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## 1970s

Kathryn (Tokar '75) Haidet published her first novel, *Crashing Through the Windshield*, in December 2022. It is available on Amazon and on her publisher's website. For more information, visit



kathryntokarhaidet.com.

**Philip Kiko '73** joined Williams & Jensen PLLC law firm in Washington, DC as principal while continuing to be founder and CEO of Kiko Strategies Inc.

## 1980s

Jeff Meshey '80 has been named a Phoenix Titan 100. The Titan 100 is a national program that recognizes the top 100 CEOs and C-level executives in a region. Rep-



resenting both the private and public sectors, these titans of industry demonstrate exceptional leadership, vision, passion, and influence in their field. Meshey is president and CEO at Desert Financial Credit Union in Arizona.

#### 1990s

On March 3, 2023, **Jason Lindsey '98**, **Sean DelFavero '98**, and **Brent Barr '98** all traveled to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to attend the retirement ceremony of **Curran Chidester '98**. Chidester will officially retire later this summer with 24.5 years of active-duty service with the U.S. Army.



**Todd Strebel '92** is an Elyria Sports Hall of Fame trustee as well as the Mathematics Department chair for Steele High School in Amherst, Ohio. Todd and his wife, Kelly, will be



celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. Their daughter, Meghan, is a registered nurse and their son, Tyler, is a police officer.

## 2000s

Aimee (Rankin '05) Zundel has announced the launch of her solo law practice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Zundel Law, LLC, which provides comprehensive education law solutions for clients. More information can be found on the firm's website: zundellawpgh.com.

## 2010s

Elizabeth (Hord '11) Bosl and announce the birth of a daughter, Gryffin Sylvia, on December 6, 2022. Karley (Sullivan '16) Crouch and spouse announce the birth of a son, Cohen John Karl, on December 23, 2022.

Ulmer and Berne LLP announced that **Gregory Djordjevic '13**, an associate in the firm's Cleveland office, has joined the Achievement Centers for Children Associate Board.





Achievement Centers for Children is a Cleveland nonprofit whose mission is to empower children and adults with disabilities and their families to achieve their greatest potential. In his role with the Associate Board, Djordjevic will support the Achievement

Centers through philanthropic and volunteer activities.

Jordan Martin '19 and Dylan Gardner '19 were married.

Amanda Wise '15 and Daniel Goswick '15 were married on October 29, 2022. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Kaley (Smitley '10) and Jonathan Harris announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Eileen, on February 25, 2023.





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Jenna (Williams '14) and David '14 Loxterman announce the birth of a daughter, Norah, on January 13, 2023. She joins sister, Quinn, 2.



After graduating, Anna Miller '10 taught English in France. On return, she had a goal to eventually live and work in London, England. In March of 2022, Anna was hired as an eRetail account director



with Publicis Media, working in the London office. Partnering with media owners like Google, Amazon, and CitrusAd, Anna is managing several large clients like Nestle, Electrolux, and Snapfish. Nancy (Osborne '15) and Tylor '15 Rockwell announce the birth of a son, Niko Lee, on November 24, 2022.



Kyle Roberts '15 was named the director for sports medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in December 2022.



**Eva (Laino '15)** and **Andrew '15 Rothermel** announce the birth of a son, Callum Oliver, on April 30, 2022.



Annie (Cotton '13) and Brian Schultz announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte "Charlie" Morgan, on January 31, 2023.

Kayla (Moore '18) Wilt earned a master's degree in higher education with a focus in student affairs in June 2023.

## 2020s





Kaitlyn Murphy '21 and Ethan Mc-Comb '20 were married on June 26, 2021, at Mount Ida Farm in Charlottesville, Virginia. Ethan was a member of the 2017 National Championship football team and Kaitlyn was a member of the six-time OAC Championship women's lacrosse team. The couple resides in Maryland.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **MESSAGE**

What an honor to experience and take part in the Inauguration of our new president, Greg King '89. The day was full of energy. President King's enthusiasm for Mount Union, his vision, and experience left you feeling secure that our University

is in the best hands possible and on track to success. You could feel the excitement radiate off everyone who attended this prestigious event. The energy gave you the feeling that anything is possible, that growth can and will happen, and YOU can be a part of it.

