

Sandra McGill (Pinkoski)

In 1973, when I applied to attend Montgomery College in Rockville, MD, I found that I had graduated in the upper third of my high school class! Well, imagine that! I was never known for my excellence in school—I was a bit too preoccupied with figuring out how to make relationships work. I'm not sure I have ever become successful at that. It's just about as much a mystery now as it was back then.

I am the daughter of the late Richard and Virginia McGill, sister to Sharon McGill (1966 grad of LHS) and Rick McGill (1972 grad of LHS). On May 22, 1965, a month before graduating LHS, I married army serviceman Roger Blackwell. Within a year of that date, he took off for “greener pastures” in France, leaving me to raise our son, Roger Blackwell, Jr. alone.

An intrepid woman, I have come them.

I have lived in several states in foreign countries, including Italy born in Austria). I am a professional Hebrew praise dance Israel as a member of Knoxville-Zion).



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the United States and in several and Austria (my brother, Rick, was sional singer/actor, and I have in the United States as well as in based Benote Tzion (Daughters of

I've been told I am a very capable horsewoman and my horse of preference is the Icelandic. I love animals of all sizes and shapes—my favorite being the cat, of which I have five! I am an avid reader. I enjoy “reality” television shows, and I enjoy movies.

I am a Certified Eucharistic Minister, a commissioned Lay Reader, and a Lector in the Episcopal Church, though when asked, I say that I am a Seventh-day Adventist Episcopal Messianic Jew!

I have worked for NASA in its Washington, D.C., headquarters. In approximately 1970 I joined the Fourth United Presbyterian Church, where I became active in the choir. At the recommendation of Dr. Richard C. Halverson, its pastor (who later became Chaplain of the U.S. Senate), I became a volunteer with the Christian organization, the Fellowship Foundation (also known as the International Foundation). As a volunteer of that organization I helped work on Chuck Colson's case after the Watergate scandal.

In 1963, a high school friend of mine, Richard Wade, was somehow (I can't remember the details) involved in a production of Guys and Dolls. Well, I asked if I could be in it. The long and short of it was that I was put in the chorus line. Now, this production was a big deal at the time. Neal Love, who was the director, I think, came in during one rehearsal and said he had one of our costumes in his back pocket. We all thought he was kidding but he commenced to pull out the smallest bikini I've ever seen!

Well, I'm getting a bit longwinded, so below are the highlights in my life so far, working backward:

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Currently I am a member of: Knoxville Choral Society, singer, since 2011; St. James Episcopal Church, Soloist & Choir Member; Sevier County Choral Society, Soloist & Member of Chorus since 1998.

I had a small part in the film, Light, The Streets of Redemption, released in 2011.

*The Passion Play in
rent, though the Play is
Outdoor theater that
in 2012 and 2013.*

*Mary Magdalene, in
soloist during Upper
Peter's Denial Scene,
Scene. Lamb of God
2003. Roles: Angel,
Benote Tzion Messianic
soloist during Upper
Peter's Denial Scene.
play), 1999. Roles:*

roles. Gatlinburg Pas-

cal), 1994–1996 seasons (176 performances per year). Roles: Various speaking parts, Mother of Jesus, various roles in Miracles Scene, Angel, Singer/soloist.

Benote Tzion Messianic Praise Dance Team: Fall 2002 to Present as dancer. We present dance programs showcasing dance to Messianic Praise and Worship music using flags and a variety of silk banners in various venues/states, including places in Israel, principally Jerusalem.

Mantovani Orchestra Christmas Tour Ensemble (octet) member (singer), 2007. Nashville Symphony Chorus, 1992–1993.

Sabbath Rest Quartet, 1989. Soloist. Our music was recorded (video) and used on Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

Orlando Opera Company, 1981–1987 & 1991. Various chorus roles. Encore Opera Company, 1981. Various chorus roles.

Messiah Choral Society (Orlando, FL), 1980–1986.

Cecilian Consort of Washington, D.C., 1979.

Montgomery Performing Arts Society, Amahl & the Night Visitors, 1976, Role: Chorus member; Il Tabarro, Duet & Chorus member, 1976. Montgomery College, Joshua, Lisner Auditorium, 1976.



