

The Eastern Mennonite High School Class of 1987 in 2007: Twenty Years Later

A compilation of your information on the occasion of our twentieth-year reunion, October 20, 2007, in Weyers Cave, Va.

Introduction and Disclaimers

Twenty years have come and gone, and lots has happened.

Then we got together and it was like maybe so much hadn't happened after all. We're thicker, grayer, balder, watching more kids, whatever. But still something of the same group that graduated as friends in May 1987 from Eastern Mennonite High School.

Though I shall make, every five years, jokes about this "president for life" gig and the travails of assembling a reunion, I will also mention here what a great pleasure it was to hear from you, via mail, e-mail, or the blog, and then also to be able to host so many of you in our own backyard. You're a wonderful group of people, and I'm proud to know each one of you.

The stuff in this book comes primarily from what you sent in. For people I didn't hear from, I used (and marked as such) the information that EMHS had on file, but I didn't put down spouses or kids for those people as I wasn't able to verify it. For some people, EMHS didn't have a good address (that is, stuff they send there gets returned), and for them, I put "no current information." (If you have current information, send it to me.) And, these are sorted by first name (in case you can't remember how to spell Baibeche or some other married name), and in the two cases where classmates married each other, both spouses (Craig and Joy, Brian and Cheryl) are under the name that came first in the pair, which in both cases happened to be the male half of the pair.

Thanks for everything, twenty years ago and just now.

All the best,

Jeremy Nafziger
President for Life, EMHS Class of 1987

Amy Rush

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Highlights:

"Amazingly, I have had the same job for 16 of the last 20 years and I'm just not quite sure how that happened. I still work for a Harrisonburg law firm as a CPA for the firm's clients, assisting with estates and retirement plans.

"I attend Zion Mennonite Church in Broadway, and try to stay young by working with the young adult/college age group. I also serve as an Associate Trustee on the Eastern Mennonite University Board.

"After back surgery five years ago, it's been a wonderful time of being able to walk and get around on my own again, including traveling with friends whenever I can. I no longer take walking for granted!"

Amy is a certified public accountant.

Ana Lisa Yoder

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Married to: Tony Lapp

Highlights:

For more about Ana Lisa, see Tony's blog at www.weeplanet.com.

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Married to: Abderrahmane

Children: Two boys, 4 and 2

Highlights:

"Lived in Europe for two years, and now the tropics. Met my husband in Paris. Learning French and Spanish. Traveling in Europe, North Africa, and Thailand.

"I say for the 25th or 30th reunion, we do it in Puerto Rico. Way more fun!"

Andrea is a "professional mother." Abderrahmane is a French professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

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Married to: Paul

Children: Sam (8), Silas (7), James (7), Ben (2), Veronica (3 months)

Highlights:

"So sorry I missed the reunion. We are teetering trying to balance life. I married a little over 10 years ago to Paul. He is a chemical engineer, I am a professional mother and teacher to my own children. We have lived in Southeastern VA, Little Rock, AR, and have settled in Alpharetta, GA... for now. We have four boys and nine weeks ago, we had our first baby daughter named Veronica. She is a doll but a drama queen. She is why we did not embark on the journey to come home. She screams non-stop from point A to point B every time we venture out. Not a great deal of fun but always interesting and nervewracking!! Hopefully she will out grow of this for the next reunion. Raising a family and home schooling pretty much consumes our lives but it is very rewarding."

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Married to: Victor

Children: Zachary (16), Paxson (14), Savannah (8)

Highlights:

Bitsy is a bookkeeper. Victor is an auto body technician.

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Highlights:

"Finished my neurosurgery training in 2001. Mary and I moved to Dallas. Spent three years there. She taught school. I did specialized work in cerebrovascular neurosurgery. Practiced for a year and a half in El Paso after that.

"We moved to Albuquerque in 2006. We like the mountains and constant sunshine. I think we have settled down for a while. I'm in the neurosurgery department of the University of New Mexico. I do surgery and see patients. Lecture at the medical school once or twice a year. I have a technical book being published this year. I shoot skeet on weekends and mess around with the guitar. Mary and I like to hike the desert and go scuba diving.

"Mary has a jewelry business. She's online at www.mhershberger.com. She's been at it a couple of years and has earned enough this year to send herself to Italy next summer. I got all of the Europe I need bumming around with Chris Thompson.

"We tried to have kids for a while and gradually kind of gave up. Neither of us really felt strongly enough to go the adoption route. Otherwise we have mostly avoided tragedy."

Christopher Thompson

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Married to: Jennifer

Children: Eliza (3), Isabelle (1 month)

Highlights:

"Couldn't seem to unwedge myself from between these mountains but very happy to be here! I am part of the management team for InterChange Group in Harrisonburg. We are an industrial warehouse operator/developer and have a growing trucking company (which I run). Jennifer is a mortgage broker (from home office) and a first-rate mom."

