

CLASS NOTES

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1970s

John Case '77 of Beavercreek, Ohio, received the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award for his service as contract trial attorney and fraud counsel, Air Force Material Command Law Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He retired from the Air Force after 37 years of federal service on August 1, 2020. In July 2013, John retired from the Air Force Reserve Program in the Judge Advocate General's Department with the rank of Colonel.

Rose (Markovich '70) Cassmer recently appeared as an extra in *Manhunt: Deadly Games*, a television show about the 1996 bombing of Atlanta's Olympic Park during the Olympic Games.

Gary Loar '73 retired in June 2021 from McGean where he served as a researcher, technical director, and global manager. He looks forward to part-time lab research and traveling.

Delphyne Lomax Taylor '76 recently had a book published: *Woman 2 Woman: Life Lessons Learned on the Journey to Marriage, Motherhood, Entrepreneurship, Divorce, Surviving Breast Cancer, and Finding New Love*. It can be found at woman2woman.network.

1980s

Sharon (Sailer '81) Andrews is currently working on her third novel. She is the author of two books: *Grinder* and the *Red Bull and Sabvon*, a World of Valencia novel.

Kimberly (Wall '82) Dugan retired May 30, 2020 from the Plano Independent School District in Texas where she was an instructional specialist. She was an educator for 37 years.

Melvin Gravelly '88, CEO of TriVersity Construction, is the 2020 winner of the Carl H. Lindner Award for Entrepreneurial and Civic Spirit. The award goes to a current or former leader of a Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 company; the list ranks the 100 largest privately held companies in the Cincinnati region.



James R. Knepp, II '86 was sworn in to serve as a United States District Judge in Toledo, Ohio. Judge Knepp was nominated by former President Donald J. Trump to serve a life term. Since 2010, Judge Knepp has served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Timothy Popa '80 recently retired from Nationwide Insurance with over 38 years of experience in underwriting.

1990s

Jeffrey Crossman '94 of Cleveland, Ohio was re-elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents Ohio's 15th House District.

2000s

Rachel (Bailey '08) and Michael '06 Gibbons announce the birth of a daughter, Nora, on August 4, 2019. She joins siblings Lainey, 9, Cael, 7, and Molly, 4.

2010s

Christina Best '11 was appointed editor-in-chief at Caregiving.com.

Julianne (Liberati '14) and Alex Conard announce the birth of a daughter, Adelyn Beth, on January 19, 2021.



Alyssa (Cuffman '15) and Kyle '13 Edwards announce the birth of a son, Mitchell, on August 16, 2020.



Mackenzie (Parsons '14) and Austen '12 Hutton announce the birth of a son, Paxten James born July 11, 2020.



Holly (Fabrizio '12) and Alex '10 Koehler announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn, on February 12, 2020.



Jenna (Williams '14) and David '14 Loxterman announce the birth of a daughter, Quinn, on June 21, 2020.



Taylor (Sassa '10) and Andrew '10 Neimes announce the birth of a daughter, Zoey, on September 17, 2020. She joins sibling Mackenzie, 2.



Abbey (Chandler '14) and Blake '12 Rhein announce the birth of a daughter, Hallie Christine, on July 31, 2020.



Aaron Sarbaugh '14, head football coach of the Fairless Falcons in Navarre, Ohio, was recently named PAC-7 Coach of the Year.

Jordan (Beard '14) and Dillon Shroyer, announce the birth of their son, Davis Alan, on September 24, 2020.



Clare and Corey '13 Unckrich announce the birth of a son, Jacob Allen, on January 13, 2021. He joins brother Nicholas, 3.



Deaths

1940s

Aileen (Rowe '49) Estep of Canton, Ohio passed away on April 13, 2021. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, **Roy '49**.

James Halls '47 of Lebanon, Ohio passed away on March 5, 2021. He is the father of **Jean (Halls '75) Muetzel** and was preceded in death by his wife **Christine (Anderson '41) Halls**. James was a member of M Club and he and his wife received the Alumni Service Award in 1986.

David McFarland '44 of Sebring, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2021.

Mary Jane (Davis '44) Murphy of Keyser, West Virginia, spouse of the late **Allen Murphy '43**, passed away December 23, 2020.

Kenneth Shaweker '47 of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida passed away November 16, 2020.

Kelsie Singleton '49 of Wadsworth, Ohio passed away on April 11, 2021.

Mary "Louise" Smith-Baldwin '40 of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania passed away on February 2, 2021.

Rev. Charles Stewart '43 of Gaithersburg, Maryland passed away on January 1, 2019.