September 2014

*the Smokies 2004–cur-
on hiatus at this time.
became indoor theater
Roles: soloist, Angel,
Hebrew dance team,
Room scene, Maid in
Leper during Miracles
Passion Play, 2001–
Mary Magdalene; in
Praise Dance Team, as
Room scene, maid in
Life of Christ (outdoor
Leper, various speaking
sion Play (indoor musi-*



My 22 May 1965 wedding

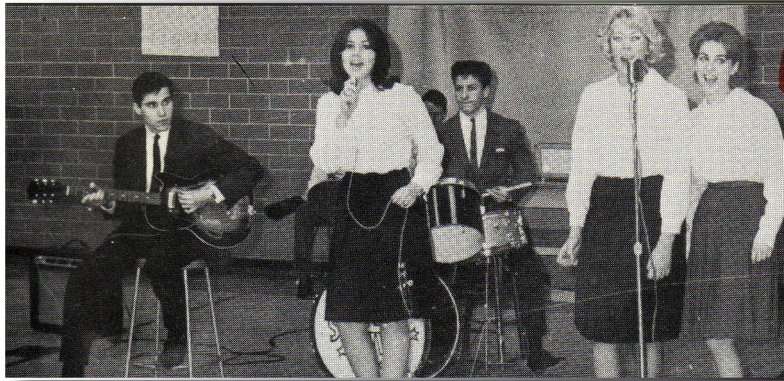


My love for horses

Sandra McGill (Pinkoski)

Senior 5

Tony Woodward



Nino Trower

Coolsie

Cheri Payne Me



Passion Plays at Gatlinburg, TN



Archaeological dig in Jerusalem, Israel



22 May 1965 wedding
with Cheri Payne attending



Producer 1980's



Opening Dollywood 2011 season

Janice Stanton (Loftus)

After the class of 1965 graduated, I remained at LHS until 1990. During that time, I not only taught girls PE but also had boys PE classes, and started the Health curriculum in the county as LHS was the first high school to include this. After being at LHS for 30 years, I retired in 1990.

During the time at LHS, I feel that I made many friends even among the students. During the latter 8 years of my time at LHS, I accompanied students to varied places in Europe over spring vacations including trips to England, Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Mexico. These trips were most enjoyable and also educational.

Personally, I was separated from my first husband in 1972, and remarried in 1975. I have continued to live in Laurel ever since retiring. Interesting though it be, as a physical education/health teacher, since I retired, I have worked for 25 years in a CPA office during tax season. What a combination of interests: phys ed /health to math and taxes.

During retirement, I have many European and the My has me into volunteer Work has satisfied believe finance



the time of ment, Joe and traveled over places in rope, Canada, USA. retirement also brought many other teen activities. at my church brought me faction and, it or not, involvement

has been my forte. Also, having owned a condo in OC, MD, I have served as treasurer of the association since 1984. Would anyone have believed that this PE teacher of the early 60's would have become so oriented into math and finance activities?

My daughter graduated from LHS in 1985 and she has since graduated from WV and been working for the US government. I have a wonderful granddaughter who is a graduate of Frostburg and working for Walden University on line programs. In addition, my husband has 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren which I obviously claim now as mine after all these years.

Volunteer work through my church has brought to me much satisfaction and joy and I have become "friends" with several of the 1965 classmates as well as others beyond '65. At this point in my life, these friendships are very meaningful.

I have also maintained many friendships and communications with many other of my ex-students. It is so wonderful to be able to see and know what is happening to so many of these ex-students. And, I continue to maintain contact with so many of the remaining faculty members that I have contact with. What a wonderful feeling to have the present principal of LHS having been one of my students.

Coach Patrick Reilly



ALBANY - (From: The Leader-Herald/Paul Wager - 28 February 2010)

For the second time in the past year, former Amsterdam wrestling coach Pat Reilly was inducted into a hall of fame.

The latest hall to honor the founder of the Amsterdam wrestling program was the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame prior to the championship finals Saturday at the Times-Union Center.

"It's a very, very nice honor," Reilly said. "I'm very pleased and happy."

Former Amsterdam coach Pat Reilly was inducted into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame prior to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Division I and II championships Saturday at the Times-Union Center in Albany.

Reilly founded the Amsterdam program in 1965 and coached the Rams until 1993.

"When we started the process in Rochester [two years ago at the state tournament], we were hoping that it worked out that he would be honored when the states were in Albany," Amsterdam coach Ken Benton said. "We got his name on the list and this is a great year to have it."

