

## LHS announces first class of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees

By Jason Berghorst

The first group of inductees into the new Luverne High School Alumni Hall of Fame have been named by the Hall of Fame committee.

The Class of 2023 includes six individuals and one team. In alphabetical order, the honorees include:

- The players, coaches and manager of the **1964 state championship basketball team.**

The team brought statewide fame to Luverne during an era when there was only one class of competition, there were no girls' sports, and the state basketball tournament was the most focused-on high school sports event in Minnesota.

- Quentin Aanenson**, Class of 1939. Aanenson was a celebrated World War II fighter pilot whose first combat mission was during D-Day in 1944. He was featured in the nationally known documentaries, "A Fighter Pilot's Story" and the Ken Burns series, "The War."

- Jim Brandenburg**, Class of 1963. Brandenburg is an internationally known nature photographer. He was a contract

**Luverne Public Schools  
Alumni Hall of Fame  
First Annual Induction Celebration**

All are invited to celebrate the Induction of the charter class of the Luverne Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame and Grand Opening of the Luverne Alumni Garden during LHS Homecoming 2023. Events are hosted by the Luverne Educational Legacy Fund.

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**4:30 p.m. - Induction Ceremony in LHS Alumni Garden  
5:30 p.m. - Homecoming**

**Tailgating Reception at Cardinal Field**

**6:30 p.m. - Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees  
7 p.m. - Luverne Cardinals vs. Pipestone Arrows football game**



photographer for National Geographic magazine and commissioned to create a nature stamp by the U.S.

Postal Service.

- Jerilyn Britz**, Class of 1961. A professional golfer for 26 years, Britz won the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour in 1979 and was the first woman inducted into the Rock County Hall of Fame.

- Warren Herreid, Sr.**, Class of 1938. Herreid had a distinguished 41-year career with the Minnesota National Guard. He was instrumental in founding Luverne's "Last Man's Club," the Rock County

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# Honor Roll of Alumni News contributors

Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

During this past quarter ending June 30, 2023, the Alumni News received money in the form of memorials, and gifts totaling \$2,185. In the memorial section below, the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift. Contributions given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials. THANK YOU, READERS!

## NOTE:

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Balance

6/30/23: \$297.27

## Memorials

### **Dorothy (Woolsey) Goeske '54**

Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey '62

Twila (Drost) VerSteege '64

### **Dale Stoterau '56**

Class of 1956

Garfield '60 & Elaine Henriksen

### **Noralf Barstad '56**

Class of 1956

### **Ken Bjerk '58**

Ronald Bowman '58

### **Vance Dykhouse '59**

Diane (Dykhouse) Knapp

### **Michael Hagemann '60**

Andrew Hagemann '61

Garfield Henriksen '60

### **Barb (Herrmann) Loosbrock '63**

Dean Madison '63

### **Dixie (Winge) Arends '63**

Dean Madison '63

### **Joe Rowe '63**

Dean Madison '63

Wesley '58 & Patti (Kirby) '63  
Pierson

### **Loren Wenzel '63**

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### **Pat (Hagemann) Snitselaar '63**

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### **William Skewes '63**

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### **Cloyce (Cooney) Smith '64**

David Smith '60

Garfield Henriksen '60

Hal '60 & Donna Paulson

Lorna (Siebenahler) Bryan '69

Verlyn '60 & Susan (Carter) '62  
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Beth (Gibson) Lilja '82

Betty Lou (Jens) Amundson '58

Carol (Hengeveld) Fawley '61

Class of 1963 in honor of Patti  
(Kirby) Pierson

Class of 1973 in honor of Patti  
(Kirby) Pierson

Wesley '58 & Patti (Kirby) '63  
Pierson

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# Music Boosters starts perpetual scholarship in Dolly Talbert's memory

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Music Boosters is starting a perpetual scholarship with Luverne Dollars for Scholars in memory of longtime school music director Dolly Talbert, who died June 7 in Luverne at the age of 85.

Mrs. Talbert moved to Luverne in 1970 with her husband, Don, and taught vocal and instrumental music in Luverne Public Schools where she was named "Teacher of the Year in 1989. She retired in 1993, but her dedication to music continued long past her retirement.

In addition to teaching private piano lessons in her home, and directing church musical groups, she maintained contact with students in many capacities.

Primarily, she accompanied choirs and vocal and instrumental soloists at Luverne and Hills Beaver Creek public schools.

In 2000, the LEA recognized Dolly as the 2001 "Friend of Education," for all her contributions to school music in her retirement.

"I don't miss teaching because I'm still working with students every day," Talbert told the Star Herald in 2000.

"It was just a really big honor," she said of the award. "When you're having so much fun doing what you're doing, you don't expect to be recognized."

Sandy Klosterbuer was one of the teachers who nominated Talbert for the Friend of Education Award. She studied



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*— Heather Johnson,  
Luverne Music Boosters  
president*

under Talbert as a middle school student in Luverne.

"It is my personal goal as a teacher to make a positive difference in the lives of my students just as Dolly made a positive difference in my life when I was a student," Klosterbuer said.

The Music Boosters gave

Talbert a small honorarium for her accompanying work, but Talbert said she does it for her own enjoyment. "It's a lot of fun," she said. "It takes a little time, but it's fun."

