

ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1944

A HISTORY



*“As the Algoma Lighthouse
serves as a Beacon of Hope
to the seafarer, so served the
beautiful and stalwart
Algoma High School to the
Class of 1944.”*





L to R: Dorothy Mura Halada, Pat Lohrey Brooks, Mahlon Dier, Richard Kolstad, Betty Meverdan Annoye, Jim Rabas, Pres. C of C, Carol Weise, C of C Sec., Virgil Kolstad, Harold Feest

The AHS Class of 1944 donated and erected the flag pole at the Algoma Information Center/Chamber of Commerce on their 50 year anniversary.

Dedication was in memory of classmate Robert Winters who gave his life for our country in WWII.

The flags that are shown had flown over the Whitehouse in Washington, D.C. and the State Capitol in Madison.

1943-1944 SCHOOL YEAR TEACHING STAFF

Joseph Bertram

Principal - Instructor in Mathematics - Guidance Counselor
Milwaukee State Teacher's College, Wisc. University

Ivanelle Gartbwaite

Home Economics - Stout Institute

Marianne Schueler

General Science - Physics - Mount Mary College

Stephen Knezvich

Biology - Milwaukee State Teacher's College

Leroy Lubenow

Coach - Phy Ed.

Helen Gibertini

Fayne Tegatz

English - Oshkosh State Teacher College

Ione Roban

Commercial

Jane Walker

Commercial - Whitewater State Teacher's College

Alice Higgins

History - Minnesota University - Stevens Point State Teacher's College

Arnold Jones

Vocal and Instrumental Music
Milwaukee State Teachers College, Marquette University

Ray Berger

Industrial Art - Assistant Coach - Stout Institute

Earl Sanford

Agriculture - River Falls State Teacher's College

Gertrude Rivers

Secretary

Dick Zirbel

Janitor

CLASSMATES

Arnold Albrecht

Arnie, who now lives in Algoma, was the son of Joseph and Helen (Steiner) Albrecht. They lived on a farm in Gregorville where Arnie attended Gregorville Elementary School followed by Algoma High School. After graduation he served in the Army Airforce. In 1951 he married Jean Wautlet of Algoma and they had a son, Russell, and two daughters, Nancy and Peggy. Arnie was employed by the U.S. Plywood Corp. and later by Peterson Builders of Sturgeon Bay. He is spending his retirement time golfing, hunting, gambling, and gardening.

Bill Albrecht

Bill, who now resides in Marquette, Michigan, is the son of William and Cora (Umberham) Albrecht of Algoma. He attended the Door-Kewaunee Normal Elementary School and Algoma High School. After graduation he served in the army in 1945 and 1946. After being discharged he selected UW – Stout to attain a BS & MS degree. In March 1951, he married Veryl Sneen of Menominee, Wisconsin, who was also a teacher. They were blessed with a son, Kurt, and two daughters, Dana and Kristin. He was employed as a teacher in the Marquette, Michigan school system. His hobbies consist of cross country skiing, triathlons, and Ironman events.

Josephine (Alexander) Peterson

Josephine's parents were Eugene and Mary (Englebert) Alexander. She was born in Maplewood and attended Maplewood Elementary School grades 1 through 10 and Algoma High School her Junior and Senior years. She married Lawrence Peterson and they had two daughters. Josephine is deceased.

Edward Bank

Edward who now lives in Palm Desert, California, is the son of Mathias Bank Sr. and Anna (Prokupek) Bank of Rio Creek, Wisconsin. He attended Rio Creek Elementary School for grades 1 through 4, then St. Mary's Catholic School of Algoma for grades 5 through 8, and finally Algoma High School for 4 years. After graduating from Algoma High School he served in the Army from 1946 – 1947. Upon discharge he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin – Madison and achieved a BS in Education. In March of 1960, Ed married Marion E Williams of Manhattan Beach, California, and they have 4 sons, Charles, William, and a set of twins Donald and Arnold. He was employed by Auto Club of Southern California as a system services specialist and Marion serve as a senior clerk for Hughes Aircraft. Ed enjoys writing and cooking, specializing in health food cooking methods.

Donald Bahr

Donald's parents were Frank and Alfreda (Grunwall) Bahr. He attended Forestville Victory School grades 1 through 10 and spent his Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. He served in the Navy during World War 2. He remained single. Victor Bahr of Forestville is his brother. Donald is deceased.



1954 FIRST CLASS REUNION - HELD AT BUTCH VAN'S

Fourth Row: Wm. Fellows, Roy Born, Jim Pille, Charles O'konski, Norb Thibodeau, Clifford Delsart, Richard Kolstad, Virgil Kolstad, Gerald Uecker, Guy Breti
 Third Row: Donna Moengenburg, Bernice Kracht, Shirley Stephenson, Frank Schmidt, Arnold Abrecht, Alvin Englebirt, Clinton Corbisier, Edward Plansky
 Second Row: June Busse, Violet Neil, Pearl DeMeuse, Helen Klarowska, Jean Schneider, Jeannette Root, Verna Blahnik, Jean Toppe, Helen Wilko, Mabel Schmidt
 Front Row: Mahlon Dier, Robert Marin, Clinton Buehler, Edward Bank, Harold Feest, Jerome Mura, Wallace Machot, George Grasely, Stanley Maedke



Marion (Barrand) Garrett

Marion who now lives in Salem, Wisconsin, was the daughter of Robert and Hilda (Zimmerman) Barrand of rural Algoma. She attended Pleasant Hill Elementary School for grades 1 – 4, St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary for grades 5 – 8, and finishing up at Algoma High School for 4 years. Her education continued as she attended the Door-Kewaunee County Normal School, UW-Oshkosh receiving a BS degree specializing in remedial reading, and Whitewater State University earning a Masters Degree. On June 1, 1957, she married Truman Garrett of Zion, Illinois, who was an electronic specialist in the U.S. Navy. They do not have any biological children, but have had numerous foster children, 3 of whom live with them. Marion is very active in the "TOPS" program, being chosen as the State Queen for 2004. She was employed by the Bristol Consolidated School serving as a teacher for 45 years. She remains active in the County 4H program and the Senior Activities Center. Truman's interest remains in model railroading and as a musician (flute and piccolo player) with a Revolutionary War re-enactment group.

Jeanette (Baumann) Spiegle

Jeanette, who now lives in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, is the daughter of Henry and Ethel (Sperber) Baumann from Maplewood, Wisconsin. She attended the Maplewood Elementary School, which also offered grades 9 and 10. She completed her Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. In 1945 she married Reuben Spiegle of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin. They had five children; three daughters and two sons. Reuben, who had been a farmer, also worked in the shipyards and scrap metal business, died in 1970. Jeanette worked as a bank teller in the BayLake Bank in Sturgeon Bay. She is now active with her church, travels, gardening, knitting, and crocheting.

Joseph Bero

Joseph "chubby" was born in Algoma the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bero. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School grades 1 through 8 followed by Algoma High School for 4 years. In his Senior year he enlisted in the Navy and served 2 years. He married Charlotte Rutz of Algoma. They had a son, Craig, and a daughter, Tanya. Following his discharge from the Navy, Joseph took employment at the Algoma Plywood and Veneer and worked there his entire life until he died in January 1986 at the age of 60.

