

DECEASED CLASSMATES



Timothy J. Berntson

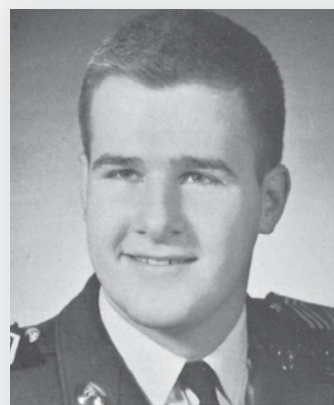
Tim passed away in 1984, having succumbed to coronary heart disease (a major family trait for us).

Tim's original ambition was to follow in our Dad's footsteps and become a pharmacist. He worked alongside Dad in our Family business – Falcon Heights Pharmacy at Larpenteur and Snelling Avenues.

Tim studied pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, but did not complete studies to graduate. After my father retired and the business was sold, Tim was offered a management position with Hallmark Cards and was transferred to manage a district out of Phoenix, AZ. He bought a home and married. He later worked for Hoechst Pharmaceuticals in Arizona.

When his health began failing, he moved back to St. Paul and died there in 1984.

Information provided by: Tom Berntson, Tim's brother, Cretin Class of '54.



Stephen Michael Casey

Steve

August 13, 1945 – March 13, 2006

Steve received a B.A. in History from St. Mary's College, Winona, MN and his MA in American Studies from the University of Minnesota.

He taught History at Benilde High School for 8 years as a Christian Brother and was a Vista Volunteer in Valdosta, GA, providing legal counseling to the poor.

Steve was a Sales Associate for 20 years, before suffering from a massive stroke at age 60. Steve was single but close to his sisters Mary Claire (his twin sister, OLP Class of 1967) and Carol and brothers Dick and Mark. Mary retired as an Army Colonel and Carol as an Air Force Colonel.

Steve traveled throughout Europe, the United States and Canada, belonged to the Knights of Columbus, collected coins and stamps and loved movies.

Steve's memories of Cretin included friends Mike Clifford and Ed Kurhajetz and going to Prom with Jean Toby and Molly Casey; he loved to dance. Carol considers Steve to be in a better place now and hopes our reunion is fantastic, with Steve there in spirit.

Information provided by: Carol Casey Gaberel, Steve's sister





Matthew C. Christiansen

Matt's short life ended suddenly a mere 5 months following his graduation from Cretin, when he was killed in a motor vehicle accident while riding his bike back from the College of St. Benedict to St. John's University, where he was enrolled as a freshman.

Matt loved life, and all who knew him still remember his gregarious nature, and enthusiasm for: sports, especially football, wrestling, track, waterskiing, and really fast boats; theater; art, painting and sculpture(he wanted to be an architect); and especially girls! In fact on the night Matt died, he had been visiting a girlfriend at St. Ben's.

Matt was good at what he set out to do. In fact, John Gagliardi, the renowned St. John's football coach, was quoted as saying, "Matt was a wonderful kid, happy from the day he was born. He was great for team morale... everybody liked him. He was the kind you'd want your son to be like. His death was a stunning blow! A likeable kid like that...he's at practice one day, and the next day he's not there. We lose three guards next year. We were hoping Matt, as a sophomore, would take over one of those spots. He was a husky kid, and a hustler."

Matt had a confidence about him that also especially impressed his younger siblings, who saw him as "a total hero." His kindness, thoughtfulness, and genuine empathy made it easy for them to adore him. Also, a sister has been quoted as saying, "Sorry guys, but Matt was the best looking of the boys in the family."

Matt took his faith seriously, was involved in the Legion of Mary at Cretin, and was known to attend weekday mass at St. John's in the weeks before he died. Matt's family has very fond memories of our brother, and we all still miss him greatly!

Information provided by: Robert Christensen <robertchrist@comcast.net>



Matt Christiansen and Marge Rogers (OLP)
in "My Three Angels," directed by Charlie Berg



Michael J. Cummings

Mike

Mike went straight to heaven on June 30, 2013, after three bouts of cancer in recent years. He referred to his experience with cancer as his trifecta.

After graduation from Cretin, Mike attended St. Cloud State University and then enlisted in the Army.

He worked in the Brooke Army Hospital's Burn Center at Fort Sam Houston during the Vietnam War. He later served in the National Guard and achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Mike spent decades in law enforcement positions with the Burnsville Public Safety Department, Lakeville Police, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Minnesota Department of Revenue. He also worked as an investigator for the Ramsey County Public Defender and managed compliance and surveillance systems in the gaming industry in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado and Michigan.

