

Class Notes 3-26-08

Lori (Gonner) Byerly, '89 and her husband Todd are continuing to serve as Lutheran-sponsored missionaries in Africa and have been for several years. They are based in Tanzania with the ELCT Missionaries.

Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty, '42, received the Key to the City from the City of Rock Island, Ill., in 2007. Rafferty, a Marycrest Alumni Board member, became a CHM Associate.

Maureen McGrain, '87, is the new regional development manager of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Melissa Haberkamp (Lynch) '98 married Alan Haberkamp on December 1, 2007. They live in Chicago, IL.

Maidena Navratil, '77, of Rock Island, is enrolled in the Master Naturalist program through the University of Illinois Extension Service. A new member of the Marycrest Alumni Board, Navratil also spends her free time volunteering at the Niabi Zoo in the Quad-Cities.

Former Marycrest Coach Kevin O'Neill served as interim head coach while Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson has been on personal leave. O'Neill first served on Olson's staff in Arizona from 1986 to 1989.

Nicole Blodgett (Petsas) '02 has passed her comprehensive exams on her way to getting her doctorate in Nursing at the University of Iowa.

Elsbeth (Schmal) Noel, a Marycrest alum, celebrated her 80th birthday Nov. 24.

Connie Lannan, '84, is engaged to Craig Brown. No date has been set yet. Lannan is employed at ARA in Moline, IL.

Leonel Alexander Pesce son of Lacey Pesce (Kreitzman) '92 and her husband Ariel, was born on March 18, 2008.

Kathy Longlett '92 and her husband Darrell were featured in a Quad City Times story in February about anniversaries on leap years. They have had 11 anniversaries in 44 years of marriage. They live in Bettendorf.

Deaths

Peter Hartung, 88, father of Suzanne Hartung, '68, died March 2, 2008. He had served as an administrative consultant at Marycrest.

Ellen (Fitzgerald) Godeke, 94, of Muscatine, Iowa, died Feb. 29, 2008.

Don DeWitt, 82, father-in-law of Jennifer (Waddell) DeWitt, '87, died Feb. 7, 2008. He had been a resident at Marycrest Senior Housing for the past two years.

Mary Czerwinski, grandmother of Lynne Schiffke, '81, died December 3, 2007.

Cheryl (Holmquist) Sommer died Nov. 19. She was 59.

Linda R. Jensen, 54, of Bettendorf, died Nov. 16, 2007.

Mary Jeanne (Winnike) Gray died Sept. 27, 2007. She was 84.

Sr. Mae Murphy, CHM, died May 12, 2007. She was 91.

Margaret Bender, 99, grandmother of Jennifer (Waddell) DeWitt, '87, died Oct. 6, 2007.

Sister Rebecca "Becky" Dobbels, '78, died November 25, 2007. She was 51.

Sister Eileen Roseberry, '45, died January 12, 2008. She was 96.

Sister Frances Comito, '49, died in 2007. She was 87.

Jimmy (Jim) Teller, former Marycrest staff and husband of Sarah Albrecht '82, died March 1, 2008. He was 52. His in-laws include Betty and Maurice Albrecht. Betty worked in Financial Aid at Marycrest.

Quentin McCoy, brother of Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty, '42, died on March 13, 2008. He was 78.

Don Denhart, former Education Department Chairman, died March 31, 2008. He was 86.