Joyce (Birdsall) Smith

Joyce, who now lives in Kirkland, Washington, was the daughter of Raymond P. and Anna (Muller) Birdsall of Algoma. She attended the Door-Kewaunee Normal Elementary School. Following graduation from Algoma High School Joyce received a degree from UW-Milwaukee and a MA degree from Columbia University in Massachusetts. In 1952 she married Russell H. Smith of the U.S.A.F., who previous to retirement worked as a systems analyst for Boeing Aircraft. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Joyce was a teacher, reading specialist,

in the Kirkland School District during her active years. She now spends her retirement time by traveling, gardening, playing piano, exercising and reading.

Howard Blahnik

Howard, who now lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin, was born in Algoma to Jacob A. and Henrietta (Krueger) Blahnik. His elementary education was 4 years at Kodan Elementary School and 4 years at St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma. Upon graduation from Algoma High School, Howard served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1947 and again from 1949 to 1952. On July 11, 1953, he married Dolores M. Tenor of Algoma. They did not have any children. Howard worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Green Bay where Dolores also worked as a dietary supervisor in nursing homes. He is enjoying his retirement by fishing, hunting, camping, and doing carpentry work.

Verna (Blahnik) Moore

Verna, who is deceased, lived in Algoma and was the daughter of Ray and Mary (Albreidt) Blahnik. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for her elementary education. After graduating from Algoma High School she married William Moore Jr. of Algoma and they had three children, one son and two daughters. Her husband, Bill, was employed by Wisconsin Telephone Company.

Evelyn (Blatsky) O'Dell Rock

Evelyn was born in rural Algoma (Gregorville area), daughter of John and Mary (Culligan) Blatsky. Her elementary school years grades 1 through 8 were completed at the Gregorville School and her 4 years of high school at Algoma. She attended UW-Madison, University of New Mexico and also UW-Green Bay. She married Gerald O'Dell and was blessed with a son and two daughters. She later married Richard Rock whom preceded her in death in 1999. Evelyn died March 3, 2003.

Here years in college made her very adapt at expressing her beliefs and she did so frequently through letters she submitted to the Green Bay Press Gazette. She was a strong environmentalist and an animal activist—deploring the shooting of any wild animals. As testimony to her ability to express her feelings, I'm including her response when she was asked about her memories of her high school years at the classes' 50 year reunion.

"Any memories I have of my high school years are overshadowed by the war effort: the grim news on the radio, the rationing of gas and sugar, and the covering of windows during periodic blackouts. I remember working nights in the Algoma Plywood Factory and picking cherries in Sturgeon Bay to help fill in the lack of a labor force. For entertainment, there were the movies, which cost 10 cents. As uneventful as those years may seem, it was an honorable time to live. It was a time when the lyrics to our music had meaning, when a handshake was a contract, and when people helped each other with the harvest. It was a time when honesty walked with us, when sacrifice was noble and when no one sued anyone frivolously. We had a certain integrity I have not seen since. We accepted life's tragedies quietly and courageously, and respected each other. As we fade into history, we know there will never be another generation like ours."

What more can we say about Evelyn?

Roy Born

Roy was born in Algoma, the son of Hugo Otto and Lena (Holtz) Born. He attended the Algoma Elementary School and Algoma High School. After serving two years in the U.S. Marines he attended business college in Milwaukee. He married Betty Pennell and they were blessed with two sons, Roy Jr. and Alan. Roy and his family lived in Chicago where he was employed by the All State Insurance Company. Roy was an avid golfer. Roy is now deceased.



Guy Bretl

Guy, who now lives in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, is the son of Anton and Margaret (Matzke) Bretl of Forestville, Wisconsin. He attended the Forestville Victory School for grades 1 through 4 and grade 7. Grades 5, 6, and 8 were at St. Mary's Catholic School. His 9th and 10th years of higher education were provided once again by Forestville Victory and he finished 11th and 12th grades at Algoma High School. Upon graduation, he joined the Army from 1945 to 1946. In addition to further technical schooling, Guy received a BS degree from Indiana University. In 1948 he married Victoria Raether from Casco, Wisconsin, and had six children, two sons and four daughters. Guy worked for General Motors in the management field at Milwaukee for 23 years and at Kokomo, Indiana, for 15 years. Vicky enjoyed her life as a homemaker and mother. In addition to traveling and playing golf, Guy enjoys woodworking, stained glass fabrication and a good game of bridge.



Clinton Buehler

Clinton, who now lives in the Forestville retirement facility, is the son of Roland and Elfie (Guth) Buehler who were farmers in the town of Forestville. He attended the Forestville Victory School in the 1st through 6th grades and the Maplewood Elementary and Junior High for 7th through 10th grade. Clint attended Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. He also completed a half year of post-graduate courses. He enjoyed spelling and history while in school. He still pursues history today by studying the history of the Forestville area, compiling old pictures and newspaper articles of its schools and churches.



June (Busse) Post

June, who now resides in Algoma, was born in Maplewood, Wisconsin, to Herman and Clara (Freitag) Busse. She attended the Maplewood school for her elementary education and the Algoma High School for her 9th through 12th grades. In 1953 she married Ernest Post of rural Algoma and helped him establish the TV and Appliance Business. Her and Ernie had an interest in antiques and also established Granny's Attic Antiques in Algoma. In addition to gardening, she also enjoys walking and reading.

Al Ciha

Al, who now resides in Allenton, Wisconsin, was born in Algoma to George and Rose (Dandois) Ciha. His 8 years of elementary school was spent attending St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma. He attended Algoma High School, where he especially enjoyed industrial arts. Upon graduation, he joined the Army Air Force. Once discharged, he enrolled in the University of Illinois receiving his degree in Architectural Engineering and worked for the George Webb Corporation in Milwaukee. On February 11, 1950, he married Claire O'Konski of Kewaunee. They were blessed with seven children, five boys and two girls. Claire attended Moraine Park Technical College and received her teaching certificate. Al is enjoying retirement doing all the things that are expected of a father of seven.

Mary Jane (Coppersmith) Ebert

Mary Jane, who now lives on Highway 42 south of Algoma, was the daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Piette) Coppersmith. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for her elementary education followed by Algoma High School. In 1944 she married Harley Ebert of Algoma and they had one son, Harold. Harley spent his entire life as a professional semi-truck driver. Mary Jane enjoys working her flower beds, keeping house, and is active in the Rosary Society at St. Mary's.



