

Class of 1976 50th Reunion Newsletter

Alumni Weekend June 4-7, 2026

February 2026 Edition



Ever wonder how many Class of '76 classmates met their **Special Valentines** so many years ago while studying at Juniata College? Well, we know about a few of them:

Cindy (Gilbert) Clarke and Geoff Clarke ('75)

Elaine (Becker) Jones and Keith Jones ('75)

Cindy (Hill) Valko and George Valko ('75)

Karen (Lotz) Orr and Bob Orr

Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser and Carl Glaeser ('77)

But how and when did they meet? And did **YOU** meet your Special Valentine at Juniata? Tell us more! (Share your stories for our next newsletter.)



BIOS ARE DUE! Are you writing your Bio and submitting it for the Reunion "Class Notes" Booklet? Fun to remember, isn't it?! There is still time to submit. Please be part of the **Class of 1976 50th Reunion "Class Notes" Booklet**. Respond to the questionnaire, submit your **BIO** and send in your then & now **PHOTOS** (send photos or questions to Karen at bkorr77@gmail.com). If you're not able to attend the Reunion in June, it would still be great to have you participate in the Reunion "Class Notes" Booklet! Access the questionnaire here: <https://forms.gle/cihnQBxrn1LQmBEAA> or by using the QR code to the right.



Here are three Bios from folks who offered to share this month. Enjoy!

Bio - Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom '76

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My POE was in Biology but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with it career-wise: medicine, education or research. My first job after college was in research, working in a pharmacology lab at Thomas Jefferson University. Several PhD graduate students in the department were Juniata grads so it was fun to have that continuing Juniata connection.

After a few years I moved to the pharmaceutical industry. I worked in a lab for a few years and got my master's degree in biology at Villanova

in the evening. When an opportunity opened up to work in clinical development, I jumped at it as it got

me closer to my love of medicine and human health. I had also been feeling a little isolated in the lab and wanted to interact more closely with people. I believe the skills I learned at Juniata — critical thinking, grounding in scientific methodology, curiosity and love of learning — set me up for success. I was able to move around in the department, working in different phases of drug development, different therapeutic areas, and in increasing levels of responsibility. I was never bored! I really enjoyed working with global colleagues on these projects as well. I retired fully in 2017.

My late husband and I enjoyed our time together in retirement hanging out with our beloved dogs and traveling. Our favorite trips were southern Africa and Japan. About 9 years ago we moved to an active over-55 community in southern Chester County where I am involved in a number of activities including pickleball, book club, hiking, water aerobics, and other social activities. I also recently started to play Mah Jongg at a local library. I still keep in regular contact with a small group of friends from Juniata. I am so grateful for these long-time friendships!

Bio – Charles Kerekes '76

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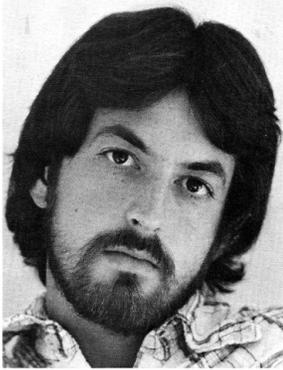
After Juniata, I completed a Master's Degree in Psychology at Western Kentucky University. Moved to Florida and tried my luck at private practice briefly and then sold cars for a minute before getting a counselor position with Volusia County Drug Council in Daytona Beach, Fl. From there I ran a Methadone Clinic in Jacksonville Florida for a couple of years. Then worked briefly for the Northeast Florida Safety Council doing evaluations. Retired on January 31st, 2026 from the Navy' substance abuse



rehabilitation program after 38 years total in various capacities, psychological associate, assistant department head, department head and program manager. Served on an Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Medicine Substance Abuse Program Manager and had the opportunity to provide input into Department of the Navy policy. I have been married for 44 years this year and we have one son. My Bride is a licensed realtor and does property management. I have traveled by motorcycle to 49 states and eight Canadian provinces and attended the big three rallies, Sturgis, Daytona and Laconia. Hopefully I will get my last state, Hawaii, this year. I have been an avid bicyclist and taught spin class as a volunteer on the Navy base for 20+ years.

Bio – Paul Bradford “Brad” Sterl ‘76

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Well, I floundered for 3 years after graduation. Sold cameras and electronics retail, worked in a tennis pro shop, also a locked ward of a mental hospital and a halfway house for mentally impaired women. Finally decided that I need to supplement my JC liberal arts degree to have more career options. I graduated Temple

'81 with an MBA and focus in HR. I put myself through grad school waiting tables at elan, a membership only fancy disco/nightclub at the Warwick Hotel in downtown Phila where I wore a tux to serve lunch. I met my life Partner Tedd Davis, now Husband, there in 1980 and we just celebrated our 45th anniversary.