How will YOU use your gifts to help our University? And I'm not just talking about monetary gifts. (Although I will also give the plug that anything you can do to help our students succeed through scholarships and rescue funds is much needed!) The gifts you possess may have been due to the amazing education and experiences at Mount Union. I hope, over the summer, you will consider becoming more involved in the University in hopes that you can give back in some way. We'd love for you to connect with more of the over 19,000 alumni all over the world. There are so many of us, and if just a fraction of us would inspire a future student to attend Mount with your stories of your



college days, host an alumni gathering, or attend a campus event, imagine the impact we could have for our very own Purple Raider Family.

Finally, September 29-October 1 is not too far away. I can't wait to welcome you back 'home' for Mount Union's Alumni Weekend, Homecoming, and Family Day!

Go Raiders! - Jen (Thurin '03) Slack Alumni Association President

# *Deaths* 1940s

Arlene (Kemery '49) Akerman of Beaver, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2023.

**Dwight Hayes '46** of Macedonia, Ohio passed away on October 22, 2022.

**Marjorie (Stroup '40) James** of Magnolia, Ohio passed away on January 19, 2023.

### 1950s

**Jane (Mackey '56) Barrett** of North Canton, Ohio passed away on March 3, 2023.

**Richard Beck '57** of Canton, Ohio passed away on April 10, 2023.

James Bittner '58 of Moorpark, California passed away on February 7, 2023.

**Joseph Check '55** of Canal Fulton, Ohio passed away on November 27, 2022.

**Patricia (Unkefer '59) Conti** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 19, 2022.

**J. Thomas Cope '54** of Salem, Ohio passed away on March 24, 2023.

William Gordon '53 of Emlenton, Pennsylvania passed away on March 21, 2023.

**Eugene Heston '53** of Akron, Ohio passed away on March 21, 2023.

**William Kuehn '54** of Sandy, Utah passed away on April 11, 2023.

**Ray Pucci '52** of North Canton, Ohio passed away on November 9, 2022.

**Elizabeth (Sonday '51) Thorpe** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 17, 2022.

## 1960s

**Robert Amor '64** of Garrettsville, Ohio passed away on December 10, 2022.

**James Anderson '60** of North Canton, Ohio passed away on February 26, 2023.

**Jeffrey Ball '64** of Ashtabula, Ohio passed away on October 30, 2022.

**Autumn (Hoover '64) Burdette** of Canfield, Ohio passed away on February 25, 2023.

**Patricia (Dreyer '63) Daily** of Harlingen, Texas passed away on December 25, 2022.

Elizabeth (West '64) Davidson of Tempe, Arizona passed away on January 28, 2023.

**Sandra (Zimmerman '60) Ewing** of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio passed away on December 22, 2022.

**Lawrence Frank '63** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 14, 2022.

**Richard Harrold '65** of Columbus, Ohio passed away on October 18, 2022.

**Sharon (Keefe '67) Henry** of New Braunfel, Texas passed away on March 23, 2023.

**Alan Porter '61** of Wilmington, North Carolina passed away on January 9, 2023.

Judith (Jolley '68) Ramsay of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on April 22, 2023.

**Jeannine (Draper '69) Rowe** of Sebring, Ohio passed away on April 11, 2023.

**William Schumann '64** of Westerville, Ohio passed away on January 15, 2023.

**LaRue (Emerson '62) Sisak** of Austin, Texas passed away on February 15, 2023.

**Claire (Steineck '61) Springer** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 29, 2022.

**Daniel Treloar III '67** of Jeannette, Pennsylvania passed away on December 7, 2022.

**Lynne (Boyd '61) Unkefer** of Minerva, Ohio passed away on January 26, 2023.

## 1970s

**Linda (Robellard '72) Anderson** of Amsterdam, Ohio passed away on March 16, 2023.

**Thomas Briggle '73** of Miami, Florida passed away on December 11, 2022.

**William Brust '70** of Fort Mill, South Carolina passed away on October 21, 2022.

**Julie (Zamagias '77) Clapper** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 6, 2022.

**Denise Deal '78** of Navarre, Ohio passed away on October 29, 2022.

# Mount Union Employees

Lloyd Davidson of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2022. He was the director of food service at Mount Union for 34 years.



