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Memory Book**

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Dear Classmates,

It was a pleasure to see many of our classmates at our 45th Reunion at the University of Maryland School of Nursing on April 28, 2011. We only wish that more of our classmates could have joined us.

There have been many positive developments at UMSON that parallel the tremendous changes that have occurred in the nursing profession. We can be proud to be affiliated with the School of Nursing and the education we received that prepared us well for our nursing careers.

Thank you to everyone who shared their news for our Class of 1966 Memory Book. Thank you also to everyone who is contributing to the Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarship. We are very proud to be able to create this wonderful legacy and help support the future of nursing.*

With warm affection,

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Dan O'Neal III
Reunion Committee Co-Chairs*

and the Class of 1966 Reunion Planning Committee

*Judy Hoar Carpenter
Claire Payne Greenhouse
Sharon Hanopole
Geri Mendelson
Gayle Evans Miller
Marilyn Allen Pigg
Susan Dorsey Wilson*

*The campaign to endow the Class of 1966 Scholarship was launched in the spring 2011 as part of the Reunion 2011 Class Gift program and has been extraordinarily successful. The scholarship will become an endowment once \$25,000 has been raised but we don't want to stop there! As additional funds are raised for our endowment, we will be able to contribute more scholarship assistance and have an even greater impact on the future of nursing. This is a wonderful legacy that we hope to build upon in the coming years.

Front Cover Caption: First Row, L to R: Geri Mendelson, Claire Payne Greenhouse, Susan Dorsey Wilson, Carol Harriman Ricker, Rosemary Elliott Noble, Joyce Kaetzel, Dean Janet Allan
Second Row, L to R: Judy Hoar Carpenter, Marilyn Allen Pigg, Ann Riutort Brookens, Carol Hale Crawford
Third Row, L to R: Judith Miller, Dan O'Neal III, Gayle Evans Miller, Sharon Hanopole

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I was married in September 1967 in San Diego to Joseph C. Beneshan (Joe). We had three children, Lara, Joe Jr. and Adam, all of whom were born in Texas. We moved to Lake Placid, NY in 1984. I served in the Navy Nurse Corps at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, California and then held various positions at hospitals in Texas, including the VNA of Dallas. I worked at the Essex County Public Health Nursing Service (CHHA) from 1985 until I retired in 2005.

My favorite UMSON memory is “Rub two cells together, ladies!” My message to my classmates is that something is wrong here. How can it possibly be 45 years since we graduated? I would love to get together with everyone, but it’s not going to happen this year. Maybe when I’m a “little old lady” I’ll make it to our 50th.



“Oh to be so young and ready for adventure.”
Pat Knights



Officer Candidate School graduation—Sue Connor (left) and Pat Knights (right). Ann Cuthrell was also in the class, but I don’t have a picture of her.



“45 years, and at least 45 pounds, later.”
Pat Knights Beneshan

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Family: My son, L.P. Bowden III, MD, is a major in the Army Medical Corps. At present he is a 3rd year Pathology Resident and will complete the program in 2012. Both my husband and I are into our fifth year of retirement. We travel as much as 60 days per year. In 2010, we visited France and Australia. In 2011, we have our sights set on Great Britain. I deactivated my nursing license this year.

Professional History after 1966: After graduation in 1966, I served in the Army Nurse Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam and WRAIN/UMSON. I was the Director of Women's and Children's Services at Tucson Medical Center, the Director of Health Services for an HMO followed by promotion to Vice President for Human Resources and Strategic Planning. I have been a volunteer board member of several community organizations.

Education, Scholarship and Awards: I obtained my MSN in 1972 from the University of Arizona. I also obtained the following Certifications: Certification in Human Resources; Certification in Case Management; Certification in Utilization Management. I was a charter member of the Beta Mu Chapter Sigma Theta Tau at the University of Arizona College of Nursing, 1974.

Hobbies and Interests: I participate in several craft fairs each year, selling my hand crafted greeting cards. This started out in a shoebox about 12 years ago and has now taken over an entire room in my house! I am also very passionate about travel and try to do as much as we possibly can.

I am an alumnae initiate of Alpha Chi Omega through a program offered to women who were not Greek affiliated during their college years. I am on the executive board and serve as treasurer of the local alumnae group in Tucson.

