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# 1967 Degree Class



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IRENE WENDEL



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MARION BAILEY



ELAINE HANSEN



DARLENE FORD



JOAN BOXALL



CAROLINE NEUFELD



GRACE DAVIDSON



KAREN HENKE



GWENDOLYNN LARSON



KATHLEEN MORRISON



MAUKEEN CROPPER



CAROL CLEMENTS



GAIL KAUFMAN



MARGARET THORSON



JANICE COLEMAN



LINDA GEORGE



DONNA THIEL



CATHERINE MICHALENKO



ELLEN BRODIE



KAREN COWAN



JEAN CAVE



ARDIS FINELL



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BEVERLY WOODHEAD



JOAN HEINRICH



DIANA KIRKMAN



MARY LOU PILLING



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MARGARET POLOVNIKOFF



SHARRON DOYLE



DONNA MAXWELL



ELEANOR HANSON



LINDA FROST



BEVERLEY PURVIS

# DEGREE GRADUATES

# SCHOOL OF NURSING UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Charmberg  
SASKATOON





# Ellis Hall – 1960s







# University Hospital - 1956





# Bonnie Bily (Fieseler)



**This picture truly shows the full, beautiful life I am living! My smile shows how grateful I am for everyone in my life and the adventures ahead!**

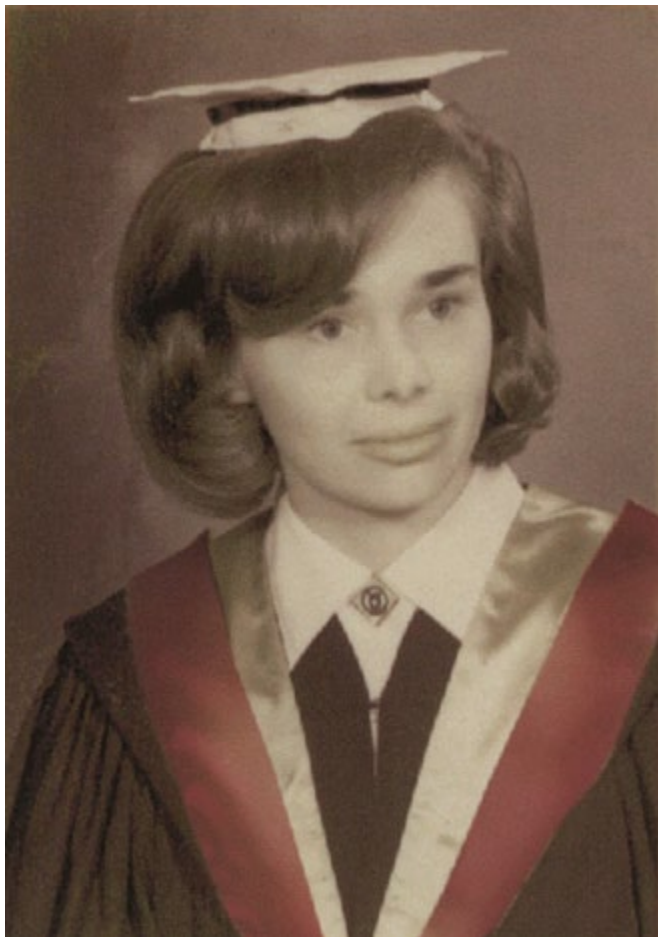


# Bonnie Bily (Fieseler)

- Completed 40 years in Nursing (39 of those in Russell, MB) which I enjoyed very much!
- Married Grant Bily 55 years ago.
- We have 2 daughters, Susan and Lana and 2 grandchildren, Maya (13 yrs) and Jake (5 yrs).
- Active in our community both as a volunteer and served in Municipal Government for 12 years.
- Love to travel, golf, stay active, play bridge and spend time in my kitchen.
- I am so very thankful to be part of this amazing class/group of women who have remained friends this past 55 years and look forward to many more years to come!