My first career job was working for an international oil company Caltex Petroleum in NYC, it was an HR rotational job to prepare me for an international assignment most likely in the middle east. Then the company relocated to Dallas Tx '82 and we weren't prepared for the slower pace after living in Manhattan so I accepted another job in Washington DC area working in HR for a defense contractor for the next 15+ years. I left this job to start my own business specializing in Executive Coaching, Leadership and Team Development in '99. This was my dream job and I loved being able to help so many leaders and have an impact on all the others who worked in and around them. I have supported business ranging from the US Intelligence Community & military services to biotech/pharma, automotive, higher education, defense contracting, health care, internet start-ups, big 4 accounting, and non-profits.

We started splitting our time between Mclean, VA and Ft Lauderdale FL about 15 years ago and once I sold my business tried Florida full time, but it really is just toooooo hot in the summer. Tried Maine for a while and now have a second place just outside of Reading (where I grew up) in Wyomissing, PA. We are sun birds, not, snowbirds. I have served on numerous non-profit boards and am currently a Trustee on JC's Board. I also do pro-bono coaching for a few non-profit leaders.

I started playing tennis as my job and played 5 days a week until I totally tore my right rotator cuff and it is not fixable so now I play pickleball 5 days a week. And we travel a lot. Some of the recent highlights have been Africa (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana & South Africa), Vietnam & Cambodia, Machu Picchu & the Galapagos, Argentina & Patagonia, Baltic including St Petersburg, in total visited 50 + countries and all US states except 2. With a big bucket list left. I want to end by saying how much I credit my Juniata days and experience with helping shape the person I have become.

A NOTE FROM OUR LEGACY COMMITTEE

We are truly hoping to see a record turnout for the 50th reunion and want to take a few minutes to ask each of you to consider making a participatory gift toward our Class of 1976 50th Reunion project and overall class gift. Our 50th Reunion is an important milestone and a wonderful opportunity to give back to Juniata in a meaningful way. We are supporting the College through both our legacy gift and our overall class gift, and we're pleased to say our numbers are coming along well.

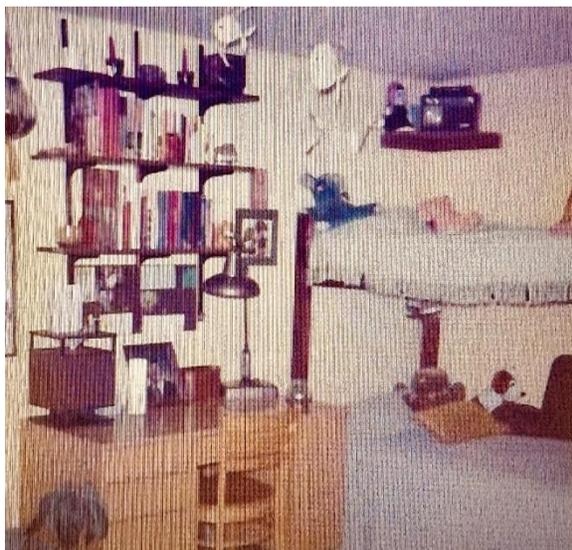
Participation, however, is especially important. When Juniata applies for grants, borrows funds, or reports to organizations that rank colleges and universities, alumni participation rates are a key measure of institutional strength and loyalty. Every gift — no matter the size — makes a difference. Our goal is to have at least 50% of our class participate. When we reach that milestone, the Class of 1976 will stand together on the steps of Founders Hall in recognition of achieving 50% participation — a meaningful and visible symbol of our shared commitment to the College.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our 50th Reunion by attending our 50th weekend and with a gift to Juniata. Every contribution counts, and your participation truly matters. Juniata's "Day of Giving" on March 3rd presents a great opportunity to make your gift then. Cherie (Dettmar) Stites has graciously made a challenge gift that she will match dollar-for-dollar any gift from the Class of '76 up to \$35,000! Please consider joining us in supporting our alma mater! For detailed information, contact Class of 1976 gift liaison, Randall Sawyer at rsa100@juniata.edu or 814-641-3114 or visit the Giving Link: www.juniata.edu/give1976.

Thank you — and we look forward to seeing you this summer! Elaine Becker Jones, Steve Holsinger, Sam Sirianni, and Brad Sterl.

Then & Now

Notice anything different in the dorm rooms?



Juniata Memorabilia?

