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1962 Alumni updates

Althouse, Judith (Meissner)
First Name: Judith
Last Name: Althouse
Maiden Name: Meissner
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Rodney (deceased)
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Elementary School Teacher

Life since Graduation:
Taught school in Kankakee; Married, moved to CA; Taught until retirement; did a lot of traveling; Have been actively involved in our local Art Center since retirement.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Too many to describe; The chocolate covered donuts do come to mind. ☺ Making lifelong friends is the best thing that happened.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Professor Harvey Humble – He helped me to gain a world view, broadened my horizons. Helped me consider new ideas, to think outside the box and he liked the “kids” from WI.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Andrews, Paul
First Name: Paul
Last Name: Andrews
*died in March 2012
Spouses Name: Marilyn Zuercher
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? No
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Ordained Minister
Children:
    Name: Cheryl
    Name: Mark
    Name: Carey

Life since Graduation:
Pastored in Indiana and in Illinois then retired in 2000

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Our sons were born in 59 and 61

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Dr. Sayes and Dr. Snowberger as professors

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Arnholt, Loretta
First Name: Loretta
Last Name: Arnholt
Maiden Name: Silvestro
Spouses Name: Terry
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Elementary Ed. And Professor in Behavioral Science (Psychology)
Children:
Name: Alan
Name: Mark
Name: Luke

Life since Graduation: 20 years while Terry served in the Air Force, I taught Elementary education, started special school in Spain. I was a professor of psychology and director of internships for 17 years at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: During my freshman year, Terry hitch hiked close to 500 miles to see me. No surprise that we have been happily married for over 50 years.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? My love of Biology was sparked by Dr. Jones and later transferred to my son, Luke Arnholt, MD.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Arnholt, Terry
First Name: Terry
Last Name: Arnholt
Spouses Name: Loretta
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Air Force Officer (Ret.) and University Professor
Job Title: Lt. Colonel, Chair- Division of Business Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Children:
Name: Alan
Name: Mark
Name: Luke

Life since Graduation: 20 years in Air Force and 18 years of teaching at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Getting shocked many times when turning the light off and on over the sink in my dorm room.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Baker, Sandra – Sonnie (Silvers)
Baker, Sandra
First Name: Sandra (Sonnie)
Last Name: Baker
Maiden Name: Silvers
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: George
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Almost
Occupation: Real Estate Broker
Job Title:
Children: 3, 4 grandchildren

Life since Graduation:
Teacher, master level medical social worker in rehab, real estate sales

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Bays, Jack
First Name: Jack
Last Name: Bays
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Teacher
Children:
    Name: Jud (deceased)
    Name: Kevin
    Name: Juli

Life since Graduation:
I have been an educator for fifty years now. I retired in ’93 as a regular teacher. I spend winter months in FL and summer months in IL.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
I enjoyed working on the yearbook and school newsletter.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Dr. Bill Hobbs – he was a great caring person. He lived the life of a genuine Christian.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Bryant, Carol
First Name: Carol
Last Name: Bryant
Maiden Name: Horner

Occupation: Retired teacher: Special Education 1st grade to 6th grade
Children:
Name: Jim Robbins
Name: Greg Robbins

Life since Graduation: We continue to travel as much of the world we can. We have taken most of our grandchildren on these trips. Such a wonderful time we've had.

Describe a memorable experience at Olivet: I loved getting to know so many girlfriends, we've had lots of laughs, sad health times and prayer times.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? I loved going to college with Christian friends. What a blessing.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: Yes.

1962 Alumni updates

Bull, Sue Ann (Kaley)
First Name: Sue Ann
Last Name: Bull
Maiden Name: Kaley
Spouses Name: Geoffrey
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Speech Pathologist
Children:
    Name: Sherry Lauer
    Name: Brian Smallcombe

Life since Graduation:
Graduated Western Michigan University; speech pathology; worked as pathologist; retired- 2003; live 6 months in Michigan and 6 months in Stuart, FL

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
I loved all the good times with the Milwaukee gang. We grew up together and continued our friendship at Olivet and years after.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
I loved Naomi Larsen. Her kind, elegant manner influenced my life. Her instruction allowed me a lifetime of joy through singing.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Chenoweth, Arlene (Milner)
First Name: Arlene
Last Name: Chenoweth
Maiden Name: Milner
Spouses Name: Bob
Occupation: Contented Retirement
Children:
    Name: Tim
    Name: Eric
    Name: Gregg