Clinton Corbisier

Clint was born in Algoma to Avery and Ellen Delarwelle. He attended the Algoma Elementary School and then Algoma High School. He was the first in the class to join the Navy. He served in the Navy for 20 years. He also holds the class record for the most marriages and divorces; three of each. Wife number 1 and number 3 provided him with a child. His occupation after discharge from the Navy was as a custodial engineer in the Seattle, Washington, school district for 11 years. Special interest to him was serving as a Tombstone Vigilante. Clinton died on April 2, 1999, in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Clifford Delsart

Clifford, who is now deceased, was born in Maplewood to Albert and Melina (Splingaire) Delsart. He attended the Maplewood Elementary School grades 1 through 10 and then Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. He had seven sisters and seven brothers; one of 15 children in his family. After graduation from Algoma High School he enrolled in college for two semesters leaving to become an MP in the Army in 1945 for two years. Cliff married Rosemary Junio of Rio Creek, Wisconsin, on November 27, 1948. They were blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters. Clifford became an electrician and had a very successful business in Green Bay including an electric light fixture store. His business is still operated by his sons. Clifford died as a result of a skiing accident. He and Rosemary were married for 44 years.



Arvilla (Delwiche) Haack

Arvilla was born in Algoma, the daughter of Marcelin and Flora (Delveaux) Delwiche. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for her elementary education followed by four years at Algoma High School. She was married in 1945 to Maynard Haack and they had a son and two daughters. Her husband died in 1965. She remarried in 1972 to Melvin Haack, her first husband's brother. Arvilla worked as a secretary in the law office of Miller,

Pies, Blazkovek & Evans. After retirement she spent her time traveling, shopping, at her computer, needlepointing, and working as a member of St. Mary's Rosary Society.

Pearl (DeMuese) Krause

Pearl was the daughter of George and Adeline (Zirbel) DeMuese of Algoma. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran School for grades 1 through 8. Her 4 years of high school were all at Algoma High School. On June 15, 1946, she married Clinton Krause of rural Algoma and they resided on the home farm. They were blessed with two daughters. Pearl took a job in sales and as office manager for the Algoma Lumber Company where at the time of this writing she is still enjoying her job. Pearl and Clint sold their farm and moved to Algoma where she presently lives. Her husband, Clinton, is deceased.

Norman Denamur

Norman, who now resides in Berlin, Wisconsin, was the son of John and Josephine (Monfils) Denamur of Algoma. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School for 8 years followed by 4 years at Algoma High School. He was chosen by the class to be the Prom King in his Junior year. An industrial accident left him ineligible for the military service. Norm acquired an ME degree through UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Fond du Lac qualifying his being Vice President of Production and Engineering for the Carri-Craft Corporation of Berlin, Wisconsin. On January 13, 1945, he Geraldine Colombo of Forestville was married. They have two children a son and a daughter. In addition to being a house wife, Gerry also worked as a real estate broker. Retirement includes spending five months in Florida in winter just playing golf and relaxing.



Mahlon Dier

Mahlon is the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Fett) Dier. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School for his elementary education and Algoma High School for grades 9 through 12. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Air Corp. – V5 Program and reported on March 1, 1944, prior to graduation. He attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, and Marquette University in Milwaukee. Mahlon and Jeanette Holub were married on September 11, 1948. They were blessed

with eight children, two sons and six daughters. His life's employment included a construction company, a millwork company and various investment properties. In addition to being a homemaker, Jeanette also worked as a part-time bookkeeper for their companies. Photography which he attained in High School, is still is a hobby now that he is retired. He also enjoys serving



1959 - FIFTEEN YEAR CLASS REUNION

Top Row: Alvin Engiebert, Harold Schuitz (T), Fritz Leist (T), Harold Schumert (T), Edward Plansky, Norman DeNamur, Clifford Deisart, Harold Feest, Edward Bank

Middle Row: Norb Thibodeau, Ray Junio, Betty Laurent, June Moengenburg, Al Ciha, Florence Verhyn, Richard Koistad, Dorothy Mura, Arnold Albrecht, Mahlon Dier, Stanley Maedka, Wallace Machut, Robert Marin

Front Row: John Wheeler, Jean Schneider, Jerome Mura, Betty Meverden, Verna Blahnik, Shirley Stephenson, Helen Wilke, Helen Klarowske, Guy Bretl, Jim Pflie,

June Busse, Pearl DeMeuse

on both the Economic Development Committee for the City of Algoma and the Kewaunee County. He contributes time doing design work for his former company, Forestville Builders & Supply, Inc. His high school interest in Botany and Biology are represented in the 45-acre tree plantation which he helped establish and maintains. He and Jeanette spend three winter months in Gulf Shores, Alabama, along with other Algoma and northeast Wisconsin friends where he pursues his wood carvings and writing interests.

Joseph Dufek

Joseph, who resides on the original family farm in rural Algoma, was the son of Joseph and Libby (Zleal) Dufek. He attended the Silver Creek Elementary school for grades 1 through 8 and completed grades 9 through 12 at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he served in the U.S. Army. After leaving the Army, Joe completed a correspondence course in electronics and spent his life serving the area with radio and television repair services.



Alvin J. Englebert

Alvin, who resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is the son of Wilbur and Emily (LeRoy) Englebert of rural Forestville, Wisconsin. He attended the East Maplewood Elementary school for grades 1 through 8 and then transferred to the Maplewood School for grades 9 and 10. He completed his Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. On October 26, 1946, he married Florence Alexander of Brussels, Wisconsin. They were blessed with two daughters, Christine and Sandra. Alvin worked at the Fort Howard Paper Mill in Green Bay for 40 years until he retired. Florence spent her married life at home, working and caring for her family. Florence and Al enjoyed traveling with their Forestville trailer, hunting, fishing and enjoying life.

Donald Entringer

Don was the son of Frank and Mary (Bottkol) Entringer who lived and worked as a cheesemaker in Rosiere. He attended the Rosiere Graded Elementary School and was a student at the Algoma High School for his 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. He was born in 1925 that made him eligible for the draft in his Senior year. He served in the army as a tank mechanic for two years. In 1948 he married Germaine Zimmerman of Algoma. They had three sons and two daughters; Larry and Mary being twins. Don worked at the Algoma Plywood & Veneer from 1946 until 1970 when he died.



Harold Feest

Harold was born in rural Maplewood to Frank and Julia (Schmelzer) Feest. He attended the Stokes Elementary School in Southern Door County, Maplewood Elementary for 9th and 10th grades and Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. Harold also attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Upon graduation from Algoma High School, he joined the Army and served in the Signal Corps 78th Division. Harold worked as an inside salesperson for the G.A. Larson Company of Green Bay. He never married and now lives

in Forestville. Harold has a great interest in antique autos (owns two) and yearly attends the Antique Auto Show at Iola, Wisconsin along with the annual EAA air show at Oshkosh. Golfing, fishing, and the Packers take up a lot of his retirement time along with a visit to the YMCA three times each week.

William J. Fellows

Bill was born in Algoma his parents being Charles and Norma (Busch) Fellows. He attended the Algoma Elementary School and then Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1944 through 1946. After discharge from service he enrolled at UW-Madison to study electrical engineering. He was employed in that capacity at the Allen-Bradley Company in Milwaukee until retirement. Bill married Irene Sroda of Milwaukee where she worked as a beautician in 1959 and they had three sons. Retirement has brought them time to travel and also time to enjoy photography, an interest Bill expressed in high school.