Do you have Juniata Memorabilia from 50+ years ago? If it is important to you, it will undoubtedly bring smiles and conversation to our Reunion. Our memorabilia will be displayed in "Our Space" - the Class of '76 Lounge/Hospitality Room in Ellis Hall.

Did you save correspondence while you were at Juniata? Did you "borrow" a tray from Ellis for use in the snow? Do you even have any special clothing you wore in the 70's? Do you have your syllabus from "MODES"? Do you have tickets or bar napkins from special days? Any photos from Juniata days between 1972 and 1976? Remember, we didn't have cameras on phones in those days – maybe your old photos are in Scrapbooks or Kodak envelopes.

PLEASE look for items to share and help us reminisce and fill up "Our Space!" Everyone is encouraged to bring items in June. Contact Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser (jonord117@gmail.com), member of the '76 Reunion Social Committee, and let her know what you found and plan to bring!

Update! Classmates who Plan to Attend the 50th Reunion in June (plus "maybe" responses)

Lynn Apple
Richard C. Balch
Jerry Blecker
Lynn Chaplin
Cindy (Gilbert) Clarke
Guy Cooper
Ann Dunlavy
Mary Beth (Campbell) Emmons
Bruce Erb
Dan Ereditario
Mark Francischetti
Carla (Vickery) Frisch
Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser
Barry Hartley
Steve Holsinger
Elaine (Becker) Jones
Tony Kamnikar
Dennis Katawczik

Charles Kerekes
Cathy (Crouse) Kunkel
Don Leauber
Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom
John "Dave" MacVeigh
Jacque (Prentiss) Markusic
Don Martin
Jack McCullough
Janet Mercincavage
Bob Orr
Karen (Lotz) Orr
Nancy Preston
Ruth Randall
John Robinson
Claudia (Pierson) Simmons
Sam Sirianni
Jeff Small
Brad Sterl

Cheryl (Dettmar) Stites
George Trim
Mike Trim
Cindy (Hill) Valko
Mike Werley
Jeff Wood
Charlie Zorger

Maybe:

David J. Antolik
Stephen A. Blazek
Cynthia Harner Karr
David L. Kraft
Thomas M. Kutz
Paul F. Wilson

Another Reunion Photo!

Responses to our Memory Question: What number was your PO Box, and who was your Box Mate?

Jacque (Prentiss) Markusic wrote: "My mailbox was 151 all 4 years. Getting mail was the highlight of the day."

Marilyn (Fletcher) Keith shared: "My mailbox number was 62. I shared with Lee Flinner."

Nancy Preston says: "It's amazing I remember my mailbox number – 152. I think my box mate was Tom Price."

Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom: "I think my P.O. Box number was Box 47; my box mate was Chris Davidson (a very nice guy)"



Next Memory Question: Tell us about your favorite food from the Dining Hall

Send comments to Nancy at nancyep76@hotmail.com; we'll add them to the next newsletter. It's fun hearing from you!

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee is planning a fun and exciting agenda for our upcoming 50th reunion, Thurs-Sun, June 4-7. The full agenda will come out with registration in March but we wanted to give you a sneak peek at some of the reunion events to help you plan your trip. Come and enjoy as much of the extended weekend as you can!

Thursday, June 4

Class of 1976 Reunion... Welcome! 🔥 What better than a fun & friendly 50th Reunion start!

Just for our class... Thursday evening happy-hour & casual cook-out starter. A catered supper-club meal, Campus atmosphere with our memories & '70s music - still going strong! Imagine seeing & reconnecting with friends & fellow-classmates after so many years! Come celebrate our 50th on the large stone & fireplace deck, campus-wide views known as Detweiler Plaza. Turn around, and take a walk through Juniata College's Hall of Fame.

Also Thursday, a golf outing mid-morning at the Huntingdon Country Club All classes will be welcome.

Pickleball enthusiasts: We'll have open play on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons at courts set up in the intramural gym. Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite paddle if you wish.

Tour of one of the new buildings on campus in the late afternoon before heading over to Detweiler Plaza.

Friday, June 5

In the morning, our class will host a Coffee & Breakfast Bar, followed by an interactive panel discussion about what has changed in the last 50 years at Juniata and what has remained the same. We'll have some special guests on the panel including former and current faculty and students; we think you will recognize some of them! Come and share favorite memories of college life with us. Panelists will join us for lunch afterwards.

This afternoon, President Troha will hold a Forum on the Future. In the evening the All-Class Reception and Dinner will recognize the Class of '76 on the occasion of our 50th Reunion, followed by a President's Reception just for our class.