Proudest Moments: As a former Army Officer, I administered the oath to my son when he was inducted into the Army Medical Corps following his graduation from medical school.

-Promotion to Vice President of Human Resources and Strategic Planning.

-Creation of endowed scholarships at the University of Arizona and Alpha Chi Omega.

Favorite UMSON Memory: Labor and Delivery rotation with Louise Linthicum who was our instructor.

Message to Classmates: Scholarship awards DO make a difference in the life of the recipient and this is always remembered. Please donate to the Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarship in any amount. Making a donation is a wonderful way to acknowledge a family member, friend, or special event in your life as well as a memorial gift for a loved one or friend who has died.

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This year Bruce and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We have three children. Peter is a kidney dialysis tech working in acute care. He isn't married yet, but his relationship with his girlfriend is serious. Andrew is a first year medical resident at the U of WA in Seattle. He will marry Jaime this year. She is a 3rd year resident in medicine. Lisa just completed her masters in Social Work at Smith College. Her part of her thesis just got published.

I had a career in Medical Surgical nursing. First on an ortho ward at the VA hospital, followed by a 3 year career in the ICU at GW University Hospital in DC. Afterwards, I was a respiratory specialist and a therapist at the VA in Denver. I obtained my masters degree with a minor in physiology from the U of WA in Seattle, taught at the U of CO, then did Medical Malpractice consultation work. I was awarded a scholarship to the University of Maryland and a grant for my master's degree. I was awarded outstanding student in my program. I am now retired.

My hobbies and interests include tennis, skiing, reading, hiking and cooking. My proudest moments were watching our three kids grow up and become great adults.

I have wonderful memories of my time in Louisa Parsons Hall: being locked out of my room on the balcony in my slip by Marilyn Allen and Courtney Kehoe, butterscotch pudding in the cafeteria, running through the halls in our slips/undies and meeting the nuns from the 2nd floor, etc. We had great camaraderie during our Baltimore years.

Message to my classmates: Come visit me any time. I so enjoyed the past reunions. Come to our 50th! Keep our School strong. Donate to the UMSON Class of 1966 Scholarship. Best wishes and my love to you.



The photo at left is my family (L to R): My father, Alphonse, (98 years old), my husband Bruce, me, and the kids: Peter sitting, Andrew and Lisa.

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Terry and I celebrated our 45th anniversary this year. Our two daughters are both married and we have three beautiful granddaughters.

I have had positions in clinical nursing, education and management. I have enjoyed retirement for the past five years allowing time for grandchildren and travel. I also have an Arizona Real Estate license.

I enjoy the Arizona sunshine and being outdoors. I have not been able to attend a reunion, but would welcome visitors in Arizona.

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I moved to San Francisco to be closer to my children: two daughters and two granddaughters, ages one and three.

After graduation I worked as a labor and delivery nurse, moved to San Francisco, worked at the VA Hospital (Cardiac, MedSurg) and then got married. I continued my education and earned two master's degrees: one in cancer nursing from UCLA in 1978 and one as a licensed acupuncturist in 2000.

My hobbies and interests include gardening, reading, hiking, taking care of my adorable granddaughters, exploring the San Francisco area and biking. My proudest moment was giving birth to my two daughters.

My favorite UMSON memory is Judy Miller.

Message to my Classmates: “Keep up the good work!”

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I was married for 25 years to Garry Carpenter, who died in 1994. I have three daughters and two beautiful granddaughters.

Professional History: I worked in Med-Surg nursing at University Hospital until January 1967. After that, I worked in Cardiac Intensive Care at Prince George General followed by Med-Surg. I did a brief stint in Public Health at Prince George County. I was on the Mommy track part-time in Massachusetts from 1970-1982. I worked in Community Health/Hospice from 1983 to 1987 in Rochester, NY. I was Director of Quality Improvement from 1987-2004 and a SMQT Nurse Consultant from 2004-2009 when I retired.

Besides my BSN from UMSON in 1966, I earned a MPA from SUNY in 1995.

I am active at the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Rochester, NY and serve as chair of the Altar Guild and as a Stephen Ministry leader. I enjoy gardening and family gatherings. My proudest moments have been all of the graduations, family weddings and christenings.

My favorite UMSON memories are: “Oh! My! Really!” The Peanut Machine Caper. Public Health Donut Sales. Spring Grove.



