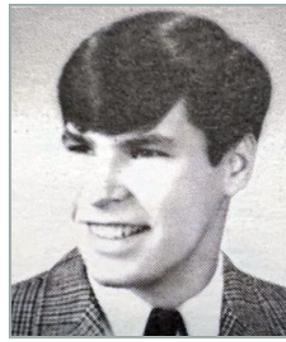


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LIFE

Jan Wells '74 and I married in 1974 following her graduation and my first year at Washington & Lee's law school. I had the great joy of a small, and to this day, close-knit group of classmates who also gather every five years in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

I returned to my hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1976 and was hired as the 12th lawyer at Schmidt, Howlett, Van't Hof, Snell & Vana. Under Kent Vana's mentorship, I began a labor and employment practice representing primarily employers. I was rewarded with a partnership in 1982, and in 1983 we (26 lawyers) merged with Varnum, Riddering Wierenga & Christenson (46 lawyers) to form what is now just Varnum LLP (180+ lawyers in seven offices). It has been an incredible ride that I never saw coming when I left law school in 1976. I eventually became our "bouncing ball," moving my long-suffering wife twice and helping to build five different Varnum offices. I loved my work, but more importantly, I loved the people with whom I worked.

Jan and I had two children, Gillian (b. 1978) and Andrew (b. 1979). In one of life's great tragedies, we lost Andrew to cardiomyopathy in 2005, but Gillian has amazed us continuously. She earned her PhD in cell biology from Yale and a master's degree in genetic counseling from Johns Hopkins, and then became vice president and chief scientific officer of a genetics firm in Nashville, Tenn. Along the way, she has also worked as a genetic counselor in the Vanderbilt Health System, served as president of the National Genetic Counselors Association, and served on four different boards of directors in the genetics industry. Frankly, we're not at sure how it was she came from us, but we are enormously proud of her. We are delighted she has added husband Dylan Burnette, a Vanderbilt biology professor, and grandchildren Oliver (12) and Nora (9) to our family.

In the wake of Andrew's death, we helped establish a voice scholarship at his high school music program and another need-based scholarship at the Northern Arizona University Hotel & Restaurant Management School, from which he graduated in 2002. Also, he was an organ donor, so now two young Chicago-area men can again see with the aid of his corneas.

EDUCATION

Major: History

Clubs and activities:

Kappa Sigma fraternity; intercollegiate club bridge team; Denison Society of Self Abuse.

Other degrees and certifications:

J.D., Washington & Lee University (1976).

Dick and his wife, Jan.



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We now live in Tennessee, 20 miles south of our grandkids, who are the light of our lives. Despite my initial trepidation, I LOVE being retired and am busier now than when I was practicing law, but with all fun stuff: grandkids, traveling, tournament bridge, hiking, biking, swimming, reading, food & wine and attending concerts at various Nashville-area venues (most notably the Ryman Auditorium, my second home!).

And as much as we love Tennessee, I will always be a Michigander, so we spend our summers in northern Michigan far away from Tennessee's oppressive summer heat and humidity!

TO DENISONIANS 50 YEARS YOUNGER:

Dedicate yourselves to excellence, and the money will follow. Never take yourself too seriously, and always work for the betterment of those around you.



Dick and his son, Andrew.



Daughter Gillian.



Granddaughter Nora.

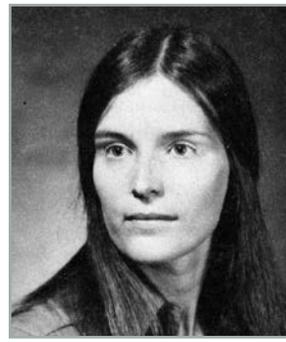


Grandson Oliver.

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Retired. Business planning and creative work at Pennington Quilt Works.



LIFE

After graduating from Denison, I worked at the University of Michigan and University of Pittsburgh doing educational research. While at Pittsburgh I also received my MBA, and shortly thereafter Bill '71 and I started our family. When our three children were young, I chose to stay at home and did volunteer work, both at the children's school and at the Children's Home of Pittsburgh.

We then moved to New Jersey where I worked at Pennington Quilt Works. Working there married a lifelong interest in textiles, fabrics, and sewing with a fascination in small-business growth. In addition to working on the business side, I taught quilting classes, designed and made quilt samples, and helped others design and create their own quilts. The shop became a creative space for hundreds of people (mostly women) for which I am particularly proud.

