

August 2023

St. Mary's Spirit Newsletter

# Alumni Weekend 2023

Thank you to all who were able to join us for the annual alumni weekend on June 23rd & 24th, and to the many who were part of its success! Thank you to the alumni committee for their planning, preparation, and attention to detail: Ann Wrede, Nola Sullivan, Mary Mlnarik, Peg Gray, and Linda Schneider. Thank you to Corinne Winings from Sunrise Flower & Gift and to Jim & Pat Gokie for their donation of wine for the wine & cheese social on Friday evening. Thank you to B & K Catering (Denise Pribil, Sue Pongratz, & Nancy Schmitz) for providing & donating the hors d'oeuvres for the Friday social as well. And last but not least, thank you to Terry Miles for the class pictures and Ann Krotter for all of the wonderful photos of the social hour before the banquet!





# Alumni Weekend Honor Classes



SMH Class of 1963: (l to r) Jim Wilson, Midge (Schmitz) Clark, Emily (Dusatko) Cronk, Barbara (Beelaert) Beha, Jerry Beha



SMH Class of 1998: (front row l to r) Becky (Gray) Wohlert, Jill (Walters) Zuhlke, Makala (Givens) Maple (back row, l to r) Brian Fuchser, Matt Zakrzewski, Don Moss

SMH Class of 1973: (front row, l to r) Barbara (Soukup) Hascall, Ann (Pribil) Storjohann, Doreen (Ziska) Loffelholz, Craig Derickson, Len Schrommer, Ken Chohon. (2nd row, l to r) Ann (Hershiser) Wrede, Luann (Sindelar) Fundus, Micki (Chaney) Richter, Peg (McKay) Davis, Becky (Schindler) Chohon. (3rd row l to r) Mike Selting, Elizabeth (Dufek) Givens, Richard Walnofer, Mike Corkle, Ken Musil, Kathy (Musil) Barram, Bill Grutsch. (back row, l to r) Carolyn (Holz) Carr, Mike Olberding, John Grady, Bob Belzer



From '73 Renee (Funk) Mather: We have 4 children & 7 grandchildren, and we are both retired. My husband Bob retired from the USPS in 2008. I retired in 2021 after 41 years of daycare. I am sad to be missing the reunion on Saturday, but really enjoyed the Friday night gathering at the school and the tour Liz Givens gave us.

From '73 Micki Richter: I have 4 kids of my own, 3 boys and 1 girl, and 10 grandkids. They are all really good kids.

My apologies for the mix-ups with the images from the last Spirit Newsletter of some of our alumni names! Please see corrected names from the June 2022 alumni gathering!



## Class of 1962—60 years

(l to r) Front row: Kathy (Weier) Ermer, Pat (McKenzie) Druke Middle row: Kay (Jeffers) Breiner, Jane (Muff) Peter Back row: Jerry Schmitz, Dick Pongratz



## Class of 1972- 50 years

(l to r) Front row: Vicki (Holz) Earley, Colleen (Gallagher) Mills, Karen "Becky" (Beck) Schmeichel, Joan (Pospichal) LeBoss Greg Belzer, Patti (Clark) Rogers, Tim Gallagher Middle row: Jean (Pruss) Waldo, Karen (Bosn) Murphy, Jeanne (Donohoe) Hauser, Bev (Ziska) McConnell, Kevin Mahony, Paul Zakrzewski Back row: Pat Cole, Gene Soukup, Bob Stuijbergen, Delores (Tarnish) Stanzel, Makayla (Svoboda) Seger, Steve Cavanaugh, Bob Miles, Mary (Winkler) Cavanaugh, Gary Butts

# Greetings from our principals!

We have had a busy 2nd semester at St. Mary's. There are lots of activities from January to May from basketball, wrestling, quiz bowl, and speech to track and golf! We are grateful for all the success our students have experienced in extracurricular activities this year, and we are proud of our Cardinal competitors.

During Lent, our students prayed the Stations of the Cross each week with different grades leading the prayers each week in both the elementary and the high school. During Holy Week, our 5th and 6th graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Berg, Mrs. Mary Novak, Mrs. Brittany Boyle, and Ms. Lauren Arens, presented the Living Stations of the Cross for students, parishioners, and community members. It has become a beloved tradition at St. Mary's, and our high school students like to reminisce about which 'parts' they had when they presented it in grade school.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our elementary students had remote control car races in the gym organized by Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Chohon. Mrs. Schmeichel and Mrs. Reiman were the emcees and Mr. Bulau and some of our high school students kept the track intact during the races! It was a fun activity for the students.

