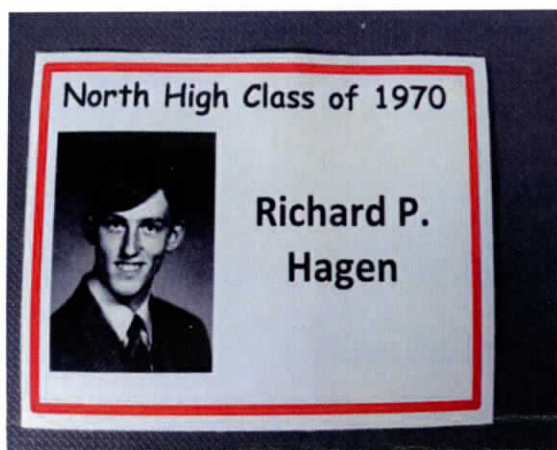




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Hello to all my classmates of 1970,

I am unable to attend the reunion this year and will miss seeing so many of you. I am retired and living with Kathy in Clearwater Florida. My own little piece of paradise. We are enjoying life even though my health is not as good as I would like to be.

There are so many things that I can remember about my days at North High. Some of them that were memorable were the sports teams. I played on the sophomore hockey team with Doug Ebertz, Greg Miller and others that made it enjoyable and competitive. I broke my leg during the summer between 10th and 11th grade and was visited in the hospital by Rita Vincent and other classmates, but as a result no more hockey. I did run track for the 3 years at school and was part of a great team. We did have one trail blazer for women's rights and that was Lynn Weaver. Lynn would come to our practices and work out with the team. She couldn't compete in meets and there was no girls track team yet. She just enjoyed being a part in a small way. The team was great with guys like Ron Smith, Mark Severson, Bob Wethem, Ron Green, Bob Matters and coaches John King, Dickie Doolittle and John Milton. Great success in a division one school competition.

We didn't have cheerleaders at our sport of track, but we did have a great group of them at other sports including hockey. I did love seeing the girls on skates and cheering. What a talent.

Another memorable event was the computer dance we had with another high school. We filled out a card and got a number to wear at the dance looking for your potential match. We were the trend setters for today's online dating. We were ahead of our time. There was a talent night with exchange students from other schools that sang, played instruments, read poetry and other things. I don't think our exchange student, Boel Anderson did anything that night but she was great as part of our class.

We did have some protests with class walk outs and rallies in the gym. I'm sure some of the organizers paid a price. I participated but really didn't understand how what we were doing would have an influence. As class officers, Jim Barthlemew and I were the first allowed to introduce music in the lunchroom. We had a record player wired to the speakers and brought in our music. Like Motowns, Smokey, Temptations, Jackson 5 with CCR, Byrds, Blood Sweat and Tears, just to name a few flavors of our music. Thanks for letting us do that.

Academics were not my strong point. After graduating with a solid C average, I went on and joined the Navy in 71. Two combat tours of Vietnam in 72 and 75. After discharge from the navy I spent some time in California and trade school for electronics. I moved to Massachusetts in 1978 and lived there raising my two daughters. In 2002 I moved to Florida and retired in 2022 after a long career in manufacturing. Specializing in the environmental affairs, both water and air quality for the companies that I was employed.

I am saddened by the loss of so many of our classmates. Good luck and good health to all who are still with us.

Great times
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