## Music Boosters to match donations to Talbert Memorial Fund

Today Luverne music students will continue benefitting from Talbert through the "Dolly Talbert Memorial Scholarship," set up with Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

The Luverne Music Boosters organization will match any donations (up to \$2,000) given to Dollars for Scholars in Dolly Talbert's name.

"Dolly has been a big part of music at Luverne Public Schools for many years," said Music Boosters President Heather Johnson.

"Luverne Music Boosters felt a scholarship in her name would be the perfect way to honor her and remember her love and appreciation of music."

Donations must be received by the end of the year to qualify for the matching funds. Whenever possible, the perpetual scholarship will be awarded to Luverne seniors who participated in music during their high school years.

Donations can be mailed to Luverne DFS, PO Box 822, Luverne, MN 56156. Include Dolly Talbert on the memo line.

Questions about how to donate can be directed to Luverne Dollars for Scholars, [luvernedfs@gmail.com](mailto:luvernedfs@gmail.com).

# Remembering our classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

## 1940 – 1949

**Corinne (Ruddy) Nath '47** died April 24, 2023, in Luverne. Corinne married Orlen Nath and they later divorced. She worked at Nelson Brothers Department Store and then at the Luverne Community Hospital for over 30 years.

Corinne is survived by children, **Mike '68** (Janet) of Luverne, **Pam '80 (Mickey '80)** Welch of Yankton, SD, **Joni '83 (Kraig '82)** Keck of Sioux Falls, SD, and **Tom '85 (Lisa '96)** of Luverne; daughter-in-law Wendy Nath, Luverne; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, **Steve '70, Joel '72 and Gregg '77**; and many of her 17 brothers and sisters.

**Betty Ann Devinney '48** died April 27, 2023, in Belle Plaine, MN. Betty was a 40-year employee of Northwest Airlines as a reservation agent. It afforded her the perks of travel; she especially loved Hawaii. Betty met her long time, best friend, Bonnie, at her work. They remained friends for over 60 years. Betty and Bonnie had many dogs throughout the years that they loved immensely. As a result, they were incredibly supportive of the Humane Society.

Betty is survived by her best friend, Bonnie Dobratz; friends, Mike and Marjean Weis, Ken (Ellyn) and Kathy Dobratz; four nieces; 13 great nieces and nephews; and 31 great-great nieces and nephews.

**Darlene (Rozeboom) Bosch '49** died April 2, 2023. After high school, Darlene started working at JC Penney in Rock Rapids, IA. On February 23, 1950, Darlene married Cornelius Bosch in Steen, where they made their home. When their five children grew older, Darlene completed her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) requirements and began working at Tuff Home in Hills.

After living in Steen for 50 years, the couple moved to Luverne. In 2017, Darlene and Cornie became residents at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD.

Darlene is survived by her children, **Larry '82** (Janet) Bosch of Vero Beach, FL, Colleen

Bosch (Wayne Ystebo) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Nancy Hilbrands of Sioux Falls, SD, David (Maria) Bosch of Tifton, GA, and Michael (Ellen) Bosch of Gainesville, FL; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law **Gert '47** Hup of Hills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornie; siblings Conrad Rozeboom, Raymond Rozeboom; sisters-in-law, Henrietta Rozeboom, Mona Rozeboom, **Vera '49** Rozeboom, **Betty '49** Boeve, and **Laura May '46** Bosch; and brothers-in-law, Dries Bosch, Dick Hup, and Edwin Boeve.

**Lorna (Ward) Wharton '49** died March 13, 2023, at home in Glenwood, MN. Lorna worked for a year at Rock County Bank before her marriage to **Ervin '49** Wharton on August 24, 1950. They lived on a dairy farm north of Luverne, where they worked side by side to operate the farm. They moved in 1968 to a farm south of Brooten where they lived until June 1978 when they purchased a farm north of Sedan, Pope County. Lorna and Ervin shared 56 years of marriage before his death in 2007. Lorna and her daughter **Linda '71** continued to live on the farm until October 2022, when they moved to Glenwood.

Lorna, a woman with a gentle and quiet spirit, is survived by her children, Gary (Barb) Wharton, Belgrade, **Linda '71** of Glenwood, Roger (Sarah) Wharton, Willmar, and Darla (Peter) Finke, Staples; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; one sister, Marlis Olson, Colorado Springs, CO; and other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ervin**; one brother, Ronald Ward; and one sister, Karen Ward.

**Darlene (Rozeboom) Bosch '49** died April 2, 2023, in Sioux Falls, SD. On February 23, 1950, Darlene married Cornelius Bosch in Steen, where they lived for 50 years. When their five children were older, she worked as a CNA at the Tuff Home in nearby Hills. In 2002, the couple moved to Luverne and in 2017, Darlene and

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Cornie became residents at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD. Darlene was an active church member, and enjoyed family, friends, and travel.