Several of our high school students participated in the Northeast Scholastic Contest in Norfolk. It was held in person for the first time since COVID. The team tied for 4th place of the 28 schools in Class D.

In April, our seniors took their senior trip to Minnesota. Thanks to sponsors Denise (Dempsey '84) Pribil, and her daughter Miranda (Pribil '12) Schaffer for accompanying the students and getting them there and home safely!

We will welcome one new teacher to our St. Mary's family this fall. Mr. Jim Carlson has accepted the social studies position at St. Mary's High School. Mr. Carlson had spent many years at Boyd County before retiring this year. We are excited to get to know him better and reap the rewards of his experience.

On April 12 we held the National Honor Society Induction after the All-School Mass. Our newly inducted members are: Ellie Atkeson, Mya Hedstrom, Lorissa Reiman, Annabelle Barlow, Addie Shald, and Peyton Thompson.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve St. Patrick's Parish and our alma mater, and we look forward to another year of overseeing all of the facets of St. Mary's!

In early February, our school experienced an extremely tragic loss. One of our seniors, Dalton Alder, died by suicide. This grievous news has had a significant impact on our St. Mary's family. We continue to pray for the soul of this young man, and all his family and friends. We ask you to please keep our students and staff in your prayers, as well.

*Jennie Schneider and Paula Atkeson, Principals*

## Alumni Notes

'85 **Miriam Walker** is a published author of 2 books: "The Chronicled Life of Julius Bub" (a collection of short stories) and her now globally marketed book "Homeless Has a Name", a collection of short stories from her time and experiences serving at a homeless shelter. She is also the founder of the nonprofit "Homeless Has a Name" in Tulsa, Oklahoma. You can follow her facebook page at [facebook.com/HomelessHasAName](https://facebook.com/HomelessHasAName)

'80 **Jolene (McClellan) Lordemann** is the new Clinic Director of the West Holt Medical Clinic.

Congratulations to '15 **Brittany (Souukup) Kotopka, MD** & '15 **Logan Spencer, MD** on their graduation from UNMC College of Medicine in May 2023. Brittany is doing her residency in OB/GYN at the University of Buffalo/Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, New York, and Logan is doing his residency in internal medicine at UNMC in Omaha, Nebraska.

Congratulation to '16 **Allie Krotter** on completing her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Central Missouri.

'16 **Marcus Schneider** is a fifth grade teacher at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Lincoln.

'02 **Chris Bahrij** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, United State Air Force on March 1, 2023. He is currently stationed at the Joint Logistics Support Group Headquarters located in Brunssum, Netherlands. He works as a NATO Military Engineer at the multinational joint headquarters.

Two St. Mary's alumni were named as 2022-2023 NCA Coaches of the year. '91 **Ed Schaaf**, was named coach of the year for wrestling at Broken Bow. '00 **Courtney (Flaherty) Mass** was named the coach of the year for girls cross country at Wayne High School.



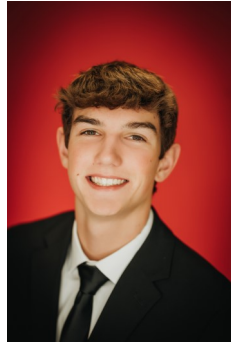
# Congratulations CLASS of 2023

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*  
—Joshua 1:9



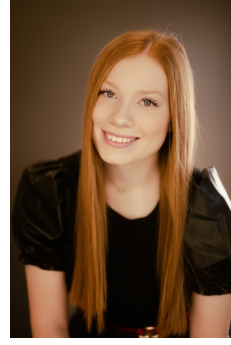
**Ellie Atkeson**

Parents: Bob & '84 Paula (Boyle) Atkeson  
Future Plans: Attend Wayne State College, studying Science Education



**Isaac Everitt**

Parents: Cameron & Jill Everitt  
Future Plans: Attend UNL majoring in Construction Management



**Ryanne Pistulka**

Parents: Gary & Julie Pistulka  
Future Plans: Attend UNL majoring in Pre-Health for Sonography



**Kyle Pribil**

Parents: Denise (Dempsey) Pribil & Mark Pribil  
Future Plans: Attend UNL



**Caitey Ruzicka**

Parents: Ryan & Angie Ruzicka  
Future Plans: Attend UNL, studying Civil Engineering through Peter Kiewit Foundation Engineering



**Wyatt Scofield**

Parents: Steve & Amy Scofield  
Future Plans: Attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk, majoring in Diesel Technology Ag



**Lawrence Werth**

Parents: Montie & LaDonna Werth  
Future Plans: Attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk, majoring in Diesel Technology Ag



**Joseph Wiese**

Parents: Roger & Regina (Mudloff) Wiese  
Future Plans: Attend UNL majoring in Criminal Justice & participate in Army ROTC