1950s

Lois "Joan" (Heinzerling '52) Bebout of San Antonio, Texas passed away January 5, 2021. She was the spouse of the late **Don Bebout '52**, who passed away June 6, 2018.

Marye (Henderson '57) Belcastro of Twinsburg, Ohio passed away January 6, 2021.

Edward Ditch '56 of Caldwell, Ohio passed away December 20, 2020.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE



The arrival of summer has so many different meanings — nicer weather, spending time outdoors, vacation — among many others. For the Mount

Union community, it means the conclusion of the academic year and most significantly, the celebration of another graduating class at Commencement.

At the beginning of May, we welcomed into our alumni ranks the members of the Class of 2021. We celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them carry out fulfilling lives, perform meaningful work, and being responsible citizens. On behalf of our 19,000+ alumni around the world, I want to extend our congratulations to the Class of 2021 (in addition to the Class of 2020, who was also celebrated this May during Commencement exercises)! Our ties with Mount Union are never ending, and I encourage all recent graduates to stay connected. Whether through following Mount Union's social media platforms or keeping your contact information current, know that no matter your interest or time commitment, there are ways for you to get involved.

As we look forward to the start of the new academic year this fall, it is my hope that we will be able to see many of you back on campus for events, especially for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming in October. I look forward to coming together once again as a Mount Union family, providing us with the opportunity to celebrate everything that is Mount Union!

As always, on behalf of the Alumni Association and Mount Union, I thank you for your continued commitment, loyalty, and support!

With Purple Raider Pride,

-Chad Johnson '07
Alumni Association President

GET INVOLVED!



There are many ways to stay connected to your alma mater and enjoy Mount Union after leaving campus.



SCAN THIS WITH YOUR PHONE!

Whether you like volunteering at events, mentoring students, or even gathering fellow alumni and friends together in your city, we have something for you!

A variety of time commitments allow you to customize your experience and impact our community. Consider joining the Alumni Association, M Club, or Mount Union Women today. For more information on how to get involved or to make a gift, visit mountunion.edu/alumni-organizations.

MOUNT UNION

Women

The Mount Union Women organization has been supporting the education of women at Mount Union since 1933. This group raises funds to provide scholarships to deserving female students on campus. As a nonprofit organization, members of Mount Union Women volunteer in the concession stands at home football games and host various social events for alumni and friends. Any female graduate or friend of Mount Union may join!

For more information on how to get involved or to donate to the scholarship fund, visit mountunionwomen.org. You can also stay connected on the Mount Union Women Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 1-3, 2021

We cannot wait to welcome everyone back to campus to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Mount Union at this year's Alumni Weekend and Homecoming.

mountunion.edu/homecoming



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Mount Union Alumni Association operates under a three-committee structure. No matter your location or time-commitment, there's something for you!

Connecting to Alumni — Regional alumni clubs, Greek life, diversity, and more

Connecting to Campus — Student Alumni Association, career services, mentoring, and networking

Alumni Weekend and Awards — Alumni Weekend planning, Great Teacher Award, and Legacy Student Scholarships



M Club is the varsity letter winner's association. A student-athlete lettering in a varsity sport (men's or women's) at Mount Union is automatically a member upon graduation. The group serves to keep athletes connected with one another and raise funds to support the current student-athletes (and teams) on campus.

M Club support includes getting involved by attending meetings, athletic competitions, and events, as well as supporting Purple Raider athletics. Up to 100% of each gift can be designated to the sport(s) of your choice or the general M Club fund!

THANK *you!*

1,048

TOTAL DONORS (NEW RECORD!)



\$493,306

TOTAL RAISED

\$2,500

TO ARTS AND HUMANITIES (DONOR VOTING WINNER)

1971, 2018, 2016

TOP THREE CLASSES WITH THE MOST DONORS

\$60,000+

RAISED TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID

CHALLENGES COMPLETED:

- ✓ TRUSTEE CHALLENGE
- ✓ M CLUB/ATHLETICS
- ✓ FACULTY AND STAFF
- ✓ PARENTS AND FAMILY
- ✓ CLASS OF 1971
- ✓ SÖL/HARRIS DAY ARCHITECTURE AND HAMMOND CONSTRUCTION POWER HOURS



Harry Kephart Fuhrman '57 of Fayetteville, Ohio passed away on January 3, 2021.

Hazel (Good '54) Haffner of Seven Hills, Ohio passed away on November 18, 2020.

Marilyn (Morgan '51) Harrison of Doylestown, Pennsylvania passed away on March 7, 2021.

Grace (Good '56) Hartman of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania passed away on April 1, 2021.

Kenneth Liebfried '57 of Lorain, Ohio passed away on January 26, 2021.

