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1940-49

Allan and Margaret (Cook) Anderson, both ’47, of Edmonds, Wash., are enjoying marriage and retirement.

1950-59

Curtis Benefiel ’51 and ’63 of Stayton and his wife, Eva, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Feb. 12.

Charles Jaeger ’54 of Nashville, Tenn., cares for his four-year-old great grandson and volunteers at Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Theodora McPhee ’55 of Riverside, Calif., and Marcia (Seeber) Reeder ’55 of Corvallis celebrated their 80th birthdays with Linfield alumni present. Theodora’s birthday is Nov. 8 and Marsha’s is Oct. 31.

Glenn Tilton ’56 of Sacramento, Calif., received $2,000 in birthday donations for the First United Methodist Church to fund resources for the homeless.

Billie Fitch ’57 of Nordland, Wash., was named Gardener of the Year by the state garden club.

Wayne Sharp ’59 of Salem is part of the Salemton Volunteers. The group was selected to receive an Oregon Heritage Excellence Award.

1960-69

Gene and Amber (Moss) Carlson ’61 and ’66 of Sisters watched MLB spring training in Arizona.

Alan Scherer ’62 of Phoenix, Ariz., got a copyright on his artwork of the Resurrection of the Face of the Cross.

Elizabeth “Kit” Ketcham ’63 of Seaside is a part-time Unitarian minister at Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Joanne (Poppe) Hesterman ’64 of Phoenix, Ariz., is retired and continuing interests in biology, art and geology.

Robert Utter ’65 of Chehalis, Wash., and his wife, Judy, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 15 in Paris, France.

Jari (Austin) Dykstra ’67 of Bartlett, Tenn., raised funds for nine water wells in Africa. She is currently working on sanitation projects and building a school.

Kenneth Moore ’67 of Lincoln, Neb., is interim director of Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska.

Lee Akamichi ’68 of Tracy, Calif., has taught advanced art and college portfolio preparation at Lynbrook High School in San Jose for 27 years.

1970-79

Markem Benedetti ’70 of Anchorage, Alaska, retired from teaching sixth grade at Ursa Minor Elementary on Fort Richardson.

Vernadene (Fitzgerald) Anderson ’73 of Salem is a member of the League of Women Voters National Task Force on Climate Change.

Colleen (Lloyd) Jackson ’73 of Fremont, Calif., published The Journey to Remembrance in February. The story is based on her family’s experiences on a farm in southern Indiana. She is a musician, songwriter and raises puppies for Canine Companions for Independence. All book proceeds will be donated to CCI.

Connie Baldwin ’74 of Sun City, Ariz., with husband Bruce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 9.

Stephen and Carol (Boock) Rooney, both ’74, live in Bend where Stephen was elected president of the National Federation of Nurses in 2013.

1980-89

Carol Doane ’80 of Vancouver, Wash., works for KGW-TV.

Matthew Epstein ’80 of Beaverton has been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1991.

Marla (Miller) Wiericher ’80 of Myrtle Creek retired from the Douglas County Sheriff’s office after 10 years of service.

Mitchell Whitehurst ’81 of Portland has worked for Portland Public Schools for 31 years.

Judith (Silbernagel) Boni ’82 of Tonopah, Nev., is coach of the Tonopah High School volleyball team, that won the Nevada state championship.

Sandra (Stermer) Hunnicutt ’82 of Portland volunteers with AARP’s Tax Aid program, helping seniors and others in need of free tax return preparation.

Diane Gilroman-Loghry ’82 of Oregon has worked in Portland for 27 years.

Schlegel wins poetry prize

Rob Schlegel ’01 was awarded the 2014 Grub Street Poetry Prize for his new book January Machine.

The award includes a $5,000 award from Grub Street and a reading and lecture in Boston for Schlegel. January Machine, which was published by Four Way Books in March, is a book-length poem comprised of sonnets and sonnet sequences.

Schlegel credits his time at Linfield — and professors such as Lex Runciman, Barbara Drake, Katherine Kernberger and others — for his development as a writer. He said his growth was also shaped by meaningful relationships with classmates, among them Shane McCrae ’02, Stephen Crumrine ’01 and Anne Zimmerman ’00, all successful writers as well.

