

# First Undergraduate Forestry Class



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## 50 Years Later... (1971-2021)





***Class of '71***  
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# Reflections

Thanks to all of you, the UW Forestry Class of 1971 for sharing your incredible stories and career accomplishments. Reading through them makes you pause and reflect on how we remember each other - our quirks, craziness and talents. The stories reflect the gamut of sadness and joy, struggles and tremendous successes. Yes, in the end we all seem to have been blessed by great training and the courage to pursue different job opportunities in distant parts of the country. Also, we have been lucky – lucky to meet great partners to help us through the challenges of life and career(s). Let's all raise a glass to our partners.

Hopefully, this summary of thoughts will cause each of us to think about and communicate with each other a little more often. In retrospect, these 50 years seem to have gone by very fast. Let's use the years ahead to appreciate each other's company and communicate whenever we can.

Thanks to Wendy Liska for editing this collection of contact information and career highlights into a summary that is useful, and enjoyable.



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**Trail maintenance and timber sale crew member on Arapaho National Forest (US Forest Service CO) (summer of 1971)** Worked out of Hot Sulfur Springs, Colorado for six months on timber sales and trail maintenance. Learned to ski down mountains without skis and catch cutthroat trout by hand. Also, not to drink from streams that some animal may have visited up stream. High light: Ice cold Coors beer after a week of climbing around the mountains, swatting mosquitoes.

**Forestry trainee in the Madison Area (Wisconsin DNR) (1972 - 1973)** Forestry in southern Wisconsin is all on private land. Learned that some foresters can get lost in a woods surrounded by corn fields and pulling a big Lowther tree planting machine with a car is not a good idea. Also, that Southern Wisconsin is not a good place for someone with hay fever. High light: Meister Brau Beer and Swiss cheese in New Glarus (before New Glarus Brewing Company).

**County forester in Clark County (Wisconsin DNR) (1973 - 1981)** I picked a county that was mostly flat and didn't have a lot of vegetation with thorns. Learned to successfully bow hunt white tail deer in the "big woods" and canoe white water. Also, began making wine from handpicked woodland fruit. Found that I enjoy the accomplishments that come with building and house renovation. High light: fresh cheese curds direct from the cheese factory.

**Married Deborah Hass 1976** She made excellent cookies!

**Forestry Work Unit Supervisor at Hayward (Wisconsin DNR) (1981 - 1997)** Learned that supervising people is more work and more stressful than managing trees – also more rewarding when done right. Bought a “fixer upper” house on Nelson Lake, a used boat, and learned to fish for walleyes. Added making venison sausage and furniture construction to my hobbies. High light: fresh garden vegetables and beautiful flowers from the wife’s garden.

**Two daughters Amy 1982 and Kate 1985** Learned to referee fights. Also, kids can really surprise you with what they are capable of doing when they want to.

**Nursery Supervisor for the Hayward State Nursery (Wisconsin DNR) (Feb. 1997 – 2012 retired)** DNR reorganized and landed me at the Hayward Nursery. Producing 10-15 million seedlings annually as well as collecting and processing most of the seed proved to be an interesting challenge for someone used to cutting trees. Learned to hire and supervise large groups of people, apply forest management practices in developing tree planting plans, and manage large budgets. Also, that politics can have an influence on resource management.

**Elected to Town of Lenroot board of supervisors 2011** Learned about local government responsibilities. I never knew that town government had so much impact on people’s lives. People show up and voice their opinions only when they think things are not going right.

**Two grandchildren Emma 2014 and Owen 2017** Kids can be a lot of fun when you don’t have to live with them 24-7. You again, get to appreciate the promise, wonder, and energy of youth!

**Elected Town of Lenroot chairman (2014 – present)** Serving in local government is my chance to pay back for a rewarding 40+ year career as a government forester doing what I was trained to do in a profession that became my passion.

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My professional career: After graduation in 1971 I went to work with the USFS at the Southern Research Station gathering timber inventory data over much of Louisiana, and parts of Mississippi and west Texas. It was a great first job because I learned excellent woodsman skills and saw some interesting country and many spectacular sites. In 1974 I landed a timber forester's job on a Ranger District of the Homochitto NF located in Gloster, Mississippi. I mention that because it is where I met and married the love of my life, Colleen Gail Vines. When Gail and I left Gloster we spent the next 25 years wandering around the South, all with the USFS working in various timber management positions at the Ranger District level, but mostly in South Carolina and Mississippi. We made homes in Union, SC, then Bude, MS, Aiken, SC, Georgetown, SC, and Gilbert, SC. In 2000, I accepted the timber sale contracting officer's position at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Columbia, SC (Francis Marion & Sumter NF's). Then 12+ years later (Dec. 2013) I retired from the Forest Service and we moved to our current home in Seneca.

