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## Pre-1960s

**Elsie (Koski) Waterman '50 BS of Wausau, Wis., was recently honored by the YWCA with a Women of Vision Achievement Award. Among other social, political, and religious activities, she was instrumental in the revival of the Wausau Community Theatre more than 40 years ago, and in 1995 she represented the Women's League at the United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing, China.**

**Eileen (Anderson) Schultz '52 BS of Yorba Linda, Calif., taught elementary education for 30 years and still enjoys substitute teaching. She has four children and nine grandchildren and has lived in California ever since she graduated from NMU.**

**John Beaumier '53 BA of Cedar River recently received a Service to the Community award from Marquette University in Milwaukee. The award is**

given to Marquette University alumni who have given outstanding service to the community beyond the university. John is a retired orthopedic surgeon but still works occasionally as a consultant at the Mayo Clinic. John also served on the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees.

**Robert Wallenstein '53 BS of Fort Wayne, Ind., is catching us up on his life for the first time since he graduated. He has worked under the name Bob Chase for Westinghouse Broadcasting's station WOWO radio in Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1953. Among other career accomplishments, Bob has covered the Indianapolis 500 and was the voice of the Fort Wayne Komets, a professional hockey team that has played for 51 seasons. During the heyday of radio sports, Bob covered Big 10 football for 12 seasons. He is currently WOWO's sports director. Bob and his wife Muriel have four children, five grandchildren, and one great grandson.**

**Mel Keranen '56 BME and Karen (Jamison) Keranen '58 BS of Honor are retired ski instructors. [melkeranen@aol.com](mailto:melkeranen@aol.com)**

**Lowe "Sandy" MacLean '56 BA of St. Louis, Mo., was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel as a Pillar of the Profession at its 2003 conference. Sandy is a vice chancellor emeritus at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. [stannard6242@yahoo.com](mailto:stannard6242@yahoo.com)**

**Melvin Holli '57 BS of River Forest, Ill., appeared in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*. Melvin is a history professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.**

**Marina (Hooper) Jacka '57 BS of Troy is a part-time hostess at Nordstrom's in Troy. She is a model for trend shows and writes that she loves to entertain and serve Upper Peninsula pasties.**

## 60s

**Jim Mansfield '61 BS, '64 MAE of Spokane, Wash., retired from the University of Wyoming in 1999 as director of admissions and enrollment services. His wife **Charlotte (Brainerd) Mansfield '60 BS** is also retired. Jim writes that he and Charlotte spend winters in Palm Springs, Fla. [Mansfield@gem.gonzaga.edu](mailto:Mansfield@gem.gonzaga.edu)**

**Carl Anderson '64 BS of Overland Park, Kan., is retiring after 39 1/2 years of teaching. He taught at Southwestern Michigan College, Indiana University in Malaysia, and most recently at Johnson Community College, where he is a professor of mathematics. He says he is looking forward to spending time back in the U.P.**

**Jerry Glanville '64 BS of Roswell, Ga., recently signed an agreement with The Football Network to co-host a program on the new cable network that previews and reviews each week's NFL contests. He will also play a key role in regular Fantasy Football programs, which will air on both TFN and SPIKE TV, a TFN production. Glanville was head coach for the Houston Oilers (1986-89) and Atlanta Falcons (1990-93). He also has been an analyst for HBO's *Inside the NFL* and *NFL Today* on CBS.**

**Tom DeRidder '67 BS of Escanaba retired in June after teaching high school history and geography for 36 years. He taught for four years at Forest Park in Crystal Falls and for the last 32 years in the Escanaba schools. He was nominated and appeared in**

*Who's Who Among America's Teachers* three times. Tom has two children, three grandchildren, and a fourth grandchild on the way. He writes, "I had an excellent education at NMU."

**Mary Rushford '67 BS** of Green Bay, Wis., retired in 2001 from Green Bay Public Schools after 34 years of teaching kindergarten.

**Doug Doty '68 BME** of Clarkston retired after 35 years of teaching instrumental music in the Clarkston school district. As an elected member of the American School Band Directors Association, Doug will continue to judge the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association festivals and work with Marshall Music Company to recruit beginning band and orchestra students.

**John Cardoni '69 BS, '73 MAE** of Green Bay, Wis., retired after 34 years of teaching. His last teaching assignment was in the history department at Green Bay Southwest High School. J1121C@aol.com

## 70s

**Henry Funkenbusch '70 BS** of Morton Grove, Ill., owns Sign One in Evanston.

**Wayne Roberts '70 BS, '76 MA** of Sandusky retired in 2000 after 30 years of teaching physical education and coaching cross country and track. He was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame for cross country. wroberts@greatlakes.net

**Joe Rosso '70 BS** of Mt. Clemens retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections in 2002 after 31 1/2 years as a probation officer in Macomb County. He writes, "Thank you, NMU."

**Alvin Wright '70 BS, '77 MAE** of Port Huron retired after 32 years of teaching in Yale and Port Huron. While coaching tennis in Port Huron, Al's teams won two state championships and one state runner-up. He was inducted into the Michigan Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999. He cur-

rently is employed as a real estate agent with JoAnn Wine and Associates in Port Huron.

