

# Class of 1976 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Newsletter

Alumni Weekend June 4-7, 2026  
March 2026 Edition



## REGISTRATION FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND IS OPEN

Register online at: [www.juniata.edu/alumniweekend](http://www.juniata.edu/alumniweekend)

At the link above, you'll find online registration, the full schedule of events, accommodation details, a list of attendees, and more. Through the registration portal, you can sign up for Class of 1976 reunion events and other activities. All Class of 1976 reunion events are free for members of the Class of 1976.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Alumni Office at 814-641-3443 or [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu). Clara Jeske, Alumni Engagement Coordinator, will be happy to help.

**Class Of '76 Social Committee Update** - Things are really coming together for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion celebration! Believe us, ours will not be your typical reunion event. We are working to pack it with fun events and activities that you will not want to miss. Just to start those memories flowing:

### Class of '76 Top 10 Nostalgia List – How Many do you Recall?

#### Young Dudes:

- 'Gourmet' Cuisine from Food Service – Steak Night (and did we start Lobsterfest!?)
- Riotous All Class Nights & Celebrations
- Prof's: Betty Ann & Ron Cherry, Janet Lewis, Jim Lakso, Bruce Davis, Bill Berrier
- February cross campus walk to make the 8:00 class.
- Sneaking into the dorm with a keg of beer
- Streaking
- Billy Joel concert
- Sweltering graduation ceremony in the old gym

#### Groovy Chicks:

- Relationships
- Profs: Esther M. Doyle, Ken Crosby & Robert Fisher
- Program of Emphasis (POE)
- Internships / Extra Curricular work
- All Class Night, after parties
- Mountain Day
- Madrigal Dinner
- "Traying" ❄️ behind Science Center
- East Houses

**Plan to join us in June so we can share these and other fun memories!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE! THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YOUR BIO!

Don't worry! You still have time! Although the original "deadline" passed for submitting Bios for the **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion "Class Notes" Booklet**, the time has been extended. We've received 39 Bios so far and we continue to welcome your input! Whether you can or cannot come to the reunion, please participate in the Class Notes booklet. There is no pressure - you can write as little or as much as you want. Please submit your **BIO** and your then & now **PHOTOS** directly to Karen at [bkorr77@gmail.com](mailto:bkorr77@gmail.com). Thank you!



Three classmates offered to share their Bios this month. Enjoy!



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### Bio – John Robinson '76

With my father, uncle, and two cousins preceding me at Juniata, I had been visiting the campus my entire life. Attending Juniata College always felt like a foregone conclusion.

After graduation, I knew I didn't want to live in Reading, Pennsylvania, so I moved to southern California. I lived in Huntington Beach and worked as a cost analyst for McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company. I served on a subcontract negotiations team with Earl Woods, Tiger Woods' father, and we became good friends. While Tiger was still in elementary school, Earl and I traveled the country negotiating aerospace contracts for NASA and the Department of Defense, purchasing everything from rocket motors to spacesuits. As Senior Manager of Subcontract Cost Analysis for the NASA Space Station Program, I negotiated more than \$6 billion in subcontracts with Lockheed,

Honeywell, IBM and RCA.

After the birth of our two sons, my wife and I decided we didn't want to raise our family in southern California, and in 1988 we returned home to Pennsylvania.

A friend of mine and fellow alumnus, Joe Eways ('74), recruited me to help manage his family's entrepreneurial organization. As Chief Financial Officer, I oversaw fiscal operations, strategic planning and project management. We developed seven TGI Friday's restaurants in eastern Pennsylvania and built five Pizzeria Uno restaurants, expanding into North Carolina. We also owned and managed a portfolio of commercial real estate. Over fifteen years, the business grew from inception to more than \$40 million in annual sales with over 1,200 employees.

In 2004, I joined The Vanguard Group as a financial analyst, working with senior management to develop financial models used by corporate strategy to forecast business unit profitability. I retired in 2015 and launched a financial consulting firm, helping entrepreneurs buy, manage and sell small businesses.

