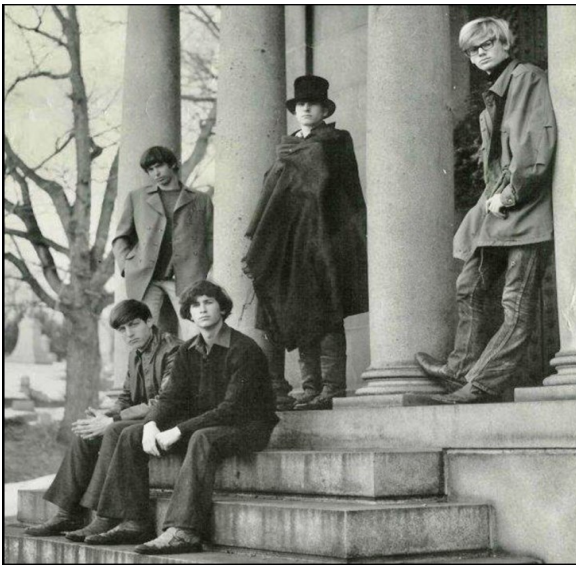




## 50 + Years Later and Still Rocking

by Val Cavalheri ('71)

You could hear a live band playing as the doors to the elevator opened. The class of '71 would shortly start showing up, ready to celebrate their reunion at the Hotel Syracuse (aka Downtown Marriott). As one of the first to arrive, instead of looking for my name tag, I followed the sound, entering an empty room where my classmates from many, many years ago, people I recognized thanks to social media, were rehearsing.



1971: Sitting left to right: Jim Burger and Ric Naistadt.  
Standing: Steve Weinstein, Alan Obler, Gary Feldman

They sounded tight, and as the evening progressed, *Burden of Life* (2022 edition) did not disappoint.

Three original members, Gary Feldman, Ric Naistadt, and Steve Weinstein (along with some friends), would go on to have us dancing the night away with a reminder as to why they were so popular back in the day.



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Those who heard them that evening would never have suspected that what I had walked into earlier had been their only rehearsal. But that is the caliber of musicians that they were and, more than ever, still are.

Plans to reunite as a band came about during the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion when *Burden of Life* (2011 edition) entertained attendees. They had so much fun they promised to play for the 50<sup>th</sup>. So what was it like playing at the reunion?



2011: Same guys as in 1971

Two things I realized when we hit the first notes,” said Gary: “first, nobody will know if there was a mistake except the people in the band. And two, that I was surrounded by phenomenal musicians.”

Steve agreed: “I was in awe, letting it all soak in. I was playing with great musicians, and it all felt natural.”

To Ric, it was all about the non-verbal communication that people who know each other well have. “It’s a chemistry that you can’t buy. You’re not thinking; you’re just feeling and going with the flow. That’s what music is about. Things didn’t change with my bandmates; we just re-bonded.”

The ease of 're-bonding' had much to do with shared talent. High school is a time to make new friends, explore and discover new interests and passions. Nottingham in the late 60s/early 70s was no exception. For a group of friends, that passion turned out to be music. But this was no ordinary garage band. They were good enough to compete against dozens of musicians throughout New York State and win the 1970 New York State Amateur Championship at the New York State Fair, giving them a chance to play a concert before thousands of new and old fans. Their notoriety led them to perform as the warm-up band for popular groups such as *Brown Sugar* and *Jam Factory*.

The original five members: Gary, Ric, Steve, Jim Burger, and Alan Obler, all went their separate ways after school, of course. They built careers, raised families, and stayed in touch whenever possible. A couple even got together to jam if they happened to be in the same state as their former bandmates. But Gary, Ric, and Steve never went far from their musical beginnings; they just got better and better. Each feels that they are still learning, and if you look at their social media, they identify primarily as musicians.

Gary, a retired business development executive, continues to play with a rock and roll and blues band, *RowHouse 43*, that performs in Denver, Colorado. He says his musical tastes have remained consistent throughout his life, and his current band's musical catalog is something that the old *Burden of Life* would be comfortable playing. "Music fills a very big piece of my life, retirement, and leisure time," he said. I feel that I am more of an accomplished musician today."

Steve, a Florida bankruptcy attorney, had been the band's lead singer. "I learned how to play the guitar later in life, and that was a challenge, coordinating your right and left hand and then adding singing to it all." It must have worked. Steve played in *Allnighters* (a blues band), recorded some original music, and is now singing and playing his acoustic guitar in Ft. Lauderdale, sometimes as a solo performer, sometimes collaborating with a former band member.

Ric, by everyone's assessment, has always been a remarkable bass player, a talent he continued to develop throughout the years. "Music is my calling," he says, "everything else supports that." Until recently, and for almost nine years, he was in a group called *Soul Box*. They won the Boston Blues Challenge three years ago and went on to Memphis for the International Blues competition. Today he plays with *Sourpuss*, an 80s rock and dance band. Check out their Facebook page to see where they're playing if you're in the Boston area.

After reflecting on their journey, the former bandmates offered advice to current high school bands who may be just starting, wanting to create their own memorable performances. Their guidance includes playing with as many people as they can and just keep doing it. “Listen. Feel,” said Steve. “What does the music make you feel? Learn from people who are better than you.”

But it is Gary who summoned up the future for those in the present: “Understand the importance of maintaining the friendships, the bonds with those who are part of an extremely meaningful part of your life. Because 40 years 50 years later, that value is just indescribable.”

To those of us watching who remember seeing *Burden of Life* play, it’s been amazing to see how much they’ve all grown as musicians. They all may be in their 60s and 70s, but they still have the fire and passion for music that took us back to our teenage years.

Come dance with us at the next reunion.



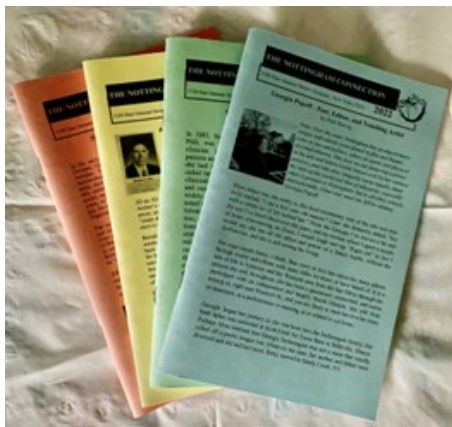
Reunion photo, left to right: Steve Weinstein, Gary Feldman, Ric Naistadt.

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# THE ORIGIN OF THE NOTTINGHAM ALUMNI CONNECTION

by Margaret Lanzendorf Kramer ('68)  
(Alumni Connection member since 2004)



As an English teacher at Nottingham High School from 1977-1997, Ms. Hetty Gingold received so many questions about Nottingham and graduates, from former classmates and NHS graduates, that she started to think of a way to get answers/information out to alumni and friends. Questions like: "Which teachers are still there?", "Does the gym/building still look the same?", and "Has anyone heard from our classmate \_\_\_\_\_?".

Hetty graduated from Nottingham in 1965 and her brother graduated in 1961. The last three years of her work at Nottingham were as a staff development director. This position kept her busy, but also allowed some discretionary time to develop some ideas with our school librarian and computer expert, Judy Gray.

The Nottingham Connection began its formation in 1994. Hetty and Judy devised a newsletter and distribution process to inform and connect alumni with the NHS community. Hetty and Judy realized the potential of this organization to promote NHS and its alumni. Hetty knew that many of our alumni had important careers and positive influences in their communities and that NHS alumni were grateful for their excellent education and experiences (as well as memories) at Nottingham.

Judy Gray expanded the connection idea to include financial donation possibilities to help provide resources for teachers/staff to assist student learning. Judy had also been collecting information and articles about NHS for years and had developed computer skill expertise. This enabled her to create the computer layout for the Nottingham Connection newsletter.

Other assistance came from Principal Granger Ward who secured funds for printing the newsletter and using the Syracuse City School District bulk mailing process. Grace Flusche, parent of sons attending NHS, was also involved in helping the Connection organization, especially with her Syracuse University connections. Marilyn Zaleon ('64) was also active with the Connection committee as editor and chairperson, with Adam Gaus ('48) and Adam Felleman ('86) taking over the computer layout job after Judy Gray retired.

The Nottingham Alumni Connection has many other volunteers to thank over the years since 1994, including our current committee members, listed in our newsletter (inside cover).

In our conversation, Hetty shared that she has heard from so many alumni who greatly appreciate and are thrilled to get their newsletter every year!! They are interested to learn information from the articles, NHS in the news, and about the lives of fellow graduates.

Job well done, Hetty, Judy, and all who have contributed their time, skill, and commitment to this effort!



## Teachers Recognized for Innovation and Leadership

[Condensed from article by Sam Warren in The Daily Orange]



Nottingham math teachers **Ken Keech** and **Betty Routhouska**, along with S.U. Assistant Professor of Mathematics Nicole Fonger, worked to integrate the history of Syracuse into their algebra classwork.

They had their students run regression equations of the population of the 15th Ward before and after the construction of I-81 and make predictions on how the project would have an effect. To drive home their example, Keech and Routhouska showed their students photos of thriving Black couples and read interviews of people who lived in the 15th Ward.

They published their research, *“People, Place, and Population Predictions,”* through the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in August. On October 12, the Syracuse City School District recognized the two teachers for the success of their curriculum and for sharing their work for other teachers to apply in schools around the world.



“We appreciate teachers like Mr. Keech and Mrs. Routhouska for their innovation and leadership,” said Anthony Davis, SCSD’s interim superintendent, at the district’s school board meeting. “With them in our district, we know that our students aren’t just learning information — they’re knowing how to use it.”

At the end of their instruction, Keech, Routhouska and Fonger all said that the students were noticeably more engaged with the lessons and their subject matter. Routhouska also found that her pupils were not just absorbing the material but wanted to use what they learned to take action.

“I believe it’s essential for high school algebra students to see how algebra can be applied in their everyday lives,” she said. “Learning the tools of algebra is not only an abstract skill or concept—it’s directly applicable to making sense of our histories, our current times, and for designing our futures.”

### **Hey, Alums!**

Do you have memories of, or anecdotes about, your years at Nottingham HS that you would like to share? Have you had interesting experiences in the years since? We would love to hear from you. Send your recollections/thoughts/narrative to our email address:

[nottalum@hotmail.com](mailto:nottalum@hotmail.com) with  
“From the Mailbag” in the Subject line

## **There Was Magic at that Corner**

by Gary Agnew ('70)

Three nights a week I have to work until 9 PM. Such is the state of retirement in the year 2023. Every now and then, on my way home, I stop at the corner of Broad and Buckingham, and for a few minutes I enjoy the flood of memories that corner brings.



That corner was my gateway to the world. To the right, one block away was Ed Smith. It was ancient when I was attending classes as a kid. It still stands with dignity, a fixture in the

neighborhood.

Continuing on up the hill on Broad, I would wind my way up to Morningside Reservoir, my other sacred high ground, along with Westminster. Home of quiet summer thoughts, and blazing winter sled rides down the long-since dismantled toboggan run.

At this age, I am inclined to believe in the mystical. There may be some magical power attached to the area. It is, after all, and unbeknownst to many, the beginning of the Appalachian Plain. If you look at the right map, you'll see the intersection of Lancaster and Broad touching the border. Maybe there is some geospiritual power in force that makes our neighborhood so enchanting.

Just at the entrance to the winding way to Morningside is the adjacent entrance to Berkeley Park. Still one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the city, and listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, it was less than a ten-minute walk from my home on Buckingham. For the son of a widow bringing up three kids in a two bedroom apartment, it may as well have been Beverly Hills.

I haven't stood at the corner of Broad and Buckingham for many, many years. However, I can tell you that there was (and possibly still *is*) a sidewalk panel mottled by yellow paint from a can that I dropped there in 1960. For the adventurous reading this, it should be about seventy feet down Broad as you face Westcott. I know that it was still there in the early nineties, and it was some sort of super industrial stuff – so who knows? I was certain at the time that I was going to be issued a blue ticket by the cops for defacing public property.