L to R: Judy Hoar Carpenter, Rosemary Elliott Noble, Sue Dorsey Wilson

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My husband, Gene, and I are retired. We have two children, Jenny (MSW) who has two sons and Jason (BA) who is a financial planner.

I worked from February 1966 until July 1967 in MedSurg. From July 1967 until June 1975 I worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital in psychiatry. From June 1975 until May 1978 I worked at the University of Maryland in psychiatry. From May 1978 until June 2005 I worked at the School of Nursing. I earned my BS from the University of Maryland.

My hobbies and interests include kayaking, biking, gardening, and reading. I am an “Adopt a Senior” and LIFE volunteer. My proudest moments are my white uniform, my grandsons, and my successful children.

My favorite UMSON memories revolve around the down time that I shared with my roommate.

My message to my classmates is “Health and happiness to you all.”



L to R seated: Carol Harriman Ricker, Carol Hale Crawford, Judy Miller
L to R standing: Claire Payne Greenhouse, Sue Dorsey Wilson, Dan O’Neal, Geri Mendelson

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Family News: Walt and I will celebrate our 44th anniversary in August 2011. We have two children: Mark who lives in Charlotte, NC and is in commercial accounts with ADT Security Systems and Elizabeth (Lisa) who lives in Parkville and is a senior human resource consultant for a private defense contractor. Mark and Shelley have blessed us with two beautiful grandchildren, David Walter, who is three years old, and Hope Elizabeth who is one year old.

Professional History: Following graduation, I worked one year for the VA Hospital in Baltimore and then moved to Chicago and taught medical-surgical nursing for 3 years while Walt was in a doctoral program at Northwestern University. From 1971 until 1980, I did agency work, substitute school nursing and volunteer work (including serving as president of our alumni association). I started my 31-year career as a secondary school nurse in Baltimore County in 1980 and will retire at the end of this school year.

Education, Scholarships, Awards: Masters Equivalency. Awards & honors include: Elected Life Member of the University of Maryland Alumni Association; elected Life Member PTA Council of Maryland; Past President, Maryland Department of School Nurses; Past Director, National Association of School Nurses; recipient of the 1st Annual Freshman M.A.G.I.C. Day honoring those who motivated, advised, guided, influenced and coached freshman students at Mercy High School during earlier school years.

Hobbies and Interests: Being outdoors gardening and walking; church work; being with friends

Proudest Moments: Holding each grandbaby for the first time!

UMSON Memory: There are so many but one of my favorites includes Judy Miller when we were partners in Public Health. We were trudging back to the Druid Health Department in the snow when we saw Mayor McKeldin's limousine and driver. We begged him for a ride and he drove us back to the office! Naturally, our instructor didn't quite see the humor in it!

The other vivid memory will always be of Betty Shubkagel drilling us on meds and telling us to "rub 2 cells together."

Message to Classmates: We worked hard; we cared about each other; and we shared in joys and in sorrows. I would never want to go back and change the program and the life we had. As I look to retirement I give thanks for our professors and for the education and experiences that they gave. My life has been so much richer because of this School of Nursing!



Claire Payne Greenhouse with her husband, Walt.



Claire with granddaughter, Hope Elizabeth.



Claire with grandson, David Walter, and son, Mark.

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I have five children: David, 41; Marc, 39; Deborah, 37; Etienne, 26; and Elan, 24. I have four grandchildren: Jason (David's son), 8; Danielle (Marc's daughter), 5; Samantha (Marc's daughter), 3; Mason (Etienne's son), 2 months. They live in New York, Philadelphia, Ocean City, NC and Florida.

After graduating from UMSON in 1966, I worked in public health nursing, in NICU, peds, research, occupational health, case management, teaching in a college school of nursing and giving flu shots with the VNA for 10 years.

I earned an AA degree in illustration from Montgomery College in 1986. My interests and hobbies include Israeli dancing, English country dancing, international dancing, rubber stamp art, watercolor painting, pottery, other arts, photography, and traveling. I have traveled to Europe, Israel and Morocco.

My proudest moment was at graduation when the physician graduates tipped their caps to us. I was also very proud when a patient thanked me for taking good care of her.

My favorite UMSON memory was in our medical surgical nursing clinical experience at the University of Maryland hospital when we would watch out for Betty Lou Shubkagel to come on the unit and we would alert each other when we saw her arrive on the unit so we could prepare to answer her questions about our patient care. Also, hearing the senior nursing students sing nightly counting the days to graduation in the dorm hallway.