**Hope Williamson**

Parents: Curtis & Autumn Williamson  
Future Plans: Attend Doane University, majoring in Marketing & Finance



**Emma Winkelbauer**

Parents: Dr. Matthew & Erika Winkelbauer  
Future Plans: Attend UNL, majoring in Biology

## *Marian Award Winners:*

*Emma Winkelbauer & Hope Williamson*

## *Athletes of the Year:*

*Isaac Everitt & Hope Williamson*



*forever*  
IN OUR  
*hearts*

**Dalton Alder**

RIP

May 4, 2005—February 5, 2023





# Cardinal Basketball

The boy's basketball team battled through a lot of adversity this year and ended with a solid 14-8 record. One record was tied this year as Dalton Alder hit 8 three pointers in one game tying Ryan (96) and Ross Berg (00)! We will miss our seniors as they put a lot of time and dedication into our program. Thanks Kyle Pribil, Wyatt Scofield, Joe Wiese, Dalton Alder, and Isaac Everitt!

Girls Basketball wrapped up their season with a 22-3 record, one of the best records St. Mary's has ever had. They had a very successful year. They got invited to play in the Kearney Showcase in January and did not disappoint as they beat Amherst. (They are invited back again next year to play McCool Junction.) The Lady Cards won the NVC Conference for the first time in 9 years. They won subs and sub-state to make it back to the state tournament.



This year some records were broken too. Lorissa Reiman broke the career rebounding record that was previously held by Brooke Bauer, and she still has one more year in her career. Mya broke the steals in a season record that was previously held by Kaye Harte. Mya also beat the steals in a game record that was held by Liz Willis. Alissa Brabec broke the 3-pointers in a season record that was previously held by Courtney Flaherty, and she also tied the three-pointer career record held by Courtney as well.

The Lady Cards graduated two great Seniors, Hope Williamson and RYANNE Pistulka, and we wish them the best of luck in all they do!



# Cardinal Track

The girls track team had a very successful season. They won two track meets this year and finished runner-up in four meets, including NVC and Districts, as well as placing 6<sup>th</sup> at State:

- Joslyn Eby qualified in the discus.
- Emerson Mlnarik qualified in the 100H.
- Annabelle Barlow qualified in the 100M Dash.
- Mya Hedstrom placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump.
- Lorissa Reiman placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 with a personal best.
- The 4x100 (Annabelle Barlow, Alissa Brabec, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom) placed 4<sup>th</sup> and broke the school record.
- The 4x400 (Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Annabelle Barlow, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and also broke the school record.
- The 4x800 placed 2nd (Lorissa Reiman, Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom) for the third year in a row.

Girls that qualified for the Norfolk Classic were:

- Pole Vault — Annabelle Barlow & Emma Otte
- Long Jump—Mya Hedstrom
- 800— Mya Hedstrom & Lorissa Reiman
- 4x100 (Annabelle Barlow, Alissa Brabec, Lorissa Reiman, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom)
- 4x400 (Lorissa Reiman, Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom)
- 4x800 (Lorissa Reiman, Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Hope Williamson, Mya Hedstrom)

The boys team only had nine boys out this year, but they competed hard and really improved as the year progressed. In the junior high, Ben Barlow qualified for Gothenburg in the high jump.





We had 16 students on our speech team this year, with several medalists at every meet we competed in.

Some of the **highlights** of the season included:

- 4 events medaling in the Champs division at Battle Creek (arguably our toughest meet of the year), including a 2nd place OID finish. Also at Battle Creek, Emma Winkelbauer earned 3rd Overall in Varsity Individual Sweeps - as far as I know, the first EVER individual sweeps winner from St. Mary's.
- We finished Runner-Up as a team at the Centura Invite with 8 medalists in the Champs division and 15 total medals.
- We travelled to Wynot for districts and came away District Champions as a team for the second year in a row, with 18 medalists at the district meet, and 9 individuals qualifying for State with 11 different events.
  - Seniors: Ellie Atkeson (Humorous, OID), Caitey Ruzicka (Entertainment, OID), Emma Winkelbauer (Extemp, Duet, OID) (*OID = Oral Interpretation of Drama*)
  - Juniors: Kaylin Gaughenbaugh (Entertainment, Duet, OID), Emma Otte (Duet, OID), Delaney Wohlert (Informative, Duet)
  - Sophomore: Adilyn Shald (POI) (*POI = Program Oral Interpretation*)
  - Freshmen: LaShanna Werth (Humorous) and Lauren Winkelbauer (Persuasive).
- We concluded the season with a 3rd Place finish at State as a Team for the second year in a row, with 7 of our 11 events in finals and earning medals.
  - Kaylin Gaughenbaugh: 6th Place Entertainment Speaking
  - Ellie Atkeson: 5th Place Humorous Prose
  - Emma Winkelbauer: 3rd Place Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Adilyn Shald: 2nd Place POI
  - Ellie Atekson, Caitey Ruzicka, Emma Winkelbauer, Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, & Emma Otte: 6th Place OID
  - Kaylin Gaughenbaugh & Emma Otte: 4th Place Duet Acting
  - Emma Winkelbauer & Delaney Wohlert: 2nd Place Duet Acting



