

BHS Class of 1972 Reunion - 53 Years

For all that were in our grade at some time, whether a BHS graduate or not.

A backyard event hosted by John & Kathy (*Libbey*) Blehm

4599 Lange Rd, Taymouth Twp, Michigan

The 3rd Saturday in August - 8/16/2025



Kathy Blehm

*In Memory of our classmates
that have died since our last reunion*



Mary Jane Rivett

August 29, 1953 - February 21, 2025



Ramona Yvonne Sampson Barnes

May 31, 1954 - August 29, 2024



Norma Jean Baase Nelson

May 6, 1954 - February 4, 2025

*We know of 80 classmates that are deceased and their names are listed on our BHS1972.org site,
with an obituary or other information about them linked to the last name of most.*

Please let me know of others that you are aware of and others as they pass.

Classmate Messages and Correspondences

Joann Egbert Adamczyk
Cranberry Twp, PA

[I'd mentioned I remember we were in a junior high class together and here is part of Joann's reply]

Hey John,

Had to chuckle when I saw Mr. Rezler's name! Visions of him standing in the doorway of the classroom scratching his back on the door frame...

I enjoy the pics and updates on our classmates and I thank you for taking the time to do all that...

Take care John, both you and Kathy.

With many blessings,

Leanne Belt Hagerel Clift
Grapevine, TX

Dear Kathy & John,

Thank you so much for hosting the reunion again. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend, but I wanted you to have these pictures that survived my fire!

I hope you have a big turnout & Beautiful weather! Please tell everyone "hello" for me.

Tim Sorokin
Saginaw, MI

Thanks again for hosting and organizing our BHS class of '72 reunions. It was great to see the "Old" gang again! Thanks for making it happen!!!

Penny Tolfree Elliot
Birch Run, MI

I really would like to make one but we go away every year for our Anniversary which is the 18th, so we are never home at that time. It is so nice of you to host this. Maybe one time I will be home but not this year again.

Lorraine Gray Antieau
Chicago, IL

Greetings to all classmates from BHS Class of '72! I continue to stay busy with many friendships, community activities and interests. Dave and I have been married 49 years as of August 21. He retired last October, and we are enjoying more flexibility in our schedules, traveling and also exploring our great hometown of Chicago! Hope to see you at the next reunion!

Mike Easlick
Grand Rapids, MI

I was so hoping we would be blessed to have the opportunity to meet once again. I have really enjoyed the past two reunions. I'm 2.5 hours away in Grand Rapids, but I'm more than happy to make the drive to all who attend. It's a perfect, relaxing atmosphere being outdoors as well.

Thank you both for doing this!

**Al Zabarrck
Gaylord, MI**

Looking forward to seeing all my friends.

**Thomas Grunow
Gladwin, MI**

Hey everyone. We had a GREAT year since our last reunion. We made our way to our home in The Villages Florida for the winter then flew to our son Eric's in Seattle for Christmas and our oldest granddaughter's 5th birthday. Got to experience winter again (hate it) as we flew back to Michigan in January where our daughter, Brittni, gave birth to our third granddaughter Chloe. February was a Caribbean cruise to the ABC islands. March did a week in Daytona Beach and drove the Daytona 500 Track - 6 laps got up to 100 mph - Pretty Cool! April was Cape Canaveral for a week - saw 4 rocket launches - Awesome! May met daughter and family in Nashville then home to Michigan. Lots of golf all year. Enjoying the Michigan summer!

**Allen Ross
Catawissa, MO**

Thank you for hosting this enjoyable event.

**Barb Weideman Konuszewski
Saginaw, MI**

Greetings, to all. Don and I are coming up on our 52nd anniversary (child bride...lol) Like most classmates, we're no longer working and enjoying retirement. We can't make the reunion this year-we have a family wedding. We sure hope to make the next get-together. I hope that you enjoy your day and the great hospitality that John and Kathy has put together for our class. Wishing everyone the very best. There is a FB messenger page called BHS 1972 Bearcats if anyone wants to join or connect with classmates. Go Bearcats 1972!

**Kendra Haas Bogart
Savannah, GA**

Can't wait to see you all!

**Rosa Gonzales Flores
Elkhart, IN**

Retired from the post office after 15 years of service. Best job I've ever had. Retired 2 yrs ago. Definitely miss all my customers.

I had 7 children and 25 grandchildren, with another on the way. The Lord said be fruitful and multiply and we took him seriously. Life is good and I have definitely been blessed.

Excited to see everyone. I will be at every reunion till the good Lord takes me home.

**Jim Armstrong
Eaton Rapids, MI**

Well, John if I am able I'll try to come every time we have a reunion...I've reconnected with some...So the reunions are good as I get a chance to meet more classmates for the "first" time again.

Patti Leach Turner
Saginaw, MI

Bill and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary this past May! How is that even possible! We have 2 sons, Justin and Christopher and both live in southern Michigan. Olivia, our 13 year old granddaughter, is involved in choir and drama, Eli, our 13 year old grandson, plays on the Jag travel soccer league so we're on the road most weekends to join them.

I retired from Covenant after 40 + years as a RN. I enjoyed a varied career, starting in the RNICU, 20 years in Family Medicine and ending as a hospice nurse at Cartwright. A highlight was the 3 trips I took with resident doctors from CMU on Medical missions, to remote Mayan villages in Guatemala. We enjoy traveling to Oregon and Tucson each year and just returned from our annual "Christmas Gift" vacation in Elk Rapids with our families. Next Spring is a family trip to several western National Parks. Water and woods are my happy places and nature has always been my medicine. After being on the board of directors at the Eastside Soup Kitchen for 7 years, we both continue to volunteer weekly making over 1,000 meals daily. I continue to volunteer as a cuddler in the RNICU and VNA hospice. (My secret for staying young!)