Darlene is survived by her children, Larry (Janet) Bosch, Vero Beach, FL, Colleen Bosch (Wayne Ystebo), Mt. Pleasant, SC, Nancy Hilbrands, Sioux Falls, David (Maria) Bosch, Tifton, GA, and Michael (Ellen) Bosch, Gainesville, FL; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Gert Hup, Hills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornie; siblings, Conrad (Vera) Rozeboom, Raymond (Henrietta and Mona) Rozeboom; sisters-in-law Henrietta Rozeboom, Mona Rozeboom, Vera Rozeboom, Betty Boeve, and Laura May Bosch; and brothers-in-law Dries Bosch, Dick Hup, and Edwin Boeve.

### 1950 – 1959

**George Heronimus '50**, of Ellsworth, died June 6, 2023. George served in the United States Army from February 15, 1953 to February 7, 1955. He married Phyllis on February 22, 1955, in Reading, MN. George's life centered around farming and his family. In 1980, the couple bought a motorhome and for 33 years they camped their way across America, traveling to all 50 states and all provinces of Canada. They also wintered in Arizona and Texas.

George is survived by his wife, Phyllis, Worthington; son Paul (Lisa), Ellsworth; two daughters, Pam (Mike) Hansen, Tyler, and Patty (Eric) Lindner, Worthington; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**James Hoiland '53** died June 20, 2023, in Sioux Falls. Jim served in the U.S. National Guard from 1956 to 1962. He began working in carpentry construction and built many houses in the Luverne area. On February 17, 1957, Jim was united in marriage to Lorena Kindt in Hardwick. Jim switched career paths in 1970 and went into farming full-time with his brother Roger in the family operation. He was a school board member for the Magnolia school district and was a former member of Rock County Snowmasters.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lorena; four children, Cheryl (Mark) Laleman of Cottonwood, Marcia (Hank) Bayne of Sioux Falls, Julie (Trevor) Hansen of Bellevue, NE, and

**Michael '83 (Lynette 84)** Hoiland of Luverne; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Roger Hoiland.

**Henry Wulf '54** died March 30, 2023, in Brainerd, MN. Henry served in the U.S. Navy for four years and was an Aviation Electronics Tech aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Coral Sea. On December 22, 1959, he married Loretta Schimel in Luverne.

He attended South Dakota State University, earning a degree in Wildlife Management in 1965. Henry was employed by the Department of Natural Resources in Brainerd until retiring in 1998 after serving 33 years. Henry and Loretta also owned a farm near Brainerd where they raised and showed Arabian horses. Henry was a three-time president of the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association.

Henry is survived by his wife, Loretta; two daughters, Valerie (Ed) Temp, St. Francis, and Heather (Troy) Larson, Pillager; five grandchildren; two sisters, **Audrey '48** (Kenneth) Munro, Sioux Falls, SD, and Ruth (Alan) Hendrickson Ocala, FL; two brothers, **Donald '52** (Lola), Sioux City, IA, and **Gordon '61** (Pat), Welleston, OK.

He was preceded in death by brothers **Frank '50** (Ruby), and **Arthur '58 (Carol '59)**; and sisters **Elzora '46 (George '41)** Ott, **Naidine '48** (Edwin) Aanenson, and **Leila '63** Wulf.

**Dorothy (Woolsey) Goeske '54** died May 21, 2023, in Luverne. On June 12, 1955, Dorothy was united in marriage to **Wendell '52** Goeske in Luverne. They made their home in Luverne.

Dorothy worked at Tri-State Insurance and Luverne Bumper Company, while later in life she held various jobs working with the Luverne Public Schools. She loved operating the lunch line so she could see the students every day.

Dorothy is survived by her son, **Mark '83** (Serena); son-in-law Ken; four grandchildren; siblings **Darlene '52**, **Donna '56**, **Dale '63**, and **David '71**.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Wendell** and daughter, **Pamela**.

**Noralf Barstad '56** died May 11, 2023, in Sioux Falls, SD. Noralf joined the Army National Guard and served for 8 years as a Staff Sergeant. He married Irene Kitchenmaster on July 7, 1963. They had one son, **Matthew '82**. The couple farmed near Luverne while Noralf also worked at A.R. Wood Mfg. and Elston Mfg. for 17 years. Irene passed away in 2001 and in August 2002 Noralf married Berniece Jansma. They lived in Luverne and later moved to Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD

Noralf is survived by his wife, Berniece; son, **Matthew '82** (Shaley Cullen) Barstad, Spencer, IA; Berniece's children, Burdell (Tylene) Jansma, Beaver Creek, MN, Barb (Greg) Niessink, Brandon, and Beth (Brad) Rip, Sunnyside, WA; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene; one sister and brother-in-law, Sigrid and **Arlyn '44** Severtson; and Berniece's one son, Brian Jansma.

**Theresa (Siebenahler) Winger '56**, of Killeen, TX, died January 29, 2022. She was united in marriage to Harold Winger in March 1957. For over 20 years, Theresa was an Army wife who followed her husband to Fort Hood, Germany, Fort Knox, VMI in Virginia, and Fort Bliss, settling in Killeen, TX in 1975. She lived in the same house for 40 years. The couple traveled the country in their RV and volunteered at the local elementary school.

Theresa is survived by sons Harold Winger, Jr. of Eddy, TX, and Rodney (Barbara) Winger of Harker Heights, TX; one grandson and seven granddaughters, all of south Texas; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; daughter Julie Gugliotta, and brothers, LJ, Robert, Lloyd, **Leon '51**, and **Arnold '61** Siebehahler.