Boy, THAT takes me back! There were pink tickets and blue tickets, as I recall. I'm not sure which one was worse to get. What I DID know is that if you got one you would be in Juvie Court explaining to a judge why you did what you did — and begging him not to give you The Chair.

Broad and Buckingham in 1960 wasn't only host to enduring paint spills. 1960 was at the vanguard of the space age. Rockets and jets were *everything*. Satellites were mind-blowing. Russia launched Sputnik in 1957. My next door neighbor was a missile engineer at GE. He had a ham radio, and he would let us listen to the “Beep Beep” as it sent out signals from space. While satellites orbited the Earth, they invaded the consumer market as well. I can still recall having a tube of Orbit tooth paste. But something happened in 1960 that still has an impact on our world today. A very large metallized balloon, with the name Echo One, was put into orbit. It was a large target, and it had the ability to reflect microwave signals. It was the very first

communications satellite. Shortly after its launch, Americans gathered around their TV sets to hear then-President Eisenhower deliver a speech bounced off this orb in space.

I remember standing on that corner with my mom and brothers, and about twenty of our neighbors, watching it pass over one night. It was in a low orbit, very large, very shiny, and very easy to see. I was nine at the time. I remember feeling that I had just seen history in the making. It started my lifelong love of technology, particularly radio.

We live with technology every day; in our world it is commonplace. But in those times it was in its infancy, and easy to embrace – not ignore. So many of today’s technological wonders are merely refinements of yesterday’s miracles. So much of today’s technology is meaningless.

I mentioned my other high ground refuge, Westminster, earlier. Apparently, I was not the only person taken by its charms. It seems that sometime in the early 1900s there were plans to create a considerably different Westminster than the one we are familiar with. I can vaguely recall the old-timers in the neighborhood talking about it.

It seems that folks were so taken with the view of the city from that hill that developers wanted to build a very large resort hotel where the park is now. There were going to be streetcars running from downtown to the hotel, and no stone was to be left unturned to assure guests’ comfort.

What if they actually did this? I can envision the 1100 block of Westcott being an access road to a Hiawatha Lake clone where Barry Park is now. After all, the back half of the park *was* swampland, and there was no shortage of groundwater in the area.

It's an intriguing thought, but overall I'm glad those plans were never realized. That neighborhood, just as it was, gave us a background that we could get no other place. A place where gentlemen still wore hats, and tipped them to the ladies as they passed. "Good morning Mrs. Agnew – I see Gary is building something else again!" A neighborhood of doctors and welders, beatniks and professors. Business people and judges. Musicians and engineers. We had it all, and as much as anything else, that was our enchantment.

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**Felisha Legette-Jack ('84) Named Head Coach  
of S.U.'s Women's Basketball Program**

[Condensed from an article by Mike Curtis at [syracuse.com](https://www.syracuse.com)]

Felisha Legette-Jack, the only woman to have her jersey retired in the Carrier Dome, was named the new head coach of the Syracuse women's basketball program in March of 2022.



She was a star basketball player at Nottingham, where she led the Bulldogs to two straight state championships. She credits her former coach, Willetta Spease, for instilling confidence in her back then. By the time Felisha graduated from Nottingham, she was a top-40 recruit with multiple offers, but her dream school was always Syracuse University.

Her illustrious playing career at Syracuse culminated in several honors, most notably Big East Freshman of the Year, before she led the program to its first Big East championship in 1985. That same year, she played in Syracuse's first NCAA tournament game against Old Dominion.

After a sensational sophomore season, Felisha became the program's first All-American in 1986 after averaging a double-double of 15.8 points and 10.1 rebounds per game.

She left Syracuse as the program's all-time leading scorer and rebounder (she is currently eighth and fourth, respectively). More than three decades later, she remains in the school's top 10 in career points, rebounds, field goals made and attempted. She earned a dual-degree in child and family studies and psychology in 1989.

After graduating from SU, she began her coaching career as the girls' varsity basketball coach at Westhill High School in Syracuse. She moved up to the college level as an assistant coach at Boston College, Syracuse and Michigan State, and as head coach at Hofstra, Indiana and Buffalo (2012-2022). She also served on the coaching staffs of two USA Basketball gold-medal-winning teams.

"The feeling that continues to come over me is — I am home, I am home," said Felisha, "We talked about this a long time ago and here we are. It has been my dream job since I was a freshman here. The perfect time is right now. We both have a want and a need. It fits perfectly."



## "Really Us Foundation" Formed by Nottingham Alums

[Condensed from article by Iris St. Meran, [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com)]

Friends Stephen Cook, Stefahn Orr, and Travis Shephard care a lot about the community they grew up in, and their non-profit foundation is dedicated to sharing resources with underserved communities in Central New York.



Thornden Park was a part of their childhood; they spent lots of time there in the swimming pool and on the basketball courts. Their first project, in July, was a mini library in the park. They filled it with books that reflect the children in the community and will make reading fun, rather than a chore. They plan to check the library often, to keep it filled, and they encourage others to add books as well.

"I check at least once a week. I actually checked about 3 days ago and it was completely full. And I came back and this is what's left so it's nice to know people are using it," Cook said.

To learn more, visit the [Really Us Foundation's Facebook page](#).

**Follow up:** Unfortunately, as of September 1st, it came to their attention that someone had destroyed the mini library in Thornden Park.



"Although this situation appears to cause some darkness in our path, we would like to highlight what has been accomplished. Through this library we directly supported dozens of independent children's authors and shared their work with the community we grew up in. It represented the first step to a larger plan. Our plans are still on schedule and we are excited to continue our mission."



## Linda Strader's New Book Is Out!

You will recall from our 2022 issue that Linda ('73) wrote about her school years and her life since then — her careers, first as a wildfire fighter, and later as a landscape architect. Her first book was Summers of Fire, A Memoir of Adventure, Love, and Courage. Now she has written a prequel: Uprooted: A New Life in the Arizona Sun.

It's 1972, and seventeen-year-old Linda's parents do the unthinkable—they move from Syracuse, New York to Prescott, Arizona. At first, Linda is furious and doesn't want to move. True, life in Syracuse isn't perfect, but all her friends are there. Then she has a thought: maybe this move won't be so bad. What if she can make herself into someone new?

Expecting a desert, Linda is surprised to find Prescott surrounded by pine-covered mountains, lush canyons with clear, cold creeks, and best of all, several new friends willing to show it off to her. Her new friends also share her love of music and even provide some romance in her life, although she holds out hope for a boy in Syracuse who joins the Navy.

*What follows is an excerpt from that book.*



LIKE A WHIRLING dervish in jeans and a print jersey top, my mom danced around our living room to the song “Arizona” playing over the radio, singing along, swinging her arms, and grinning. I’d never seen her dance before, and she looked ridiculous. While that annoyed me, her joy over packing up our household and moving over two-thousand miles cross-country to Arizona

proved more than I could take. I wanted to throw a sofa pillow at her and scream: I don't want to move! My life is here. My friends are here! I ran into my room and slammed the door. How could they do this to me?

The talk of leaving cold and dreary Syracuse, New York to live in a warm sunny climate had started over a year ago. It now appeared that our family vacation to the west coast last summer had actually been to find the perfect place. After the trip, my mom had opened up the new issue of Look magazine. The "Ten Best Places in the U.S. to Live" article lay open on the kitchen table. Number three was circled in blue ink. Two weeks later, my mom announced we were moving to Prescott, Arizona. Moving? I thought. I won't go! In the months that followed, parental silence made me believe they wouldn't follow through. After all, I couldn't go. I'd be starting my senior year soon. Then, on June first, doom dropped from my mom's mouth: "Our house has been sold." My stomach twisted. Would the new owners rip off the lovely blue and lavender floral wallpaper my mom and I had picked out? Would they cut down the fragrant lilac bushes where I picked bouquets? Fourteen years of wonderful memories in this house threatened to drown me.

As days passed, I accepted my fate. What choice did I have? But I began to wonder: If I lived in a new place, could I turn myself into a new me? Exactly how the "Arizona me" would differ from the "New York me," I wasn't sure, but I wished I could be more like my friend, Sheri. She flirted with ease, and had guys falling all over her, including handsome Ben. The boys I liked never liked me. I always fell for boys who were not only out of my league, but who also didn't know I existed. Why would they? The current me was nobody special.

With three weeks to go until moving day, I attended classes even though I'd never finish anything I started. At lunchtime, as usual, I joined Ben and Sheri. I sat quietly while they talked and laughed, feeling awkward. I wished I could talk to Ben alone, but I could tell Sheri really liked Ben, and I didn't want to get between them. Once in a while Ben would give me a hug, or ask how it was going, but I figured he was just being polite because I was Sheri's friend.

On an Indian Summer afternoon, a few days before moving, I sat on the school's lawn waiting for Sheri. She was late, yet again. She knew this drove me nuts. I kept my eyes lowered so I didn't have to notice classmates ignoring me, picking through the blades of cool, sweetly scented grass, looking for a four-leaf clover. I often did this, believing they could bring me good luck. A figure threw a shadow across my search area. I raised my head. Instead of Sheri, I was looking into Ben's eyes through a veil of his shoulder-length blond hair.

"Can I join you?" he asked.

Stomach flutters made their way into my throat, rendering me speechless. Instead of saying, "Oh, please do!", all I could manage was a smile and a nod. He sat down, cross-legged, resting his arms on his thighs and his eyes on the ground. I studied the attractive sharp features of his face, his long eyelashes fringed against his cheeks, and the braided leather lace tied around his tanned neck.

"What're you looking for?" Ben asked, glancing up at me.

"A four-leaf clover. I need all the good luck I can get . . ."

"Let me help you," he said. Ben lay on his stomach, and began the search. "Found one!" Grinning, he plucked the clover and placed it in my outstretched palm, touching me ever so slightly, sending tingles up my arm, and making my inner world spin. I placed the clover between the pages of a textbook. Just then, Sheri plopped her books between us and knelt close to Ben, who instantly sat upright, giving her his full attention, turning me invisible. All at once, the idea of moving did not seem quite so bad. I wanted to leave, right away, and abandon my invisible self on the school's front lawn.



## 2022 Mark Bucci Awards

**Emma Kaputa** and **Shamar Robinson** received this year's *Mark Bucci Award* for leadership, dedication and athleticism while participating in Cross-Country and/or Indoor Track. This annual award is a scholarship set up by Steve Bucci ('88) in memory of his brother Mark ('86).



# Once Upon a Nottingham

By Jay Lurie ('70)



I wasn't the worst student. After all, I got out of the place without a post graduate year. You see, there was this pesky allergy I had for math and science.

In tenth grade I was well over my head in Mrs. Spector's Biology class. A few years earlier she had taught my sister Sheila, who was one of her prize students.

By the middle of the year, I was failing miserably with a meager fifty-five. Compounding my dreadful situation was the fact that my lab partner, Gary Lucas, was one tick from a genius.

One day she made me stay after.

Cue: Husky foreboding voice.

*"Jay, when I heard you were Sheila's brother, I had high hopes for you. Now I can see you don't give a damn about this class, so why don't you just drop it."*

HALLELUJAH.

And so, I took the path less required.

At that age I already knew I was interested in a vocation in some aspect of communications. So, I excelled in the half credit classes like journalism, speech, and drama.

The de-accelerated courses.....Yet very helpful.

Those subjects and my English teachers, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Cordero, and Mr. Kinslow were the best. Other than that, I couldn't wait to put the place behind me.

In college I became a mensch. Onondaga Community College, Syracuse University, and the University of Southern of California which left me with a Masters of Fine Arts in film.

No fan of living in L.A., I came back to Syracuse in 1979 to be closer to my family. A job as a news photographer at WTVH started me on a path of photojournalism that led to CNN, WABC, and the last thirty-three years of my career at WKBW, the ABC affiliate in Buffalo.

Now here is where things got interesting. In time I started developing my writing and feature reporting skills and subsequently started my own little freelance production company.