# Ilene (Wendel) Lowing





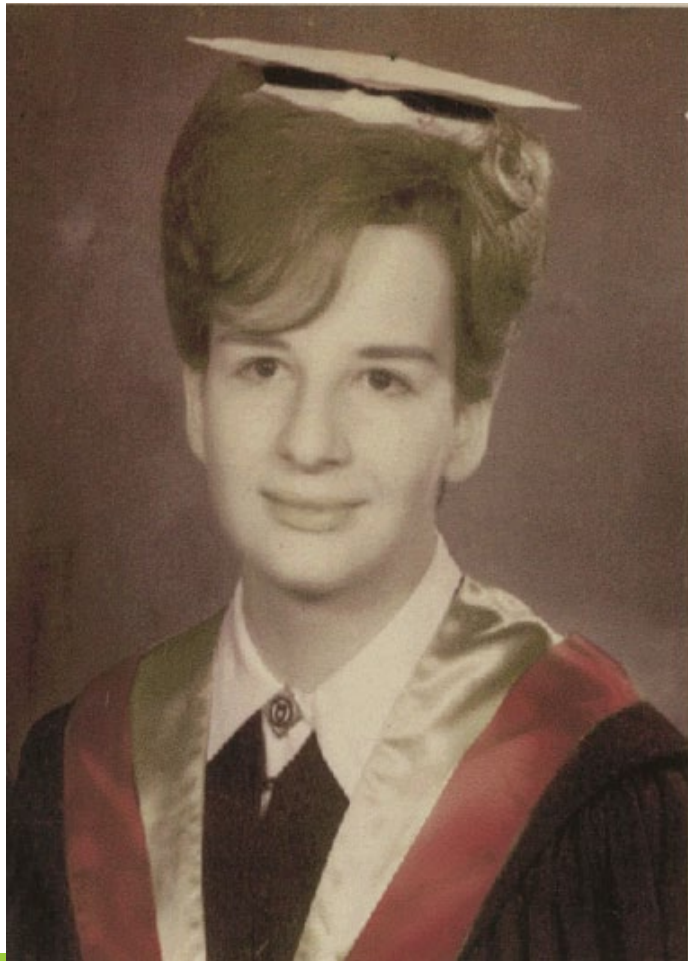
# Ilene (Wendel) Lowing

- Public Health nurse in Powell River, BC for 1 year.
- Married and moved to Calgary to further my husband's career in aviation.
- Lived on an acreage east of Calgary for 38 years. We had a hobby farm.
- Busy with Girl Guides, Pony Club and decorative painting.
- No nursing until I did a refresher 15 years later.
- Worked casual as an RN on a medical unit in Calgary.
- Hired as a Sexual Health educator for Calgary and area.
- Lived in South Eastern, BC For the last 17 years.
- 2 daughters, a veterinarian and an RCMP officer and 7 teenage grandsons.
- I am a curler, quilter, painter, gardener, traveler, walker, and my husband says, "a purveyor of good food".





# Marion (Bailey) Grossman





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- Nursing administration and teaching at Mount Sinai and McMaster University for 45 years.
- Two daughters, Gillian a professional singer and Elizabeth a defense lawyer.
- Five grandchildren, oldest 26, youngest 8.
- Live in a condo in Mississauga.
- Enjoy reading, cross stitching, and going to the gym, plays and concerts .
- Hope to resume world travel next year.





# Joan (Boxall) Swanson



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- Returned to hometown (Nipawin) in 1967.
- Married Ben in 1967.
- Worked General Duty (Nipawin Union Hospital).
- Director of Nursing (NUH) from 1968-1972.
- Have 3 daughters.
- Worked part time until kids were in school.
- Moved to Long Term Care Facility as Director of Care (1985-2008).
- Retired in 2008.
- Husband died of cancer in 1997 at age 58 (I was 53).
- Had all 3 girls on my payroll.
- All daughters got a University Degree (none in Nursing).
- All daughters have 1 boy and 1 girl each.
- Moved in a townhouse condo in Regina in 2010.
- Daughters live in White City, SK, Calgary, AB, and Chilliwack, BC.
- Am I dating after 25 years being alone and will get married again? NOT A CHANCE!!!
- Enjoy family, friends, concerts, local entertainment, travelling, shopping, volunteering, mostly enjoy having an airport here.





# Cathy Slade (Grace Davidson)



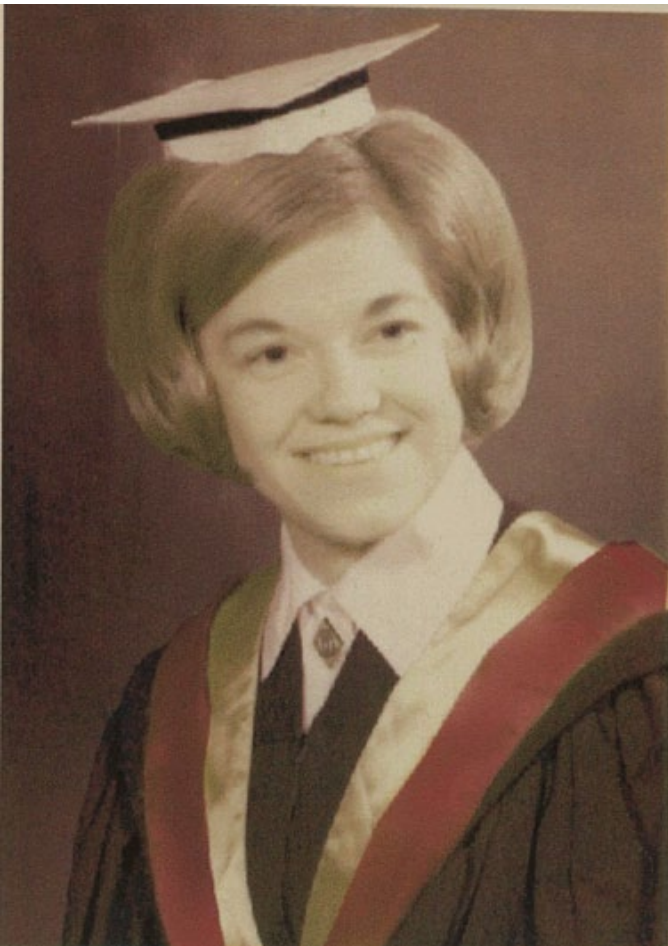
# Cathy Slade (Grace Davidson)

- I have been retired for 7 years.
- I previously worked for 30 years with seniors in the community.
- I have 2 children - Stacy and Kent and 1 granddaughter.
- I have been widowed for 4 years.
- I live in beautiful Campbell River.
- I enjoy quilting, needlepoint, reading and walking.