**Dale Stoterau '56** died May 14, 2023, in Luverne. Dale was united in marriage to **Donna '60** Oye on July 17, 1960, in Hardwick. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962, and in the Army Reserve until 1966, achieving the rank of Sergeant. Dale worked at John Morrell for 30

years. He was later employed at the Hy-Vee meat department, and in his retirement, worked for Marv's Sanitation. He was a member of the American Legion of Hardwick.

Dale is survived by his children, Kurt (Yvonne), Lennox, SD, Gwynne (Brent) Anderson, Brandon, SD, and Lucynda, Castlewood, SD; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sister, **Karol '63** (Dr. Jerry) Mohs, Alexandria; sisters-in-law, Marvelle Stoterau, Sioux Falls, and **Virginia '65** Peters, Jordan; brothers-in-law, **Larry '56** Binford, Moorhead, **Bruce '67** (Marlyn) Oye, Hardwick, and **Burdell '71** (**Barbara '72**) Oye, Prior Lake, MN; and many other friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna; grandson, Adam Stoterau; brother, **Eugene '52** Stoterau; sister, **Marcia '57** Binford; and sister-in-law **Rita '69** Shirkey.

**Dennis L. DePauw '58**, of Bryceville, FL, died January 4, 2023. Dennis joined the U.S. Navy and served as an aviation structural mechanic until 1962. He married Carol (deceased 1994) in the same year. In 1998 he married Julia, and they bought a small farm in Bryceville, FL where he loved growing things, raising animals, bonfires, and special projects. Dennis owned and operated a commercial HVAC company along with his son until he retired in 2019.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Julia; children Monica (Doug) and Douglas; stepchildren Christina (Brian), Angela and Christopher; nine grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and sister Sheila (Steve) and brother **Burdette '73** (**Maxine '72**).

He was predeceased by wife Carol; brothers Dale, Keith, Butch, Dean, Albert, Delbert; sisters Delores, Marlys, Eileen, Carol; and son-in-law Mark.

**Dr. Vance Dykhouse '59** of Kansas City/Blue Springs, MO, died September 18, 2022. Vance attended Kansas State University and then the University of Oklahoma. He married Judy Puckett while in dental school. Vance received both his D.D.S. and M.S. in orthodontics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)

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School of Dentistry in 1966 and in 1970. He practiced in Kansas City/Blue Springs, MO, for over 43 years. Throughout his career Vance included teaching, research, and service to the orthodontics profession, in addition to running his private practice. In 1999, he served as Midwest Director to the American Board of Orthodontics and as president from May 2006-2007. He received many distinguished awards during his career, but always made time for family and friends.

Dr. Dykhouse is survived by his wife of 57years, Judy; his daughter Diane (Robert) Knapp, his son David (Marsha); and 6 grandchildren.

### 1960 – 1969

**Anita (Wiese) Boyenga '60** died May 11, 2023, at home. Anita attended the South Dakota Beauty Academy in Sioux Falls, SD. On November 18, 1961, she was united in marriage to Ronald Boyenga at Stateline Presbyterian Church. They farmed near Ellsworth. Anita was involved in her church and was gifted at sewing, crocheting, knitting, and baking. She knitted hundreds of sweaters which were donated to charities for children around the world.

Anita is survived by her husband, Ron; five children Melinda (Chet) DeJong, Rock Rapids, Wanda (**Mike '83**) Jarchow, Luverne, Mike (Angie) Boyenga, Ellsworth, Hugh (Patrick) Boyenga, Sacramento, CA, and Nicole (Chris) Maag, Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren; two great-grand-children; brother, **Loren '53** Wiese, Sioux Falls, and brother-in-law, Mark (Priscilla) Boyenga, Hamilton, OH.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, **Robert '59** and **Vernon '46** Wiese; and two sisters-in-law, Annette Wiese and Ruth Wiese.

**Stanley Gyberg '62** died on April 27, 2023, in Sioux Falls, SD. Stan served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965. He was stationed in Germany as an engineer equipment repairman. On October 14, 1964, he married Irene Dyczkowski in Kassel, Germany. They made their home on the farm in Rock County. Stan served on the Kanaranzi Township board, SWMN Coop Elevator board, AgriEnergy board and Husker Ag board. After

retirement, he remained active with his hobbies, volunteering, and traveling. In 2006, he and Irene moved to Brandon SD.

Stan is survived by his wife, Irene; three sons, **Dennis '83 (Jackie '81)** of Luverne, **Kevin '85** (Denise) of Poway, CA, and **Cory '89** (fiancé, Meegan) of Luverne; five grandchildren; mother, Mabel Gyberg; brother **Norman '66 (Darlene '69)** of Magnolia; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Steven, and **Dennis '70**.

**Paul Schmalz '62** died June 10, 2023, in Overland Park, KS. Paul transferred to Concordia, St. Paul, MN, in the eleventh grade where he became the youngest organ student of Prof. Paul Manz, an internationally known organist. He continued his keyboard studies at Valparaiso University. Paul completed his music and teaching degree at the University of Minnesota and Concordia College. In St. Paul in the early 70's, he was a teacher and musician, and it is where he was married for several years to Jolene Juedes, of Shawano, WI. Paul moved to Kansas City in 1976 where he served 33 years at Calvary Church and School as a teacher and music director. He delighted in the arts of the city with his best friend, David Hamam, family and other friends.