During his tenure with the Rams, Reilly recorded 267 dual-meet victories and his teams captured three Section II Class A championships. Amsterdam also earned nine Big 10 Conference team championships under Reilly. "No coach does it alone. I had a lot of help from my assistant coaches. We didn't have a lot of turnover and they worked awful hard," Reilly said. "I also had a lot of my support from my wife, Audrey, parents and boosters."

In his tenure at Amsterdam, Reilly coached 10 wrestlers to Section II championships as well as 25 class championships and six state place finishes.

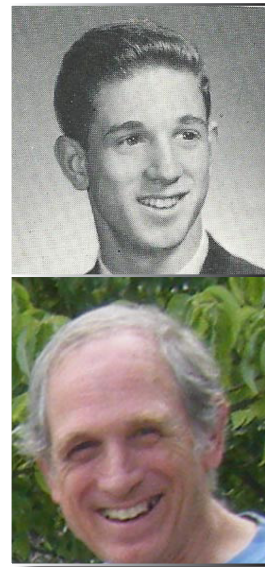
"It's been in the works for a while. It's long overdue and it's a great opportunity to honor a great man," Benton said. "It's fantastic. I don't know if it gets any more prestigious than that."

Last year, Reilly was inducted into the Section II Wrestling Hall of Fame on March 29 as part of the DeMeo Awards Banquet at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

Reilly also was honored by the Amsterdam wrestling team Dec. 13, 2008, when it re-named its wrestling room the Patrick H. Reilly Hall of Fame Wrestling Gymnasium.

The recognition continued on Saturday and Reilly was pleased to be honored. "It's just super. It's just a fabulous thing," Reilly said. "My daughters, Colleen and Doreen, are coming from Virginia and Schenectady and it's a big thing for my family. I'm very proud to be recognized like this."

James E. Cross



*It was Havre de Grace, Maryland, where I came alive,
C & P brought us to Laurel when I was five.*

*Mr. Runyon, Miss Sparks, recess and safety patrol,
Taught me valuable lessons – moderation, self control.*

*Laurel Junior High was a new type of school,
Prelude to the sixties, it was cool to be cool.
The teachers were great; my friends were all swell,
UMAP was neat with Mr. Ortel.*

*Laurel High School came next; it was time to get serious,
Football was fun, classes made me curious.
Because Mr. Dannels started Tech Club in 1963,
Ham radio became a hobby my wife wishes was free!*

*I explored various clubs and played in the band.
Became an Eagle Scout, those years were not bland.
Couple times class Prez, summers worked at the pool,
Best years of my life were at Laurel High School.*

*On to college and summers I worked for Ma Bell,
Met my wife when I worked at the Valencia Motel.
Her mom and dad brought her to help out her sis,
Result: forty-six years of connubial bliss.*

*It took me six years for a four year degree,
Switched majors, had a kid, worked a year at C & P.
Got a real estate license, worked a county executive campaign,
Elected five terms to city council, was I insane?*

*Partnered with a Korean and started Old Line Sign,
Business was tough, but the kimchi was fine.
Worked with a friend importing diesel engines and parts,
Went to shows, set up dealers - a new career starts.*

*India quit exporting engines, but my friends owned hotels,
So we set up a commercial laundry to wash sheets and towels.
Finally found a work path for the rest of my life -
Remodeling homes - no employees now – a whole lot less strife.*

James E. Cross (Cont'd)

*We travel as much as the budget allows,
She's driving, I'm typing, WOW! - Texas has cows!
I type on our way from the East to the West,
To attend my niece's wedding, I do not jest.
A lot of my time is spent doing volunteer stuff,
And my wife often wonders, can you spell ENOUGH?
To New Orleans with our church group we go every January,
We spend a week helping with Habitat for Humanity.*

*Ham radio and genealogy help round out my life,
Visiting family and friends, exploring the world with my wife,
The above are all things that I love to do,
Doggerel is something that I enjoy too.*

*Apologies to Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Borsch for all grammatical and syntax errors and to
Karen and all other classmates who write and enjoy reading actual poetry.*

Michelle Tansill (Holmes)



Sweet and Cute in 1950 and 1965



Michelle and Bobby in 1965 and Presently

I had two goals when I graduated in June 1965. One was to marry Bobby Holmes and the other was to be the best hairdresser in Laurel. I fulfilled the first goal 11 days after graduation. I was already working as hairdresser when we graduated.