Our family (3 sons) all live in South Carolina. Two of our sons are married and have given us 4 grand-children to pander to (3 grandsons and 1 grand-daughter). I spend a lot of time in my wood-working shop creating all sorts of projects. Gail and I both enjoy gardening, yard-work, and, of course, enjoying our family and spending time with our grandchildren.





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### Name - Rank - Serial #:

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### My own businesses:

- 1) Landlooker Forestry, LLC “We Cut No Tree Before Its Time” 2000 – 2021
- 2) Paladin Forestry 2011 – 2021 “Have Paint Gun, Will Travel”.

Planning new LLC – Hill Point Hasse Forestry “Wild Bill From Loganville”.

**Personal:**

Married Sue Marineau May 1972. Our son is Fr. Ben Hasse in Houghton, MI. Our older daughter is Dr. Rebecca Hasse Lavelle in Knoxville, TN. Our younger daughter is Libby Hasse in Houston, TX where she works as an immigration lawyer. A family joke is being developed which starts out "A Catholic priest, a Female Urologist and an Immigration Lawyer walk into a bar....." the rest is TBA. We have lived in the same house in Iron Mt., MI since July 1980.

**Brush Strokes:**

Wisdom from logger – no tree worth dying for. Landowner – how much per bushel are you going to pay me? UW professors – no need to learn surveying, road building, you are being trained to be USFS Forest Supervisors. I did many hours of line running and spent hundreds of thousands (millions?) of \$ building logging roads. USFS not interested in hiring straight, white males. To get a civil service job in 1974 needed to be top in class, veteran, wounded (& also from some group considered "diverse"). Bear & wolf stories. Anybody ever asked to do a triple integral? Trees grow. Corporate & gov't agency landowners no better stewards than individuals/families, they just have PR people. Forestry concept of sustainability understood by very few. Sustained yield pattern of lawn mowing never won acceptance by my family. Forest is dynamic, not static as most of the general public thinks. We don't know near as much about this as we think we do. I look forward to the life of the world to come.

Sorry I slept in classes so much. Should have gotten to know professors better. Unresolved issues – deer, forest fires/ fuel, aging forest, need for active mgt., invasives, and exotics. I killed many deer, grouse & rabbits while on duty. My dogs lived well. Upon retirement I was shocked to learn there was nothing in the Constitution which guaranteed me a 4WD truck and gas card. Why did no one work on GMO Ironwood or oak regen? Cotta's Preface very good. Bayesian stats should be used more.

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I began my career with the Bureau of Land Management in July 1971 with the Eugene, Oregon District. We managed about 380,000 acres of Oregon and California railroad lands now under Federal control. Timber production was the primary objective with one half of timber sale proceeds being returned to the counties. That financial system was changed in the early eighties with significant consequences.

I was blessed to have a variety of jobs during my career. Our District believed in cross training the employees to provide a well-rounded workforce. I started as a cruiser's assistant. We mostly did 100% cruise in old growth D. fir timber. Learning how to move through the steep, brush filled slopes of the Oregon Coast Range was a big challenge initially. The largest fir I ever measured was more than 11 feet DBH.

I transferred to the silviculture group in 1973 doing stocking surveys and administering tree planting and pre-commercial thinning contracts. We typically planted more than 500,000 trees over 3 to 4 months to reforest the clear-cuts. Site prep was spotty at best. On one memorable occasion I arrived at a work area to conduct an inspection. The work crew was from a colony of Russian immigrants who preferred to camp at their work sites. As I walked through their camp I noticed 2 chickens running free. I returned to the camp after the inspection to discuss the results with the crew which had returned to have lunch.

Now there was only one chicken, still running free. The other, having been partially cooked, was being plucked and gutted. Bon appetit.

A focus on timber sales came next. Stand recon, unit layout, contract prep, sale administration, and site prep completed the cycle. I found that working with purchasers and loggers was particularly rewarding. Contract language has limitations but I was familiar with the resource objectives behind the contract. Operational challenges were the norm. Getting buy-in from them was more important to me than merely getting their compliance.

