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An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The image shows a dense residential area with many houses, streets, and trees. In the background, the city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky. The text "BUILDING MESSMER" and "BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY" is overlaid on the image in large, white, bold letters.

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Cover: The view from Messmer toward downtown Milwaukee offers a perspective on the importance of building partnerships that strengthen Messmer and the community in which we study, live and work.

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BUILT TO ENDURE

An enduring commitment

Dear Alumni and Friends,



I am especially excited for you to read this issue of *Messmer Today* because I think it captures the deepest truths about the real legacy of this 93-year old institution. Some say that we educators are in the ‘futures’ business; I prefer to think of it as the business of human vocation.

We educate the whole person: body, mind, and soul. We build leaders and we build communities – in our three Messmer schools and in Milwaukee. We work with students to help them understand what they are being called to do in the world using their unique gifts. Some of what you will read in the following pages will be about those students; some will be about the alumni who walked our halls years ago.

Messmer was built to endure. It remains a leading presence on Milwaukee’s north side because the institution and its people have a resolve—a commitment to remain relevant to our students, to their families and to the city. We are committed to a supporting a campus ministry that includes Art & Activism Retreats and an Ignatian Leaders program. We are committed to extending the school year by providing summer school options for students who

need extra help to achieve or attain grade-level proficiency. We are also looking at alternative models for students who may need additional schooling to stay on course for graduation.

We do all of this on the shoulders of our alumni who have gone before us. We highlight a few of those in this edition of *Messmer Today*. We appreciate the unique gift that Gene and Terri (Jehn) Schulist ’67 provided to our schools, and we are proud to lift up two stories among many – John Gehl and Bob Barry (Bob Doerfler), both 1956 graduates. And we offer a reflection on the recent passing of Paul Schramka ’45.

Messmer is a strong, well-known name in Milwaukee, not just because of its iconic physical presence, but because of the women and men who have taken what they learned as students and used that knowledge to become the best version of themselves in the service of others.

May God continue to bless the work of our teachers and the hearts of our benefactors.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Piatt'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Piatt
President

GIVING BACK (PACKS)

Messmer elementary school students receive school supplies from committed donor, alumna

When your family needs you, you do whatever you can to help out.

That was the simple motivation behind the decision **Therese “Terri” Schulist (Jehn, MHS ’67)** and her husband, **Gene (MHS ’67)**, made to make a major donation to Messmer Saint Mary and Messmer Saint Rose last year.

But this particular donation was unlike any the Messmer family had ever seen.

The Schulists founded School-Pak, Inc., a school supply delivery company, in 1991 after Terri experienced frustration finding everything she needed on her son’s back-to-school shopping list. In 2018, the couple decided to sell the business, and found themselves with a lot of colorful inventory.

“I had heard about Messmer Saint Mary and Messmer Saint Rose,” said Terri. “I myself had attended St. Leo grade school for grades one through four, and Holy Redeemer for middle school. I felt there was a need for me to give back.”

The couple made what they considered to be an easy decision: they donated nearly \$40,000 worth of folders, notebooks, oil pastels, protractors, pens, markers and rulers that filled 15 shipping palettes that were then delivered to our elementary school students.

As a Messmer High School graduate, Terri also thought of the impact her time at the school had had on her life when considering where to make the donation.

“It’s the community, the vision and the values of Messmer Catholic Schools that continue

throughout our lives,” she said. Many friends she made in high school remain her friends today.

She remembers fondly attending every single basketball game, being in the stands with her fellow Bishops.

“The word ‘community’ says it all. I felt like I was part of a large family,” she says.

Terri’s happiest memory? Her senior prom, which she attended with the young man who would go on to become her husband. “He has been my soul mate for 51 years and my business partner for the last 28 years.”

That lasting relationship is, in Terri’s opinion, a reflection of the impact Messmer makes on the lives of so many. “Messmer is like family. They will always be there for you.” •



Dr. Xavier Cole, a member of our board directors, pictured with 2018-2019 Ignatian Leaders.