I kept that job for about a year and then decided I was bored and really wasn't making any money and was not using my brain. I was also tired of the constant gossiping and backbiting (sorry ladies !!) An opening came up at Citizens National Bank for a teller position and I changed careers overnight, I rose quickly through the ranks at the bank from teller to head teller and then to a front desk position and then just as I was being groomed for an assistant manager a miracle happened in my life, I gave birth to my daughter, Jennifer !!! After I returned to work I learned someone else had been given my assistant manager position...ahh the 70's.... anyway I stayed in my position on the desk for another year and another eighteen months and another miracle happened I gave birth to my son Rob, and that about finished my banking career, I returned part time off and on until they went to school. When they both went to school I learned of an opening with C&P telephone (now Verizon today) and I applied and accepted a clerical position with them in Silver Spring. By the way that clerical position paid more than the Head Teller or Desk Position paid at the bank ever paid..go figure. My career at the phone company followed an upward cycle over the next fifteen years I rose from the clerical position to first level manager with the responsibility of an engineering lab by the time I took an early retirement in 1994. After leaving which started out as C&P which became Bell Atlantic I went to work for Infonet, a federal government contractor in Beltsville and earned my CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) certification, and worked for them for seven years until they moved to Chantilly Virginia.

Michelle Tansill (Holmes)

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I then went to work for MCI on a federal contract for the Social Security Administration in Baltimore Maryland, MCI unfortunately went bankrupt, but the company was purchased by... wait for it...Verizon...so here I am again working for the very company I left many years ago...I have been at the Social Security Administration on this contract for almost 15 years. It is very technical but very interesting work. It challenges my brain, I am not bored, I have had to pay heavy dues for being a woman in this field, but I do not complain about this because I love this work. I am still working maybe next year I will retire but I am not ready right now. This is work that challenges engineers that have college educations but somehow I have managed to excel in this field with just the education that I got I with you at Laurel High School. Amazing. I feel blessed.

I also feel blessed because for 50 years I have had a wonderful husband who loves me and who has been my partner and friend in all aspects of this life together. We have two great adult children. Jennifer, who has her own graphic design business, who homeschools our grandson Nicholas, and she lives in Laurel and remains close to us. Rob is a Major in the Air National Guard, he lives Oklahoma City Oklahoma, we are very proud of all his accomplishments in the military, we have four wonderful grandchildren. Heather, who is a Freshman at Oklahoma State University, Bryan a Junior at Mustang High School, Nate a Freshman at Mustang High School and Nicholas who is being homeschooled. They are all great kids .



Caroline McGill (Connelly)

Ronnie and Caroline
in
Punta Cana, DR
February 2015



If I passed you by without saying “hi”, you’ll soon know why!

You may identify me when I say; I and my womb-mate skipped the first grade, which made us 16 years old starting our senior year at LHS. The leap from kindergarten to 2nd grade created disadvantages, one being my lack of maturity as a high school student. It didn’t help matters that I disliked wearing eye glasses and would take them off in class and to travel between classes.

I could not see more than a few inches in front of me without them. The sad result is that I missed seeing information in class, on bulletin boards, and I am sure a few friendly faces in the hallways. How much did I miss for this vanity? I’ll never know.....

If I passed you by without saying “hi”, you now know why!

My first careers were in retail management positions for Lord & Taylor and then for Julius Garfinckel & Co. after graduating, in 1967, from Patricia Stevens Career College and Finishing School, in Washington, DC. It was a maturing experience for me.

The summer of 1969, I enrolled as a part time student at the University of Maryland and would later major in “Art Education”.

January of 1971, I changed careers and went to work for Central National Bank of Maryland (CNB), in Silver Spring. That fall, I married John S. Parker; and we moved to Laurel to balance our commutes to school and work. Months after we married, John became chronically ill with crones disease but managed to finish law school on time, in 1973 and we moved to Gaithersburg, Md.

Caroline Shay Parker, (Carrie) was born in the fall of 1978, while we lived in White Oak. In 1981, we moved to “Fairland Acres” in Burtonsville. Weeks before Carrie’s 4th birthday (1982) I recognized, in her, signs of Type 1 diabetes and she was started on insulin. Within a year she had two more auto-immune diseases.

