

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Greeting and Ushering

September 7      Val Torstveit  
September 14     Myles Alberg  
September 21     Ronnie Anderson  
September 28     Faye Auchenpaugh

**Altar Preparation:** Katy Haugen

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## Thrivent Cards

All Thrivent Financial members are entitled to two \$250 "Thrivent Cards" each year that can be used to fund special projects that benefit the community. At St. Pauli, we use them to help with our Stewardship and Fall Event speaker/entertainer costs.

If you are a Thrivent member, would you please let Jan Strandlie or Kathy Alberg know? They will help you apply for these cards. More than one card can be used for each project.

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## HOLY COMMUNION DATE CHANGES

Following Pr. Marilyn's departure, we will have Holy Communion on the following dates in September and October. We will be served by Allen Bertilrud, SAM, and Retired Pastor Darrel Cory.

**September 21**  
**Allen Bertilrud, SAM**

**October 12**  
**Rev. Darrel Cory**

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## September Milestones

### Birthdays

Sept. 1      Deb Ernst  
Sept. 13     Racheal Rondorf  
Sept. 15     Cindy Cedergren  
Sept. 16     Sally Torkelson  
Sept. 17     Bruce Mathson  
Sept. 19     Wally Torkelson  
Sept. 26     Marisa Benson



### Anniversaries

Sept. 10   Jim and Roxane Rondorf

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## FALL EVENT

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 pm**



Once again, it is time for us to donate generously to our Fall Event in order to do our annual donations to local, national and international charities.

This year, we will have a fun-filled afternoon featuring Steve Larson, TRF native and graduate of Lincoln High School. Steve shows and talks about the history of his extensive trading card collection. Words fail in trying to describe how delightful this program is. Spread the word!

Hot Dogs, Peanuts and Cracker Jacks served following the program!



# In Memoriam

## Nancy Jensen

October 12, 1956 – May 18, 2025

*Nancy was a member of St. Pauli for many years.*

Nancy Diane Jensen, 68, died on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Sanford Hospital, West Fargo, ND.

On October 12, 1956, Nancy was born to Grant James and Lois Tillie (Russell) Marti in Waukon, Iowa. She attended school in Waukon, Iowa, graduating in 1975. Following graduation, Nancy attended Calman Vocational Tech, Waukon, Iowa, for nursing.

On October 11, 1975, Nancy was united in marriage to Jerry Jensen in St. Hilaire, MN. She worked for Pennington County Social Services as a Home Health Aide. She also worked at Northland Foods, K-Mart, and for 22 years at Digi Key Corp, where she retired. Her husband, Jerry, died March 20, 2005.

Nancy enjoyed baking, decorating cakes, and lefse. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, and being outdoors. Nancy liked to fish with her family on the Red Lake River, Thief River Falls. Her favorite time was spent with her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her children: Jason (Jamie) Jensen, Thief River Falls, MN and Kelsey Jensen, Middle River, MN; grandchildren: Brandi (Fiancé Tristan Thydean) Jensen, Tyler Jensen, Austin Jensen, Landon Larson, Carson Jensen, Peyton Jensen, Charlie Poole, and Ryker Hurst; siblings: Cheryl Stussy of Norwalk, WI, Sarah Hovden of Buena Vista, CO, Kathy Coughlin of Norwalk, WI, Helen Fisher of Kansas City, MO and Gloria (Glen) Degenhardt of Norwalk, WI, Tanya Marti, MO and Shelva Kohrs of Postville, IA; siblings-in-law: Janice (Herb) Vettleson of Thief River Falls, MN, Karen (Andy) Peterson of Oklee, MN, Glen (Dolores) Jensen of Goodridge, MN, Donald Jensen of Goodridge, MN, Kendall (Renae) Jensen of Thief River Falls, MN, Kermit (Verlene) Jensen of Warroad, MN and Joani (David) Frederick of Goodridge, MN and several nieces and nephews.