“Small class sizes are incredibly important to nurture creative and intellectual development,” said Schlegel. “Opportunities to meet with faculty one on one are equally valuable.”

Schlegel is a visiting professor of English at Whitman College and co-editor of The Catenary Press. His book The Lesser Fields won the Colorado Prize for Poetry and his chapbook Bloom won the 2010 Laurel Review/GreenTower Press Chapbook Prize.
Camas, Wash., is early learning coordinator for Camas School District.


Katherine (Moench) Lawrence ’84 of West Linn received a para education certification from Clackamas Community College.

Polly (Bartels) Larsen ’85 of Scottsdale, Ariz., has owned and operated Larsen Gallery for 21 years, specializing in taking artwork on consignment for collectors who want to sell their collections. They hosted their first art auction in October and plan a second one this coming October.

Cathie (Schmidt) Potts ’86 of Lake Oswego was named Outstanding Nurse of the Year in the Northwest region by the Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses’ Society.

Margaret (Whitty) Richter ’86 of Beaverton is the heart failure coordinator at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. She received her master’s in nursing education from Gonzaga University in August.

Pamela Miller ’88 of Bend organized the 5th annual Yogis Unite, Oregon’s largest yoga festival.

Steven Sugg ’90 of The Dalles was inaugurated into the Oregon Baseball Coaching Hall of Fame.

Paula Overbeck ’91 of Manteca, Calif., teaches third grade and completed her first 50K and ninth marathon this year.

Charles Brummel ’92 of Winchester has published the book, *Can Little Chuckie Come Out and Play Now?,* a memoir of his life.

Kevin and Katie (Bachman) Curry ’92 and ’91 live in Tigard. Kevin is director of integrated media relations at Linfield and Katie is executive office administrator of Acuity Forensics.

Patrick Reynolds ’92 of Springfield, Ohio, married Christina Kniss on March 20.

Gene Sugano ’92 of Las Vegas, Nev., is a member of Korabo, a Japanese Taiko drum group.

Gary McGarvie ’93 of Washougal, Wash., has been named head football coach at Union High School.

Charlotte Noon ’95 of Melbourne, Australia, teaches fourth grade at Edithvale Primary School.

Danny Langsdorf ’96 of Corvalis has been named quarterbacks coach for the New York Giants.

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– Shelby Duarte ’14
football team.

Nick Sheedy ’96 of Draper, Utah, and his wife, Chelsea, had a son, Isaac McCrimmon, Feb. 6. Nick is a genealogist at Lineages and conducts research for the PBS television show Finding Your Roots with Louis Gates, Jr.

Eric and Kristen (Teel) Taylor ’96 and ’98 of Kirkland, Wash., had a daughter, Elsa Joy Renaissance, April 18.

Brant Boyer ’97 of Winchester and his wife, Audrey, had a daughter, Emily, Feb. 4.

Joey Burks ’98 of Richland, Wash., married Kimberly Pennala June 27, 2013, in Lake Tahoe. He is a senior contracting officer for Battelle Memorial Institute and is a licensed attorney in Washington and Oregon.

Maqsood Serang ’98 of Souder-ton, Pa., started a dental practice.

Nicole Brown ’99 of Tillamook, and her husband, Jack Mulder, had a son, Max, in September.

Jay and Rebeka Gibson-King ’00 and ’99 live in Salem. Jay is teaching for the Isinglass Theatre summer EGG program in Portland.

Reed Langdon ’99 of Salem has been named principal of Dundee Elementary School.

Frank and Holly (Lewis) Lynch ’99 and ’00 of Cheney, Wash., had a daughter, Grace, in June. Frank is assistant professor of applied mathematics at Eastern Washington University.

James Quick ’99 of Seattle, Wash., and his wife, Erin, had a son, Emerson Wade, March 10.

Karen (Bretl) Tieg ’99 of Hillsboro and her husband, Peter, had a daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, Feb. 19, their second.

2000-09

Meredith (Baxter) Carlson ’00 of Newcastle, Wash., had a son, Blake Christopher, Sept. 20. She is an elementary school teacher with the Mercer Island School District.