George A Grasley

George was the son of Harry and Stella (Olmstead) Grasley and was born in Birchwood, Wisconsin. He attended elementary school in Birchwood and also his first two years of high school. His family moved to Algoma and he completed his Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard ship. Following his discharge he attended the Green Bay Vocational School pursuing a trade in printing; his life-long trade until retirement. George married Doris Johnson of Harvard, Illinois, in 1982 and they had four children; one girl and three sons. Now that he is retired, George enjoys woodworking, gardening, and keeping up his home at 505 N Jefferson Street, Harvard, Illinois, 60033.

Rachel (Hrabik) March

Rachel presently lives with her husband Robert in Woodruff, Wisconsin. Her parents were Roy and Alvina (Ripley) Hrabik. She attended elementary school at Hawthorne, her first two years of high school at Luxemburg and her Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School with subsequent schooling being at Lawrence College and Nicolet College. She enjoyed music, mathematics, and science. In 1958 she married Robert March of Whitelaw, Wisconsin, and they were blessed with three children; two sons and a daughter. Rachel worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for the Lakeland Union High School while her husband had a business in Woodruff. Her time after retirement is divided among her gardening, reading, computer time and being with her grandchildren. Rachel had the privilege of being chosen as the class Queen of the Prom her Junior year.

Raymond Junio

Ray's parents were William and Apollonia (Metzler) Junio of Rio Creek, Wisconsin. He attended Lincoln Liberty Elementary School 1 through 8 grades and his high school years at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined and served in the U.S. Navy. He also had additional schooling at the Door-Kewaunee Teachers College and Oshkosh Teachers College. In 1951 Ray and Shirley Kraft of Maplewood, Wisconsin, were married and were blessed with



two sons. Shirley was an elementary school teacher. Raymond worked as a laborer at the Algoma Plywood—U.S. Plywood plant in Algoma. He is enjoying his retirement by dividing his time among hunting, fishing, gardening, and traveling.

Helen (Klarowske) Winkler

Helen was the daughter of August and Frances Serovey of Algoma. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for grades 1 through 8 followed by 4 years at Algoma High School. Additional classes in a business school qualified her to work for the FAA in Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee. In October 1947, she married Donald Winkler of Milwaukee and they were blessed with a son and three daughters. Her only son, Frank, served in the Army in Vietnam where he was exposed to Agent Orange. After discharge he became an industrial arts teacher, but taught only a few years when he died due to the exposure in "Nam". Helen had moved to Fresno, California, where she suffered several strokes. She returned to New Berlin, Wisconsin, where she died on February 18, 2004.

Donald Klatt

Donald was born in Sheboygan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Guentter) Klatt. They moved to rural Algoma (the Black Hills area) and he attended the Pleasant Hill Elementary School for 8 years. His education continued at Algoma High School for 4 years. Upon graduation he joined the Navy in 1944 and served until 1946, much of the time in the Pacific Theatre. After discharge from the military service he took a job at the Algoma Plywood & Veneer where he worked as a millwright. He never married. Death came to him on July 22, 1988.

Richard Kolstad

Richard was born in rural Algoma to Richard Victor and Minette (Schmiling) Kolstad. He attended District Elementary School in Algoma for six years and St. Paul's Lutheran School for grades 7 and 8. He then attended Algoma High School for four years. After graduating from Algoma High School, he served in the U.S. Army in the Army of Occupation and also in Korea. Dick married Ruth Larsen of Green Bay in 1948 and they had two daughters. Ruth died in 1999. He remarried in 2001 to Ardith Daniels Olson of Bemidji, Minnesota. Both Ardith and Ruth were teachers. Dick was employed at the Algoma Hardwoods, Inc. (formerly U.S. Plywood) as an order writer in the sales office for 37 years. Golf in the summer as well as in the winter at Gulf Shores, Alabama, where they spent the winter season occupy their retirement time along with bridge, gardening, and light woodworking.



Virgil O Kolstad

Virgil's parents were Ole and Josephine (Jirtle) Kolstad of rural Algoma (Clay Banks area). He attended the Lakeview Elementary School at Clay Banks for grades 1 through 6 and St. Paul's Lutheran School for grades 7 and 8. This was followed by four years at Algoma High School. After graduation Virgil served in the U.S. Air Force. He attended St. Norbert's College in DePere for one year and then enrolled in the Manitowoc Vocational School studying to be a master plumber for eight years. He established his business in Maribel, Wisconsin, where he still resides. His son continues the business. His first marriage in July 1951 produced five children; four boys and one girl. His first wife preceded him in death. In September 1990 he married Annabelle Brick. Their retirement activities include traveling, bowling, and furniture restoration.



Bernice (Kracht) Mueller

Bernice's parents were Louis and Edna (Eslinger) Kracht of Maplewood, Wisconsin. She attended the East Maplewood Elementary School for grades 1 through 8, the Maplewood Elementary School for grades 9 and 10 and Algoma High School for her Junior and Senior years. She married Viril Mueller of rural Maplewood and spent her life homemaking, farming, and raising four children. Virgil is now deceased.

Betty (Laurent) Roffers

Betty's parents were Rufus and Ella (Nelson) Laurent of Algoma. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for grades 1 through 8 and the Algoma High School for 4 1/2 years, deciding to take a post-graduate semester. She was known for her excellent singing ability in school and after. She married Louis Roffers from DePere, who worked for Wisconsin Telephone Company. Betty and Louis did not have any children. They are both deceased.



Patricia (Lohrey) Brooks

Pat was the daughter of Erwin and Marion (Perry) Lohrey of Algoma. She received her elementary education through the Door-Kewaunee County Normal School, Demonstration School classes. Her 4 years of high school was at Algoma High School. Upon graduation she attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Later she attended Omaha City College night school and studied mechanical drafting. She married Julian Brooks of Hollywood, California, who was a welder, part-time musician, and vocalist. Pat worked in market research in San Marino, CA, as well as being a mother to her two sons and two daughters. Her retirement gives her time to volunteer for the Algoma Library Friends, Violence Intervention Project, Environment Concerns, and is a "Knit Witz" with the Sweater Makers, etc. She specializes in children's sweaters which go to missions worldwide.

Wallace Machut

Wally was born in 1927 to Edward and Lily (Raether) Machut on their farm in the town of Pierce. He attended the Alaska Graded Elementary School and 4 years at Algoma High School. He and his brother operated the family farm in Alaska until 1957 when he founded the J & W Commercial Trucking firm. He married Bernice Post in 1957 and they had five daughters and one son. Wally received special recognition for his 30 years as a contract mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He also was a member of the National Star Route Mail Carriers. He died on November 8, 1992.

Frank Maedke

Frank was born in Chicago, the son of Alfred and Elsie (Meunier) Maedke. He spent his elementary years in Chicago. His 4 high school years were at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Airforce and served from June 1945 through Dec 31, 1946, acquiring the rank of Sargent. He enrolled in Michigan State University afterwards he studied to be an airplane mechanic in California. He married Florence Grignon and they were blessed with four daughters and two sons. He served as the manager of the Karsten Hotel in Kewaunee until he died at 39 years old.