Life since Graduation: High school teacher, business owner, motivational speaker, past president for organizations, 1986 ONU "O" Award, ONU Board of Trustees 10yrs, Nazarene Bible College Board of Trustee 2005-present.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: The chocolate-covered donut run at Senior House 1

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? The Milwaukee Girls

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '11: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Close, Ralph
First Name: Ralph
Last Name: Close
Spouses Name: Jan Sirrive
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? yes
Occupation: GM-retired
Job Title: Sr. Engineering Tech
Children:
    Name: Steve
    Name: Mike
    Name: Alan
    Name: Joel

Life since Graduation:
A few years in social work, a few years in business (wholesale and retail) 26years and then retirement from General Motor Powertrain Engineering. 4 sons, 4 wonderful daughters- in-laws, 12 grandchildren

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Sweating the oral exams at graduation

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
D.J. Strickler for his extensive knowledge and desire to pass knowledge and faith to students

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Collins, Gerald W (Jerry)
First Name: Gerald
Last Name: Collins
Spouses Name: Glona Shriver
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Retired Engineer
Job Title: Director Product Development

Life since Graduation:
I worked for Harris 35 years, retired 1998. Married Wilma Davis 1960; She died 2006, then married Gloria in 2008. Have taught Sunday School ever since Graduation, taught High School & college after retirement.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Driving around Kankakee at about 120 mph in Elmer Wright's 55 Ford.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Dr. Hobbs, Dr. Grathaus

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Craigo, James
First Name: James
Last Name: Craigo
Spouses Name: Lois Swank
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? yes
Occupation: retired Orange county health Dept. Orlando, FL.
Children:
    Name: Sheldon
    Name: Brian
    Name: Alan

Life since Graduation:
36 years with Fla State Health Dept.- Retired. Heavily involved in church- teaching and music ministry. Granddaughters take up spare time. Living in the land of make believe (Disney World)

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Apollo Choir

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Would love to hear from any classmates who remember us

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Craigo, Lois
First Name: Lois
Last Name: Craigo
Maiden Name: Swank
Spouses Name: James (Galen)
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: teacher/ owner day care
Children:
Name: Sheldon
Name: Brian
Name: Alan

Life since Graduation:
Married Galen 1960- moved to Orlando Fl. Area 1964- had 3 sons- 3 granddaughters- owned and operated a day care and school through 2nd grade 10 years- sold school moved to the country- got a horse, chickens, dogs, cats and very active in music in church- life is good. God is good.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Singing with Tom Lee for the K. Club and choir tours. Also, that's where I met my husband (52 yrs)

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
My spouse- we both loved music and have used it in our church. I met so many friends- it was a great time in my life.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Culross, David
First Name: David
Last Name: Culross
Spouses Name: Sharon (McVicker) Culross
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? yes
Occupation: Music composer/Arranger
Job Title: Resident Arranger, Grand Rapids Symphony
Children:
2 sons, 5 Grandchildren

Life since Graduation:
18 years teaching – grade school to college; 12 years Intl. missions (62 countries); balance, editor/writer for singspiration music, Gaither music and others. Masters Music, IL State, doctoral studies, MI State.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Many and varied, mainly in music area.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Dr. Snowbarger, Harlow Hopkins, Kenneth Bade.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Culross, Sharon (McVicker)
First Name: Sharon
Last Name: Culross
Maiden Name: McVicker
Spouses Name: Dave
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? yes
Occupation: Retired
Children:
    Name: Todd
    Name: Greg

Life since Graduation:
Received BS degree from Illinois State, Masters from Western Michigan. I taught for 33 years and since retiring have been an independent distributor for Premier Designs jewelry. We've been able to travel abroad a lot which we love.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Dr. Snowbarger comes to mind. Besides knowing his content, he related to students.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Dorsey, Evelyn (Bowen)
First Name: Evelyn
Last Name: Dorsey
Maiden Name: Bowen
Occupation: Retired
Children:
- Name: Ted
- Name: Carrie
- Name: Ann

Life since Graduation:
I taught high school science for 39 years at Crescent- Iroquois H.S. in Crescent City, Il. That school was rural and small and de-activated in 2009. I retired and moved to Indiana to be close to kids and grandkids.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Being accepted and becoming part of the women's basketball team was a great experience because it led to deep fellowship and friendships which still endure.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
The godly professors, the godly friends, and the fellow students encouraged me to believe that serving God makes a tremendous difference in how you live and interact with others.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Dunn, George
First Name: George
Last Name: Dunn
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Mary Detweiler
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? No
Occupation: Retired Minister
Children:
    Name: Lisa
    Name: Brian
    Name: Rebecca