**George Wendt '71 AT, '73 BSN** of Grand Blanc is back in Michigan after 15 years with the University of Nebraska Foundation. He is now vice chancellor of institutional advancement at the University of Michigan-Flint, where he oversees development, alumni relations, and university relations for the 6,500-student campus. gwendt@umflint.edu

**Dennis Smillie '72 BS** of Ambler, Pa., is president and chief executive officer of Multifamily Solutions, a strategic planning and market development company. DWSmillie@aol.com

**Anthony Dinallo '73 BS** of Farmington, N.M., coached the North squad to a win in New Mexico's annual high school all-star basketball game. The game was Tony's last in a 27-season career. He has since retired. kdinallo@fms.k12.nm.us

**Pamela (Hess) Jurlina '73 BSN** of Dallas, Texas, teaches part time at Medical City Dallas Hospital. She is married with two children, ages 12 and 16.

**Tony Marasco '73 BS** of Royal Oak is the assistant superintendent of the Avondale Schools in Auburn Hills. atmteacher@aol.com

**Dolores Phelps '73 BS, '76 MAE** of Sun City Center, Fla., is enjoying retirement with her husband Dale Phelps, who was a professor in the NMU Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department from 1970-1994. Dolores is vice president of the Art Club and last year was named artist of the month. She has won many ribbons for her paintings.

**Veneda "Neda" (Guizzetti) Tasson '73 BS** of Roswell, Ga., has been the director of nursing at the Atlanta Center for Reproductive Medicine for the past two years.

**Candace (Rinke) Drury '74 BS, '94 MIS** of Muskego, Wis., is a business

manager for the Hartford Joint 1 Schools. She is married with two stepsons. Rinke@HartfordJT1.k12.wi.us

**Diane (Hon) Gothard '75 BS** of Edmond, Okla., is an 8th grade English and history teacher at Central Middle School in Edmond. She was named the 2001 8th grade teacher of the year and was a key contributor to Central Middle School achieving a National Blue Ribbon Educational Excellence Award.

**Deborah (Clapp-Fredrickson) Gust '74 BS** of Kalamazoo teaches special education at Paw Paw Middle School. She has a son and a daughter, ages 26 and 24. dg5258@chartermi.net

**Shelly Leitch '75 BSN** of League City, Texas, recently accepted a position as an assistant professor on the School of Nursing faculty at the University of Texas at Galveston Medical Branch. She is currently involved in the development of a new Web-based pediatric nurse practitioner program. She has worked with the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals for 23 years. She writes, "I'd really love to hear from my fellow classmates. I can't believe it's been nearly 27 years since we graduated." sleitch@utmb.edu

**Steven Rogers '75 BS** of Manistee retired from teaching in June 2002 after 27 years of teaching 5th grade at Wellston Elementary School. He also retired from the Michigan Department

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of Natural Resources after 29 years at Interlochen State Park.

**Cathleen (Hunt) Carnaby '76** of Omaha, Neb., has been married for 20 years and has three children, ages 19, 16, and 13. Cathleen is a registered nurse and lactation specialist in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

**Michael Greer '76 BA** of Somerville, Mass., has struck out on his own after 15 years with Powell Flute Company and two years with William S. Haynes Flute Company.

**Jon Kukuk '76 BS** of Marinette, Wis., received the 2003 Person of the Year Award from the Marinette Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his community involvement over the years. **Kim VanOsdol '75 BS** nominated and presented Jon with the award. Jon and his wife Sue own and operate Nestegg Marine in Marinette.

**Nancy (Brookfield) Paige '76 MA** of Harbor Springs has been a teacher in the Harbor Springs Public Schools for the last 32 years.

**Thomas Ungrodt '76 BS** of Ann Arbor was recently appointed president and chief executive officer of Ideation after the passing of his father, Paul "Skip" Ungrodt, who was the founder and chief executive officer of Ideation.

**Anne (Vitkuske) Hagenbuch '77 BS** of Hancock works for Keweenaw Home Nursing as a home health care registered nurse. She writes, "Anne is not 49 anymore!" ahagboo@up.net

**Charles Hawes '77 BS** of Lansing was elected secretary of the Michigan Construction Industry Mutual, a mutual insurance company specializing in workers' compensation. In addition to his new role, Charlie will continue as MCIM's chief financial officer. He also recently concluded a six-year term on the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Dale Miller '77 BS** of Rochester is a lieutenant for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where he has

worked for the past 25 years. Prior to becoming a lieutenant, Dale held a variety of positions in the department including detention officer, patrolman, detective, and sergeant. He and his wife Lorinda have two sons, Timothy and Aaron. Dale writes, "NMU had a major positive impact on my life professionally and personally. Thank you." millerd@co.oakland.mi.us

**Rudy Tedeschi '77** of Kingsford writes, "Does anyone have information on *The Fantastiks* members from the 1970s?" cated@chartermi.net

**Robert Keck '78 BS** of Allendale is an analyst in Gordon Food Service's enterprise financial solutions department. bk\_keck@yahoo.com

**Danita Rask '78 BS** of Limestone has been an executive director for the Alger Conservation District for the past two years. For the past six years, she has been elected clerk for Limestone Township. limestone@tds.net

**Keith Hutcheson '79 BS** of Amissville, Vir., is president of Global Strategists, Inc., a consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to assisting the Department of Defense in matters ranging from environmental issues to strategic planning and weapon systems procurement. Keith retired from the Air Force in 1996 with more than 20 years of aircraft piloting experience and two years on Capitol Hill as a legislative liaison. keithhutch@aol.com

**Shirley (Wiitala) McMarlin '79 BS** of Ligonier, Pa., recently returned to work after many years as a stay-at-home mom with her children Melissa, Wyatt, Cody, and Mariel. Shirley is a research librarian for the *Greensburg Tribune-Review*. smcmarlin@tribweb.com

**Shelagh Williams '79 BS** of Redford is the principal of Carver Elementary School in Detroit. She taught at Carver for 23 years before becoming principal. She is also working on her doctorate at the University of Michigan. swilli425@aol.com

## 80s

**Jeane Cote '80 MAE** of Gladstone is a member of the Escanaba City Band, director of the Escanaba Bay Jazz Band, and director of the Note-Ables Glee Club in Vero Beach, Fla. She is retired from the Escanaba Schools.