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Highlights:

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Married to: Laura

Children: Joshua (7), Katy (7), Elizabeth (4)

Highlights:

"Got out of Harrisonburg and went to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for college, got BS in 1991. Married Laura (my first and current wife) in 1992. Received Ph.D. from Penn State in 1997. Moved to Texas in 1997 to develop heart valves.

"Twins born in Texas in 2000. Moved back north to Pennsylvania and the Penn State College of Medicine in 2001. Elizabeth born in Hershey (as in chocolate) in 2003. Moved back to Pittsburgh in 2006. Laura says she's never moving again. We're active in Scouting, youth football, church, dance, and piano."

Conrad is associate teaching professor of biomedical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University. Laura is an adjunct professor of biology and a science education consultant.

They have a blog for themselves and the kids at <http://pittzapanta.blogspot.com/>.

Corey Ross

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Married to: Deb

Children: Alex (10), Tessa (7)

Highlights:

Corey is a professor of European history at the University of Birmingham. Deb is a teacher.

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Children: Devon (10), Mikayla (9), Noah (7)

Highlights:

"Man, time goes way, way too fast. I think the only real highlight in life is family; all other stuff just passes. The kids and watching them grow up is certainly a highlight."

Craig is a senior manager with BroadPoint Technologies. Charity is a full-time nursing student and also works part-time at Augusta Medical Center.

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Married to: Each other

Children: Meredith (7), Mitchell (4)

Highlights:

Craig is an engineer and Joy is a nurse practitioner. They recently moved back to Virginia after living for several years in California.

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Married to: Jeff

Children: Lauren (4), Allison (1)

Highlights:

"Before graduating from JMU in 1991, I spent a summer near Asheville, NC. Jeff and I were married in 1996. In 2005, I joined several co-workers to start our own business—Custom Home Designs of Virginia."

Debbie is a residential designer. Jeff is a professional firefighter.

Donna Shenk Sensenig

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Married to: Ryan

Children: Isaac, Mara,

Highlights:

"We moved to Goshen in June 2008. Ryan took a job in the biology department, half time teaching and half time researching at Merry Lea. He just finished up his Ph.D. a few weeks ago and is now settling into his new position.... So that's the scoop. I think it just felt a bit anticlimactic to go from California, to Kenya, to California, to... Goshen!! But like I said, we like it. And it's actually not that flat compared to Davis/the Sacramento Valley."

Ed Bollinger

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Married to: Kim

Children: Wyatt (8), Madalyn (5)

Highlights:

"Got married, had kids."

Ed is a house painter. Kim is a stay-at-home mom and gifted math teacher.

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Fabian Assegid

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Highlights:

"College, early career at bigwig IT companies, joined UN early 90s, posted to Kurdistan for two years, back working in the private sector at the community level..."

"Keep me posted on developments. My heart goes back to the Shenandoah every fall and to all of you. Those were two wonderful years of my life indeed."

Fabian—note the official name change from "Fabien," though "Fofi" still works—is a microfinance project coordinator at everyOne.

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Married to: Tim

Children: Ethan (4), Lydia (3 months)

Highlights:

"I live in Thailand now, so I won't be making it to the reunion."

Jenny Shenk Mahone

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Married to: Lou

Children: Thomas (9), Jordan (6), Madeline (2)

Highlights:

"Marriage, kids, teaching; being a nanny in San Francisco' travel to Maui, France, and London"

Jenny is a teacher. Lou is a Realtor.

Jeremy Nafziger

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Married to: Michael Ann

Children: Elias (8), Augusta (7), Atticus (4), Helena (2)

Highlights:

"After college at EMU, I worked and traveled in Europe with Corey Ross for nine months. I started working for the *Daily News-Record* covering nasty murders and other kinds of stories. After about three years, I got a grant to move to Wichita, KS, and write a novel. (The novel, and the second one I wrote since, are of the unpublished variety, so don't all y'all get on Amazon.com at once.) I still do creative writing and free-lance writing and editing in my spare time. Somewhere in there, I got a master's degree in linguistics (more or less unused since) from George Mason.

"Michael Ann and I got married in 1998 and had an awesome honeymoon on a canal boat we rented in southern France. We lived in Northern Virginia (Haymarket) for about six years; we lived near the old Beverley Mill (that burnt out stone mill you see off Interstate 66) as the caretakers of an 800-acre natural area. We had the interstate on one side of the house, but this beautiful mountain and trails and streams on the other side. I worked for a small software company in Fairfax as a tech writer and requirements analyst. That company got bought several times and now I work for Nortel Government Solutions. We needed to buy a house as we no longer fit in our free caretakers' house, so we moved back to the Valley in 2004. My employer let me keep my job; I work from home four days a week and spend all day Wednesday in Fairfax. The arrangement is much better than the actual work.

"Michael Ann teaches literature and poetry writing at EMU, usually one class per semester. We also home school our kids, which is turning out to be pretty fun. We have 30-couple chickens in the back yard and Michael Ann runs a very fine organic garden."