Life since Graduation:
Work/play/love; Retired from Chaplain at Trumble Correctional Institute and still volunteer with Kairos International Prison Ministry

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Ice skating and swimming

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Earles, Gerald (Jerry)
First Name: Gerald (Jerry)
Last Name: Earles
Spouses Name: Carole
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? No
Occupation: Retired Chaplain, US Army
Job Title: Chaplain
Children:
    Name: Janette
    Name: Jay
    Name: Jolene

Life since Graduation: Pastored churches and served for 23.5 years as a Chaplain for the U.S. Army.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Met my first wife Sarah Jane Carpenter; married almost 47 years before she died in 2006.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? Every professor

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: No

1962 Alumni updates

Fetters, Emma
First Name: Emma
Last Name: Fetters
Occupation: Retired Missionary (teacher)
Job Title: English instructor

Life since Graduation:
Taught four years in Ohio, then two years in Kansas City before going to Swaziland as a missionary where I taught English to high school students, then in Bible College in South Africa

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
In Literature class with Ms. Musnug, I answered the question about the eulogy to A. Lincoln. Instead of saying "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed", I wrote (being a farm girl) "When Lilacs last in the Barnyard Bloomed", it amused her and she told the class without saying who had done it. But Dick Shraeder sat next to me and glanced over at my returned test paper and said really loud: "Was that you, Fetters?" I was so embarrassed!!

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
The night watchman's wife, Mrs. Barracks who was my S.S. teacher. They lived at the edge of the campus and when I needed counsel or prayer, I would go to her and she would drop everything and listen to my problem and pray with me.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Figge, D. Preston
First Name: Dale Preston
Last Name: Figge
Spouses Name: Carolyn
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Physician
Children:
Name: Elizabeth
Name: David

Life since Graduation: Medical school, OB Gym residency, U.S. Army (2 yrs), medical practice (33 yrs), hospital chaplain (6 yrs).

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Meeting my future wife, participation in Student Government, spiritual opportunities and sports programs.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? Dr. Nash, pastor of College Church, because of his humility, passion, and consistent Bible-based messages.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Fox, Larry
First Name: Larry
Last Name: Fox
Spouses Name: Sue Williams
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Minister; Assistant District Superintendent
Children:
Name: Susan Walter
Name: Jayma Dodds
Name: Stephen Fox

Life since Graduation: Pastor of churches in Ohio following seminary 1965-1990; January 1991 became Assistant District Superintendent of Northwestern Ohio District; Still working

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: No. Wife diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, undergoing chemotherapy.

1962 Alumni updates

Fox, Sue
First Name: Sue
Last Name: Fox
Maiden Name: Williams
Spouses Name: Larry
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Administrative Coordinator
Children:
Name: Susan Walter
Name: Jayma Dodds
Name: Stephen Fox

Life since Graduation: Taught high school English 5 years; 26 ½ years served as District NMI President on Northwestern Ohio District; Trustee- MVNU

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? Emily Reeves. She was a gracious lady who taught me many things that helped me as a minister's wife.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: No. Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, undergoing chemotherapy.

1962 Alumni updates

Hollenbaugh, Elouise (Miller)
First Name: Elouise
Last Name: Hollenbaugh
Maiden Name: Miller
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Wayne
Occupation: Retired school teacher
Job Title: Kindergarten teacher
Children:

Name: Jana Lyon
Name: Lisa Werner
Name: Cindi Andrews
Name: Kara Turner

Additional Information:
I have eight grandchildren (5 boys and three girls) who occupy a lot of my time and effort. They range in age from 1 to 14.

Tell us about your life:
I taught at the elementary level for 38 years. I took 10 years off to be home with my children while they were young. I married Wayne in 1963. We moved to Plymouth, IN in 1983 where we bought 70+ acres of land on which we built our home. The land is mostly woods and water and full of wild life.

Memorable Experience:
GRADUATION !

Significantly Influenced:
All my classmates and professors because they were caring and helpful in all ways.

