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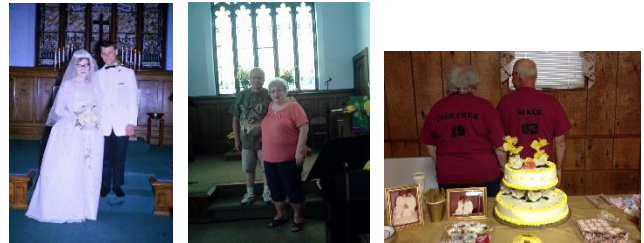
Love Stories on the Bethany Campus

It seems that earlier each year we are preparing for the next holiday but here at Bethany we would like to keep the holidays right where they belong...this month we celebrated Valentine's Day on February 14th and what better way to add to that celebration than to share some of our very own love stories? Since my posting of "Throwback Thursday" on Facebook, we have been contacted with a few more love connections and pictures to jog your memories of Bethany Boys and Girls who fell victim to Cupids sharp arrow right here at Bethany. We hope you enjoy this walk down memory lane.

Sometimes, when you walk down memory lane with our Alumni, you get much more than you expected and for our first featured couple, that was the case.

Anna Mae Barron(1957) & William Augustine(1953)

They would begin going steady on August 18th, 1962 after Anna Mae, who had been interested in William for some time, won his heart after he ended a prior relationship. William would graduate in 1963 and leave to attend Stevens Trade School, but would return several times to visit his love up until her graduation. The love birds did not waste anytime tying the knot and were united in marriage on November 23, 1963 in Bausman Memorial Church; a reception followed in the Old Gymnasium. Anna Mae and William would have celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary in 2017, sadly Anna Mae passed away in April of that year.



Pictures: Augustine Wedding Day, Anniversary Day 2012, 50th Wedding Anniversary. (Photos provided by: Daughter, Anne Cech)

Note: The "much more than I expected" in this chat was learning that during Anniversary Day in 1959 Bill milked a cow named Patty on stage for everyone to see.

Brenda Wagner(1961) & Irvin Weinrich(1955)

They began their romance on our campus and would return to tie the knot after they both completed their schooling in September on the 30th of 1967. Their nuptials would take place in Bausman Memorial and Rev. Garnet O. Adams would officiate; a reception followed in the Recreation Hall. Their wedding party consisted of members of the Bethany campus.



Bonnie L. Sapp(1962) & Walter Buddy Glassmoyer(1963)

Would meet here at Bethany, cultivate a loving relationship that would culminate in a wedding ceremony on October 17, 1967.

Karen R. Glassmoyer(1963) & John L. Roethlein(1948) Met here on the Bethany Campus and their devotion in marriage on September 20, 1970.

Mrs. John L. Roethlein



never wanted to see him again. Wasn't he lucky I didn't keep that promise! April 10, 1971 Fred and I were married at Bausman Memorial Church at Bethany. We are married 47 years now. A funny thing happened that day"...which leads to our next couple, and an ex love of Mickey...oh the drama on our small campus!

Deb McClintock(1966) & Dave Hornberger(1960)

They would get married later that same day in Bausman Memorial Church. Deb and Dave met here on campus, they would fall in love, wed and bring three children into the world; sadly both have passed away but Dave's sister, Janice (Hornberger) Barczynski was able to supply their information and a picture of the blessed day.

Charlene Glassmoyer(1963) & Freddie W. DeLong(1961)



As told by Mickey (Charlene) DeLong; " Fred would buy me candy from the canteen for the Saturday night movie in the chapel, but to his surprise I



might be found sitting with another boy. But who did I marry, Fred. Wasn't he lucky! Like any couple we had our good and bad times. A few days before leaving Bethany after graduating from Conrad Weiser High School, we were playing tennis. He beat me bad! With both of us being so competitive I was very upset and told him I



Dave and Debra Hornberger Wedding Party 1971

**Archives Trivia: What year did Bausman Memorial Church burn to the ground?
Send me your answer! (Last month's answer – Rev. Garnet O. Adams.)**

Interesting Items Found in our Archives:

Researching a Family of former Bethany boys and girls

Going back to find information for families looking to learn about their relatives and the lives they lived while here at Bethany can turn up such interesting items. One of those items that we find most telling are the ID Cards, in earlier files, if they are complete with data and pictures you get a true idea of the person when they entered Bethany and then again when they left. One of those files we recently researched, for a requestor, was the Blew Family who arrived at Bethany in 1932. Below you see Mildred Blew's information, she was here in 1932, left in 1933, and returned in 1937 where she remained until she was eighteen; then she joined as a Bethany Employee for several years afterward, before leaving to pursue an independent life and her own family. Using the information we have in our files we are able to help a family make connections and complete family histories. In the case of the Blew family and Mildred we were able to fill in information the researcher was missing regarding siblings and the earlier years of their lives. Mildred would leave Bethany, live in the Allentown area, she was married twice and passed away in 2002.

