

**Family & Pet Friends**

Sons: Larry D., Jeffrey & Todd;  
 Daughter: Krista

Grandchildren: 6—Rob, Justin, Tim, Savannah, Reese and Sarah

All children live close except Todd, his wife, Dey and their new daughter, Sarah.

*Pets like family:* Had Tabor (cat), Sadie, Gidget & Barney (dogs) for 15 + years. At present, have only 1 cat, Maisy.



**Verlee (West) FRONCE**

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(L-r) Larry and Verlee get ready to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 2008.

**Career / Post High School Education**

*Career:* Deli Manager & Rx Tech, Dillon's Stores – retired  
*Post HS Education:* Food Safety License; State of KS Pharmacy Tech License



**1950s Pop Culture**

*Favorite songs in HS:* "Wake Up Little Susie" and many more

*Favorite '50s songs now:* Most all

*Favorite singers in HS:* Pat Boone, Frank Sinatra, Frankie Avalon, Beach Boys, Elvis

*Favorite '50s singers now:* Elvis

*Favorite movies in HS:* Giant, West Side Story, and Gone with the Wind

*Favorite '50s movies now:* The King and I & The Ten Commandments

**Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Church**

*Fun*—travel  
*Relaxing*—flower garden and reading  
*Rewarding*—ESA, Gamma Lambda

*Sports:* Watching grandkids participate

*Hobbies/Interests:* Hummingbirds, geodes, sunrises and sunsets

*Church:* First United Methodist

**Proudest Achievements**

- Husband and four children, #1
- Kansas State Board of Pharmacy Technician License
- Organized a "back to our roots" family reunion for 60 people. We visited the old homestead and had a family service in the church our parents attended growing up. Experience was shared with the grands and great-grands.
- Being selected "Outstanding Sister" for ESA Gamma Lambda 2006-2007

**Travel**

I've lived in CO and CA for a short time—always came back to Kansas. Love to cruise! We've been to the **Caribbean**, Alaska and Hawaii. Want to cruise Alaska again for our 50<sup>th</sup>. It is a beautiful state.

**Town Memories**

I remember rushing home after school my Sr. year to watch "American Bandstand". Before that, we lived 13 miles out in the country and I rode the bus so didn't get a chance to participate in after-school activities. I don't remember ever going to Teen Town, but I did go to the Community House on Tues. nights for square dancing. I met my husband, Larry, there. After the dance we would go to Graves Drugstore for a cherry coke or to Sherer's for a frosty. For a little country girl, that was living! We both worked at the Kreme Kup. Hamburgers were 6/\$1. On Sun. nights college kids would line up, ordering 6 burgers each. The grill was always full; buns were spread out and dressed with condiments of their choice. It was hectic! I often had dreams that I was getting behind on the orders and would be halfway out of bed before I realized it was just a dream.

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# MHS – BIOS & MEMORIES

## MHS Memories

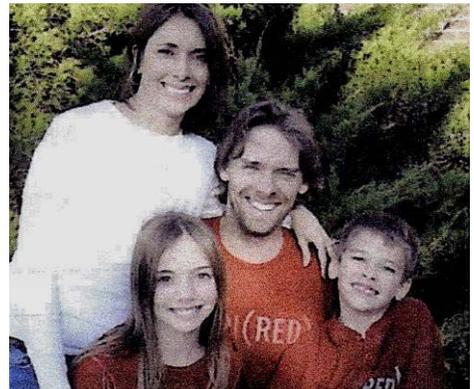
In Mrs. Fitzgerald's office practice class we had an assignment to write a short thought about each person in the class and then read what was written. I was shocked to find that someone thought I was stuck-up and aloof. I was just so shy. I couldn't believe that I came across as stuck-up!

I think most of the girls had a thing for Mr. Boles. It wasn't dissecting the frogs or worms, but those bright blue eyes that did it.

I really wanted to go to the Jr./Sr. prom so I borrowed a formal and went by myself to the dinner but decided not to stay for the dance.

Martha (Smith) Templeton and I spent a lot of time together but I was as shocked as her Mother when Marti eloped just before the end of the school year. Marti....you didn't tell me!!!! When the word got out, there was some whispering going on BUT it just wasn't the case, guys.

## **Verlee (West) FRONCE Memories (continued)**



Our "baby" daughter Krista with husband Tom Thaemert and children Savannah and Reese



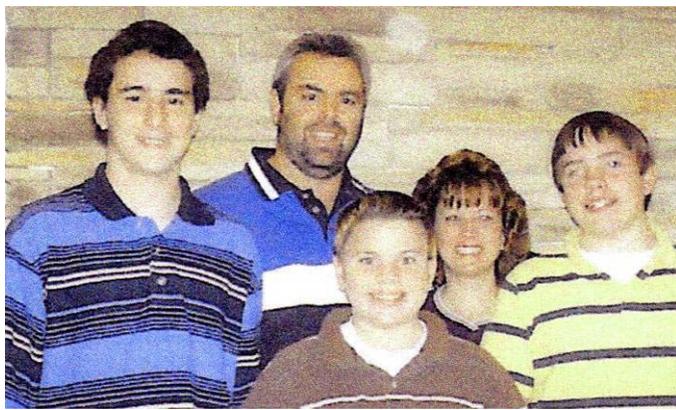
Above: Extra special son, Jeffrey Jay

### Editor's Note:

Larry was also in our class, but did not graduate with us as Verlee explained in an email:

"Larry graduated from Manhattan High in 1969. Think I might have robbed the cradle? Actually, he could have been in our class but chose to drop out his senior year after just a few weeks. He had a chance for a full-time job and thought that was the way he wanted to go.

"Several years and 3 kids later, he was able to go back to school on his off days from the Ft. Riley Fire Station. His fourth child and only daughter was born while he was in high school! Anyway, he went back and walked the halls with all the other teeny boppers and graduated in 1969. I am so proud of him for having the courage to do that."



First born Larry D with wife Jody and their blended family (L-r): Justin, Tim & Rob



3<sup>rd</sup> son Todd with wife Dey and daughter Sarah