I plan to attend my reunion homecoming: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Kesler, Marilyn (Morehead)
First Name: Marilyn
Last Name: Kesler
Maiden Name: Morehead
Spouses Name: James (deceased)
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? yes
Occupation: retired teacher
Children:
    Name: Janice Kesler
    Name: Jim Kesler II (deceased)
    Name: 14 foster

Life since Graduation:
Taught 43 years active in church, active at Sr. Center, active in retired teachers.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
When Jim proposed to me.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Harlow Hopkins- encouraged me to do my best.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Killian, Judith (DiCarlo)
First Name: Judith
Last Name: Killian
Maiden Name: DiCarlo
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Thomas
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? No
Occupation: Nurse/Teacher
Children:
    Name: Matthew
    Name: Anthony
    Name: Alexandra
    Name: Michael

Life since Graduation:
Job, marriage, family, travel

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Mrs. Hobbs

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: no

Knotts, Jan (Bearinger)
First Name: Jan
Last Name: Knotts
Maiden Name: Bearinger
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Dave Knotts
Occupation: retired
Job Title: Elementary Teacher
Child's Name: Kim Hall
Child's Name: Kirk Knotts

Tell us about your life: I taught in 2nd & 3rd grades for 28 years in the Anderson Public Schools. Upon retiring in 1998, I taught English as a Second Language for 5 years. (My biggest qualification for this job was that I had the "teacher look" and I couldn't speak their language. We had to work hard to get an understanding of each other.) 3 years ago Dave became a rare victim of radiation for prostate cancer. We have both learned more about nursing than we ever wished to know. He is doing pretty well right now.

Memorable Experience: Remember when wearing jeans or slacks in public was a "no-no"? Running out for pizza at night with our pants rolled up under coats was a challenge. Homecoming ‘61 and ‘62 was so much fun. Working on campus kept me "in the loop" of what was going on outside the dorm.

Significantly Influenced by: Ruth Walters was my boss for 3 years. She demanded perfection with love. Did I ever use those traits in my classroom! Praying was a big thing in every area even before class. I still find myself realizing that my efforts are pretty insignificant with God's hand in whatever I am doing.

Yes I plan to attend my reunion homecoming: true

1962 Alumni updates

Miller, Barbara
First Name: Miller
Last Name: Barbara
Spouses Name: Kenn
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Elementary teacher
Children: 4 children, 11 grandchildren
Name: Eric
Name: Leah
Name: Lisa
Name: Lora

Life since Graduation: School teacher for 40 years; Also a full-time mother.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Dorm life: People taking our towels and robes in the restrooms so we would have to walk back to our rooms trying to cover important body parts.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? I loved Dr. Rice! He taught me science by fun experiments. I used his methods in my science class.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Moore, Marlin
First Name: Marlin
Last Name: Moore
Spouses Name: Jefferson
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Insurance agent
Job Title: Chairman of Bo. Directors
Children: 1

Life since Graduation: Store- retail assistant manager, since 1965- Insurance agent and then owner of the agency

Most memorable experience at Olivet: working under Dr. Bushey

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? Dr. Bushey

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Prince, Roger
First Name: Roger
Last Name: Prince
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Sue
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? No
Occupation: Semi-retired farmer
Children: 3

Life since Graduation:
Taught school, briefly worked in a hospital

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Spending all night in the chemistry lab

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Just experiencing the many diversities among God's people

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: No

1962 Alumni updates

Propst, Glenn
First Name: Glenn
Last Name: Propst
Spouses Name: Shirley
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Minister
Job Title: Pastor
Children:
Name: Paul

Life since Graduation:
I have pastored for 37 years and I was a Nursing Home Administrator for 13 years. I was in the Army for 2 years prior to my coming to Olivet.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Graduation in 1962- I had attended Eastern Nazarene College prior to entering the Army. At both Olivet and ENC I attended school, part time and worked full time in order to pay for college. That's why it took me 6 years. I worked my way through and paid all my debts by graduation.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
No one really and I don't mean that as a negative statement… I was just too busy with work and school to be involved with activities or other students. I did attend the Bradley Church and was very involved as Sunday School Superintendent for Dr. George J. Franklin

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: not sure

1962 Alumni updates

Reiss, Rebecca (Swearensen)
First Name: Rebecca
Last Name: Reiss
Maiden Name: Swearensen
Spouses Name: Richard
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Children: 2

Life since Graduation:
Married in 1959, worked at Arizona State University for 27 years as an Admin Assistant
Since retired, I enjoy volunteering at our church library

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Meeting my husband

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Robert Brown and Harriet Hopkins with whom I studied piano