At 15 months old, Jeanette Soo Mee Parker, joined our family, March 18th, 1983, all the way from Soul, Korea. Three months later, John learned he had polycystic kidney disease and would eventually need a kidney transplant. These major changes in our family’s health caused me to change the direction of my life. I began to shut down the decorating business I had started a few years earlier to concentrate on volunteer work for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (International). I read, attended lectures, parent week at Camp Glyndon, etc... I mastered enough about diabetes to start giving talks on the subject, do blood testing and volunteer work for JDFI. In the fall of 1987 I began to teach school for Montgomery County Public Schools. A great job!

Caroline McGill (Connelly) Continued

John's health took another downturn and he had open heart surgery. At about that same time his elderly mother, Anna, broke first one hip and then the other! I frequently found myself in doctor's offices and hospitals with one family member or another, life was busy.

John received a kidney transplant from his brother, James, in 1991. He took an early retirement in January of 2000. John and I were keenly aware of his failing health; we decided it was best for us to retire near my sister, Jeanette, and her husband, Frank, in SC. John and Frank had been roommates at the UM, after each had served in the military. They also shared that special connection of being married to twin sisters. Our foursome of 38 years created wonderful memories and lifelong ties.

Once settled in SC, I became a full time volunteer at "St. Francis (of Assisi Episcopal Church's) Community Thrift Shop" and a member of their Outreach Ministries Committee. I served on their thrift shop board for 6 years, as "Outreach" vestry liaison for three years, in addition to serving on the vestry at church. In 2002, I began a 4 year study; "Education for Ministry", through the University of the South, School of Theology and graduated in 2006. EFM has been a high light of my senior years. I am grateful for the friends I made during my studies in EFM.

John died in August of 2004. He was a scholar, a gentleman, a loyal husband, and an honorable man. I miss him and his intellectual conversations and zest for life.

Our two daughters continue to live in Maryland and each has a daughter. I am the proud Grandmother of Miss Caroline (10) and Miss Stacy (3).

October 1, 2007, I met a widower, Ronnie Allen Connelly on Match.com. Ronnie retired from the Army, earned his Master's degree in Religious studies, and became a missionary. He has a long resume of teaching "Leadership Training". A southerner to his core, he was born in Edgefield, SC, the hometown to ten of SC's governors and home of the National Turkey Federation. Our Christian studies were instrumental in uniting us.

Since moving to SC, I have learned that in many parts of the south the verb "to come" is not conjugated. I think it is an act of rebellion stemming from the loss of the Civil war..... (smile)

In the spring of 2010, two brain tumors; one on the optic nerve took the eye sight from my left eye and a second tumor located on my corroded artery threatened my life. I was told by Dr. Charlotte R. Thompson, my Neuro-ophthalmologist, that my sight was "gone for good" in my left eye. Dr. W. Alex Vandergrift III was my neurosurgeon and Dr. Pierre Giglio, the Medical Director of Neuro-Oncology, at Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) also assisted in my surgery. Both doctors worked on my 3 years of follow up.

In June 2010, Jeanette and Frank changed their plans to be at the "LHS 45th" reunion in order to be with me in Charleston, for my brain surgery. They, along with my brother, Lloyd, my daughter, Carrie, and Ronnie waited while I had my surgery, which took over 6 hours and would later have 2 surprises for me and my surgeons! Thank you, and the many who prayed for my recovery.

October 1st, 2010 Ronnie and I married and he joined me in "The Palms" and we continue volunteer work and enjoy boating on Lake Murray.

Now, to those two surprises I mentioned; Minutes before being put under for my brain surgery, the eye sight in my left eye miraculously returned. Two months after my brain surgery, my two surgeons told me my healing was "something rarely, if ever, seen"! They explained that they had only been able to remove 10% of my two brain tumors because they were "hard as rocks"; however, my most recent MRI showed that the tumors were completely gone! The original MRI had to be used to show where the two tumors had been. Five years out, the tumors have not returned. I have been very blessed. I am most grateful for God's gifts and his grace. Thank you to those who prayed for me, it worked! Yes, I believe in miracles and the power of prayer!



Evelyn Specht



I have lived happily in Laurel Maryland my entire life in my home on 4th Street. After graduating from high school, my first job was with the Laurel Furniture Company on Main Street. In September 1965, I attended the Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D.C., on scholarship from the Sigma Omega Sorority. I began my career in the Federal Government at that time working as a payroll clerk-typist for the Finance and Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. and my college education was placed on hold. In September 1972 I re-enrolled at Benjamin Franklin University and completed my education at night school. I completed my Associate Degree in Business Administration in June 1976, followed by my Bachelor's Degree in Commercial Science in June 1979. I completed my education with a Master's Degree in Financial Management in June 1981.