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Visitation was from 5-7 pm with a prayer service at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Johnson Funeral Service, Thief River Falls, MN. Funeral services were held at 11 am on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Johnson Funeral Home, Thief River Falls, MN. Burial was at Clara Lutheran Cemetery, St. Hilaire, MN.



# In Memoriam

## Brock Hemmesch

November 24, 1998 – June 14, 2025

*Brock was the grandson of LaDawn (Rude) Olson.*

Brock Theodore Hemmesch, age 26, of Lengby, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at his home. Brock was born November 24, 1998, in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He grew up at Island Lake in Lengby, Minnesota and attended Fosston schools, graduating in 2017.

After high school Brock attended Sheridan College and joined the Sheridan Rodeo team. After college he spent two years out in Kremling, Colorado learning some hands-on trade work. After the passing of his stepfather (Larry Lepier), Brock moved home with his sister (Marissa) to help their mother

(Tami LePier), run the businesses in town.

Brock enjoyed any sport he could try and get his hands on much, like his father Milo did – water, land or mountains. Many of Brock's favorite memories were spent on the water, on the trails, in the fields, or in the mountains, but most recently he had gotten back into golf. Many, like his mother, won't forget that hole-in-one he had in Fosston and, if you knew Brock, he wouldn't let you forget it either.

As many of you know, Brock had a special bond with his sister that resonated deeply with those around them. Their relationship was a beautiful example of sibling love, one that many people found truly heartwarming to witness. It's not common for siblings to live and work together in their late twenties, but they managed to navigate it with such grace and ease. Brock always felt a strong sense of responsibility to look after his older sister, and he embraced that role wholeheartedly, showcasing the depth of his love and care for her.

Brock is survived by his mother, Tami LePier; sister, Marissa Hemmesch (Weston); step-brothers, Brandon (Trista) LePier and Bryan (Sara) LePier; step-sister, Brittney (Kyle) Djernes; grandmother, LaDawn Olson; uncles, Chad (Sara), Brent (Amanda), Jeremy (Danielle), Mark Hemmesch, Mitch (Connie), Mike (Gwen), Mary (John); and many cousins he loved. Brock was preceded in death by his father, Milo Hemmesch; stepfather, Larry LePier; grandparents, Lawrence & Freida Hemmesch; grandfather, Terry Olson, and grandfather, Robert Kleinvachter; cousin, Corbin Olson; friend, Dylan Grant and friend, Josh Anderson.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22nd, in the Fosston High School, main gymnasium, with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Family greeted friends for one hour prior to the service in the high school. Fellowship followed the service at Venture's in Fosston.



# In Memoriam

## Oscar "Eugene" Borgie

*Eugene grew up west of Hazel and the Borgie family were members of St. Pauli.*

Oscar "Eugene" Borgie passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the age of 95.

Eugene was known for his outstanding work ethic, being a good friend, someone who always was willing to help anyone, but most of all, for the love he had for his family.

After growing up on a farm in northern Minnesota, Gene enlisted and served in the Navy. His journey continued and brought him to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after being recruited to work at Bucyrus Erie. He spent the next 37 years in the machine shop where he was respected for his attention to detail.

Gene was an avid tournament bowler and even scored a few perfect games. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed his home up north after his retirement. Gene loved entertaining friends and family at that home which created many great memories

for all. He traveled for a few years to Arizona in the winter months to enjoy the sunshine and meet up with friends who also made that trip. He lived a long life filled with so many stories. The family would like to thank Preceptor Hospice for their thoughtful care and kindness in his last days.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Eunice Borgie; his wife, Gertrude (nee Laffler) Hawkins-Borgie and siblings, Bernerd (Joanne) Borgie, LaVerne (Al) Gundlefinger, Elaine (Wally) Newquist.

Gene was the loving father to Debra (Tom Brudnicki) Borgie, Roberta (Steven) Marek, Tamra (late Jerry) Johanneck and their mother and Oscar's first wife, Shirley Borgie. Grandfather to Kaytie (Matt), Chad (Katie), Jaimie (Justin), Lindsay (Austin) and great-grandfather to Ella, Oliver, Johanna and Juliette. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Graveside Service with military honors took place at the St. Hilaire Community Cemetery on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.



