



Remembering Our SJC Classmates and Friends

We are frequently notified about deaths of our alumnae, their family members, former SJC faculty and other members of the St. Joseph College family. Most often, that information contains only a name and sometimes a class year, and sometimes we hear about it long after the person has died. With your assistance, we can do a lot better.

If the Alumnae Office is notified immediately, it may be possible to contact SJC alumnae in specific geographic areas, who might attend services. This can mean a great deal to the bereaved. And if we have information, such as copies of obituaries, we can publish a summary in this magazine. Here's how you can help.

If you learn of the death of an SJC graduate or a former student at the college or high school, please call the Alumnae Office right away: (301) 447-6052.

Please contact your class secretary with the same information.

If you can e-mail an obituary or death notice from your local newspaper, please direct it to: sjcaa@doc.org

In lieu of an electronic transmission, kindly send a copy of the obituary to: SJCAA, P.O. Box 1149, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727-1149

A number of graduates or former students have passed away in recent months (See listing on page XX). We received some details on the following:

Patricia Kotromanis Baker Class of 1949

A member of the SJC Class of 1949, business major Patricia Kotromanis Baker died on Jan. 6, 2007 in City Hospital, Martinsburg, WV. She was 78. Born June 21, 1928 in Martinsburg, she was the daughter of the late Chriss Nick and Gertrude LeFevre Kotromanis.

Pat was the owner and operator of Beeline Answering Service and Mailroom for 26 years, and a lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish. She is survived by three sons, Mark, Miles (Brenda K.) Baker of Martinsburg, and Michael Baker of Bedington, WV; two daughters, Nancy Burkhardt, Martinsburg, and Paula Baker and her husband, Mark Osborn of Plano,

TX, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Joseph Weldon "Tex" Baker, whom she married in 1953, preceded her in death.

The family suggested memorial contributions to St. Joseph Church Organ Fund, 223 S. Queen St., or to St. Joseph Parish School, 110 E. Stephen St., Martinsburg, WV 25401

Helen Gruger Koehler Class of 1949

On Jan. 23, 2007, Helen Gruger Koehler, 80, a member of the Class of 1949, who died Jan. 17, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. An Army wife, she was married to John J. Koehler, Jr., Major General, US Army Retired, for 57 years. Helen was in declining health since the fall of 2006 and suffered a stroke about a week prior to her death.

In addition to her husband she is survived by four sons, Alfred, Gerard (Jerry), Joseph, and Isaac (Dave) David Koehler; five daughters, Elizabeth M. Koehler, Patricia H. Harnisch, Bernadette A. Mangus, Mary Z. Matula, and Zenovia H. Mackenzie; two sisters, Betty Ann Kemper and Barbara Bradt, a brother, Walter Gruger, and 26 grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by three of her children, Teresa M., Christopher F., and John J. Koehler III, and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Barbara Murphy Koogle Class of 1957

Affectionately called "Murph" by her college friends, Barbara Murphy Koogle, 70, died on Nov. 28, 2006 at her home in Frederick, MD after a courageous battle with cancer. She was loved by classmates and had served as class secretary. She was a star athlete and first-string basketball player at SJC and coached at the high school level for many years.

Born in Frederick, she was a daughter of Margaret C. Filby Murphy and the late Howard M. "Pat" Murphy. After earning a B.A. in English at SJC, Barbara

taught for several years at South Frederick Elementary School, and for the past five years, until her illness, she was employed by Sears. Her greatest pleasure in life was her family. She was the "ultimate sports mom," and was always in the stands for her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Barb liked to bowl and play bingo and the slots. She was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed family game night. During the last two years, Barbara and her family had many wonderful times together in Ocean City, MD, Florida, at the Kentucky Derby, at the "Phillies" baseball games and just spending time with one another at home. Barb took her first ride down the river in a canoe and was a passenger on a four-wheeler. She loved life and participated to the fullest.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are Barbara's husband of 46 years, Richard B. "Dick" Koogle; four children, Richard M. (Victoria) of Walkersville, MD, Timothy C. (Margaret) of Frederick, Robert H. (Vickie) of New Market MD, and Margaret "Peggy" Koogle and Duke Corum of Buckeystown, MD; nine grandchildren; a sister, Jane Hahn Thompson of Frederick; a brother-in-law, Lester C. Koogle Jr. of Frederick; a sister-in-law, Martha Fessler of Waynesboro, Pa., and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Without Barbara, Reunion 2007 will not be the same for the Golden Jubilarian Class of 1957. They will remember with fondness and great affection their classmate and secretary who kept them "all together" for many years.