In retirement, Mike faithfully served as a Boyne City Commissioner and a board member of the Boyne Area Free Clinic. At his passing, The Boyne City Gazette noted that Mike was always willing to ask the hard questions and to go out on a limb for any just cause. Mike loved people. He enjoyed good conversations and organized a daily morning coffee group that he named the "Rusty Zipper Club". They talked about everything and their exchanges often led to adventures, mostly legal.

Throughout his life, Mike caught the golden rings. Mike maintained his wonderful sense of humor and irreverence. His life was extended and enriched by 35 years of sobriety and the help of God and loving friends and family.

Mike is survived by his wife, Lyn, of Boyne City, MI; his son, Matthew (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Rori and Ronan; and Lyn's children and their families. Mike cherished Lyn and all the kids.

Remember Mike with a smile and a story.

*Information provided by: Pat Cummings, Mike's sister,
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Daniel J. DeLisi

Dan

After graduating from Cretin, Dan attended St. John's University and the University of Minnesota.

He chose a career in the family business, DeLisi Produce.

He also pursued his love for music as a front man for a few bands playing in the Twin Cities.

Later in life, he opened up his own produce business. He also had a career at J&J Distributing, a family produce company.

He married in 1971. He and his wife Jill, of 36 years, have four children and nine grandchildren. His family was his pride and joy.

Dan was diagnosed with brain cancer in May of 2004. He courageously fought and lived fully each day until he died in February 2007.

Information provided by: Dan's wife, Jill DeLisi.



James P. Eiden

Passed away July 6, 2011

After graduation Jim briefly attended the University of Minnesota followed by employment at Swift & Co. in So. St. Paul, MN. He then pursued his interest in construction entering the Apprenticeship Program, becoming a Journeyman Carpenter. For 25 years he owned and operated J. Eiden Construction until his death.

All who were either employed or associated with Jim agreed he was an honorable and fair businessman. We married in February of 1970 and celebrated 41 years of marriage. Blessed with four amazing children, Beth, Patrick, Sarah and Phillip. The years flew by bringing weddings and grandchildren. Family was always priority #1 for Jim. We have many memories of family lake vacations, weekend hotel outings, pool parties at home and of course impromptu gatherings.

Small Cell Lung Cancer claimed his life July 16, 2011. We as a family were fortunate to be with him as he left this life as he lived it...with honor and dignity.



Richard F. Frey Dick

Dick attended St. Cecilia's in St. Paul prior to starting Cretin. He passed away on August 3, 1987 after a very courageous fight with cancer.

He would have just turned 42 that September 6th. Dick had a great wife, Kathy, and two great children, Jennifer (Jenny) who was just turning 16 and Elizabeth (Beth) who was 13. I was Dick's only sibling.

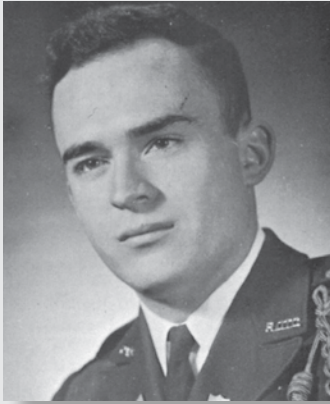
Dick was a very successful businessman. He had started the Richard Frey Company, an insurance agency. Dick lived in New Brighton, MN but also had a house on Lake Hubert in Nisswa, MN. Going up to the "cabin" was a real passion of Dick's. The photo is of Dick in his boat on his lake and probably best represents Dick.

Dick was just one of those special people who left a lasting impression on just about everyone he met.

He was taken from all of us way too early.

*Information provided by: Terry Frey, Dick's brother, Cretin '67.
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Thomas R. Gerten

After graduation, Tom attended the College of St. Mary in Winona for two years. He graduated with a history degree from the University of Minnesota in 1968.

He subsequently worked at 3M where he became a computer engineer.

In 1966 he married Joan Tavern. They had two sons. Nick lives in St. Cloud and Sam lives in White Bear Lake. Tom was a three-time grandfather of Benjamin, Jacob and Joseph.

Tom battled depression and alcoholism for much of his adult life. It took a toll on his body, his mind and his soul. When he died of liver failure in 2007 he was proudly clean and sober.



John F. Glarner

1945-1996

John attended Cretin his freshman year, spent his sophomore and junior year at the Christian Brothers' seminary in Glencoe, MO, had too good a sense of humor for the Brothers, and thus graduated from Cretin in 1963.