# In Memoriam

## David Stroh

September 10, 1939 – June 30, 2025

*David and his wife, Marlene, were members of St. Pauli for several years.*

David Stroh, age 85, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at his home on June 30, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

David was born on September 10, 1939, in LaMoure, North Dakota, to Arthur and Adeline (Dathe) Stroh. He was raised in LaMoure as the eldest of five siblings, one brother and three sisters. He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, ND. During his high school years, he was proud of his role in the FFA, where he won the North Dakota State Award for judging dairy cattle. He went on to attend the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa where he took silver.

Following his graduation from LaMoure High School in 1957, David enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. It was then that he moved to Minneapolis where he met the love of his life, Marlene. Not long after, David was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis, meaning he would be stationed in Fort Lee, Virginia. Knowing he couldn't leave Marlene behind, he asked for her hand in marriage. They were united in marriage on September 22nd, 1961. Off they went to Virginia! During his time in the reserves he served as a supply handler, trained sharpshooter and member of the Honor Guard. In 1962, he was honorably discharged and the couple moved to Coon Rapids, MN, where David began his employment at Honeywell, working as a team lead for 8 years. During this time, they started a family, welcoming Nathan and Stacy, their pride and joy.

In 1970, they relocated to Thief River Falls, and it was then that he found his calling in civil service with the United States Postal Service, where he went on to work faithfully for 30 years. A proud advocate for his fellow postal workers, he served both as a union steward and state representative for the Minnesota Chapter of the American Postal Workers Union. He retired from the Postal Service in 1999 at the age of 60.

David found deep joy in simple pleasures—his passion for classic cars was matched only by his love for the land. Time spent on his hobby farm brought him peace and pride, a connection to nature that grounded him. Over the years, David and Marlene treasured their winters in Arizona, where they formed lasting friendships and created warm memories under the desert sun.

David had an immense love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was known affectionately as “Papa” and then “Papa-Great”. He never failed to show up to every recital, birthday, game - whatever event it may be - he was there, beaming with pride. He was often seen with at least one grand- or great-grand leading him around by the hand, climbing him like a jungle gym, or covering him in stickers, hugs and kisses. He treasured these special moments.

He will be remembered as a man of gentle nature, quiet strength, unwavering integrity, and deep devotion to the people he loved. - “143”-

David is survived by his son, Nathan, and his wife Dianne, along with their children Bethany (Norman) Nordby-Pelletier, Tiffany (Tyson) Lofberg, and Anna Stroh, all of Thief River Falls; his daughter, Stacy, and her husband Jeffrey Davidson of Thief River Falls, and their son Chad (Victoria Hoggarth) Davidson of Fargo, ND; great-grandchildren, Stevie, Jonah,



Roman, Marlo, Elsie, and baby girl Pelletier; siblings, Kaye Reiersen, Danny (Lucy) Stroh, Mary (Donald) Gentzkow, and Linda (Raymond) Thielges; brothers and sisters-in-law, Merlin (LaVonne) Raaen, Leland (Linda) Raaen, and Vanna Raaen; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene on December 25, 2014; his parents; brothers-in-law, Donald Raaen, Roger Raaen, and Ron Reiersen.

Visitation began at 5:00 PM with a 6:30 PM prayer service on Monday, July 7, 2025 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation was also held one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

The service to celebrate David's life were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Rev. Stephanie White officiating. Burial was held at a later date at Norman Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bear Park Township, Norman County, MN.

# In Memoriam

## LoAnne Lokken

July 4, 1935 – August 11, 2023

*Although LoAnne moved away from Thief River Falls in 2003,  
she continued to be member of St. Pauli.*



LoAnne (Cerny) Lokken passed away on Thursday, July 17th, in her home in River Falls, Wisconsin, surrounded by loving family members.