# Karen (Henke) MacRae



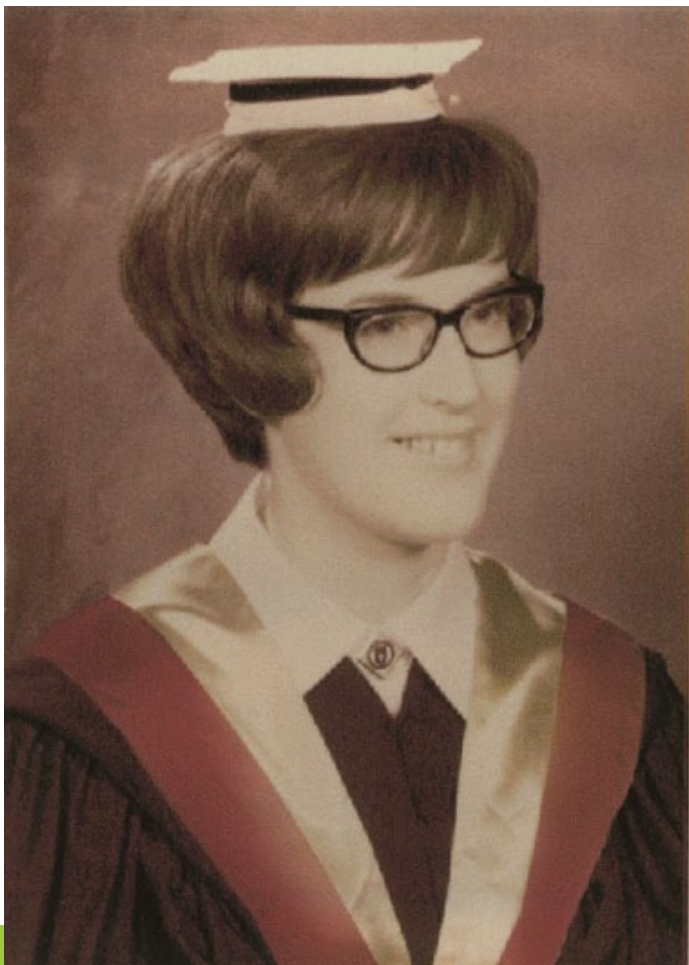


# Karen (Henke) MacRae

- Nursing has not figured largely in my life but I appreciate that it supported me while I did other things.
- Worked in disparate places: Ghana, Winnipeg, Whitehorse, Oslo Norway, and Calgary with VON, teaching at Foothills and Bethany.
- Left nursing in 1989.
- Graduated with a BFA from U of C in 1993 and with a BA in English and Latin in 1997.
- Married Roche in 1974 and have 2 children: Gavin (Carmen and our only grandchild Iver 6 years big, Comox), and Andrea (Phil, Perth Au).
- Studied pipe organ while in Calgary and had many years as an organist and choir accompanist.
- Retired and living in Comox, BC where I paint, pot on the wheel, play in a recorder group, garden, ski and hike. Life in the slow lane is just fine!



# Kathy (Morrison) Gifford





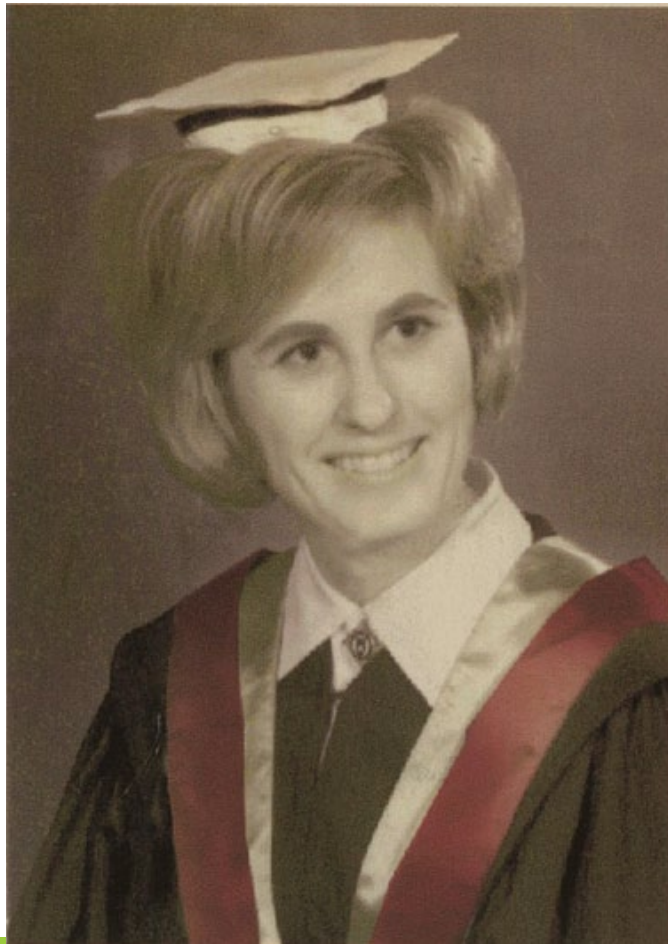


# Kathy (Morrison) Gifford

- I have had a varied and happy life.
- Nurse at Camp Easter Seal 1967.
- Travelled and worked in England and Germany.
- Worked in Toronto at Sick Children's, NW General labour and delivery, then public health.
- Married Bernie Gifford in 1970, had 3 wonderful (of course!) children, Mark, Shannon and Paul, now parents of our 6 grandchildren.
- Worked in public health in Kitimat, Creston, then long-term care in Vancouver (director of care).
- Retired, in same home in Burnaby 22 years, hosting many family and friends (pre-pandemic).



# Gail (Kaufman) Roth



**Gail and hubby Lee**



# Gail (Kaufman) Roth

- I worked in Manitoba as a CEO in Long Term Care and for several years as Board Chair for the Manitoba Health Services Commission and the Manitoba Health Appeals Board.
- We retired in 2004 and now live in Airdrie, AB close to our children and grandchildren.
- We continue to winter in south Texas near The Gulf of Mexico.