Paul is survived by his brothers, **Dan '59** (Connie) and **Joel '65** (Trudy) and four nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his close friend, David Hamam.

**William Smith '63** of Rosemount, MN, died on February 2, 2021. Bill taught middle school history and English in Winnebago, MN, for many years and then finished his teaching career at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley, MN. In retirement, Bill kept busy with community theater performing in the Apple Valley and Prior Lake area. He enjoyed singing with his barbershop quartet and had a profound love of dogs.

Bill is survived by sisters, **Mary Elizabeth '51** (Ray) Dauk, Milwaukee, WI, and **Barbara '52**

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(Gordon) Gits of Luverne; 7 nieces and nephews; 8 great nieces and nephews; and 7 great-great nieces and nephews.

**Cloyce (Cooney) Smith '64** died April 12, 2023, in Luverne. Cloyce attended the Minneapolis School of Art and Design and Mankato State University, receiving her bachelor's degree in art education. She later added elementary education to her resume.

Her first teaching position was at Ellsworth, expanding it to Magnolia and then moving to Luverne, teaching art to elementary and middle school students. Teaching art was her passion until her retirement in 2009. Cloyce married **David '60** Smith on July 11, 1970, and enjoyed 52 years together. The couple loved to travel, visiting Estes Park, CO, many times, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Northeastern U.S.

Cloyce is survived by her husband, **David**; daughter **Carrie '90 (Chad '91)** Overgaard; grandsons **Nathan '19, Connor '22** and **Zachary**; and brother **Judd '56** Cooney of Castina, IA.

She was preceded in death by her son, **Mark '95**.

### 1970 – 1979

**John Rodgers '72**, of Fairmont, died May 18, 2023. John furthered his education at Augustana College, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Minnesota-Morris, and obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in beef cattle reproduction. He was an enthusiastic lifelong learner and avid reader.

On August 9, 1975, John was united in marriage to **Mary '71** VandenHoek in Luverne. He worked as a large animal veterinarian in Fairmont for 13 years, and then became a beef cattle reproductionist and consultant with Pfizer Animal Health, allowing him and Mary the opportunity to travel. John loved being outside fishing, tent camping, biking, running marathons with each of his four daughters, riding horses, and participating in Ironman triathlons, even during his cancer treatment.

John is survived by his wife, **Mary**; daughters Molly (Phil) Brummond, Ingrid (Darin) Bjerknes, Sarah (Jacob) Clements, and Emily

(Joseph) Trindal; 10 grandchildren; sister **Julie '74 (Scott '75)** Rosin; mother-in-law Mildred VandenHoek; black lab Jack; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by brothers-in-law **Bob '66** and **Jon '70** VandenHoek, and **Terry '69** Ohlsen; and sister-in-law **Julie '74** Ohlsen.

**Michael Sammons '73** died April 8, 2023, in Round Lake, MN. Mike married Mary Padilla, and later divorced. Mike married Rhonda Hurley on February 3, 1998, in Maui, HA. They moved to Round Lake where they owned and operated Eastside Acres Campground until retiring in 2021. Mike also worked as a carpet layer for over 40 years. They wintered in Mesa and Gold Canyon, AZ, for the past seven years. Mike was active in the Round Lake Sportsman Club, the Luverne and Worthington Ambulance EMTI, and the Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years.

Mike is survived by his wife, Rhonda, Round Lake; children, **Chad '91** (Sara) of New Ulm, **Angela '98 (Robert '98)** Sneller of Luverne, and **Lindsay '00** (Thomas) Jenniges of Ellsworth; two stepchildren, Ashley (Kevin Seimers) Harms of Lake Park, IA, and Anthony (Nikki) Voss, of Round Lake; 15 grandchildren; two sisters, **Donna '71** (Mike) Rank of Faribault and Michelle Schreier of Currie; sister-in-law Paula (Rod) Paplow; two brothers-in-law, Pete Baker and Scott (Kris) Hurley.

He was preceded in death by his son **Eric '95**; sister Kristi Baker; brother **David '79**; and a brother-in-law, Paul Schreier.

**Susan (Toms) LeSage '73** died June 15, 2023, in Largo, FL. Sue attended college in Duluth, MN, where she met her husband, Peter. They were married in 1975. She worked in the hospitality industry, but her love for family was one of her biggest strengths, showing pride in each individual accomplishment and her unconditional love with each struggle in life.

Susan is survived by her daughter Londa (Jim) Duncan of Largo, FL, son Deven (Kirstin) LeSage of Bemidji, MN; two grandchildren; brother **Robert '81** (Marie) Toms; and many extended family and friends.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter and brother, **Doug '70**.

