

In Remembrance

Lancaster High School, Lancaster, Ohio, Class of 1978 Remembrance Section of Class Directory

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Classmates – Classmates are included as we learn about them. Initial listing includes classmates identified in the Lancaster High School 2000 Alumni Directory and June 2008 Alumni Newsletter.

Images – Images are from a 1978 Mirage yearbook. Current images are included when available.

Dates – Dates are included from the Social Security Death Index or obituaries when available.

Obituaries – Obituaries are included when available. In many cases they are the source for adding a classmate and provide verification that information contained here is correct.

SGT Gerald M. "Mike" Sprague

Lancaster, Ohio

1 Jan 1960 – 24 Dec 2011

LANCASTER: SGT Gerald Michael "Mike" Sprague, 51, of Lancaster, OH passed away Saturday December 24, 2011 at his home in Fort Lewis, Washington surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Gerald and Margaret Sprague, January 1, 1960 in Zanesville, OH. Mike graduated from Lancaster High School in 1978 and received an Associate's Degree in Ceramic Engineering from Hocking Technical College in 1983. He married Patricia "Patsy" Valencia on November 25, 1986.

Mike has been an active duty U.S. Army soldier for the past 27 years. He said the Army was his life and he loved being a US Soldier. He has deployed to Saudi Arabia, Iraq for 2 tours, Kuwait, Diego Garcia, Okinawa, Korea and was stationed at several U.S. bases. His most recent duty station was a Fort Lewis, WA. He received many awards and accommodations during his service time. His most prized decoration was the [Bronze Star](#).

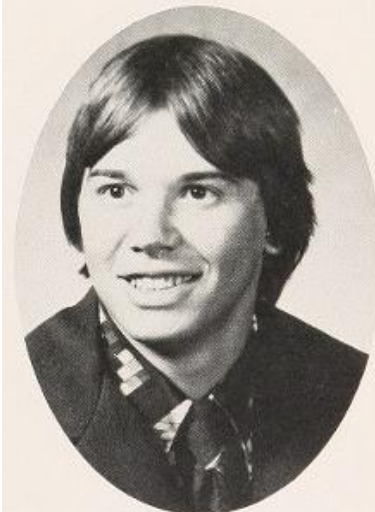
He is survived by his wife; two children: SGT Meghan (Duane) Hood of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Justin Sprague of Wisconsin; two very cherished, grandsons: Duane Eugene Hood III and Gerald Mason Hood. He is also survived by parents, brother Ken and sisters Lynn Rienschild and Kathy (Mike) O'Brien, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Please join in celebrating his life and gift of love and laughter as his family receives friends from 2-4pm and 6-8pm Wednesday, Jan. 4th and Thursday, Jan. 5th, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the SHERIDAN FUNERAL HOME. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30AM Friday, Jan. 6th 2012 at St. Mark Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Gideon as celebrant. Entombment will follow at Floral Hills Memory Gardens with military honors and fireworks. Mike was a part of the Hamburg Fireworks Family and in his memory fireworks will be a part of this life celebration. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity Newsies in Mike's memory. To send an online condolence and sign the guestbook, please visit www.sheridanfuneralhome.net and click obituaries.

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Gordon H. Berry Jr.

Amanda, Ohio

4 Apr 1959 – 7 Sep 2011

AMANDA: Gordon H. Berry Jr., 52, of Amanda, took his last flight from earth and crossed over to the other side on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the Pickering House. He was born April 4, 1959 in Lancaster and was the son of the late Ruth Ann (Sanders) Berry and Gordon H. Berry Sr.

He was a 1978 graduate of Lancaster High School, he retired from the U.S. Marine Corps. in 1999. He was a SSGT and flew on KC130's as air crew. He traveled the world while a Marine and was involved in many humanitarian efforts including the African Refugee evacuations. As a hobby, he made telescope mirrors and was involved with the Perkins Observatory. He was currently employed as an A&P mechanic at Republic Airlines in Columbus. He loved his kids and granddaughters and was looking forward to the birth of his

first grandson, Zackary Gordon Fox. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 33 years, Sherri (Ellis) Berry; four children, Melissa (James) Fitzgerald of Steep Falls, Maine, Abbie (Stephen) Fox Jr. of Lancaster, Emily Berry and Kyle Berry both of Amanda; granddaughters, Katelynn and Madalynn Fox; two brothers, David (Diane) Berry of Sugar Grove and Jeff Berry of Lancaster; father-in-law, Harry Ellis of Lancaster, brother-in-law, Rob (Dee) Ellis of Lancaster and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by twin sons, Corey and Justin Berry; and mother-in-law, Dorothy Ellis.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday at the Fairfield Christian Church in Lancaster. Burial will be in Amanda Twp. Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME in Amanda. The family would like contributions be made to Kingston National Bank in Amanda for Emily and Kyle's college fund in memory of Gordon.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.mytaylorfuneralhome.com

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George Steven Ellis

Lancaster, Ohio

30 Dec 1958 - 21 Nov 2009

LANCASTER: George Steven Ellis, 50, of Lancaster, passed away to be with the Lord on Saturday November 21, 2009; after a brief illness.