# Margaret Thorson

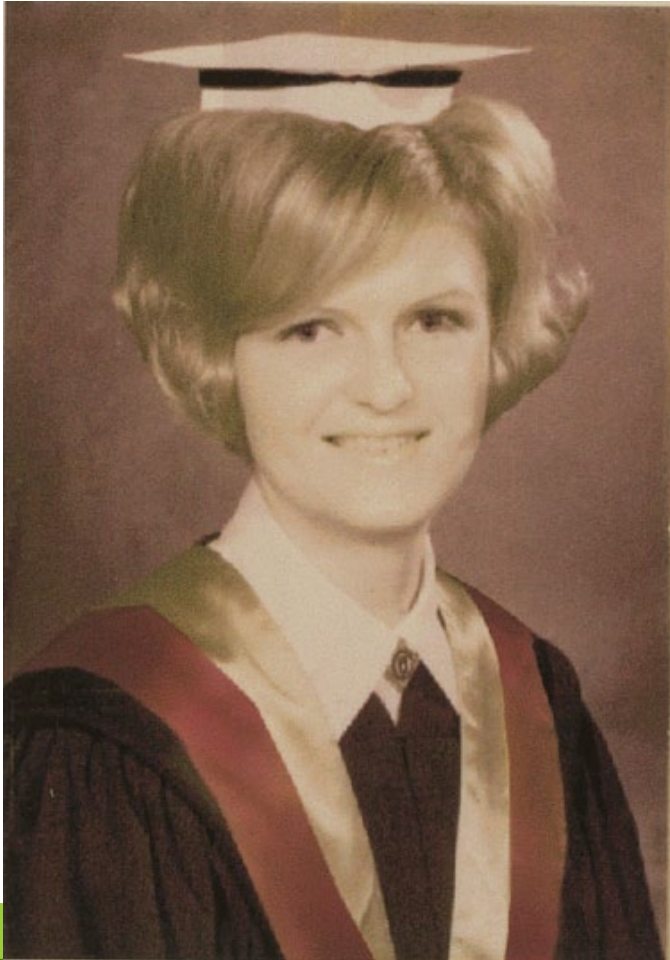


Living my best life:  
Sitting on the deck  
enjoying my garden  
and a splash of red  
with my friends.





# Linda (George) McDonald



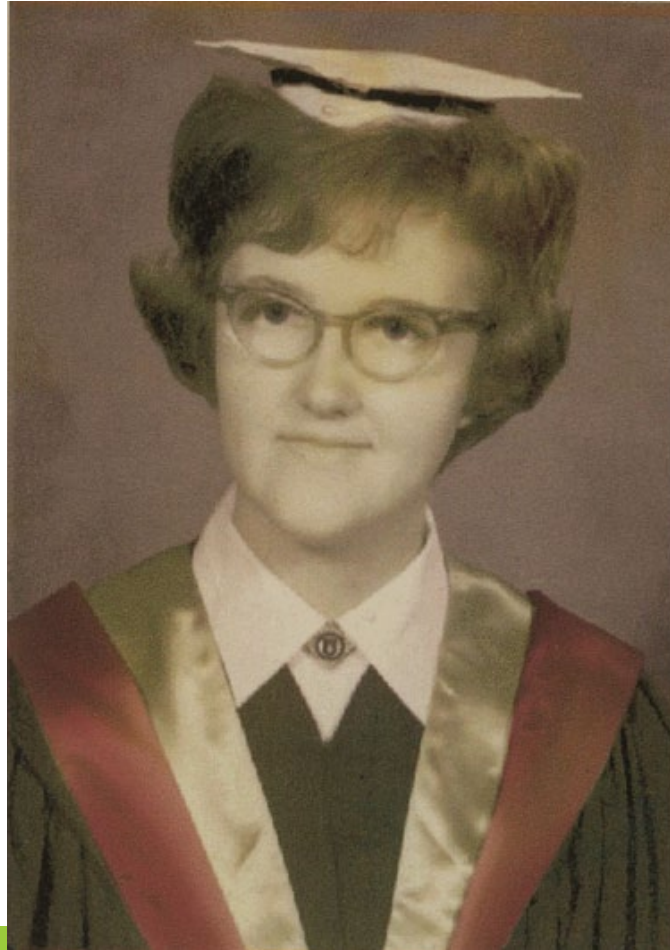
# Linda (George) McDonald

- Brian and I have lived in Alberta, Edmonton/Sherwood Park for 11 years; Calgary for 44 years.
- I worked for 30 of those years:
  - UofA Hospital - surgical unit (1 year)
  - VON - Edmonton (5 years)
  - 1984 - Nursing Reunion Course Mount Royal University
  - Brentwood Nursing Home (1 year)
  - Calgary Home Care Program, AHS (22 years in Management)
- Happily retired! (Aug 2007)
- Retirement has been filled with family, good friends (new & old), 2 new knees and some travelling.