The family suggested memorial contributions to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702; or to the University of Maryland Greenbaum Cancer Center, Stoler Pavilion, 22 S. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

Jo Ann Miutz Scivolette Class of 1964

A resident of Poughquag, NY, Jo Ann Miutz Scivolette passed away on Nov. 2, 2006 after fighting a courageous, eight-year battle with breast cancer. Born Oct. 18, 1942 in the Bronx, NY, she was the daughter of Joseph and the late Anita Pritchard Miutz. She received a B.A. degree in English from SJC in 1964. Jo Ann served as a teaching assistant for the Arlington School District for 17 years and retired in 2002.

Survivors include her husband of 30 years, Raymond V. Scivolette; two daughters, RaeAnn Tompkins and her husband

Bill Tompkins of LaGrange, NY, and Christine Scivolette of Poughquag; her father Joseph Miutz of Sherman, CT; her sisters, Anita Miutz of Hyde Park, NY, and Carol Cartman and her husband Frank Cartman of Poughquag, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or Miles of Hope Foundation for Breast Cancer, P.O. Box 405, LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

Gertrude Vavrina Collier
Class of 1966

Gertrude (Trudy) Vavrina Collier of Owings Mills, MD, a member of the SJC Class of 1966, died Dec.31, 2006 at the Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care after a long struggle against breast cancer. She was 61.

The daughter of Gertrude Smearman Vavrina SJC '43, Trudy held a master's degree in education from the Johns Hopkins University and earned a C.A.S.E. from Loyola College, Baltimore. She taught in the Baltimore public school system for 23 years, much of that time at seven middle and high schools. She became head of Lombard Middle School's English department and was a specialist in the system's English department. Since 1990, Trudy had worked as a language arts specialist and chief of language development for the Maryland state education department. At the time of her death, she was director of Reading First, and thus the highest official in the state with responsibility for improving students' reading skills. She reported directly to the Maryland superintendent of education.

Trudy's brother, Dr. Vernon Vavrina, said he believes that she was happiest when at the ocean (usually Dewey Beach, DE) during August. She also loved dogs and adopted many Basset Hounds in need of rescue. However, what really made Trudy "light up," Dr. Vavrina said, was being around her two grandchildren, Quinn and Maeve Donovan.

In addition to her mother, of Baltimore, and brother, of Poughkeepsie, NY, Trudy is survived by her husband of nearly 20 years, William (Ron) Collier; a son, Andrew S. Donovan of Odenton; a daughter, Kyla D. Porter of Middle River,

MD; a stepson, Michael R. Collier of Greenbelt, MD; a stepdaughter, Jane M. Collier; and her two grandchildren.

The family suggested memorial contributions in Trudy's name to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

Mary Marshall
Class of 1966

Mary Frances Marshall died of pneumonia Dec. 1, 2006 in Frederick, MD, where she lived. Born in Raleigh, NC, she was the daughter of Dr. Robert T. and Ann Hall Marshall. Mary grew up in Washington, D.C., and Emmitsburg. She graduated from SJC in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in English and taught briefly at Elm Street School before helping to open the Gov. Thomas Johnson High School in 1966. She also taught night classes at Seton Center, Emmitsburg, preparing adults to earn their GEDs. She was a Red Cross certified lifeguard and swimming instructor and taught countless children in Emmitsburg how to swim. She enjoyed singing with the Choral Arts Society and was a partner in Professionally Speaking Associates.

Mary later worked for Frederick County Public Libraries as the Bookmobile librarian. She loved books and people, and her regular arrival on the Bookmobile was a glad sight for many rural Frederick County residents. She had a gift for choosing just the right book for anyone. Mary was also a volunteer storyteller for the library, for private groups and for her many nieces and nephews and her granddaughter. When Mary retired because of disability after 23 years of public service, a Bookmobile patron called her "the epitome of what a librarian should be."

Two daughters, Annie Marshall of Harpers Ferry, W VA, and Julia Seess of Portland, OR, and a granddaughter, Juliana Lufkin, survive her. She is also survived by her former husband, Dr. Thomas J. Seess (SJC faculty); six sisters, Margaret E. Marshall of Santa Fe, NM, Ann F. Marshall and husband Darrell Dobbertin of Mountain View, CA, Thea E. Marshall and husband Ethan Allen of Seattle, WA, Kate M. Marshall and husband Kirk Ruthenberg of Potomac, MD, Patricia A. Marshall and husband George Filgate of Eugene, OR, and Elaine H. Marshall of Myersville MD; two brothers, Donald P.

Marshall and wife Becky of Frederick and Robert T. Marshall and wife Cheryl; and 16 nieces and nephews. Her sister, Sara Marshall Hanning, preceded her in death.

