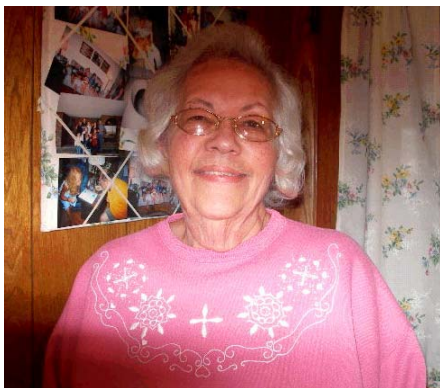


Family & Pet Friends

Sons: Greg & Doug
 Daughter: Julie
 Grandchildren: 6—ages 5 to 14. My daughter and I still live together.
 Pets like family:
 Presently have 2 cats—Carmel and Juma



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Proudest Achievements

- #1=My 3 kids and 6 grandchildren
- Surviving divorce after 25 years of marriage
- College graduation at age 52, 8 years after I started

Career / Post High School Education

Career: Secretary, NOWCC/EPA – still work part-time
 Post HS Education Ottawa University—Psychology of Communication; Johnson County Community College—General Studies; Unity School of Christianity Volunteer Mgmt Courses—Unity Way



Town Memories

During the 1951 Flood, I took care of my dad because he had caught mumps from me at clean-up time. Our furniture store was hit hard and my mom & other family members had to clean up while my dad was in misery at home. Thankfully, our home escaped: the water was across the street at 9th Street. I have pictures of the Wareham Theatre billboard showing *Frogman* during the flood (so ironic) and the huge machine cleaning out the mud downtown.

- Band Day & the kids' Pet Parades down Poyntz.
- Joined the UCC church, attended the youth group & sang in the choir. Barbara L. and I *once* sang a duet in church—a memory I prefer to forget because we were both so nervous! Never again!
- Worked part-time during school and full-time summers at Duckwall's. The first "central checkout stands" came to Manhattan, although I never had to learn them. I clerked at the jewelry counter, which had once been wiped out by a professional thief & I had my own cash register.
- Many memories while working. I learned a lot of different things—one of which was I never wanted to be in retail during Christmas again!
- Slumber parties with my best friends were the most fun & we had many of them, without parents around! We sometimes had "visitors"—the boys who worked at the *Mercury* would stop by after they were done putting out the Sunday paper. A couple of my girlfriends took the dare once that they could physically eject the boys from the house and they succeeded!! After that humiliation, the boys left when we told them to.
- We protested by not returning to Scheu's Café. We highly objected to the policies of who they would serve.

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Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Church / Volunteer

Sports: HA! What little I participated in was in the audience, usually cheering on my kids when they were young.

Hobbies & Interests: reading, writing, learning, & visiting

Church & Volunteer: Presently none. Previously, very active in church, school, PTA, Scouts, mental health & senior organizations

MHS Memories

8th Gr. science class & losing my fear of snakes that we played with after lunch. Home Ec. taught me to forget sewing. My best "talent" was breaking my mom's sewing machine (3x). Mom was so disgusted, because the 3rd time, she couldn't fix it. She wouldn't allow me to use it again; she finished my project. Then she got mad again, because she only got a B grade! (I thought that was great!)

I was so-o nervous when a member of the Treble Clef or Robed Choir, when I was chosen (for some unknown reason) to be the announcer for a performance on TV 13.

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Town Memories *(continued)*

- One Easter, my best buddies and I decided to attend all the church services we could. Had to start with Sunrise, because of singing in the choir, so we went to UCC, Catholic, Episcopalian and the Lutheran churches, too.
- My car was nicknamed Elvis, because it shimmed and shook (?) at 35 mph. We had a wonderful time cruising Poyntz. Luckily, I was the driver because usually there were 3 girls in the back on the floor—NO SEAT! Once the tie rod broke at the drive-in and I had to go home about 5-10 mph. Another time the re-tread tire unthreaded at about 50 mph.

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Memories
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1950s Pop Culture

Favorite singer in HS:
“Pretend,” “Secret Love,” “Old Man River,” “12th of Never,” “Too Young,” “Sentimental Journey,” “April Love,” “16 Tons”—many more

Favorite ‘50s songs/singers now in HS: All of above & lots of others by Patti Page, 4 Aces, Doris Day, Pat Boone, Frankie Laine, Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis, Roger Williams. Did not much like Elvis until I was an adult

Favorite movies in HS & ‘50s now: Nearly all the musicals: *7 Brides for 7 Brothers, Oklahoma, Brigadoon* +. Don’t really date the oldies movies that I infrequently watch now.

MHS Memories *(continued)*

Geometry was another subject I could not master. I was so glad to have the help of Stan Buller & Frank Whitney during Study Hall. (I didn’t do well in the college class either, because my mind does not comprehend the subject. It seems like some of us can do Geometry or Algebra, but not both—that is me.)

As Seniors, Dianne and I went out to sell Journalism ads one afternoon and skipped 7th hour Study Hall to park across from the Jr High and watch the kids as they goofed off ‘on the wall’. We both wondered whether or not we acted that silly in Jr High and feared we did, although we conveniently couldn’t remember any real examples.

Senior Skip Day a group of us had a beach party at Lake Waubensee. I had to get a shot from the doctor in order to make it through graduation with that robe on because of my sunburn. I still have the brown spots on my shoulders. We had a blast at the lake though.

Travel

*I’ve visited many states plus **Canada** and **Mexico**. Last trip was in May 2007, to St Louis, MO; Dayton, OH; & KY for visits with 2 of my 3 living sisters. I’ve lived in MO, NV, CO & 4 KS towns*



Mini-Reunion in ID (L-r): Shannon Wiens, Norma (Cornelius) Larson, Mona (Townsend) Yount, & JoAnne Murphy (Dianne Depenbrink took the photo)