Overall, This has been one of the most successful speech season's I've seen at St. Mary's, and I could not be more proud or grateful for the dedication and grit this group has shown.

*'05 Mrs. Christina (Reynoldson) Spader, Speech Team Coach*



St. Mary's Dance Team placed 3rd in Pom at state dance competition, under the direction of their coach, Julie Barlow.



We are working with '83 alum Joe Ross of "Stick It Vinyl" to create a display for honoring our veterans from SMH. It will be in the high school commons, just to the east of the main office. While we know it will be a work in progress to keep it updated, I do want to make sure that the information we do have is correct. Please take a moment to go to our website at [stmarysoneill.org/military](http://stmarysoneill.org/military) and check for your loved one's (or your) name. Let me know if I am missing someone, or if there needs to be a correction.

Anticipated cost for the wall is \$3000. If you would like to contribute towards this cost, please fill out the information on the donor sheet found in this mailing, or go online to [give.smcards.org](http://give.smcards.org) and you can select "Operation Tribute" from the drop down list for your donation.



# Thank You

Thank you to those who donated for the 2023 Scholarship & Grants Fund for our St. Mary's students & families. We received over \$60,000 to use for scholarships to award our highest academic achievers and to offset costs for families that are in need of financial assistance. Our goal at St. Mary's is that no child is ever denied a Catholic education because of financial hardships, and your generosity helps us to offer that for our students.

'72 Mary Cavanaugh  
'58 Tom Donohoe  
'63 Owen Donohoe  
Neil Liewer  
Sr. Anita Rolenc  
St. Patrick's Altar Society  
'79 Debra Svoboda  
'51 Gerald Wills  
'73 Richard & Debra Walnofer  
'14 Kyle & Shelby Regan  
Rosemary Workman  
'56 Tom & Elaine Head  
Charles & Coni Dowd Molvig  
'71 Michael Yantzi  
'Doug & 'Tish Chaney  
Donlin Family  
Donlin Marine  
'34 Mona Shelton estate  
'43 Madeline Ullom estate

#### Given in honor of:

Class of 1956  
Kyle Loecker  
Luke Loecker

#### Given in memory of:

Honorary graduate John Schmit  
'46 Beverly McCarthy  
Bernard & Vera Pongratz  
Duane & Dorothy Gray  
Harry & Catherine Sullivan  
Tom & Rex Druke  
'78 Judy McKenzie-Colfack  
Joe & Winnie Bazelman  
Joyce Kallhoff  
'03 Michelle (Shoemaker) Bulau  
Bill & Marilyn Mattern  
'33 Pauline (Dusatko) Benze  
'76 Laura Dugan  
'67 Patsy (Dufek) Wranek  
'67 Pat Grutsch

#### Given in memory of:

'67 Bob (Feather) Donohoe  
'67 Lynda (Hynes) Coday  
'67 Patsy (Gillogly) Coventry  
'67 Raydene (Timmerman) Bacon  
'67 Dale Mudloff  
'67 John (Dick) Stuijbergen  
Emersyn Faith Kelly  
Elaine Snowardt  
Viona Cuddy  
Don Chohon  
William & Mary Mullen  
'04 Jesse Peetz  
William & Mary Mullen  
Casey John Ryan  
Joan Swanson  
James R. & Blanche R. Corkle  
Joan Frances Murphy  
'59 Mary Thomson Miller  
'95 Nicole Reiser Bennett  
'97 Emily Reiser  
Brennan Lindhorst  
Ray & Bessie Walnofer  
'59 Mary Thomson Miller  
'47 Betty (Gallagher) Harris  
Andy & '46 Marie Ramold  
'82 Jerry Schaaf  
Lelan C. Auen  
'00 Joe Gray  
Jim & Alice Gallagher  
Charles & Alice Boyle  
Orville & Frances Hitchcock  
McKenna Ragland  
Lew & Eileen Verzal  
Jim Verzal  
'88 Joan Sintek  
Roman Filips  
Lawrence Merriman  
'41 George & '40 Dorothy (Ryan) Hammond

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Homecoming

September 22, 2023, 4 pm  
Football vs. Niobrara-Verdigre

### Annual Parish Auction

Sunday November 5, 2023

### 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gasla

Saturday, March 23, 2024

### Alumni Weekend

June 28-29, 2024

School  
Spirit

We are happy to announce that we have, at long last, an online spirit store for your cardinal gear. You can select from different apparel, blankets, drinkware, hats, and even earrings, and you can pick the logos you like. You can shop anytime and they ship directly to your home. St. Mary's gets back 12% of all sales, so you can support your alma matter and get some fun stuff!