Heather Chang ’00 of Hilo, Hawaii, and her husband, Riz Mangaoang, had a son, Evan, April 8.

Kristal Dufour ’00 of Albany is co-owner of AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home. She is a licensed funeral director and life insurance agent.

Scott and Melanie (Zollars) McGrath ’00 and ’01 of Omaha, Neb., had a son, Finnegan Patrick, Oct. 8. Scott received his master of science in biomedical informatics from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is pursuing his Ph.D. in biomedical informatics from a joint program between UNO and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Trevor and Michelle (Mallory) Phillips ’00 and ’01 live in Salem, where Trevor is a partner at Salem Hospital.

Cameron Cheek ’01 of Vancouver, Wash., was named to the Portland Business Journal’s runners-up list for “40 under 40.”

Cheryl Hill ’01 of Milwaukee published her first book, Mount Hood National Forest, and is working on a second book about Oregon’s fire lookouts.

Charles and Elizabeth (McClung) Banta ’02 and ’04 of Gladstone had a daughter, Ruby, March 11.

Andrea Goddard ’02 of Spokane, Wash., traveled to Norway with the Adaptive Cross Country Skiing Organization in April.

Kim (Firth) Leonard ’02 of Portland is senior evaluation officer at The Oregon Community Foundation.

Sena (Fertig) Richichi ’02 of Eugene passed her paralegal certification test.

Eric Beus ’03 of Seattle, Wash., and his wife, Jennifer, had a son, Roman Hellman, Nov. 11.

Robert and Stephanie (Klaus- mann) Jensen ’03 and ’04 live in Sisters, where Robert coached the Sisters soccer team to the state championship and was named state Coach of the Year.

Kiri (Culbertson) McGuire ’03 of Tigard and her husband, Travis, had a son, Peter Noble, May 6.

Jayne (Jonas) Simmons ’03 of Sammamish, Wash., and her husband, Stephen, had a daughter, Regan Renee, Feb. 12, their second child.

Candice Coleman ’04 of Memphis, Tenn., earned a master’s of dental science with a certificate in orthodontics from the University of Tennessee Health and Science Center.

Krista (Moore) Berumen ’05 of Boise, Idaho, and her husband, Daniel, had a daughter, Sophia, March 20.

Jennifer Eckart ’05 of Portland married Tyler Hoyt Jan. 13 in Maui. Jennifer is general manager and Tyler the chef at Boke Bowl West, a new restaurant in Northwest Portland.

Christina Gray ’05 of Tualatin earned a master’s degree in kinesiology.

Viktoria (Putintsev) Haddan ’05 is a Global Teaching Fellow at Tokyo International University in Japan.

Hilary (Stricker) Hill ’05 of Hayden, Idaho, is a dermatologist at North Idaho Dermatology.

Eric and Nicole Holsclaw ’13 and ’05 of Glendale, Ariz., attended the Sochi Olympics to celebrate Nicole’s birthday.

Loren D. Lindborg ’05 of Kailua Kona, Hawaii, is an English teacher at Lahaina Intermediate School.

Marina (Pommerer) Parsons ’05 of Mission Viejo, Calif., was promoted to corporate vice president of New York Life Insurance Company.

Seth Pickett ’05 of Portland, president and founder of Framework International, commissioned a third elementary school in Ghana, West Africa, in December. They plan to build a fourth school this year. Pickett was also named a runner-up in the Portland Business Journal’s “40 under 40.”

Aaron Cantler ’06 of Tacoma, Wash., and his wife, Jenna, had a son, Noah, Dec. 14. Aaron is head football coach at Gig Harbor High School.

Leah (Caine) Bannon ’07 of Austin, Texas, is pursuing a master’s in healthcare administration and management from Colorado State University.

Andrew Baldwin ’07 of Portland is in management for Friends of the Children.

Eric and Kimberly (McGough) Clark ’07 and ’05 of Beaverton had a son, Riley, Aug. 31.

Claire Conklin ’07 of Astoria earned a master’s of arts and literature at American University.

Todd Curtis ’07 of McMinnville is an engineer at Applied Physics Technology.

Tara (Stark) Davenport ’07 of Madison, Wis., will earn a Ph.D. in environmental studies at the University Wisconsin-Madison in August.

