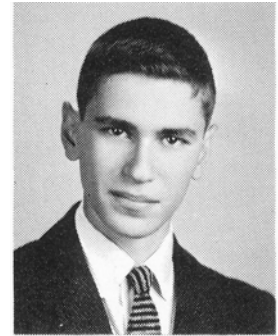


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Hi Fellow '59 Grads,

A lot has happened since I left the hallowed halls of Cass Tech. I graduated, January 1959, in Chem/Bio, and promptly went down the street to Wayne State, which allowed me to take the same Dexter bus for four more years. After graduation, I needed to work until I started Wayne Medical School in the fall (the January graduation date strikes again!), so I became a substitute teacher; clearly they were not very picky in those days. I taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade Phys Ed (nearly killed me!), then Second grade, but those kids were just too cute and too smart! Finally I got the chance to teach High School biology, which suited my Cass Tech training very well. Not only did I gain great respect and admiration for real teachers, after I graduated medical school, I even married one; Sheila Cohen, a former English teacher, in May 1966 and we will be celebrating our 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

We have two children, Aaron and Lisa. Aaron lives in Hackettstown, NJ with his wife Deborah and our two year old grandson, Tanner. Lisa lives in Ipswich, MA with her husband Luis and our four year old grandson, Samuel. While raising a family, I completed my internship and residency in Radiology at Detroit Receiving Hospital; although that was interrupted by a two year tour as a Medical Officer/Lt. Commander in the US Navy. Upon completion of my medical training, I took a position for five years at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA joining the Harvard Medical School faculty, leaving in 1977 as an Assistant Professor, and completed my academic career as a clinical Professor at UMDNJ. I moved to Livingston, NJ to become Clinical Director of Radiology at St. Barnabas Medical Center, where I held the position for almost 30 years. In addition, I also held positions as Clinical Associate Professor at Mt. Sinai and Cornell Medical School in New York, and completed my academic career at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

I am now semi retired and loving it! Life has been very good, my best regards and fond memories to all!