[apparelnow.com/st-marys-oneill-alumni-apparel](http://apparelnow.com/st-marys-oneill-alumni-apparel)



Once a Cardinal. . .

Always a Cardinal





**'37 Margaret (Donovan) Stroup** passed away at the age of 98 on October 8, 2018. She and her husband C.V. Stroup raised their family in Spalding, NE and later moved to Grand Island. She is survived by her children, William (June) Stroup, Robert (Donna Karotko) Stroup, and Mary (Terry) Flakus, son in law Ron Johansen, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Pam Johansen, granddaughter Sarah Leach, and siblings Bill, Jerry, Francis, Joe, & Ed Donovan, and Lenore McKenna.



**'53 Agnes (Kocian) Mashino** passed away on January 23, 2021. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husbands Glen Mahlendorf and Charles Mashino.



**'56 Eileen (Murphy) Denning** passed away on July 31, 2022. Eileen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend. She had a rich and abundant prayer life, and was a faithful member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stuart. Her faith and family were the center of her world. She loved unconditionally, cooked enthusiastically and socialized with ease. She is survived by her children Julie (Vaughn) Babbitt, Jennifer (Steve) Kock; Tony (Kathy) Denning; Maureen (Conrad) Meis; Ted (Stacie) Denning; James (Katie)

Denning; Kelly (Laura) Denning; 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her siblings, '51 Cornelius Murphy, '52 Henry (Helen) Murphy, '53 Sophie Ingraham, '56 Jane (Tom) LaHood, '58 Dr. James (Cherie) Murphy; Rita Murphy; and John (Alissandra) Murphy, brother-in-law Bernard (Martha) Denning, sister-in-laws Pauline Fischer, Angela McDonald, Kathleen (Mike) Dermody; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Mick, infant daughter Sophie, sisters, Betty Ann, '47 Mary Robertcht, Sr. Maureen Murphy and her brother Frank.



**'80 Jason A. Beck** passed away on December 11, 2022 in Seattle, Washington from complications of a double lung transplant. He had been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in January 2016. He was a member of the National Guard, the Army for a short time, and then the Air Force where he developed his interest in working on aircraft. Jason had a 30+ year career in aviation, both as a mechanic and then a QA inspector. He was a devout Christian, loved camping & traveling, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, '84 Diane (Tomlinson) Beck, their children Jenna,

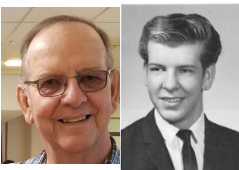
Caitlyn, and Jaden; his sisters, Rosemary Beck, '72 Karen (Becky) Schmeichel and husband Randy, and '77 Char Beck, numerous sisters-and-brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother '69 Jonathan.



**'49 Genevieve Nachtman** passed away on February 1, 2023 in Greeley, Colorado. She is survived by her sister-in-Law Donna Nachtman, nephews David, Gary and John Nachtman, nieces Cathy Minchow and Lisa Bradley, many great nieces & great nephews as well as many cousins and friends. Genevieve was preceded in death by her brothers George and Edwin Nachtman and nephew Mike Nachtman.



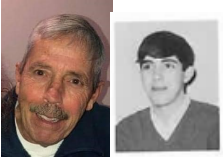
**Dalton William Alder**, to be graduate of the class of 2023, passed away on February 5, 2023. He was an excellent student and athlete, and a fun-loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, boyfriend, and friend to many. Dalton is survived by his parents, Jason & Erica Alder, siblings Jason (Alisson Lahaie) Alder & Kody Alder, girlfriend, '21 Jadyn Eby, grandparents, Darrell & Connie VanMeter and Dan & Connie Alder, 8 aunts & uncles, and many cousins and friends.