**Chuck Paulson '80 BS** of Commerce Township is a medical consultant to hospitals, nursing homes, and home care dealers in Michigan and Ohio. He still enjoys the U.P. and loves when his work brings him here. He says he hates for the hockey 'Cats to lose to MSU and U of M.

**Nancy (Yesney) Spates '80 BS** of Wallis, Texas, is starting her 22nd year as a speech language pathologist in the Texas public schools. She and her husband are also in the process of establishing a property management business. They enjoy family outings and swimming with their two daughters, Brittany and Brianna. nanspates@yahoo.com

**Richard Visel '80 BS** of Saline retired from Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in May 2002 and started a consultant company, Coordinated Correctional Services.

**John "Jack" Daly '81 BS** of North Pole, Alaska, recently returned to North Pole after a 15-year absence. For the last seven years, Jack worked for a non-profit youth agency in Tokyo, Japan. He is building a log lodge for his new business, Log Inn Alaska, a bed and breakfast in North Pole.

**James Gawne Sr. '81 BSN** of Wautoma, Wis., is executive director of

Cooperative Care, a cooperative of home care providers in Wautoma. [jgawnern@netscape.net](mailto:jgawnern@netscape.net)

**Julie Johnson '81 BS** of St. Paul, Minn., earned a master of science degree in software engineering from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul last December. [jkj@ties2.net](mailto:jkj@ties2.net)

**Nanette Biang '82 AB** of Engadine writes that she is currently a survivor of a very aggressive type of breast cancer that she was diagnosed with in 1999. She has five children; three are grown and two still live at home.

**Roger Champion '82 Dipl.**, of Mount Pleasant has been a resource teacher for the past 12 years. He works at Motabella Middle School in Edmore.

**Mark DeLaurence '82 BSW** of Hickory Corners is the senior employee resources consultant at International Paper Company in Kalamazoo. [mark.delaurance@ipaper.com](mailto:mark.delaurance@ipaper.com)

**Karen (Apple) Gabrielsen '82 BS** of New Berlin, Wis., has been married since 1992. She has two children: Victoria, 10, and Vincent, 7. Karen is the owner and president of Victory Lady Fitness Centers of Wisconsin.

**Thomas Lurie '82 BS** of Huntington Woods received his juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in July. He is a marketing and cooperative education coordinator for the Oak Park Schools.

**Kim Schieldknecht '82 BS** of Milford, Ohio, recently purchased a Remax franchise. Kim is also president of Clermont Financial. [kim@clermontfinancial.com](mailto:kim@clermontfinancial.com)

**Dave Snyder '82 BS** of San Francisco, Calif., is the administrative officer and historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society in San Francisco. In addition to fundraising, researching, writing, and editing for the society's quarterly journal, Dave leads educational tours of lighthouses in the United States and abroad. He has led tours to Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Puerto Rico,

## ARE YOU A PART OF A NORTHERN LEGACY?

If your family has two or more generations of NMU graduates within its ranks, you are part of a Northern alumni legacy.

### WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

**WE WANT TO KNOW.** Why did NMU become a tradition in your family? We might use your story in a future issue of *Northern Horizons* magazine.

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**Alice (Sullivan) Walker '82 BS, '90 MAE** of Newberry is a special education supervisor for the Tahquamenon Area Schools. She is married to **Michael Walker '82 BS**, who works for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Alice and Michael have two children.

**Thomas Baker '83 BSN** of Ft. Gratiot is a certified registered nurse anesthesiologist at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. [tbak3685@aol.com](mailto:tbak3685@aol.com)

**John Berlin '83 BS** of Holly recently bought a cabin on Van Etnan Lake in Oscoda. He says he and his family spend every minute they can there. John is a wood model maker for Webb Pattern in Fenton.

**Julie Snyder '83 BSW** of Marquette writes that she is single and the grandmother of a 5-year-old. She follows the native traditional way of life and enjoys beading, painting, silversmithing, camping, and being outdoors.

**Steve Avelleyra '84 BS** of Baltimore, Md., manages a \$65.2 million private portfolio for the Mid-Atlantic's largest private property management company. He remains active by running

marathons, biking, boxing, and collecting JFK memorabilia. Steve finished 4th in last year's New York City Marathon. [avelleyra@hotmail.com](mailto:avelleyra@hotmail.com)

**David Berns '85 MA** of Phoenix, Ariz., was recently named director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. He oversees about 8,000 employees who operate child welfare programs and a variety of other services. Prior to being named director, he was chief of the El Paso County Department of Human Services in Colorado. David has been nationally acclaimed for turning around the child welfare system in Colorado Springs.

**Michael Henderson '86 BFA** of Traverse City launched Henderson Consulting in October 2002. Michael provides database and Web application development to small- and medium-sized corporations and non-profit groups. [mike@mohenderson.com](mailto:mike@mohenderson.com)

**Michael Murphy '86 BS** of Tumwater, Wash., is a commercial helicopter pilot for Glacier Helicopter Service in Olympia. [micMrp2@aol.com](mailto:micMrp2@aol.com)

**John Tish '86 BS** of Westlake, Ohio, was recently named area manager of information technology for the

Michigan mines operated by The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company. John has worked for Cleveland-Cliffs for 17 years. Prior to his promotion, John held a number of technical and managerial positions with the company's corporate office in Cleveland.