10 years of timber sale work was followed by 8 years as a fuels specialist and aviation coordinator. My fire experience actually started in 1972 in Allakaket, Alaska. Talk about a wake-up call. 200,000+ acres of fire, midnight sun, wolves, mosquitoes, and working with native Alaskan fire crews, baths in the Koyukuk River, what's not to like. Most of the fuels work was on the District. Site-prep and slash disposal became a prominent issue in the early 80's. Broadcast burning was the primary method and the O&C lands checkerboard ownership pattern often required us to set fire to BLM slash and keep the fire off of adjoining private land. I prepared a detailed burn plan for each operation in addition to serving as Burn Boss on some of them. Much of this work developed from my wildfire training. My wildfire experience included 2 missions to Alaska, with others to Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming including a month in Yellowstone Park in 1988 where I served as Situation Unit Leader on the North Fork Fire responsible for all fire mapping. My daily updates required every-other-day helicopter flights around the fire perimeter. After take-off on one of the flights I turned around (left front seat) and saw smoke pouring out of the engine. I grabbed the pilots sleeve and pointed to the smoke. A very quick, somewhat hard landing followed and we scrambled out. We found out later that a broken hydraulic line was shooting fluid onto the manifold. I now avoid helicopters.

Perhaps the most satisfying point of my career came while in the fire business. Site prep had been largely limited to broadcast burning with some piling by hand with burning. Some tractor piling was done on flat ground. A conversation with another Fuels Specialist from eastern Oregon brought up the idea of using small excavators to pile slash and brush. I secured the assistance of our road maintenance crew and a rented excavator to experiment. Over a few weeks in 1990 we discovered the possibilities and I developed a set of specifications for a service contract. We moved on to larger machines and developed techniques to avoid soil compaction. We were able to pile slash and uprooted brush for burning during the winter during approaching weather fronts when fire danger was near zero and when smoke management was the most advantageous. The duff layer and large logs were left in place and unwanted brush was no longer a problem. I presented the results along with slides and video and specifications at a Fuels conference in Portland to more than 200 people from government and industry. Excavator piling on slopes up to 50% is now common throughout Oregon and Washington and broadcast burning has been greatly reduced.



I finished out my career as Resource Area Silviculturist. I and four others conducted planting, pre-commercial thinning, noxious weed control, fertilization, and stewardship projects.

I retired in May, 2008.



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1971-1972 - MS grad student under Alan Ek

1973-1975 - Forestry Officer/Peace Corps volunteer, Swaziland, Africa where I established a very small nursery containing mostly *Pinus patula* until it got wiped out by hail, established a 20 hectare plantation, tested other exotics to see how well they grew in Swaziland and issued wattle bark quota to Swazi farmers

1975 - Six months travel through Africa and Europe via thumb, shank's mare, taxi, bus, train, and plane

1975-1976 - Dairy farmed on my wife's father's dairy farm with Bill Hasse

1977-1979 - Forester on Guam where I built a greenhouse (maybe just a roof) to withstand 155 mph winds, but would break when hit by a flying palm tree and established another small plantation on the impervious, volcanic, clay soils of southern Guam, also tested other exotics to see how well they invaded the clay soils of southern Guam to match the invasive *Tanganyika* used to revegetate the northern limestone soils after WWII

1979 - Interviewed for an Inventory Forester job in Iron Mountain MI with Champion International, which I told Bill Hasse about and who got the job



1980 - Computer programmer for Champion to measure timber cruiser's productivity

1980-1981 - Computer programmer for STEMS, the Forest Service's individual tree growth model they used for FIA - nation wide permanent plot forest inventory. Created the name TWIGS for the PC version of STEMS, which was the small version of STEMS and the FS had to make into an acronym

February 1981 - Consulting in Botswana for something that was way out of my league to return 2 hours before the birth of my eldest son

June 1981 - Moved to Cloquet MN

1981-2000 - Inventory Forester for Potlatch Corp, which had 150,000 to 225,000 acres of timberland in MN and WI where I managed the forest inventory and computerized the truck scales twice before Potlatch decided that I should go on permanent sabbatical and they decided to sell their mills and lands and move out of the state

2000-present - GIS Specialist and Land Information Manager at Fond du Lac Indian Reservation where I make property maps, GPS government corners, manage land information - ownership, leases, and right of ways, and steal land from the Whites and give it to the Indians



### Hobbies

Work overseas

Remodel house

Own 24.605 acres of Sauk County, WI timberland, where it is nearly impossible to sell pine thinnings or pulpwood. The flatland loggers only want veneer oak. Same problem 50 years ago.

After the kids and wife moved out to explore their own lives, I took up long distance skiing, running and biking. Did 37 marathons or ultras since 2009. Best time was 3hr 52 min, which qualified me for Boston. Ran (and some good walking) in Boston, US, Berlin, Wales, France, Amazon jungle, Antarctica, Australia, Mongolia, and Jordan; biked 1,000 miles in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and New Zealand; multiple canoe trips to the BWCA and Canada with one 17-day trip to the Northwest Territories. Did 12 Birkies along with some other long distance skiing events.