Completing his B.A. in English at Holy Cross, John fulfilled his Navy scholarship requirements with five years of active duty, again amazing his loved ones that the Navy tolerated his sense of humor longer than the Brothers.

He returned to St. Paul, got his Education M.A. from St. Thomas, served the next two years as a Vista Volunteer in Alaska, where he met and married Anne-Marie Fridberg, a flight attendant on the SAS Asian routes based in Anchorage.

Expecting their first baby, John and Anne-Marie returned to her home in Vaxjo, Sweden where he learned enough Swedish to become a professor of American Studies at the University of Vaxjo.

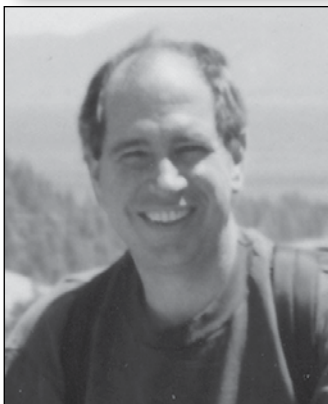
He developed a student-exchange program beginning with MN's Gustavus Adolphus College that grew to over 250 U. S. colleges and universities participating. The program's success helped Vaxjo University grow from 2,000 to 10,000 students at the point of his 1996 untimely death due to metastasized renal cancer.

John's daughters Anna, Naomi, and Cecilia live in Sweden, Emily is in L.A., and all their families enjoy visiting Grandma Ruth and Carbone's Pizza.

John loved his Cretin friends including Tom Barrett, Mike Rongitsch, Tim Sullivan, Bob O'Malley, and Steve Nachtsheim to name a few.

His family is especially grateful to Tom and Marge Barrett who visited John twice in his final months, a tremendous gift of faithful friendship. John is buried in a small country cemetery in Gordsby, Sweden which overlooks a pine-covered valley with an occasional dairy farm carved out of the woods.

He prays for the class of '63 and in turn appreciates all of your prayers.



Information provided by: Terry Glarner, John's brother



Thomas J. Hollihan
Tom

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002

After graduation from Cretin, Tom joined the United States Marine Corps. He was wounded by sniper fire in Vietnam, spent time on a hospital ship, and was then sent home to recuperate. Tom finished his two-year military commitment as an MP at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During his tour in Vietnam, Tom was exposed to Agent Orange which was believed to be the cause of his Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma diagnosed in 1992.

After the military, Tom attended St. Cloud State College where he met and married Kathie King and lived in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area for the rest of his life. Tom and Kathie have two children, Molly and Matthew, who are both married with children of their own and live in the twin cities.

For most of his life, Tom's career was selling residential and contract flooring products. After his bone-marrow transplant in 1993, he was in remission from the lymphoma for about three years. He joined the INS as an inspector in 1996 and worked with them until his death on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Tom was known for his wit, his very strong faith in God and his love for his family. He was a runner and participated in marathons and triathlons. He loved to travel internationally, and particularly enjoyed Ireland (his heritage) and Hong Kong (his daughter was teaching there).

Many of Tom's life-long friends were the friends he made at Nativity Grade School and Cretin High School.

Information provided by: Tom's wife, Kathie Hollihan, (952)-925-7513



William R. Holub
Bill

Bill attended St. Thomas College after graduation and earned a BA in 1972. In 1969, he married Kathleen O'Neill.

In 1973, he got a job with 916 Vo Tech (now Century College) where he worked as an accounting instructor for 25 years.

He passed suddenly on December 23rd, 1998.

Bill leaves behind wife Kathleen, three sons: Joseph, Daniel and Jeffrey and two grand daughters he was never able to meet: Sofia and Victoria.





Gregory R. LaMere

Greg

Died June 26, 2002 at 56 years of age

Greg attended St. Thomas College and served as a Medic in the U.S. Army Reserves for 6 years.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48, Portland, OR for 35 years.

Greg was married to Janet for 34 years at time of his death and has two sons, Matthew and Steven.

Greg developed a love and passion for aviation and, at age 36, he earned his private pilot's license. He went on to attain an instrument flight rating a few years later, and began work on his float rating up until his passing. Flying small personal aircraft from Vancouver, WA, spending time on the Pacific Coast and other desirable flight destinations, as well as "going around the patch" (as Greg would say) gave him an opportunity to experience joy, freedom and be closer to heaven. A special memory was surprising Janet with a trip/cruise to Bahamas in 1995.

Cretin memories: Oh, the stories! There's the brother that warned: "sporting two" (strikes with 3 the limit) and then!!!!; consequences of going to Cretin without shaving & having to "dry shave"; the Brother that always wanted "lots of hush..."; hitching to school in uniform from Como Park; the "mixers" and saving the best for last: his friends: Tim Valento; Fred Thomas; Mike O'Reilly and Mike McNulty.