**Dennis Baldinelli '87 BS** of Kingsford is mayor of the City of Kingsford, chairman of the Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and a board member for the Neighborhood Partnership Program of Dickinson County. [denbaldinelli@chartermi.net](mailto:denbaldinelli@chartermi.net).

**Jim Hundrieser '87 BS** of Stamford, Conn., was named vice president for student affairs at Marymount Manhattan College in New York, N.Y. Jim says that he will continue to live at his farmhouse in Stamford and commute to New York City. He also was recently named to the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors and is thrilled to be getting involved with other NMU alumni.

**Jan (Nowaczek) Wilinski '88 AS, '91 BS** of Grayslake, Ill., is taking time off from being an art teacher to stay at home with her 3-year-old son Bradley. Her husband, former NMU football player **Tim Wilinski '91 BS** is a police officer. Jan says that their summer vacation always includes a few days in Marquette. "We have such great memories of our years at NMU—professors, friends, and of course meeting each other!" [jwilinski@enc.k12.il.us](mailto:jwilinski@enc.k12.il.us)

**Rena (Raven) Clark '89 AB** of Marysville, Ohio, graduated summa cum laude from Franklin University with a bachelor of business administration. She is an IT technical lead for Verizon Wireless. [rclark33@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rclark33@columbus.rr.com)

**Mark Suomi '89 BFA** of Coconut Grove, Fla., was recently appointed brand manager at Kraft Foods International, overseeing their Caribbean market. He writes, "Although I miss the U.P. winters, living on the Southern end of U.S. 41 isn't all that bad." [marksuomi@aol.com](mailto:marksuomi@aol.com)

## 90s

**Mary Sue (Smith) Anderson '90 BS, '92 MA** of Schofield, Wis., graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1998 and then clerked for Hon. Thomas Cane, chief judge of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Mary Sue now works as an associate attorney for Ruder Ware in Wausau, where she focuses on commercial litigation and appellate practice. Her husband, **Dan Anderson '91 BS**, is currently a stay-at-home dad with their children Peyton, 2, and Molly, 5 months. [msanderson@ruder.com](mailto:msanderson@ruder.com)

**Nicole (Dionne) Belmonte '90 BS** of Boyne Falls recently became a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She is a designer for the Quiet Moose in Petoskey. [ndionne@nmo.net](mailto:ndionne@nmo.net)

**Samantha (Vreeland) Burrows '90 BFA** of Traverse City writes that she is happy and exhausted being the mother of three girls, ages 9, 5, and 3.

**John Crissman '90 BS** of Bloomfield Hills was recently hired as a product manager for Ferndale Labs, a private pharmaceuticals company. [zahimava@aol.com](mailto:zahimava@aol.com)

**Rod LaFleur '90 BFA** of Chicago, Ill., is a branch recruiter for First Metropolitan Mortgage in Oakbrook, Ill. [rlafleur@1stmetro.net](mailto:rlafleur@1stmetro.net)

**Teresa (Hofman) Lawrence '90 BA** of Waterford is a classification agent with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. [BoBo923@hotmail.com](mailto:BoBo923@hotmail.com)

**Martha (Tomasi) Morgan '90 AB** of Marquette won the title of Mrs. Michigan, America, 2003, in June. She competed in the Mrs. America pageant in September. Martha is married to **Mike Morgan '87 BS**; they are the proud parents of three children. [mmmorgan@chartermi.net](mailto:mmmorgan@chartermi.net)

**Bruce Roberts '90 BS** of Chocolay Township qualified for and attended the AIG American General Agency Building

Group's annual convention, which was held in Maui, Hawaii, in June. In qualifying for the convention, Bruce was recognized as one of the company's most successful associates for 2002. Bruce is a financial services professional.

**Tanya (Grawn) Lynaugh '91 BS** of Menasha, Wis., recently received a master of arts in education degree from Viterbo University in LaCrosse. She has been a 7th grade reading and language arts teacher at Hortonville Middle School for 10 years.

**Michelle (Nason) Mittelstaedt '91 BS** of Neenah, Wis., and her real estate partner were awarded President's Elite Circle honors by Coldwell Banker National for multi-million dollar production. She also received the Pinnacle Award from Coldwell Banker, The Real Estate Group, for top tier production within her firm. Michelle is a senior broker associate with The Real Estate Group in Appleton, Wis. [mmittelstaedt@coldwellhomes.com](mailto:mmittelstaedt@coldwellhomes.com)

**Mary (Lord) Diddams '92 BS** of Marquette is chief financial officer and vice president of Satellite Services. Her husband **John Diddams '93 BS** is an environmental technician and inspector for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Their daughter Amanda Claire was born in February 2002. [mdiddams@ssi-main.com](mailto:mdiddams@ssi-main.com)

**Deanna Attee '93 BS** of Ishpeming owns Herbal Oasis, a natural body care shop in Marquette. [spiritwoman2@hotmail.com](mailto:spiritwoman2@hotmail.com)

**Carrie (Hane) Dennison '93 BA** of Springfield, Va., and her husband Bill celebrated the birth of their first child, Ryan William, in April.

**Gregory Feamster '93 BS** of Linden writes that he and his wife have been enjoying parenthood. Their daughter Gwendolyn was born in August 2002. Greg is a police officer for the City of Fenton Police Department.

**Shannon Killinger '93 BS** of Green Bay recently earned a master of busi-

# The Other Red Meat

LINDA (GREEN) LARVIN '76 BS

If anyone would have told Linda Larvin that she'd wind up working in the food industry, she would have told them they were full of beans or—perhaps more accurately—bull.