Mary and I have 3 children - Jeff a computer engineer at SAPPI, which now makes fabric material out of wood along with some paper, Kristina a doctor at U of MN with a desire to go back overseas to Laos, and Brian, who has a PhD and is a Rhodes Scholar, he now is an entrepreneur having dealt with biofuels analysis, manufacture of diesel out of restaurant grease, snoring app, and a lighted, fire breathing, fogging magic wizard's staff with a dragon's head. Mary was SAPPI's pulp mill manager before retiring, having started with a Med Tech degree.





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## Hello!

Just finished reading the “two paragraphs” Ken and I requested that each of you compose.

Quite an informative read. Diverse, insightful, introspective and amusing. Truly reflective of the “gang of seventeen” I knew 50 years ago. I’m going to take a cue from Jon and keep my reflections short & simple. Here goes —

“It was a dark and stormy night”, oh wait, that’s already been done. Although it does describe my gut feelings after taking one of Prof. Arvanitis’ exams. Oh well, after we finished up in May of ‘71, I somehow managed to get into grad school and stayed in Madison for another year. Ken Rauscher, also pursuing his MS, was my roommate. Finished up in late Fall of ‘72. Unlike the majority of you who chose to pursue the more traditional cords, boards, and fiber Forestry route, I switched gears into urban forestry. The forestry emphasis was placed on the environmental, economic, social/psychological, and aesthetic benefits of trees. I had always been intrigued by the positive impact of trees and green spaces on urban and suburban communities. I used the template Jim Kielbaso developed at Michigan State. Basically, the course work involved urban & regional planning, landscape architecture and a touch of personnel management.

My first job (1972-1978) was as Village Forester for the Village of Chenequa in Waukesha County. I had the opportunity to be mentored there by a veteran Davey Tree Company arborist. He literally and figuratively taught me the ropes. It was gratifying to actually incorporate my UW formal education with the practical world.

In early 1978, I took the position of City Forester with the Waukesha Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. Basically, overseeing and managing the city's street and park tree program. In essence, each tree was managed as its own "forest". All trees were cataloged into a computerized street and park tree inventory system. One of the most satisfying aspects of this job was the acquisition, preservation, development, and management of those parklands. Maintaining the urban forest was the fun part of the job. Managing people, however, was at times challenging and dealing with elected officials (sorry Gordy & Ed) and city engineers could be a pain. During this time I had the opportunity to closely interact with the Wisconsin Arborist Association and was Chair of the DNR's Urban Forestry Council. I also had a hoot staying in touch with the "college community" by teaching technical tree climbing for 27 years as an adjunct professor of Urban Forestry at UW-Stevens Point.

As an anecdotal aside to the forestry career was my observation that "one-hundred year serious weather events" really occurred every 6 to 8 years.

I retired in 2008 and still keep involved as a board member of the Park Foundation of Waukesha.

These days, Wendy, my wife of 31 years, (and yes, Craig, I couldn't pull this off w/o her) and I split our time between Waukesha and our lake place in Boulder Junction, WI. We have 3 adult "kids" and 8 grandchildren. In my spare moments, I enjoy woodworking, cooking, tending the backyard "arboretum" and muskie fishing.



Together, we've become fans of backpacking (Porkies locally and Glacier NP occasionally), biking (especially in Vilas County), and kayaking our favorite places in Door County, the Keweenaw, and the Apostle Islands.

I am sure many of you have discovered that "Getting older ain't for sissies" and that gentlemen is why they make good cigars and fine bourbon. I've thought of our "gang of 17" many times over the ensuing 50 years and am looking forward to "Zooming" with all of you soon.

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Over the next 28 years I worked primarily in all phases of timber management at 6 various locations in Montana. The work included silviculture, timber sales preparation and administration.

Later in my career I was heavily involved in environmental analysis. The highlight of my career was a 5 year stint as a member of the national NEPA cadre on Forest Plan Implementation (FPI). That work allowed me to teach the FPI course in 6 different FS Regions.

I finished my career in Helena, MT as the Timber Management Officer for the Helena National Forest responsible for the entire timber program on the Forest.

I retired in August of 2003. For several years after that I did some pre-sale contract work during the summer and fall months.

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## Fifty Years – can that be right??

I haven't published any books, been elected to public office or made millions in the stock market; on the other hand I haven't been convicted of any major crimes or spent time in prison. My standards may be a bit low, but generally I've been pretty lucky over the past fifty years.