# Ellen (Brodie) Atkinson



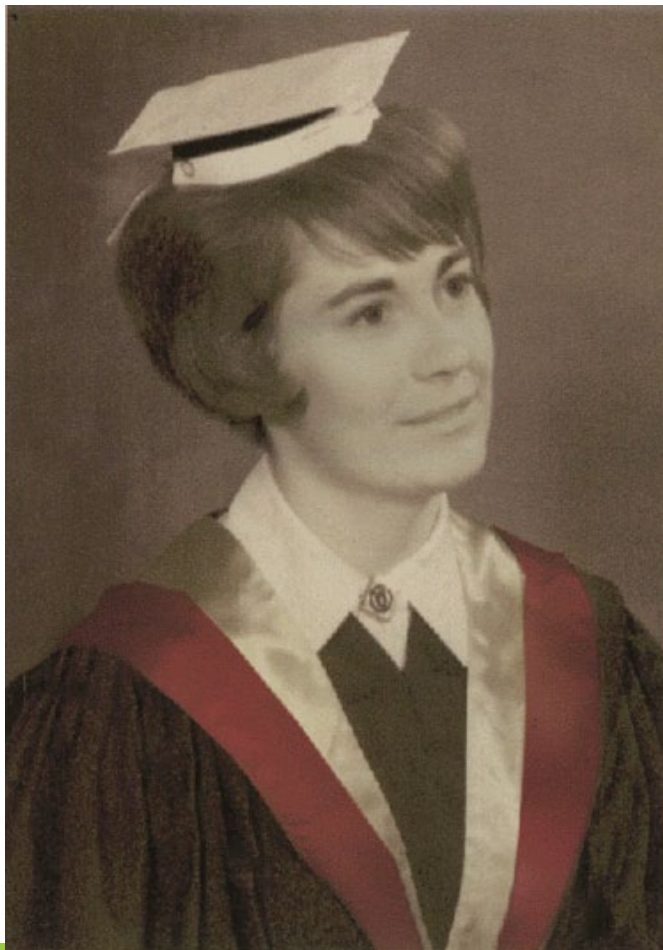


# Ellen (Brodie) Atkinson

- Lived in several Canadian cities: Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, & most recently Sherwood Park (near Edmonton).
- Worked in various schools of nursing & hospitals (general duty & administrative positions).
- Founding member of 'Breast Friends', (a dragon boat racing team comprised of breast cancer survivors), and was an active paddler for 15+ years.
- Love travelling, trips through: US, Europe, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Crimea, Morocco, Australia, China, Japan, Vietnam & Cambodia.
- Married, two children, one grandchild.



# Karen (Cowan) Lerner





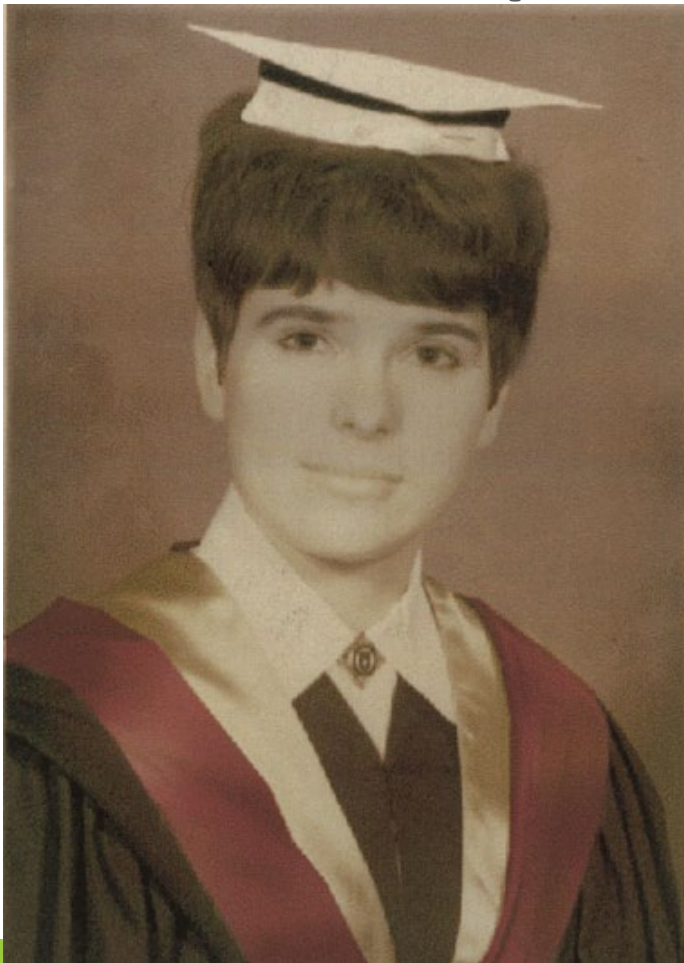


# Karen (Cowan) Lerner

- I have been living in North Vancouver since 1985.
- I have 4 children, all grown up now.
- 12 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter.
- I have enjoyed travelling to different parts of the world in the past years.



# Jean Ann (Cave) Mowchenko





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- I taught nursing classes for 5 years in Regina.
- I worked in a nursing home for 15 years in Moose Jaw.
- I have 2 married sons and 4 grandchildren.
- I am a widow.
- I currently live in Moose Jaw.
- I enjoy reading, book club, church activities, travelling, Buffalo Pound Lake life in the summer, and doing puzzles.





# Ardis (Finell) Janzen





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- We have the Best Nursing 67 Class!
- I was a Pediatric Nursing Instructor at the U of S for 2 years.
- After moving to Abbotsford in 1969, I obtained a Diploma in Special Education.
- Taught children with Learning Disabilities for 20 years.
- Married to Dr. Ernie Janzen for 30 years. He passed (with leukemia) 24 years ago.
- I now have been married to Norm Friesen for 10 years.
- I have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.
- Norm & I enjoy being grandparents, walking, golfing, camping and volunteering at the Food Bank.
- I'm happy to have classmate Bev (Woodhead) Barmby here in Abbotsford.