Larvin is co-owner and promoter of exotic-meat company Mount Royal USA, based in Houston, Texas. Her company sells both farm-raised and wild game meats ranging from wild kangaroo and boar, to farm-raised venison from New Zealand, and buffalo, Muscovy duck, alligator, rabbit, and pheasant from the United States.

"We have a lot of red meat," Larvin said. "We don't do beef, pork, or chicken, except for free-range chicken. A lot of our red meat is similar to beef but has better health attributes. So, if you're on a special diet but crave that red meat, you can still say: 'I'll have a nice juicy steak, please!'"

All of Mount Royal's meat suppliers process their products under the highest quality standards. Farmers control the breeding, feeding, and processing of their meat to ensure consistency of taste and quality, and the wild meats are trapped and processed under strict inspection.

"Our wild boar comes from the hill country in Texas," Larvin said. "Hunters set traps for the boar. They are truly wild. And in Australia, kangaroos are an annoyance, so they have kill quotas for so many each week. The meat is very tender and very good."

You might not jump at the price, though, unless you have deep, marsupial-like pockets. The kangaroo loin, a premium cut, is \$9.95 per pound. Larvin admitted that exotic meats are comparatively pricey but said the health attributes make them worth it. Compared to beef, game meats boast more protein and less than half the fat and cholesterol. The company Web site, [www.mountroyal.com](http://www.mountroyal.com), includes a bounty of additional nutrition statistics.

Larvin and longtime friend Wendy Johnson had often toyed with the idea of running a business together, and the entrepreneurs didn't have to look far for a product. Johnson and her husband owned a deer farm in Texas. Larvin, in addition to a degree in mass communications and market-



ing, had accumulated a great deal of administrative, sales, and marketing experience through such jobs as administrative coordinator for a consulting firm, head hunter for an engineering and technical concern, sales for an electronics firm, and customer service and marketing for her husband's company, which sells high-tech, business-telephone recording equipment.

With a readily available product, the pair combined their knowledge and expertise and started Mount Royal in 1994. They began by selling only venison but quickly realized they either must expand or starve.

"We became customer driven at that point and have evolved into selling a wide selection of specialty meats."

To this day, Larvin and Johnson remain the company's only employees. "It's fast-paced, demanding work," Larvin said. "We're always trying to predict and keep up with—if not ahead of—demand for each product, which is always changing. So, it's very dynamic, yet fun."

While Mount Royal's clientele consists largely of restaurants and specialty grocery stores, some products are finding their way into mainstream America. Larvin and Johnson recently signed a contract to sell ostrich to the national restaurant chain Fuddruckers.

"Fuddruckers came up with a humorous campaign: 'Try our delicious new ostrich burgers—unless you're chicken!'"

Larvin gives a lot of credit for her success to her alma mater. "It's amazing," she said. "Those things I learned in mass communication and marketing at Northern are things I use almost every day in this job."

Larvin said she enjoys promoting her company's alternative meats.

"This is a business where you find yourself needing to educate people on the benefits of eating game meat," she said. "We answer a lot of questions. We do a lot of taste testing. When you taste it and you like it and it's healthy, you go, 'Yeah, I can do this.'"

—Jim Laffrey '01 MA

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ness administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Shannon is a senior compliance auditor with American Medical Security in Green Bay.

**Eric Meidenbauer '93 AS, '96 BFA** of Las Vegas, Nev., is a layout artist for Harrah's Entertainment.

**Jenny St. Martin '93 BS of Fairfax, Va., is currently working on two graduate degrees—one at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., and one at George Mason University in Fairfax. She writes, "I'm hoping to be a teacher at some point and would love to hear from some of my old friends."**  
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**Charlotte (Petersen) Kindler '94 BS** of Escanaba is a teacher with the Escanaba public schools. She is currently on leave to be with her two sons: Morris, 3, and Ralph, 1.

**Gina Nickels '94 BSN** of Bennington, Vt., works as a nurse practitioner at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

**Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** of Circle Pines, Minn., is an IT consultant for Bemis Corporation in Minneapolis.

**Rhonda (Starkey) Scott '94 BSN** of Traverse City is the coordinator of health services at Interlochen Center for the Arts. She also acts as Interlochen's chief medical officer.

**Kathryn (Poit) Dennis '95 BS** of Lapeer transferred from St. Clair County Family Independence Agency working in children's services to Lapeer County Family Independence Agency working in adult services. She and her husband recently welcomed the birth of their first child, Alexander. [dennisk@michigan.gov](mailto:dennisk@michigan.gov)

**Rae Kammerer '95 BS, '98 MA** of Lansing is the office manager at KAP Financial in Okemos. [raek@coslink.net](mailto:raek@coslink.net)

**Shelly Nikles '95 BSN** of Bellevue, Neb., began a women's health nurse practitioner master's program this fall. She is a registered nurse for the Nebraska Health System in Omaha.

**Keith Rybicki '95 BS** of Harrison Township is an account executive with Alcone Marketing Group in Troy.

**Kari (Kibin) Szczechowki '95 BSN** of Wyandotte and her husband Bob welcomed the birth of their first child, Madelyn Paige, in November 2002.

**Danielle (Keto) Bergquist '96 BS** of Stephenson is a kindergarten teacher

in the Stephenson Area Public Schools.

**Kimberly (Hupy) Cossette '96 BS** of Hereford, Ariz., is a mathematics teacher at Buena High School in Sierra Vista. [kimberlycossette@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlycossette@hotmail.com)

**Kelly Jo Greenleaf '96 BA** of Minneapolis, Minn., graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Medical School in May. She will be doing her OBGYN residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals for the next four years. While in medical school, Kelly began running to relieve stress. Since then, she has run two marathons.