**'67 Dale Mudloff** passed away February 11, 2023. Dale loved working cattle, spending time on the farm, and being outdoors. Farming and ranching were a very important part of his life and he was proud to be a second generation farmer/rancher. Dale was a tough son-of-a-gun who overcame many illnesses throughout his life, including non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, a stem cell transplant, and more recently a major stroke in March 2021. His family will miss his quick wit, gentle words of wisdom, and loving support. Dale is survived by his wife of 54 years,

Glenda, his 3 children '87 Regina (Roger) Wiese, '91 Jeff (Kay), and Dustin; 9 grandchildren, '13 Makayla, '15 Alyssa, '17 Zachary, '19 Jacob, '21 Isaiah, '23 Joseph, Sarah and Leah Wiese, and Makenna Mudloff; brothers in law, Verlin (Pat) Rickard, Gary Rickard, Edwin Fleek, and Warren (Peggy) Rickard; sisters in law, Vicki (Bill) Tomjack, Shelley Rickard, Darla (Rick) Cox; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: parents, Gene and Dorotha (Stewart) Mudloff; brothers, '60 Larry (Kay) Mudloff and '63 Norman Mudloff; sister in law, Janet Fleek; brothers in law, Martin Rickard and Marvin Rickard.





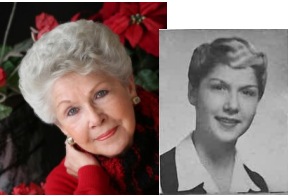
**'69 Max Edward Honke** passed away on November 27, 2022.



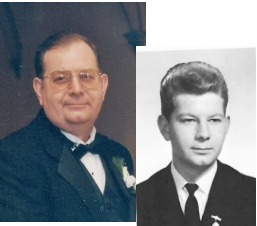
**'53 Agnes (Langan) Birkel** died March 13th, 2023 at Salem Memorial Hospital in Salem, Oregon at the age of 87. Agnes grew up with 9 brothers and 4 sisters. She is survived by her remaining siblings, '56 Lenora Brown, '65 Michael Langan, and '67 Terry Langan. She taught at various schools and reservations across the Midwest. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerold Birkel. She is survived by her son Dan (Charity) and Sheila (Jhun Trapero), 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



**'56 Matthew Hynes** passed away on March 18, 2023. Matt is a US Air Force veteran, and he enjoyed a long career in electronics. In 2003, had a stroke that affected the right side of his body and his speech. He was blessed to have a compassionate caregiver, Cheryl Mueller, for many years before going to the Veterans Nursing Home in Norfolk. Matt is survived by his three children, '85 Martin Hynes, '86 Kathleen (Keith) Hauter, and '88 Shawn Hynes, three grandchildren, siblings '59 Terry Hynes and '66 Liz (Jim) Spitzenberger, sister-in-law Bonnie Hynes and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, siblings '42 Pat (Kay) Hynes, '71 John (Jean) Hynes, '61 Bill Hynes, '49 Margaret (Dale) Nissen, and '51 Mary (Louie) Genereux, and sister in law Marilyn Hynes.



**'56 Angela (Zarzewski) Gribble** passed away on March 30, 2023 at the age of 84. Angie led a very full, active life with multiple businesses under her belt—from beautician to bar owner, deli owner to school lunch lady—it seems she tried it all. “Mostly work and some play” described Angie best. She is survived by 4 children, Tammy (Mark) Barelmann, Sandi Melrose, Ree (John) Laetsch, and Bee (Shari) Gribble, 13 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by all 8 of her siblings, ex-husband Bernard Gribble, and infant daughter, Kimberly Kay.



**'65 Richard Larsen** passed away on April 17, 2023. Rich served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 -1973 aboard the U.S.S. Cleveland. Rich owned his own construction company building and remodeling homes, as well as managing at Stor-Mor Grain Bins and Valmont. Rich is survived by his wife Pam, children Chris (Janet) Larsen, Emily (Seth) McDermott, and grandchildren Jocelyn, Mackenzie, Jenna, Jackson, and Benjamin, sisters Susan (Mo) Larsen, Patricia (Jim) Kobelt, and brother '67 Robert Larsen. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Cheryl Morris.



**'40 Helen (Mullen) Dvorak** passed away on April 22, 2023. Helen devoted most of her time to her children, but she did serve in many volunteer leadership roles over the years. Helen enjoyed music, bowling, dancing, golf, playing cards, sewing, crafting, and traveling with friends. She will always be remembered for her open door, welcoming smile, special hospitality, and peaceful home. She is survived by Patty (Rich) Pospichal, Kathy (Steve) Smolik, Mike (Connie) Dvorak, Jake (Michelle) Dvorak, Joe Dvorak, Jerry (Trudy) Dvorak, Gina (Lyle) Davis, Mary (Mike) Fecht, Barbara (Steve) Novak, Lori (Jeff) Blowers. 40 grandchildren, 77 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John, brothers John and Jimmy, and sister Jeanne Kaup.