Ryan Hicke ’07 of Beaverton attends Penn State World Campus.

Julie Huddleston ’07 of Bend is wellness coordinator at Medcor.

Yessica Manuel-Martinez ’07 of Clackamas is working on a master’s degree in social work at Portland State University.

Brian Meh’07 of Eugene was named head coach at West Albany High School.

Danielle Minch ’07 of Gresham married Shawn Sloane Feb. 4. They are the parents of a daughter, Harper Olivia, Jan. 18.

Laurel (Schultz) Peterson ’07 of McMinnville is the theatre costume designer and costume shop manager at Linfield.

Tami Powers ’07 of McMinnville is a senior auditor at the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Kailani Smith ’07 of Pasadena, Calif., founded The Knew New, an ecommerce store that offers a curated selection of contemporary home items.

Darlene (Thompson) Wilson ’07 of Athena and her husband, Ryan, had a son, Grant Edward, Jan. 24. Darlene is a CPA at Cockburn & McClintock, LLC in Pendleton.

Brian Clark ’08 and wife Laura Graham ’07 live in Wilsonville where Brian is the Pacific Northwest representative for Louisville Slugger.

Wesley Gabrielsen ’08 of McMinnville is assistant coach for the Linfield women’s tennis team.

Jeffrey and Erin (Edelen) Kutter ’08 and ’07 live in Carlton. Erin is the state director for the Oregon Auxiliary of Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. and Jeff is on the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office CERT team.

Sean Radford ’08 of Sutherlin is head football coach at Sutherlin High School.

Courtney Terry ’08 of McMin-
A gift with several benefits

“We’re back living in McMinnville and genuinely enjoying Linfield again. Our small house is only a few blocks from campus, so we attend many campus events.

“Being close makes us remember wonderful moments from an earlier time. It also makes us remember times when there weren’t enough dollars to fund good ideas developed by faculty and others.

“This memory led each of us to create a fund that initially provides us income, but later will give the President an added place to turn each year and say ‘yes’ to good ideas to strengthen student learning.

“Our plan was to do this quietly and privately, but Craig Haisch ’95, in Institutional Advancement, advised that sharing might help someone else take action, too. So we agreed.”

Charlie Walker       Cherie Walker  
President Emeritus     Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, 1992

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Lindsey Dibble ’10 of Albany is enrolled in the master’s of spiritual formation program at George Fox University.

Krista Foltz ’10 of Eugene is a teacher at Marist Catholic High School.

William Gandolfi ’10 of Oglesby, Ill., completed his MBA and master’s in accounting at Texas A&M University Commerce and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society.

Rebecca Primachenko ’13 of Vancouver, Wash., is pursuing a graduate degree in piano performance at the University of Oregon.

Caitlin White ’10 of West Linn married Dane Dials March 1 in Roatan, Honduras.

Jessica Barriga-Hernandez ’11 of Salem received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Registered Nurses at Salem Hospital.

Christina Chucks ’11 of Honolulu, Hawaii, is attending Hawaii School of Professional Psychology. Barrett Dahl ’11 is working on a master’s degree at San Francisco State University.

Zachary M. Hubbard ’11 of Moscow, Idaho, plans to pursue a master’s in business administration at Sonoma State University.

Lauren Sawyer ’11 of Salem teaches physical education at Amity High School.

Barren Smith ’11 of Glide is working on a master’s degree.

Vanessa Schilber ’12 of Portland is enrolled in the women’s health master’s program at Boston College.

Junita Spann ’12 of Corvallis is director of health services at Trillium Family Children’s Farm Home.

Kelli Van Wagner ’12 of Wenatchee, Wash., is pursuing a master’s in nursing (HSOL program) at Oregon Health & Science University.

Keith Welch ’12 of Bermburg,
Germany, has earned a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship. He will research immigrant education policy and attend classes at the University of Bamberg. Keith spent the past year as an English teaching assistant in Germany.

Anne Duyck ’13 of Forest Grove has a son, William, Dec. 27.

Stephanie Sirois ’13 of Portland is a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital.