Elizabeth O'Brien Robertson
Class of 1967

Elizabeth (Betty Jo) O'Brien Robertson died Feb. 8, 2006 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD, after a long illness. She was 59. A native of Washington, D.C., Betty Jo was an accomplished musician who played the piano and organ and directed choirs. She received a scholarship to the Peabody School of Music. However, she attended St. Joseph's, graduating with a degree in social work in 1967.

She launched her career as a social worker in Hagerstown, MD, where she developed an adult literacy program. Betty Jo continued her career with the U.S. Department of Commerce at the National Bureau of Standards and later at the Office of technology Transfer, and served a term as president of the Washington Technology Society. As a youth, she enjoyed boating and continued that interest until she became ill with Alzheimer's disease in the early 1990s. She also enjoyed biking, hiking, camping, ballroom dancing and travel.

Her parents, Joseph M. and Elizabeth B. O'Brien, predeceased her. She is survived by three brothers, Joseph M. O'Brien Jr. (Lynn) of California, William P. O'Brien (Dorothy) of Louisville, KY, and Robert B. O'Brien of Cambridge, MD; three sisters, Kathleen A. O'Brien of Severna Park, MD, Sharon A. O'Brien (Albert J. Klavon) of Silver Spring, MD, and Loretta O'Brien of West Falmouth, MA; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, Inc., 21585 Peabody St., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Barbara Pajak Green
Class of 1969

Barbara Pajak Green, a member of the Class of 1969, died of cancer on Jan. 26, 2007 at Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park, FL. She was 59.

A native of Baltimore, Barb moved to Florida in 1982 from Staten Island, N.Y.

She worked as a marketing manager for R.P. Scherer Corp. and was co-owner of VIP Wheelchair Co., Clearwater, FL. A member of Espiritu Santo Catholic

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Church, Safety Harbor, FL, Barb was also a thrift shop specialist and volunteer with Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Survivors include her husband, Jim and a daughter, Katherine Green, both of Clearwater; a stepson, James E. Green, of Palm Harbor; her mother, Eugenia Pajak, of Baltimore; three brothers, Theodore Pajak of Harlingen, TX, Richard Pajak of Havre de Grace, MD, and John Pajak of

Street, MD; and a sister, Mary Jean Pajak of Washington, D.C.

**Madeline A. Ritter
SJC Faculty**

Former St. Joseph College faculty member Madeline Anglin Ritter died Oct. 2, 2006 in Gettysburg, PA. She was 84. She earned a B.S. degree in education from Drexel U, Philadelphia, and a master's in education from McDaniel, formerly Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD.

She taught in several elementary schools and at St. Joseph's College and Mount St. Mary's University.

Mrs. Ritter was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Marcus Oliver Ritter. She is survived by three children, Kate Ritter (Kevin Brettnacher) of Royal Oak, MI; Tom Ritter (Linda) of Arendtsville, PA; and Becky Ritter of Olympia, WA; three grandchildren, two sisters, and a number of nieces and nephews. ■



Jeanette Gibbons Kegal '28
Mary Alice Grattan Lightburn '35
Mary Martha Golibart Manwell '35
Timothy Dunleavy, husband of **Albina Matuskowitz Dunleavy '36**
Sr. Joan Marie Waters, DC '36
Gladys Browning Mattingly '38
Bob Priest, husband of **Rita Norris Priest '39**
Lucille Robinson Close '38
Joan Katherine Abel Costello '40
C. Arthur Eby, brother of **Mary Phyllis Eby Ebaugh '41**, **Sr. Mary Carroll Eby '55**, and the late **Sr. Denise Eby '39**; uncle of **Mary Carroll Ebaugh Fox '67** and **Jane Ebaugh Dwyer '68**
Ellen Ledger Moyes '43
Carl Clark, husband of **Helene Mitchell Clark '43**
Thomas Gannon, Jr., husband of **Helen Daly Gannon '43**
Catherine Nolan McEvoy '44
Bernard Lawson, husband of **Molly FitzGerald Lawson '47**
Jeanne Lippold Crum '48
Graciela Delgado '48
Thelma Pucci Lombardi '48
Raymond M. Watkins, Sr., nephew of **Sr. Mary Jean Horne '48**
Patricia Kotromanis Baker '49
Helen Gruger Koehler '49
Sr. Leticia Frank, DC '50
William Fitzpatrick, husband of **Catherine Kelly Fitzpatrick '51**
Sr. Patricia Ann O'Brien, OP, sister-in-law of **Margaret Feeney O'Brien '51**
Bernadette Shea, daughter-in-law of **Mary Carr Shea '51**
Sr. Ursula Jankunas, DC '52