Stanley Maedke

Stanley, who was the son of Lawrence and Gertrude (Karnitz) Maedke, was born in the Town of Brussels. He attended the Kohlberg Elementary School through his Sophomore year. His Junior and Senior years of high school were spent at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. army and served for two years. On September 9, 1950, he married Ruth Hanaman and they had a son Paul and a daughter Barbara. Stan worked for Katch's Department Store for 20 years and also for Badger-Northland of Algoma while driving a school bus as a sideline. He died in 1972 at 45 years old. He had been very active in his church, St. Paul's Lutheran.

Robert Marin

Robert's parents were Joseph and Anna (Seidl) Marin of Brussels, Wisconsin. As a youth he attended Maplewood Elementary School for grades 1 through 10. He then transferred to Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years where he showed a particular interest in agriculture studies. In 1953 he married Carolyn Dufek and they were blessed with four sons and three daughters. He remained on the family farm at Maplewood. He served many years as a member of the Southern Door School Board. Bob enjoyed playing sheephead and was an active member of Holy Name of Mary Church in Maplewood. He died in 1994.

Betty (Meverden) Annoye

Betty Mae was born in Chicago to the late Edward and Ann (Vieau) Meverden. She attended a catholic elementary school in Chicago until the family moved to St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma for grades 7 and 8. She then attended Algoma High School for 4 years. On May 14, 1946, she married Edward Annoye of Algoma and they had two sons, Mike and Mark. Betty worked at the Algoma Clinic for many years and also at the Algoma Public Library for 18 years. She loved to read and travel, spending many winters in Yuma, Arizona. She died on April 8, 2001.

Donna Moegenberg

Donna was born in Algoma to Ervin and Harriet Moegenberg. She attended the Algoma Public Elementary School and 4 years at Algoma High School. After high school she attended Green Bay's School of Cosmetology. In 1946 she married her high school sweetheart, Norbert Thibodeau and they had five sons. Donna is deceased.

Marjorie (Moore) Haack

Marjorie was born in Maplewood, Wisconsin, to William F. and Evangeline (Meyer) Moore. Her schooling began in Maplewood for grades 1 through 4, followed by St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma for grades 5 through 8, and finished with 4 years at Algoma High School. She also had attended college courses at the College of Lake County in Waukegan, Illinois. In 1947 she married Clarence Haack. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. They had four children. Marge did general office work and though being partially retired now, still devotes some time to her chosen profession. She devotes a lot of her time to her family. Other interests include traveling, reading, and walking. Her husband Clarence died in 1985.

Dorothy (Mura) Halada

Dorothy was the daughter of Alex and Mae (Laurent) Mura of rural Maplewood. Her 1st and 3rd years of elementary school were at the Stokes Elementary School with the balance being at St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma. Her 4 years of higher education were at Algoma High School. On June 26, 1948, she married Joseph Halada and they made their home on the Halada farm in rural Algoma, the Silver Creek area. They were blessed with two daughters and three sons. Joseph also worked at the Algoma Plywood until his death. Dorothy then moved to Algoma and resides there at the present time with cards and family occupying most of her time.

Jerome Mura

Jerome's parents were Edward and Josie Mura. He was born on a farm in rural Maplewood. They moved to Algoma where he attended St. Mary's Catholic School and then 4 years at Algoma High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served two years. In 1947 he married Mae Thebodeau of Algoma and enjoyed 36 years of marriage. They were blessed with five children. Jerome worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, pool and playing cards. He died in 1983.



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ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1944

Reunion October 20, 1984

1984 - FORTY YEAR CLASS REUNION

Top Row: Jim Pflie, Lloyd Schmeling, Clinton Buehler, Harold Feest, Bill Albrecht, Wallace Machut, Frank Schmidt, Kenneth Uecker
 Middle Row: Alvin Englebert, Norman DeNamar, Al Cihra, Bernice Kract Mueller, Mahlon Dier
 Front Row: Helen Klarowske Winkler, Betty Meverden Annoye, Jeanette Bauman Spiegle, Helen Willkie Schlessier, Dorothy Mura Halada, Mabel Schmidt Cermak

Violet (Nell) Allyn

Violet's parents were Fred and Lillian (Miller) Nell who lived in rural Algoma on a farm adjoining Silver Creek. She attended the Silver Creek Elementary and also St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary schools, completing her formal education with 4 years at Algoma High School. In 1948 she married Harmon Allyn who was a dry cleaner and coin laundry operator in Algoma. They had two children a son and a daughter. Violet and Harmon established Allyns' Dresses & Sportswear, which she managed until her retirement. They are now semi-retire, still busy with their coin laundry. Her extra time is now spent cooking and taking short vacations.

Charles O'Konski

Chuck was the son of Leo and Lillian (Mahlik) O'Konski of Kewaunee. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Algoma and his 4 years of high school at Algoma High School. After graduation he joined the Navy and upon discharge he enrolled at St. Norbert's College in DePere. In 1962 he married Mary Bach and they became the parents of two sons, David and Peter. Chuck was a reporter and editor of a newspaper he owned in Manawa, Wisconsin. Mary worked as an ad designer. Hunting, fishing and boating occupied most of his leisure time. Chuck is deceased.

Margaret (Peronto) Meyer

Margaret (Mickey) was the daughter of Oscar and Nellie (Shaw) Peronto of Alaska, Wisconsin. She attended the Alaska Elementary School and then 4 years at Algoma High School. On September 5, 1944 she married Raymond D. Meyer and they worked as partners in various cheese factories in Door and Kewaunee Counties. Her and Ray also managed the Alaskan Golf Course for a period of time. She spent her later years prior to retirement as a clerk at Pranges and Schroeder's Flowerland. Her post-retirement time was spent with her family, tending to her flowers, and gardening. Margaret is deceased.

James Pfile



Jim was born in Algoma, his parents being Loyal and Dorothy (Wulf) Pfile. He attended the Door-Kewaunee County Normal Elementary School for grades 1 through 8 after which he entered Algoma High School for 4 years. He excelled in music and played his trumpet in a local band for years after school. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1944 through 1946. In 1947 he married Carol Kuehl of Kewaunee, and they had three children; one son and two daughters. Jim was employed by the Algoma Hardwoods where he served as a foreman. He also had a great interest in local politics and served as an alderman for 17 years and as mayor for 8 years. His retirement is spent hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

Edward Plansky

Ed was born in Slovan, Wisconsin, to Edward J and Lillian (March) Plansky. He attended the Slovan Elementary School, his Freshman and Sophomore years in Casco and his Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served until May 1946. In January 1976 he married Tillie Ratcliffe in Milwaukee who owned a restaurant there and Ed worked as a cook. Tillie died in December 2002. Ed now spends his time golfing, bowling, ice skating and on the computer.



John Poh, Jr.

John (Jack) was the son of John and Lillian (Ahlsvede) Poh of Forestville, Wisconsin. He attended Forestville Victory School for grades 1 through 10 and his Junior and Senior years at Algoma High School. He married Jean Liebe of rural Sturgeon Bay and they had two sons. Jack was known for his very meticulous painting and varnishing on yachts built at Palmer Johnson Boatworks in Sturgeon Bay. He also had a talent for poetry.