**Patricia (Wenzel) Swenson '74** died April 8, 2023, in Luverne. Patti lived in Worthington and then Rochester where she worked as an LPN at St. Mary's Hospital. In 1977 she traveled to Porta Velho, Brazil, as a missionary nurse. After her return to Sioux Falls, SD, she worked for Avera McKennan Hospital, and then Central Plains Clinic until 1981. Patti married **David '66** Swenson in October 1979 in Hardwick and the couple moved to Luverne. She obtained her RN degree from Augustana College. In December 1989, she moved to her home in Beaver Creek. After retiring in 2020, she began volunteering at Rock Ranch and became an equine therapist.

Patti is survived by her husband, **David** of Beaver Creek; siblings, Dean (Linda) Wenzel, Luverne, **Richard '72** (Deb) Wenzel, Garretson, and **Paulette '82** (**Randy '82**) Richters, Luverne; and many nieces, nephews, Avera family, and horse loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert J. Wenzel.

### 1980 – 1989

**Scott Ehde '87** died on May 4, 2023, at his parents' home in rural Luverne. Scott earned his business degree from Mankato State University, where he was a member of the track and field team and was president of the college business and marketing club.

He graduated with honors from MSU in the spring of 1991, and that summer he married Lori (Kroontje) of Kenneth, MN. Their marriage was blessed by two sons, **Jonathan '14** and **Carson '20**. They later divorced.

Scott worked for Prudential Insurance during his early years in the Plymouth, MN office. In 1993 he moved back to Rock County and started his own firm, Scott Ehde State Line Financial Services in Hills. A few years later, he started a custom planting business. His dad later joined the business.

Scott was diagnosed with bipolar depression in his late twenties. He paid dearly for the effects of his disease, losing lifelong relationships and much of what he had achieved

professionally, but he never stopped loving his sons and family.

Scott is survived by his son, **Jonathan '14** (Brittany Landwehr), Sioux Falls; his parents, Arthur and Carol Ehde, Luverne; his fiancée, Kari Mess of Hills, and her sons, Cody, Michael, and Donavon; uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, **Carson '20**; his sister, **Pam '90** (Ehde) Lais, and his grandparents.

### Former School Staff

**Lee (Dively) Alexander**, of Rolla, MO, died on January 7, 2022. Lee was born in Altoona, PA, and graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1953 with a BS degree in education. She received her Master of Arts degree from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD in 1984. Lee married Robert Alexander on August 16, 1958, in Landsdowne, PA.

Lee was a Chapter One and English as a Second Language teacher in Luverne from 1983-1996. She was a member of the Rock County Historical Society, P.E.O. Society and the Luverne Tourist Club. She was also a member of the Captain Comfort Starr Chapter of the D.A.R. and a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

Lee is survived by her daughter, **Margie '81** (Barry) Edberg of Rolla, MO; a son, **Robert '83** (Susan) Alexander of Colorado Springs, CO; five grandchildren; a great grandchild; and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Gerald Hart; a brother, Robert Dively; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Marie Dively.

**James Harner** died April 21, 2023, in Luverne. Jim's education began in Swea City, IA, where he graduated in 1951. He served in the United States Army, spending two years in Germany and France, and receiving is honorable discharge in June 1955. Jim

enrolled at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, IA, where he received his BS degree in 1959. He completed an MA and specialist degrees at Colorado State College in Greeley, CO. On August 6, 1960, Jim was united in marriage to Delores Schultz in Mason City, IA. They both taught in Grundy Center, IA, for a time and then traveled Europe for three months.

After he furthered his education, Jim was employed as principal in Wykoff, MN, Zumbrota, MN, and eventually came to Luverne in 1971, where he would remain for the next 22 years. Jim semi-retired in 1993 and continued to teach defensive driving until he officially retired in August of 2020.

Jim was involved in his Grace Lutheran Church community, the Luverne Rotary Club, the American Legion and served on the board of directors for the Southwest Mental Health Center, RCO, City Planning and Zoning, Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center, and the Sanford Hospital.

He was the chairperson of the Community Education Committee and the Sanford Clinic Advisory Board. He performed the duties of the Legion Honor Guard and was a part of an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2020.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dee, of Luverne; three children, **Bradley '81**, of Sioux Falls, SD, **Pamela '83** (Joe) Van Erem of DePere, WI, and **Cynthia '85** Harner of St. Cloud; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings June (Merlin) Beckler, and David (Denise) Harner.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Merlin Harner.

**Dolly (Oaks) Talbert** died June 7, 2023, in Fargo, ND. Dolly grew up on a farm in the Aitkin, MN, area. She attended country school and then graduated from Aitkin High School. She received a degree in vocal and instrumental music from the University in Bemidji, MN, and music became her passion and her career. Dolly taught in Sauk Rapids, Rush City, Pine City, and Belgrade prior to teaching her last 23 years in Luverne.

On September 4, 1970, Dolly was united in marriage to Donald Talbert in Sioux Falls, SD, after an earlier divorce.

After her retirement in 1993, she continued to forge new relationships with other musicians through various collaborations. She taught piano and maintained contact with students by serving as an accompanist for choirs and vocal and instrumental soloists at Luverne and Hills Beaver Creek public schools. Dolly was a member of numerous professional organizations and received many accolades and awards.

She was an active member in the Luverne community and a music leader in Grace Lutheran Church. Dolly traveled extensively with her family and enjoyed a cabin they built on Lake Shetek.