One of my projects earned me a 21012 Community Fund Grant from the Central New York Jewish Federation to produce a history of the Syracuse Jewish Community, "Stories From The Syracuse Jewish Community"

Two more films followed in this series: "People and Places of The Syracuse Jewish Community" (2014) and "Conversations from The Syracuse Jewish Community" (2020). This was an extremely worthwhile experience because I was able to document and preserve the memories of so many individuals who have since passed on.

Upon retiring in 2018 I moved back to Syracuse. Some people knit for a hobby.... some paint....and others just sit on the couch. I have continued to produce a series of films that you can find on my Facebook page. This is some of the finest work of my career.

Most of my films are short, averaging fifteen to twenty minutes in length; feature type material that brings me into contact with many people doing interesting things. Great fun. Groups like The Syracuse Rose Society, The Arts and Crafts Society of Central New York, and The Syracuse Urban Sketchers.

Summer 2022 I produced a lengthy piece that touched on the history of the Meadowbrook Creek neighborhood, now Meadowbrook Gardens. The piece also provided a look into the individuals who are currently working to beautify the area with gardens and bird houses.

I love telling stories. Especially when casting the spotlight of recognition on the previously unrecognized.

So that's the story of whatever happened to Jay Lurie. These days I live in Fayetteville with 1971 graduate Jill Metz Brooks.



This was a big honor. We had a screening of my first Syracuse film; "Stories from the Syracuse Jewish Community" at The Library of Congress Radio and Television Library. The film is now in their archive. We gave them two copies. It was a very happy day. Robin Meltzer, the Associate Producer, helped set it up. She lives down there. [In Washington, DC]

With Dolph Schayes after I interviewed him.





## MAKE REUNION PLANNING EASIER

Members of *The Nottingham Connection* Editorial Board can help you with some of the items on your reunion planning list.

- For instance, if you want to have a tour of the school, you will need to set a time and obtain a permit. We can facilitate that for you if you let us know in plenty of time.
- Also, if your class is considering making a gift to the school, we can make suggestions and help you decide what would fit your budget and be most beneficial to Nottingham.
- The Nottingham quilt, which would make a beautiful accompaniment, is available for display at reunions.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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## QUILTERS UNITE for Nottingham Quilt

Use your skills to make squares for your class or one of the missing squares of years past. Creativity and unusual designs and materials a plus.

**An individual quilt panel should be 8" x 8" (total visible design) - a 1" border all around equals a total panel size of 10" x 10". The panel must have the graduation year.**

### THE MISSING YEARS ARE:

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## Donna Blakely Pohl ('66) and Raquette Lake Navigation

by Margaret Lanzendorf Kramer ('68)



Visiting Raquette Lake, NY, for three weeks' vacation filled with outdoor beauty and Adirondack culture, my friend Dennis and I enjoyed staying at our friends' camp on Woods Point on Raquette Lake. We saw

the tour boat *W.W. Durant* passing by the camp, taking tourists on a sightseeing excursion around the entire lake.

Recently I learned that Donna Blakely Pohl, 1966 Nottingham alumna, and her husband Dean were the originators and co-owners of this boat and Raquette Lake Navigation, a family-owned and operated business since June, 1991. Dean built the boat, along with two employees, and provided the content for the historic commentary which he has given without a script for over 30 years. Son William also has his 100-ton Captain's license, but it's his mechanical skills that are needed the most. Daughter Rachel has her 100-ton, as well, but she is more needed to fulfill the role of daily operations manager. (She does pilot Wednesday lunches to maintain her skills.) Son Jim, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, has been executive chef for over 20 years. Younger daughter Rebecca worked on the boat during high school and college, but chose a different career path upon graduation



from the University of Rochester. The *W.W. Durant* is a 60 foot double-decked vessel with turn-of-the-century decor — including historic photos of original steamboats and of Raquette Lake and its surroundings. It has a heated dining room and open upper deck, and a reputation for delicious gourmet food. The boat was built over a two year period during the 1990 and 1991 winters. The hull was built by a shipbuilding yard in Michigan and shipped in two pieces to Raquette Lake in October of 1990. Certified welders were hired to connect the two hull halves. Dean and two of his employees did all the work from the water line up: carpentry, plumbing, wiring, and welding plate decks. Prior to building the boat, it was necessary for Dean to build the house in order to have a commercial kitchen for food prep. That project took four years since Dean could only work on it in winter when the contracting business was slow to non-existent.

Cruise participants can enjoy lunch, dinner, Sunday champagne brunch, pizza or sightseeing cruises, from June 1 through Columbus Day weekend. The commentary provides information about the history and culture of Raquette Lake and its community. Did you know Raquette Lake is the Adirondack's largest natural lake, with 99 miles of shoreline, and is the birthplace of the historic Great Camps of J.P. Morgan, Alfred Vanderbilt, Collis P Huntington, the Carnegie family and Connecticut governor Phinneas Lounsbury?



There is also the *End of the Line Caboose Gift Shop* (real caboose!) located next to the dock. This caboose exemplifies and celebrates Raquette Lake railroad history. During Raquette Lake's heyday (the 1920s) you could get on the New York Central

Railroad in New York City at 7p.m. and pull into Raquette Lake station at 7a.m.

Nearby Great Camp Sagamore, the Alfred Vanderbilt wilderness estate for over 50 years, has had a long partnership with Raquette Lake Navigation to promote Adirondack tourism and their common Gilded Age history. The Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake (now named The Adirondack Experience) joined the partnership and the Adirondack Gilded Age Heritage Tour became a reality, targeting primarily motor coach groups. In 1998 the three properties who make up the Gilded Age Tour were the recipients of The Millennium Award given by The Arts and Business Council and the New York State Council on the Arts in recognition of the successful partnership between two non-profits and a business to promote an arts and cultural heritage program in New York State. In 1999 Raquette Lake Navigation received the ANCA Business of the Year Award. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA), committed to improving the standard of living, economic opportunities and quality of life for people living in the Adirondack North Country region, recognized the family owned and operated business for its "reputation for excellence that extends well beyond ANCA'S borders" and for their "tourism promotion for the entire ANCA region." Raquette Lake Navigation was named Best of the Adirondacks for Guided Tours and Guide Services in 2020.

One of Dean and Donna's biggest values in raising a family is acquiring the work ethic. The children were taught to work, learn, and help wherever needed from an early age. All four Pohl children worked on the boat in some capacity during their public school and college years. While the two "bookend" children, Bill and Rebecca, chose different careers after college, Rachel and Jim chose to continue working for Raquette Lake Navigation beyond their college years. In December of 2021 Donna and Dean sold the business to Rachel and Jim, making 2022 the first year of transition of the business ownership to the second generation. Dean and Donna are grateful and proud Rachel and Jim are passionate about continuing the tradition of cruising and dining on Raquette Lake and passionate about continuing the tradition of a family-owned and operated business. The first generation continues to work for Raquette Lake

Navigation, though it's Rachel and Jim who now call the shots. Dean still pilots about 40% of the cruises. (Two other licensed captains, retired folks who own camps on Raquette Lake, serve as relief captains.) Donna works in the office taking reservations, booking group tours and planning private charters for wedding, anniversary and birthday celebrations.

So how did Donna Blakely, city girl, end up living and thriving in the small Adirondack hamlet of Raquette Lake? Donna studied Spanish and International Relations at a Beloit, Wisconsin college, including study abroad in Madrid, Spain. During a summer job at Echo Camp For Girls on Raquette Lake she got to know Dean (who



worked as maintenance superintendent at Echo) and found they had similar values, especially a serious work ethic. Apparently Dean was also impressed by Donna's ability to travel light (only a backpack) when he picked her up to boat over to Echo Camp. After Dean proposed marriage, Donna felt she should try living in a small town before saying yes. She applied for and was hired to teach French and Spanish in Boonville, NY to see what small town living in a rural conservative area was like. After the stint in Boonville, Donna decided to move back to Syracuse to pursue a master's degree in Reading. Dean and Donna were married in Raquette Lake in 1971 on the Echo Camp dock. From 1971-74 Donna taught remedial reading in North Creek. Her first child arrived in 1974 and she was at home for fifteen years raising their four children. (At her 20<sup>th</sup> high school reunion she got a prize for having the most kids!) Later on she taught remedial reading, writing, arithmetic, and study skills for Long Lake Central School.

When asked about her Nottingham High School memories, the first thing Donna said was how fortunate she was to be a Nottingham grad, immersed in an environment of peers and

staff who exemplified and expected excellence in performance and learning....she said, "This made me a better person." She said she was surrounded by smart, renaissance teachers and friends who excelled in art, music, athletics, and education. She said she remembers high school experiences more than college. Donna played French horn in the band and fondly remembers band leader Mr. Iannotta, and many of her band mates. Señor Rorabach (Spanish) and Mrs. Carmen Metosh (Latin) taught her favorite classes.

Donna extends an invitation to members of all NHS classes to come experience Raquette Lake Navigation for reunions or any group of family or friends for lunch or day trips or any of the tours they offer. The website

<https://www.raquettelakenavigation.com>

is loaded with detailed information, history, lake and lodging information, and photos. Visit them on FB as well.

PREVIOUS issues of The Nottingham Connection, as far back as 2003, can be accessed at our website:

[www.nottingham-connection.org](http://www.nottingham-connection.org)





## Lateef Johnson-Kinsey Appointed Director of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence

[Condensed from story by Chris Libonati, [syracuse.com](https://www.syracuse.com)]

Lateef Johnson-Kinsey grew up in Syracuse, graduated from Nottingham High School, and has been a pastor at The Well of Hope Church on South Avenue since 2013. As a pastor, his church has held services for those killed by gun violence. As a dean at the Syracuse Academy of the Sciences, he's interacted with kids who came to school the day after a shooting near them.



[Photo credit: N. Scott Trimble, [syracuse.com](https://www.syracuse.com)]

In April of 2022 Mayor Ben Walsh appointed Lateef Johnson-Kinsey as the Director of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence. He is tasked with leading the effort to stop what city leaders called a crisis. "It's personal for me," Johnson-Kinsey said. He's lost family members to gun violence. In the last two years, gun violence has ramped up in the city.

Johnson-Kinsey has also been part of Syracuse Cure Violence (also called SNUG), a violence reduction group that operates out of the Southwest Community Center, and worked with a team that deals with people who are on parole or serving probation. Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens said Kinsey is a "unicorn" because of his experience in law enforcement as a former corrections officer, his work as a pastor, and his extensive experience working with kids. Mayor Walsh said Johnson-Kinsey will be a "glue guy" and "point guard." The city's goal is to have Johnson-Kinsey coordinate with the city's existing anti-gun violence initiatives, like SNUG, while the city finds ways to fill in the gaps.

"No one person can do this. No one person has all the answers," Johnson-Kinsey said. "Syracuse as a community, we'll do this together."



# NOTTINGHAM CLASS OF 1970 50TH REUNION

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
***AUGUST 11 AND AUGUST 12, 2023***

**IT IS HAPPENING!!!**

***IT'S A BIG ONE!!!!***

Come and see your “old” friends.

It will be a great time...friends, food, and fun—  
all to 60's music!

**You can't beat that!!**

Please share our reunion information with any classmates with whom you are in touch. Word of mouth goes a long way!

If you do not hear from us, or if your email address has changed within the past few years, please update it with the reunion committee by send your current email address to...

Janelle Marciano [jmarcia@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:jmarcia@twcnny.rr.com)

If you have contact information for any other classmates who might want to go, please include that. We want  
ALL CLASSMATES to attend who want to be a part of it all.

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**Nottingham Class of 1973  
50 Year Reunion  
August 4th through 6th, 2023**

**Activities include:**

**Friday August 4th**

7pm to ??? Pressroom Pub, 230 Herald St., Syracuse

**Saturday August 5th**

10am to 3pm Golf at Green Lakes State Park  
11am to 2pm Walk around Onondaga Lake Park  
6pm to 11pm Bella Domani  
5988 E. Taft Rd.  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(Paid Event)

**Sunday August 6th**

10am to 3pm Golf at Green Lakes State Park  
2pm to 6pm Live Music at Leavenworth Park  
(Next to Middle Ages Brewery)  
Food Trucks will be there

With the exception of the Saturday Night Dinner at Bella Domani, all other events are pay on your own for those you wish to participate in.