Bruce Lower '58 of Clarkesville, Georgia passed away on March 9, 2021. He is the spouse of **Sue (Gat-trell '58) Lower**. Sue resides in DeLand, Florida.

Marilyn "Wendy" (Wendel '59) Nagy of Barrington, Illinois and Naples, Florida, passed away on November 28, 2020.

James Obney '56 of Alliance, Ohio, passed away on October 15, 2020. He leaves behind his spouse, **Nora (Cavanaugh '56) Obney**.

Jesse Reese '51 of Dover, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2021.



Dave Brown '54

Dave Brown '54 of Scottsdale, Arizona passed away on January 30, 2021. He received an Honorary Doctorate from Mount Union for his contributions in public administration and education. Brown Village is named in his honor.



Judge R.R. Denny Clunk '51

Judge R.R. Denny Clunk '51 of Alliance, Ohio passed away April 18, 2021. He was a probate judge for more than 30 years and served for several years on the Board of Governors of the Epsilon chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity at Mount Union.

Kathleen (Montgomery '52) Rickert of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on November 28, 2020.

Atty. John Saltsman '57 of Carrollton, Ohio passed away on March 31, 2021.

Walter Sanders '59 of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma passed away on December 17, 2020.

Jack Sponseller '53 of North Canton, Ohio passed away on April 27, 2021.

Eugene Starr '59 of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away on January 28, 2021. Eugene is survived by his wife **Sonja (Niemann '59) Starr**.

Doris (Schneider '56) Stitle of Salem, Ohio passed away on April 4, 2021.

Raymond Sulzer '58 of Phoenix, Arizona passed away on November 24, 2020.

Mount Union Employees

Joann Chernikovich

Joann Chernikovich passed away on February 23, 2021. She previously worked in food services.

Laverne Edwards

Laverne Edwards of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 10, 2020. She worked in student billing for 35 years.

Russell Morrison

Russell Morrison of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 8, 2020. He was a diving coach at Mount Union.

Gerald Hoover

Gerald Hoover of Alliance, Ohio passed away on April 12, 2021. He was a lab technician in the School of Engineering.



Dr. Michelle Ilona Mickelson Griffiths

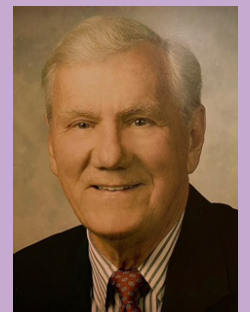
Dr. Michelle Ilona Mickelson Griffiths of Mineral Ridge, Ohio passed away on February 7, 2021. She taught English in the early 2000s.

Barbara Moser

Barbara Moser of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 13, 2021. She previously worked in food service.

Robert Sterling

Robert Sterling of Silver Lake, Ohio passed away on April 17, 2021. He was an associate professor of business from 1988-2003. He is the father of **Sara Sterling-Jensen '93**.





Nancy (Jones '54) Gray

Nancy (Jones '54) Gray of Oberlin, Ohio passed away on May 24, 2021. She was a volunteer for several organizations for more than 50 years.

Virginia (Saffell '46) McCready

Virginia (Saffell '46) McCready of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 4, 2021. She was active with the Tri Delta Sorority and was the treasurer for the Mount Union Football Stadium. She was also an active member of the Alumni Association.

Thomas Petzinger '52

Thomas Petzinger '52 of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on December 1, 2020. Tom is survived by children **Elizabeth (Petzinger '88) Holter**, Charles and Thomas. His granddaughter, **Beatrice (Petzinger '07) Olesko**, is also an alumna. He was a trustee since 1990.

Dr. Harold "Pete" Walker '50 of Navarre, Ohio passed away on February 24, 2021.

Charles Weick '53 of Schenectady, New York passed away on March 21, 2021.

Joan (Immler '51) Wetzel of Barberton, Ohio, spouse of the late **William Wetzel '51**, passed away on December 12, 2020.

1960s

Melissa (Parker '60) Brown of Miamisburg, Ohio passed away on November 25, 2020.

Lynn (Wagner '61) Dawson of Glendale, Arizona passed away on January 4, 2021.

Maureen (Cassidy '67) Gillmer of Reedville, Virginia passed away on February 21, 2021. She is survived by her husband **Charley Gillmer '65** and her sister **Kathy (Cassidy '69) Bojanoski**.

Laurel (Sutton '62) Heyman of Monroe, Michigan passed away on February 6, 2021.

William Hinds '62 of Hilton Head, South Carolina passed away on February 24, 2021.