Dolly is survived by her son, **Stewart '84** (Jennifer) of Lake City, MN; two grandchildren; a sister, Diane Lande of Wheaton; a brother, Robert, of Palisade; and many family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; a sister, Norma; and a brother, Lewis.

## Classmates invited to Loren Wenzel Celebration of Life Aug. 12



CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS OF  
LOREN WENZEL (LHS CLASS OF 1963)  
ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE  
AT: 12 O'CLOCK NOON, AUGUST 12, 2023  
AT GENERATIONS EVENTS CENTER  
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If anyone has stories or photos to share, send them to [WenzelMemorial2023@gmail.com](mailto:WenzelMemorial2023@gmail.com). The family is hoping to put together a memorial booklet.

## Luverne Dollars for Scholars ... Did you know?

### Who gets scholarships and how are they awarded?

Applicants for a Luverne Dollars for Scholars award are evaluated on the following criteria: academic performance, scholastic aptitude, work experience, school activity and community involvement.

Students are also required to write an essay describing their future aspirations as well as seek a recommendation from someone, whether a teacher or an adult who has worked with the student. These applications are due each year around February 15th.

All applications are submitted through an online student profile application located on the Luverne Dollars for Scholars website.

Once all of the information is compiled, the selection process begins. Each application is assigned a number.

The Luverne High School counselor verifies each students' class rank, GPA and ACT scores. Only the application number, not the applicant name, is seen throughout the rest of the scoring. Each essay is read and scored by a group of DFS board members.

References, work experience, school activity and community involvement are cross checked against the computerized score assigned each applicant. Not all applicants receive a scholarship.

Applications who do not reach the minimum score do not qualify for a scholarship award. None of the scholarships are based on financial need.

The total amount of scholarships paid out each year varies. The DFS Board uses 4.5 percent of the five-year fair market value of its fund assets as a guide when determining the total to be awarded each year.

Students who receive a scholarship award of \$4,000 or less can use it all in one year, while scholarships greater than \$4,000 are divided out over multiple years, with \$4,000 being the max that can be paid out each year.

Scholarship funds are not paid out until after the first semester of college has been completed. In order to receive their scholarship funds, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school.

Luverne Dollars for Scholars wrapped up its 2023 awards season this May. Sixty seven qualifying Luverne High School students from the Class of 2023 were awarded \$523,750. These scholarships ranged from \$2,500 to \$13,000.

If you would like to contribute to, or receive more information, please write:

Luverne Dollars for Scholars  
PO Box 822  
Luverne, MN 56156

Email: [luvernedfs@gmail.com](mailto:luvernedfs@gmail.com)  
Call: 507-227-4030 (Johnna Ahrendt)  
Or visit: [www.luverne.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.luverne.dollarsforscholars.org)

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Wesley '58 & Patti (Kirby) '63 Pierson

#### **Becky Kirby '70**

James '59 & Gloria (Aanenson) '63 Rolfs

#### **John Rodgers '72**

Zane Birky '72

#### **Mike Sammons '73**

Dawn Maxwell '73

#### **Dolly Talbert - Teacher**

Esther Frakes - Teacher

Gary '63 & Marlene (Kindt) '64 Mann

#### **Jim Harner - Teacher**

Donald & Lona (Gabrielson) '70 Klosterbuer

Gary '63 & Marlene (Kindt) '64 Mann

Gary '69 & Janine (Jordahl) '69 Papik

**Class of 1963 deceased classmates:** Sandra Hitch '63



Photo, Courtesy of St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press

## Luverne.

In front, left to right, are Bill Toms, Tom Kozney, John Beyer. Middle row, same order: Milo Herrmann, Scott Creeger, Gregg Thone, Bryan Wells, Curt Laudon and Chuck Lippi. In back, left to right, are Bob Lorenzen, assistant coach, Richard Iverson, Rodger McKay, Del Jessen, Coach Ray Merry and Larry Stoterau, manager.

The Luverne High School 1964 state championship basketball team brought statewide fame to Luverne during an era when there was only one class of competition in the state.

## LHS Alumni Hall of Fame inductees/continued from page 1

Veterans Memorial and the Southwest Minnesota Honor Flight and is the inspiration behind the Herreid Military Museum in Luverne.

•**Betty J. (Soutar) Mann**, Class of 1948. Betty Mann has been the force and inspiration behind the celebration, preservation and education of the history of Rock County for generations. She had the vision for the Rock



Quentin Aanenson (left) Aanenson was a celebrated World War II fighter pilot and Jim Brandenburg is an internationally known nature photographer.

HALL OF FAME/SEE PAGE 13



Warren Herreid, Sr., (above and at right) had a distinguished 41-year career with the Minnesota National Guard.



Monti Ossenfort was a stand-out quarterback for LHS and the University of Minnesota, Morris. He was hired in 2023 as general manager of the NFL Arizona Cardinals



### Hall of Fame/from page 12

County History Center and was instrumental in its fundraising and construction.