For more information, please contact us at  
[NottinghamReunion73@gmail.com](mailto:NottinghamReunion73@gmail.com)

**The Committee:**

Chris Tzetzis	Cindy Bertrand-Goodman
Antje Buehrichen-Autore	Laura Lavine
Richard Perelmut	Roy Shipman
Hope Stapleton-Cuddahee	Lee Goodman

## **Class of 1983      40th Reunion      July 14-16, 2023**

It's already been 40 years since the Nottingham class of '83 graduated! Now we are celebrating our 40th during the summer of 2023. Over the weekend of July 14-16, we are planning these activities in Syracuse:

The evening of Friday the 14th : a meetup at Munjed's Mediterranean on Westcott for Ham classmates from all different years, as well as Ham teachers and staff. Attendees will purchase their own food and drink.

The morning of Saturday the 15th : a tour of the school for classmates from all different years.

The evening of Saturday the 15th : a dinner for members of the class of '83 and their significant others. The venue, how to purchase tickets, and other details will be announced shortly.

Here is a Web site with all the latest news about the reunion:

**[bit.ly/ham83reunion40](http://bit.ly/ham83reunion40)**

*On the Web site, you can also find out how to receive updates about the reunion, and get in touch with classmates, by joining the **reunion mailing list** or **class of '83 Facebook group**.*

Your reunion organizing committee is: Joe Atkinson, Joanna Blaisdell, Dave Kohr, Andrea Marsh, Andy Roussin, and Clare Murray Volo.

*If you have questions about the reunion, need help, or want to give us updated contact information for yourself or other classmates, you can send email to these organizers:*

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Andy Roussin : **[andrewroussin@gmail.com](mailto:andrewroussin@gmail.com)**

Please help spread the word to other Ham classmates! Also, on the Web site there is a list of classmates we do not know how to contact. If you know how to reach them, please let us know!

## Nottingham High School Class of 2013 Reunion

BULLDOGS ASSEMBLE!!! Long time no see Class of 2013. Ten years have flown by! Join us for a night of fun at the Salt Space, where we will be able to catch up, vibe, and celebrate this reunion. There will be good eats, drinks, raffles, allat! SPREAD THE WORD! Tell a friend to tell 10.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$90.00 for two people.

Tickets for those from other classes who may be interested in coming are \$65.00.

**RSVP IS A MUST.** Cash app: \$jalethal to reserve tickets.

You can email [Nottinghamreunion2k13@gmail.com](mailto:Nottinghamreunion2k13@gmail.com) to inquire about tickets or volunteering.

Please email us throwback pics as well! Don't be scared lmao.

We'll see y'all soon. Stay tuned for updates!



# **CLASS OF 1962 SIXTIETH REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS**

by Lisa Joseph Rothman



On September 10, 2022, 35 alums, including spouses/significant others/partners enjoyed a lovely evening arranged by our dear management team (Jill Hammer, Sedona Thomas Brown, Sandy Cohn Diamond, and Sharon Mahoney Moore) at Drumhins Country Club for a delicious dinner beautifully served and attended to by the Drumhins staff. Earlier in the day a group toured our alma mater while Fred and John Laidlaw played a round of golf.



Howard Soloway and Murray Leipzig

# CLASS OF 1981 40TH REUNION

By Carrie Lenzen

The Nottingham Class of '81 finally celebrated their 40th reunion in Syracuse on July 15-16, 2022. COVID made us a year late, but we were determined to make this happen! Thanks to the diligent organizing and planning by Judy Quigley (Myer) with assistance from Patricia Carroll, Willard Stanback and Carrie Lenzen (Weston), we were able to enjoy a weekend of memory making!



We started with a casual Friday night out with the Class of '80 at the Saltine Warrior, where we met up with alumni from several years. The Saltine Warrior is owned by John Shahin, who also attended Nottingham, so it was a great venue. We had a fun night of visiting with old friends, while listening to the music we all enjoyed while being Bulldogs. We even had several classmates meet up at the Saltine Warrior, who couldn't commit to our Saturday plans, so it was a great surprise to see them on Friday!

On Saturday afternoon we received a private tour of Nottingham High School, thanks to the recently retired principal, David Maynard (Class of '80). There were so many great memories in those hallways and it seemed like just yesterday that we were all in school together. Before heading out to dinner, we met up at the Bulldog for a group photo. Our visit to Nottingham was definitely a highlight of the weekend!



Our Saturday night event was at the Press Room Pub for dinner and drinks. We had over 40 attendees for our dinner, which included a belly dance by our classmate, Deirdre Hamlett! We were also honored to have some special guests stop by. We had Gary Crawford, Len Fonte, Ron and Cathy Margrey, and Ms. Bergande visit our party, who were all staff members during our years at Nottingham! The class of '80 was around the corner at the Dinosaur BBQ celebrating their reunion, so we may have worn a path between the venues.

The class of '81 built lifelong friendships and while social media has allowed us to reconnect more frequently, there's nothing like sharing a hug and a good laugh! We are all so blessed to be alumni of the most-culturally diverse school in Syracuse of our time. It certainly didn't feel like over 40 years since our high school graduation because as the saying goes, "once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog"!



## **So You Went to Nottingham High School in the 80's Reunion**

While most Bulldogs in this group went to Nottingham in the 1980s, the class of 1980 closed out the 70s. We straddled two decades in only 3 years (we started at 'Ham in the 10th grade.) we recently held our 42nd reunion and want to share some highlights from our time together, then and now. Enjoy!

- Ron Mita

**<https://youtu.be/G6WRiYRB6aw>**



## A WONDERFUL OLD FIND

From Martha Thompson "I found it with my mother's high school graduation program. She went to NHS with the composers."

# Nottingham Alma Mater

Barbara Clark '33-

Richmond Gale '33

Not-ting-ham, Not-ting-ham, faith-ful and true — Al — ma Ma-ter we're loy-al to you.

The first system of the musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves.

We will sing thy praise with glo-ry all our days. These we will re-mem-ber in our hearts for-ev-er.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Not-ting-ham, Not-ting-ham, hon-or to you — Cher-ish-ing these school days our whole life thru.

The third system of the musical score continues the melody on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Mem-or-ies, Mem-or-ies, our thoughts of old. Hap-py days of yester-day un-feld —

The fourth system of the musical score continues the melody on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves.

W.F.A.



## Nottingham in the News 2022

*Gleaned from the pages of the **Syracuse Post-Standard**  
and other news sources*

### JANUARY



**Winter Concert:** On January 12th, Nottingham's **Beginning Band, Orchestra, and Advanced Band** had their first public performance since the beginning of the pandemic.

Nottingham recipients of **CNY Scholastic Art Awards:** **Camille Ouimette-Garza** won the Portfolio Silver Key award as well as the Gold and Silver Keys, both for painting. **Salaci Butoto** won a Gold Key for painting. **Allan Gomez** won two Honorable Mentions for digital art. These students' work was judged alongside 4,000 works submitted by more than 100 middle and high schools from across 14 counties.



*Camille Ouimette  
Garza - Nottingham*



*Selaci Butoto -  
Nottingham*

**Juniors and seniors in Natural Resources classes** have been exploring the world of fish and their adaptations for life in saltwater or freshwater. They completed a mapping activity on salinity and finding the salt front on the Hudson River; determined which fish were freshwater and saltwater fish based on where they were collected on their map, and more – all by completing several live fish observation experiences. “The students really enjoyed using real world data from the Hudson River and especially enjoyed observing live fish,” Natural Resources instructor **Jaime Rodriguez** shared. Eventually, the students will connect all they have learned to the trout eggs they will hatch in their classroom, as well as environmental issues facing our planet.



**NHS** Girls Basketball: **Tayahia Scott** joined the 1000 Point Club when she earned her 1000th career point.

**Nottingham alum Jerry Johnson** ('67) is closing his store, *Syracuse Aquarium & Pond Supply*, and retiring after **52** years in operation. He started his retail shop in the university area of Syracuse in March 1970, and expanded through the years to five Syracuse-area operations. In the late 90s, he closed all the locations and opened just one in Jamesville, where he has been since then.

## FEBRUARY

**Two** Nottingham athletes qualified to compete at the state and national levels in their respective track and field events. Junior **Jayceon McGrew** qualified for the state championship meet in the 55 meter and will compete on March 5th. Freshman **Henry Zhe-Heimerman** qualified for the Freshman Mile at the Nike Indoor Nationals to be held on March 12th. Henry is also a strong academic competitor: He has carried all 100s, with the exception of one 98, in his courses this year.

**Nottingham alum and local chef Jared Stafford-Hill** was interviewed by Carrie Lazarus on channel 9's *The Conversation* about his successful restaurant, Saint Urban, which is in the Westcott Street neighborhood. At a time when many restaurants are closing or struggling, his is thriving.

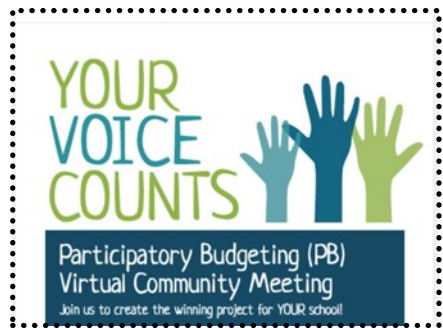
## Nottingham in the News cont'd

Hundreds of immigrants and refugee students come to Syracuse schools each year. Imagine being in a new country: you don't speak the language, you don't know anyone outside of your family, and it's the first day of school. Thanks to new **Welcome Academies** taught this year, students are receiving an orientation to U.S. schools before they step foot in the door of their school building, teaching them about classroom culture, providing them with basic ENL (English as a New Language) lessons, and more. Learn more about this great program:

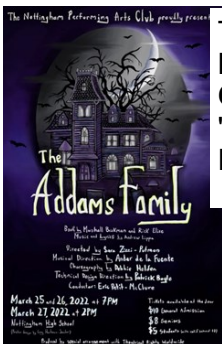
<https://www.syracusecityschools.com/districtpage.cfm>

## MARCH

The District awarded our school \$5,000 to spend on a project of our choice. A community meeting was to be held on March 7 at 6pm to share ideas.



Nottingham's **Dontae Smith** is a member of the **Syracuse City Wrestling Team**, which was recently recognized with the *2021-22 John Arcaro Memorial Scholarship Award*, presented by the Syracuse Wrestling Officials Association. The award is presented each year to a school that exhibits the highest standards of good sportsmanship through the actions of its administrators, coaches, athletes, and fans.



The Nottingham Performing Arts Club presented "The Addams Family".





**Building Men Program:** Students from three Syracuse high schools, including Nottingham, came together for Vera House's *White Ribbon Walk*. The program's mission: "To support young men of Syracuse on their journey towards becoming men of character by helping them develop their purpose and passion, instilling integrity in their leadership, and providing them with opportunities to build healthy relationships with to build healthy relationships with others."



Nottingham High School held its 22nd annual **Multi-cultural Festival**, celebrating the cultural diversity at the school. The festival highlighted music, performances and an array of culinary treats from around the world. Students sold international cuisine from

Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Congo, Somalia, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Tanzania, Karen, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Guatemala, East Asia, Palestine, Vietnam, Iraq, West Indies and more. Students performed traditional song and dance from Afghanistan, South Korea, Burma, Congo, Ethiopia and the U.S.

**American History teacher Don Little** has received a grant from the *National Endowment for the Humanities* to attend a workshop with fellow educators this summer. This is the 6th grant in the last 12 years that Mr. Little has received. This year he will be studying the Homestead Strike and late 19th century Pittsburgh. "What could be more exciting than examining a late nineteenth century labor event?" Mr. Little exclaimed. "The struggles and dignity of the worker are at the core of my world view." He is looking forward to the learning experience and the opportunity to represent the SCSD.