I finished my master's degree under Drs. Lester, Berbee and Boyle in 1973. And as most of you know I took part of the Forestry Department with me when I left – Carolyn and I were married in 1973. I accepted a job with the Michigan Department of Agriculture in 1973 and Carolyn and I moved to Midland, Michigan – home of the Dow Chemical Co.

Our intent was for me to work for the Plant Industry Division for a year or two until a forestry job opened up in the Motherland. The Plant Industry Division is an enforcement unit dealing with agricultural products, pesticides and plant pests. The Division, because of its plant pest activities has always hired horticulturalists, entomologists, plant pathologists and of course a lot of foresters. Having grown up on a small dairy operation near Marshfield and with my UW training, the job turned out to be a great fit. I worked with dedicated and fun people, and had great bosses and in the end, I couldn't find a good reason to leave MDA.



Carolyn and I have two daughters, Erin born in 1975 and Heather born in 1978. Erin is a high school English teacher and lives with her husband and our two grandsons in Fort Wayne, IN. Heather is a preschool teacher who lives near us in Dewitt, MI.

Carolyn worked for the Michigan State University Extension as a secretary in Midland – resigning when Erin was born. She spent the last half of her career as a reading teacher for East Lansing Public Schools.

I worked as an inspector in East Central Michigan, certifying nursery stock, enforcing pesticide laws and working on exotic pest programs such as gypsy moth and Japanese beetle until 1987. At that time Carolyn and I uprooted the family and moved to Lansing so I could take a job as agricultural products manager for the division – feed, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, etc. Again for me a great fit. Carolyn handled work and our home, the girls prospered and we enjoyed that part of our married life.

In 1995 I had the opportunity to become director of the division which by then was renamed the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division – just call it 3PM. Again, a chance to work with great staff and administrators and direct some significant programs. In 1996 to 2000 we were charged with implementing EPA's food quality protection act and from 2002 to 2006 we spearheaded the Emerald Ash borer eradication effort in cooperation with USDA – APHIS. Obviously we didn't win this battle, but we discovered new challenges for our staff and they responded. I retired from MDA in 2010. Along the way I met, worked with and traveled alongside a lot of great people. UW provided me the scientific and communication skills to make it an enjoyable trip.

When I retired I had no plans to work, but then was asked to work part time for the National Plant Board – an association of state plant pest control officials. The NPB had just begun a project looking at using a systems approach to certifying nursery stock for interstate and international shipping and needed a project manager. This was a great project with dedicated folks developing an improved certification model. I left that position to fully retire in June 2017. Well, in January 2018, I needed a little structure in my life so I took a part time position as field enumerator with USDA – National Ag. Statistics Service. I work a few hours a week and enjoy the contact with the farm community. Carolyn is happy as it gets me out from under foot and she says it pays for my golf habit. So yeah, I'm a retirement failure, but Carolyn and I are still doing it our way.

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## Life After our 1971 Graduation!

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We grew 2 million tree seedlings from seed yearly - slash, loblolly, and longleaf pine. The Nursery grew tree seedlings from seed for the State's use and under contract for large paper companies, e.g., Scott. This was farming - from planting the seed thru weeding thru harvesting ("lifting") and shipping.

I remained at Hauss through the end of the 1974 growing, "lifting", and shipping seasons. I resigned at the end of the year because the season was over and I'd had enough of the South.

Plus the fact my only neighbors were 2 state of Alabama maximum security prisons.

**1975** Crew member (4-mo. temp.) // Forest Tree Inventory // Bitterroot N.F. // Hamilton, MT

**1976** Crew leader (long-term temp.) // Forest Tree Inventory // Beaverhead N.F. // Dillon, MT

**1977** Crew leader (long-term temp.) // Forest Tree Inventory // Beaverhead N.F. // Dillon, MT

(I met my wife Kitty there and we were married in June 1977.

**1978 - 2005**

**March 1978**

Kitty and I moved to Kansas City, MO so I could begin a permanent position with the US Army, Corps of Engineers. The job and office had a big, long title: Environmental Resources Planner, Environmental Resources Division, Planning Branch, Kansas City District, Missouri River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, (The Corps has a Kansas City, MO (and Omaha, NE) office in the middle of the US because of the Missouri River, designated a "navigable waterway of the US". The Corps is responsible for channel "maintenance" dredging plus a bunch of other stuff Congress has given them.)

I worked in the block-long, 12-story Federal Building in downtown KC as a civilian in the Army. It was a while before I got used to the Army's style and requirements for writing. It helped that most of my co-workers and immediate supervisors were civilians like myself.