Betty (Rience) Delain

Betty's parents were Fabrian and Josephine (Charles) Rience of Maplewood, Wisconsin. She attended Maplewood Elementary School and Annunciation Catholic School in Green Bay. Her high school years were spent at Franklin Junior High and West High in Green Bay with your Senior Year at Algoma High School. She also took additional classes at the technical college in Green Bay. In 1946 she married Vincent Delain of Casco, Wisconsin, who was employed as a technician for Century 21 Genetics. Betty and Vince were blessed with 12 children; 8 sons and 4 daughters. Prior to retirement she served as a library aid at Luxemburg-Casco School District. She now enjoys her flowers, gardening, traveling and reading, more so now since her husband lost his sight.

Edith Rock

Edith was the daughter of Henry and Marie (Simon) Rock of Algoma. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for 8 years followed by Algoma High School for 4 years. She never married and died when she was about 24 years old.

Jeanette (Root) Gauger

Jeanette and her family moved to Algoma in 1941 and she joined us in our Sophomore year in high school. She graduated with the class. We know her married name is Gauger and that she had lived in Milwaukee. Attempts to contact her in Milwaukee were unsuccessful. Further investigation led to a Sheboygan address and an unlisted telephone number. Once again contact attempts were unsuccessful.



Frank Schmidt

Frank was the son of Joseph and Margaret (Koskubar) Schmidt of Algoma, Wisconsin. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School grades 1 through 8 and 4 years at Algoma High School. After graduation Frank joined the U.S. Navy where he served for 3 ½ years. In 1951 he married Alice Schmidt of Maplewood and they had two children; Stephen and Laurel. Alice worked at a local bank. Frank worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as captain on the *Barney Divine* until retirement. Frank now spends his time fishing, gardening and doing orchard work.



Mabel (Schmidt) Cermak

Mabel, who now lives in rural Algoma, was born in South Dakota the daughter of Baden and Lizzie (Stults) Schmidt. She attended grades 1 and 2 in Mitchell, SD, grades 3 through 6 in the Pleasant Hill School in Algoma and finished her elementary education and first two years of high school at the Forestville Victory School. Her Junior and Senior years were spent at Algoma High School. After graduation she enrolled in the Door-Kewaunee Normal School. On June 14, 1947, she married Elmer Cermak of rural Algoma and life-long employee of the Algoma Plywood & Veneer Company. They had two children, a son David and a daughter Lynn. She spent her life as a homemaker and mother. She spends her retirement years bird watching and reminiscing of their travels, races, and air shows.

Lloyd Schmiling

Lloyd's parents were G. Herman and Anna (Lawrenz) Schmiling being born on their farm in the Town of Ahnapee. He attended the Irving Elementary School along with St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary. His 4 years of high school were at Algoma High School. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Infantry from 1945 through 1948. On June 20, 1959, he married Marion Ebert and they were blessed with a son and a daughter. Lloyd worked in the papermill in Green Bay and Marion did secretarial work. Both Lloyd and his wife were active in the scouting program for over 25 years. He devotes much of his retirement time writing his family histories and doing volunteer handyman jobs for his church.



Jean (Schneider) Erickson

Jean was born in Alaska, Wisconsin, on August 1, 1927. Her parents were Earl and Marie Schneider. Her father was a cheese maker at the Alaska Cheese Factory. She attended the Alaska Elementary School. Jean lived at the Rosewood Cheese Factory with her family when her father became cheese maker there. She attended Algoma High School for her Junior and Senior years. In September 1947 she married Kenneth Erickson and they had three sons. She was involved in the tavern business for many years. The last 10 years as manager of the Red Garden Lounge in Manitowoc. She also was a member of Kenny's Athletic Klub and the WWII Submarine Veterans Wives Organization. Jean died unexpectedly on July 14, 1992, at Holy Family Memorial Hospital in Manitowoc.

Shirley (Stephenson) Koch

Shirley was the daughter of Herbert and Mercedes Margaret "Mutch" (Marr) Stephenson of Algoma. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School for 8 years and Algoma High School for 4 years. In 1944 she married a former schoolmate, Kenneth David Koch, and they lived their entire married life in Algoma. Ken worked as a steam fitter for Reeke-Marold Company in Green Bay. They were blessed with six children, two daughters and four sons. Other than helping out at election time as a ballot clerk, she dedicated her time to her children and home. Shirley had a great talent for interior decorating. Her hobbies included antiques, crafts, flower gardening, cards, and bowling. Shirley died in 1981.

Norbert Thibodeau

Norbert's parents were Alvin and Leone (Entringer) Thibodeau. He lived as a youth in Sturgeon Bay where he attended St. Joseph's Catholic School, 2 years at Sturgeon Bay High School, and then moved to Algoma where he spent his Junior and Senior years. Norb was a very good football player, playing the quarterback position both years. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served one year. In 1946 he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Moegenburg of Algoma and they had five children. Norb served as a draftsman designing commercial kitchens. For a short period of time he also had a tavern in Algoma. He retired to his home north of Green Bay in the Saumico area and is enjoying fishing and hunting.

Donald Thorpe

Don's parents were Harold E. and Nina (Hough) Thorpe. He was born in Hortonville, Wisconsin, September 22, 1926. His father was a teacher who taught in various schools in northern Wisconsin. Harold became a teacher at the Door-Kewaunee Normal School when Don enrolled in Algoma High School his Freshman year. After graduation, Don served in the U.S. Army Airforce. His first job was with the Thorp Family Resort in Fish Creek, Wisconsin. After he became a truck driver with the Indianhead Company where he worked for 35 years. He spent an additional two years with a different trucking firm. On August 13, 1955, he married Maxine Bailey of Madison, Wisconsin, and they have two children, Donald and Tammy Jo. His retirement is spent camping and traveling throughout the United States. His home address is 4702 Dutch Mill Road Lot 3, Madison, WI 53716.

Jean (Toppe) Jome

Jean is the daughter of Clarence and Elsie (Kramer) Toppe of Forestville. She attended St. Peter's Lutheran School in Forestville for grades 1 through 8, spent grades 9 and 10 at the Forestville Victory School, followed by Algoma High School for her Junior and Senior years. In 1948 she married Sylvester Jome of Sturgeon Bay and they had two children; Cheryl and Mark. She enjoyed her life as a mother and housewife and now spends her retirement growing flowers. Sylvester died in 1990.