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Karis is executive director of The Glades Initiative, Inc., a small non-profit.

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Highlights:

According to a recent *Daily News-Record* article, Kim works at Bridgewater College in food services.

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Married to: Andrew

Children: [Son (8)], [Daughter (5)]

Highlights:

"What? It can't be 20 years since high school, I'm only 25. Oh yeah... it just seems like I should be 25. Oh well.

"I am really disappointed I can never come at that time of year. Has EMHS ever considered having the reunions in the summer? My husband has a school job, and my kids attend school so it's impossible for me to come in October.

"Nothing has really changed much for us. Andrew works for Oregon City school district now (new this year) but it's the same kind of job (behavior consultant for kids in grades K-8). We still keep foster children and are currently caring for our 11th child (a 5-year-old boy). Our biological daughter is 8 and son is 5. A highlight of the summer was riding bike in the San Juan Islands (Washington State)."

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Lawson Yoder

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Highlights:

Lawson taught high school history at Broadway College for several years. Then he moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to teach history in an English-language high school. In Brazil, he met and married Mary and learned Portuguese. This year, he joined his parents in Cairo, Egypt; Lee Yoder is the headmaster of a school there, and Lawson is now teaches there.

Lynette Yoder

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Married to: Maria Esther

Highlights:

"Got married in 2003. We have made annual trips to Bolivia to visit family. I'm still learning Spanish; I speak it at an advanced level now. I've worked as a quality assurance engineer for seven years at Jenzabar in Harrisonburg. We make administrative software for small colleges and universities. I lived in DC and Maryland for seven years with Voluntary Service, grad school, and working. I spent one year in Germany with the Intermenno program."

Mark is a software quality assurance engineer. Maria Esther is a Spanish instructor.

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Married to: Jesse

Children: Jordan (10), Rebekah (4), Emily (1)

Highlights:

"Living in Germany for eight months, spending a semester in the Middle East during college, getting married, living in Southeast Kentucky for three years (that was as cross-cultural an experience as being in a foreign country!), births of three children, finishing graduate school with my sanity still intact, home schooling."

Monica is a nurse practitioner. Jesse is a social worker with child protective services.

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Married to: Paul

Highlights:

"What can I say about the last 20 years? I did a fair amount of traveling: Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Hungary, Albania, Trinidad, Kenya, and road trips to the West Coast of the US, the maritime provinces of Canada, and the Canadian Rockies. Thankfully, my husband also likes to travel.

"In Harrisonburg, I enjoyed teaching piano lessons and playing piano for classes at JMU. I taught adult GED and English Language Learners (ELL) at Dayton Learning Center. Now I work for Rockingham County schools teaching ELL kids. I also enjoy spending time with my three adorable nieces, expanding my flower gardens, and knitting. I've also been interviewing my grandma's generation to collect family history stories."

Pam is an ELL teacher. Paul is a graphic designer at a print shop.

Pamela Morrison

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Children: Brett (14), Virginia (12)
Highlights:

Patty does human resources for QMT Associates Inc., and Jamie is the president of the company, which manufactures beautiful wind chimes.

Paula Showalter Brown

No current information.

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Married to: Winston

Children: Erin (9), Bailey (9), Sidney (3)

Highlights:

"After high school I spent a year waitressing, a year at JMU, then graduated from EMC in 1992 with a degree in elementary ed. Winston and I were married in 1991 after remodeling a run-down farm house near Weyers Cave. We moved to Bridgewater in 1993 and I taught first grade for six years. Winston returned to school and got an engineering degree from VCU during our years in Bridgewater. In 1998, our twin daughters, Erin and Bailey, were born. I stopped teaching and stayed home to be a full-time mom. We moved to our current home in 1999. In 2002, I went back to teaching for 1-1/2 school years until the birth of our third daughter, Sidney, in 2004. Since then, I have filled my days with the usual stay-at-home mom duties and a fair number of hours volunteering at church and school."

Rene is a "wife, mother, and volunteer." Winston is an "engineer (not the train kind)."

Richard King

No current information.

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Highlights:

Rod just finished his law degree and moved to Harrisonburg to study for the bar exam in February. Rod and Holly met when they were both working for MCC, despite the fact that she was serving in Northern Ireland and he was in Germany.

Shawn Yoder McDaniel

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Highlights:

Shawn is a "part-time administrative assistant and part-time full-time mom." David is a professional engineer.

Steven Gerber

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Highlights:

"For the past five years, I've enjoyed providing private childcare for infants and toddlers in the Harrisonburg area."

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Children: Rachelle (13), Sarah (9)

Highlights:

Suzanne is a homemaker. Rick is a pediatrician.

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Married to: Andre

Children: Casey (9), Noah (3)

Highlights:

"Been married for 17 years, worked at the Department of Social Services for 14 years."

Valerie is an eligibility worker. Andre is a network engineer.