My message to my classmates, "Life is short, live it up!"

Sharon at the Class of 1966 30th reunion on October 5, 1996, wearing her custom-made vest and Claire's dink.

Joyce F. Kaetzel, faculty advisor to the Class of 1966

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I taught at University of Maryland School of Nursing from 1959 until 1973 for a total of 14 years. I taught OB and Fundamentals at Catonsville Community College (CCC) until I retired in 1989. At CCC, I wrote the Independent Learning Workbook for OB. I retired as Professor of Nursing after 30 years of teaching.

My hobbies and interests: I haven't had much "hobby time" but I am "mother" to a 7 year-old Chihuahua mix named Biskit. I also nursed my first dog, Muffin, through lymphoma. I have taught a Bible Studies Class and a Sunday School Class of 20 ladies at my church since 1985. All of this adds up to 50 + years of teaching. Maybe I'll learn how someday!

Favorite UMSON Memory: My brain doesn't go back 52 years! I was very proud to be asked to be your advisor—but what did I advise you in? You seemed to be a very self-sufficient class!

Message to the Class of 1966: Congratulations on your careers! In five more years you will be celebrating your 50th Anniversary and will be inducted into UMSON's Heritage Class. Lots has changed in these 45 years for you and for the School of Nursing. You had a very academically sound program in your years there, and were well prepared for entering the nursing profession. I was honored to participate in it.



L to R: Joyce Kaetzel, Rosemary Elliott Noble

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Family News: Larry - husband

Marc Oler - eldest son: married to Kelley; living and working in Bedford, TX

Michael Oler - youngest son: single; living and working in New York City, NY

Professional History: I started working as psychiatric nurse in Texas. I then transferred to the Federal Bureau of Prisons where I worked as a correctional officer and, for the majority of my service, in case management. After 23 years of service, I retired and moved to Florida. I worked for the Florida Department of Corrections (in case management) for 10 years before retiring.

Education, Scholarship, Awards

Bachelors of Science in Nursing, University of Maryland School of Nursing

Masters in Urban Affairs, Criminal Justice Option

Paralegal, Montclair State College, Montclair, NJ

Hobbies and interests: knitting, mahjong, traveling (especially by car)

Favorite SON Memory: Our sons have demonstrated a love of family that is both heartwarming and welcomed. Being in different parts of the country makes seeing each other difficult but they have made the extra effort to get together with us and the rest of my family. They have both made us very proud.

Message to my Classmates: It was good seeing everyone at the last reunion and hope we can continue to have the reunions; it felt good to reconnect and I discovered that Danny O'Neal lives about 30 minutes away. Small world!!!!!!

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Family News: I became the aunt of Scott (35) and Staci (33) and now the great-aunt to Steven (8) and Shane (5). Thyroid cancer has hit myself, my brother and my niece. (Be sure to use a neck collar for dental x-rays and mammograms.)

Professional History: After graduating from University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON), I taught at UMSON and Church Home and Hospital. I then went to work for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a surveyor of nursing homes and hospitals for licensure and Medicare certification. I ended my 20 years as director of nursing of the State of Maryland Division of Nursing as a consultant to the Secretary of Health providing technical assistance to various levels of health, juvenile service, developmentally disabled, behavioral and community health components of the State of Maryland.

For five years, I was Director of Nursing at the Johns Hopkins Geriatric Center, a 500-bed organization with multiple levels of care, such as chronic CARF accredited rehab, chronic ventilator, and three sub acute units. At that time, I became an intermittent Joint Commission surveyor.

I was Vice President of consulting for Maryland Health Education Institute of the Maryland Hospital Association (MHEI). MHEI is an independent nonprofit research and educational foundation loosely affiliated with the Maryland Hospital Association. I coordinated and provided a variety of consultant services to all kinds of member and non-member health care organizations (acute hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, ambulatory agencies, etc.). I conducted and coordinated pre-Joint Commission of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) “mock” surveys. I provided consultation with regard to JCAHO interpretation of their standards to the Maryland Hospital Association members, and to the Maryland Indicator Project.

I was involved in modifying ANCC magnet standards for hospitals for long term care facilities and I currently consult to organizations who are preparing to develop structures and evidence for application to the ANCC for the Magnet award.