# Ann Lee





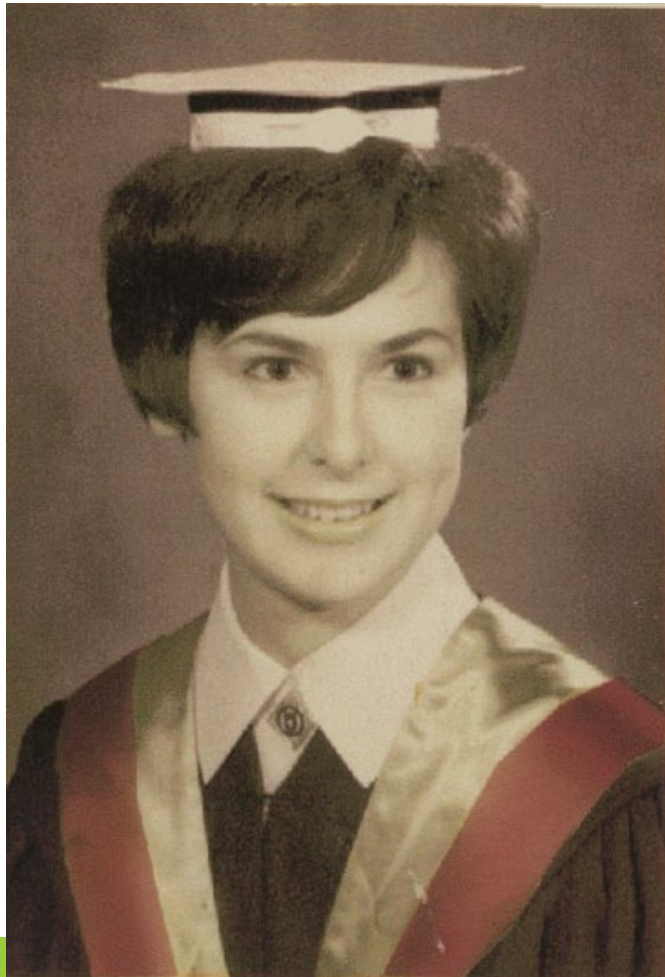


# Ann Lee

- Currently live in Calgary, AB.
- Married to Bill for 56 years.
- I have 3 adult children and 9 grandchildren.
- No nursing career.
- Taught music both privately and in public schools.
- Sold real estate.
- Love to hike, bike, read and knit.



# Joan (Heinrich) Turner





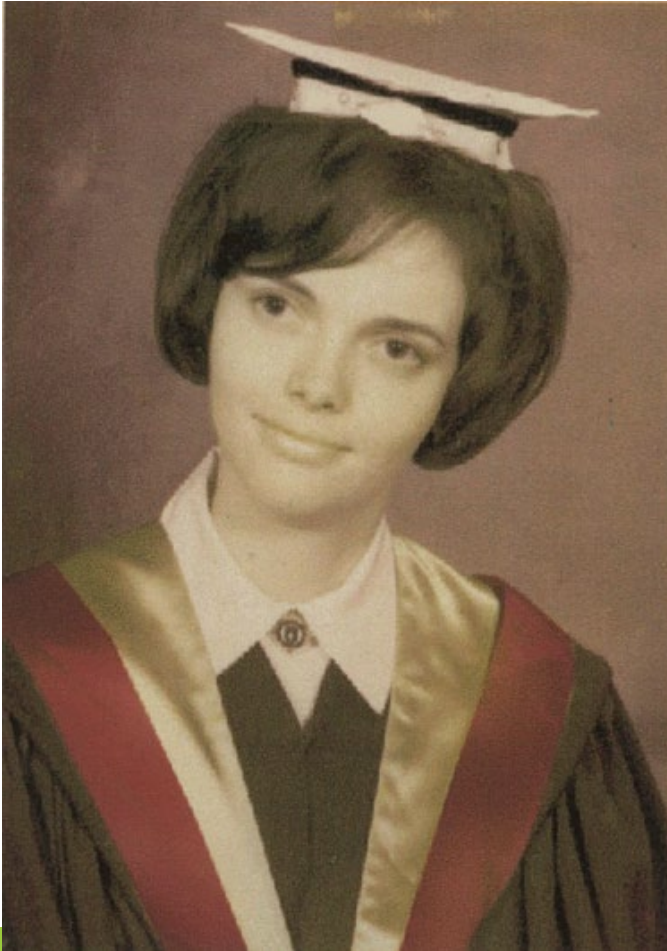
# Joan (Heinrich) Turner

- Still married to Bill (55 years).
- Live on the farm at Cupar but not actively farming.
- Our daughters have 2 children each. Laura & Alan live in Mississauga & Nancy & Simon live in Saskatoon.
- Travelled a lot in the past, but not in the last 2 years of course.
- We keep active with downhill skiing and snowshoeing in winter, and garden and yard in summer.
- Spend time watching the grandkids in Saskatoon play soccer & the ones in Mississauga play football & volleyball.





# Diana (Kirkman) Ermel





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- Married Ralph in 1967 (still have him).
- Lived in the same house in Regina since 1969 (added a second story in 1981).
- 3 kids, Rob (1969), Doug (1973) & Kirsten (1978).
- 2 grandchildren (Jacob 17, and Emmitt 12).
- Worked in all areas of Nursing Education for over 45 years.
- Favourites were Pediatrics (maybe Obstetrics) and Curriculum Coordinator.
- For over 25 years volunteer work has focused on having the patient voice at all decision-making tables.

## Currently:

- Patient Partner with the SK Centre for Patient Oriented Research.
- Co-teach POR modules on Patient Engagement and Patient Partner on several research projects.
- On Board of the Canadian Breast Cancer Network and Best Medicines Coalition.
- Love to garden and play duplicate bridge.



# Sandra Gail (Sallans) Ulmer







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- Moved to Hawaii with Donna Thiel, Judi Robson and Leni Lemke after graduation.
- Worked in an extended care facility there for 2 1/2 years.
- Spent the next 5 months travelling Europe with Donna T.
- Married Randy Ulmer Dec. 1969 and had a son, Scott, and a daughter Stephanie.
- Worked at Kaiser Hospital San Jose until 1977, then Lockheed Missile and Space Co.
- Quit work in 1980 to become a stay-at-home mom.
- Have 3 grandsons - Preston 18, Ethan 16 and Rhys 5.
- Married 53 years.
- Live in Lincoln, CA close to Sacramento, last 18 years.