Sr. Elaine McCauley, DC '53
Paul McDonough, husband of **Mary Louise Prehn Joyce-McDonough '53**
Ann Marie Phelan-Ehlers, daughter of **Nan Stapleton Phelan '54**
Mary June Pastorett Park '56
Sr. Ernestine Johann, OSB '57
Barbara Murphy Koogle '57
Phil Chew, husband of **Marie Mulvaney Chew '59**
Sr. Eileen Heaps, OSB '60
Russell Williams, father of **Nancy Williams Yaeger '60**, **Mary Lou Williams Feeney '63** and **Barbara Williams Walsh '65**.
Leonard Mason, brother of **Lucy Mason Fink '61**
Mary Blasco Fitzpatrick '61
John Gieske, husband of **Helen Stewart Gieske '61**
Paul Strezeski, brother of **Elizabeth Strezeski La France '61**
Audrey Slavin '61
Jo Ann Miutz Scivolette '64
Margaret Lester Hamilton, sister of **Malinda Lester Cleary '64** and niece of **Kathleen Ewald '47**
Mother of **Malinda Lester Cleary '64**
Muriel Kidwell, mother of **Mary Kidwell Aldous '64**, **Eileen Kidwell Perkins '70** and **Judith Kidwell '75**; mother-in-law of **Donna Asselin Kidwell, '67**
Gertrude Vavrina Collier '66, daughter of **Gertrude Smearman Vavrina '43**
Mary Frances Marshall '66
Sr. Mary Louise Minkle, DC '66
Ruth Ann Kaiser '67

Elizabeth (Betty Jo) O'Brien Robertson '67
Robert Meyer, husband of **Dianne Zettler Meyer '67**
John Plummer, father of **Susan Plummer Veremakis '67**
Virginia Werber, mother of **Virginia Werber Hartmuller '67**
Mother-in-law of **Wendy Cordo Kimball '67**
Richard J. Randazzo, brother-in-law of **Mary Alice Friede Mauser '67**
Thomas Brown, brother of **Mary Louise Brown '68**
Rosemary Maher, mother of **Anne Maher Gerdes Potter '68**
Marie Whalen, mother of **Mary Ann Whalen Dunn '68**
Barbara Pajak Green '69
Joseph, father of **Kathleen Plant Hobbs '69**
Anne Marie Reed '71, sister of **Patricia Reed Finch '69**, **Margaret Reed Garbarino '69** and **Frances Reed '74**
Francis Reed, father of **Patricia Reed Finch '69**, **Margaret Reed Garbarino '69**, **Frances Reed '74**, and the late **Anne Marie Reed '71**
Bill Montanaro, husband of **Roseanne Szczur Montanaro '73**
Betty Jean Gawne, sister-in-law of **Kathleen Gawne Bigelow '75**
Madeline A. Ritter, SJC Faculty
Yvonne Leonard, wife of **Dr. Thomas M. Leonard**, SJC Faculty

May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace

Reunion 2007 Registration

Thursday, April 12—Sunday, April 15, 2007

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2007

Our annual SJC Reunions are open to all and we encourage you to contact some classmates and attend. Classes whose years of graduation end in “2,” e.g., 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, and “7,” e.g., 1937, 1947, 1957, 1967, are our special honorees throughout the weekend.

For the past several years, many attendees have been arriving on Thursday in order to maximize time with friends and to attend as many events as possible. This form duplicates one in a packet mailed to all Alumnae in December, and you are welcome to use it to register. Questions? Please contact the Alumnae Office, (301) 447-6052, or e-mail to SJCAA@doc.org.

I will attend Reunion 2007.

Name (include maiden name) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Class _____ E-Mail _____

I will bring the following guests:

Spouse _____

Other(s) _____

Reunion 2007 Events

Friday, April 13, 2007: Heritage Day

Breakfast (\$15) # _____ \$ _____

Buffet Lunch On Campus # _____

(Pay At Fire Academy)

Campus Tour

1:30 p.m. # _____

2 p.m. # _____

Tea With Sisters (Free) # _____

(At Provincial House)

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Breakfast (\$15) # _____ \$ _____

Picnic At Tom's Creek (\$15) # _____ \$ _____

MSM Tea (Free) # _____

(Held at Home of MSM President Dr. Thomas Powell)

Banquet At Eisenhower Inn

Roast Beef (\$35) # _____ \$ _____

Chicken W/Dressing (\$35) # _____ \$ _____

Orange Roughy (\$35) # _____ \$ _____

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Breakfast (\$15) # _____ \$ _____

Registration Fee (\$35) # _____ \$ _____

(Alumnae Only; Waived For Guests And Religious)

Total Meals and
Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____

Cut out or photocopy this form, fill it out, enclose your check or credit card information (Visa or Master Card only) and return it to:

St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 1149, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-1149

If You Receive An Alumnae Survey, Please Respond



The Alumnae Association's Board has inaugurated a variety of surveys to determine Alumnae satisfaction as well as ideas for Reunion and other SJCAA activities. Maureen McPartland Smith '65, chair of the Classes Committee and our 2009 Bicentennial Celebration, is coordinating this effort.