**'64 Michael John Grutsch** passed away on May 14, 2023. He was a United State Air Force veteran and was a leader in the Nebraska Physician Assistants, practicing medicine in multiple rural health settings. He is survived by wife Linda, sons Michael Jr. and Jeffery (Shelley), 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 3 step-children, 6 step-grandchildren, his sister '69 Ann (Dave) Rehbein. He was preceded in death by his brother, '67 Patrick Grutsch.



**'45 William Kelly** passed away on July 5, 2023. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy until July of 1946. He returned to O'Neill to work for his father at Kelly's Plumbing/Well Service, later taking over the company. He enjoyed fishing & traveling and was an avid Husker fan. William is survived by his 2 children, '80 Dana (Kord) Benson & '83 John (Trudy Freudenbrug) Kelly, 2 grandsons, siblings '41 Eileen Spittler & '52 Jim (Virginia) Kelly. William is preceded in death by his wife, Marie in 2009; daughter-in-law, Margaret Kelly; brothers, Fritz Kelly and George Kelly; and sister, '51 Mary Lois Austin.

*With  
Sympathy*

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Donna Cole**, who passed away on April 7, 2023 at the age of 95. She is survived by her children Jack (Christie), '70 Chip (Diane), '72 Pat ('74 Cindy), '77 Michelle (Gerrit) Juffer; 11 grandchildren '97 Dr. Kylie Cole (Rob Zakrzewski), '01 Tyson (Holly) Cole, Matt ('02 Sara) Cole, Mike (Jessica) Cole, Dr. Shane (Morgan) Cole, '99 Ashley (Brit) Newbill, Tyler (Jessica) Cole, '09 Connor Cole, Jacqueline Juffer, Kathleen Juffer, and Sidney Juffer, and 18 great-grandchildren. Her sister Marilyn (Frank) Schaaf, sister-in-law Lois Schaffer, brother in law, Mike Smith, and many nieces and nephews.

Our condolences to '60 Fred Snowardt on the loss of his wife, **Elaine (Miller) Snowardt** on March 29, 2023. She is survived by her husband Fred of 61 years, children Gail Owenby, Scott (Pamela), Sheila (Shane) Johnston, Christopher (Angie), 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, her brother Michael (Clara) Miller, and many other family members.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Sharon (Velder) Zakrzewski** who passed away on March 1, 2023. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Gary; children, '83 Michele (Charlie) Babl, '86 Meleony (Troy) Wright, '91 Milissa Zakrzewski, and '96 Jeremy (Carly) Zakrzewski; 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and sister Connie Velder.

Our sympathies to the family **Kathleen Diane Flynn Cavanaugh** who passed away on April 18, 2023 at the age of 87. She is survived by her brothers, John (Lynn) Flynn and Jim (Marcie) Flynn; her children '72 Sheamus Cavanaugh, '75 Colleen (Chad) Bishop, '76 Maureen (John) Ross, '78 Eileen Cavanaugh Bruce, '80 Noreen (Tony) Vega, and '84 Kathleen (Patrick) Artz; 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Our condolences to the family of **Dennis Tomlinson**, who passed away on May 3, 2023. Dennis is survived by his children, '84 Diane Beck, '85 Traci (Todd) Thompson, '88 Elise (Aaron Brakel) Tomlinson, Jennifer Lockwood, and Kelly (Kevin) Tomlinson; 1 brother John Casey Tomlinson; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and mother-in-law Eileen Spittler. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Renee, daughter Terri, grandson Benjamin Thompson, son-in-law '80 Jason Beck, father-in-law Jerome Spittler, and seven siblings, Richard (Eddie) Tomlinson, Michael (Mickey) Tomlinson, George Tomlinson, Patty Brookhouser, James Tomlinson, Emma Jean Parks, and Susie Syslo.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of **Corey Grutsch**, who passed away at the age of 37 on April 15, 2023. Corey is the son of '66 George & '68 Dianne (Zakrzewski) Grutsch.

Our sympathies to **'75 Rae (Grutsch) McMahon** on the death of her husband Mike McMahon on March 1, 2023.

Our condolences to the family of **Connie Holz**, who passed away on March 21, 2023. Connie attended St. Mary's and worked in the lunchroom. She is survived by her mother, '52 Jean (Holz) Truman; sisters '72 Vicki (Tom) Earley, '73 Carolyn (Roy) Carr; brothers Russ ('79 Joanie) Holz, Terry (Julie) Holz, and Alan Holz; one aunt Alice Fahrenholz, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Our sympathies to the family of **Jeanne Dugan** who passed away on May 26, 2023. Jeanne's legacy will live on thru her remaining children, '71 Diane (Ted) Fritton, '73 Tim (Kathy) Dugan, '76 Tom (Carrie) Dugan, '84 Denise (Mike) Burkey, 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great, great grandson.