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Richardson, Sharon (Myers)
First Name: Sharon
Last Name: Richardson
Maiden Name: Myers
Spouses Name: Phillip
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Children:
Name: Lonnie – ONU Grad, 4 kids
Name: Todd – NNU grad, 2 kids
Name: Staci – ONU grad, 4 kids

Life since Graduation:
After graduation I worked for 2 years as a cashier at ONU. Lonnie was born in July and we moved to Kansas City, MO. I operated a daycare for 14 years in Kansas City. We moved back to Bourbonnais in 1978. Continued daycare until June of 1984 when I started working at ONU in Admissions and Chapel Attendance Director for 15 years. 1999 moved back to Kansas City and work for MNU for 7 years and retired from there in 2006.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
I only stayed in the dorms for 1 semester- made many long-lasting friends. One day in April when I got back to the room there was a flower arrangement- Phil was back from the Army. Another big memory was the tornado – it was after we graduated. Phil and I lived in Trailerville –I was working as cashier. We lost our trailer and everything that was breakable.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Professor Leonard Anderson because he made classes interesting and would have us in his home often- a good Christian influence.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Scott, Karen (Swinehart)
First Name: Karen
Last Name: Scott
Maiden Name: Swinehart
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: William
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Children:
    Name: Brian
    Name: David

Life since Graduation:
Ministers wife, pianist/organist for all our churches, taught music in elementary schools, gave piano lessons for many years, worked in a law office for 21 years, love traveling, love entertaining

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Singing the "The Messiah" for 4 years, soloist for 2 years

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Naomi Larsen – such a wonderful lady who dedicated her life to the Lord and Olivet, a great vocal teacher.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Scott, William (Bill)
First Name: William (Bill)
Last Name: Scott
Graduation Year: 1962
Spouses Name: Karen Swinehart
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Minister
Children:
    Name: Brian
    Name: David

Life since Graduation:
Having served as a Pastor for 38 years, am now retired; have received a D Min while pastoring

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Met my friend and wife; served as “college pastor” during my senior year

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Siemsen, Terrance
First Name: Terrance
Last Name: Siemsen
Spouses Name: Christine
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Midwest Regional SLS Manager
Children: 3 children, 8 grandchildren
Name: Gregory
Name: Scott
Name: Crystal

Life since Graduation:
3 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Attend Immanuel United Church of Christ in Peotone, past committee chairman and elder. Worked in plastic packaging field, currently own 5 houses, 4 farms, and volunteer. Since retirement I've done some travelling, fishing, and general maintenance.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
I enjoyed Chapel and the music. I especially enjoyed Jane Bohi and other voices that very well could have gone professional. I continue to enjoy music, and have attended numerous events at the new chapel and spoken to nearly all my friends and associates about attending.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Having 1st attending U of I in Champaign, I personally enjoyed the professors and their attention to students. I liked Prof. Anderson, Harvey Humble, Dr. Snowbarger, and the theme itself, "An Education with a Christian Purpose".

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: No

1962 Alumni updates

Sinclair, Mary Kay (Shannon)
First Name: Mary Kay
Last Name: Sinclair
Maiden Name: Shannon
Occupation: Retired
Children:
    Name: Shannon Sinclair
    Name: Scot Sinclair

Life since Graduation:
I was married and had two children. I spent 32 years in the accounting field. I retired in 2002 and moved to West Glacier, Montana, which is the west entrance to Glacier Park where I enjoy hiking.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Smith, Tillman E.
First Name: Tillman
Last Name: Smith
Spouses Name: Mary C (Martin)
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: Retired Chemistry teacher
Children:
    Name: Samuel/Linda
    Name: Gregory/Bonnie
    Name: Cynthia

Life since Graduation:
Taught Math & Science for 31 years. Grad Assistant for Ball State University Chem Dept – 1 year; Jr. High Math/Science for Madison Grant Sch Corp – 1 year; Chem/Math for Alexandria Monroe Sch Corp – 5 years; Chem/Math for Wesleyan Academy, San Juan, PR – 1 year & Chem & AP Chem for Greenfield Central Sch Corp – 23 years. After retirement attended NAWCC to learn how to repair clock – this is my hobby.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Rev. Carl Greek, my former pastor at the Berne Church of Nazarene, Berne, IN.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Sturgeon, Mary (Pierce)
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Sturgeon
Maiden Name: Pierce
Spouses Name: Edward
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? no
Occupation: retired school teacher
Children:
Name: Elizabeth Parnell
Name: Rhonda Harshman (deceased)