LoAnne Cerny was born in Warren, MN on July 4th, 1935 to Louis J. Cerny Jr and Luella (Keefe) Cerny. She was baptized in her birth town of Warren, MN, on November 3rd, 1935. She went on to graduate from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, MN, in 1953.

At age 18, she began working for Northern Woodwork as well as a department store before marrying Raymond Bjorgaard on September 5th, 1953. Together, they then moved to Bonner Springs, KS, where the couple had four children. While in Kansas, LoAnne took on one of her least favorite jobs of bookkeeping.

In 1966, the marriage was dissolved, and LoAnne moved back to her hometown of Thief River Falls, MN, with her children. It was here that LoAnne began working at the local hospital in the billing department and would go on to work her favorite position at American Family Insurance.

LoAnne soon met Leo Lokken, and the pair were united in marriage on June 25th, 1971, in Sisseton, SD. The couple made their home on the Lokken family farm in Thief River Falls, MN, where they would spend many years farming, fishing, and enjoying time with family.

In 2003, after her husband's passing, LoAnne moved to Grand Forks, ND, to be closer to her children. In 2009, she moved to Cottage Grove, MN, to be closer to family once again. She has lived in Hastings, MN, and Inver Grove Heights, MN, before finding her final residence in River Falls, WI.

LoAnne enjoyed sewing and quilting with her daughter, going to retreats in Detroit Lakes, MN, going fishing with her family, and spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved Diet Coke (no ice), Culvers, Applebee's, original Lays potato chips, blueberries, genealogy, and God.

LoAnne is survived by three children: Kashina Brooks, New York Mills, MN; Richard (Mary) Bjorgaard, Fargo, ND; and Lori (Michael) Lucht, River Falls, WI. She is survived by 10 grandchildren: Stacey Lucht; Scott (Lindsay) Lucht; Brenda (Brandon) Hackett-Lucht; Cory Lucht; Jaclyn Lucht; Stacy (Andrew) Bjorgaard; Allison Lucht; Jason (Samantha) Bjorgaard; Emily Lucht; and Finn Lucht. As well as five great-grandchildren Ryler Hackett- Lucht; Zander Hackett- Lucht; Trexton Hackett-Lucht; Melanie Bjorgaard; and Amethyst Hackett- Lucht. LoAnne was also survived by four sister-in-laws, Joyce Cerny; Carol (Lloyd) Halvorson; Carmen (Stewart) Solem; and Joyce Jensen. As well as many nieces and nephews including, Kim (Matt) Ableiter; Pam (Rob) Sando; and Mike Cerny.

LoAnne is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leo, a brother, a sister, Deone, and her infant baby John.

The service to celebrate her life was held on Friday, August 15th at 4:00 p.m. in Thief River Falls, MN, at Johnson's Funeral Service with Kevin Reich officiating. A light lunch followed. Visitation was held one hour before the service.

# Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

May 24, 2023

The St. Pauli Women of the ELCA met on May 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm with six members present.

President Jan led us in devotions titled "Refreshment for the Faint" based on Jeremiah 31:25.

Natasha Reiersen was our guest speaker, and she talked about the Prowler Pantry and its extreme importance to students without resources. The TRF Education Foundation works closely with school counselors to learn of students in need.

We asked what we could do to help in addition to our annual monetary donation. Natasha said fresh fruit or vegetable items. There is also a need for complete dinners prior to holidays, which these students would not otherwise have. We discussed possibly making dinners frozen in TV dinner style trays.

Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurer's report for April 24 through May 28: Expenses \$367.99; Income: \$771.00. Checking balance \$1,373.17. Savings as end of April \$604.37. CD balance \$6,681.64.

Cindy wrote thank you cards to Barb Klopp and the Sunday School for their donations.

Stewardship: Kathy called Staci Reay about quilts for VIP and she said they will take quilts, so Kathy brought five quilts and the two baby quilts there. We saved three of the wider and longer ones we made this year as fire quilts, and we recently gave a fire quilt to the Iverson family near St. Hilaire. Joan Nelson has donated \$40 to buy plants for the church.