My wife, Cathy, and I have been married for 45 years. We have three children -- Jason ('08), Joshua ('10) and Megan -- and six grandchildren. We live in Wyomissing, PA, where I am active in the Brethren Church and in our local community.



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### Bio - Nancy E. Preston '76

I knew I wanted to go to college, but I didn't know how valuable Juniata was going to be for me. Its

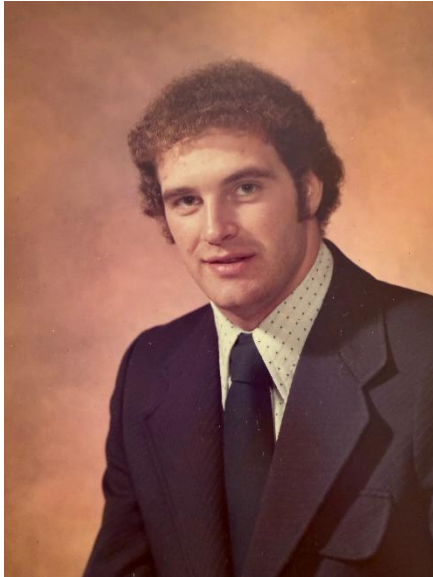
Program of Emphasis approach gave me the freedom to combine courses that interested me and helped me understand who I was and who I still am. Over the years, I have fondly recalled the lessons I learned from our prerequisites “Modes of Thought and Methods of Inquiry” and “Human Existence - Historical and Analytical.” I enjoyed all my classes and received a B.A. in Communications, combining Philosophy, Literature, and Theatre.

My immediate family includes my husband, Douglas, my son Charlie and his wife Anne and their baby girl Ruth Anne, and Charlie’s father, Norm. I am proud to have successfully raised my child with his father and stepfather in an amicable and loving “mom’s house/dad’s house” lifestyle and am honored to have them in my life.

After graduation from Juniata, I moved to Washington, D.C. and was fortunate to work with dedicated attorneys who advocated civil rights and criminal defense. Over the years, my professional life continued in support settings for legal offices and non-profit organizations. After D.C., I moved to Atlanta, GA, and then Steamboat Springs, CO, where we raised our son, and later Doug and I moved to Ithaca, NY. I retired from Cornell University after 17 years and we now live in Trumansburg, NY, in the beautiful Finger Lakes area.

I also had a fruitful theatre life in all the places I’ve lived, volunteering for community theatres, acting, directing, producing, studying, and teaching. Life’s been good!

What a trip thinking back 50 years ago. I look forward to catching up with our classmates and listening to everyone’s stories!



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### Bio - Barry Hartley '76

When I think back to the college years, many of my memories are sports related. Since I was more of an introvert, most of the close friendships I made were with fellow athletes. However, I really enjoyed the many other friendships I made during the four years at Juniata. The highlight of those relationships would be the meeting of my future wife (Louise Walton'77), whom I would share the next 50 plus years

with. Together we share two wonderful daughters, their spouses and three grandchildren. We are lucky that they all live within 10 miles of us. We enjoy a lot of family activities together.

We have a condo in Ocean City, MD, where we spend as much time as possible. Since retirement, Louise and I spend Februarys in Florida along the gulf coast.

