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40TH REUNION NEWS

July 30-31, 2010 is fast approaching. A new rule will be in effect and will be strictly enforced: Attendance is **MANDATORY + 3**. This means that not only are you required to attend, you are also required to bring along 3 additional classmates. This is not an honor system, we will be checking. Mr. Loren Ratekin will punish all non-conformances.

Before this year is up, you will be able to register online or by mail. You will also be able to give us updated information to use in the memory book that Susan Harper Wolford will be producing.



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Back by Popular Demand :

The **Macabras** will be performing at **Big Muddies** July 30. We need to con...I mean encourage other bands featuring fellow classmates to perform also.

Please join the: **draft Jim French petition.**

We the Class of 1970, demand that **Jim French** & his band: **Smokin Mojo Kings** perform Friday night also. Please call, write or email **Jim French**, **Susan Harper Wolfred** & myself and insist that they play. Since I see him regularly, I will serve Jim with the petition.

CONDOLENCES

Please offer prayers to Carol Daley, her father, Quintin "Squint" Daley passed away October 5, 2009.



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Please offer prayers to Craig Bartimus who has recently been diagnosed with an aggressive form of Multiple Sclerosis. Craig married Pam on October 30 in the Great River Medical Center Chapel. Craig is in room 102.

Featured Student: **Richard Scott Roberts**

The Science Lab at Oak Street Junior High had tables and everyone was paired with another student. My partner was Richard Roberts. We quickly became good friends.

We both had long walks to and from school which we did together. It was 2 miles each way (or was it 10?) across the old Mt. Pleasant Street Viaduct. We would often get pum-



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meled by shedding turkey feathers as the Selby Turkey semis sped across the span that we could feel shake as we walked across.

Richard & I walked every square inch of Burlington when we were too young to drive. We in fact almost always walked barefoot whenever possible to toughen our already callused feet (and this was in the pre-Kung Fu days). We could literally walk across broken pop bottle glass and not bother to notice.

Richard had the sweetest mother and an upstairs room he shared with his brother. I had never known a kid with an older brother that were close friends. My brother was 12-years older than me which I considered to be an adult. Richard had a drum set, posters & signs in an all boy's room. More often than not, Steppenwolf would be playing on the HiFi stereo.

Long before Arnold Schwarzenegger was known outside of Austria, Richard & I learned about bodybuilding from an Electrical Engineer named



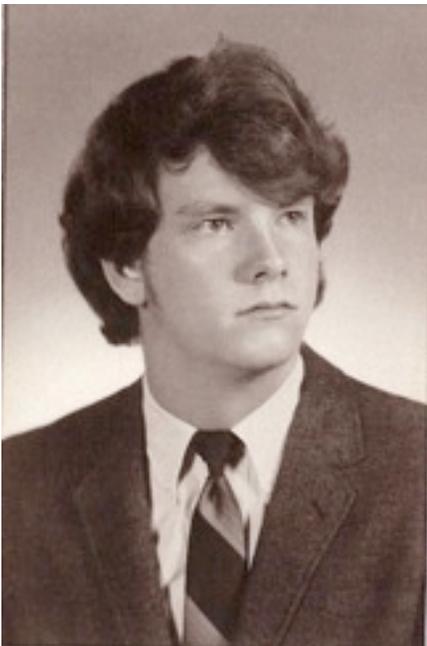
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John Allen, who worked for Sylvania. We worked out with weights in John's basement using his home-made equipment. It's a sport I still love.

It was great growing up with Richard. We grew up in a good town and in a special time. He has always been a good friend of mine and we share many fond memories.

Rex

I liked my life growing up in the Midwest in the fifties. It was a good time to be a kid in a lot of ways (I think of the movie "STAND by ME".) Racing around town in my 55 Chevy or on a motorcycle, hunting, fishing, and girls, oh, did I mention girls!!!? No videos, computers, ds or xbox games, Ipods, BlackBerrys, or meetings...people had to go outside and actually interact with other people and develop their social skills.





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I still have relatives all over southeast Iowa and am looking forward to visiting with them and as many old friends as possible when I'm back in Iowa. The happiest time in my life was marrying my college sweetheart and having our three beautiful children. The saddest time in my life was my divorce after 27 years of marriage.

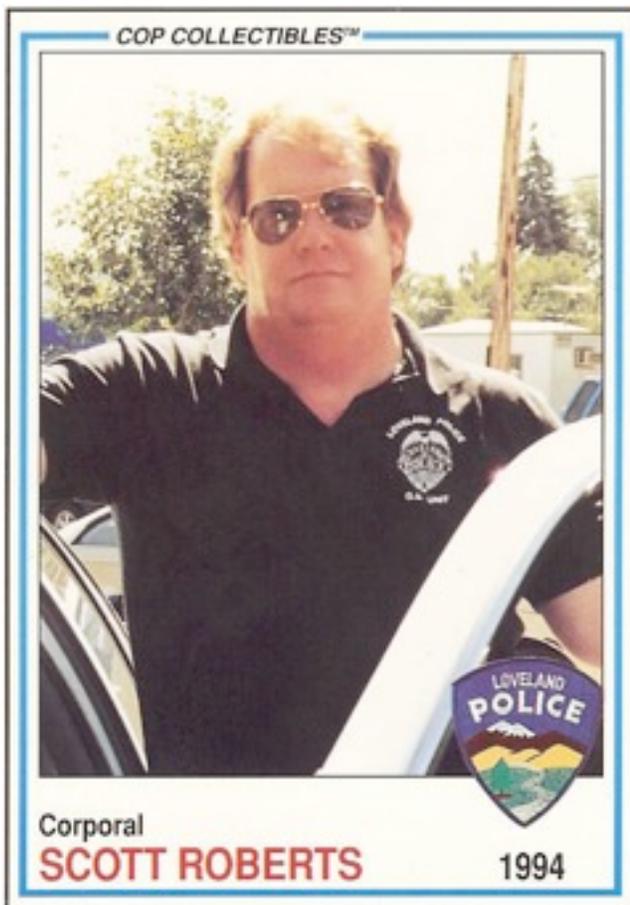
My son, Shadrock Roberts, is 37 and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Shad has his PhD, works for the CDC in addition to being a Professor at the University of Georgia. My daughter, Emily K., is 30 and runs a small boutique in Laramie, Wyoming near the University of Wyoming. Sarah H. is 33 and was a Paralegal in Las Vegas, Nevada until recently (economic down turn and all) and has moved back to Colorado with my granddaughter, 12 year old Raeleen Marie. For this move, I am very happy. I feel very blessed in life.