Greg and Janet attended the weekend of the 30th high school reunion. "Going home" was a memorable time for Greg. Seeing his old "locker pals" and sharing memorable stories was a true highlight.

Greg always said that his attendance at Cretin help give him tools he needed as he became an adult. Since his father died when Greg was young, the guidance and direction were pivotal for him. Sharing memories of Cretin was part of Greg. Each time he returned to the Twin Cities, a drive-by of Cretin was a must with taking the time to just stop and sit by the school.

Information provided by: Janet LaMere, Greg's Wife, Janetlamere05@gmail.com



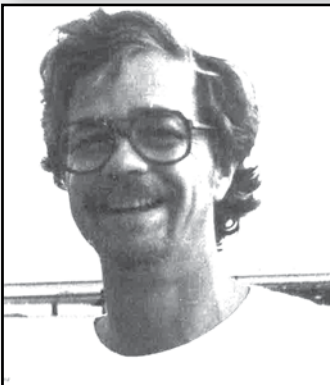
Nicholas A. Lebens

After graduation Nick went on to the U of M. Following that he went to work at Lebens Flowers in sales to work alongside his Dad and family. This also allowed him to continue to enjoy his love of downhill skiing as he travelled out west many times. He also enjoyed travelling Europe as well -- finding Greece to be his favorite location. At home he was actively involved in Roseville civic organizations and Teleflora & FTD.

Then in 1973 he "settled down" and married - Dede Berg and went on to have a daughter, Andrea and then a son Nicholas IV and purchased a home in Shoreview.

Having a family didn't allow time for downhill skiing, so as a family purchased a sail boat and enjoyed family, leisurely weekends on the St. Croix as well as racing with the local sailing club. He was active in the LOWISA (Lake of the Woods International Sailing Association) organization and served as commodore of the LOWISA as well.

While working at Lebens Flowers he was also able to make several trips each year to Guatemala and the farms they were working there. During the early 1980's he spent the majority of his time between Homestead, Florida, Guatemala, Central America and Minnesota doing the work he so enjoyed. He was working in Florida in 1985 at the time of his fatal heart attack.





Charles M. Maloney Chuck

Died June 7, 2004

Following graduation, Chuck attended vocational school for auto mechanics. In 1965, he enlisted in the Navy. He served two years active duty aboard the U.S.S. Ashland LSD-1. Returning home, Chuck took advantage of the G.I. Bill at St. Paul TVI, becoming a Journeyman Pipefitter.

We married in 1968 and raised two daughters and one son in the home we built in Eagan.

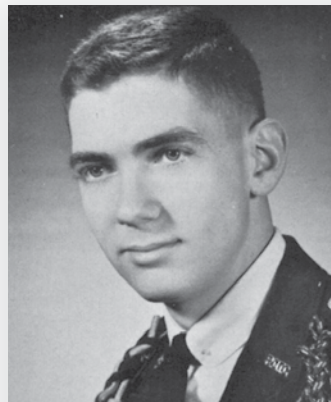
Chuck worked for varied contractors on many building projects throughout the Twin Cities. He was elected financial secretary of Pipefitters Local 455 of St. Paul in 1978 and reelected to 3 more terms. In 1990, he made a successful run for Assistant Business Manager of Local 455, serving until his retirement in January, 2001.

Summers were spent at the family cabin on Big Pine Lake.

In his three short years of retirement, Chuck enjoyed time spent with his family, grandchildren and friends. Traveling, golfing, sailing, fishing, gardening and cooking were things he especially enjoyed.

June 7, 2004, he succumbed to kidney cancer. Chuck was known by family and friends as a very upbeat, quick-witted Irishman with a great ability to enjoy life.

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Gerald R. McKay

After graduating from Cretin, Gerry attended the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a law degree. He met his wife, Sandy, at the University of Minnesota as an undergraduate and they were married in 1967.

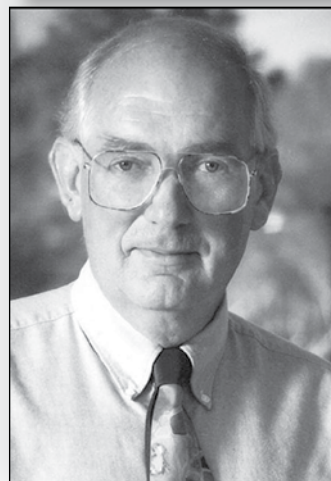
In 1972, Gerry and his wife went to Guatemala where they worked for 18 months for the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. They then moved to Washington DC where he worked for the Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, and McPherson law firm.

