

# Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School  
at Bushy Park, London England from  
1952 to 1962



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**A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen [nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net) or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.**

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**Classmates Who  
Have Transferred to  
the Eternal Duty  
Station**



**John Richard Lewis Billington -  
Teacher  
September 27, 1919 – January 21,  
2015**



John Richard Lewis Billington was born in Huron, on Sept. 27, 1919. His parents were Orville and Augusta (Haas) Billington. He passed away on Jan. 21, 2015, in Peoria, Ariz. John spent his childhood in Arlington, and graduated from the local high school. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings and earned a master's degree from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. He was very active in varsity basketball, track and field, and student government at South Dakota State University.

John served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He participated in the North African campaign and the invasions of Sicily and Southern France. He was in Augsburg, Germany, when the war ended in Europe.

He married Doris Kennedy on June 3, 1947, in Brookings. They spent their first year of marriage in Ft. Collins, Colo., then moved to Belle Fourche, where he coached basketball and taught science at the local high school for four years. Then the family moved abroad as career educators for children of the U.S. military. They lived in Chaumont, France (one year); London, England (six years); Casablanca, Morocco (two years); Izmir, Turkey (three years); and in Germany (26 years in Wiesbaden, Mainz, and Kaiserslautern). When he retired in 1990, John and Doris lived in Tokyo, Japan for three years.

In 1993, the couple moved to Sun City, Ariz., for the winters and spent the summers at their cabin in Spearfish Canyon.

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**Margaret V. "Peggy" (Fenimore) Petty - Teacher**

Margaret V. "Peggy" (Fenimore) Petty, 85, of Swarthmore, PA, died Wednesday at The Hickman in West Chester, PA. Born in Collingdale, PA, raised in Folcroft, she was the daughter of Joseph D. and Helen M. (Wenerd) Fenimore.

She graduated from Upper Darby HS in 1946 and the University of Pennsylvania in 1950, where she was active in Kappa Delta, student government, yearbook staff, Christian Association, and Green Lane Camp counselors. She then completed her MS in Ed from Penn's

Graduate School of Education. Certified to teach English, Latin, French, and Spanish at the secondary level, Margaret began her career in Haddon Twp., NJ.

Then, having always dreamed of foreign travel, Margaret pursued an opportunity to teach children of military families stationed abroad for the US Department of Defense. She spent 6 years teaching in Japan, England, Libya and France, and traveling extensively through Asia, Europe and North Africa, before returning to Delaware County to teach Latin and French at Springfield HS. Married in 1962, Margaret moved to MCAS Cherry Point, NC, returning once again with her young daughter to her native Delaware County after her husband was killed in action in Vietnam.

In 1969 she began yet another stage in her career, teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Pennsylvania. Margaret served as a teacher, administrator, counselor, advocate, and friend for thousands of students and many fellow ESL teachers. In 1986-87, Margaret served as a Fulbright Professor at the National University of Honduras in Tegucigalpa, where she helped develop a program to train teachers of English. She retired from Penn in 1994 as a proud member of their "25-Year Club" of long-serving faculty members.

In her retirement, Margaret continued to enjoy traveling, studying history and languages, and spending time with family and friends throughout the US and Europe. She particularly treasured time with her beloved grandsons. Margaret has been a resident of Swarthmore for 47 years, and a Quaker her entire adult life. She was a member of Darby Friends Meeting, and active with Swarthmore Friends Meeting in recent years, Margaret was predeceased by her husband, John R. Petty, Jr., and her dear cousin and childhood best friend, James McAleer. She is survived by daughter Virginia "Jinny" Schiffer and son-in-law Richard D. Schiffer, Jr., of Swarthmore, PA; sister Helen M. McAfee of Johnstown, PA; grandsons Charles E. and Joseph R. Schiffer; and many other loving relatives and friends.

A Memorial Meeting April 5, 2014 at Swarthmore Friends Meetinghouse, 12 Whittier Place, Swarthmore, PA. Burial was in the Petty family plot in Gallatin, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Friends Service Committee.

*Arrangements by Kevin M. Lyons Funeral Service, Glenolden, PA. Online condolences and memories may be placed on [www.lyonsfs.com](http://www.lyonsfs.com)*

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**Sidney Massey – Teacher**

Sidney Massey, 89, of Coldwater, MS passed away April 13, 2007, at the Senatobia Convalescent Center. Services were held Monday, April 16, 2007 in the chapel of Pate-Jones Funeral Home in Senatobia, MS. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery Coldwater.