IGNATIAN LEADERS — ART & ACTIVISM

Expressing and living a faith-filled life through art

The Ignatian Leaders program is a pilot project, funded by a grant from Gesu Parish, that was designed to share the deeply practical wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola with our students who were already leaders in their communities and who desired to deepen their skills with faith and reflection.

Student leaders in the program were involved in two Art & Activism Retreats as participants, then facilitators. They also shared their insights during all-school prayer services after each retreat.

The retreats were held February 22-24 at Casa Romero Renewal Center and April 5-7 at Camp Whitcomb Mason. Both retreats were offered by Michael Coffey and the Casa Romero Renewal Center. They were facilitated by Casa Romero staff, as well as Milwaukee-area artists.

The first retreat provided opportunities for the students to gain skills at analyzing their current context both in Milwaukee and in Messmer, and to use the power of art to address complex problems and to form a deeply grounded hope for the future.

The activities included various group-forming games; watching and analyzing the film *The Hate U Give*; going on a bus tour of Milwaukee murals with Milwaukee artist Ras 'Ammar Nsoroma; discussing the challenges, opportunities, and hopes of the Messmer community with the facilitating artist; and



then being guided to create the collaborative murals now found in the Commons of Messmer High School.

The second retreat was facilitated by the Ignatian Leaders (with adult support). There were four groups, each with at least one Ignatian Leader who had gone through the process already, and one Milwaukee artist. A total of 22 students from grades 9–12 attended this second retreat. An overwhelming number of students applied to be a part of the second retreat.

The lasting gifts of the retreat are reflected in the comments of MaKayla Harris, now a senior at Messmer: “After leading the Art and Activism Retreat for a host of other Messmer students, I felt like I became more of a vocal leader, as I usually take on the organizational leadership roles. It felt good to use my voice to encourage, guide, and mentor Messmer students about what it means to carry out God’s message while doing something you love.” •

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

Educating for a purpose

MESSMER HIGH SCHOOL has been a stable force on Milwaukee's north side since 1926. Today, the high school is a part of a school system serving 1,500 K-12 students at three sites.

The majority of our students reside in impoverished neighborhoods (such as Harambee, Lindsay Heights, Grover Heights) on Milwaukee's north side. Messmer is a Catholic School. Our faith tradition informs *how* we educate, not *whom*. Through faith and character education, we teach students the importance of being on time, being present and being respectful on the job and in their homes and communities.

WHAT'S NEXT

It is well known nationally that there is a labor shortage in the skilled trades and in technical positions. Whether their next stop is college, trade school or the workforce, we are committed to providing the tools and opportunities to help our students develop the skills they will need to succeed. We believe that developing a healthy work ethic and a commitment to the community is critical to both employability and self-identity.

We have a College and Career Transition Coordinator who works directly with students by engaging colleges, technical schools, and industry partners with apprenticeship programs, internships and job-shadow opportunities.

Recent enhancements in our curriculum to focus on Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) has revealed that our STEM students outperform the general student population in every content area on the ACT exam. ***Research studies show that increased engagement in STEM-based learning has shown improvement in core math as well as reading/language arts.***

AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

In its 2016-2017 U.S. talent shortage survey, the global staffing firm Manpower Group reported that the skilled trades (electricians, welders, bricklayers, plasterers, plumbers, masons and more) have maintained the No. 1 position for vacancies. Southeast Wisconsin employers regularly report the same labor shortages. National estimates from a number of sources indicate a shortage of about 6 million skilled laborers—and growing.



We have outgrown our capacity to expand our programming to meet this demand—we had a significant shortage of seats for STEM classes in each of the last two school years. ***We are at a crossroads and are committed to create the space needed to ensure we are providing the best education and training for our students—tomorrow's workforce.***

HERE'S WHY

Investing in education for sustained employment engages students who are at risk and living in troubled neighborhoods—and keeps them out of the legal system. The disparity between annual federal spending on students and inmates is staggering: the national average for educating a student is \$12,643 per year while the annual state average cost to house an inmate is more than double that amount, at \$28,323.

Productive citizens in the workforce significantly and positively impact the economy in Milwaukee and the state. Messmer is committed to building a workforce of ethical, educated and empowered students...to investing in the future of Milwaukee and of Messmer by investing in our students, their education and their learning space. Stay tuned for more information about how we will meet this need in the months ahead.