After two years, he joined the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and was transferred to San Francisco. After five years, he opened a private law practice in San Francisco, specializing in arbitration and mediation. He worked as a private labor arbitrator in the Bay Area for the rest of his life, where he became very well known for his excellent work in labor arbitration.

Gerry's full career was matched by a variety of interests. As a youth he was very active in Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout, and played in the University of Minnesota band.

He was an avid hiker, a golfer and an excellent cook. His real passion, however, was scuba diving and underwater photography.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and his two sons, Jerry (wife Ana Claudia), and Michael.





James K. Murray

Jim

March 13, 1945 - May 26, 2006

After graduation, Jim attended the College of St. Thomas for two years. Following St. Thomas, Jim transferred over to Northwestern Electronics Institute. After graduation, he started working for Univac until his joining of the US Navy where he became a Helicopter Elections Mate. Jim stayed in the Naval Air Program in the Naval Air Reserve back in the Twin Cities. He was assigned to Helicopter Squadron 813 where he maintained and flew in Sikorsky H-34's.

In 1968, Jim started his career at Northwestern Bell where he worked in various positions and retiring in business phone sales after 32 years.

Jim spent his retirement years with his best friend Valerie McDonald and his daughter Mollie Catherine until his untimely death. Jim never had the opportunity to meet his three wonderful grandchildren Jimmie, Bella and Brielle; he would have been so proud, and such a good Grandpa! Mollie was the "love of his life." And Jim loved taking her on trips, going to the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Saints games.

He took after our Mother Bette when it came to cooking. He was an excellent cook and loved to barbecue at home and at the Saints games.

Jim was more than a "best brother" a guy could ever have, he was also my best friend. He is missed by many.

Jim was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in October of 2005. Although his swallowing would improve after surgery, he had other complications related to the surgery he never overcame. He was admitted back in the hospital in March of 2006 and never recovered. Jim passed away May 26, 2006 at the age of 61.

Information provided by: Tom Murray, Cretin Class of 1969



Richard T. Ogorek

Dick

Dick was born May 12, 1945. Dick attended St. Augustine's grade school, in South St. Paul. Dick was a member of Cretin class of 1963. He was a member of the honor society and graduated as a Lt. Colonel in the ROTC.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Business and Accounting. He married his high school sweetheart, Sheryl Stober, OLP class of 1963. They have three children Anne, Jon and William (Bill) and two grandchildren Daniel and Jennifer.

Dick spent his entire 40 year work career with the same company. It began in Minnesota at Faberge, in 1983, he was transferred to North Carolina, in 2000 to Connecticut. He retired back to North Carolina in 2005. He missed 2 sick days in 40 years. Honest, faithful, reliable.

Dick was a very Catholic man. He started as altar server in grade school. He was Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, he taught RCIA both to adults and children, was Marriage Encounter team member, Parish Council President, Knight of Columbus member, Grand Knight, and 4th degree Knight. He was Santa for the children of the church, all the handicapped children of elementary schools, the adult handicapped workshop and elderly at the Health Center. It was a journey of lay service in his faith throughout his life where ever he lived.

He died suddenly on June 17, 2010. The church was filled. He is with you in spirit.





Richard J. Paradise

Dick

April 1945-November 1992

Played Hockey for the University of Minnesota Gophers 1964-1968; played Professional Hockey from 1968-1974.

Married to Clare Paradise (OLP '63); two daughters, Mickey and Ellie; two grandsons who share his love of sports, especially hockey.

My dad died of a heart attack at 47, doing what he loved, playing hockey.

Information provided by: Mickey Paradise, mickeydise@yahoo.com



Gregory W. Phillips

Greg

December 2, 1944- December 21, 2010

US Navy 1963-1967

Greg worked in sales for 40 years in several different capacities

Automobile Sales:

Wally McCarthy's, Airlake Ford Mercury, Valley Auto Group, Jeff Belzer's

Insurance Sales

John Hancock:

Family Information

Married for 40 years to Shirley Phillips (Brandanger) Roosevelt Class of 1964.

2 children- Scott (1970) Stacey (1973)

7 Grandchildren-Alyssa (1995), Jacob (1999), Emily, Kyle and Bradley (triplets 2000), Lexie (2002), Matthew (2005)

Greg enjoyed cooking, spending time with his grandchildren, and was a big Vikings fan. He was proud member of the American Legion Post #1776.

He was very proud of his service to his country.