## APRIL

**Robin Auwaerter** and **Thomas Carson** are among six SCSD student athletes named **Academic All-Americans** by NISCA (National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association). More than 350,000 students are involved in aquatics at the high school level, and only 2 percent of these students are recognized as All Americans.



**Nottingham alum Sharon Oliver ('87)** has committed more than 22 years to the SCSD, serving as the Library Media Specialist at Salem Hyde Elementary School.



"A good library and a good librarian can make a tremendous impact on students and I'm happy to work in a district that recognizes the importance of libraries," she said. "Working for the district I graduated from provides a sense of home."

Sophomore **Lily Kaputa** and freshman **Henry Zhe-Heimerman**, both trumpet players, prepared an incredibly difficult audition for the All-County Jazz Ensemble. Both of them made it into the **Senior Jazz Band**.

**Senior Jamal Aden** has received a full-ride scholarship to Boston College through QuestBridge. He was a participant, along with other students in the District, in the LeMoyne College Upward Bound program.

Nottingham alum **Tyler Sennett** ('07) is currently in his third year as a 6th and 7th grade Technology teacher at H.W. Smith. He says "It's incredibly rewarding to work for the District that made me who I am today. I love to watch students tap into their creative sides, develop new skills, and explore potential futures in the STEM world."



Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh announced the appointment of Nottingham alum **Lateef Johnson-Kinsey** as the first-ever Director of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence. Johnson-Kinsey is a Syracuse pastor and school administrator with 15 years of experience in violence intervention, corrections and youth counseling and engagement. Johnson-Kinsey will coordinate the city's various anti-gun violence initiatives, support community-based intervention and prevention services, and facilitate data-driven and evidence-based solutions to reduce gun violence in order to create safe and empowered neighborhoods in the City of Syracuse.





## MAY



**May 4th:** Fans of the popular series have dubbed today *Star Wars Day*, and for those of us from Central New York, the Force may be nearer than we realize. Nottingham alum, and Wall of Fame honoree, **Ben Burtt Jr.** ('66) is responsible for many of the iconic sounds of the Star Wars universe, from the blaster guns, lightsaber hum, R2-D2's 'voice', and the breathing of Darth

Vader. The sound of the snow on Hoth is actually Syracuse snow, and the 'Dome Stomp' audio phenomenon is used in various scenes. Pictured here is Burtt at the Academy Awards, accompanied by droids as he accepts a special achievement award for his work.

Nottingham has won the **Regional Mock Trial Championship** and will be competing in the state tournament against the other seven regional winners.

The team's lawyers are students **Helena Giner**, **Kyle Giardine**, and **Benjamin Tobin**. Their witnesses are students **Leon Mann**, **Yasmine Kanaan**, **Matias Romano**, and **Henry Kuerbis**. **Don Little** is their teacher.





**Nottingham alum Thien An Huynh-Boyle ('10)** has worked in the SCSD for five years. She is a 4th grade teacher at Van Duyn Elementary School and now also serves as a mentor leader for a new cohort of SCSD teachers.

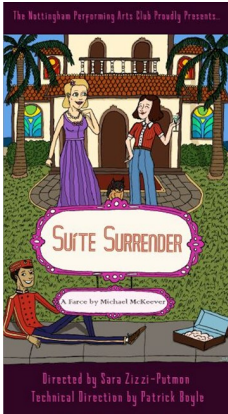
## JUNE

<p>NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p><b>CULTURAL</b></p> <p><b>ANTHROPOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>CAPSTONE RESEARCH</b></p> <p><b>SYMPOSIUM</b></p> <p>THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 4:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>NOTTINGHAM COURTYARD 3100 E GENESEE ST SYRACUSE, NY 13224</p>	 <p>Capstone event for a new, student-led anthropology class, inspired by research of the late Dr. Gerald Grant (<i>The World We Created at Hamilton High</i>).</p>
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Nottingham's year-long, student-led **Anthropology** class, inspired by Dr. Gerald Grant's studies of Nottingham as documented in his books (*The World We've Created at Hamilton High* and *Hope and Despair in the American City*), hosted a student-led research symposium. Community members were invited to learn more about the anthropology research students have conducted, hear directly from the students, and be the first to read their final research presentation "**The World We Recreated at Nottingham High: a Yearbook.**"

## Nottingham in the News cont'd

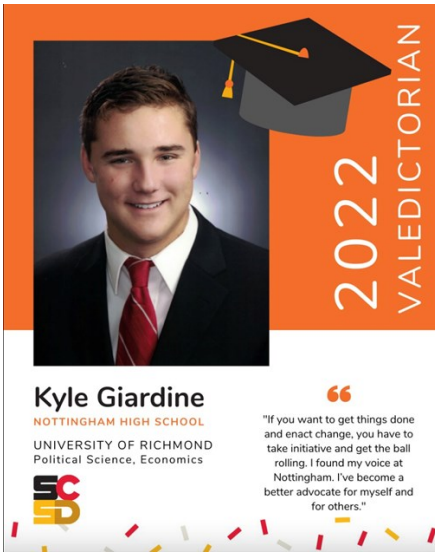
Nottingham student **Emma Kaputa** was one of several SCSD students selected to participate in a paid summer internship at Syracuse University this summer, where they will work alongside SU students and faculty in the Physics department to conduct research in biophysics, computational physics and astrophysics.



The Performing Arts Club presented its last show of the year, a comedy called "Suite Surrender" on June 3-5.



**BILLBOARD!** Each SCSD high school nominated Class of 2022 seniors to be featured in a series of billboards in locations around Syracuse. Here is the group from Nottingham .



**Linda Strader** ('73) made the cover of Empire Magazine on June 26, 2022, for her book “Summers of Fire.” She was also featured on Syracuse. com. Here is the link: <https://www.syracuse.com/living/2022/06/summer-of-fire-chronicles-career-of-syracuse-native-who-was-one-of-the-first-female-wildland-firefighters.html>





Mayor Ben Walsh appointed **Joe Driscoll** ('97) Interstate 81 Project Director for the City of Syracuse. For 10 years Joe was a touring musician and recording artist. He spent the last five years as a City Councilor. Now he will be the city's primary liaison with the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the replacement of the Interstate 81 viaduct. He will also work closely with departments across city government to manage the impact of the massive construction project on residents and city infrastructure.

## JULY

A two-week long **Summer Arts Intensive camp** was offered at **Nottingham** this summer. The programming offered students the opportunity to explore courses in several artistic disciplines, including Visual Arts, iPad Photography, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Dance, Drama, Digital Music, or Digital Photography.

**Thomas Carson** and **Madeline Scott** were named 2022 Section III Scholar Athletes. This honor goes to seniors who excelled both in the classroom and on the playing field. They play multiple sports and have at least a 90 average.





On July 16, alumna **Gay Pomeroy** ('59) hit a HOLE-IN-ONE on the 150-yard, number 3 hole at The Pompey Club.

## AUGUST

Tuesday, August 25th, Nottingham Alum **Joe Venable** ('21) presents

"Joe Venable and Friends: A Hot Evening of Cool Jazz" at the Petit Branch Library.



## SEPTEMBER

Nottingham alum and NYS Assembly Member **Pamela Hunter** interviewed fellow alum and celebrated artist **Jaleel Campbell** in his art studio on a segment of her video series *"Stomping Grounds"* which highlights interesting places to visit around Central New York.

Here is a link to the series:

**<https://linktr.ee/stompinggroundscny>**





**A**lton Hicks ('88) is now the Athletic Supervisor at Nottingham. He began working in the SCSD 28 years ago, starting as a Teaching Assistant at Grant middle School, serving as a Dean of Students at Nottingham, Vice Principal at Corcoran, and Principal at Westside Academy before entering into his current role. He's also coached football and basketball at Nottingham and Fowler, winning a Class AA State Title in girls basketball in 2005.

**T**wo Nottingham math teachers, **Ken Keech** and **Betty Routhouska**, recently had an article featured in a *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics* publication. They focused on anti-racism being incorporated into Algebra. The project they designed, used in the classroom, and wrote the article about looked at the impact the construction of Interstate 81 had on population trends.

**S**eniors **Khin Tway Ye** and **Eh Lu Mu Paw** were both born in refugee camps in Thailand. They came to the U.S. in 2013 and 2014, respectively. They met at a temple here and started a dance troupe. The dances embrace their culture and represent the Karen people.





**James Jackson** ('11) earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Psychology from the University at Albany and a Master of Business Administration in Strategic Management & Human Resource Management from Niagara University. He now works for Sam's Club as a Senior Manager where he leads People Operations and Strategy for the New York and Pennsylvania market of the organization. He is also a co-founder of the Minority Wealth Collective, the Director of HR for International Child Advancement, and a Mentor with Say Yes Buffalo. He says, "The most valuable thing I learned in school is that mentorship is extremely valuable to personal and professional growth."



**Georgia Popoff** ('71) is proclaimed *Onondaga County Poet Laureate* at the CNY Book Awards. She has published four books of poetry (see cover story in 2022 Nottingham Connection). She is passionately interested in the role poetry can play in educating children, from kindergarten to high school. Among other plans, she wants to apply for a fellowship from the Academy for American Poets. The Academy funds \$50,000 fellowships which are available only to active poet laureates and are used to support poetry programs across the nation.



## OCTOBER



**Brother and sister cross country runners Henry and Helen Zhe-Heimerman each** earned individual champion crowns at the Syracuse City Championships. They are named *Student Athletes of the Week*.

## NOVEMBER

**Theresa Walton** ('08) earned a degree in Communications from Canisius College where she also played lacrosse all four years, winning 2 MAAC Championships. Today, Theresa is the Head Women's Lacrosse Coach at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She feels that her experience at Nottingham with fellow students from such diverse backgrounds and cultures was awesome, and prepared her for the real world more than any classroom ever could have.



Nottingham Varsity swimmers **Elise Ruby**, **Matilda Kerney**, and **Abigail Mannion** were among those who represented the Syracuse City School District in relay events at the state qualifiers. They all competed in sectionals as well.

Syracuse University announced that **Jeffrey M. Scruggs** ('61), a highly engaged trustee and respected member of the global finance community, has been selected to lead the University's Board of Trustees. The members of the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Scruggs, who becomes the first person of color to serve as Board chair.



**Has'Zahn Grimes** ('19) is now a sophomore at West Point. He studies International Affairs with a concentration in Foreign Policy and Security Studies and a minor in Terrorism Studies. In Air Assault School he has learned how to conduct sling-load operations and repel out of helicopters. When he graduates he will be commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He aspires to become a paratrooper and eventually pursue a career in special operations. Has'Zahn credits Nottingham with giving him a strong foundation for pursuing higher education and granting him a second family where he will always feel welcomed.



## DECEMBER

Local students in the National Society of Black Engineers program earned impressive honors at this year's Fall Regional Competition. In the Ten80 challenge, students were tasked with fixing and driving a race car, without crashing, through a rigorous course. Nottingham student **Kellen Hicks** won second place. In the Technical Innovations Competition, students were asked to conduct research using scientific methodology to organize data and explain their findings. **Angela Kumah** (Nottingham) and **Sarah Kapalanga** (ITC) came in first place for their combined project, "Tidal Disruption and Stellar Evolution." Finally, in a math skills and drills competition, Angela and Sarah placed first at the high school level.



**Senior Maya Montena** and sophomore **Amiah Crisler** were among 23 winners from more than 160 submissions in the Bousquet Holstein Annual Photography Contest for high school students.

## Nottingham in the News cont'd

**Nottingham's Performing Arts Club** presented Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile".



## LETTERS and NOTES

**Dr. Norman M. Shulman** ('65) has written a book/memoir titled Love, Norm - Inspiration of a Jewish American Fighter Pilot (Texas Tech University Press). There are references to Norm's time at Nottingham High School included in this collection of profiles of famous Jewish fighters from across history. It is also his own story of his past and finding the importance of preserving his Jewish identity. Visit [ttupress.org](http://ttupress.org) to order.