In the early 2000s my quilting interests widened to creating art quilts, and I continue that work today. I find inspiration in everything around me. Recently, I have been creating quilts that use color and abstraction to allow viewers to see ordinary objects in a different way. My website is lschorlingquilts.com.

Bill and I have been avid skiers since a young age. As adults we tried to spend as much time as possible skiing in the West. All our major holidays and family events were spent there, so it should not have surprised us that our three children chose to settle there.

We retired officially in 2017 and moved to the mountains of Colorado, where we still live today. In between various orthopedic events we hike, bike, and garden in summer and cross-country ski in winter. Cross-country skiing has become a relatively recent fascination for me. I would never have guessed that climbing up a mountain on skis would be as much fun as going down.

Prior to COVID we traveled as much as possible, quite often to South America as well as six weeks in Spain to study the language. Our next adventure will be to an international ski event in Levi, Finland, in March 2023.

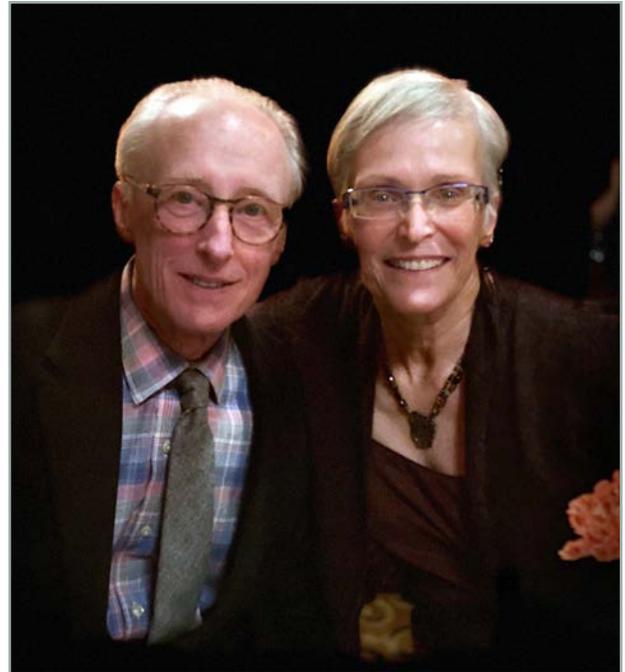
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EDUCATION

Major: Psychology

Other degrees and certifications:
MBA, University of Pittsburgh.

Bill and Lynne.



Daughter Katy with Lynne and Bill at the Lake Shutes in Breckenridge, Colo.

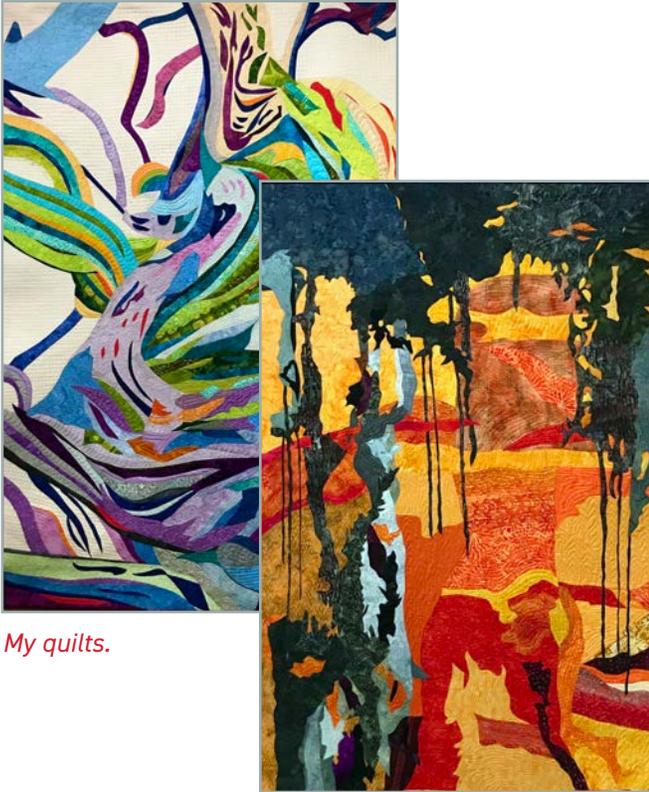


In the last year we were surprised by two perfect granddaughters. Happily, they arrived before we were too old to enjoy them.