# Pat (Belsher) Hrabe



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- Worked a variety of positions in Minneapolis and Rochester MN: pediatric nursing, pediatric clinical instructor, hospice care and public health nursing.
- Retired in 2008.
- Married Jerry, the love of my life, in 1968.
- Two lovely adult children, Patrick and Jennifer.
- Lived in Rochester MN, since '68.
- Active in the United Methodist Church, P.E.O. and other groups.
- Loves birds, classical music, photography, and gardening.





# Bev (Correnti) Watson



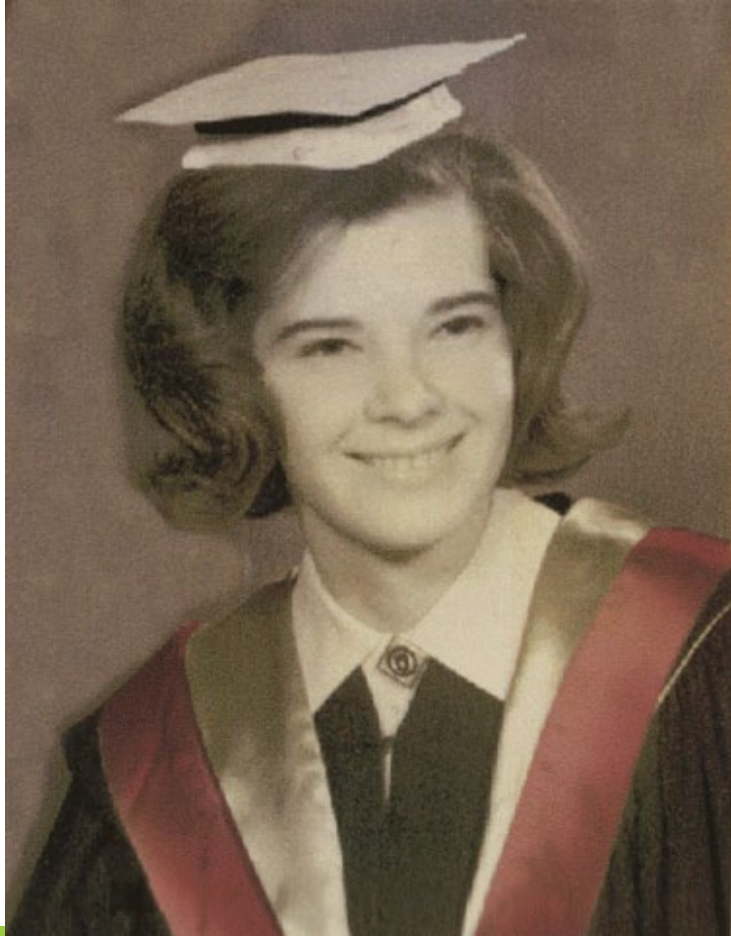


# Bev (Correnti) Watson

- August 67, married Glen (an engineer I met while we were both students).
- Moved to Seattle that fall and worked as a school nurse.
- Moved back to Saskatoon in 69 where I have lived since.
- Worked for the College of Nursing over the years including in Continuing Nursing Education.
- Have 2 children, Erin who lives in Saskatoon with her husband and 10-year-old daughter Mira, and a son Mark who lives in Toronto.
- Glen died in 2013 after a battle with Alzheimer's.
- Last year sold my house and moved to a condo.
- Enjoy playing bridge, travelling and photography.



# Cheryl Dyker

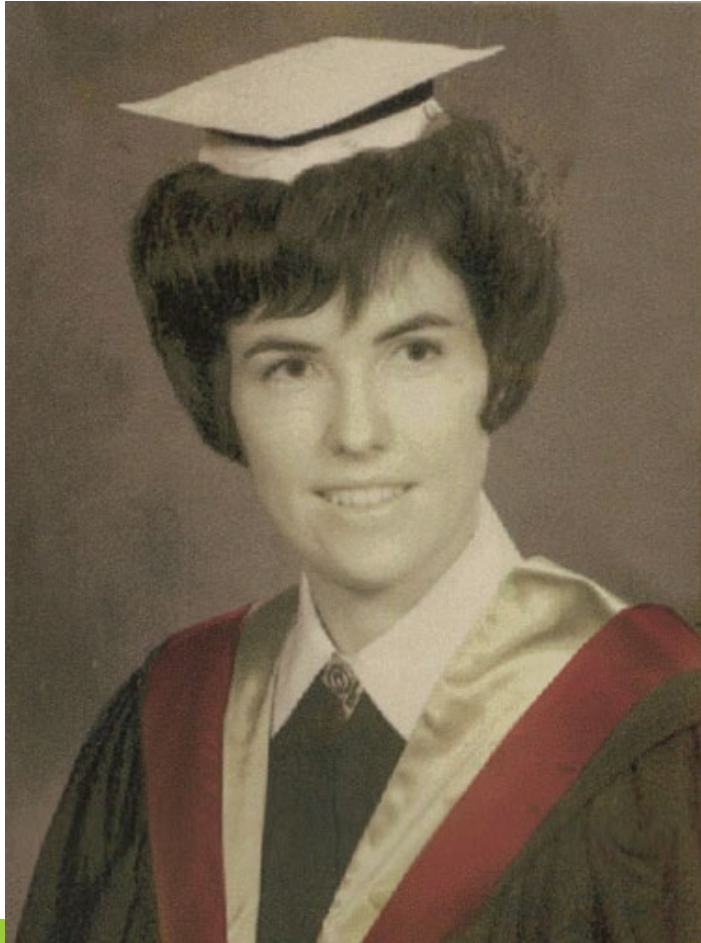


- I have spent more than 40 years in Nursing Education in Saskatchewan.
- Married to Allan for 56 years and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.
- Saskatoon has been home for 40 years with summers spent at Waskesiu on the golf course.