Our condolences to the family of **Blanche Ziska** who passed away on July 24, 2023. She is survived daughters, '72 Beverly McConnell, '73 Doreen (John) Loeffelholz, son, '76 Dan (Marge), 6 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, & five great-great grandchildren. Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Ziska in 2021.

Our sympathies to the family of **Dorothy Summers**, who passed away on August 1, 2023. Dorothy is survived by her children Donna (Eddie) Cox, Mike (Tammy) Summers, and Karen (Mike) Timm, 8 grandchildren, 4 bonus grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one bonus great grandson, brothers Carl (Irene) Kamphaus, '60 Bernard (JoEllen) Kamphaus, '65 Frank (Dianne) Kamphaus, '62 Mike (Yvonne) Kamphaus, and '65 Paul (Carolyn) Kamphaus, and 4 sisters-in-law, 1 brother in law, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Duane, three sons, Joseph, Scott & John, Brothers Joe (Leila) Kamphaus, Tony Kamphaus, John Kamphaus, and sisters Mary (Jim) Stewart, Gen (Bill) Shaw, and Julianna (Leonard) Svatos.

**'13 Jeremiah & Hannah (Zeeb) Cuddy** were married on April 22, 2023.

**'17 Hailey (Eiler) and Ethan Tracy** were married on May 27, 2023.

**Luke & '15 Bridget (Schneider) Bulau** were married on July 21, 2023 at St. Patrick's in O'Neill.

  
*Congratulations!*





'19 **Decemberlyn Kilcoin** welcomed home baby boy Bohden Bennett Becker on August 7, 2022.

'07 **Tony & Anna (Pearson) Novak** welcomed home baby girl Brooklyn Elizabeth Novak on August 21, 2022.

'16 **Kaylee (Harvey) & Justin Palmer** welcomed home Taryn Taylor Palmer on January 1, 2023. She was the first baby of 2023 born at Avera St. Anthony's in O'Neill!

'09 **Tony & Mattie Soukup** welcomed home baby boy Kade Frank Soukup on January 5, 2023.

'12 **Ella (Spencer) & Fernando Vazquez** welcomed home baby boy Samuel Francisco Vazquez on February 2, 2023. He was welcomed home by older siblings Oliver & Sofie.

'17 **Logan (Connot) & Travis Kerkman** welcomed home their first child Kallum Scott Kerkman on February 24, 2023.

'15 **Krissy (Krotter) & William McClintic** welcomed home baby girl Jozie Kate McClintic on March 8, 2023. She joins big brother Jax at home.

'13 **Ty & Brandi Eiler** welcomed home baby boy Cameron Anthony Eiler on March 9, 2023.

'16 **Rylie (Pistulka) & Shelton Reynolds** welcomed home baby girl Paven Ann Reynolds on May 8, 2023.

'16 **Jayde (Rosenkrans) & Zach Haburchak** welcomed home baby girl Josie Leree Haburchak on May 11, 2023. She was welcomed home by big sister, Hanley.

'14 **Matthew & Sarah Kelly** welcomed home baby boy Crew Michael Kelly on May 20, 2023.

'13 **Connor & Samantha Connot** welcomed home Layna Ray Connot on July 10, 2023.

'17 **Jake & Courtney Crumly** welcomed home a baby girl, Joanna Wren Crumly, on July 17, 2023.

'12 **Miranda (Pribil) & Dalton Schafer** welcomed home twins Xander Jay Schafer and Payson Mae Schafer, on July 17, 2023.

'17 **Jack & Meagan Reiman** welcomed home their first child, daughter Charlotte Louise Reiman, on August 8, 2023.



Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle! All funds raised go to support the Activity Fund at St. Mary's High School. This fund helps with the costs of our extra curriculars, including sports, speech, drama, etc., and this annual raffle reduces the number of fundraisers those groups need to have.

Congratulations to all the winners from our \$10,000 Raffle Drawing! And look at all the SMH connections!!

\$5000 each -- '16 Riley (Sibbel) & Riley Bilstein, and '14 Erin Boyle.

\$1000 - '73 Liz (Dufek) & '74 Mike Givens

\$500 - '16 Marcus Schneider

\$200 each -- '09 John Kersenbrock, '06 Will Mahony, Kris Wohlert (husband of '98 grad Becky Gray Wohlert) and Quana (former teacher at SMH) & Dave Laursen!

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