In memoriam

Ellenor (Redmond) Ledgerwood ‘37 of McMinnville, Feb. 17. Survivors include a niece, Kathryn (Nelson) Cabe ‘72 and her husband Gary Cabe ‘72.
Kathryn (Cattle) Hardman ‘39 of McMinnville, March 1.


Jerry Butler ‘49 of Stayton, May 1.

Linnea (Sword) Davenport ‘49 and ‘50 of Molalla, April 12.


Herman Crisp ‘52 of Oregon City, April 17. Survivors include a son, Daniel, ’78.

Glenn Knight ‘56 of Keizer, March 21. Survivors include sons, Stuart ’70 and Scott ’71.

Mariam (Beal) Dunbar ’57 of Flagstaff, Ariz., Aug. 10. Survivors include sisters, Kathy Beal ’60 and Clare (Beal) Bantsari ’65.

Patricia (Buckingham) Lang ’58 of Sequim, Wash., April 30.


Nancy (Rice) MacMahon ’59 of Webster, N.Y., Feb. 8. Survivors include a daughter, Janice Filion-Korolko ’88 and sisters, Phyllis Rice ’62 and Frances (Rice) Tanaka ’65.

William Berlin ’60 of Anacortes, Wash., March 1. Survivors include his wife, Sandra (Kasen) Nielsen-Berlin ’61 and ‘91 and step-daughter, Kimberley Nielsen ’84.

Patricia (Timmons) Crawford ’60 of Dayton, April 8.

Esther L. Jones ’60 of Aurora, March 4.

Gary Ritchie ’62 of Waldport, March 21.


Donald Wilson ’65 of Elizabethtown, Ky., April 13. Survivors include his wife, Judie (Green) Wilson ’66.

Lee Paulson ’67 of Aurora, Colo., May 18. Survivors include his wife, Donna (Thompson) ’66 and daughter, Christine (Paulson) Wulf ’90.


Rosanne Van Zyl ’70 of Tigard, March 13.

Steven E. Davis ’72 of McMinnville, April 22. Survivors include a daughter, Rori (Davis) Hartzell ’95, a brother, Craig ’76 and a nephew, Michael ’96.

Lance S. Powell Sr. ’74 of Hartford, Conn., Feb. 18.

Kristin Claey’s ‘87 of Portland, July 2, 2013.
Scott R. Atkinson ‘88 of Clackamas, April 10.
Laurie (Wood) Brandt ’92 of Austin, Texas, Jan. 15.
Steven A. Glover ’98 of Terrebonne, Feb. 9, 2011.

Friends and family

Ruth Howland, wife of the late James Howland, former trustee, March 23. Survivors include a son, Peter ’78

Got news?

Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your classmates and other Linfield friends, visit us online at: www.linfield.edu/alumni

Richard E. Ice ’52

Richard E. Ice ’52 of Alameda, Calif., former chair of the Linfield College Board of Trustees, passed away March 16. He served as a trustee for 36 years, 10 of those as chair of the board.

He was elected chair emeritus of the board, the only time a board chair has been recognized in this way. He was named trustee emeritus in 2008.

Ice served as chair of the board during the period in which Linfield more than doubled its size with the acquisition of the Hewlett-Packard property and during the most successful capital campaign in Linfield’s history. Because of his interest in music and as a tribute to his late wife, Ice funded the renovation of Melrose Auditorium in 2006, which was dedicated and re-named the Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium in their honor. The college awarded him an honorary degree in 1978 for his service to the college and to the American Baptist Homes of the West. Ice received his master’s from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and graduated from the Advanced Management Program of Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. He had a distinguished career with the American Baptist Churches. He was a pastor in Washington, served in state and regional roles in Washington and California, and served two roles for the American Baptist Churches Home Mission Society. From 1972 to 1995 he was president of the American Baptist Homes of the West and was recognized as a leader in the senior living profession. Ice served as vice president of the American Baptist Churches USA and also served on several boards. In 2011 he received the Religious Freedom Award and Dawson Religious Liberty Award in recognition of his lifelong commitment to promoting and preserving religious liberty.

Survivors include daughters Lorinda (Ice) Bradley ’80 and her husband Steven ’80 and Diana (Ice) van Dyk ’82 and her husband Paul ’85.