PARTNERSHIP IS MORE THAN JUST WORD OR A GOAL AT MESSMER.

- We are a founding member of a public/private/charter school consortium called Building2Learn. This organization works within high schools to create consistent coursework supportive of skilled trade apprenticeships and helps to establish industry partners. (See sidebar at right)
- Messmer Catholic Schools has partnered for several years with the Center for Peacemaking at Marquette University. Initially focused on 5th and 6th grade classrooms, the Peaceworks curriculum, which includes teaching conflict management and resolution techniques, is now being expanded into the high school.
- Messmer has partnered with a major Foundation in Milwaukee to work with our students and Habitat for Humanity to give students real-time building experience while helping to build up the community's housing supply.
- Students from Marquette University High School and Divine Savior Holy Angels High School collaborated with our middle school students and helped them put their STEM skills into action using robotics.
- The Messmer High School robotics team earned an opportunity to compete at the State Tournament in 2018. •

Messmer has remained an anchor in the neighborhood and a beacon in the community for educating tomorrow's leaders. Learn more about how you can help: Call Mike Brauer at 414.264.5440 x1299.



Building2Learn (B2L), is a new, scalable model of industry/educator collaboration that produces workers with the skills and disposition to succeed in high-demand skilled trade and manufacturing careers. B2L's hands-on learning programs intentionally cross the boundaries separating private, traditional public and public charter schools. Their model of STEM and skilled-trade training challenges students to develop technical skills, academic proficiency, and a practical code of ethics and career plans as they learn to use tools safely in real work environments. By completing and exhibiting practical, enjoyable building projects, students take ownership of their learning. Teachers work closely with experts to deliver instruction that yields measurable, industry standards-based performance.



#MESSMERMOMENT

Messmer Saint Mary 1st and 2nd grade students participated in the Tournament of the Books Championship in honor of March Madness this past spring! Students read a variety of books, voting on each one, until the final "championship" game during which members of the Concordia University Basketball Team visited to read the final two books! The winner was *Ida, Always* by Caron Levis.



LEARNING ALL YEAR LONG

Messmer Saint Mary and Messmer Saint Rose students stayed engaged to prevent “summer slide”

Messmer Catholic Schools offered summer school at all three of our campuses for the first time this summer! We strongly believe in offering summer programming to all of our students to enhance students’ academic skills as well as social and emotional skills. Students who do not practice their basic skills such as reading and math lose proficiency over the 12 week summer break, often called the “summer slide.” Summer slide is especially important to prevent in children who live in poverty, and who are often already behind grade level. Students who came to Messmer’s summer school programs continued building upon the reading and math skills they worked on during the school year, while also getting supplemental curriculum and support. For parents, we were able to provide affordable childcare that continues their child’s academics as well. After the half-day program, we partnered with the YMCA to provide wrap-around care right in our buildings that kept our kids active, having fun and was a great alternative to day care. We also offered breakfast and lunch, and a safe, comfortable place to be for the summer.

This year, Messmer provided summer school in two classrooms with approximately 40 students at Messmer Saint Rose and four classrooms with about



80 students at Messmer Saint Mary. These programs were geared for outgoing K5 through 4th grade students.

In addition to the regular curriculum, the Milwaukee Public Library visited the schools weekly with their Super Reader program that provided reading incentives and a bin of library books! We also provided weekly raffles for students who attend to promote positive attendance.

For our older students, leaving grades 5 through 7, we offered summer school at Messmer High School. We had three classes with approximately 65 students signed up for this summer! In addition to reading, mathematics and science programming, we also offered social/emotional programming through our partnership with Peaceworks through Marquette University. •

Congratulations Class of 2019

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WHAT A YEAR!

Class of '56 alumni

For a moment, let's rewind time and turn the clock back to 1956. It was a year filled with many milestones that would shape history. Elvis Presley scored his first hit with *Heartbreak Hotel*, making him an international rock-n-roll sensation. The United States Federal-Aid Highway Act was signed into law, allowing the construction of over 41,000 miles of interstate highways over a 20-year period. Movie star Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco, making a transformation from Hollywood royalty to actual royalty.

