

Family

I seem to be a member of the modern day stereo- typical American family with his, hers, and our children

Children: Krysti & Ian Booton and John Cranston (JC) Wells
Grandchildren: 3

Krysti and her significant other Pat Dancsin live near Corning, CA. She has no children of her own.

Ian and his wife Mary live close by in Great Barrington with their children, Dana and Rick Cardillo

JC and wife Tamara live less than 2 hours away in Wallingford, CT with their 1-year-old toddler, Jaden Christian Wells

Our children and their new families are very important to us and we try to be a meaningful part of their lives.



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Pet Friends

Makita T. Wells, a blue/brown-eyed Siberian husky—named "Makita" for the large contractors' tools and "T" for "trouble" and "Wells" because she is definitely a member of our family. We also have a 50-gallon tank of unnamed freshwater fish; and at one time, a pet sheep given to me on Mother's Day by David. She lived an incredible 14 years before she had to be put to sleep



Career / Post High School Education

Career: I taught English/Language Arts at SUNY Buffalo & Berkshire Community College in MA, and in high schools in MI, CA, NY, and MA—all told, over 43 years. I have been a presenter at many academic workshops for teachers; usually on meaningful/ purposeful use of technology in the classroom. I continue to consult at workshops for teachers and school districts to meet NCLB mandates.

I have taught various crafts formally and informally, as a recognized local artisan, including directing whole summer recreation programs for various cities/towns, as well as continuing to sell my own artwork in local venues. In another age, I was also part of Houghton Mifflin's Inter-Action Cadre and was flown by them all over the US to help teachers use, in their classrooms, the new Houghton Mifflin - Inter-Action Language Arts Program.

Post H.S. Education: K-State Univ., BA in English; SUNY Buffalo, MEd in English. I completed coursework (ABD) on my doctorate in Curriculum Instr., also from SUNY Buffalo. At Westfield Comm. College, Westfield, MA, I received my School Administrators' Certification. Since then, I have taken numerous courses, to continue learning as a lifelong endeavor, as well as, to keep myself abreast in my field and other interests.

Proudest Achievements

I guess I do not see what I do or have done as achievements—only accomplishments on a bio statement. On the other hand, I care intensely that my having "lived" in a certain space in time, has mattered.

Town Memories

- Manhattan Centennial and making a very special 1800s long, full-ruffled prairie dress and matching sunbonnet to wear in the parade.
- Going with Les Ady to his mother and dad's drive-in for fried chicken livers, onion rings, and root beer floats or root beer in frosted mugs
- After the '51 flood, the stench, muck and loss, like nothing I had seen or smelled; what the downtown area had to do to shovel out and restore itself.



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hobbies & Interests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing flowers in our yard and all year 'round in a beautiful sunroom built for me by my husband, David, • Exploring all kinds of artistic expressions and mediums • Traveling/RVing, various large and ambitious computer projects, documenting my own/David's genealogy with historical interfacings, spending precious time with our grown-up children and their families, and hugging David. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nanette S. (Heintzelman) WELLS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memories <i>(continued)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MHS Memories</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Kirkpatrick</i> (Engl. 9 teacher): Kathy Bryson, Bill Robinson, and I spent all our lunches with her and after school and discussed the likes of Charles Dickens' <i>Great Expectations</i> or some other classic novelist and then on Sat. morning's we all sat around a table at the K-State FM radio station and discussed the ins and outs and relevance of these great classics. This must have been a hoot!</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I remember making aprons and pillowcases in the sewing phase of Home Ec. and how to make a white sauce, or French toast in the cooking part of the semester. (I think we spent hours learning how to correctly measure liquids and dry ingredients and how to correctly set a table!)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I remember dancing to the real Dick Clark Show on Am. Bandstand with Harold.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dance prom corsages that I kept for years because I had dipped them in wax and put them back in the corsage box they came in.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organizations</u></p> <p>Am. Fed. of Teachers, NY State Teachers' Assoc., NY State Retired Teachers' Assoc., Order of the Eastern Star (Masonic) & RV clubs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Travels</u></p> <p>We traveled extensively with our son's hockey career (from when he was 6 until he retired from semi-pro hockey in 2002). There are only a handful of the 50 states we have not visited. We have traveled in Canada, along with visits to Mexico, England and Germany. Years ago, I also visited England, Scotland, and Wales as a guest of the travel editor of the <i>Manchester [England] Evening News</i>, with full-pg spreads on "A Young American Couple Abroad"—published over a month's time. Since graduation in 1958, I have lived in MI (2x), KS, CA (2x), NY & MA.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1950s Pop Culture</u></p> <p><i>Favorite singers/songs in HS:</i> Of course, the top '50s and a smattering of Operas and Classical music. All these musical avenues were opened up to me when I purchased my own transistor radio and a 45 rpm record player and records with my own hard-earned "pennies" from various jobs.</p> <p><i>Favorite '50s singers/songs now:</i> The top '50s are still my favorites along with many others, which at the time I was not so familiar, and now I have added to that original list...soft rock is a favorite! I have come to recognize—I can place exactly the year and what I was doing by the popular songs of a particular year. Songs seem to demark each year in my adult life with a flood of memories for each period of time.</p> <p><i>Favorite movies in HS:</i> Very few—<i>The King and I, Cyrano de Bergerac, The Greatest Show on Earth, High Noon, Roman Holiday, & Three Coins in the Fountain</i>. I did frequently go to the drive-in but who remembers the movie on the screen at the drive-in? I went rarely, I think, to the Manhattan movie theaters; so ironically, the movies, I remember best from this period of time, were all the "goofy" ones we watched Fri. nights at Teen Town.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">David and grandson Jaden</p>