I began PREP FOR SUCCESS, a private consulting firm assisting hospitals to prepare for Joint Commission surveys and to assist hospitals to attain the Magnet Recognition award for 11 plus years. I have a 98 percent success rate helping hospitals succeed in their magnet journey, from New Jersey to Ohio and Massachusetts.

I went on to earn a Masters in Education at Johns Hopkins University in 1970 as well as a Masters in Art in Jewish History and Old Testament at Baltimore Hebrew University.

My hobbies and interests include the Johns Hopkins University Lifelong Learning Institute, traveling and continuing to learn.

(Geraldine “Geri” Mendelson cont.)

My proudest moment was graduation into the finest profession in the world and continuing to contribute to the humanity of the world.

My favorite UMSON memories are getting stuck in the Parson Hall elevator with an entire class and taking Pharmacology and Biostatistics with Betty Shubkagel. May her memory be a blessing.

Message to my classmates: Thanks for the memories of some of the most interesting years. I am glad to be a member of the graduating class of 1966!



L to R: Marilyn Allen Pigg, Geri Mendelson, Ann Riutort Brookens

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I have been married to Duane for 41 years and we celebrated our anniversary on June 20. We have two daughters who are married to great guys and five wonderful grandchildren. We are both “semi-retired.”

I am currently employed as a health educator in a large health system doing health fairs and teaching CPR. Over the years, I have worked in Labor and Delivery, postpartum, and public health. I managed a childbirth education program for 19 years before semi-retiring and going into PRN work. In addition to my BSN in 1966, I went on to earn a M.Ed from George Mason University in 1993 and completed a Parish Nurse Program.

My hobbies and interests include spending time at the beach, travelling (particularly cruising), grandchildren, Bible study and reading. I cannot think of one specific proudest moment but I am so thankful for and proud of the adorable kids who call me “Grandma.”

I have many favorite UMSON memories. One particular one was my OB case study and being at the birth of her little girl. Later she would ask me for advice (what did I know about raising babies?) and even asked me to be the baby’s Godmother. That was very special!

My message to my classmates: I love seeing everyone at reunions! I hope you are all well and enjoying life!



L to R: Claire Payne Greenhouse, Gayle Evans Miller, Sue Dorsey Wilson at the Class of 1966 45th Reunion Dinner on Friday, April 29, 2011.

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Professional History:

- Currently, Principal of Galloway Consulting focusing on improving hospital operations: quality, safety, service and costs.
- Management positions in US Army Hospital (Frankfort, Germany); New England Deaconess Hospital (Boston, MA); Hermann Hospital (Houston, Texas); Mother Frances Hospital (Tyler, TX); including Nurse Manager, Clinical Coordinator, Chief Nursing Executive, Senior VP Patient Care Services
- Worked as a staff nurse in San Francisco, CA; New York City, NY; Frankfurt, Germany; and Boston, MA
- Faculty positions: Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing; University of Texas at Houston and Tyler; Vanderbilt University; Boston College

Professional Organizations:

- Past President American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)
- Past Board member of the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI)
- Past Vice Chair of Sherrill House - nonprofit extended care facility
- Past Board member of the Harvard Nursing Research Institute

Education, Scholarship, Awards:

- M.Ed. Boston University, Boston, MA
- Johnson & Johnson Wharton Fellows Program in Management for Nursing, University of Pennsylvania
- Fellow American Academy of Nursing (FAAN)
- Mary B. Conceison Award for Excellence in Nursing Administration, Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives (MONE)
- Outstanding Administrator Texas Nurses Association

Hobbies and Interests: Traveling for work and fun; spending time at my house in Deer Isle, Maine; reading

Proudest moments: Being inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing; representing nursing on the initial board of IHI

Favorite SON memory: Great moments of dorm life: playing cards, eating macaroni and cheese or going to Lexington Market; many clinical experiences and even specific patients like the one who had a portal cava shunt; starched uniforms!

Message to my classmates: Nursing has been a wonderful profession with many opportunities and exciting adventures. Now is the time to take care of ourselves, be role models for how to age gracefully and enjoy, cherish and be thankful for every day. Blessings to all of you.

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Michael and I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary in October 2011. Both of our sons are married to great daughter-in-laws. We have two grandchildren: Ethan (6) and Nina (4) who live in Tennessee.