And in 1956, a group of 335 extraordinary individuals graduated from Messmer High School, ready to embark on unimagined successes and determined to make their impact on the world. Within that exceptional group, two graduates took the lessons they learned at Messmer and helped create exceptional Milwaukee institutions—institutions that are synonymous with the very identity of this great city.

We had the chance to speak to **John Gehl** and **Bob Barry**—both from the Class of 1956—about the impact Messmer had on their lives.

JOHN GEHL

Wisconsin has a reputation for being the nation's dairy state, and no one does dairy quite like Gehl Foods. In fact, it's next to impossible to host a Packer game-day party or a Brewers tailgate without them. For more than 120 years, Gehl Foods has been committed to providing delicious and nutritious foods to families, not only in Wisconsin, but across the country. From their mouthwatering cheese sauces to their savory puddings, Gehl's focuses on providing better quality dairy products, while also producing these products with the highest safety standards in the industry. This vision has made it possible for them to become the leading aseptic manufacturer in the United States.



JOHN GEHL

Q: *What were you involved in when you were a student at Messmer?*

A: While a student at Messmer, I started racing sailboats during the summer season. I continued that sport until my children also started racing 20 years later.

Q: *What lessons did you take with you after graduation that allowed your business to succeed in Milwaukee?*

A: My education at Messmer was critical to my long-term success for the following reasons: The Messmer faculty (i.e. mostly Catholic nuns in 1952) demanded we do our very best no matter what the assignment, and that habit of always doing my best was something I focused on the rest of my life. Also, my success at Messmer allowed me to go to the college of my choice, which was the University of Notre Dame, and was an important step in helping me be successful for the next 50 years.

Q: *How would you describe Gehl Foods to those who are unfamiliar with it?*

A: Gehl Foods was a family owned company focusing on the production of private-label, shelf-stable food products for the U.S. market. We started producing shelf-stable products in 1970, and we sold our company to a private investment group in 2015. For the 45 years we were in this business, we were considered the “high-quality, low-cost” manufacturer in our industry and is the reason we were the major supplier to companies such as Aldi, Wendy's, Arby's, Taco Bell, Costco, Walmart and Nestle.

Q: *What advice would you give to current Messmer students?*

A: #1: Always do your best no matter what the assignment. This is a habit which will allow you to succeed beyond your dreams and expectations.
#2. Cultivate a virtue of humility. Give God the credit for your success because it truly is God's gift to you that ultimately allows you to be successful.

BOB BARRY

Renowned disc jockey **Bob Barry '56** (Bob Doerfler in high school) certainly wasted no time in making a name for himself upon graduating from Messmer. After starting at WTKM radio in Hartford in 1957, Bob soon made a profound impact on the Milwaukee rock-n-roll radio scene. He is perhaps best known to his Milwaukee fan-base as “Beatle Bob” after he had the honor of introducing the Beatles during their Milwaukee concert in September 1964 (see photo below). Bob Barry’s illustrious career spanned more than 30 years, and earned him numerous industry awards and a place in the Wisconsin Broadcasters Museum’s Hall of Fame.

Q: What were you involved in when you were a student at Messmer?

A: In the two years I attended Messmer (junior and senior years) I was class treasurer, C.S.M.C. representative, *Foursquare* writer, acolyte, played basketball and received a major letter in baseball.

Q: What lessons did you take with you after graduation that allowed you to succeed in Milwaukee?

A: The lessons I took with me that allowed me to succeed after graduation included communication skills, friendship and the will to be successful.

Q: What about your brand are you most proud of?