The main part of my job involved writing & reviewing environmental documents for Corps projects such as dams and lakes, local flood protection levees, plus Missouri river dredging. We tried to keep the other Branches, particularly Designing, Engineering, and Construction, in compliance with the environmental laws. We were the ones who could get mitigation measures included in project designs. They didn't like to see us coming.

Three of the main projects I worked on included the Harry S. Truman (HST) Dam & Reservoir, Warsaw, MO; several Missouri River Levee Projects; and the massive flood protection repairs following the Flood of 1993.

I took early retirement in 2005 . I'd reached a point where the job was extremely wearing and although I was still relatively "young" at the time I could get early retirement, get out of that job, and be okay. I'd had enough with the Army COE and their destructive mindset.

## **KITTY**

I supported Kitty through her college studies and with her job hunt after graduation. I began a full-time role helping and supporting Kitty with her 2017-2018 battle with breast cancer.

**Dec 30, 2018** (I won't forget the date)

I woke up with a start. Kitty was lying next to me but very still. She had died suddenly, in her sleep, overnight, lying right there next to me in bed. I hadn't heard or felt anything. (The following days, months, year of 2019 were extremely rough. I'm glad COVID wasn't around then. (I've just had to remember the full 41 years we did have together.)

## **Family**

We didn't have any children, although we made a pretty good effort.

My parents are both gone, my Dad in 1989; my Mother in 2008

Both of my brothers, my 2 sisters-in-law, plus my 2 nieces and 1 nephew doing well

## **Work since retirement?**

No employment but I've kept pretty busy and satisfied doing volunteering work for local neighborhood, environmental, service, and citizen groups & committees. It's amazing the people I've met & worked with since my job. Senior citizen programs have also become part of my life.

## **LATELY**

I've finally gotten used to being widowed and living as a single again. That began last year. I guess COVID helped me there. I got both of my COVID vaccine shots last month. Fortunately, I never caught that damn bug. My solitary life and my care with masks helped me there.

I'm glad we have that ZOOM thing and that I'm able to access and use it but I have to say I'm getting tired of that "Z" word. Although I don't miss the formal dress-up for work and in-person meetings I can't wait until groups & organizations can start having safe in-person gatherings.

I have put the quiet times of the past 6 months to some use getting someone hired to do a few long-delayed home repair projects around here. There's still a pretty good list of things but it's mostly small stuff that I can work on.

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Having gotten my B.S. in 1971 and being unable to secure employment, I made the choice to pursue graduate school in the Department of Landscape Architecture. I spent the summer of 1971 with another student doing a site analysis of the Kemp Biological Station for the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. My thesis was directed toward scenic roadside management in National Forests. The summer of 1972 found me working for the Nicolet National Forest assisting the Landscape Architect.

In early 1973, I happened upon a position of City Forester for the City of Highland Park, IL on the Northshore of Chicago. Being offered the job and having a wedding planned for June of 1973, I started employment in May and I gave up my pursuit of a Master's Degree.

A memorable event was my changing from a Dutch Elm Beetle spraying contract with an orchard fan sprayer application set up by my predecessor to a contract using hydraulic spray guns. The window of time was poor that year and the local newspaper had a headline, "City Forester Refuses to pass over on the Passover".

It is this job where I met two individuals, Larry Rice – City Manager and George Bonnett – Director of Public Works. They probably had the most impact on my career going forward.

In 1979, I accepted a job with the City of Milwaukee Bureau of Forestry as the Landscape Operations Supervisor. It was a great job with another terrific mentor in Bob Skiera, the City Forester. I was responsible for directing 12 managers in the maintenance of 113 miles of landscaped and irrigated boulevard medians, numerous other properties and the city nursery. The position allowed me to continue my involvement with the International Society of Arboriculture and in 1986-87 I served as President of the Municipal Arborists and Urban Foresters Society. In 1984-85, I served as President of the City of Milwaukee Association of Municipal Engineers.

In December of 1990, having tired of the politics in municipal government, my wife and I bought Countryside Floral & Garden Center in Grafton, WI. There is something special about having your own business where the decisions you make have a direct impact. You come to realize how much of this country's economy rides on the shoulders of private entrepreneurs. You always wish you knew going in what you knew going out. It became impossible for a small operation to exist in the new paradigm and we closed in 2004.

Being too young at 57 to retire, I found employment at Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls, WI. I acquired my Commercial Driver's License and began as a Landscape Foreman but was soon offered a position with the wholesale office where I did sales and assisted with local and long haul deliveries. In November of 2015, three months shy of being 69 we decided to retire. We sold the house in 2016, put everything in storage, and hit the road spending three weeks in Hawaii and seven months in Europe. That continued for a total of four years until 2020 when we settled in Cape Coral, FL.