Saturday, June 6

During the day, there are several options for tours, including a Guided Peace Chapel Hike, Raystown Field Station Open House, and campus tours, as well as the Alumni Awards Assembly and other meetings.

Be sure to be here in the early evening for the Class Photo, Social Hour, and Reunion Dinner, where we can relax and enjoy one last big '76 party!

Sunday, June 7

Events wrap up with a Farewell Breakfast in the morning before heading home after a great time reconnecting with classmates.

All weekend, we'll have our class hospitality lounge open in Ellis Hall where you can meet up with classmates and peruse the memorabilia that you and other classmates have brought from our years at Juniata. Hope you will be able to join us!

—Guy, Cherie, Mark, Nancy, Bruce and Diane

Book Reservations Early – Reserve a room using Juniata's special room blocks and rates at several hotels and motels in the area. Or check out vacation homes, inns, resorts, cottages, and cabins that previous groups have enjoyed. For more information on the hotel blocks and links to alternative housing websites, visit: <https://www.juniata.edu/alumni/alumni-events/alumni-weekend/accommodations.php>. Limited on-campus residence hall accommodations are available during Alumni Weekend and can be reserved online in the spring.



When to Register for Alumni Weekend? Online registration for Alumni Weekend events will **open in mid March**. Our 50th class reunion is shaping up to be an extraordinary gathering coinciding with Juniata College's 150th anniversary celebrations. This will not be your standard reunion. We hope to see you all then!

Questions? Contact our '76 Reunion Committees

Legacy Committee

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Communications Committee

Cindy (Hill) Valko, geocin@aol.com



In Memoriam:

<i>Patricia A. Neal '76</i>	<i>5/6/1982</i>
<i>Terry L. Christopher '76</i>	<i>7/7/1991</i>
<i>Ronald G. Mowen, Jr. '76</i>	<i>4/1/1996</i>
<i>Deborah Wilbur Kuehn '76</i>	<i>2/9/2002</i>
<i>Thomas W. Price '76</i>	<i>12/23/2003</i>
<i>Jack D. Conlon '76</i>	<i>5/5/2010</i>
<i>Michael B. Humphrey '76</i>	<i>5/25/2010</i>
<i>Allan D. Dunkleberger '76</i>	<i>1/2/2011</i>
<i>Barbara Kosik Whitaker '76</i>	<i>9/10/2011</i>
<i>Janet Entwisle Hafer '76</i>	<i>1/21/2012</i>
<i>F. Deborah Grasty-Thomas '76</i>	<i>2/25/2013</i>
<i>Linda Keech Sosna '76</i>	<i>6/8/2014</i>
<i>Gretchen Sencindiver Vare '76</i>	<i>8/18/2014</i>
<i>Donald F. Brosius '76</i>	<i>12/21/2018</i>
<i>Petra Theodos Knox '76</i>	<i>1/1/2019</i>
<i>Stephen C. Nishiyama '76</i>	<i>3/2/2019</i>
<i>R. Thomas Metz '76</i>	<i>10/25/2019</i>
<i>Miriam Khelghatian Coberly '76</i>	<i>11/18/2019</i>
<i>Lee A. Flinner '76</i>	<i>11/17/2020</i>
<i>Thomas L. Knepper '76</i>	<i>4/4/2021</i>
<i>Carol Hoover Gordon '76</i>	<i>7/6/2021</i>
<i>Lorraine E. Widdowson '76</i>	<i>7/31/2021</i>
<i>David J. Cortazzo '76</i>	<i>8/31/2021</i>
<i>John R. Shuck '76</i>	<i>9/28/2021</i>
<i>Donald E. Williams '76</i>	<i>12/8/2021</i>
<i>W. Stephen Cordova '76</i>	<i>5/8/2022</i>
<i>Margaret Aughinbaugh Bailey '76</i>	<i>7/7/2022</i>
<i>Roger D. Garber '76</i>	<i>6/1/2023</i>
<i>Timothy A. Tabor '76</i>	<i>7/4/2023</i>
<i>Noreen M. O'Connell '76</i>	<i>11/15/2023</i>
<i>Charles H. Weatherby '76</i>	<i>12/31/2023</i>
<i>Kevin T. Weir '76</i>	<i>3/2/2024</i>
<i>Alan C. Foster '76</i>	<i>3/31/2024</i>
<i>Deborah Degrave Ayres '76</i>	<i>5/22/2024</i>
<i>Lewis H. Silver '76</i>	<i>5/26/2025</i>
<i>Steven R. James '76</i>	<i>7/23/2025</i>



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