A: My broadcast style was an easy going talk and music program. I would call celebrities from all over the world and talk to people with interesting, controversial and weird stories. The program also involved helping nonprofits by promoting their causes. I would make cold calls to famous personalities including Bob Hope, Sophia Loren, Chuck Berry, Elton John and Cher. I was pleased that teenagers and their parents would listen to the show around the breakfast table or in the car. I am most proud of the on-air friendships I made during my career. Many times listeners from the 60s and 70s tell me where they were when I played a certain song or

interviewed one of their favorite artists. They tell me how much they enjoyed listening and attending the CYO dances that I would

emcee. Also receiving the Billboard Top 40 Air Personality of the Year Award in 1975 and being inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2001 and the A.I.R. Lifetime Achievement Award. And, of course, being chosen to introduce the Beatles at their only Wisconsin appearance at the Milwaukee Arena in 1964.



Q: What’s next on the horizon for you/your business?

A: I am still active, being on the board for the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association, promoting my book *Rock and Roll Radio Milwaukee*, (with proceeds going to Donate Life Wisconsin and the Angels Fund for Kids), and currently working on a project for the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association podcast. Clips of my video and audio interviews with music stars from the 60s and 70s will be available on the WBA Museum website this fall.

Q: What advice would you give to current Messmer students?

A: The advice I would give to current Messmer students is to find something you like to do and give it your best. If you really love it, don’t give up. To be successful you need to work very hard. Nothing comes easy. I failed several times before the pieces started to fall in place. I might add that attending St. Francis Seminary for two years and then Messmer for two gave me a Catholic education that guided me throughout my life.

Q: Why did you choose to build your business in the Milwaukee area?

A: My favorite things to do around Milwaukee include going to Brewers, Bucks and Admirals games. I love the restaurants in Milwaukee. I also like emceeing the Milwaukee Braves Association banquets at the MAC. I’ve had a chance to meet some of the greats including Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, Joe Torre and my friend Johnny Logan. I miss him. I had an opportunity to work at radio stations in Chicago, LA and others but chose to stay in Milwaukee. I was born in Milwaukee. I began my Milwaukee career at WEMP in Milwaukee, then WOKY. I was very fortunate to get the support of station managers, program directors, co-workers and the listeners and could see no reason to leave this great city. •



REMEMBERING PAUL SCHRAMKA—A LEGACY OF GRACE

Excerpts of the homily given by longtime family friend Auxiliary Bishop Jeff Haines, son of Messmer alumni Jim and the late Maureen (Morearty), both of the class of 1952. Homily was shared at the Mass of Christian Burial for Paul Schramka, '45 held on July 16, 2019, at St. Mary Catholic Church Menomonee Falls, WI.

I have known Paul Schramka my entire life. We lived in the neighborhood close to the Schramka Funeral Home. In my later years, as a priest, I had the good fortune of celebrating funerals with the assistance of Paul and the Schramka family.

In each and every way of life, Paul Schramka was loyal.

He was loyal to his religion

Like many in his era, Paul was drilled by the good sisters in the Catholic Catechism—starting at St Mary of Czestochowa and then Messmer High School. He was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus and supportive of the many parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

A second loyalty was to family

Some people are fortunate in life to have one special partner. Paul was blessed to have two of the best, Barbara and Ruth. Together they have raised and cared for children and grandchildren who share their dedication to family and are making important contributions to the community.

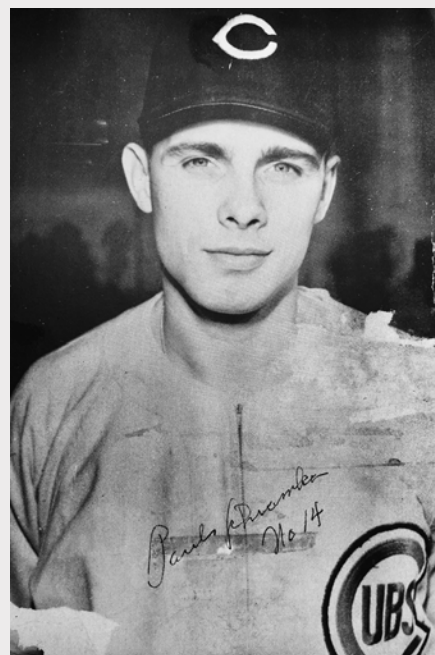
Another loyalty – loyalty to friends

Family members commented to me that their dad rarely took a typical vacation. As they said, “Most people visit places for vacation. Instead, our dad visited people.” People mattered to Paul. I am sure that a great number of us here today can recall an unexpected phone call – coming out of the blue – with the friendly voice of Paul Schramka on the other end of the line.