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## Hello fellow 1971 UW forestry graduates!!

Fifty Years! In the words of Bob Seger (substitute 50 for 20): "Where'd they go... I don't know". For the most part, I pretty much have my wits about me, so I have a fair-to-good idea "where they've gone."

Twenty-six of those years were spent working for the U.S. Forest Service in California, Louisiana, Texas, Michigan, and Wisconsin with my last duty station in Park Falls, WI having primary responsibilities as a Review Appraiser for the Eastern Region along with other duties.

I thank Jon Dent for putting in a good word for me which led to a permanent position with the Forest Service working out of the Southern Forest Experiment Station on Forest Survey. My first day in the "field" with Jon consisted of killing a cottonmouth or two, wading around (without waders) in waist to chest deep water all day, and culminated with Jon placing my snake-killing, 4.5' d.b.h. stick in a fire ant mound (unbeknownst to me, of course) while we were "checking over" our plot cards. Upon grabbing my d.b.h. stick, I soon discovered what unpleasant creatures fire ants are.

There are initiation protocols that must be observed, you see. In between, we did manage to get in a survey plot. I'm sure the thought crossed my mind about hightailing it back to Wisconsin ASAP.



My job in Park Falls led to meeting Dawn, and we were married in Maui in October of 1992. A year later, we took a week's vacation and spent it looking at vacant land in SW Wisconsin and ended up buying 120 acres in Richland County. That was a fun week! Dawn sold her Abstract and Title business in 1994, I took an early retirement at the end of 1997, and we lived in the family cabin in Richland County until we moved into our new house in February of 1999 and have been here ever since.

Most of our time is spent putzing on the property—home projects, TSI projects, some trail maintenance, periodically burning our five acre prairie, hiking, snowshoeing, gardening (Dawn does just about all the work, but lets me enjoy the benefits), gathering various edibles including berries, hickory nuts, morel and oyster mushrooms, and elderberry flowers that Dawn uses to make St. Germain (I think I'll sip on some right now), keeping tabs on our immediate family—two cats, Friendly and Fluzzy, born under our deck 10 years ago to a feral cat, and, of course, hunting and all the preparations that go with it. We have great deer, turkey, and squirrel hunting along with a decent population of beet-eating rabbits. Dawn always has some quilting, sewing, or embroidery projects going on. We'll take a getaway vacation every now and then, most recently to North Carolina last fall, but once or twice a winter, Dawn and her cousin take trips to warmer climates, mostly in the U.S. My trips are usually centered around hunting somewhere including archery antelope in Montana and some archery elk hunts. Hoping there will be one last Arizona elk hunt not too many years down the road—getting to be too much for this guy!

If you happen to be in the area, look us up.  
And a big "Thank you" to Ken and Dave for all the work involved in putting this together, and, also, to Carolyn and Wendy because I just don't know if those two guys could have pulled this off on their own!

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I was born and raised on a dairy farm near Mayville, Wisconsin. Before going to the University I was in the Army for two years spending a year in Korea and several other bases as a Military Policeman.

I spent six years at the University graduating with a BS and MS. After graduating I took a forester job with the U.S. Forest Service, Hoosier National Forest on the Brownstown Ranger District in southern Indiana.

A year later I was promoted to assistant district ranger on the Shawnee National Forest, Jonesboro District in Southern Illinois. I spent three years there before going to the Nicolet National Forest, Lakewood Ranger District in northern Wisconsin.

I spent three years there before being promoted to district ranger on the Florence Ranger District. I spent eleven years at Florence with a lot of experience fighting forest fires all over the United States and Canada.

I was promoted to district ranger on the Bradford Ranger District in Pennsylvania.

From there I was reassigned to the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as Fire Staff Officer. I was reassigned to the Lakewood - Leona Ranger district in northern Wisconsin as district ranger from there I retired after 30 years in 2002.

Shortly after retiring I was elected to the Florence County Board. I retired after 15 years.





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My career with the US Forest Service started with a seasonal job working on the Sierra National Forest in the small community of Dinkey Creek, California. The town consisted of a lumber mill, a gas station/restaurant/bar, and a grocery store/bar. There were also a few dozen summer homes, a company owned mill town and a Forest Service campground. The area was only accessible during the summer as the road was not plowed in the winter.

As I recall, those of us interested in summer jobs in 1969 met in the forestry building at UW where a list of potential jobs were written on the blackboard. Luckily no one else wanted to go to a place called "Dinkey Creek" and it was a GS-5 (big money in those days) so I jumped at the chance. I would like to thank all of you who didn't want to work there since I met my wife, Elaine, there in 1973. We have been married 46 years and we both enjoyed working for the Forest Service our entire careers.