In April 1980, I received the Certificate of Recognition from the Association of Government Accountants for my work at Benjamin Franklin University in which the Faculty had selected me.

During my employment with the Federal Government, I held various positions such as Payroll Clerk- Typist, Accounting Technician, Program and Budget Specialists, Cost Accountant, Budget Analyst, and Supervisor (Budget Analyst). Worked 47 Years 2 months in the Federal Government of which 40 Years was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

February 2014 I retired from the Federal Government (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). The Army Engineer Association on behalf of the Engineer Regiment proudly awarded the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal for my "inspirational leadership" in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Since graduating from high school, I have been able to keep in touch with my close friend Wanda Shaver (Pearson). And I have been blessed to see her children graduate from college, marry and start their own families.

My interests include gardening, traveling and managing the Bowie Sportsfit Racquetball Leagues.

Evelyn Specht (Continued)

Evelyn is a WORLD renowned racquetball player...

National Racquetball Rankings

May - June 2001

Women's 50+

1. Agatha Falso, FL
2. Terry Ann Rogers, CA
3. Meri Jean Kelley, CA
4. Shelley Ogden, OH
- 5T. Jane Bentley, NM
- 5T. Sharon Huczek, MI
- 7T. Kathy Dunham, IL
- 7T. Sharon Hastings-Welty,
OR
- 7T. Nancy Kronenfeld, IL
- 7T. Not a Member, OR
- 11T. Ly Abbott, AK
- 11T. Sandy Gross, SD
- 11T. Paula Sperling, NM
- 11T. Mary Jane Weldin, DE
- 15T. Loretta Anderson, CA
- 15T. Bette Miller, CO
- 15T. Jan Stelma, NC
18. Carol Palombino, CA
- 19T. Sharon Chandler, WA
- 19T. Andee Glansberg, NY
- 19T. Charlene Luckman, MT
- 19T. Shirley Parsons, CO
- 19T. Evelyn Specht, MD**
- 19T. Cathy Stryker, VA
25. Carol Gellman, NM

2002 / 2003 U.S. Open

Women's 40+ A/B

1. Janice Kennedy, GA
2. Rosario Kelley, TX
3. Guimoiar Matheus,
- 4T. Hughette Keohen, CA
- 4T. Kathleen Plourd, PA
6. Vivian Rodriguez, WA
- 7T. Linda Bentzel, PA
- 7T. Gina Cendoya, FL
- 7T. Tina Davenport, MD
- 10T. Elaine Fisher, OH
- 10T. Melody Gorno, MI
- 10T. Ann Matto, FL
- 10T. Joanna Reyes, TX
- 10T. Ynez Slaymaker, AK
- 10T. Evelyn Specht, MD**
- 16T. Fran Gower, MD
- 16T. Mary Moreland, FL
18. Maureen Schantz, VA
19. Pat Kong, WA

Patricia Rutledge (Cott)

Trish Rutledge Cott

I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968 and then went to NC State in Raleigh for my PhD in Clinical Psychology which I received in 1975.

In 1969 I joined the Baha'i Faith, an independent world religion which teaches that all religions are one and that mankind is one. I met Jerry Cott at a Baha'i meeting and we have been married since 1973.

We lived in Sweden and Nigeria from 1975 to 1980 working in our professions and serving the Baha'i Faith.

We returned to the US in 1980 and both joined the Federal Government. I am a disability consultant for Social Security and Jerry is a pharmacologist at Food and Drug Administration.

We have three children and three grandchildren, all living in the DC Metro area.

We live in Maple Lawn in Howard County. I take the MARC train to DC so I go to Laurel Main Street often. I enjoy driving by the old Laurel High School.

I am looking forward very much to the tour of the high school and the gathering at Oliver's on June 12.

See you there!



Jerry and Patricia Cott



Mitzi Tornese (Flyte / Reinbold)



Mitzi on South Cadbury Castle, Somerset County, England, the archaeological site of a 6th Century British Chieftain (King Arthur?) during one of her trips to England.