Life since Graduation:
Taught kindergarten 31 years enjoyed traveling and taking 4 cruises

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
My student teaching was with an older teacher who had not had a student teacher before and 1st and 2nd grades were in the same room

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Mrs. Marquart, she prepared the elementary teachers to be well

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Vickery, Eugene
First Name: Eugene
Last Name: Vickery
Occupation: Retired Nazarene minister
Children:

- Name: Carolyn Torres
- Name: Dr. David Vickery
- Name: Dan Vickery
- Name: Bonita Ringewold
- Name: Phyllis Pakosz
- Name: Jeanne Moore

Life since Graduation:
We pastored 35 years in Indiana and Michigan; We retired in 1997. We have served as pastoral care ministers at the Huntington First Church of the Nazarene for the past 11 years.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
I appreciate the devoted professors and their concern for each one of us. I have used the things they taught me through the years. It was a great experience and I'm thankful I could go there.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: yes

1962 Alumni updates

Williams, Kay
First Name: Kay
Last Name: Williams
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Social Work Administrator

Life since Graduation:
MSW-MSU. 34 years 4 state of Michigan Social Services- last 13 as County Director. Volunteer for COTN in Kenya and South Africa

Most memorable experience at Olivet:
Going to ONC on a very limited budget and limited wardrobe, I was shocked to discover that sleeveless blouses were not accepted- I'd received two new ones for graduation. So, it was sweater time regardless of how warm it was! Sweating time!

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?
Prof. Parr. He stretched my horizons by providing a variety of hands on experience

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: no

1962 Alumni updates

Workman, Donna (Humble)
First Name: Donna
Last Name: Workman
Maiden Name: Humble
Spouses Name: Ron
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Mtg. Banking
Job Title: Senior Loan Processor
Children:
    Name: Scott
    Name: Chad

Life since Graduation: Most has been spent in San Diego area where the weather is the best in the country.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Friendships made- many have continued all these years and are the most important people in our lives.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

York, James
First Name: James
Last Name: York
Spouses Name: Ruth
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Science teacher
Children:
    Name: Kathi
    Name: Keri
    Name: Jamie

Life since Graduation: I taught middle school science for 42 years. After 42 years of teaching I retired. I am active in our church, Grace Point Nazarene. We have 10 active grandchildren with whom we try to keep up.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Working, studying, and getting married. We just recently celebrated 51 years this year!

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

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York, Ruth (Bixby)
First Name: Ruth
Last Name: York
Maiden Name: Bixby
Spouses Name: James (Jim)
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Elementary teacher
Children:
Name: Kathi
Name: Keri
Name: Jamie (James III)

Life since Graduation: Life has been a great journey with the Lord! HE has been by my side through many situations. We have retired after teaching- 42 years for James, 25 years for me. We have 10 beautiful, handsome grandchildren.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: I met Jim and we were married at College Church by Rev. Nash and Rev. Frank Watkins. We celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2011.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? The dedicated lives of the McClains and Stricklands set a beautiful example of serving the Lord. Miss Mary Nesbitt (great-aunt) encouraged me to live my life daily for Christ.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

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Young, Laura
First Name: Laura
Last Name: Young
Spouses Name: Ovid
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: Retired
Job Title: Teacher
Children:
    Name: Kirk
    Name: Erik

Life since Graduation: Lived in Ohio, California, Illinois, and Texas. I taught 3-5 grades.

Most memorable experience at Olivet: Attending College Church, especially loved the music, pastors Nees and Nash. They were excellent examples of godly men and devoted shepherds.

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why? Professors- Cared for students and showed Christian example. Don Murray, J.F. Leist, Dan Liddell, Ken Bade, Dr. and Mrs. Reed.

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming ’12: Yes

1962 Alumni updates

Young, Ovid
First Name: Ovid
Last Name: Young
Spouses Name: Laura
Is spouse an Olivet Alumnus? Yes
Occupation: ONU Faculty
Job Title: Artist-in-Residence and Professor of Music
Children:
    Name: Kirk
    Name: Erik

Life since Graduation: Against all odds, I've been able to pay my bills for the past 50 years by playing piano and organ around much of the world. My greatest fear is that I'll have to get a "real job" before our 75th class reunion.

Most memorable experience at Olivet:

Who at Olivet significantly influenced you and why?

I am planning to attend my reunion at Homecoming '12: Yes