

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Family</u></b></p> <p><i>Daughter:</i> Our daughter, Bernadette, died in 1996; she had an inoperable brain tumor.</p> <p><i>Sons:</i> Chris, Joe &amp; David. Of our three sons, two are educators and one is a pharmacist. Our grandchildren are, of course, delightful, bright, and musical. They range in age from 5 to 22.</p> <p>My eyesight has been compromised due to a full-depth hole in my retina and the ensuing surgery to close that hole, which damaged the optic nerve. Greg has prostate cancer, has had two spinal surgeries and has had both hips replaced. (I always thought that discussions of health issues signaled some degree of senility.)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Barbara K. (Beckenhauer) VITT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spouse: Greg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">910 Justianna Street Seneca, KS 66538-1442</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(785) 336-3417 Cell: (785) 294-0177 <a href="mailto:gregvitt@sbcglobal.net">gregvitt@sbcglobal.net</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hobbies / Interests /Sports Church</u></b></p> <p><i>Sports:</i> Exercising. Used to golf and play softball &amp; volleyball</p> <p><i>Hobbies &amp; Interests:</i> Reading, card playing &amp; TV viewing</p> <p><i>Church:</i> Church choir, cantor, song leader, parish council; scholarship, fundraiser for B&amp;B H.S. Library Board. American Career Society</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Career / Post High School Education</u></b></p> <p><i>Career:</i> Teacher/Counselor, USD #451—retired. I taught at St. Peter &amp; Paul for 9 years, went back to college and began service as the high school counselor at B &amp; B, where I worked for 27 years. I still do some substitute teaching.</p> <p><i>Post HS Education:</i> Kansas State University, BS, MS.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>1950s Pop Culture</u></b></p> <p><i>Favorite songs in HS::</i> “Sh-Boom” (“Life Could Be a Dream”), Crew Cuts</p> <p><i>Favorite ‘50s songs now:</i> Elvis Presley’s gospel music, anything by Perry Como</p> <p><i>Favorite singers in HS.:</i> Pat Boone (“Love Letters in the Sand; April Love”); Elvis</p> <p><i>Favorite ‘50s singers now:</i> Elvis, Perry, Frank, Nat King Cole &amp; Jim Reeves (<i>cont’d</i>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Town Memories</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going to Charco’s Drive-In for French fries and colas</li> <li>• Attending movies at the Sky-Vue Drive-In—especially on “buck night” when a whole carload could gain admission for only \$1</li> <li>• Eating frosted malts at the drug store on the south side of Poyntz</li> <li>• I worked at Strong School as a “teacher’s helper” after school and later in the Dept. of Continuing Ed. at Umberger Hall</li> <li>• Besides singing in the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church choir, I attended CYF with Becky McA., Suzi G., Marilyn McC., Pat D., Dave F. &amp; others. Lots of good times with that group!</li> <li>• Babysat for 35¢ per hour</li> <li>• I remember the ‘51 Flood creating a big mess downtown &amp; elsewhere; construction of Tuttle Creek Dam; and the growing popularity of TV</li> <li>• I recall that K-State basketball was HOT—K-State football was not. I remember attending games at Nichols Gym before Ahearn Field-house came on the scene.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Proudest Achievements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising four law-abiding, upstanding &amp; wholesome children!</li> <li>• Being a good teacher &amp; counselor for 36 yrs</li> <li>• Staying married to the same man for 48 yrs</li> </ul>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MHS Memories</u></b></p> <p>I remember Miss Anna Marley &amp; Mrs. Mildred Sykes as two of my favorite, most challenging teachers. I also remember Mr. Boles insisting we learn thousands of root word prefix and suffix definitions. And he was right: that memorization was great for vocabulary building.</p> <p>Singing in the Treble Clef, Robed Choir, Mixed Ensemble &amp; Girls Trio was a favorite activity; the choir bus trips &amp; our Ensemble performances were great fun. (<i>cont’d</i>)</p>

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I liked participating in *H.M.S. Pinafore* and other operettas during 1957-'58.

Y-Teen and Music Club activities were also enjoyable and some of their programs were truly memorable. At a 1957-'58 program, we had a speaker who foretold the Cuban Revolution, the ousting of Batista, and the rise to power of Fidel Castro.

Remember Mr. Bishop leading the cheer: "End—Center—Tackle—Guard; Hit'em—Hit'em—Hit'em Hard!" during a football pep rally?

I didn't attend a Manhattan elementary school and did not enter Manhattan Jr. High until my freshman year. I had attended Strong School (near the current Northview Elementary) from 1<sup>st</sup> (no kindergarten there) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. That school had two rooms, with four grades per room and teacher. I had three classmates before coming to MJHS.

Needless to say, my freshman year brought many new experiences. I was grateful for my "town" church friends who introduced me to their friends who then became my friends. I also remember being befriended by Sherry Sowell and Judy Smith. Mr. Roberts, Mr. O'Donnell, Miss Kirkpatrick and Miss Julinek (Girls' Glee Club director) also made me feel welcome at MJHS; for the rest of the four years, school was a wonderful adventure.

Right: Barbara & Greg Vitt

**Barbara K. (Beckenbauer) VITT**

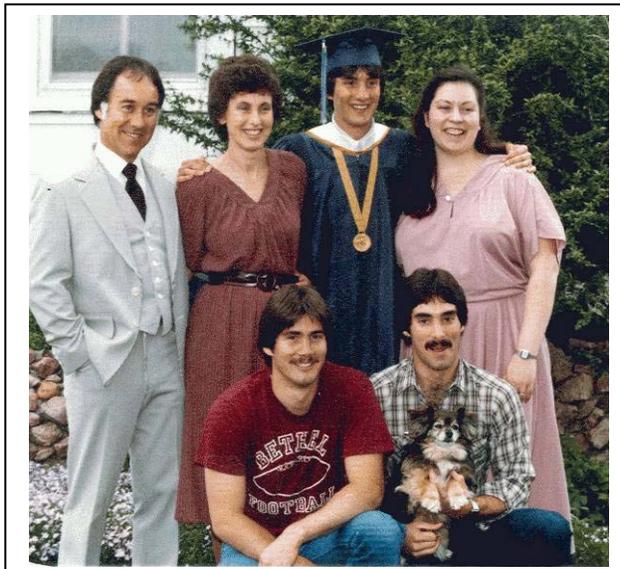
**Memories**

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**1950s Pop Culture** (continued)

*Favorite movies in HS: April Love, Bridge on the River Kwai, The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit, Magnificent Obsession, The Court Jester, Oklahoma & Moby Dick*

*Favorite '50s movies now: The Man Who Knew Too Much, Rear Window, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Twelve Angry Men & Teahouse of the August Moon*



We're all together for David's H.S. graduation in 1983. Back row (L-r): Greg, Barbara, David, 18 & Bernadette; 22; kneeling (L-r): Chris, 21 & Joe, 20.

**Travel**

Besides Manhattan, our homes have been in Colorado Springs, & Seneca, KS. We've not been on any cruises. (We hear they are for the "newlyweds & nearly deads.")

We have been to **Canada**; Niagara Falls, NYC; Boston; Washington, DC; Gettysburg, PA; & other Civil War battle sites, the Black Hills, CA, TX, and points in between