Council report: The generator has been installed, but not the propane tank. Kevin Reich and Wade Benson are our delegates to the NW MN Synod Convention.

Communications: Thank you received from the Women of the ELCA for our donation to women in ministry.

Old Business: Jan called Bruce Skalsky for a bill on the stove repair; he said to send \$80 and "we'll be good."

Baskets for the fall convention were discussed. Early registration is due by August 15. There are grants available for first timers to attend.

SNOW newsletter wants articles. Next deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Faye was asked to submit an article about our Valentine meals using what she had written for the March newsletter along with photos.

New Business: We need to put an announcement about our Fall Event called the "7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch" in the SNOW newsletter by July 1. Faye will handle that also.

VIP luncheon is June 19 at Redeemer, noon, \$20 per person.

Watering Schedule was sent around for signing up. Thank you to Faye for serving root beer floats tonight.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed and prayer partners exchanged.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary

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## We said "Goodbye" and "Thank You" to Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom



August 31<sup>st</sup> was Pastor Marilyn's last Sunday serving St. Pauli. She has accepted at position at a two-point parish in Greenbush, which is considerably closer to her and Peter's home!

We will miss her, but we are thankful for the time we have spent together. She has been a blessing – and we're sure she will be a blessing also to her new church home.



## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Left: Jana Johnson and Todd Prickett were married in June at Copper Ridge, Newfolden, MN.

Jana is shown here with her mother Marlene's wedding dress, veil and shoes. What a wonderful memory!

Right: Elsa Haugen once again had a major role in the TRF Area Community Theater's production of "The Addams Family."



## THINGS TO PONDER 🤔

By I Might Be Funny

1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
3. Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
4. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
5. Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
6. Why do "fat chance" & "slim chance" mean the same thing?
7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
8. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
9. Why are there no "B" batteries?
10. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

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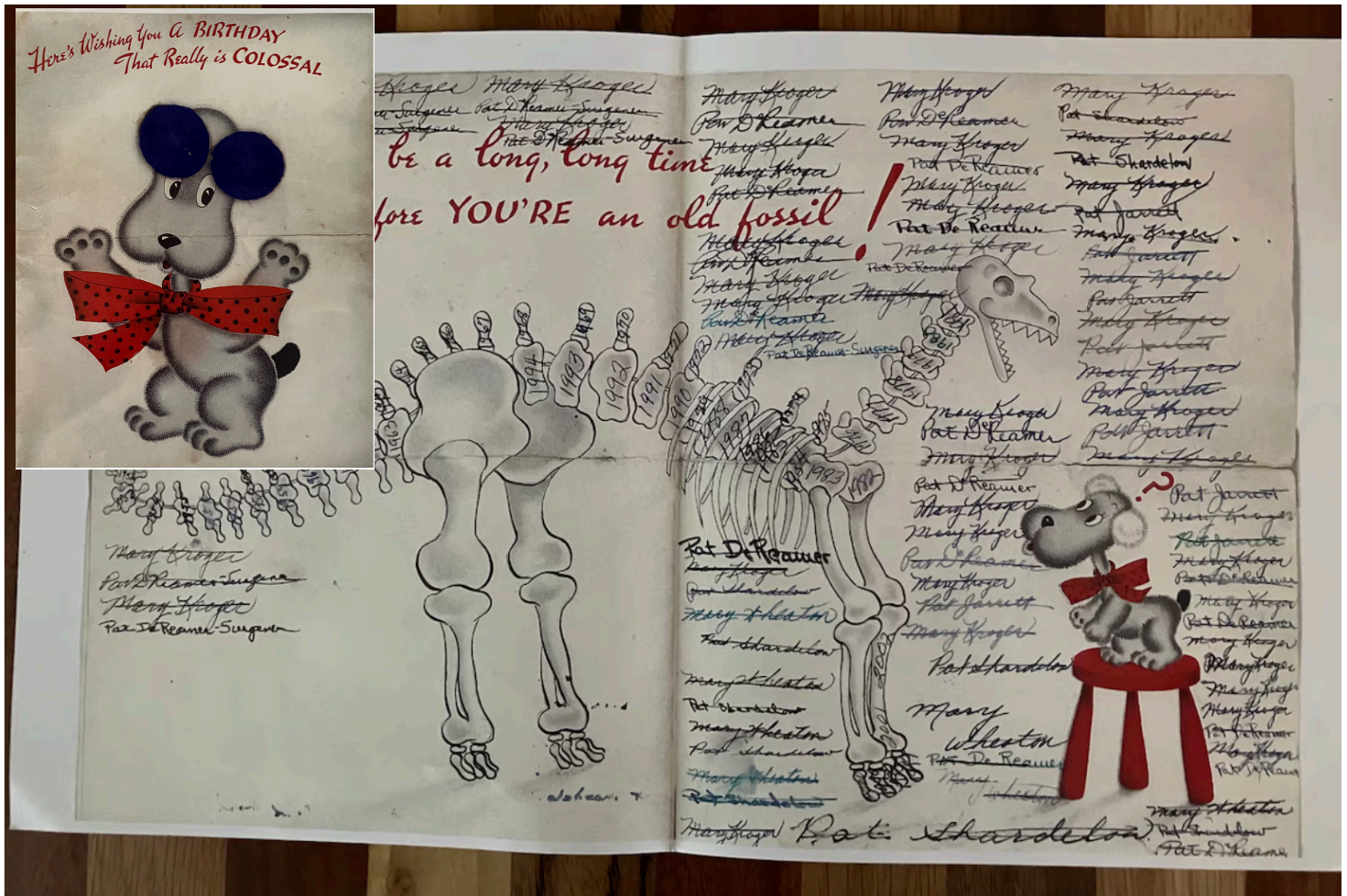
## Two women have sent each other the same weathered birthday card for 81 years