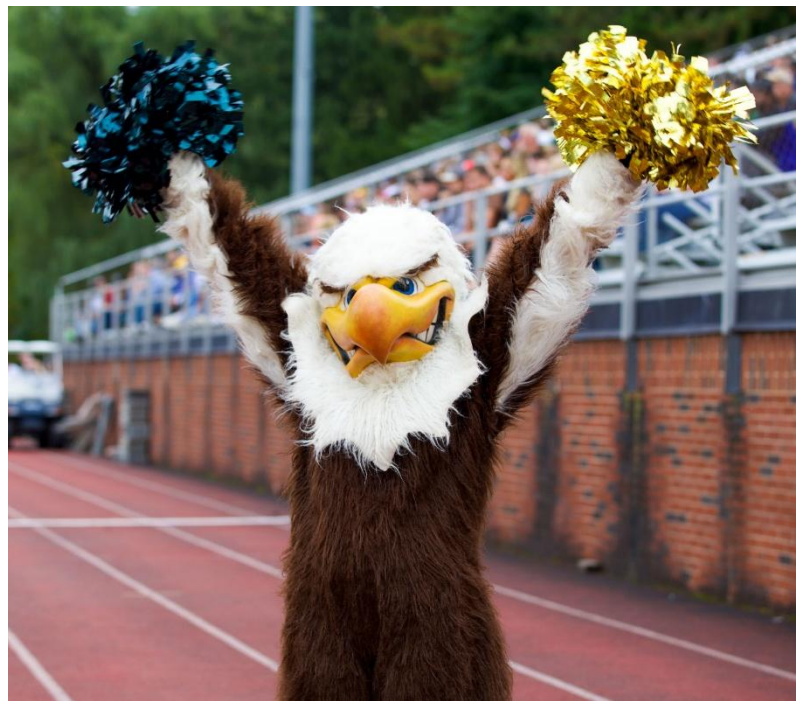
Our main residence has been in Lancaster County, PA, for all our married life.

Most of my working years were spent in the grocery business. For a few years I worked in sales with a food broker. The last thirty-five years up to retirement I managed the grocery department of an independent supermarket, where I put my business degree to good use.

### Then & Now



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**Does anyone remember mascots?**

## Update! Classmates who Plan to Attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June (plus “maybe” responses)

John S. Andoniades, Jr.  
Lynn Apple  
Richard C. Balch  
Jerry Blecker  
Lewis A. Campanaro  
Lynn Chaplin  
Cindy (Gilbert) Clarke  
Guy Cooper  
Renee D. Diehl  
Ann Dunlavy  
Eileen Terry Dunkleberger  
Mary Beth (Campbell) Emmons  
Bruce Erb  
Dan Ereditario  
Gregory P. Eveline  
Mary Stauffer Flinner  
Mark Francischetti  
Carla (Vickery) Frisch  
Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser  
Terrance N. Glunt  
Gail Morgan Habecker  
Perry L. Habecker  
Barry Hartley  
Steve Holsinger  
Dale S. Hoover  
James F. Hunter, III  
Elaine (Becker) Jones

Tony Kamnikar  
Dennis Katawczik  
Charles Kerekes  
Philip M. Klippert  
Cathy (Crouse ) Kunkel  
Cynthia Mather La Mantia  
Don Leauber  
Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom  
John “Dave” MacVeigh  
Jacque (Prentiss) Markusic  
Don Martin  
Jack McCullough  
Janet Mercincavage  
Cynthia Custer Mitchell  
Bob Orr  
Karen (Lotz) Orr  
Nancy E. Preston  
Ruth Randall  
Timothy B. Reimer  
Francis M. Richards  
John R. Robinson  
Claudia (Pierson) Simmons  
Sam Sirianni  
Jeff Small  
Brad Sterl  
Cheryl (Dettmar) Stites  
George Trim

Mike Trim  
Cindy (Hill) Valko  
Paul W. Werner  
Mike Werley  
Paul F. Wilson  
Jeff Wood  
Debra J. Ziegler  
Charlie Zorger

### Maybe:

David J. Antolik  
Eric W. Barton  
Stephen A. Blazek  
Randy Cunningham  
Richard I. Kann  
Cynthia Harner Karr  
David L. Kraft  
Alan K. Kulp  
Thomas M. Kutz  
Peter E. Pappalardo  
Randy S. Patterson  
Jacquelynn Prentiss Markusic  
Paul F. Wilson  
William J. Wingard



Photos Just for Fun!





**Next Memory Question: What was your favorite place on campus?** Send answers to Nancy at [nancyep76@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyep76@hotmail.com) for April newsletter.

### Questions? Feel free to contact one of our committee chairs

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