He was born on December 30, 1958 in Lancaster. Steve had worked at Big Bear and also for the Lancaster City Schools. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Lancaster.

Steve is survived by his wife, Tina D. Ellis; children, Kyle Ellis of Lancaster, Jordan Ellis of Newark, Dan Roble of Columbus, and Amanda (Adam) Brown of Aberdeen, OH; two grandchildren, Elisa (7 years old), and Richard Steven (7 weeks old) Brown; parents, George N. and Alberta M. (Queen) Ellis of Lancaster; brother, Jeffrey (Brenda) Ellis of Lancaster; niece, Tara Ellis; nephew, Eric Ellis; aunt, Jean Goldfarb; uncle & aunt, John (Sharon) Queen; there

are also many loved sunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as a beautiful church family.

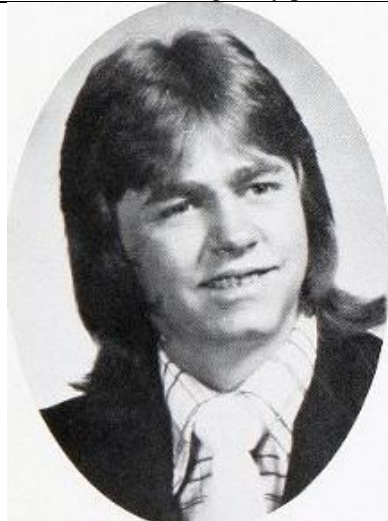
He was preceded in death by his grandparents, George & Lena Ellis, Charles & Josie Queen; uncles, Clint Queen, Charles Queen, Norman Queen, David Queen; aunt, Garnett Ayers; nephew, Corey Ellis.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday November 24, 2009 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. John K. Beckett officiating. Interment will be in Floral Hills Memory Garden. Visitation will be on Tuesday November 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Lancaster. The Sheridan Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Larry E. Hudson

Lancaster, Ohio
19 Jan 1960 – 22 Apr 2009

Lancaster - Larry E. Hudson, 49, of Lancaster, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at OSU Medical Center. He was born January 19, 1960 in Lancaster and was the son of Stephen B. and Glenda (Henery) Hudson. Larry was a 1978 graduate of Lancaster High School. He is survived by his children, Tracie (Jeff) Kagey of South Charleston, Charles

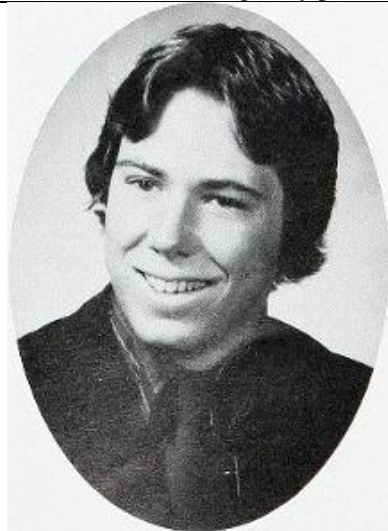


(Makenzie) Hamilton III of Kensington, Maryland, James A. Hamilton of Amanda, Travis Hudson of Lancaster and Chad Hudson of Athens; grandchildren, Josh Chapman, Taylor Kagey and Ariella Hamilton; mother, Glenda (Bob) Hoffman of Lancaster; grandmother, Dorothy Henery of Somerset; sister, Debbie (Ron) Smith of Logan; brother, Keith (Mary Ann) Hudson of Athens; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Hudson.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be observed. The family suggests contributions be made to the American Lung Association of Ohio, 1950 Arlingdale Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

Arrangements are being handled by the Taylor Funeral Home in Amanda.

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Rodger Keith Hicks

Lancaster, Ohio
20 May 1960 – 21 Feb 2009

LANCASTER - Rodger Hicks, 48, of Lancaster, Ohio died Saturday, February 21, 2009 as the result of an auto accident. He was born May 20, 1960.