“The joke is that neither one of us knows who started the card,” said Mary Kroger, 94.

Sydney Page, *Washington Post*, April 10, 2025

In 1944, a middle school girl gave her friend a card for her 14th birthday. When the girl's birthday came around, the friend sent the same card back to her. “Neither one of us can remember who started it,” said Pat DeReamer, one of the two girls, who is now 95. The other teen was Mary Kroger, now 94.

For the past 81 years, DeReamer and Kroger have been sending the same birthday card back and forth to each other on their birthdays, signing their names and the date each time.



The birthday card Pat DeReamer and Mary Kroger have been exchanging since 1944, shown in 2002. (Dan Kroger)

DeReamer opens it every year on her birthday, April 1, then signs it and mails it to Kroger, so she can open it on her birthday, May 20. Kroger lives in Carmel, Indiana, and DeReamer lives in Louisville, Kentucky. “It’s been a long time,” Kroger said.

The timeworn card features a cartoon dog with a large red polka-dot bow tie. It reads: “Here’s wishing you a BIRTHDAY that really is COLOSSAL.” The message continues on the inside of the card: “Cause it’ll be a long, long time before YOU’RE an old fossil!”

As they’re both nearing 100, the greeting “has taken on real meaning this year,” DeReamer said.

The inside of the card has an illustration of a large dinosaur skeleton spanning both sides. The women write the years on the dinosaur’s bones and cross out the other’s signature when they receive the card. After eight decades, it is crowded with writing.

“We’re almost to the end of the dinosaur bones, so we started writing on the card, too,” DeReamer said. They’ve also written all over the original envelope, and they’ve almost filled up a second one.

While the women sign only their names and the date on the card, they often include separate notes and birthday wishes to one another. They send the letter in an oversize envelope, along with the original envelope and replacement one.



DeReamer and Kroger met in middle school, after DeReamer moved with her family in 1942 to Indianapolis. At first, DeReamer recalled, she had a hard time making new friends. “I was certainly a misfit,” DeReamer said. “Mary took me under her wing.”