**Shelly Havard '96 BS** of Royal Oak was promoted from account director to vice president at Eisbrenner Public Relations in Troy. She has worked for Eisbrenner since 1996.

**Heidi Hofbauer '96 BS** of Green Bay, Wis., is the benefits administrator for Schneider National. [heidijo73@juno.com](mailto:heidijo73@juno.com)

**Wendy (Krieg) Schweigert '96 MA** of Circle Pines, Minn., is an e-business consultant. She is currently working for Compuware in St. Paul. She and her husband **Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** recently purchased their first house.

**Jennifer Edgeworth '97 BS** of Coldwater is a 5th grade teacher in the Quincy Community Schools. [edge@cbpu.com](mailto:edge@cbpu.com)

**Gloria (Bivens) Kossow '97 BSW** of Rock is a social worker at the Family Independence Agency in Escanaba.

**Jon Barch '99 BS, '01 MS** of East Lansing is a doctoral student and teaching assistant at the University of Iowa. He is doing a one-year fellowship in Joetsu, Japan, researching differences in student-teacher relationships, student's perceived autonomy, and how these things relate to student motivation. [jon-barch@uiowa.edu](mailto:jon-barch@uiowa.edu)

**Josh Griffin '99 BS** of Niagara, Wis., works as a programmer/analyst for Systems Control/BOSS Snow Plow.

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**Valerie Nordquist '99 BS** of Whitehall, Pa., received a doctor of medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College. She is completing her psychiatry residency at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

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**James Daley '00 BS** of Syracuse, N.Y., received a juris doctorate from the Syracuse University College of Law.

**Nichole McMahon '00 AA** of DePere, Wis., recently received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Bellin College of Nursing in Green Bay. She now works in the advanced care department at Bellin Hospital.

**Robert Sluys '00 BS** of Atlantic Beach, Fla., was recently promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy. He successfully completed flight training and now flies the SH-60B as a naval aviator for the Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 46 (HSL-46) in Mayport, Fla.

**Stacy Welling '00 BS, '02 MPA** of Marquette works for the State of Michigan as one of the Northern Michigan Representatives for Governor Jennifer Granholm.

**Katherine Darmogray '01 BSN** of Winter Springs, Fla., and her husband Chad Cartwright welcomed the birth of their daughter Emma Elizabeth in March.

**Rhonda (Pesola) Faria '01 BS** of Marquette and her husband Michael run the Teaching Family Home in Harvey. They live in the group home and care for six children who had been abused.

**Lindsay Harmon '01 BS** of Birmingham is the head of marketing for a lighting distribution and wholesale company. She is also working on her master of business administration in marketing degree at Lawrence Technological University.

**Nicole Koepp '01 BS** of Manitou Springs, Colo., works in sales for Hewlett Packard. nlkoepp@yahoo.com

**Erin Miller '01 BS** of Everett, Wash., is a 5th grade teacher in the Marysville School District. ermiller16@excite.com

**Alicia Canavera '02 BSW** of Marquette works for Harbor House as a children's advocate. aliciacanavera@yahoo.com

**Eric Lundin '02 BS of Rapid River is the director of business development at Delcomp in Escanaba. He writes, "My experience at NMU was unforgettable. I feel NMU has one of the best educational environments in the Midwest."**

## Marriages

**Kristine Riutta '75 BS, '82 MAE** to Craig Halonen.

**Michael Aho '83 Dipl.** to Elizabeth Tedford.

**Brian Marlowe '83 Dipl.** to Kerry Beacco '92 LPN.

**Andra Swee '86 BS** to John Sullivan '91 BS.

**John Crissman '90 BS** to Amy Adamec.

**Nicole Dionne '90 BS** to Antonio Belmonte.

**Teresa Hofman '90 BA** to Mark Lawrence.

**Cindy Lou Kulie '91 AB** to Kenneth Williams.

**Veronica Graves '91 BA** to John Scrimshaw.

**Angela Balzarini '94 BS** to Anthony Leonhart.

**Derek Maki '94 AS, '95 BS** to Kati Wiegand.

**Melinda Sager '94 LPN** to James Kolky '00 AS, '01 BS.

**Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** to Wendy Krieg '96 MA.

**Patrick Thomson '94 BS** to Jill Paquette '99 BS.

**Peter Blake '95 BS** to Martha Parrish.

**Eric Cromwell '95 AS, '97 BS** to Tarra Dodge '97 BS.

**Chad LaCount '95 BS** to Jennifer Delmont '02 BS.

**Lucinda Oberstar '95 Cert.** to Kenneth Ebbers.

**Elizabeth Black '96 BS** to Thomas Holmgren.

**Kimberly (Hupy) Cossette '96 BS** to Matthew Spain.

**Christina Fischetti '96 BA** to Kevin Schmidt '00 BS.

**Jacalyn Letts '96 BS** to Robert Choate.

**Edward Canning '97 BS** to Erin Bone.

**Deanna Frisk '97 AB, '01 Cert.** to Mathew LaCrosse.

**Russell Lajoie '97 AB, '99 BS** to Emily Brocht '01 BS.

**Jason Langham '97 BS** to Terra Peterson.

**Stephen Carey '98 BS** to Ann Knoch '99 BS.

**Bonnie Clifton '98 BS** to Shawn Greenleaf '01 BS.

**Tanya LaCarte '98 BSN** to Shawn Reynolds.

**Jason Campbell '99 Cert.** to Natalie Peterson.

**Zane MacKenzie '99 AS** to Tina Clement-Goodreau.

**Eric Miljou '99 BS** to Alice Bacon '01 BSN.

**Travis Reamer '99 Cert., '01 BS** to Angela Poupore.

**Robert Rudzki '99 BS** to Tina Aungst.

**Lisa Wanek '99 BS** to James Hayes.

**Stephanie Carlson '00 BS** to Joseph Ballone, Jr.

**Tamara Clarke '00 BS** to Matthew Nash.

**Jamie-Ann Dieterle '00 BS** to David Bosio.



## KEEPING TRACK

Joseph Negrinelli '00 BS to Christy Kuhn '01 BSN.