He was employed by Lancaster Bingo for 13 years, a Supervisor Red Coat for The Ohio State University for 6 years, a

softball umpire for the State of Ohio for 2 years and this year became a Fairfield County Basketball Official after years of playing softball, basketball and flag football. Rodger loved the comradery of friendship that he had with his fellow teammates and friends. He will



be so eternally missed by his wife, family and by everyone that ever met this one of a kind man.

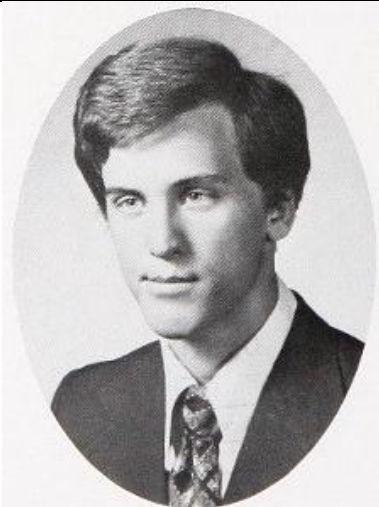
He is survived by his wife, Teresa "Terri" Hicks who had been together for 32 years; father, John Hicks; brothers, Jeff (Sherry) Hicks and Kevin (Beth) Hicks all of Lancaster, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Hicks; and grandmother, Mabel Elick.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home Chapel, 405 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 with Rev. Harold Sturm officiating. Burial to follow in Floral Hills Memory Gardens. Friends may visit Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

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David C. Ellinger

Columbus, Ohio

13 Apr 1959 – 24 Nov 2008

David C. Ellinger, 49, of Columbus, formerly of Lancaster, passed away Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, at his residence. He was born April 13, 1959, in Lancaster. David graduated in 1978 from Lancaster High School, where he enjoyed track and cross-country. He worked at the Columbus Convention Center. David was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. He especially enjoyed listening to music.

David is survived by his mother, Ruth C. (Fred) Ety of Lancaster; sisters, Linda Ellinger of Phoenix, Ariz., Natalie McClelland of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Marilyn (Jeff) Arter of Lancaster; brothers, Victor (Betty) Ellinger of Tempe, Ariz., Tom Ellinger of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

His father, Herbert Ellinger, preceded him in death.

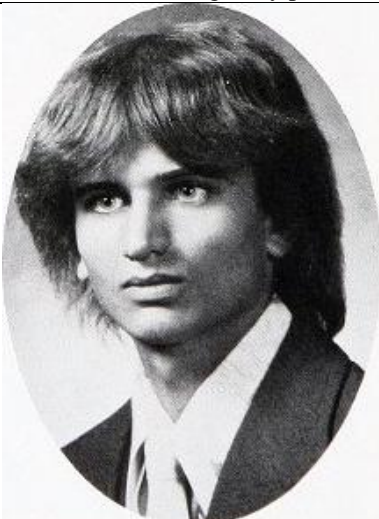
Services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheridan Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Raddatz officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pathways Clubhouse. Sheridan Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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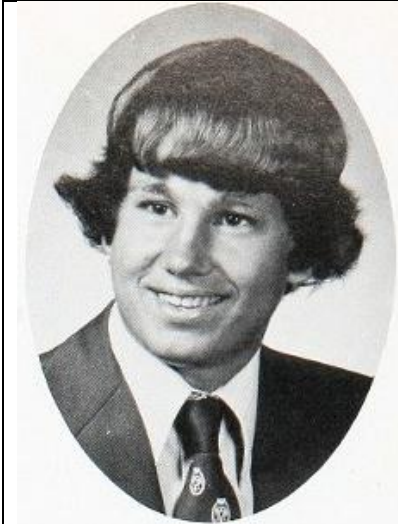


Donald Lee Mathias

18 Nov 1959 - 24 Jul 2008

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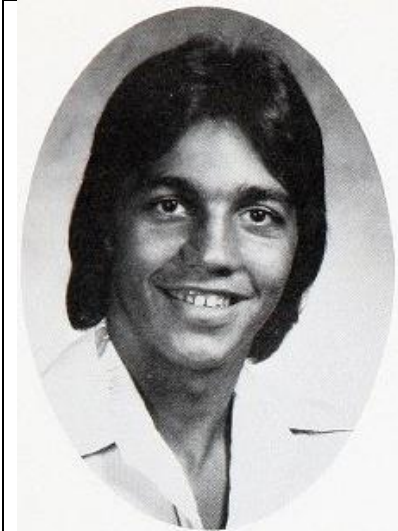
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Jeffrey David Goodman

Lancaster, Ohio
24 Jul 1960 - 16 Jan 2008

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January 17, 2008



Anthony Lawrence Thimmes

Lancaster, Ohio
24 Oct 1959 – 5 May 2007

Anthony L. Thimmes, 47, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 24, 1959, to Lawrence A. and Beverly (Wallace) Thimmes in Lancaster. He served in the National Guard for 16 years as a combat engineer and demolition specialist. Tony enjoyed fishing, NASCAR and football.