“She asked me over to her house, and I had her over,” she said, adding that they lived three blocks apart. “We became very good friends.”

On one of their 14th birthdays, the other girl gave the birthday girl the dinosaur card, unaware she was starting an eight-decade streak. “The joke is that neither one of us knows who started the card,” Kroger said. The women also don’t recall ever having a conversation about making it a tradition. “We don’t know why it kept going back and forth,” DeReamer said. “It just happened.”

After DeReamer went to college in Oxford, Ohio, and Kroger stayed in Indiana for school, they spent less time together. DeReamer then moved around to multiple states in her adult life and traveled to 130 countries. Still, the card kept coming.

“We never missed a year,” DeReamer said, noting that one year, the birthday card got lost in the mail, but her husband tracked it down.

While the women would visit each other over the years, it wasn’t until the 1990s that they spent a lot of time together again. They both had homes on Sanibel Island in Florida, and they would often have meals together.



DeReamer, bottom left, and Kroger, top right, at Girl Scouts in 1942. (Courtesy of Dan Kroger)

Their families also got friendly. DeReamer was married three times — each husband died of cancer, she said — and she has seven children. Kroger has five kids. “We always had lots to talk about,” DeReamer said.

The women — both of whom said the other is her longest-standing friendship — agreed the birthday card tradition is a big part of what has kept them close for so many years. Their families are charmed by it, too.

“We always got a kick out of it,” said Kroger’s son, Don Kroger. “It’s pretty cool.”

After 60 years of exchanging the card, DeReamer’s daughter-in-law applied for the Guinness World Record for the longest birthday card exchange. They got the title, though it was overtaken by two women in Australia who exchanged a



Kroger, left, and DeReamer with the card in 2005. (Courtesy of Dan Kroger)

birthday card for 61 years.

In November, they applied to reclaim the title. They are still waiting to hear back from Guinness. “The children decided that somebody really ought to give us credit,” DeReamer said.

But the women said they aren’t in it for fame.

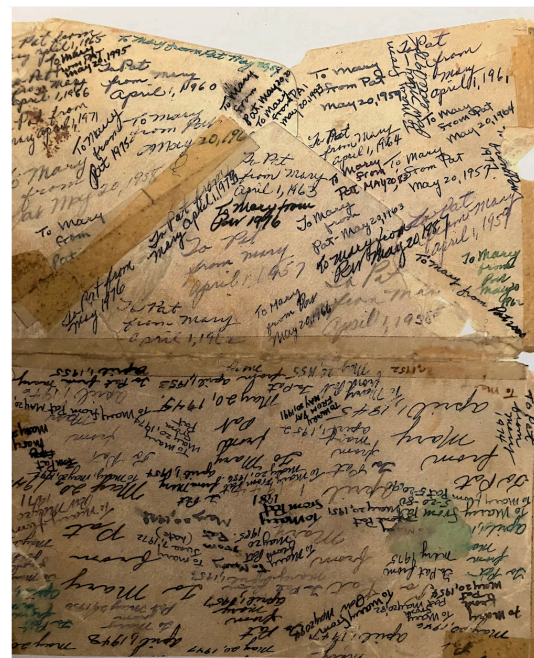
“We really weren’t looking for notoriety,” DeReamer said. “We’re just doing what we have done for the better part of our lives.”

The friends have not seen each other in a few years, as it’s gotten more difficult for them to travel. The birthday card, though, has been a constant in their lives.

“I’m always excited to get the card,” DeReamer said.

They said they intend to continue the card exchange for as long as they are able, and they believe their families will eventually take over.

“I’m sure if I can’t do it, my children will,” Kroger said.





# The Back Page

## Found on the tables at the Viking Café...

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400 feet, stop and let me out."

Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The GPS blurted out: "You have reached your final destination!"

I just ordered a Life Alert bracelet. So, if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately!

It's better to have friends  
with two chins than to  
have ones with twofaces.

