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I'm glad for the chance to see a few pictures of our classmates from 1959. Otherwise I would not recognize anyone--nor they me. Well, here goes_

After Cass I attended the Detroit Institute of Technology (DIT) and graduated with a Bachelor_s in Business (BBA) in June, 1966. I began a career with Michigan Bell Telephone, but then enlisted in the Army in November and spent the next two years as a Marksmanship/Drill Instructor reaching the exalted rank of Sgt (E-6) before an honorable discharge in 1968. I returned home just in time to watch the Tigers win the World Series. (What a party that was in Kennedy Square!)

I married Bette Anne (Brichta) in 1967. She graduated from WSU_s Monteith College in 1963 with a combination BA/Ed. degree. She completed her M Ed. in 1968. Bette was an elementary teacher in the Detroit Public Schools for over 33 years and also taught in Leesville, Louisiana while I was stationed there at Ft. Polk.

In 1969 I resumed my employment as a manager with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and completed an MBA degree at Wayne State in 1975. I held a number of positions in Engineering, Operations and Marketing eventually retiring from Ameritech as a general manager in 1996. During this time I had a chance to spend three interesting years at AT&T HQ in New Jersey. Following retirement from the _phone factory_, I began a second career as a technical consultant to various firms within the software industry as everyone ramped up their systems and braced for the turn of the millennium.

Our son Michael was born in 1971 and our daughter, Marin, in 1977. Mike graduated from Northwood University and Marin from Albion College. Both are now married with Mike (Pamela Lada) living in Ann Arbor and Marin (Fred Huscher, Jr.) in Hendersonville, N.C. No grandchildren have appeared.

Bette and I are enjoying retirement living on Drummond Island. It is a paradise for living at the shore and watching the big freighters, and the world, go by. I_m active in club work as a Director of the Drummond Island Lions and Range Master of the D.I. Sportsmans Club. Bette stays busy as a volunteer at the local elementary school, and as President of the Friends of the Library. She is active in Red Hats and the Book Ends Book Club.

Congrats to all of us who have lived, thrived and stayed alive for 50 years!