**Dr. Rosanne M. Leipzig** ('68) has written Honest Aging, a guide to the second half of life, describing what to expect physically, psychologically, functionally, and emotionally as you age. An expert in evidence-based geriatrics, Dr. Leipzig highlights how 80-year-olds differ from 60-year-olds and why knowing this is important for your health. With candor, humor, and empathy, this book will provide you with the knowledge and practical advice to optimize Honest Aging. Visit [jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu](http://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu) to order.



## WHO'S WHO

### GEORGE BACK

George Back, known to his friends as "Wiry," has been a familiar sight around the athletic fields of Nottingham for a good portion of the past four years.

George has actively participated on Nottingham's football eleven for three years. Last season he was voted second-string guard on the all-city football team. He has also been active on the junior varsity baseball team and the track squad. Membership in Alpha Hi-Y rounds out his list of activities.

When George is not winning for Nottingham, he can be found skiing and skating in winter or golfing and swimming in summer.

George, who is well-known and admired for his courage and generosity, will falter only when it comes to baked beans or "Virgil." George is predicted to accomplish a great deal in life, probably beginning with an A.B. degree from Syracuse University, where he hopes to spend the next four years.

### Band Concert Tomorrow

At the Inter-High School festival which was held on May 6 in Lincoln Auditorium, the Nottingham A Capella Choir won praise for its two solo numbers, the spirited "Joobalal!" and the beautiful "Evening" with Eva Dorsay as soloist.

The orchestra and the concert band will be featured in the instrumental concert which is to be held in our own auditorium on May 25. At the choral concert to be held in June, the choir will present a varied program ranging from spiritual to popular music. Among the selections which A Capella Chorus Choir will sing are: "America, Our Heritage," and "Ride the Chariot." Directed by Jerry Sackett, the Concert Choir will sing "No Other Love," and "Tumbling, Tumbleweeds." The Swing Choir, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Kappesser, selected "Dancing in the Dark" and "In the Still of the Night"; and the All-Girl Choir will sing the "Waltzing Cat", and also "I Believe".

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## 'Citizen' Reminisces

This year the Citizen contributors have published seven issues. Everyone will, of course, remember the Citizen's April Fools' paper, "The Comrade". Not only were the students fooled, but the reporters on the staff as well.

For the first time in the history of the organization a constitution was drawn up and officers were elected.

The Citizen meetings this year have been enjoyable as well as educational. Each week a few members provided a program on items of interest to the club. The members are looking forward to the annual picnic.

## 'On Your Honor'

"The Honor System" was the problem which the sixth period Radio English class chose for their T.V. show on May 8. Ed Fish and Noni Vincett turned cheaters while Mary Evanoff and Barry Gidley played it fair. After the skit Marie Smith, Carol Graham, Ken Hoff and Ted Weisberg discussed the problem. As they hope to win the city trophy, the classes are looking forward to the results of the News IQ broadcast. Recently the students demonstrated to the New York State English Convention how their Radio English classes are conducted.

## 'Seventh Heaven' Held

The Student Council, under the leadership of President Peter Kenny, has helped raise money for two worthy causes in addition to presenting its dance, "Seventh Heaven", on May 7.

The Student Council's call for contributions for the fatally injured Syracuse patrolman, James Considine, was responded to eagerly with \$256 from Nottingham pupils.

American Field Service program was enriched by \$232 after Nottingham's collection.

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## WHO'S WHO

### NANCY GOLDMAN

For two terms the guiding light of the Citizen Contributors Club has been Nancy Goldman. This lively senior has inspired the journalistic students of Nottingham.

While maintaining her salutatorian average and completing her high school studies in just three years, Nancy somehow has found time for many extra-curricular activities. Among these are the French Club, Girl's League, A Capella Choir, and, of course, the CITIZEN. This is in line with such past accomplishments as being valedictorian of her Edward Smith graduating class.

If it's food, Nancy loves it, and that goes for people as well. Nancy enjoys tennis, swimming, and skating while not busy at her two part-time jobs. Her pet peeve is the long Monday morning walk to school.

## League Holds Brunch

Using the theme "Nancy Nottingham Evaluates Herself," the Girls' League breakfast was held on May 15 at the Hotel Syracuse. Dean Dorothy Brooks of Cornell was guest speaker with various students speaking on the sub-topics of the main theme. A musical program was presented by Elsa and Vivian Krasner, Cecelia Hawkins, and Wealthy Steiner.

During the current semester the program chairman, Jayne Kay, arranged various student, parent, and faculty panels on human relations. For the first time in several years a Boys' Auxiliary was organized to plan co-educational programs.

A picnic will be held at the home of Ellen Orenstein, 109 Bradford Parkway on June 1, bringing the curtain down on another successful season.

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Tom Little	Special sashes w/seals for Civic Readiness (Earned by seniors, to wear with graduation gown)
TOTAL:	\$1,152.47

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

Balance on 12/31/2021 .....	\$ 17,442.74
Total Donations in 2022.....	\$ 7,546.49
Publishing/Mailing Expenses 2022.....	\$ 2,081.55
Other Expenses in 2022.....	\$1,316.89
(2022 NHS yearbook; computer assistance; ink; office and meeting supplies; bank account charges; misc. expenses.)	
Donation to F.A.C.E.S. for Senior Class	\$1,000.00
Grants to Teachers 2022.....	\$1,152.47
Total Expenses 2022.....	\$ 5,550.91
Balance on 12/31/2022.....	\$19,438.32

Reminder: All donation checks should be made out to **Nottingham Connection**, as we have our own account with a local commercial bank. This will ensure a correct deposit. (We are not a tax-exempt organization, but this does not have a major impact on our expense account.)



## The "Mount Rushmore" of Nottingham Athletes

Condensed from a story by Kenny Lacy Jr.

During the summer of 2022 [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com) sponsored what it called its "Mount Rushmore Project" to identify the four best male and female athletes in the history of selected Section III schools. One of the schools they started with was Nottingham. They solicited nominations from readers, checked with coaches, looked at records and honors and received feedback from a fan poll. The results are below.

### *The Mount Rushmore of Nottingham male athletes:*

**Matt Abbott** —Abbott played five years of varsity lacrosse and scored 131 goals with 81 assists in his high school career. In 2004, he was a member of the Empire State Games Central team that won gold. Abbott earned All-CNY honors three times and all-league honors four times. He was also named All-American his senior year of high school. After Nottingham, Abbott continued playing at Syracuse University. At Syracuse, he won two national championships, was named All-American twice and was selected to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team in 2009. He was then drafted ninth overall in the 2009 Major League Lacrosse Draft by the Washington Bayhawks. He is a four-time MLL Champion and nine-time MLL All-Star. Abbott was also a member of the USA team that earned a silver medal at the 2014 World Games. Abbott currently plays for Cannons Lacrosse Club of the Premier Lacrosse League. He was inducted into the Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame in 2021.

**Dorsey Levens** —Levens' ability on the basketball court and football field was spectacular during his high school years. On the football field, he rushed for over 3,000 yards in his career. In basketball, he was a three-time all-state selection who scored 1,472 points and helped the team capture a state championship. Levens played college football for Notre Dame before transferring to Georgia Tech. He was selected in the fifth round of the 1994 draft by the Green Bay Packers. He was a member of the Packers' Super Bowl XXXI champion team. Levens played eight seasons with the Pack-

ers, two with the Philadelphia Eagles and one with the New York Giants. He rushed for 4,955 yards and 36 touchdowns in his career. He was also selected to one Pro Bowl.

**Keith Moody** —Moody was a football standout in the 70s for Nottingham. He continued his high level of play in college and the NFL. Moody was an all-state running back and defensive back for the Bulldogs and he played defensive back for Syracuse University from 1973-75. In his senior year, he intercepted six passes. He was selected in the 10th round of the 1976 draft by the Buffalo Bills. Moody is tied for most punt returns touchdowns in Bills' history (3). After four seasons with Buffalo, Moody joined the Oakland Raiders where he won Super Bowl XV.

**Doug Swift** —Swift was an All-City football player for the Bulldogs in high school. He played linebacker for Division III Amherst College. After college, Swift tried out for the Canadian Football League but was cut. Due to a player's strike in the NFL, he was able to get a tryout with the Miami Dolphins. Swift went on to make the team and became a starting linebacker. He won two Super Bowls and was a member of the Dolphins' 1972 0-17 team.

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### *The Mount Rushmore of Nottingham female athletes:*

**Theresa Contos** —Contos played soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball and track and field while at Nottingham. She went on to Cortland state where she continued to play softball and soccer. Although she did not continue playing either of those sports, Contos' athletic career was not over. She picked up the sport of handball and became one of the best in the sport. Contos competed with the U.S. Team Handball squad at the 1984 Olympics and finished in fourth place. Her handball teams won national championships in 1983, 1986 and 1996. Other than the Olympics, she has played in numerous international events including the 1999 Pan-American Games. Contos was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Tori DeSilvia** —DeSilvia was a standout in the pool from a very young age. She was setting national records from the age of 12 and began swimming with the Nottingham varsity team in the seventh grade. At Nottingham, she set state records in the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke. She continued swimming at the University of Tennessee and became a 14-time All-American. At Tennessee, she was also a two-time All-SEC selection. DeSilvia competed in the Olympic qualifiers in 1992 and 1996.

**Alison Dupree** —Dupree is not only one of the best track and field athletes to come from Nottingham, but all of Section III. She held the Section III record for 100-meter high hurdles (14.39 seconds) from 1987-2014 and her 19-5 3/4 long jump distance is still the longest jump at a Section III event. She was the All-CNY track and field athlete of the year in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Dupree went on to continue her track and field career at the University of Tennessee and Syracuse University. At SU, she earned All-Big East honors four times.

**Felisha Legette** —She has been a star in the Syracuse area since her days as a Bulldog and she continued that success at Syracuse University. For that, she ranks amongst the best in school history. Even before becoming the Syracuse University women's basketball coach, Legette was a household name in the Syracuse area. She accumulated 1,700 career points at Nottingham before going on to play at Syracuse University. With Syracuse, she was named 1985 Big East rookie of the year and earned all-league honors three times. When she graduated from SU, she was the program leader in points (1,526) and rebounds (927). Today Felisha Legette-Jack is the head coach of the S.U. women's basketball team.

## Nottingham Alum and First-year Soccer Coach

[condensed from story BY JESSE MACWILLIAM, Spectrum news]



For Nottingham soccer coach Claude Tuyishimire, NHS Class of 2016, the message is loud and clear. "The goal is to have fun," he said to his team. "Football is beautiful and it's fun, but [you] have to do the right things to make it that way."

"I want to say I'm in the perfect position to help the kids the best I can with my background and where we all came from," Claude said. "And I went to Nottingham. So this is home."

Claude was born 7000 miles away in an area of the world where civilian unrest is common. His family experienced it firsthand, as they lived in Burundi before he was born. It's a nation that was burdened by civil war from 1993 until 2005. "My parents were in the war, so they traveled on foot from Burundi to Congo, Uganda all the way to Tanzania," he said. It was in Tanzania that Claude was born and his family found safety. He might have been young at the time, but he remembers life in a refugee camp:

"My parents going to the farm working all day and I'm going to school, coming back for lunch and my parents aren't home," he said. "So you had to do what you had to do."

In Syracuse, he played through Tillie's Touch, which supports kids with school supplies and sports equipment when their families cannot afford it.

"The biggest lessons were learned through Tillie's Touch. Success in the classroom leads to success on the field. Which turns you into a role model kids in Syracuse can look up to."