My nursing career was in public health in Maryland: Prince Georges, Howard and Baltimore Counties. I retired in 2005 and work part-time with a nonprofit organization providing transportation to Howard County senior citizens.

My hobbies and interests include gardening, jogging and fitness, bell choir, theater (volunteer at Hippodrome and Center Stage) and UMSON Reunions.

Proudest moment: will be awarding our first student scholarship from the Class of 1966 Scholarship Endowment.

Favorite UMSON memories include Parsons Hall, Lexington Market, pay phone lines, ice cream and coffee diet, care plans, anticipating Dr. Shubkagel's questions, peds, 3D assignments, bus rides to College Park with Sue.

Message to my classmates: It is time to celebrate our 45th anniversary and the many contributions each of you has made to nursing and healthcare. I am looking forward to your news. Stay in touch with the Alumni Office!



Dan O'Neal and Rosemary Elliott Noble at the Reunion 2011 breakfast.

Winifred W. Notes

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I have four children: Joe, 45, a University of Maryland graduate; Stephen, 43, manager of the Studio Theatre box office in DC and an aspiring actor and playwright; Andrea, 40, who works in patient care and advertising and has two teenage daughters: Brittany, 17, and Brianna, 18; and Linda, 31, who just completed her nursing degree from a school in West Virginia and is currently living in Spain with her husband working as a tutor.

I worked in labor and delivery at Prince George's Hospital for two years; Medical Surgery at Vassar Hospital in New York for one year; Medical Surgery at Montgomery General Hospital for three years; Medical Surgery at York Hospital for one year and Oncology at Johns Hopkins Hospital for three years while also working for agencies. I relocated to Israel in 1979 as part of the Foreign Nurses Program. I worked in Jerusalem at Shaare Zedek Hospital and Hadassah Hospital and in Tel Aviv at Tel Hashomer Hospital. Then we moved back to the States where I was in an automobile accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. I received extensive therapy at National Rehabilitation Hospital where I have worked as a volunteer for 20 years.

My hobbies and interests include caring for my plants, gardening, exercising and spending time with my family and my cat.



L to R: Winifred Notes and Geri Mendelson at the Friday night reunion dinner.

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I remained single. I have had a housemate for 15 years who is very clever at getting out of his share of the housework. I have an older (slightly, but I don’t let him forget it!) nephew who is retired regular Army and his wife and their four offspring constitute the family. We have a week every year in Key West during Spring Break Week and other times during the year either on the East Coast or Midwest. His #1 daughter is a West Point graduate, a major, who has served times four in “the sandbox” (Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans) but her next assignment is Hawaii. I suspect she will be hosting a few family there in the near future.

I was in the Army Student Nurse program during my last two years prior to graduation. Right after graduating and working at University Hospital until the old State Boards were completed in September, I went on active duty with the Army Nurse Corps. My career has been the following:

66-67: head nurse, Walter Reed

67-68: head nurse, ICU& Recovery, surgical hospital, Vietnam

68-70: instructor, Army LPN program, Fort Belvoir, VA. I then left active duty, remaining in the Army Reserves for a grand total of 33 years active and Reserve.

70-72: graduate program in nursing, New York University and night nursing supervisor, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYC

72-78: Faculty, University of Maryland School of Nursing, undergraduate and then graduate programs

78-81: Director, Gerontological Nursing master’s program, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

81-83: Consulting nurse, Division of Nursing, Health Resources and Services Administration, Rockville, MD.

83-88: Chair, Gerontological Nursing, College of Nursing, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

88-97: Senior staff specialist, American Nurses Association, Washington, DC

97-04: Chief, Office of Science Policy and Public Liaison, National Institute of Nursing Research, Rockville, MD

04-09: Staff nurse and then Evidence based practice specialist, J.A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL

09-present: Retired 4/09 but continued almost every day as research nurse on a funded quality improvement project at the above VA hospital.

10-present: Clinical nurse leader project manager, VA (Central Office) Office of Nursing Services, Washington, DC (virtual employee, remaining in Tampa)

Education, Scholarships, Awards:

1972 M.A. (nursing) New York University, New York, NY

1974 Post masters certificate, nurse practitioner, University of Maryland School of Nursing (while I was faculty at UMSON)

1974-1980 PhD in nursing science—I did not complete dissertation (tsk tsk)

Lifetime achievement award, American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Military awards.