I was able to work on 10 National Forests in 6 western states, always living in small towns and working with great people. The Forest Service was great at finding compatible jobs for each of us no matter where we were located. I feel very lucky that I was able to work in great locations and get paid to have a picnic in the woods. I owe a lot to the University of Wisconsin for providing that opportunity.

In 1990 Elaine and I picked our favorite among the places we worked and decided to purchase 30 acres in Mancos, Colorado with great views of the mountains and lots of opportunities for outdoor activities to build our future home. I retired in 2005 and our home was completed in 2008 in time for Elaine's retirement.

Steve Zieroth







# *In Memoriam*

*To those  
who have  
gone before  
us...*





# Carl C. Forkes

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**Carl Christopher Forkes, San Diego, CA.**

Born, November 1943, Milwaukee, WI.

Died, June 28th, 2006, San Diego, CA.

Carl worked in insurance and financial services. No further information is available.

# Richard Leifer

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**Richard “Rick” J. Leifer Jr., 73, Beaver Dam, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at Hospice Home of Hope.**

He was born Nov. 19, 1944, in Santa Cruz, California, the son of Richard J. and Bertha M. Fiore Leifer Sr. He was a graduate of UW-Madison. Rick was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Greenland.

He worked for the U.S. Forestry Department and later was a computer programmer for Bonnaville Power in Portland, Oregon. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Beaver Dam, VFW in Beaver Dam and National Rifleman’s Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. Rick led an adventurous life, which involved being a smokejumper out west, fighting forest fires. He was a truly unique person and will be greatly missed.



# Dr. David F. Karnosky

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**Dr. David F. Karnosky, age 59, of Chassell, Michigan, died on October 24, 2008, in Chassell.**

He was born on October 12, 1949, in Rhinelander, WI to Frank and Verna (Forsman) Karnosky. David attended schools in Rhinelander; graduating from the Rhinelander High School in 1967. He was a multiple letter winner in high school athletics which afforded him the opportunity to be considered for the Evans Scholar which he then received. David was one of two student-athletes that earned this prestigious scholarship in the same year and for the first time at RHS, and it paved the way for others to follow.

David made the absolute most of this opportunity by graduating in 1971 with a B.S. degree, his M.S. in 1972 and his Ph.D. in Forest Genetics in 1975, all from the University of Wisconsin Madison. David's first employment was at the New York Botanical Gardens in The Bronx. He married the former Sheryl Bennett on September 12, 1970, in Madison, WI and they eventually settled in Houghton, MI in August of 1983. Dr. Karnosky was a Professor in the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences at Michigan Technological University, Robbins Chair in Sustainable Management of the Environment, Director of the Ecosystem Science Center and Director of the Aspen FACE Project.

He was Michigan Technological University's Researcher of the Year in 1993 and their Board of Governor's Distinguished Scientist in 1993. In 2005, he received the IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award and in 2006, he received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia. Dr. Karnosky was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Ecological Society of America, the International Society of Arboriculture, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, and the Society of Sigma Xi.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sheryl Karnosky of Chassell, MI, two sons David Karnosky of Chassell, MI and Jason Karnosky of Madison, WI, his grandson Cameron Karnosky of Oxford, MI, his two brothers William and Brian (Mary Anne) both of Rhinelander, WI.





# *25th Reunion in our 26th Year!*

## *Pictures to Remember! (1997)*










# 25th Reunion in our 26th Year! Pictures to Remember! (1997)



Dang we all looked good then!







*We hope to  
see you  
“in-person”!*

**Bring your own lawn chair and willingness to reconnect! Beer, brats, chips and condiments will be provided. If you prefer something else please bring it!**

**Campfire pit, grills, and picnic tables provided. Open shelter if inclement weather.**

***11 AM - 4 PM,  
August 15th, 2021***



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*Preferred Not to Participate								





## Epilogue

Well folks, what can you say?  
Madison in the late sixties and  
early seventies. A tumultuous  
time, a historic era. Rich in  
memories and full of  
challenges. Sometimes,  
heartwarming, sometimes  
heartbreaking. All shared by the  
“original and unique gang of  
seventeen”

The UW-Forestry Class of 1971

Best to all.  
Take care.  
Stay in touch!

Indeed Craig, “Fifty years,  
where did they go?”

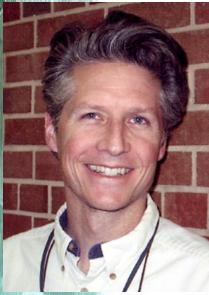
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