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## IN MEMORIAM 2022

**Betsy-Lou (Rose) Waldman** ('54) died on October 1, 2021. She was a graduate of Syracuse University and worked as a speech pathologist for the Baltimore City School System until the early 1980s. She married Charles Leonard Waldman (Lenny), and they later moved to the Annapolis, Maryland area where she started a new career as a tour guide, initially for historic downtown Annapolis, but later including Washington DC. She and her husband retired in Baltimore to be closer to their many grandchildren. She is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

**Clifford Woods Sr.**, age 61, died on January 5, 2022. He worked at Syracuse University for many years, as well as for Skippy's Ice Cream. He devoted his life to raising and caring for his family. He was predeceased by his brother William and sisters Linda and Evelyn. Surviving are children Clifford Jr. and Cornelia, and sisters Delores Woods-Tillman, Doretha Patterson, and Takesha Woods.

**Lawrence Sampson**, age 92, passed away on January 5, 2022. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and worked as an accountant at General Electric for over 30 years. He was predeceased by his first wife, Audrey Miller Sampson. Surviving are his wife Bonnie, son Jeffrey, daughters Gail and Amy, and stepson Scott Weise.

**Sallie Naatz Bailey** ('49) passed away on January 13, 2022. She attended Syracuse University's College of Fine Arts. She was a prize-winning artist and a freelance writer and art reviewer. Her poetry and prose appeared in a number of publications. She authored the segment on the art history of the Central NY Region in the Encyclopedia of New York State. Sallie is survived by her husband Dwight, sons Mark and Dwight, and daughter Joy.

**Janet Quinlan Gilson**, age 87, died on January 16, 2022. She was predeceased by her husband Roger and son Steven. Janet had been a leader at Nottingham, a member of Phi Sigma, and had often been mentioned in the teen section of the paper. After marrying and raising five children she began working and studying at Syracuse University, where she earned a degree and began a career as a librarian. Later, she worked in the alumni travel agency at S.U.

**Earl Schmelling** ('52) died on January 21, 2022. After high school he continued his education at Morrisville College. He was a Greyhound bus driver, driver instructor and safety man for over 30 years. He also drove as a substitute bus driver for the North

Syracuse Central School District and was a groundskeeper for the Bridgeport Cemetery for several years. He is survived by his wife Beverly ('52), son Timothy, and daughters Sharon Blair and Susan Schmelling.

**Barry Bauman**, age 73, died on February 5, 2022. He graduated from Beloit College, then earned a master's degree in art history with a specialization in Dutch Baroque painting from the University of Chicago. A year later he joined the Conservation Department at the Art Institute of Chicago and served the museum for 11 years as Associate Conservator of Paintings. In 1984 he founded the Chicago Conservation Center, which grew to become the largest private conservation facility in the country. In 2004 he established America's first national laboratory dedicated to offering complimentary conservation services to museums and nonprofit organizations. In 2012 he received worldwide recognition for establishing and revealing that the only known portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln painted during her time in the White House was a forgery. He is survived by his wife Mary, sons Ian and Jeffrey, and sisters Sharon Corton and Nechie King.

**Marilyn Cooper Gould**, age 95, died on February 10, 2022. She was a graduate of Powelson Business Institute and worked for Carrier. Later, for many years, Marilyn was "the hardware lady" at Hytron Lumber in North Syracuse. She was a member of the Plank Road Quilting Guild. Her husband Harold predeceased her. She is survived by children Nancy Ray, Thomas Gould, and Ginnie Thompson.

**Gail Suskind Assidon** ('69) passed away on February 12, 2022. She studied social work at Boston University and received her Masters of Public Health at Hebrew University's Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Gail served as the Program Director for the long-term care program at Onondaga County's Metropolitan Commission on Aging before serving as an administrator at the Eastside Manor Adult Home in Fayetteville. Gail is survived by her husband Vivi, daughter Yael, and son Avi.

**George Apgar**, age 52, died on February 25, 2022. He received his barber license and gave back to the community by giving haircuts to youth and the less fortunate. While living in Texas, he worked at H-E-B Sales and Marketing. More recently, he worked at Robin's Barber Shop in Buffalo, NY. George is survived by his son Gizmo and several step-daughters.

## IN MEMORIAM 2022 CONT'D

**Diane (Gillette) Gardner** ('68) died on February 26, 2022. She attended LeMoyne College and spent the majority of her career working in the medical billing field, most recently for MedBest, prior to her retirement in 2016. She had a tremendous love for animals and was a longtime supporter of the SPCA and the Humane Society. She is survived by her husband John and daughter Colleen.

**Leona Thomas Holloway-Di'Nicola** ('70) passed away on February 27, 2022. She graduated from Kirkland College in Clinton, NY. Leona worked for the Syracuse Housing Authority and for the City of Syracuse, Dept. of Information Systems, where she retired after 30 years of service. Her husband Jimmy predeceased her. Surviving are her daughter Leslie Holloway, stepchildren Tisha Goodman and Jimmy DiNicola Jr., and siblings Doris Rice, Chester Thomas, and Edward Thomas.

**Frank Goldberg** ('47) died on March 5, 2022. He graduated from Syracuse University and went to work in the family business, Goldberg's Furniture. Together with his brother he ran the business for over fifty years, twenty of those as the sole president. Frank served on the boards of many local Jewish organizations. In 2013 he and his wife Beverly established a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment fund (PACE) to help benefit the Jewish Community Foundation of Central NY. He was predeceased by his wife. Surviving are his daughter Joan Picone and his son Andrew.

**Ira Scheck** ('55) passed away on March 16, 2022. He is survived by children Beth, Tobi, and Jonathan, sister Carole Greene and brother Michael Scheck.

**John Stamey** ('68) died on March 20, 2022. He attended Boston University. While living in Boston he managed Strawberry Records and was a journalist and music critic for the *North Shore Current* based in Newburyport, where he interviewed legendary performers including James Brown and Van Morrison. After returning to Syracuse he was employed for several years as a technician for GTech and Pitney-Bowes. In recent years he worked at Home Depot. He is survived by daughter Jessica Fure, and brothers Mark and Robert.

**Nikki (Klayman) Descoteaux** ('63) passed away on March 27, 2022. She earned her BA and master's degree in French Language and Literature from the University of Michigan. She devoted her life to idealism, serving as an articulate advocate for the environment, women's rights, and equality for all. She taught French at Dana Hall School in Boston and led students on exchange programs to France. While living in Florida, she was actively engaged in the League of Women Voters, both at the local and national levels. Nikki is survived by her husband Al and son Mike.

**Janet Bessmer** ('79) died on March 28, 2022. She was a graduate of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications. At the time of her death, Janet worked as a senior media buyer for an international company located in South Burlington, VT. Janet was predeceased by her brother William. She is survived by brothers Richard and Dwight and sisters Cindy and Linda.

**Rena (Finkelstein) Cantor** ('60) passed away on April 16, 2022. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University. Rena began her teaching career in the Fayetteville Manlius school district and remained there until her retirement. She was active in several Jewish organizations and a member of several book clubs. She was predeceased by her husband Allan. Surviving are son Jeffrey and sister Norene Lavine.

**Stanley Serlin** ('59) passed away on April 16, 2022. He earned both BS and MSW degrees from Syracuse University. After a brief time as a county DSS worker and probation officer, he spent his career working with struggling youth. During his retirement years he worked with Meals on Wheels and did other charitable work. He was predeceased by his wives, Roberta and Mary. Stanley is survived by son Gerard, companion Carol Morgan, and sister Anne.

**Kathleen (Johnstone) Kiehl**, age 92, died on April 17, 2022. She married soon after graduation and, together with her husband Richard, enjoyed raising their family, decorating their home, attending antique shows, and gardening. Her husband predeceased her, but she is survived by son Gregg, daughter Cynthia Brown, and brother John Johnstone.

**Howard Miller** ('67) passed away on April 22, 2022. He earned a B.A. in History from SUNY Buffalo and an M.A. in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program at SUNY Oneonta. He served as Director at numerous historic sites in both Connecticut and New York. In 2010 he retired after serving as Curator at the Museum of Connecticut History. He is survived by his wife Lloyd, mother Muriel, daughter Sarah Paulson, brother Michael, sister Deborah Clair, and stepdaughter Xena Carter

**Carl Sorensen** ('66) passed away on April 29, 2022. He was a graduate of Southern Illinois University. He worked at the Adirondack Correctional Facility, but his passions were his family, Syracuse University sports, and antiques. After his retirement, he sold his treasured finds at *The Red Canoe* in Saranac Lake. His wife Leni and son Kyle predeceased him, but he is survived by his brother Jay Bauer-Bontempo, sister Barbara Money, son Carl, and daughter Ali McCormick

**Ettarae (Lipsy) Alpert** ('48) passed away on May 2, 2022. She graduated from Nottingham at age 16 and earned her bachelor's degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Syracuse University. She was the first female advertising director at Flah's department store and also at Dey Brother's. Later she was the production and advertising coordinator for Podiatry Today Magazine. She is survived by her brother Bernard Lipsy, sons Mark and Robert, and daughters Susan Litynski and Carol Dyson. Her husband Hecky predeceased her.

**Arcadio (Archie) Anossow** ('70) passed away on May 6, 2022. No other information was available.

## IN MEMORIAM 2022 CONT'D

**Alan Byer**, age 98, died on May 15, 2022. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and served in the US Navy during WWII. He owned and operated several auto dealerships, multiple franchises, and a body shop. In 1979 he served as president of the Syracuse Automobile Dealers Association. He loved volunteering. When he moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s, he served 18 years teaching a class at the Braille Institute and 28 years volunteering in the ER at Cedars Sinai medical hospital. Alan is survived by his five children, Dr. Jeffrey Byer, Dr. Pamela Matuszewski, Stephen Byer, Laurie Rutter, and Dr. Debby Byer.

**Dr. Knowlton Foote** ('55) died on May 19, 2022. He graduated from Syracuse University and later earned masters degrees in Education and Forestry. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry with a thesis on photosynthesis. He taught in local schools and taught night classes at S.U. He also worked in the toxicology department at the Syracuse Research Corporation and at the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency as a recycling specialist, as well as doing volunteer work and coaching high school track. He is survived by his wife Connie and sons David and John.

**Cyril Freeman**, age 91, died on May 24, 2022. He attended Syracuse University and, in his early years, was a cellist with the Syracuse Symphony. He worked with his father and later became owner of his neighborhood grocery store. During the Korean War, Cyril served in the US Air Force. In 1954 he married Ellie Gordon and became her partner in Freeman Interiors. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Beth Warren and Jamie Saks.

**Carol Baldwin** ('47) passed away on May 26, 2022. She attended Syracuse University. Carol and her husband, Alexander Baldwin Jr., had six children. Carol devoted herself to raising the children and later went to work for a marketing research firm. In the 1990s she battled and survived breast cancer. She then joined with a number of breast cancer organizations and, with the support of the president of SUNY Stony Brook, the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund was opened on campus as well as The Carol M. Baldwin Breast Care Center. Some years later another chapter was opened: The Carol M. Baldwin Fund of CNY. The combined efforts have raised millions of dollars, and she spent the last 32 years of her life as a fighter and champion for the cause. Her husband predeceased her; surviving are her children: Elizabeth, Alexander ("Alec"), Daniel, William, Stephen, and Jane Baldwin-Sasso.

**Willettta Spease** passed away during the first week of June, 2022. She was one of the most successful and impactful high school coaches in Central New York history. She spent 21 years with the Bulldogs, compiling a 408-63 record and won twelve Section III championships and five Class B state titles. In 1996, Spease became the first woman inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. She retired from Nottingham in 2000.

**Christopher Copanas** ('66) passed away on July 2, 2022. Chris was the stalwart center on our NHS Central New York Cities League championship team of 1964-65. He served in the army, stationed in Italy during the early 80s and later in Germany. Upon his return to the U.S. he was stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was assigned to Special Operations Command and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant. He is survived by brothers George and John.

**Rosetta "Marcia" Monic**, age 50, passed away on July 6, 2022. Marcia was a native of Guyana and emigrated to the U.S. in 1974. After graduating from Nottingham, she attended Bryant and Stratton College for Medical Administration. She was a residential counselor for more than fourteen years at Loretto Health and Rehabilitation and also did private duty home health care. She is survived by sons Christopher and Fernando, mother Monica Bivens, three sisters, and four brothers.