Hobbies and Interests: Scuba (current certification), bicycle touring (not racing), reading

Proudest Moments:

- 1) Reception in my honor on Capitol Hill in 1997 after 9 years of lobbying and regulatory work with the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the (Hillary Clinton) health reform work of 1993-1994.
- 2) Military escort for American Nurses Association delegation and wreath-laying, Vietnam Women's Memorial (Nov. 11, 1993)
- 3) Military awards as chief nurse in three different Army Reserve hospitals.

Favorite UMSON Memory: Experiencing families and patients on 3D (medicine) and 4D (surgery)...they were mostly from the local community and felt a deep connectedness with University Hospital.

Message to my classmates: The greatest gift each of us can receive is commitment to the profession of nursing. That commitment is manifested in our work to improve the profession—extend it—exemplify its values, but mostly by shamelessly and joyfully infecting others with that commitment.



L to R: Dan O'Neal, Judy Miller, and Judy Hoar Carpenter at the Friday night dinner.

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I have been married for 45 years to Jim. We have two sons and are enjoying our four grandchildren.

I worked in Public Health and School nursing. I lived in Salisbury, MD for 34 years. We retired to Park City, Utah. I volunteer at Assateague National Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. I also volunteered (with Ann Brookens) at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, UT.

My proudest moments are my great and rewarding career and watching my grandchildren being born.

I have many School of Nursing memories: living on the 7th floor, no A/C, working weekends, no electric hospital beds, dorm mother, calling Courtney’s parents to say she was missing and had NOT signed in (she was asleep in her bed), tennis at midnight, gun went off in a house when Ann and I were visiting as Public Health nurses!

Message to my classmates: “It’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” (Abe Lincoln). Hello to all—we had a great group of classmates.



L to R: Judy Miller, Marilyn Allen Pigg

Courtney Ann Kehoe Thomas

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Family News: I have two stepkids, five grandkids, two great grandkids. We downsized two years ago and are loving our much smaller home near Boulder, CO.

Professional History: I was one of the early nurse practitioners and have 45 years of practice in public health and teaching at Metro State College. I had my own consulting business on professional legal nursing practice issues. In 2000 I retired from Colorado State Health Department as Director of Children's Health Programs. I then worked for another 10 years as a nurse consultant to public health nurse home visitors in Colorado's Nurse Family Partnership Program. I retired (for good?) on June 30, 2011.

Education: I earned an MSN in 1977 from the University of Colorado; a PNP in 1970; FNP 1983.

Honors and Awards I have received include:

- Sigma Theta Tau
- American Nurses Association Pearl Encircled Pin presented for outstanding contributions to the profession
- Colorado Nurses Association Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award
- Nurse Practitioner Journal "Significant Leader" recognition
- Nightingale Award—presented to Colorado nurses who demonstrate excellence in human caring in professional, community, and personal life
- Who's Who in American Nursing, Inaugural Edition
- Will receive National Association of Pediatric Nurses Association & Practitioners (NAPNAP), Colorado Chapter, award in May 2011 as a pioneer in the nurse practitioner movement
- Colorado Public Health Nurses Association "Florence" Award for outstanding contributions to public health nursing field.

(Courtney Kehoe Thomas cont.)

Hobbies and interests: They are pretty limited right now as I am a full-time caregiver for my very ill husband. I do enjoy getting together with friends and longtime nurse colleagues whenever I can!

Proudest moment: This was probably seeing the Colorado Nurse Practice Act updated in 1980 using the definition of practice that I authored—still in place and has served all nurses and the public!

My favorite UMSON memory: How much trouble I was in constantly—and still turned out pretty good!

Message to my classmates: I'm so sorry I am unable to join you for our 45th Reunion but my priorities are personal ones now. I am looking forward to the reception with Dean Allan on June 23 for the UMSON grads living in this great state of Colorado!



Courtney Kehoe Thomas with her late husband, Jim.

Carol Rozeboom Wike

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Family News: Dave and I will celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary this July and have two daughters, one son-in-law and a 4 1/2 year old granddaughter. We migrated out west many years ago living in Montana, Arizona, and Idaho after Dave finished University of Maryland Medical School in 1966 and his pathology residency in York, PA. Our daughters have followed us into the medical field: Laura is a radiologist living in Phoenix and in practice at Good Samaritan Hospital; Christine is married to Less, mother of Afton and has her masters in Physical Therapy specializing in spine and neck therapy.