# Sherry (Sharron) Doyle Day

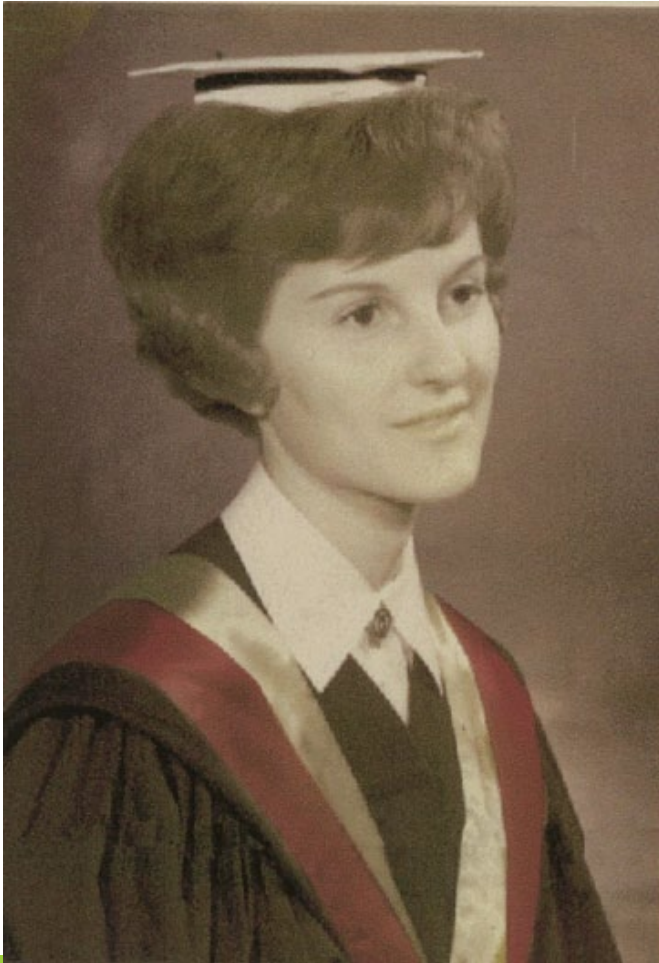


# Sherry (Sharron) Doyle Day

- After 4 years with the U of S College as a Clinical Instructor, I moved to Smithers BC.
- Was employed at the local District Hospital mostly in General duty.
- Retired in 2003 but continued to work part time until 2017.
- Active with BC Nurses Union from its beginning, and with the BC Reg Nurses Association.
- Have no children of my own but acquired 10 grown stepchildren when I married Fletcher in 1993. Sadly, we lost him in 2009 but life with him was a marvelous adventure.
- Living on my acreage with my sister, 3 retired mountain horses and 4 Shelties.
- And make a lot of chocolates at Christmas time.



# Donna Maxwell



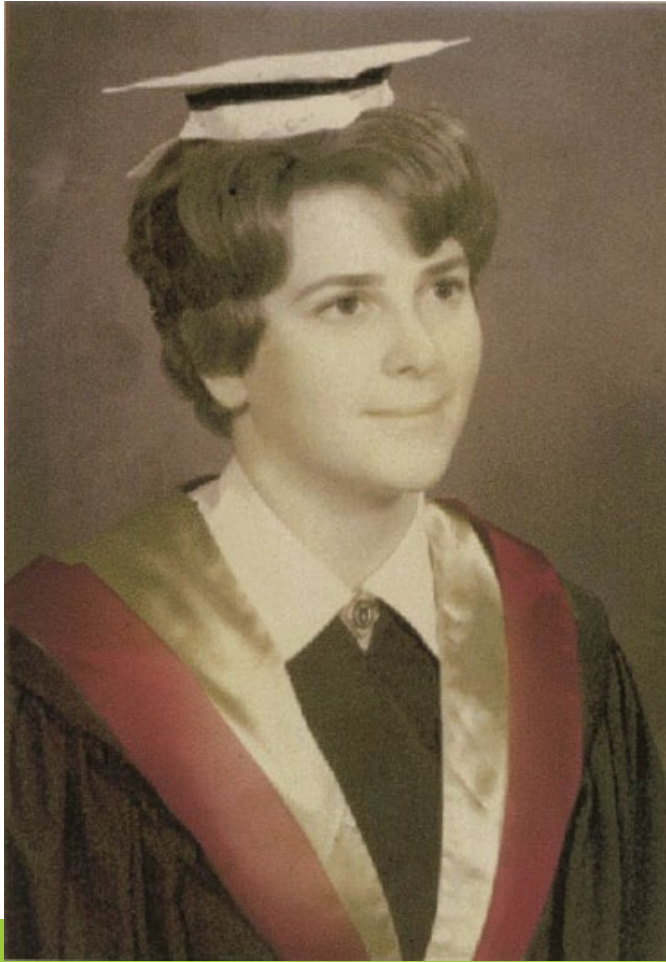


# Donna Maxwell

- I have lived in Carstairs, AB for 53 years.
- I was married to Don Maxwell for 51 years until he passed in 2017.
- I have 2 sons, 2 step-grandchildren and a new great grandson.
- I worked until retirement in 2017 as a nurse, lawyer and administrative tribunal chair.
- I spend my time volunteering, walking my dogs and stick curling in the winter.



# Eleanor (Hanson) Nickolet



- I retired from public health nursing after 30+ years having worked in 4 provinces and the NWT.
- I have been married to Dennis for over 50 years.
- We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren, the light of our life.
- We live in Edmonton and have a summer cabin in Saskatchewan.