After high school graduation I was packed off to Easton Hospital School of Nursing in Easton, PA (the school has since closed – it was nothing I did, really!) and spent the first year of nursing school locked in the nurses’ residence. I’m not kidding. The housemothers locked the doors at 10 PM. When you were a “probie” (freshman), you had to be at your desk from 8-10PM every night. I had a sheltered existence but a good education.

I became a Registered Nurse and began my nursing career at Easton Hospital (well, I knew it, so it was easy...at least I thought). I was a charge nurse on a medical-surgical floor...the oldest floor in an old hospital. One spring day I stood on a stool to tape windows shut so the snow wouldn’t get on my patients. Yeah, it was fun...not.

Eventually I met the man I was to marry (well, the first one anyway) and who became the father of my wonderful daughter, Heather. I worked on the hospital’s Rehab Unit and then went to work for the Visiting Nurses of Eastern Northampton County (the VNA has since closed—it was nothing I did, really!). I still couldn’t find my nursing niche so years later I went to Praxis Alzheimer’s Facility in Easton (BTW: it’s still open). I loved working with dementia residents (maybe there’s a connection) and I became the Assistant Director of Nursing. By that time I was divorced and Heather and I were doing everything together. Of course the first Broadway show I took her to was Beatlemania. I started working, in various positions, for the company that managed Praxis. I was their Marketing Director, Quality Assurance Director and finally Vice President of Nursing (the company has since closed—it was nothing I did, really!)

I did meet a great gentleman, a police officer, and after a few months, he asked me to marry him. Unfortunately he had a heart condition and died while waiting for a heart transplant.

That’s when I finally decided, with Heather grown, that it was “my turn”. What were the things I’d always wanted to do? Write and go to England.

Mitzi Tornese (Flyte / Reinbold) cont'd...

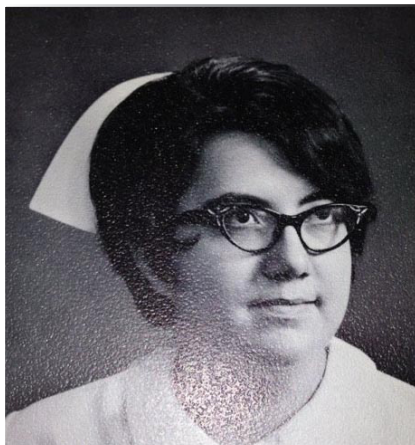
I've been to England five times, twice on my own.

I've been writing seriously (as in "for publication") since I was 12 and got my first rejection. I've been published in short story (horror and mystery), chil-

(Yep! I wrote an erotic romance, just to I was a freelancer for the Easton daily a short story in a dark fantasy anthology, my werewolf romance, The Guardians' mystery series, a time travel romance, and

I'm now married to the best guy in He wanted a woman with "no cats" but I time I had three. I guess the cats weren't were walking around Musikfest, he said, he kept on walking. I said (to his back), I retired from my nursing position in married that June. We live in an old (150+ of cornfields (none ours) outside of Read- (none the original three – I guess he really loves me). Heather had been working in Seattle but decided she liked her new family so much, she moved home (with a cat). She's gone back to school for her degree and is planning to teach at the college level. And when I married Morgan, I got the greatest gift (along with stepdaughter, stepson and stepson-in-law), a grandson.

It's been an interesting 50 years. So I'm looking forward to the next 50.



Nursing Graduate - 1968

dren's stories, poetry, essays, and erotica see if I could, and it got published!). paper, the Express-Times. Recently I had Tales from the Mist, and I self-published Prophecy. I'm working on a paranormal a collection of dark short stories. the world. We met on "Senior Singles". wrote to him anyway, even though at the a problem because one day, while we "When we're married..." I stopped and "No one's asked me."

March of 2012 and Morgan and I were year old) stone farmhouse in the middle ing, PA., with a dopey dog and five cats



1990's



Great-nephew Logan in 2010



England - 2010



2012



Married Morgan in 2012

Marybeth Sorady

I had no idea what I would do in life when I graduated from Laurel High School. I knew I was headed to the University of Maryland, but to study what? And then what?

I studied languages - French, Russian, Spanish, Italian, even a little Latin to tie it together - because I liked them. I had not more plan than that. My official major was Russian Language and Literature, although I also had enough credits for a major in French.