Gerald Uecker

Gerald was born in rural Forestville to Walter and Esther (Draves) Uecker. He attended St. Peter's Lutheran School grades 1 through 8, the Forestville Victory School for grades 9 and 10, followed by Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. Jerry served in the U.S. army 1951 – 1953 in Korea. In 1955 he and Joyce Kramer of East Maplewood were married and they were blessed with three daughters and a son. He attended NWTI where he studied electricity qualifying him to be a member of the Local 158 IBEW of Green Bay. Joyce had been an elementary school teacher before marriage and a library aid after. His retirement is spent taking care of his cherry orchard, doing woodworking, traveling and quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Kenneth Uecker

Ken was the son of Henry and Myrtle (Kohlmorgan) Uecker of rural Forestville. He attended St. Peter's Lutheran School grades 1 through 8, the Maplewood School for grades 9 and 10, followed by Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. Following graduation Ken worked at Christy's Shipyard for a short time before he went to work at the Algoma Plywood & Veneer where he worked for 47 years until retirement. On June 21, 1959, he married Marilyn Schmiling of Forestville and they were blessed with a daughter and a son who along with his mother continue on the family farm. Ken helped to establish the Sunday School at St. Peter's in Forestville and served as a teacher for 38 years he was also active as a member of the Door County Co-op Board of Directors and as secretary of AAL Branch 921. Born with a heart condition, Ken underwent an aorta valve replacement in 1972; the fourth patient at St. Luke's in Milwaukee to receive what was considered a medical miracle. His hobbies included playing dartball, cards and woodworking. He died in 2001.



Sister Martin Audrey Vandervest

Sister Martin's parents were Joseph and Josephine (Bader) Vandervest of Duvall. She attended the Duvall Graded School for grades 1 through 8, the Casco Graded School for grade 9, and Algoma High School for three years. Upon graduation she enrolled in the Door-Kewaunee Normal School and earned her license to teach elementary school. In 1961 she received her B.S. degree from St. Norbert's College and in 1978 and 1981 received two basic units in Clinical Pastoral Education. Prior to retirement she served as a Hospital Chaplain at Saint Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago, Indiana. Her retirement is spent doing community service and volunteering at Wellspring, a place of peace for women. Her interests include gardening, reading, playing cards, listening to music and praying. She lives at the Mother House at Bay Settlement.

Florence (VanHaren) Simons

Florence, like her twin sister Frances, was born to Edward and Lillian (Knaus) VanHaren in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her elementary school years were spent at Fort Howard and Tank Elementary Schools in Green Bay. She attended East High in Green Bay and transferred to Algoma High School for her Senior year. She attended the Dale Carnegie Class as well as various vocational school courses. She married James Simons of New Franken, Wisconsin, in 1948 and they had six children; three sons and three daughters. Florence worked as a telephone operator and a salesperson in her husband's shoe store. In addition to owning the shoe store her husband worked as a sales manager for a meat company. Florence's retirement time is spent with her family, golfing, traveling, and china painting. She now lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



Frances (VanHaren) Andreozzi

Frances was born to Edward and Lillian (Knaus) VanHaren of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her elementary school years were spent at Fort Howard and Lincoln Elementary Schools in Green Bay. She attended East High in Green Bay and transferred to Algoma High School for her Senior year. She later attended Junior Colleges in California. In 1946 she married Darrel Chives and remarried in 1970 to Louis Andreozzi. She had four children. Her husband died in 1981. She worked as an elementary school secretary for 27 years in Azusa, California. Her retirement time is spent reading, dancing, tending to her flower gardens and attending various organization meetings including the Red Hat Club. Frances has a twin sister, Florence who lives in Green Bay.

Florence Irene (Verhyen) Jacques

Florence was born to Frank and Elizabeth (McQuillan) Verhyen. Her high school years were spent at Algoma High School where she was active in class activities. On April 12, 1950, she married William Jacques of Ludington, Michigan, a police officer. They had three children; a daughter and two sons. Florence was self employed as a seamstress who also enjoyed painting. She is remembered for her interest in the activities of her high school class and made her presence at every reunion by boarding a car ferry and crossing Lake Michigan.

Roger Wagner

Roger was the son of Arnold and Frieda Wagner of Maplewood, Wisconsin. Roger attended the Maplewood Elementary School for grades 1 through 10. He then transferred to Algoma High School for his Junior and Senior years. He married Joyce Koenig from rural Algoma (Kodan area) and they had two sons, Mark and Mike. Roger died in 1967.

John Wheeler

John was born in Algoma to Vincent Lyle Wheeler and Thora Rasmussen. He lived across the street from St. Mary's Church and attended St. Mary's Catholic School grades 1 through 8. His next four years were spent at Algoma High School. Upon graduation John joined the U.S. Army and served time fighting in Germany. He was married in 1947 to Joni Schlise of Forestville, Wisconsin. They had two children; Lyle Vincent and Valeria. John worked as a carpenter in Green Bay for many years and then had a cabinet shop in Algoma. He is deceased.



Helen (Wilke) Scheisser

Helen is the daughter of Emile and Anna (Duwe) Wilke of rural Forestville. She attended the Carnot Elementary School and St. Peter's Lutheran School. Her Freshman and Sophomore years were spent at the Forestville Victory School and her Junior and Senior years were spent at Algoma High School. On June 9, 1951, she married Elmer Scheisser of rural Algoma and they had three children; a daughter and two sons. Helen was a dedicated mother and a farmer's wife and still lives with Elmer on the home farm. They really enjoyed polka music and dancing whenever it was available.

Robert Winters

Bob, whose parents were George and Irene Winters, was born in Birchwood, Wisconsin. He attended the Birchwood Elementary school grades 1 through 8. His family was among the large number of workers who were transferred to Algoma when U.S. Plywood closed the Birchwood Veneer plant. Bob entered Algoma High School as a Freshman and completed his 4 years of high school there. In the spring of 1944 he joined the Merchant Marines intending to spend his life sailing. His ship was sunk outside of New York Harbor and Bob was lost at sea. When in school he was known for his natural athletic abilities and friendly disposition. The flagpole that exists in front of the Algoma Chamber of Commerce information office was given by the Class of 1944 and dedicated to Bob at the 50 year reunion.

Minette (Wolske) Wells

Minette was born in Forestville, Wisconsin; the daughter of John and Emma (Wolter) Wolske. She attended St. Peter's Lutheran School grades 1 through 8, Forestville Victory School for grades 9 and 10, and Algoma High School for her Junior and Senior years. In 1949 she married Donald Wells, also of Forestville. Her occupation consisted of being a clerk at Katch's, a teller and officer at the BayLake Bank in Algoma. She presently resides in Algoma with her husband. She is spending her retirement playing cards, bowling, and golfing during the summer months.