Mr. Massey was a retired educator and long-time resident of Tate County, MS. He began teaching during the 1940s in Olive Branch, MS after graduating from Mississippi College. He later earned a master's degree in European history from Louisiana State University and then taught American military dependents in Europe for 14 years. Mr. Massey returned to Tate County in 1969. He taught history and social studies in Independence and retired as assistant principal. He was a long-time member of Coldwater Baptist Church. He taught Sunday School at Senatobia Convalescent Center for over 15 years.

He is survived by his nephew, James Barar and his wife, Linda, of Ada, MI, and his niece, Charlotte Ward and her husband, Larry, of Ft. Payne, AL. Any memorials may be sent to the Baddour Center in Senatobia or the Alzheimer's Association.

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**Iona Lane-Burslem (née Sutton) - Teacher**  
**November 10, 1922 - August 3, 2021**

Iona Lane-Burslem (née Sutton) passed into the hands of the Lord Aug. 3 in Natchitoches. Iona was a remarkable woman who lived an incredible life. She was a source of inspiration for the younger generations of nieces. She was born in Dixie, La., Nov. 10, 1922, to JWC Sutton and Elizabeth Bryant.

Iona attended Herndon High School in Belcher and received her BA from Northwestern State University and was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Kappa Delta Phi sororities. She received her M.A. in Education from Louisiana State University.

Following WWII, Iona was hired by the U.S. Dept. of Defense to teach in the schools abroad for the Armed Services. She taught in Morocco, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, and Stuttgart prior to being transferred to England, where she taught for 26 years in London and Oxfordshire. During those years, Iona travelled extensively throughout Europe, the Near East and Africa. She also taught riding classes and was a member of the Heythorp Hunt Club (fox) as well as the Chipping Norton Golf Club.

Iona married Eric Lane-Burslem, the love of her life, in 1964. Eric was a retired Wing Commander in the RAF and was the Founding Chairman of the British Airline Pilot Association in 1937. Eric was also a test pilot for the de Havilland Aircraft Co. He was instrumental in the development of the “variable pitched propellers,” an innovation credited for the victory of the the Battle of Britain (Spitfire and Hornet aircraft). Eric passed in 1982 and Iona retired from teaching in 1986.

In 1998, Iona returned to Natchitoches where she resided until her death. Iona was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church Altar Guild, the St. Denis Chapter of D.A.R. and the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

Iona was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Lane-Burslem, as well as her parents and siblings, Bryant Sutton, Marguerite Sutton Matthews, Henry M. Sutton and Col. Alfonse Buford Sutton. She is survived by her nephew, John Bryan; nieces, Beverly Sutton Young, Lynn Sutton Barry, Laurie Sutton Heinz, Jan Sutton, and Lelia Sutton Peyronnin; four great-nieces; and six great-nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to her loyal friend, Jan Frederick, Hospice of Natchitoches and Pat Payne and her family for their assistance in these last months.

Due to the resurgence of Covid, the memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donations in Iona’s name can be made to Trinity Episcopal Church.

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**Dr. Richard J. Todd –  
June 8, 1926 - May 3, 2008**



**Teacher**

Dr. Richard J. Todd - 81, of Cape Coral, FL and former resident of Sparta, NJ passed away peacefully on Saturday May 3rd, 2008, after a long illness. Born in Milwaukee, WI on June 8th, 1926, Richard was one of 6 children of Roman and Leokadia Topolski.

Richard was a veteran of World War II having enlisted right out of high school and served as a tail gunner on B29 Bombers in the Army Air Corps 10th Air Support Division. He was honorably discharged in 1947 with the rank of Corporal. During his time in service, Richard was part of the Occupation forces in Germany and received both the Army of Occupation and Victory medals. Richard was an active member of the American Legion Post 90 in Cape Coral, FL.

After his service to his country, Richard worked tirelessly as an educator for over 35 years. His career took him across several continents including Europe and Africa. In Africa, he was one of the founding fathers helping to open the Tororo Girl's School in Uganda where his name was placed on a plaque at the school.

He ultimately settled down with his family in Sparta, NJ, and taught at nearby Ridgewood High School in Ridgewood, NJ until his retirement in 1989. Richard was very well-traveled throughout the course of his life having visited over 55 countries. His most recent trip to the Panama Canal and other Caribbean countries was the latest of a very long line of overseas adventures he shared with his wife.

Richard was also very proud of his education having attained a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and both a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

Richard was an avid golfer and took every opportunity to play, watch, and discuss the game with family and friends. He was also an accomplished crosswords enthusiast spending each morning besting all that the Newspapers tried to challenge him with. In fact, there wasn't a mental challenge that Richard couldn't help to resolve, as he was a very logically minded individual who had the right answer for almost every question. Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune were staples in his daily routine, as he enjoyed the challenges those shows presented.