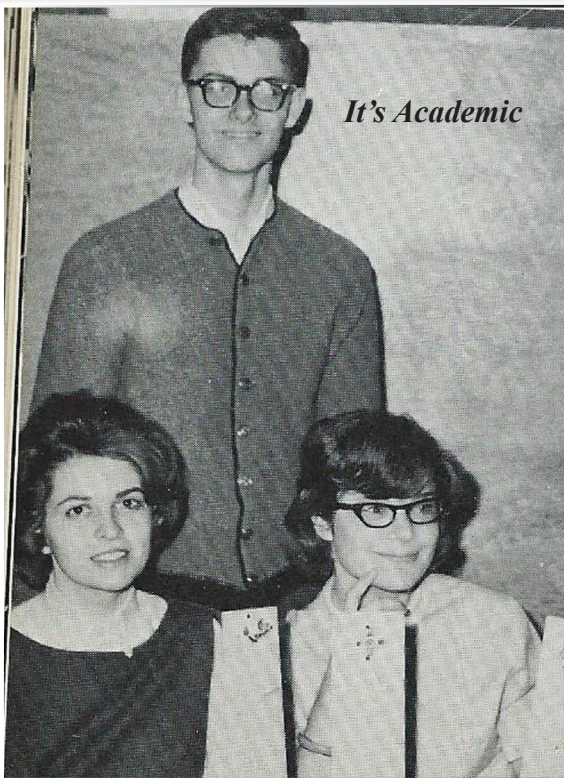
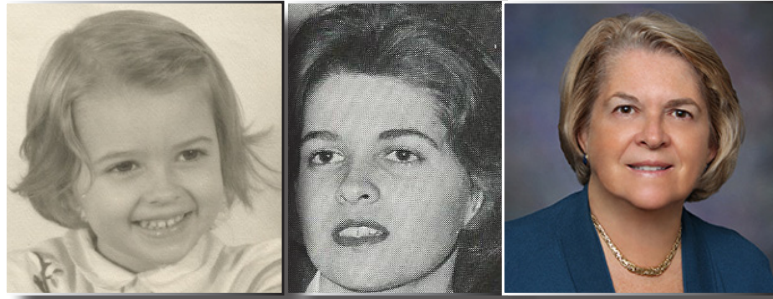
In my junior year, Martin Luther King was killed, and as Washington burned in the ensuing riots, I wanted to contribute in some way to fix the problems. I began tutoring inner city students and then responded to an offer to teach in an inner city school after graduation while getting a Masters degree from Catholic University. This experience ran the gamut from highs to lows. With the harsh realization that one person cannot change the world, I retreated into graduate school to prepare to teach college. I acquired another Masters degree, in French, and did all my coursework for a PhD before reality again intruded. With the 1970s trend toward only "relevant" subject matter, language requirements, and hence professor positions, were being cut from many universities, so I did not proceed to become a professor. How could I translate my writing and language interests into something that would get me a job? Law school. I entered Georgetown University Law Center in 1974 and was admitted to the Bar in 1977.

So, four college degrees later, I found my calling as a lawyer. I have spent my entire career in law, the vast majority of it practicing with the firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and its predecessor, although I did a six-year stint at PricewaterhouseCoopers as well. My practice has been focused on the financial industry, and I have represented investment managers, brokerage firms, mutual funds, hedge funds and the like. My work involved a lot of travel, especially to New York, which was both a blessing and a curse. I have just retired, although I still "consult" a bit. I love getting up in the morning without a schedule.

In terms of personal life, I married late and was married for 23 years, but am now divorced. I have two wonderful sons, Morgan and Mike, ages 30 and 27. Morgan works in the environmental energy field here in the DC area and Mike is an aspiring actor and screenwriter in Hollywood. (I love to visit!) I have a long-term "significant other", Robert (who suggested that I refer to him as "main squeeze" rather than "significant other"). We love to travel and to take advantage of the museums and performance opportunities in Washington. On one trip a few years ago, we stayed with Helen (Pritchard) Buzio and her husband, who were then living in Costa Rica. We also love hiking, kayaking and going to the beach.

I am in transition away from working, and am not sure what the future holds, but I look forward to new projects and new adventures. In recent years, I have taught twice in law schools in Russia, through a non-profit called the Center for International Legal Studies, and I hope to do more of this. Tying up various other threads of my life, I also hope to do volunteer work with disadvantaged kids, particularly children of immigrants, as my parents, both now deceased, were children of immigrants from Eastern Europe who struggled to make it on their own.

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