As Alice Merrill '71 (one of my upperclass heroes while I was at Denison) said, "I was too self-absorbed to perceive, let alone appreciate, the opportunities Denison offered. I regret that. However, my time at DU was well spent forging friendships that are still strong and very much appreciated." My sentiments exactly.



Granddaughters Charlotte Rose Schorling and Alice Gertrude Howe.



My quilts.



Son John with wife Casey and daughter Charlotte



Our family.



Daughter Ann and husband Josh Howe on their wedding day in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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Retired. Math teacher.



LIFE

My high school math teacher was awesome, and so I aspired to be a math teacher. Both my parents went to Denison and I had visited the campus several times, so I decided on Denison very early. I met with Dr. Gallant, chairman of the Department of Education, and he became my advisor in an internship program for secondary education. My second semester of junior year, I taught full-time in the Pataskala High School system under the supervision of Martha Tykodi. Through her, I received the coursework for methods, curriculum, and teaching practicum. To this day, I thank Denison for the flexibility to help me achieve my goal.

After graduation, Bill and I married in July 1973. He had just returned from serving almost two years in the Army. I taught junior high math from 1973 - 79. I always felt that my psychology major served me better than a math major when dealing with junior high students! In 1979 we had our daughter, who is also a graduate of Denison, and in 1982 we had our son, who is a graduate of Elon University.

Because Bill was doing well at Xerox, I chose to stay home with the children. During those years I was very involved with PTA, Junior League, and substitute teaching in addition to being a master chauffeur. In 2003 Bill and I bought a staffing business. He loved it, and I hated it! We sold it in 2006. After the sale, I worked at Mathnasium and did sales for the local Chamber of Commerce. We both retired in 2013, which happened to be when he discovered he had prostate cancer.

We had many exciting travels over the years, but in July 2018 we traveled to Santa Barbara and then Tijuana for immunotherapy for Bill. In November we went to Iceland and saw the Northern Lights which was on Bill's bucket list. Over the years Bill and I played a lot of tennis and golf. When he passed away on July 2, 2019, our friends at our golf club became my support group. I continue to golf three to four times a week in the summer. Too bad my scores don't reflect all those rounds!

DENISON MEMORIES

I met Bill at a party at the Kappa Sig house. He amazed me because he knew my mailbox number. (He worked in the mail room!) Our first date was the Raccoon Creek Rock

EDUCATION

Major: Psychology

Clubs and activities:

Delta Delta Delta sorority; accompanist for voice students; Phi Beta Kappa.

Other degrees and certifications:

High school provisional standard and professional standard certificates in math and social psychology, Miami University of Oxford.

FAMILY

Spouse, William W. Trau '71 (married 1973 – 2019). Children: Megan Trau McGill '02 married to son-in-law Scott McGill; and Scott Trau. Granddaughters: Evelyn and Hazel McGill and Sloane and Emerson Trau.

Lynn and Bill in Iceland, November 2018.



Festival in the Field House. Three dates for the price of one! A fantastic experience but very loud! I discovered that Bill was one of the Sangimen, and I made sure I chaperoned him when he went to the women's dorms to sell the sandwiches and snacks.

My expectations of college were quickly challenged: I grew up in a small town and was not political at all. Suddenly, I saw the world in a different light: Black Student Union and Vietnam War protests and Kent State shootings. But the expected fun was still there: sorority rush and pledging, anticipation of D-Day and the Wingless Angels, pinning ceremonies and serenades and Ebaugh Pond. And...the campus was beautiful!

Although not a music major, I accompanied voice students for their lessons and enjoyed playing the

piano at Huffman for Sunday-dinner-background music. One day I discovered a harpsichord in Burton Hall and persuaded Dr. Osbourne to give me lessons. At Denison I received a true liberal arts education: Teaching rats to push levers, star-mapping in Astronomy, bowling, horse-back riding (only got thrown twice!), two January terms—one in Mexico and one in the Caribbean, Old and New Testament classes with Dr. Eisenbeis, getting lost in Calculus, and truly terrified by the gigantic computer that told me I had 99 errors in my program! Denison prepared me for life and also provided lasting friendships for which I am truly grateful.

TO DENISONIANS 50 YEARS YOUNGER:

Keep an open mind on your journey through life.



Bill, Lynn, and their granddaughters (2018).



Scott Trau with twins Emerson and Sloane, Lynn, Megan and Scott McGill with Hazel and Evelyn (2022).

Lynn and Bill on a date at Denison (1971).