Nancy (Curtis) Hoy '67 of Warren, Ohio passed away on April 20, 2021.

Carolyn (Keller '67) Miller of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 20, 2021.

Lynn Oehling '66 of Burlington, North Carolina passed away on April 8, 2021.

David Olson '60 of Brunswick, Maine passed away on December 19, 2020.

Carol (Keener '62) Patterson of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 13, 2021.

Ila (Davis '65) Paxson of Salem, Ohio passed away on November 19, 2020.

James Shaheen, Jr. '68 of Canton, Ohio passed away on January 12, 2021.

Karen (Corbett '68) Spangler of Whitefish, Montana passed away on February 12, 2021. She is survived by husband **David Spangler '68**.

Virgil Stroia '62 of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 15, 2020.

Shirley Robinson '66 of Collegeville, Pennsylvania passed away on August 20, 2020.

1970s

John Ashbaugh '75 of Smithsburg, Maryland passed away on December 9, 2020.

James Courtney '74 of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina passed away on January 7, 2021.

Karen Edwards '70 of Steubenville, Ohio passed away on April 25, 2021.

Paul Allan Hood '72 of Salem, Ohio passed away on April 3, 2021.

Ronald Knepp '78 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2021. Ron

is survived by his wife **Cindy (Rudolph '78) Knepp**, daughter **Erika Knepp '12** and son Lee Knepp.

Lynn (McMillen) Linsley '76 of East Palestine, Ohio passed away on May 23, 2021.

Susan Thomas '79 of Akron, Ohio passed away on May 9, 2021.

H. Douglas Wilcox '72 of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on February 4, 2021.

1980s

John Steele '82 of Copley, Ohio passed away on January 11, 2021.

1990s

Christopher Blaser '96 of Alliance, Ohio passed away November 29, 2020.

2000s

Mark Brace '03 of Geneva, Ohio passed away on February 14, 2021.

Clint Esbshade '05 of North Liberty, Iowa passed away on April 18, 2021.

Friends

Benita (Archer) Baylor of Alliance, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2021. She attended Mount Union in the late 1940s.

Jon Castle of Nokomis, Florida passed away on May 17, 2021. He attended in the late 1950s.

Charles Robert "Bob" Donaldson of Upper Arlington, Ohio passed away on April 7, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Trina Dixon of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away on March 7, 2021. She attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Charles Faust of Lisbon, Ohio passed away on December 1, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Marilyn Felger of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2020.

Phyllis (Mercer) Ferrare of Salem, Ohio passed away on November 27, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1970s.

Laurel Frey of Hagerstown, Maryland passed away on April 15, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the early 1950s.

Jon Frischkorn of Burlington, Iowa passed away on February 11, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the 1950s.

Opal Goosby of Canton, Ohio passed away on May 8, 2021. She attended Mount Union in the early 1950s.

Janet (Kolp) Haidet of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2020. She was the spouse of the late **Eugene Haidet '42** and mother of **Michael Haidet '77**, Mark Haidet, and Barbara Verbus.

Jack Harpst of Norwalk, Ohio passed away on December 26, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1950s.

JoAnn (Tracy) Holub of Charlotte, North Carolina passed away on November 22, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1940s.

Rebecca (Ingley) Kline of Painesville, Ohio passed away on July 12, 2018. She attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Dale Miller of North Canton, Ohio passed away on January 15, 2020. He was the spouse of **Bethanne (Morrison '80) Miller** and the father of **Kelli (Miller '09) Liddle**.

Lenora Moseley of Avon, Ohio passed away on March 12, 2021. She attended Mount Union in the 1940s.

Roy Pankuch of Bristolville, Ohio passed away on February 16, 2021. He is the father of **Gregory Pankuch '14** and **Megan Pankuch '08**.

George Reihner of Scranton, Pennsylvania passed away on March 11, 2021. He is the father of **Kyle Reihner '23**.

Julia Sandblade of Hillsborough, New Jersey passed away on December 17, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Bruce Schafer of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 31, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

James Schaub of Delaware, Ohio, passed away on November 1, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1950s.

Ruth Spohn of Cleveland Heights, Ohio passed away on April 15, 2021. She attended Mount Union in the 1940s.

Roger Stitle of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 7, 2021. He was the spouse of **Doris (Schneider '56) Stitle**.

Wilbur Swam of Anaheim, California passed away on April 7, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Richard Thames of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania passed away on November 20, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Mary (Daily) Usis of Salem, Ohio passed away on January 12, 2021. She attended Mount Union with her late husband, Felix Usis, Jr., in the 1940s.

Stephen Zamagias of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 12, 2021. He attended Mount Union and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.