic University, and a doctoral degree at Drew. She taught at the elementary and high school levels, and then spent most of her long career as a professor of English at Caldwell. She was a published author and poet. Sister Elizabeth Michael passed away in Caldwell at 94, in December 2021. She leaves sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and her Sisters of St. Dominic.

Ann M. DeVenezia G'90, '00 was a wife, mother, teacher, and poet, living principally in Morris County, New Jersey. She became

Remembering Sarah Zeitz Chapman

She enjoyed a long life of engagement and learning



Sarah passed away at age 101 on Valentine's Day 2022, a long-term resident of Madison, New Jersey. She was lively to the end, with friends driving to meet her for a regular weekly Scrabble match on what turned out to be the morning of her death.

Sarah was born in New York City to parents from Ukraine, who had fled pogroms there. She grew up in Lakewood, New Jersey, and then enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan. At Ann Arbor she met fellow student Robert Chapman, from West Virginia, who became her husband. Robert was a scholar of medieval literature, and he taught English at Drew from 1966 to 1986. Sarah, a lifelong learner, embraced the Drew community, audited classes while raising the couple's

three sons, and also devoted time to civic affairs in the region.

Sarah was known as a formidable Scrabble competitor, and she may have had an advantage, as Robert was editor of the fourth and fifth editions of *Roget's International Thesaurus*. One can only imagine the conversations about English language and usage in their home. After the fourth edition, they bought a 26-foot sailboat and called it *Thesaurus*.

Robert passed away 20 years prior, in February 2002, and the Chapman Prize in Poetry was established at Drew after his death, to celebrate Robert's legacy. The Chapman family graciously suggested that gifts in Sarah's memory also be contributed to the Prize. Sarah and Robert are survived by two sons, Douglass and Mark, and their families, including three grandchildren. A third son, Geoffrey (named after Chaucer), survived Robert but predeceased Sarah.

a teacher at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station and taught at Parsippany High. She traveled the world with her husband and authored three books, the first of which told stories of her ancestors buried at St. Vincent Martyr Cemetery in Madison. She earned a master's at Drew while teaching, and a doctorate after she retired

from teaching. Ann served on the Mountain Lakes Board of Education and was a devoted parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena there. She died in January 2022 at 87, a resident of Mountain Lakes. Survivors include Richard, her husband of 62 years, their six children, nine grandchildren, and other family members.