"My dad always told me stories about the teachers and the famous athletes that went to Cretin."

Information provided by: Scott Phillips





Michael C. Rongitsch

Mike

February 17, 1945 - July 12, 2001

"I've come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in my classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration."

To Mike Rongitsch, these words by psychologist and fellow teacher Haim Ginott were words to reflect on with each new school year. Having been educated through the Catholic school system since grade school, Mike realized early on that teaching and inspiring go hand in hand. Following high school he joined the Christian Brothers; however, the consistent pull toward teaching eventually led Mike to receive a Bachelor's Degree and Master's in Education from the University of St. Thomas.

Mike's first and only teaching position was with St. Thomas Academy, where he became a favorite among the students for his dry wit and creative coaching decisions. His level of expectation and respect governed his mathematics classroom, and football plays were designed to incorporate each athlete's ability so all would have their time under the lights. To Mike, learning and playing were about bringing out the potential in each individual – his compassion, kindness, patience, humor, and humility stayed with his students long after they graduated.

"Brilliant and self-effacing, gregarious but quiet, a proud and dignified man of the sort whose gentle example lingers in your memory long after he taught you Calculus," one student reflected years later. "You always wanted to please [him] and impress [him] and make [him] proud."

To Mike, it was never about himself, it was about bringing out the best in others. When he died unexpectedly at the age of 58, comfort was found in the promise that his legacy of life would forever flourish in the spirit of every teacher, coach, student, family member, and friend.

"Stretch yourselves not only as students, but as human beings, as well."

Information provided by: Robert L. Rongitsch,

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Patrick J. Rosenthal

Pat

Following his graduation from Cretin, Patrick attended St Cloud State College intending to pursue a degree in business. One year later he realized he did not want to spend his working life behind a desk and he wanted to work with his hands. The next logical step, to him, was to follow his dad into the field of electricity. In 1964 he began his studies at Dunwoody Institute.

Following 2 years of classroom studies he began his apprenticeship as an electrician. During this time he was dating Patsy Lebens, whom he married on August 18, 1967. He really enjoyed his work and felt he had made a good choice in changing fields.

In the winter, a favorite pastime was snowmobiling and, in the summer, projects at his future in-laws' cabin on Deer Lake kept him happy and content.

On Sept. 20, 1969 his son Christopher Patrick was born. Needless to say this was the highlight of his life. If you knew Patrick you know how much he loved kids! In June of 1970 we found out that we were expecting a second child. We were "SURPRISED" and thrilled.

Sadly there was a freak accident at Patrick's worksite on July 27, 1970 which took his life.

His son Marcus Patrick was born on January 20, 1971. Patrick lives on through his sons. Between them they have his looks and personality and both of them have his love of family! We had a short but wonderful journey!

Information provided by: Patricia (Patsy) Gleaton



Michael D. Ryan

Mike

August 3, 1945 – January 30, 2012

Attending Cretin was a family tradition which included Mike's father, uncle and brothers. Mike formed life-long friendships with Bob O'Malley and Joe Schufman. He worked on The Lexington kitchen crew with Dick Stoffel and Joe Schufman. At Cretin, Mike was known for his creative writing skills, sometimes a little irreverent, always very creative. The writing skills served Mike well in his career; the irreverence was channeled through his service in the Marine Corps.

After graduating from Cretin, Mike attended St. John's, majoring in English Literature. During his senior year, he entered the Marine Corps, starting active duty after graduation. Mike served as a platoon commander in Viet Nam and was seriously wounded in September, 1968 (Mike would spend the remainder of his life in a wheelchair.) He earned two purple hearts and a bronze star with the Combat "V" for valor under fire.

Following his medical discharge from the Marine Corps, Mike went to graduate school at the University of Missouri and Arizona State University. He did a stint as a student teacher in a high school and quickly determined that he had already spent his time in hell and needed to re-think his career choice. Law school was the perfect solution.

After graduation, Mike served as a prosecutor in the Maricopa County Attorney's office. He had a unique ability to form lasting relationships with crime victims and their families. Mike was appointed to the superior court bench in 1985 and served as a criminal court judge until his appointment to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1995, and finally his appointment to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2002. Mike retired from the Court in 2010, but continued to work on Court projects until his death in January 2012.

Mike and his wife Karen raised three sons and recently became proud grandparents of Alicia and Aidan. Over the years, they were also foster parents to 80 high risk infants. Mike was a life-long reader and history buff.

Other interests included being the family tech support and mentoring scores of young attorneys. But Mike's ultimate joy was crafting the practical jokes he played on family and especially co-workers. These elaborate jokes are legend in the Arizona judicial world.