Richard was a true family patriarch who took the time to share his love of life with his wife and sons and to stay tightly connected with his extended family keeping up to date on the latest events and happenings. Richard had a very broad network of family and friends, and those who knew him well enjoyed spending time with him as he always had time to share a life experience or a good joke.

Richard's love of life was truly evident in his final years, as he continued to fight an uphill battle against Cancer with a very positive outlook, a wry smile, and a good story or two with those around him. Richard will be very deeply missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

Richard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dolores S. Todd of Cape Coral, FL two sons William R. Todd of Sparta, NJ and Gregory B. Todd, wife Johanna L. Todd, and their daughter Sarah E. Todd all of Daytona Beach, FL.

A Catholic Mass service was held on May 22, 2008 at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Cape Coral, FL. A private burial service was held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at on May 23, 2008. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the [American Cancer Society](#).

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To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).*

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**Katie Marie Toms - Teacher**

Katie Marie Toms, 79, of Bowling Green, KY died at 2:40 p.m. April 12, 2002, at Greenview Regional Hospital in Bowling Green. The Hart County native was a retired teacher in the U.S., Japan, Turkey, the Philippines, and Germany and was a member of United Methodist Church. She was a daughter of Ira McKinley Toms and Annie B. Toms. There was a private graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery in Park City.

Survivors include two brothers, the Rev. Lendon Toms of Winslow, Ind., and Hurshel Toms of Bowling Green; three sisters, Mable Frances Stice and Annie Ira Poynter, both of Bowling Green, and Betty Jo Nealy of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and 11 nieces and nephews.

*Arrangements were under the direction of Patton Funeral Home.*

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**Vera "Jane" Hookey – Secretary at Bushy Park and Lakenheath  
November 1, 1929 - August 3, 2016**

“Jane” passed away on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016. For most of her life Vera was known as “Jane”, a nickname given to her by her father when she was quite young. As the family grew and grandchildren arrived, she became “Nana Jane” to almost everyone.

Family and friends were very important to Jane. Survived by her daughter (Ruth), her two grandsons (Nigel and Steven), her daughter-in-law, Mandy, and three great-grandchildren (Payton, Cody, and Jenna); there are also several ‘almost family’ friends and neighbours with whom she developed very caring relationships.

Jane grew up in Wimbledon, England, and had many memories of growing up during the war. As she grew older, her main enjoyment was ballroom dancing which she followed to an amateur competition level in her early twenties. Her employment as a secretary for schools on American Air Force bases in England also gave her the opportunity to travel and live in Heidelberg, Germany. She loved to tell stories of her life in England.

Jane and her daughter emigrated to Calgary in 1967. Her strong secretarial skills were put to excellent use during her Canadian working life, primarily in the legal profession and the oil and gas industry.

Away from the office, she always enjoyed helping people and was often one of the first called upon when help was needed. When visiting her great-grandchildren, she always remembered how to be “young at heart”. It was amazing how she could still, in her eighties, play imagination and games with the children for hours. It was always important for her to spend special time with each of them, just the two of them together, so they each have their own memories of “Nana Jane”. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A simple celebration of Jane's life was held on August 13, 2016, at the Calgary Buddhist Temple, 658 1st Avenue NE. Jane's favorite charities were the Mustard Seed and the Salvation

Army and it was her request that donations be given in place of flowers.

To view and share photos, condolences and stories of Jane please visit [www.choicememorial.com](http://www.choicememorial.com). Arrangements entrusted to the care of Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services (403) 277-7343.

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**Raymond James Walsh – Teacher**  
**September 2, 1927 - October 17, 2010**

Raymond James Walsh, 83, longtime resident of the area, passed away at home on Sunday, October 17, 2010. He was born September 2, 1927, in New York City and was the third child of Timothy John Walsh and Sabina Gertrude Fay Walsh of New York City and Monroe, NY.