Please take the time to complete any survey you receive. Some surveys have

been mailed to classes who celebrated a special reunion year in 2006. Another survey will be distributed to those who attend Reunion in 2007.

The Board is eager to increase alumnae participation in Reunion and wants to hear your thoughts and wishes about this event. Survey results will be published in *The Valley Echo*. ■

Gifts To SJCAA May Yield Substantial Benefits

General Donations

St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc. is a charitable organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, cash contributions to the Association may be considered tax deductions.

Matching Gifts

As a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, our Alumnae Association is recognized by many corporations as eligible for matching donations. These programs enable employees to have their contributions matched dollar for dollar, and sometimes more, by their employer.

If a company with such a program employs you, a relative or friend, please consider the Alumnae Association as the recipient of a "match." Any donations and matches will be directed to our philanthropy program.

Please advise the Alumnae Office if you have applied for a matching corporate gift so we are prepared to respond to any inquiries from corporations.

Can you benefit from the new Pension Protection Act of 2006?

If you are over age 70 1/2, you can make contributions from your IRA directly to a tax-exempt charity such as the SJC Alumnae Association, Inc., without including the Qualified Charitable Distribution to your income.

These special gifts are exempt from annual charitable deduction limits and allow you to avoid tax on the entire gift, even if you do not itemize on your tax return. This opportunity is only available for gifts in tax years 2006 and 2007. Contact your professional tax or financial advisor to determine if this would be a good choice for you.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock, Mutual Funds or Bonds

You can donate assets such as stock or mutual funds and receive a tax deduction on current value, rather than paying capital gains tax on appreciated assets. You may completely avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in the value of the asset. Also, by transferring ownership rather than selling the asset, you may avoid incurring brokerage fees.

Include SJC in Your Will

Through careful estate planning and charitable gifts in your will, you can legally avoid many consequences of both state and federal estate taxes. Since estate planning is very complicated, be sure to consult with your lawyer and tax consultant when writing or revising your will.

This information is not intended to be used as legal or tax advice. The concepts discussed here suggest possible strategies and are presented for illustrative purposes

only. Consult your tax advisor for more information on how to legally reduce your taxes. You should also consult with an attorney skilled in estate planning, and who is licensed in your state, prior to making a substantial gift. ■



Leave a Footprint...

In support of a renovation fund-raising effort, you are cordially invited to reserve an engraved brick for placement in a plaza near the chapel entrance. You can leave your own "Footprint," or memorialize or honor someone special who was associated with the historic campus.

Now called the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Chapel, the edifice is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Future generations will visit the chapel, walk the plaza and reflect on the names and dates of those who were present as history was made. Your name, your "Footprint," will put a face on that history.

For a fully tax deductible donation of \$110, payable to the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, an inscribed brick will be placed in the plaza or adjacent walkways. Additional donations will be used for the restoration of the Chapel or to place memorial bricks for deceased students, faculty or staff who might not otherwise be remembered.

For further information, please call the St. Joseph College Alumnae Office, (301)447-6052 or send an e-mail to sjcaa@doc.org.

Please use these sample formats for your inscription.



College	High School	Academy (or for longer name)	Staff	Friend
Mary Smith Jones SJC Student 1948-1952	Richard Smith, PhD SJHS Faculty 1952-1956	Lucille Andrews Wiberly SJA 1876-1894	Estelle Cousins Staff 1927-1947	Harry Steel Friend 1930-1963

SJC = St. Joseph College SJHS = St. Joseph College High School SJA = St. Joseph Academy

Enclosed is a check (or credit card information) for \$_____ toward the restoration and maintenance of the former St. Joseph College Chapel.

I wish to make a donation of \$_____ to the fund for bricks for deceased students, faculty, religious, clergy, etc.

I request that my gift honor: _____

Please imprint the brick as follows (limit 18 characters per line including spaces):

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Visa/MasterCard _____ Exp: _____

Signature (For credit card purchase) _____

Please make checks payable to:

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