Matthew Petrucci '00 BS to Gretchen Meister.

Sara Turner '00 BS to Brian Pascoe.

Yuri Tanaka '01 BS to Mark Hofer.

Julie Engelbrecht '02 MAE to Gregory Rowe.

Jennifer Revord '02 BSN to Jeffrey Nault.

Jonelle Korhonen '03 BS to Chris Thompson.

## Deaths

Edith (Holman) Rhodes '23 LC, January, 8, 2003, Peoria, Fla.

Vivian Moore '27 LC, March 20, 2003, Bruce Crossing.

Viena (Niemi) Takala '31 LC, April 26, 2003, Calumet.

Daniel Venard '31 BS, April 2, 2003, Macomb, Ill.

Eleanor (Siegel) Kinville '32 LC, '33 BS, '66 MA, April 29, 2003, Marquette.

Fred Staples '33 BS, March 16, 2003, Dearborn.

Carl Bullock '34 BS, April 18, 2003, Marquette.

Viola (Wiitala) Grigg '34 BS, May 22, 2003, Dearborn.

Richard "Nord" Nordlund '34 BS, June 23, 2003, Jackson City.

J. Donald "Don" Grenfell '35 BS, May 15, 2003, Gladstone.

Helen (Helgren) Peterson '35 LC, June 11, 2003, Negaunee.

Lempi (Hakala) Koivu '37 BS, June 5, 2003, Wakefield.

Saima Kuivila '37 BS, July 5, 2003, Negaunee.

Victoria (Feira) Perlich '38 BS, Feb. 5, 2003, La Crosse, Wis.

Martha Rohl '39 BA, July 1, 2003, Clearwater, Fla.

Earl Messner '40 BS, June 9, 2003, Venice, Fla.

Katherine (Landry) Steele '40 BA, May 30, 2003, Gainesville, Fla.

Marion (Anderson) Grunst '45 BS, April 4, 2003, Pelkie.

Mari (Matson) Kaspala '45 BS, Feb. 18, 2003, Gaylord.

Mary Newton '45 BS, '49 MS, April 16, 2003, Escanaba.

Martha Higgins '46 BS, July 12, 2003, Santa Margarita, Calif.

Carroll Norden '48 BA, June 16, 2003, Cedarburg, Wis.

Stuart Rosendale '49 BS, April 30, 2003, Santa Cruz, Calif.

John Sjoberg '49 BA, June 24, 2003, Carlisle, PA.

Jim Larson '50 BS, date unknown, Menominee.

Eunice (Erkkila) Murphy '50 BS, Feb. 16, 2003, Lake Linden.

Raymond Povolo '50 BS, July 18, 2003, Traverse City.

James "Jim" Smith '50 BS, June 8, 2003, Marquette.

Norman Goethe '51 BS, April 16, 2003, Negaunee.

Joseph Benzie '52 BS, '69 MA, Jan. 25, 2003, Arcadia, Fla.

Audrey (Nydahl) Samardich '52 BA, April 28, 2003, Glenview.

Marie (White) Bluem '53 BS, December 23, 2002, Iron Mountain.

Fiore Gianunzio '53, May 8, 2003, Kingsford.

Katherine (Butler) Muehrcke '53 BS, July 11, 2003, Gwinn.

Edward Wolford '53 BS, December 23, 2002, Bay City.

Carol (Levine) Kline '54 BS, April 27, 2003, Melbourne, Fla.

Ellen (Hakala) Frayer '57 BS, May 23, 2003, Sarasota, Fla.

James Martti '57 BS, July 18, 2003, Superior, Wis.

Ruth Ann (Carlton) Lee '58 BS, June 18, 2003, Grayling.

Eugene Maki '59 BS, '64 MA, Feb. 7, 2003, Ishpeming.

Peter Findley '60 BS, '65 MA, April 24, 2003, Port Huron.

Tom LaBlance '61 BS, June 30, 2003, Charlevoix.

June (Kassha) Marinello '61 BS, '69 MA, March 21, 2003, Crystal Falls.

John Anderson '62 BME, '64 MM, May 25, 2003, Crivitz, Wis.

Santo Formolo '62 BS, '65 MA, Aug. 7, 2003, Breitung Township.

Joseph Sacchetti, Jr. '62 BS, '66 MA, April 18, 2003, Iron Mountain.

Myrtle (Nylund) Hendricksen '63 BS, '66 MA, Aug. 19, 2003, Menominee.

Martha (Rinne) Thompson '63 BS, March 16, 2003, Copper City.

Eileen (DeVold) Betts '64 BS, July 12, 2003, Ishpeming.

Donald Carlson '64 BS, April 24, 2003, Iron River.

James Taylor '64 BA, '66 MA, June 14, 2003, Tulsa, Okla.

Paul Metero '65 BS, '67 MA, July 15, 2003, Negaunee.

Robert Novak '65 MA, May 4, 2003, Green Bay, Wis.

William "Bill" Wheeler '65 BA, March 27, 2003, Calumet.