Carl (Doug)las Lade
Midland, MI

Hi all,

Another year has passed. It is notable that over 53 years have elapsed since we stood together on the football field in our graduation gowns, awaiting the announcement of our names to go up and receive our diploma. At that time, many felt both anticipation and uncertainty regarding what lay ahead. For most, it was a milestone of great significance in their lives up to that moment.

We fondly recall the positive experiences shared with friends and acquaintances over the years. As life progressed, many of these meaningful connections faded due to changing circumstances. Reunions provide valuable opportunities to reconnect with former classmates while fostering new relationships that may have been previously overlooked.

There have been very few changes compared to last year. Karen is currently residing with me, although the duration of this arrangement is uncertain. We spend time watching television, taking occasional drives, and welcoming visits from our children and ten grandchildren when they can join us.

I'm sorry I can't attend this year, but I'll be thinking of you and cherishing our shared memories.

Kevin Perry
Glennie, MI

Sorry, I won't be able to attend again this year. I have training in Lewiston that weekend. Hope everybody has a good time. Please tell them I said hi!

John Blehm
Taymouth Twp, MI

Through my genealogy pastime I've found a few distant connections between classmates and family.

DNA matches show Joann *Egbert* Adamczyk's husband, Dave, is Kathy's half 1st cousin.

DNA also shows Debbie Kabobel (1954-2020) was my 4th cousin, once removed.

June *Curtis* Duncan is a 1st cousin, once removed to my son-in-law, Creg.

"It's a Small World After All".

Paula Zdrojkowski Young
Lansing, MI

Dear Kathy -

Thanks for doing this again this year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Nothing much has happened for me in the past year...just lots of doctor appointments and in January my ex-husband died.

Dick LaDouce
Saginaw, MI

Thank you for letting me know about this again. We couldn't make it last year. I was sick all year with cancer. "Doing a lot better". Thanks again!

Kathy Libbey Blehm
Taymouth Twp, MI

The Good: John and I are now great-grandparents. Our oldest granddaughter and her husband are expecting their firstborn son in late October.

We enjoy walking our wooded trails and around the field. We also like riding the Ranger around, as our dog follows along.

Family and friends are important to us. We look forward to hosting Libbey and Blehm family reunions each summer. Also, our kids, grandkids and their families have a standing invitation to our "Second Sunday" get-togethers on the second Sunday of each month from 4pm until the last one leaves.

Birthdays and holidays that fall within the month are celebrated during these gatherings.

The Bad: Health issues are challenging for all of us as we get older. John has had heart issues for the past 30 plus years. I have osteoporosis. Instead of taking a med for the osteoporosis, I've chosen to do water aerobics that will hopefully improve my bone density. Come what may, God will never leave us or forsake us.

The Ugly: This past year I went skydiving. It was an adventure I'll always remember! John said, after watching the video, that I looked like Rocky the Flying Squirrel...I agreed. It's amazing how a face can flap in the wind! LOL

Jean Rohde Brotemarkle
Bridgeport, MI

I'm retired from 40 years as P.T.A. [Physical Therapy Assistant] and kitchen worker.

A Special Thank You

We try to keep the cost per person to attend the reunion very low, yet there are many incidental expenses associated with putting it on. Here is a special Thank You to several of our classmates that have shared those costs with us by making some very generous donations!

What about a reunion next year?

Some of us feel we should have an annual class reunion after 50 years. Kathy and I have hosted our backyard reunions for three years now, and a change of venue may be nice. If you are going to host a reunion for our class, in 2026, please let us know. If no other classmate(s) takes it on and we are still able, we'll host it again on the 3rd Saturday in August.

Go to BHS1972.org to view and print our past reunion pamphlets, with more biographies, messages and other information.

Classmates Planning to attend this reunion

Jim Armstrong, Eaton Rapids MI
Tom Bailey, Bay City MI
John Blehm, Birch Run MI
Mel Deegan, Pahoa HI
Sandy *Dyer* Lake, Saginaw MI
Mike Easlick, Grand Rapids MI
Kim *Eisenlord* Bryan, Frankenmuth MI
Nancy Gerken Thurston, Port Sanilac, MI
Erlinda *Gonzales* Matzke, Birch Run MI
Rose *Gonzales* Flores*, Elkhart IN
Tom Grunow, Gladwin MI
Kendra *Haas* Bogart, Savannah GA
Sharen *Inman* Schulz, Saginaw MI
Mike Kwapis, Roscommon MI
Bob Kwapis*, Frankenmuth MI
Dick LaDouce, Saginaw MI
Patti *Leach* Turner, Saginaw MI
Kathy *Libbey* Blehm, Birch Run MI
Roxanne *Lieber* Kern*, Birch Run MI
Teresa *Millette* Casselman, Clio MI
Gary O'Dell*, Saginaw MI
Jim Parth*, Frankenmuth MI
Shelly *Pinet* Davis, Sault Sainte Marie MI
Jean *Rohde* Brotemarkle, Bridgeport MI
Allen Ross, Catawissa MO
Dan Schoenow*, Bridgeport MI
Loretta *Schram* Morton, Hartland MI
Robert John Schultz, Midland MI
Tom Vance*, Frankenmuth MI
Al Zabarcki, Gaylord MI
Paula *Zdrojkowski* Young, Lansing MI

**Thank you to classmates that volunteered to help with parking, cleanup, etc.*