**Oleg Pohotsky** ('64) died on July 13, 2022. Oleg was born in a Displaced Persons' Camp in Germany to a nurse from Ukraine and an escaped POW from Belarus. They emigrated to the U.S. in 1956. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Clarkson University and his MBA from Harvard Business School. He became a corporate finance and investment professional, with a career spanning over fifty years. He is survived by his wife Donna, daughters Tatiana and Rebecca, and son James.

**Dr. Eugene Kaplan** ('50) died on July 17, 2022. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate Medical University. He remained at Upstate for 60 years, holding many positions including Director of Residency Training, Director of Undergraduate Education, Director of the Behavioral Science Program and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry. He was a tenured professor, and his distinguished career brought him numerous honors, including the President's Award for Excellence in Professional Services. Gene is survived by his wife Sandra and daughters Susan Lue and Karen Kaplan.

**Susan (Koppelman) Cohen** ('74) died on July 18, 2022. She was a graduate of SUNY Buffalo, and earned her master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology from Hofstra University. She worked for 29 years in the New Britain Public School system. Susan is survived by her husband Stuart, daughters Meredith Sotoloff and Rachel Schilberg, and three sisters: Roberta (Bobbi) Patterson, Gail Koppelman, and Judy Cronin.

**Elisabeth (Burns) O'Donnell**, age 67, passed away on July 27, 2022. She was a graduate of Onondaga Community College and had a career as a nurse at Community General Hospital. Betsy is survived by her husband Charles, daughters Vicki Martin, Andrea Damasceno, and Jennifer Hill, and son David Huff, as well as two step-daughters and one stepson.



## IN MEMORIAM 2022 CONT'D

**Rosalie Rubenstein** ('54) passed away on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. She and her husband both worked at Jacob's Office Equipment and eventually purchased the company which they re-named Jacobs Business Interiors. She gave her time to Rotary International and did community work for many years. She was President of Eastwood Rotary from 1998-99. Rosalie is survived by her husband Stanley and sons Mark and Hal.

**Patricia Burke**, age 97, passed away on August 10, 2022. She was a graduate of Southern Seminary in Virginia. She worked as an administrative assistant for the family law office in Hamilton and was active in church and community affairs. She was predeceased by her husband William, daughter Patricia, and son James. Surviving are daughters Maureen O'Sullivan and Marian Blain, and sons Thomas, John, and William.

**Oscar Chughchilian**, age 16, passed away on August 14, 2022. Oscar was born in Ecuador and was a Nottingham graduate. No other information is available.

**Susan Koldin Levine** ('64) died on August 17, 2022. She was a graduate of SUNY Geneseo and earned her master's in education from Syracuse University. She began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher and, after raising her children, returned to teaching as a remedial reading specialist. She is survived by her husband Benjamin, son Dr. Leonard Levine, daughter Jennifer Rudnick, and brother Dr. Malcolm Koldin.

**Kenyon Clemons** ('98) died on August 20, 2022. He is survived by his son Greyson, mother Wonjura Lewis, stepmother Validen Tull, father Stephen Clemons, and eleven brothers and sisters.

**Richard Murphy** ('63) passed away on August 21, 2022. He received a full scholarship to Syracuse University as a player/kicker on the football team and earned a BA degree in History. Richard was also a Marine Corp Veteran. He was a business and estate planner for over 53 years running his own business, Richard C. Murphy Insurance & Financial Concepts. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, daughters Elizabeth Stanko and Catherine Murphy.

**Linda (Bloom) Kelso** ('62) passed away on August 22, 2022. Her career as an associate real estate broker spanned over 40 years. She held various positions at the Greater Syracuse Association of Realtors and was consistently ranked as a top producer in her field, winning many awards. Linda was also active in her community as a volunteer for several charitable organizations. She is survived by her husband Richard, daughters Stacey Kelso-O'Connor and Lori Gonzales, and sisters Carol Krampetz and Ellen Kulesa.

**Richard "Dick" Matlow**, age 86, passed away on August 24, 2022. He attended NHS where he excelled at basketball and baseball. He continued his education at The Manlius School and at Yale University. Dick had careers in the family's scrap metal recycling firm and lately as a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch. He is survived by daughters Sue and Jennifer.

**Linda (Hagadorn) Jochum** ('61) died on August 25, 2022. She had worked at Steppingstone Daycare, Radisson nursery school, the Bascol after-school program, and was a nature teacher for the Lysander recreation program. She is survived by daughters Stephanie Jochum-Natt and Rebecka Jochum Miller, sister Sondra Lynch, and brother William. Her husband Ludwig and brother Albert predeceased her.

**Ruth (Gilbert) McGann Powers** ('40) passed away on September 8, 2022. She worked as an assistant dietician at the Fulton Hospital. She and her first husband, Frank, an air force captain, were stationed on bases around the country before returning to Syracuse to raise their four children. Frank ("Jim") died in 1984. Ruth remarried J. Stephen Powers and they enjoyed 17 years of marriage before he passed away in 2012. Surviving are sons Jay and James, daughters Susan Gherardi and Lynn Lenkiewicz, and step-sons David and Scott.

**Willie Earnest Sapp, Jr.** ('88) died on September 18, 2022. While at Nottingham he played football, basketball, and baseball. He studied electrical engineering and psychology at the University of Maryland. Will worked at IBM in Burlington, Vermont, at Elmcrest Children's Center in Syracuse, and at Opportunities Alternatives and Resource Center in Ithaca, NY. He was predeceased by his brother, Melvin. Surviving are his wife Janna, daughters Stella Sapp and Ahaba Sapp, parents Willie Sr. and Doris Sapp, sisters Vivian Smith, Jackie Sapp, and Valerie Tibbs, and brothers Anthony Tibbs and William Sapp.

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**Lawrence Tefft** ('65) passed away on October 6, 2022. Larry worked as an electrician for over 35 years and was a longtime volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital's Mended Hearts Program. He was predeceased by his wife Leona. Surviving are his sister Charlotte and daughter Holly Gestring.

**Amy Kipping Cayen**, age 57, passed away on October 7, 2022. She was a dedicated and popular teacher of English and Special Education at Nottingham. Amy is survived by her daughter Emily, sister Carter Schwonke, and brother Richard Barnhill.

**Ann (Tom) McDonell** ('61) passed away on October 10, 2022. She earned her bachelor's degree from Cortland State University and her master's degree in Education at LeMoyne College. Ann worked for over 15 years as a teacher for the Syracuse School District. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother James. Surviving are her husband James, son Matthew, daughters Heather-Ann Dristle and Deborah Ireton, and her brother John Tom.

**Janice Gates** ('83) died on October 11, 2022. She graduated from Syracuse University and became an entrepreneur in the field of yoga and mindfulness. Janice served as President of the International Association of Yoga Therapists and authored the book Yogini, the Power of Women in Yoga. She is survived by her husband Will Karnofsky, daughter Sacha Karnofsky, parents Patricia Duncan and Bob Gates, and sisters Laura Gates and Nancy Gates.

**Elizabeth (Crane) Donabella** ('82) passed away on October 15, 2022. She was a graduate of Syracuse University. Elizabeth was a homemaker and was extremely proud of her four wonderful children. She was an avid reader and lover of nature, animals, and travel. Surviving are her husband Michael, children Micaela, Chloe, Christina, and Jason, brother Robert, and sisters Joanna and Catherine.

**Lois (Menter) Zachary** ('62) died on October 26, 2022. She received her doctorate in adult and continuing education from Columbia University. She held a Master of Arts degree from Columbia and a Master of Science degree in education from Southern Illinois University. A pioneer in the field of mentoring, Lois wrote seven books on mentoring and also published an anthology of poetry. She was the first female president of Temple Adath Yeshurun, and she served as Vice President of the Jewish Education Service of North America and Chair of the Editorial Board for the Journal of Jewish Education. Surviving are her husband Edward, son Bruce, daughter Lisa Fain, and sister Joyce Baron.

**Murray Grossman, M.D.** ('39) passed away on October 27, 2022. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and S.U. College of Medicine. He served two years as a Naval Medical Officer before completing his medical training and entering private practice. Later he joined the faculty of what is now SUNY Health Science Center as a full professor specializing in cardiology. He was the driving force in setting up the first cardiac care unit in the Syracuse area.

Murray was also a very active philanthropist. For 25 years he served as a medical consultant to the S.U. Athletic Department. He leaves behind his

wife Kathy, sister Suzy, sons Leonard and Brian, and daughters Elizabeth Grossman, Jacqueline Kelly, and Sarah Leonard.

**Lynne (Dettor) McCormick** ('56) passed away on November 5, 2022. She was a graduate of Skidmore College and later earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from SUNY Utica. She and her family lived in the Adirondack region where she worked as a paralegal and was eventually elected Town Justice of the Town of Webb. Lynne was involved in many animal rescue organizations throughout her life. She is survived by her daughter Traci.

**Marydee (Powell) Snogles**, age 80, died on November 7, 2022. She was a graduate of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing and spent over 25 years as a registered nurse at Crouse Hospital in the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit. She is survived by her ex-husband Donald, son Jeffrey, daughter Julie Asaro, brothers Richard, Robert, and Gordon, and sister Janet Andereck.

**Thomas Garrett**, age 79, died on November 20, 2022. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for over 30 years at AT&T. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rita; sons Timothy and Steven; daughter Cherish; and sisters Gail, Tamia, and Andrea. He was predeceased by a daughter, Melissa, and a brother, Robert.

**John Copanas**, age 65, passed away on November 24, 2022. He was a graduate of LeMoyne College and worked for over 40 years for the City of Syracuse. Among other positions, he served as Deputy Commissioner of both the DPW and Aviation. He was the City Clerk for 30 years, where he was instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the Common Council. John was predeceased by his parents and brother Christopher, but is survived by his brother George.

**Herbert Heim**, age 92, died on November 26, 2022. Born in Germany, Herb lived there his first ten years before fleeing the Nazis with his mother and settling in Syracuse. After high school he earned undergraduate and law degrees from Syracuse University. He practiced law for 60 years, mostly with *Heim, Koldin, Canter and Levine*, which later became the *Koldin Law Center*. He was predeceased by his wife, Esther. Surviving are daughter Nancy and sons Robert and Edward.

**Mary Anne Silino** died on November 27, 2022. She had a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Saint Rose College in Albany. Mary Anne worked for the Onondaga Library System and Syracuse City Public School System and managed the volunteer program for the school district for 18 years from her office in Nottingham High School. She is survived by her husband Steve and daughters Amy Madonia and Melanie Silino.

**Diane (Miller) Freyer** ('59) passed away on November 28, 2022. She attended Syracuse University and was very active in area churches. She is survived by her sister Marilyn Wachman, brother Robert, sons James, William, David, and Thomas, and stepchildren Amy, Bill, and Allis. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Marion.

## IN MEMORIAM 2022 CONT'D

**Gus Bullock** ('91) died on December 10, 2022. He worked at Carrier and Chrysler for many years. Gus is survived by his parents, Gus and Nancy Bullock, brother Trenell, half-sister Nicolle Overstreet, and children Troy, Amyah, and Gino.

**George Vincent Back**, age 86, passed away on December 18, 2022. He served in the U.S. Army as an engineer, then in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator. He was a reconnaissance officer during the Cold War and, later, an Electronics Warfare Officer during the Vietnam War. After his 30-year Air Force career he went to work at Lockheed Martin. He is survived by his wife Geraldine, sisters Joan Back and Linda Stith, daughter Mary Susan Back, and son George Vincent II. He was predeceased by sisters Marion Back and Nancy Lanza.

**James Merrick** ('51) passed away on December 20, 2022. He served in the US Air Force from 1956-58 and then with the Army Reserves for six years. Jimmy was a Syracuse City Firefighter for 20 years. Following retirement, he worked as the beverage manager and bartender at the Lafayette Country Club. He is survived by his wife Sandra, and sons James and Douglas.

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