Mike's philosophy was to live every day as though it were his last. He was a true hero to his family, his profession, and his country.

In March, 2012, he was buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

Information provided by: Karen Ryan, wife. Samurai232@cox.net 480-314-2089





Richard J. Stadler

Rich

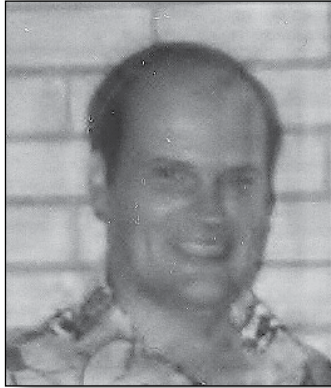
Passed Away on May 7, 1997

After graduation from Cretin, Rich attended the University of Minnesota for two years and then the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, earning a BA in Geology. In 1966 he joined the Air Force Reserve and served for four years. He worked for the City of St Paul, Public Works Division, until the time of his death.

Rich's favorite hobbies were music, skiing and NHRA racing and he had a wealth of knowledge about all three. His greatest love was skiing and he was an expert. Over time he skied all of the well known areas in the western US and Canada, and was evaluated as Instructor Level at the Taos Ski School in New Mexico. Several years before he became ill he spent two weeks in Austria, where he fulfilled his dream of skiing the Alps at Innsbruck and Kitzbuhel.

Rich was great fun and a good storyteller. He remained a bachelor and had a home on the east side of St. Paul. He continued to be involved with his family throughout his life.....parents, siblings, nephews and nieces. Rich fought Stage 4 colon cancer for 2-1/2 years by seeking alternative treatment in the Bahamas, but passed away at age 51. He is still missed by family and friends.

Information provided by: Joyce Carney/Diane Stadler



Richard C. Stoffel

Dick

Born in St. Paul, on April 7, 1945, Dick was a gifted athlete who graduated from Cretin High School in 1963 where he lettered numerous times in baseball, basketball and football.

He went to St. John's University on a basketball scholarship and was then accepted into the University of Minnesota Dental School. After his 1969 graduation, he practiced in St. Paul and Mound.

Dick also continued to give back by teaching dentistry at the University of Minnesota.

He enjoyed watching all sports, but his passion for basketball never wavered and he especially looked forward to watching the Gopher basketball games.

After a long and difficult yet courageous battle with MS, Dick passed away peacefully on November 18th with his daughters by his side.

Dick is survived by daughters, Cynthia and Sara, and his 5 grandchildren who brought him such joy.





James H. Szalapski

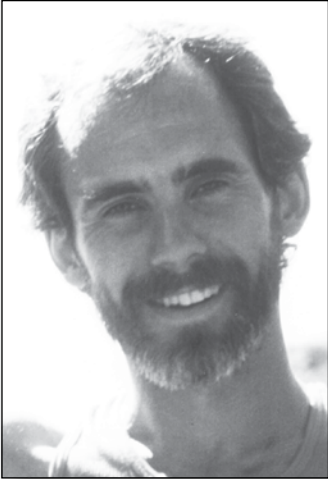
After Cretin Jim attended the U of M and got a degree in commercial art and photography. He ended up in New York City and fell in love with filmmaking. Working his way from the ground up, he became an accomplished Cinematographer and began working on commercials and some feature film work. One year, when the Olympics were held in China, he was hired by CBS to go there and capture some of the events.

He also worked on the movies "Alien," "The World According to Garp," "All That Jazz," "LadyHawk" and did some work for public TV.

He was happily married to Dierdre for 18 years, but they never had any children. He always loved Custom Cars, Hot Rods, and Racing. He had a very happy 54 years of life, and was doing what he enjoyed the most.

He died of colon cancer that was found, after it spread to the liver.

Information provided by: Jim's brother, Kevin.



"In my 42 years as an advertising art director I've worked with writers, Illustrators, photographers and film directors...and I can honestly say that Jim Szalapski was the most creative person I've ever known.

He was relentlessly curious and always pushing himself (and me) to try something new. In our junior year at the U of M, Jim suggested that we take a couple of advertising courses through the School of Journalism. My plan at that time was to become a newspaper cartoonist, but Jim prevailed and those two courses resulted in me majoring in advertising. I owe my career to Jim.

The soundtrack CD of Jim's Documentary, "Heartworn Highways," has been remastered and has had wide release.

I'm very grateful that, two months before he died, I was able to see Jim and let him know how much his friendship had meant to me. I miss him."