Survivors include his daughter, Andrea Thimmes of Thurston; stepdaughter Kera Donahoe of Logan; mother Beverly Thimmes of Lancaster; sister Pam Adams of Heath; brothers Mike Thimmes of New Lexington, John Wallace of Bremen and Pete Thimmes Stanford, Va.; four granddaughters Andrea and Nicole Cook, Mariah and Savannah Donahoe, many nieces and nephews; and life friends Mark Eaton and Bart Willet.

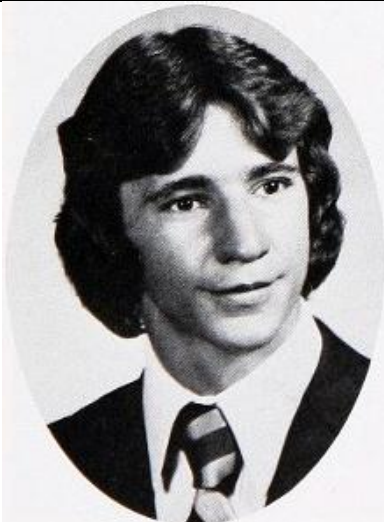
He is preceded in death by his father; and stepson, Gary Cook.

No visitation or funeral services will be held as cremation has taken place. The family will be conducting a private service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements are being handled by Sheridan Funeral Home.

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Alan Wayne Hart
Circleville, Ohio
12 Jan 1960 – 2 Mar 1997

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Cheryl S. Eckard
Lancaster, Ohio
22 Oct 1960 – 15 Jan 1997

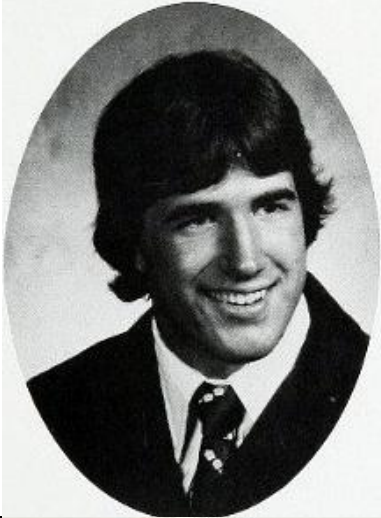
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David Keith Ambuehl
Ohio
16 Aug 1959 – 8 Aug 1993

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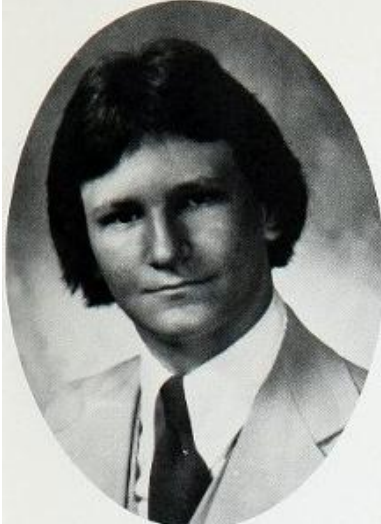
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Mark Alan Hendrickson

Ohio
27 Dec 1960 – 12 Jun 1993

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Bobby Joe Cody

Columbus, Ohio
31 Aug 1960 – 26 Oct 1991

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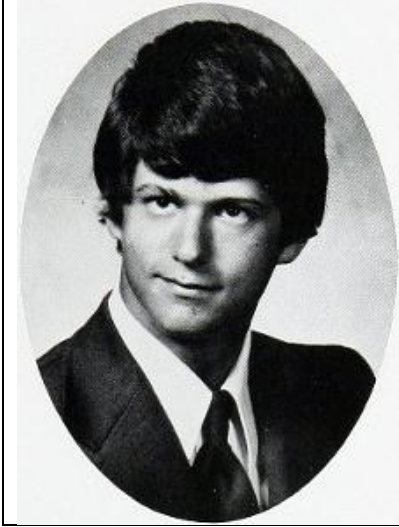


Janet A. Winegardner

Lancaster, Ohio
7 Oct 1960 – 19 Feb 1987

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Thomas M. Cotter

Lancaster, Ohio

7 Nov 1960 – 21 Dec 1979

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