Raymond graduated from Xavier, Fordham and Columbia Universities in New York City and received a doctorate from the University of Southern California. He started a forty-year career in education as a teacher in New York City and then in Europe, Japan and North Africa where he taught history and Latin in the U.S. Military Dependent Schools. He served as the principal of Forest Sherman American High School in Naples, Italy, and The Brussels American School. His "away days" were famous, combining his love of history and education by taking his whole school to local historical sites, Herculaneum in Italy, and Bruges in Belgium. He later was Financial Coordinator of the American schools in England, Bermuda, Iceland, and Guantanamo Bay. He retired in 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Florence Walsh, his older brother Robert J. Walsh, MD of White Plains, his sister June Racine of Palm Beach, FL, his children Timothy C. Walsh of New York, NY, Mary S. Walsh-Stroh of Santa Fe, NM, David I. Walsh of New York, NY and Patrick J. Walsh of Slate Hill and his grandchildren Christopher Walsh, Liam Walsh, Ezekiel Walsh, Teague Walsh-Stroh and Ailill Walsh-Stroh, several nieces and nephews. *Requiescat in Pacem.*

There will be no visitation. A memorial Mass was held October 23, 2010 at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, 151 Stage Road, Monroe. Cremation took place at Cedar Hill Crematory, Middle Hope.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research, Grand Central Station, Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Raymond, please visit our [Tree Store](#).

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**E. Marie Woerner – Assistant Principal**  
**August 16, 1916 – October 16, 2007**



E. Marie Woerner 91, Lincoln, NE died Friday October 26, 2007, in Lincoln. She was born August 16, 1916, in Versailles, Mo. to Otto and Edith (Gibson) Woerner. Marie received her BSc and MA degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and worked on her PhD at Northwestern University. She belonged to honoraries, Pi Lambda Theta, Psi Chi, and Phi Delta Kappa.

She taught one year each at Fairmont, Hebron and Chadron, and three years at Lincoln Northeast High. Marie volunteered for three years of service in the Women's Army Corps in World War II,

where she was in Work Simplification and Job Analysis at Fort Benning, Georgia, in public relations at Macon, Georgia, and company officer at Scott Field, Illinois where she received the Army Commendation Medal. Marie worked overseas for twenty years as the director of the Army Education Center at Osaka, Japan, as counselor at Stuttgart, Germany, Assistant Principal at Wiesbaden, Germany and London, England, and director of Pupil Personal Services at Heidelberg, Germany in the military dependent schools.

Marie was a member of the Bryan Memorial Methodist church where she was a junior choir director, choir member, Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. Later, she became a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She belonged to the prayer group and Mary Circle at Aldersgate. She was a Lifetime member of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association, Friends of the UNL Libraries, National Education Association, Overseas Education Association. She belonged to the Quill and Chaparrel writing groups. She was a volunteer who recorded books for the blind and also taught Indian and Chinese students the English language.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Edith Woerner; brother, Robert Gibson Woerner, Brandon, Fla.; brother, Edwin Eugene Woerner, Lincoln. Family members living are sister, Louise Gustin, Rosalie; brother, Otto Woerner, Morganton, N.C.; eleven nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held for family only. Monetary memorials should be sent to the Salvation Army, Peoples City Mission, Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, or your church. Instead of floral memorials, take a small pot of flowers to a woman at Lancaster Manor who has no family to visit her. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent on-line at [www.roperandsons.com](http://www.roperandsons.com)

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## **Memories of Bushy Park**

**Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at [BushyPark.org](http://BushyPark.org) Among the things you can see at this website is a "Guestbook", in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007.**

**Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)**



**From: Darleen A. (Gates) (60) Hunt**

Hi Bill and Pat,

I finally put something together for your (our) Bushy Tales. Please let me know if you need any additional information and if you have suggestions, I will be happy to incorporate.

I am attaching 3 documents, 1. My brief narrative of living in England, 2. Magazine article with front cover and one page inside, and 3. Photo of Prince Charles and me (Darleen) (note: one did not shake hands with British Royalty) greeting Prince Charles when he visited Kennedy Space Center on Feb. 19, 1990. Here's the caption on the back of the photo:

“KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla.—Prince Charles of Great Britain chats with KSC Protocol Officer Darleen Hunt, right foreground, after arrival at the KSC Shuttle Landing Facility on February 19. KSC Center Director Forrest S. McCartney is at right. The heir to the British throne



toured the Orbiter Processing Facility and the Launch Control Center and also filmed segments of a British documentary on the global environment.”

Cheers,

Darleen A. (Gates) Hunt (60)

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Once upon a time, on July 27, 2021, I received a letter from Pat Owen asking if I had attended Central High School, Bushy Park, London. What a delightful surprise! I had not been in touch with anyone for all those years. I had no idea that reunions had taken place. What fun. I keep meaning to write something for the Bushy Tales but have few recollections from those days. So here is a brief recap and a recent magazine article I thought I would share.