•**Monti Ossenfort**, Class of 1996. Ossenfort was a stand-out quarterback for LHS and the University of Minnesota, Morris. He began his NFL career in 2001 and has advanced through the ranks with the Houston Texans, New England Patriots and the Tennessee Titans. In 2023 Ossenfort was hired as general manager of the NFL Arizona Cardinals.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is intended to recognize the accomplishments of former Luverne students while inspiring current students to strive for greatness in their professional or personal lives.

New members will be honored during an induction ceremony in the new Luverne High School Alumni Garden Oct. 6 and introduced at the Homecoming football game that evening.

A new class of inductees will be added to the Hall of Fame each fall during LHS Homecoming ceremonies.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is



Betty (Soutar) Mann (**above**) is the force and inspiration behind the celebration, preservation and education of the history of Rock County for generations.

Jerilyn Britz (**left**) won the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour in 1979

organized by the Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF) and the Luverne Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Committee members include Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, former teachers Jeanne Bowron and Elmer Menage, current teacher Jason Berghorst, School Board member Mike DeBates, LHS alumni Emily Crabtree and Gary Papik, and Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

# Main Street banners celebrate local military heritage and honor veterans

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Main Street light poles carry banners honoring local veterans.

The Design Committee of Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow introduced the new banner opportunity to honor the service of past and current veterans.

They'll replace the banners carrying photos of Luverne High School graduates, which were returned to seniors' families at the end of June.

"The committee has decided that Luverne should replace those banners with banners of Rock County service members," Lanphere said.

"It allows veterans, families and friends to honor current and past service members by purchasing banners that are placed on the light poles on Main Street from July 1 through the end of the banner season in mid- to late October."

One side of the banner displays a photo and name and information of the veteran. The other side of the banner says, "Thank You for Your Service."

Banners will be returned to purchasers in the fall when they come down.

To qualify for the Veterans Banner Program, honorees must be present or past (honorably discharged) members of the United States Armed Forces, and they must be current, former or deceased residents in Rock County (or have ties to Rock County).

Applicants must be the honorees themselves or be close living relatives or associates of the honorees.



Veterans banners (above) replaced the high school senior banners (at right) on Main Street earlier this summer.

Applications were accepted through May 1 at the Luverne Area Chamber Office.

"The banners act as symbols of our gratitude and pay tribute to the commitment and courage displayed by individuals who have served in the Armed Forces," Lanphere said.

The Chamber is now collecting contact information for people interested in sponsoring a veteran for 2024. The cost of the banner is \$120. Call 507-283-4061 for information.

A total of 82 banner spots are available annually. Banners will go up before the 4th of July and are taken down in the fall. Sponsors will be



contacted when the banners come down so sponsors can pick them up.

To be contacted when the 2024 applications are available, email [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us) or call 507-283-4061.

# REUNIONS IN THE MAKING



## **LHS CLASS OF 1958**

### **65th REUNION**

**Friday | September 29, 2023**

Get-Together at Take 16

Food, Beverage, Fellowship 4-10 pm

**Saturday | September 20, 2023**

Tri-State Band Parade | 9:30 am

Meet by Plaza on Main

### **65 Reunion Dinner**

Big Top Tents & Events | 321 W Hatting

5 pm—Social Hour, Photo, Dinner

\$30/person | RSVP Required

Ardie Bowen | 507-449-9715

## **LHS CLASS OF 1968**

### **55th Reunion**

**July 21-22, 2023**

**Friday Night at Take 16 | 7 pm**

**Live Music | Food & Beverages Available**

**Saturday Night at Country Club**

**Social Hour 6 pm | Dinner 7 pm | \$55/couple**

Reservations Required | Check to Class of '68

Send Check to: Sandy Parpart

11160 Cty Rd 17 SE | Delano MN 55328

**Hope to see you there!**

## **LHS CLASS OF 1993**

### **30th Reunion**

Thursday | July 13, 2023 | Hot Dog Nite

**Mix & Mingle Downtown**

Friday | July 14, 2023 | Take 16 Brewing Co

**Block Party | Live Music | Food Trucks**

Bring a Lawn Chair

Saturday | July 15, 2023 | The Lake (Luverne)

**1 pm | Grilling Burgers & Brats**

**Bring the Family**

**6 pm | Howling Dog Saloon | DJ & Apps**

RSVP: April Kooiman

507.220.4805 | april.kooiman@hotmail.com

## **LHS CLASS OF 1988**

### **35th Reunion**

**September 29-30, 2023**

**Tri-State Weekend**

**Friday Night at Take 16**

**Saturday Night**

**at Jody and Sharla's (5 PM)**

For more information/updates see our  
Facebook Group: 1988 Luverne High  
School Class Reunion

or contact:

**Brian Hamann**



**bhamann289@gmail.com**

**763 807-3123**

## **LHS Class of 62 to Celebrate 62 years!**

**June 1, 2024 | Saturday**

**4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Casual get-together

Blue Mound Room | GrandStay Hotel

If questions, contact: Darlene Woolsey  
763-443-5836 cell/text **DARGW@aol.com**

## **LHS 1983—40th REUNION**

### **AUGUST 4 & 5, 2023**

PLANS INCLUDE:

Catered Friday night dinner

Catered Saturday night dinner

Luverne golf cart tour option

Tour of the Luverne schools

Golf outing | Bike ride and more!

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Venmo (@Julie-McChesney-4)

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