# William Markley

William Markley of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 16, 2023. He was a mathematics professor for 39 years and the first soccer coach in Mount Union history.



# Rudy Sharkey

**Rudy Sharkey** of Barberton, Ohio passed away on April 21, 2023. He was member of the football coaching staff for several national championships.



**Richard Harr '75** of Silver Lake, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2022. Read more about Richard on page 24.

**Joey Henderson '76** of North Canton, Ohio passed away on January 9, 2023.

**Christine (Green '75) Keller** of Montgomery, Texas passed away on April 4, 2023.

Mark Nurnberger '75 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on January 9, 2023.

**Frederick Snowden '76** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 28, 2023.

**David Vernon '72** of Campbell, Ohio passed away on May 7, 2023.

### 1980s

**Tommy Akers '82** of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away on November 26, 2022.

**Suzanne (Gross '85) Hatch** of Columbus, Ohio passed away on March 8, 2023.

**John Hopper '80** of Bluffton, South Carolina passed away on March 14, 2023.

**Patricia Whiteman '85** of Santa Monica, California passed away on December 3, 2022.

## 1990s

**John Peaspanen '92** of Winston Salem, North Carolina passed away on January 6, 2023.

**Brian Reali '94** of Akron, Ohio passed away on March 21, 2023.

## 2000s

**Tracy (Kennedy '00) McDaniel** of Sebring, Ohio passed away on January 5, 2023.

## Friends

Vincent Amato of Chesterland, Ohio passed away on January 1, 2023. He attended in the late 1960s.

Charles Calhoun, spouse of **Evelyn (Higbie '65) Calhoun**, of Uniontown, Ohio passed away on March 20, 2022.

Frederic (Fritz) Corey, spouse of **Joanne** (**Donaldson '50**) **Corey**, of Davis, West Virginia passed away on July 6, 2022.

Wayne Denny of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 16, 2023. He attended in the early 1960s.

Andrew Deuble of North Canton, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2022. He was vice president and board member of the George H. Deuble Foundation in North Canton, OH.

Richard Fry of Minerva, Ohio passed away on February 25, 2023. He attended in the late 1950s.

Nancy (Wolfe) Gaige of Marshall, Michigan passed away on December 30, 2022. She attended in the mid-1950s.

Sally Galieti of Northridge, California passed away on January 10, 2023. She was the spouse of the late **Spartico Galieti** '55.

Helen (Hannawalt) Harris of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away on November 29, 2022. She attended in the early 1950s.

Jack Howells of Salem, Ohio passed away on May 7, 2023. He attended in the mid-1950s.

Thomas Kingsley of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on November 16, 2022. He attended in the mid-1970s.

Marilyn (Steiner) Leyva of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away on November 2, 2022. She attended in the mid-1960s.

Josephine (Rich) Pietrocola of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 26, 2023. She was the mother-in-law of **Craig '89 Unckrich** and grandmother of **Corey '13** and **Michael '18 Unckrich**.

James Ramser of Alliance, Ohio passed away on April 8, 2023. He attended in the late 1950s.

William Saltsman of Sebring, Ohio passed away on March 18, 2023. He attended in the early 1940s.

## Charles Ketcham '49

**Charles Ketcham '49** of Lexington, Massachusetts passed away on April 15, 2023. He was a World War II veteran and chaplain at Allegheny College for 31 years. He was also



the son of late Mount Union President Charles Burgess Ketcham.

#### Helen (Wright '53) Farnham

Helen (Wright '53) Farnham of Medina, Ohio passed away on November 15, 2022. She was a member of the Forever Mount Society, The 1846 Society,



and along with her husband, Edward '54, endowed the Dr. Edward L. and Helen (Wright) Farnham Scholarship for students pursuing careers in the sciences.

## Franklin Walizer

**Franklin Walizer** of Sebring, Ohio passed away on January 29, 2023. He worked at Mount Union in the fleet and grounds department until his retirement.



# Robert Watson

**Robert Watson** of Strongsville, Ohio passed away on January 7, 2023. He worked at Mount Union as a dean for four years.