I always knew what I wanted to be - at first it was a cowboy...until rockets and astronauts



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came along. As an adult, I found myself in law enforcement working in Special Operations Units, Narcotics, Swat Teams, Under Cover assignments, Priority Offender Unit, Criminal Investigations, and, finally, acting Chief of the Department.



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Community Resource Unit
Scott joined the department in 1977 and has served in Operations, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, Priority Offender Unit and in the Special Investigations Unit. He likes chess, karate and hunting. He is married with a son and two daughters.

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After 21 years of that, I was contacted by President Clinton's Administration and the Justice Department and I accepted a position overseas teaching Officer Survival and Criminal Investigations in far off foreign lands. That led me to an association with the intelligence community on a federal level where I worked as a teacher (supposedly) for the next ten years and got to see such fun places as Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Middle East.

After ten years of globe trotting, I had had enough of my James Bond lifestyle and I accepted a position with the U.S. Marshals Service doing judicial protection back in the good old U.S.A. I had made it. I was a cowboy, of sorts, at last but it was not to last. After a few years and the events surrounding 9/11, I was doing anti-terrorism training and hostage rescue for a number of government agencies and traveling. This, along with teaching and writing textbooks, is what I'm still doing today. Only for four more years. Then I plan



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to retire. Then it will be margaritas and palm trees.

I have met three different Presidents including President George W. Bush, Sr., President Bill Clinton, President Obama, whom I met during the DNC in Denver in 2008. I've traveled to a lot of exotic destinations. Been involved with some crazy stuff but I have not been back to Burlington for 10 years. I'm so looking forward to this reunion in 2010.

It's hard to put into words. At the same time, I'm saddened by the loss of so many classmates gone way too soon. What would they have done? What would they have become? We used to rent a house out on Summer Street across from Bonnie Dillon's dad and she lived upstairs (good times.) In the end, all that really matters are the wives, husbands, sons, daughters & family. Everything else is just stuff. Someone told me to treasure the small things in life because when you look back,



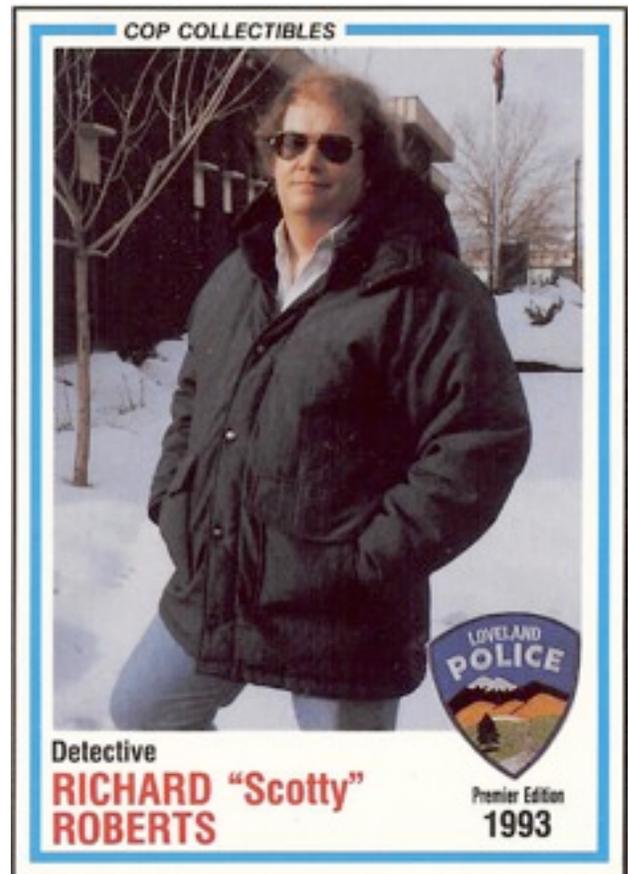
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they will have turned into the big things, fun things, and memories.

After talking with Susan Harper Wolford on the phone and getting e-mails from Rex Beetner, the nostalgia and memories came floating back so thick you could cut them with a knife. This helped me to realize my biggest mistake



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in life...I married a girl from Ft. Madison High School not Burlington High School, when we all know that the most intelligent and beautiful women come from BHS...what was I thinking!!!!!!

Richard Scott Roberts