Professional History: My first job was at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Unit. At that time it was a research unit and it has been great to see just how much it has grown. After a year there I went to University of Maryland School of Nursing where I was a clinical instructor for three years. I also spent a summer working at York Hospital in their ICU. When the girls were born, I took 11 years off and then, in 1981, I took a refresher course and headed back to the ICU at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls, ID. Next came a move to Prescott, AZ where I worked at a dermatology office for 11 years. Finally, we moved back to Idaho and I spent five years at the Idaho Endoscopy Center in Boise as a GI endo nurse before retiring in 2000.

Hobbies and Interests: Since retirement, Dave and I have tried a whole bunch of new activities. We are Idaho Fish and Game Reservists involved in a variety of outdoor activities which improve the environment and educate the public. We are volunteers with the Idaho Bird Observatory and are very involved in their field work with both raptors and song birds. I am active in Pet Therapy and visit in hospital settings and the community with my chocolate lab, Sammie. I am a volunteer with Friends in Action which provides support to families of folks with Alzheimer's and am teaching classes on Powerful Tools for Caregivers.

We also spend a lot of time enjoying where we live...Idaho is a beautiful state and we have camped and explored many wonderful areas.

Proudest Moments: I have to say that I am the proudest of what we have accomplished as a family. It was really wonderful when both of our daughters graduated with their professional degrees.

Favorite SON Memory: Wow, I don't have any one particular memory. I always thought we were a great group of hard working nursing students who took advantage of what was offered in our classes. We also were not afraid to have a good time in the process.

Message to classmates: I look forward to hearing about your lives. Nursing has been a great choice for me to have a varied career and I have never regretted my decision to become a nurse.



L to R: Carol, Sammy, and Dave

Susan Virginia Dorsey Wilson

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Family News: I am divorced and my parents and one sibling are deceased. I have two children: Kristin who is married to Harold and has two children, Hope and Kevin; and Ian who is married to Paige and has one son, Michael.

Professional History: I worked at the University of Maryland from 1966 to 1975. After that I was at the North Penn Hospital in Landsdale, PA from 1976-2000. Since 2001 I have been working in the Howard County Public School System as a School Nurse.

Education, Scholarship, Awards: After earning my BSN from UMSON in 1966, I went on to obtain certifications in three areas: CNOR, CCRN, CNCR.

Hobbies and interests: My grandchildren, travel with my sister, reading, active in my church, keeping up with my kids and learning technology.

Proudest moments: Marriage of my two children, both in 1999; birth of my three grandchildren: two in Sykesville, one in Seattle, WA.

Favorite UMSON memory: Sun bathing on top of Parsons Hall during lunch; being in charge of the 3rd floor 11 p.m. -7 a.m. shift in snow storms.

Message to my Classmates: We had a great nursing experience. We survived some tough instructors, we learned how to think, make decisions, be caring advocates. We can all be proud. Take care of yourself each day. Carpe diem!



L to R: Joyce Kaetzel and Susan Dorsey Wilson at the Reunion breakfast.



L to R: Geri Mendelson and Ann Riutort Brookens at the Class of 1966 Reunion Dinner



L to R: Judy Hoar Carpenter and Gayle Evans Miller



L to R: Ann Riutort Brookens, Gayle Evans Miller, Rosemary Elliott Noble, Diane Merwitz Postal



Members of the Class of 1966 at the 45th Reunion Friday Night Dinner

First row, L to R: Judy Hoar Carpenter, Gayle Evans Miller, Claire Payne Greenhouse, Winifred Notes
Second row, L to R: Marilyn Allen Pigg, Sue Dorsey Wilson, Diane Merwitz Postal, Geri Mendelson,
Susan Katz Leibowitz, Rosemary Elliott Noble, Ann Riutort Brookens
Third row, L to R: Dan O'Neal, Judy Miller, Sharon Hanopole

We had a great 45th Reunion and are looking forward to our 50th in 2016. Stay in touch with the Alumni Office and share your news and any new contact information at the Alumni Web page at <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni>.

Best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2012!

The Class of 1996 Reunion Planning Committee