

Connie (Pesek) Buckley



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Family names & ages:

husband Paul (Regis class of '69)

Brian,35, wife Caron, sons Zachary,4, and Ian,2

Matt,31 and wife Christal

Jeffrey,26, wife Shari and baby due in December

Lindsay,19



What's happening in our family?

Never a dull moment, that's for sure. About 8 years ago I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and am currently on disability. I am doing fairly well, have been on the same dose of medication since diagnosed and progression seems to be slow. It could be much worse and I thank God every day for all the blessings in my life, namely my husband of 36 years, Paul, my 3 sons and their families, my 1 daughter, and my mom, who is the only one of our parents left. Bless her heart, she is 83, in excellent health, takes no medications, and gets around better than I do.

The past year and a half has been pretty eventful. Before I get into that, some info on family members. Our oldest son, Brian has a Masters in Psychology from Clarke College and works in management & human resources in LaVergne, TN, is married to Caron and has 2 little boys. We visit Tennessee as often as possible. Our 2nd oldest, Matt graduated from UNI with a degree in public relations, but went back to get his teaching degree at Coe College. He now lives in Yuma, AZ where he and his wife, Christal both teach High school. Youngest son Jeff graduated with honors from UNI with a degree in Psychology, works at AEGON, and is married to Shari, who is expecting their 1st child in December. Our daughter Lindsay, is a graduate of Xavier HS and is going to Kirkwood. She plans to transfer to UNI junior year and is studying to be an elementary teacher.

We had planned to take a cruise in 2008 for our 35th anniversary but our kids had other plans. Matt and Christal were married in Yuma in March Beautiful wedding, beautiful weather and the whole family was together. While we were there, younger brother, Jeff took his girlfriend, Shari to San Diego (a few hours away) and proposed at Sea World. Then in May our youngest, Lindsay, graduated from Xavier High School. In July Paul & I took a 4-day trip to NY to celebrate our anniversary. After barely catching my breath, we were planning a wedding for the end of September. Jeff and Shari were married in an outdoor wedding at the Palisades and we had another beautiful day and beautiful wedding. I had a little break until the holidays. Then on Dec 10, my husband was hit by a jeep while riding his bicycle to work. The driver had run a stop sign. Paul does not remember anything from the accident. He was taken from Mercy to the University of Iowa hospital to have the best possible surgeon for his leg. It was a very severe break, the doctor questioning if he would be able to work again. After 6 months of pain, surgery, immobilization, therapy and determination, he has just recently gone back to work and is doing OK. It is difficult to write about because we could have lost him that day. I still can't look at his banged up helmet or the tire marks on his pantleg or his bike turned into a pretzel. I thank God everyday that it was not any worse. We are now getting into the swing of things again and very excited about our third grandchild due in December.

Fond memories of high school:

Basketball games, dances, Glee Club, hanging out with my friends

Career status:

I am retired but Paul is still working at ADM.

How I spend my time:

On my laptop, working on the family tree, and digital scrapbooking, reading

Crafts - Crocheting, beading, designing & making silk flower arrangements (I did the flowers for my 2 younger sons weddings. Travelling to visit family and also friends around the country.

Spoiling my grandsons whenever I can

Comments for classmates:

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone, getting caught up with all of you and having a great time.

Lessons learned since 1969:

Don't take things personally, Laughter is the best medicine Make the most of every day

When you see me please don't ask:

You can ask me anything.