Mention must be made of loyalty to baseball

Anyone who knows Paul Schramka is aware of his fascinating career, which took him from the sandlots of Milwaukee to the University of San Francisco all the way to Wrigley Field. He forever will be remembered as the source of a trivia question as the last person to wear #14 before Ernie Banks.



Yet, as many of us know, Paul's baseball career did not end with his brief stint in the Major Leagues. But, just as important as Paul's dedication to *playing* the game of baseball was his loyalty to the *spirit* of baseball. That really is what the Old Time Ballplayers Association is all about. One of the most important things about that organization is that it honors those who played for the love of the game – who simply relished the joy of baseball.

Another loyalty – loyalty to country

Paul served in the armed forces. Paul had a great love for our land and what it stands for. He did not take for granted the blessings of our freedom and opportunity.

And, of course, we cannot forget one more loyalty – the loyalty to the service of the funeral home

The legacy of the Schramka Funeral Home goes back to the 1800's. And, it is a legacy of grace. Their service always had a very distinct and special feel — it was care and compassion. The outreach of the Schramka family was filled with spirit and faith. Paul lived his faith through his loyalty. And, so we gather today to recall and give thanks for the loyal and faithfulness of Paul Schramka. May his reward in heaven be great. •

MESSMER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP DINNER



OCTOBER 15, 2019

Honoring community leaders:

Foundations in Faith Award

Paul Schramka '45 (posthumously)

Builder Awards

Crystal Marmolejo '11, Project Manager,
CG Schmidt

Joe Schmidt, Senior Project Developer, Trane

Cornerstone Award

Bader Philanthropies



GOLF OUTING 2019

More than 100 Messmer alumni, friends and faculty golfed, shared stories and waited out a rain delay at this year's Golf Outing in June that raised more than \$15,000 for student support at Messmer.

We are grateful to all our sponsors, our Golf Outing committee, raffle purchasers, golfers and volunteers. Special thanks to Mike Schramka '73, our volunteer emcee for the event!

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2020!

June 15, 2020 | New Berlin Hills Golf Course

Includes: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with a cart.

Consider planning a reunion event the weekend of the golf outing and add the golf outing to your list of activities! Attending the golf outing is a great way to see your friends, have fun and—most importantly—support your alma mater. •



