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After graduation from Boone High, I got my AA from Boone Junior College and then into the working world. My first job was as a dental assistant.

In 1963 I married my favorite Highway Patrol man, and in 1964 he was appointed to the position of Sheriff of Boone County. That meant moving into the Boone County Jail living quarters and the unpaid job as cook, matron, night dispatcher, etc. It was a long 7 years but eventually they condemned the jail and we were able to move into a house of our own and start our family. After our two children entered school, I went back to work as a preschool teacher and eventually added another job at DMACC in student registration. From there I moved to a fulltime job at Crop Production Services east of Boone as Administrative Assistant and office trainer for our Division. I retired from full-time work Jan of 2008 and stayed for another 6 months as a trainer. This was the most fun job with traveling 3 states and working with wonderful people; a nice way to end my working years.

In June of 2006, my husband died after a long battle with cancer. I am enjoying my retirement but keep very busy with the hospital auxiliary, church work, substitute teaching at the preschool, and my five grandchildren. My son, John, is a national sales rep with Agriland Machine out of Rock Valley Iowa, and lives in NW Omaha, is divorced and the father of Kelsey, 13; Colby, 9 1/2; Riley, 6 1/2. They live in Blair, NE and are, of course, beautiful, smart and athletic.

My daughter, Martha, lives just north of Boone and teaches 3rd grade at Bryant Elementary (soon to be changed to all 5th grade) and will teach at Franklin next year. Her husband teaches at DMACC in Ankeny and does finishing carpentry on the side. They have two children, Blake, 8 1/2 and Bria, who will be 5 July 1. They also, of course, are smart, good-looking, and talented. I can't imagine life without them. My mother is 94 and still lives in an apartment and does everything for herself except drive.

My goal is to travel more and just appreciate the life God has given me and whatever He has in store for me in the years to come.

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In the summer of 1959, I began my career with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) in Ames, Iowa, as a survey technician. In 1967, I transferred to the Council Bluffs, Iowa, DOT Construction office. In 2002, I retired after 42+ years as a Project Coordinator.

I have been married to Marlene for 42 years. We have two daughters, Alicia and Julie, and two grandchildren, Hannah and Jonathan.

Throughout the years, I have been actively involved in the Saint Albert Catholic School System. I have restored several vehicles to be auctioned off at the Saint Albert annual benefit auction.

In my retirement years, I am enjoying family vacations, spending time with my grandchildren and attending their school and sporting activities. I am an avid Nebraska Cornhusker fan, and enjoy attending all local college sporting events with my grandson and continue to follow Saint Albert sports.

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Navy – NASA, Gemini & Apollo (when it was new and great) - cable television (when it was really new and great) - retired - now I'm 29 and travel in our motorhome selling “stuff”.

June and I are thinking of getting married - but refuse to rush into it - unlike the current administration - our 4 children think it's time also.

Oh well, not much to tell.

Chuck (Charlie Brown) McCubbins

**Side Note from Dee: Remember I begged for some Biographies, telling people to be brief and they could even make up things if they wanted to! Just goes to show ya, you get what you ask for. It's all in fun anyway and now we can all find Chuck and actually find out some more about his last 50 years! Ask him about his 5 year old son “Max”.

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After graduation from Boone High, I attended Upper Iowa University, Iowa State University (BS – Chemistry) and Washington University, St. Louis, MO (MBA – Marketing). In 1963, I married Gayle Ohlmann and we moved first to St Louis, MO followed by a move to Minneapolis, MN where our first daughter (Lori) was born in 1966. We subsequently lived in Wisconsin for almost nine years where our second daughter (Megan) was born in 1970.

Our family includes two daughters: Lori Finn and her husband Don and children Garrett(11) and Sabrina(8) living in Albany, GA and Megan Skalla and her husband Gerry and children Josie(8) and Ellie(6) living in Appleton, WI.

Although I am presently retired after being employed by 3M in new product marketing and the Canadian Consulate General for a number years assisting Canadian companies market products, I have continued as an Adjunct Instructor at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN teaching courses and online learning modules in marketing.