Len Mitsch



Thomas J. Truso

Tom

Passed away November 6, 1994

Tom was extremely proud of being a Cretin graduate of 1963.

In 1965 he married Joan Unger in St. Paul. They were blessed with two sons, Matthew and Neil, and a daughter, Sarah.

Education was important to Tom. He earned his bachelor's degree from Metropolitan State University and master's degree from Cardinal Stritch University.

Tom worked in management for the airline industry – several years with North Central/Republic Airlines and 14 years with Western Airlines.

In 1982 he joined TravelCorp, a corporate travel company. His last six years there were as President, until August 1994, when he resigned to wage a battle with leukemia.

Tom loved to travel. He loved to play golf and he had a great sense of humor. Regardless of all the things he did or had, he was most proud of his role as a husband and father, and he did a great job at both of those.

In October 1994, Tom's faith, family and friends supported him through a successful bone marrow transplant, but on November 6, 1994, he passed away from a lung complication.



Flynn Tops Balloting; O'Malley Crashes In

Louis Flynn, 210, and all the other incumbents, received a vote of confidence from the junior class last Monday as they were re-elected to the class officer posts.

Robert O'Malley, 111, crashed into this slate of officers to become the new secretary. In a field of 12 candidates, there was close contention for the second vice president and sergeant-at-arms posts.

Balloting was run on a 21 point system with six points going to the voter's first choice, five to the second, and so on. Results of the voting were released to the Comment last Thursday for publication in today's issue.

The official results were:
 Louis Flynn, 210—President
 Theodore Muodry, 109—1st Vice President
 Philip Bacigalupo, 208—2nd Vice President
 Joseph V. McGrath, 106—Secretary
 Robert O'Malley, 111—Treasurer
 Thomas Schwartz, 214—Sgt.-at-Arms



T. Moudry



L. Flynn



J. V. McGrath



P. Bacigalupo



R. O'Malley



T. Schwartz

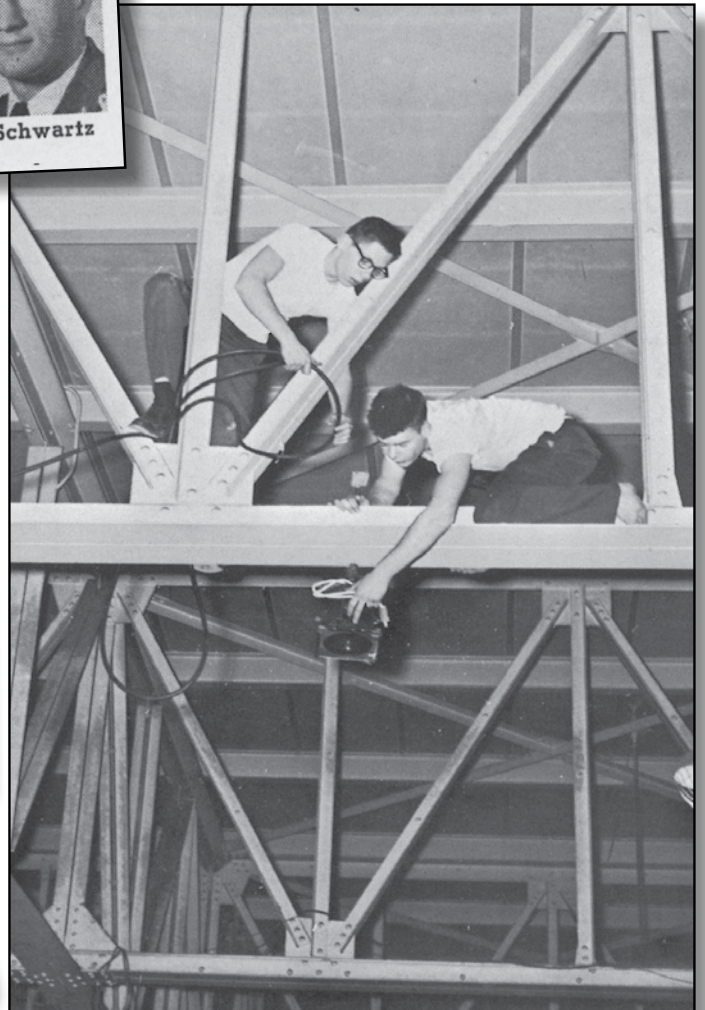
'63 Class Officers



Prof. Bill Tierney, Phil Reichenbach and Jim Beaudette



McDonnell, McNulty and O'keefe



Phil Cochran and Dan Moore, masters of light.
(Darn good climbers, too.)



Jan Doyscher
1962 CHS Homecoming Queen