1989 - FORTY-FIVE YEAR CLASS REUNION

Top Row: Lloyd Schmeling, James Pflie, Clinton Buehler, Ray Junio, John Wheeler, Kenneth Uecker, Norman DeNamur, Norbert Thibodeau
Middle Row: Richard Kolstad, Bill Abrecht, Ed Plansky, Alvin Englebret, Gerald Uecker, Guy Bretl, Virgil Kolstad, Bernice Kracht Mueller, Mahlon Dier,
 Charles O'konski
Front Row: Sister Martin (Audrey Vanderveest), Evelyn Blatzky O'Dell, Betty Meverden Annoye, Mabel Schmidt Cermack, Pat Lohrey Brooks,
 Florence Vernyen Jacques, Helen Klarowske Winkler

ALGOMA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
 CLASS OF 1944
 AUGUST 13, 1994

HARMANN STUDIOS



1994 - FIFTY YEAR CLASS REUNION

Top Row: Lloyd Schmeling, Roy Born, Frank Schmidt, Bill Albrecht, Jim Pflie, Ray Junio, Virgil Kolstad, Harold Feest, Norb Thibodeau, Edward Bank
 Middle Row: Mahlon Dier, Clinton Buehler, Edward Plansky, Arvilla Delwiche Haack, Mary Jane Coopersmith Ebert, Florence Vermyen Jacques, Richard Kolstad,
 Florence Van Haren Simon, Fran Van Haren Anderozzie, Evelyn Blatzky O'Dell Rock, Dorothy Mura Halada, Guy Bref
 Front Row: Bernice Kracht Mueller, Mabel Schmidt Cermak, Sister Martin (Audrey Vanderveest), Marion Barrand Garrett, Helen Wilkie Scheisser,
 Betty Laurent Roffers, Marjorie Moore Haack, Betty Meverden Annoye, Helen Klarowske Winkler

Remember the Times!

June 6, 1944

Class of 1944 Algoma Highschool

The Big News of 1944

D-Day in Normandy: President Franklin Roosevelt leads nation in prayer, D-Day begins with largest invasion force in history: Allies land on Normandy. Gov. Thomas Dewey becomes Republican nominee for President: J. Bricker for VP. GI Bill of Rights signed giving broad program of benefits to veterans of WWI.

How It Was. How It Is

	1944	1994
Population.....	138,397,000	264,759,920
3-Bedroom Home.....	\$3,475	\$111,900
Average Income... ..	\$4,027	\$37,262
Price of a New Ford ...	None made	\$14,025
Gasoline, 1 gallon.....	\$.21	\$1.26
Bread, 1 pound.....	\$.09	\$.73
Milk, 1 gallon.	\$.62	\$2.83
First Class Postage Stamp.....	\$.03	\$.29

Your Day Throughout History

The YMCA is founded in England (1844). Chrysler Corporation is founded (1925). Californians pass 'Proposition 13,' limiting the power of the state to tax personal property (1978). 30,000 Israeli troops invade Lebanon (1982).

In the Winners' Circle

Best Movie.....Going My Way
 Best Actor.....Bing Crosby
 Best Actress.....Ingrid Bergman
 Musical Movie.....Meet Me in St. Louis
 Radio.....The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
 World Series.....St. L. Cards over St. L. Browns
 Rose Bowl.....So. Cal 29, Washington D
 Boxing (Heavyweight).....Joe Louis
 Best Class Ever.....

In the Oval Office

Franklin Roosevelt
 President
 Henry A. Wallace
 Vice President

1944. The Days of...

Frank Sinatra sang, causing riot ... Chiquita Banana became brand name item ... SONG OF NORWAY and I REMEMBER MAMA were Broadway hits ... Lindy Hop replaced Jitterbug ... Fashioned bobby socks & penny loafers ... Smokey the Bear posters created ... Richard K. Sorenson awarded a CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR ... Aaron Copland wrote APPALACHIAN SPRING ... Bernstein's first Broadway musical opened

Personalized just for you by FROM THE COMMITTEE.

65 Seniors to Graduate June 6

Sixty-five young men and women will graduate at commencement exercises at the Algona High school Tuesday night, June 6, but unless opportune furloughs and leaves are arranged for several of the class, less than 44 will be on the stage to receive diplomas graduation night.

The Army and Navy attracted some of the youths several months before graduation and others have enlisted in the service and will leave for training before the ink on their diplomas is dried.

The graduates are: Arnold Albrecht, William Albrecht, Josephine Alexander, Edward Bank, Marion Berrard, Jeanette Baumann, Joseph Bern, Joyce Biedtall, Howard Biehok, Verma Biehok, Evelyn Bialeky, Guy Best, June Boase, Aloysius Otha, Clifford Deisart, Pearl DeMeuse.

Norman DeNamar, Mahlon Dietz, Joseph Dufek, Alvin Edgibart, Harold Fosse, William Fellows, George Granley, Rachel Hrabik, Raymond Junio, Helen Klarowska, Donald Klast, Richard Kolstad, Virgil Kolstad, Bernice Kuecht, Betty Lavrent, Patricia Lehtrey, Wallace Mackay.

Frank Maedke, Stanley Maedke, Robert Martin, Donna Moegemburg, Marjorie Moore, Dorothy Mura, Violet Nell, Charles O'Konaki, James Pfile, Edward Flansky, Jack Poh, Betty Reince, Edith Rock, Jennette Rock, Jess Schneider, Frank Schmidt.

Mabel Schmidt, Shirley Stephenson, Norbert Thibodeau, Donald Thorpe, Jean Toppe, Gerald Uecker, Kenneth Uecker, Audrey Vandervest, Florence VanHaren, Frances VanHaren, Florence Veebyan, Rodger Wagner, John Wheeler, Helen Wilkie, Robert Winter and Milette Wolake.



Valedictorian

Salutatorian

John Hartall

Richard Smith

To bring a class out of about 65, and present it as being 44, was John Hartall and Richard Smith, the valedictorian and salutatorian. The two high school grads, who will be in the front row at commencement next week, played football and basketball at the Algona High school. Hartall was a member of the basketball team and will play for the University of Wisconsin. Smith was a member of the basketball team and will play for the University of Wisconsin. The two boys were members of the basketball team and will play for the University of Wisconsin. The two boys were members of the basketball team and will play for the University of Wisconsin.

"Class of 1944" AHS

"Aunt Cathie's Cat," a mystery comedy in three acts, will be the Algona High senior class play. Cast includes Pearl DeMeuse, James Pfile, Edith Rock, Marjorie Moore, Joyce Biedtall, Betty Reince, Patricia Lehtrey, Edward Bank, Frank Schmidt, Audrey Vandervest, Shirley Stephenson, William Fellows and Richard Kolstad.

Senior Class Play - May, 1944



2004 - SIXTY YEAR CLASS REUNION

Top Row: Virgil Kolstad, Richard Kolstad, Ray Junio, Gerald Uecker, Guy Brett, Bill Albrecht

Middle Row: Mahlon Dier, Clinton Buehler, Patricia Lohrey Brooks, Harold Feest, Frank Schmidt, Lloyd Schmeling, Alvin Englebert, Jim Pflie, Edward Plansky

Front Row: June Busse Post, Dorothy Mura Halada, Arvilla Delwiche Haack, Mary Jane Coopersmith Ebert, Marion Barrand Garrett, Mabel Schmidt Cermak

ALGOMA SCHOOL SONG

Its your school and its my school
We'll fight to bring it fame
And to show we have the spirit
We'll be at every game!

We'll fight fair and we'll play square
And proudly we confess

The man who cowers at defeat
Is not at AHS!

ALMA MATER

By old Michigan's proud waters
Rolling waves of blue
Stands Wisconsin's fairest High School
Alma Mater True!

Sing Her praises
Let the Chorus ring o'er land and sea
Hail Algoma's Alma Mater
Hail all, Hail to Thee!