Gary B. McVicker

Biographical Sketch

Three Boone High School teachers (Ben Bruns, Ralph Carroll, and Harlan Roloff) greatly facilitated my pursuit of higher education. I owe these people much.

B.S. in Chemistry and Mathematics, Upper Iowa University (1963); Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry, University of Wyoming (1968).

Joined Esso, now ExxonMobil, Research & Engineering Co. in 1968. Retired in 2005. I experienced interesting, challenging work with more than sixty publications, seventy patents and ten commercialization's during my 37 year career.

Married Catherine Hebson (1968). Cathy holds a Ph.D. in economics from Rutgers University. She is a wonderful wife and mother. She consults in the area of economic development.

Two children: Andrew (1973), a former Marine Harrier aviator, is a Major in the U.S. Air Force. He currently flies the U-2 spy plane at 90,000 feet somewhere over world trouble spots. Mercedes (1975) holds a MA in Political Science from the University of Paris and works at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC managing trips to exotic destinations like Antarctica and India.

We live about 50 miles west of New York City in Califon NJ, which looks nothing like the New Jersey that visitors see from the NJ Turnpike. Vacations are usually trips to a lake in the northern Adirondack Mountains in NY.

We have somehow acquired three (that's right – three!) vintage airplanes: a 1941 Stearman open cockpit biplane which we reconstructed with the help of friends from a tractor trailer load of parts, a 1946 Aeronca Champ, and a 1953 Piper Tripacer.

Schedules and weather permitting, we are planning a cross country flight this summer with our in-house Air Force pilot in the Stearman, from NJ to Grass Valley CA. (A year and a half ago, I flew a similar cross country with my son in his Super Stinson – definitely an adventure of a lifetime!)

The last fifty years have been a blast.

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We have four kids; Bill Jr., Melissa, Melinda and Melanie and 10 grandkids; 4 girls and 6 boys.

Bill worked 7 years with the Highway Commission (now DOT) and then Deere for 30 years. He has been retired for 12 years now and continues to put the fear of God into all the fish at Saylorville Lake as often as possible. During winter when the water is frozen so he can't fish, he builds lures and rehabs old fishing poles. At all his waking hours, fishing is on his mind!

He still enjoys playing his guitar and singing. His kids gave him a certificate for 8 hours of recording time in a professional studio. They want him to record the songs they heard him sing when they were kids, and one day soon he's going to make the appointment to record those.

Bill and Sandy went on mission trips to Nicaragua--once to rebuild a clinic blown away in a tornado, and the other time to build a school. Bill had fun teaching the little kids how to play marbles, and then joined the older ones in a game of baseball. These were very rewarding and eye-opening travels.

Bill's become quite the world traveler. Last July he and Sandy went on a cruise to the British Isles. Earlier they cruised to Alaska and later through the Panama Canal and farther south. Plans are to cruise to Greece, Turkey and the Holy Land in November. It's a big world out there and we have seen so little thus far.

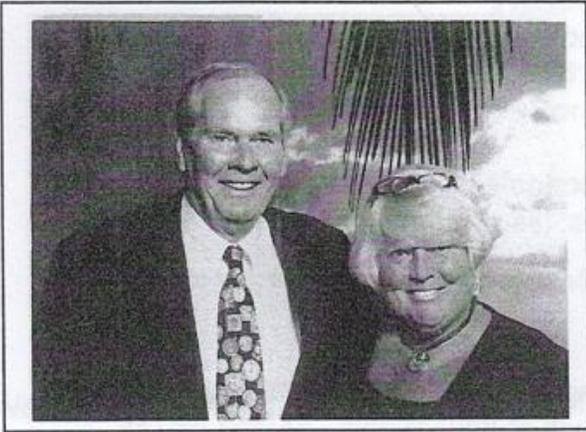
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My wife Joan and I have been married 47 years. Joan is a retired math teacher and does part-time internet work for a real-estate office.

We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Our daughter lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Our son lives in Clayton, New Jersey, which is south of Philadelphia. At least we can travel one direction and see them all.

I have been practicing law in Marshalltown for 43 years. I'm the senior partner in a 10-lawyer office.

I enjoy golfing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and ISU athletic events.