Peter Benson '66 BS, Feb. 16, 2003, Munising.

Dolores (Vittion) Brunette '66 MA, May 15, 2003, Mesa, Ariz.

Michael Potter '66 BA, '74 MAE, Aug. 1, 2003, Green Bay, Wis.

Raymond Maki '67 BS, May 11, 2003, Gwinn.

Lloyd Wilson '68 MA, May 6, 2003, Powers.

Joyce (Cowling) Gardepy '69 BS, April 10, 2003, Bountiful, Utah.

Roy Jacobson '69 BS, May 29, 2003, San Antonio, Texas.

Maurice Masich '69 BS, July 23, 2003, Newberry.

**Richard McCarthy '70 BS, '81 AT**, May 26, 2003, Whitehall.

**Carl Paquet '70 BS, June 18**, 2003, Denmark, Wis.

**Kathleen (Frantz) Belaire '71 MAE**, May 9, 2003, Peshtigo, Wis.

**Eric Hess '72 BS**, July 14, 2003, Milton, Wis.

**Matt Seppala '72 BS**, May 15, 2003, Monroe.

**William "Killer" Johnson '73 BS**, April 6, 2003, Marquette.

**Gary Stagliano '73 AN, '74 AT**, April 23, 2003, Manchester, Conn.

**Ramon Gazza '74 BS, '81 MAE**, May 15, 2003, San Diego, Calif.

**Richard "Dick" Woods '74 AT, '77 BS, '83 MAE**, May 27, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Peter Ducoli '75 BS**, April 14, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Rebecca Rosten '75 AB**, May 28, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Richard Gazza '76 BS**, Feb. 20, 2003, Niagara, Wis.

**Thomas Rose '76 AT, '77 BS**, Dec. 14, 2002, Jupiter, Fla.

**Margo (Sinclair) Viviano '77 AT, '77 BS**, Aug. 10, Marquette.

**Jerald "Jerry" Hill '78 BS**, April 24, 2003, Spring Lake.

**Rebecca Rosten '78 AB**, May 28, 2003, Albuquerque, NM.

**Nannette (Michelin) Biersdorfer '80 BS**, Jan. 3, 2003, Houston, Texas.

**Timothy McAvinchey '80 BS**, March 20, 2003, Munising.

**Brian Process '85 BS**, June 29, 2003, Marquette.

**Stephen Harrington '86 BS**, July 28, 2003, Indian River.

**John Robare '93 AS, '94 Cert.**, Aug. 19, 2003, Munising.

**Jeffrey Miller '95 BS**, July 1, 2003, Kingwood, Texas.

**Cindy Fenton '96 MPA**, April 12, 2003, Marquette.

**Derrick Brown '98 BS**, July 1, 2003, Bessemer.

**Kristie Parkinen '01 BSN**, June 6, 2003, Chicago, Ill.

**Timothy Ruesing '03 Cert.**, July 26, 2003, Negaunee.

## Friends

**Robert Burns**, July 13, 2003, Marquette. Robert worked in the maintenance department at Northern for 20 years.

**Edward Gustas**, Nov. 11, 2002, Kalamazoo. Edward worked in the food

services department at NMU.

**James McKelvy, Jr.**, March 21, 2003, Santa Clara, Calif. James was a music professor and choral conductor at NMU.

**Mary Ohman**, July 17, 2003, Marquette. Mary worked in the food services department at NMU for 13 years.

**Roland Schwitzgoebel**, April 7, 2003, Marquette. Roland was a professor in the School of Education.

**Bonita (Londo) Sparks**, April 29, 2003, Marquette. Bonita was a secretary in the Math and Computer Science Department.

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# Then



# & Now

**F**rom mystery meat to Mongolian barbecue, dining at colleges and universities has evolved from being a right-of-passage to be endured and, if possible, avoided, to a veritable feast. At Northern, eating areas that were once sparsely populated, as shown above in this 1965 photo of breakfast in the Gant/Spalding dining area, are now busy for most of the day and packed to capacity during peak dining hours.

Veronica Dagenais worked as a cook in the University Center at NMU from 1972-1997, and she has seen first hand the dramatic changes in mealtime offerings. According to Dagenais, students attending Northern in the 1970s had a choice of two or three different entrées. She said foods high in carbohydrates, such as spaghetti and macaroni and cheese, were among the most popular.

While these staples can still be found at NMU, students today can choose from a wide array of menu items. At the Marketplace, for example, if the daily special doesn't appeal to students, they can have their entrée to made to order at the Mongolian grill (pictured above), or choose from fresh-baked pizza, made-to-order sandwiches, a vegetarian station, pasta bar, potato and ethnic food bar, and soup and salad bars—not to mention a dessert and ice cream/yogurt station and a full line of beverages.

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Erick '96 BS and Erin (Haynes) '93 BS Brooks pictured with their two oldest children, Jordan and Ava. Photo by Bill Sampson.



**Many friendships are based on need. Ours was based on much more...**

Eileen (Schultz) Anderson '52 BS and I first met at a Lutheran student's meeting on campus. I liked her sensitivity to others and her commitment to God. We roomed together in Carey Hall and learned we shared a love of piano and singing and we had similar temperaments and backgrounds. We were both focused on scholastic achievement and worked 40 hours a week to meet our college expenses. We listened to and cared for each other, and offered each other help when needed.

Our 50th class reunion provided a wonderful opportunity for Eileen and me to meet and reminisce, as we had not seen each other since graduation. On graduation day, my parting words to Eileen were, "Stay as sweet as you are." She has. I never would have known had it not been for the NMU Alumni Association.

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