1930s

Ardelia Thimm (nee Bennett) '38 on December 9, 2018

1940s

Raymond Waldman '41 on January 22, 2019

Carl Peters '41 on March 12, 2019

Betty Piccoli (nee Knab) '42 on November 26, 2017

Lillian Goetz (nee Koss) '42 on July 16, 2019

Monica Houdek (nee Popp) '45 on March 5, 2019

Margaret Wheeler (nee Pipoly) '45 on March 12, 2019

Audrey Angle (nee Hauser) '45 on April 27, 2019

Emil Granitz '45 on May 2, 2019

Paul Schramka '45 on July 8, 2019

Delores Levy (nee Hahm) '46 on January 11, 2019

Glendoris Barbera (nee Gussert) '46 on February 3, 2019

Kieran Kavanaugh '46 on February 2, 2019

Shriley Gorski '46 on July 2, 2019

Auralee Searing (nee Brown) '47 on February 8, 2019

Ann Lalasz (nee Kubicki) '47 on July 8, 2019

Irene Lehman (nee Dallapiazza) '47 on August 17, 2019

Virgina Obenberger (nee Stirn) '48 on January 22, 2019

Carl Klein '48 on February 23, 2019

Gertrude Symonik (nee Sternig) '48 on March 8, 2019

Elaine Wettstein (nee Palmer) '48 on May 19, 2019

Robert Riedl '48 on December 31, 2017

Barbara Braham (nee Kloes) '49 on December 10, 2018

Lois Domach '49 on January 30, 2019

Elizabeth Maranan (nee Korsi) '49 on February 17, 2019

Robert Richard '49 on February 18, 2019

Joyce Hoppe (nee Smith) '49 on May 11, 2019

1950s

Barbara Brannon '50 on February 3, 2019

Mary Jane Nelson (nee Jeffords) '50 on February 24, 2019

Thomas Shannon '50 on April 17, 2019

Arlene Detrie (nee Wincell) '50 on April 27, 2019

Dolores Polzen (nee Nellen) '50 on June 22, 2019

Gloria Salfer (nee Hauser) '50 on July 7, 2019

Louise Voissem (nee Vinarski) '50 on September 1, 2018

Joanne Knaebe (nee Primasing) '51 on June 3, 2019

Eugene Spitz '51 on July 3, 2019

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

MESSMER EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.

Claudia Muckerheide (nee Schuld) '51 on July 6, 2019

Janice Simon (nee Lockwood) '51 on August 2, 2019

George Venus '52 on January 19, 2019

Terrence Heisdorf '52 on January 31, 2019

Joan Sickler (nee Lynch) '52 on April 22, 2019

Kenneth Mueller '53 on May 17, 2018

Roberta Cosentino (nee Cordes) '53 on May 4, 2019

Cecile Newman '53 on July 18, 2019

Lawrence Bossman '53 on August 11, 2019

Claire Patten (nee Metzger) '53 on August 19, 2019

Janet Burgess (nee Corrine) '54 on February 5, 2019

Judith Stoiber (nee Henderson) '54 on January 17, 2019

Elizabeth Gagliano '54 on February 7, 2019

James Schaefer '54 on July 20, 2019

Arlene Schneider (nee Schultz) '54 on August 19, 2019

Lori Loden '56 on February 3, 2019

Thomas Yelvington '56 on January 28, 2019

James Luedtke '56 on February 13, 2019

Claudette Gundrum (nee Holland) '56 on April 13, 2019

Judith Lemminger (nee Haller) '57 on February 26, 2019

Donald Meister '57 on September 14, 2018

Joann Swomia (nee Wudtke) '57 on June 22, 2019

Patricia Grisey (nee Brown) '57 on July 31, 2016

Theodore Sells '58 on March 22, 2019

Marianne Minew '58 on April 26, 2019

Mary Ondrejka (nee Stich) '59 on January 19, 2019

Sharon Scherrer (nee Radke) '59 on June 17, 2019

1960s

William Hoppe '60 on March 12, 2019

Ronald Davidson '60 on March 25, 2019

Robert Machesky '60 on April 22, 2019

Clarence Stauber '60 on April 24, 2019

Kathleen White (nee Ksicinski) '60 on May 8, 2019

Joyce Radocha '61 on February 21, 2019

1960s, CONTINUED

Mayre Elmer '61 on October 1, 2018

Louise Stanul '61 on August 17, 2019

Marlies Wloszczynski (nee Heimhardt) '62 on April 2, 2018

Carol Ann Hibbard '62 on January 27, 2019

Lynn Stuhr (nee Thomas) '65 on February 17, 2019

Dianna Collings '66 on September, 2018

Florence Kasten (nee Koepke) '67 on July 9, 2019

Bonita Raschig (nee Ditscheit) '68 on May 31, 2019

Debra Cygnar (nee Robel) '69 on November 1, 2019

1970s

Elizabeth Bradshaw (nee Thimm) '71 on May 18, 2014

Elizabeth Dorn (nee Lunsford) '76 on May 30, 2019

Robin McElwee Broeske '79 on August 9, 2019

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Brian Scanlon '83 on May 29, 2019

Quinn McCullar '89 on February 1, 2019

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#MESSMERMOMENT

Dick Dieterich (center, blue shirt), a member of the Messmer Catholic Schools maintenance team for 45 years, participated in a recent Honor Flight.

A Vietnam veteran, 'Mr. D' returned from his trip to Washington, DC to a welcoming and grateful crowd that included Messmer employees, alumni and friends.



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YESTERDAY'S STEM

Sister Praxedes gives a mechanical drawing hint to Dick Milbauer and Alfred Kozelek—a couple of the “draftsmen of Room 2.”

Many a fine building of today might be traced back to this beginners' course!

Photo from 1953 Messmer High School yearbook.



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