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After college (Alan from Cornell College and Emily from U of Iowa), we were married in 1963 and began a 12 year odyssey that included Iowa City (med school), San Bernardino, CA (internship), back to Iowa City (OB/GYN residency), Boston (US Navy), Charleston, SC (fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology) and finally Ames, IA. Our travels have also taken us to England, Brazil, and a sabbatical in the South Pacific. Along the way came Jim (now in NY City) and Susan (Ames), who combined have given us 5 wonderful grandchildren. During our years in Ames, Alan headed the Infertility Division at McFarland Clinic, where the first test tube baby in Iowa was conceived in 1987.

Meanwhile Emily has been shopkeeper at The Pumpkin Patch, a children's specialty store, for the past 31 years.

Alan retired three years ago and both of us now enjoy reading, gardening, entertaining and, of course, spending time with the five grandchildren. Twice a year we also visit New England where we've kept our home in Concord, Ma since our days in the Navy. We've also been active in the Iowa Arboretum, where Emily was recently elected President. We have been truly blessed with a rewarding life, good health, and a wonderful family.

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After 35 years as a teacher and high school baseball coach, I retired in 2000. During the first few years after retirement, I spent several months each year in Florida and the remaining time in Ankeny, working part-time as a substitute teacher and spending my free time gardening, hunting, and fishing.

In 2005 I moved to Florida full-time and took a part-time job in sales at my "55 and over" retirement community. My sales job is a fun diversion and working only 2-3 days a week gives me plenty of time for bass fishing, going to baseball games, and enjoying the sunshine with my wife, Nancy.

I have always loved to sing so, just for fun, I recently put together a five-piece band called Sunshine Edition. Most of our gigs are in retirement communities where our old time 50's and 60's rock and roll, doo-wop, and classic country music that brings back fond memories for everyone, including me.

I consider myself blessed to have had a good education, a rewarding career, and an opportunity to enjoy a happy and peaceful retirement.

If you need any more information from me, just send me an e-mail and I'll try for a more prompt response. Thanks for all the good work you're doing to keep the class of '59 connected.



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Although I am currently retired from Morgan Stanley, where I worked as a broker's assistant for a number of years, I keep busy sewing with a group at church that makes quilts for homeless shelters and charities. A primary interest has been gardening, especially the growing of hostas. In fact, the week prior to the 50th Class Reunion, I will be honored by the inclusion of my garden as part of a garden tour by the Minnesota Hosta Society.

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September 15, 2008

Dee,

Thanks for including me in your newsletter mailings to the Boone High Class of 1959-- and for your *patience* in encouraging me to respond to your requests for more information. I retired on July 31, 2007, so I have lost my favorite procrastination excuse of being "too busy."

I'm pleased that you've decided to include in your mailing those classmates such as myself who attended school with the BHS Class of 1959 but who were not members of the *graduating* class. I was a Boone Jr-Sr High classmate during 8th through 10th grades (1954-1957) so I shared many formative and memorable experiences with members of the class of 1959. And I've been fortunate to have my twin sister Gayle and her husband Chuck McGriff filling me in on news of the class over the years, so I feel more connected to the class than perhaps others who never graduated with the class.

I feel doubly blessed to have had high school experiences with two different sets of classmates in two different states. The high school from which I graduated in 1959 was Concordia High School in Seward, Nebraska. I've lived in Seward since 1968, but the high school (connected with Concordia University where I was employed 1968-2007) is no longer in operation, having closed in 1972, so in one respect I'm a high school graduate without an alma mater! Fortunately, I'm still very connected with many of my Concordia High School classmates (only 35 of us in the class). Since Concordia High School was a boarding school I truly got to know my schoolmates both inside and outside the classroom. Not only were they my friends, but they also became like family. We've had five-year reunions regularly through the years (as had the Boone High Class of 1959, I know) and I'm looking forward to our CHS 50th reunion in July 2009. Gayle and Chuck have been encouraging me and my wife Pat to also attend the 50th Boone classes reunion in June 2009. Were giving it some thought. I think it would be great fun for me, albeit much less so for my wife, but she is a good sport and would probably be quite amused to hear stories from my friends of yesteryear about the geeky teenager I was back in the 1950s.

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