My father, MSgt. Darrell A. Gates, was stationed at Weathersfield A.F.B. for three years, 1955-1958. My two younger sisters and I went to school on base. We lived off base in a two story house in a village called Rayne near Braintree, Essex County. We rode double decker buses everywhere we went. It was safe in those days. For my sophomore year I attended Bushy Park and boarded in the dorm. A few of us were transported on a military bus every Sunday afternoon for a three-hour ride to Bushy Park. I played cards, mostly Hearts, with some of the guys enroute. Then on Friday afternoons it was back to Weathersfield and weekend with my family and local friends. I enjoyed my classes and my dorm roommates and was very happy with the whole experience. We left England in 1958 and were stationed at Castle AFB in California. That was the end of my travel as a military dependent. My military experiences helped me in my career with NASA during the Apollo program as I had a good ear for dialects and acceptance of people from around the globe.

Recently a local magazine did a little feature story about me which I thought I would share as it gives a little recap of where I have been for the past 50 years. And, since I was on the cover, I can show you that at age 80 one can still be a cover girl. 😊.



Eternal thanks to Bill Rumble, and detective Pat Owen, and all the team who have kept the Bushy Park story alive and entertaining. What a treasure. Blessings to all.

Darleen A. (Gates) Hunt (60)  
Merritt Island, Florida

# Longtime Islander Continues to Serve the Community

BY STEPHANIE LODER

**T**alk to Darleen Hunt about her life on Merritt Island, and she'll give you colorful details.

Raised in an Air Force family, she moved every three years to a different place (Mississippi, Japan, New Jersey, England) ending up in California where she met her husband, Jerry. In 1967, they moved to Brevard County.

"When we built our home in a 5-acre orange grove in 1977, Merritt Island became the hometown I never had. All three of our wonderful children Darrell Hunt, Jerrine Mullon, and Shannah Trout married and raised their families on North Merritt Island."

She joined the NASA Public Affairs Office at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), in the Public Information Branch. Hunt began as a secretary then became a public information officer and editor of the bi-weekly newspaper *Spaceport News*.

"Thousands of news media from around the world covered the manned space program," she recalled. During the Apollo era, Walter Cronkite with CBS News would say "Hi Darleen" as he came into the office to cover a launch.

Later, Hunt moved to the Protocol and Special Events Branch. Her office was responsible for Space Shuttle launch guests, distributing thousands of auto passes for public viewing on KSC, and arranging for VIP guest viewing. This included coordinating with KSC employees to serve as escorts for special guests and groups and occasionally serving as a host herself.

In this role, Hunt met celebrities such as singer John Denver, author James Michener, and movie star Robert Redford. Special events would include astronaut-return ceremonies and open houses where thousands of employees could bring family and friends into their work areas.

After 32 years with NASA, Hunt retired and became more involved in the community she loved. "I helped form the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association in 1986 and have been an active part ever since," she said.

**"Our yard is like a botanical garden. My husband tells everyone we live in paradise. I agree."**

She wrote a monthly newsletter, *Courtenay Notes*, and followed local activities, including the purchase of the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Pine Island Conservation Area, the widening of North Courtenay Parkway to a four-lane road, zoning changes and environmental issues such as storm-water flooding.

When the Sams House Nature Center was created, Hunt saw the need for a friends' group and helped establish the Pine Island Preservation Society, which meets monthly and sponsors education events like Pioneer Day.

"We will have about 1,500 visitors who enjoy pioneer-related exhibits, vendors, music, and lots of children's activities," she said. This year's Pioneer Day is set for Saturday, February 11.

A devoted Catholic, Hunt attends Divine Mercy on Merritt Is-



land where she is involved in activities such as the Art and Environment Ministry and serves as a Eucharistic minister.

"As for art, that's a biggie," said Hunt who has spent her life drawing, painting, weaving, sewing, silk painting and making stained glass.

Her primary media is watercolor, and her work has been exhibited at festivals locally and throughout Florida, including Disney's Festival of the Masters. She is an active member of the Brevard Watercolor Society.

For 20 years, Hunt served on the Merritt Island Wildlife Association Board, which works to enhance the experience of the thousands who visit the Wildlife Refuge at KSC.

Her husband has a passion for planting trees and has dozens of exotics, such as sapodilla, canistel and wax jambu, plus others like citrus, coconut, avocado and star fruit. Hunt and Jerry often tour visitors to show what can be grown on tropical North Merritt Island.

"We like to live off the land. Our yard is like a botanical garden. My husband tells everyone we live in paradise. I agree," she said. 🌺



Stephanie Loder is a freelance writer. She worked as a breaking news reporter for Gannett/USA Today and for The Press of Atlantic City as assistant managing editor.



## Letters to the Editor

**From: Bill (Grable) Rees (57)**

Mini class reunion for the class of 57.

Vaikai Brown & Bill (Grable) Rees



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