

## Dale D. Fisher

Dale Fisher, the son of the late Glenn M. and Elsie Fisher, lived on a farm outside of Watsontown at "Fisher's Corner." Dale, the oldest of three children, has a sister, Ginger and a brother, Larry. He currently lives in Binghamton, New York and works as an animal nutritionist for the Co-operative Feed Dealers, Inc. of Conklin, New York since 1981.

Dale was very active in high school sports and extracurricular activities. He was the Vice President of his senior class, participated in varsity football and track and field, was an officer in the Recreational Leaders' Club, was a member of the Varsity Club, Science Club, Student Council, Civil War Club, the Mixed Chorus, the Warrior Staff, and was a cast member of the Junior Class Play.

After graduation from Warrior Run, Dale attended The Pennsylvania State University majoring in Animal Science, which is a curriculum designed to prepare students for post graduate study in animal science and veterinary school. Dale was contemplating becoming a veterinarian; however, at the beginning of his senior year at Penn State, he began to seriously consider applying to the Peace Corps. In early 1967, he was accepted to enter training for a Peace Corps program of agricultural extension and community development workers that were to be sent to Costa Rica. Having graduated with a BS in Animal Science from Penn State in 1967, Dale began the 300 hours of intensive Spanish language training at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX for 10 weeks and for 3 weeks in Veracruz, Mexico. Because of his experience with the NE Breeders Association, Dale was assigned to the northern regional agricultural center and the dairy region of San Carlos, Costa Rica. Dale worked with farmers in this area to improve the tropical animal husbandry practices and nutrition for poultry, swine, beef and dairy cattle. By reaching out to several university animal science departments as well as the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia, Dale was able to network and provide farmers with up-to-date information during the remainder of his time as a Peace Corps volunteer. After his stint with the Peace Corps ended in 1971, he was offered a job with the Costa Rican government to continue working in the same region to provide technical assistance to the farmers. In 1972, Dale was offered a position as Visiting Scientist with CIAT to manage the CIAT rural development project in Cacaotal, Colombia.

Completing his work in Central and South America, Dale returned to The Pennsylvania State University to finish his MS in Animal Industry in 1978 and his Ph.D. in Animal Industry in 1980. In 1981, Dale began work with the Co-operative Feed Dealers, Inc., one of the largest feed co-ops in the Northeast, supplying feed and supplies to dealers and farmers in 8 states. Dale has continued to work with colleagues at Penn State and Cornell to develop computer programs for farmers which will help to increase productivity and enhance the health of their dairy animals. Dale is currently in the last two years of a five-year project to develop software that will allow farmers to formulate diets for dairy cattle that are well balanced.

Dale is the proud father of two daughters, Elsie Maria and Maria Vanessa, and a grandson, Ibrahim. Both daughters hold undergraduate degrees from the University

of Costa Rica. Elsie has a BS in Economics and an MBA from the Costa Rica Institute of Technology. She is currently working as a consultant after having a successful business career managing a profitable cassava and pineapple farm enterprise. Vanessa graduated with a degree in Law and Notary Public and as a Specialist in Agrarian and Environment Law. She has a Master in Tax Law and completed her Ph.D. in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability in Pisa, Italy. She is married to Dr. Muhammad Al-Musbeh and they have a son, Ibrahim. Vanessa has been the regional judge of the Agrarian Tribunal in the San Carlos district and is currently serving in the San Jose district.

Dale continues his ties to the farmers with whom he worked as a Peace Corps volunteer when he returns to Costa Rica each December and January. He still visits farms and provides up-to-date information about current practices in dairy farming and animal nutrition by on-site visits with these farmers and their families.

He also continues his professional contacts with colleagues at the University of Costa Rica, The Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University. Through his many academic collegial relationships, Dale has been invited to become a member of various professional organizations, including the American Society of Animal Science, American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Agronomy, American Society of Veterinary Nutrition, American College of Nutrition, The New York Academy of Sciences, as well as other organizations. Dale has not only impacted the rural community where he lives and works but also the lives of the farmers in Central America where he served as a Peace Corps volunteer.

## DALE D. FISHER 1963



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## Gerald M. Gordner II

Gerald Marvin Gordner II, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gordner, grew up with his brothers and sisters outside of Muncy on Gordner Lane. He is married to the former Kimberly Couch of Greenville, South Carolina for 22 years. Together they have five children: Trey (Gerald III), Jacob, Hannah, Samuel and Gracie. Marv and Kimberly live in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Marvin was extremely active at Warrior Run High School. He participated and lettered in varsity football, wrestling and track and field. Always involved in all aspects of school life, Marv was elected Vice President of the Student Council during his junior year and became President during his senior year. He was active in the concert choir, participating in the musical *Mame* and portraying the role of Samuel in his senior musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Because of his academic excellence and his many extracurricular activities, Marvin was selected as one of the Young Americans for the Class of '84.

Continuing his education at The Citadel, Marv was a four year Army ROTC scholarship winner. He graduated with a BA in Political Science (Law and Criminal Justice), was on the Dean's List, was listed in Who's Who, participated in the honors program for the Humanities, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1988. From 1997-98 Marv attended the Joint Military Intelligence College earning a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) with Distinguished Honors for his original research in Jordan. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College in 2002. Currently, Marvin is taking courses on a part-time basis at Campbell Divinity School.

From 1988 to 2009, Marvin had a distinguished career in the United States Army retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in military intelligence. Marv served in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM as well as Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He served in several elite units including the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), and the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). His military awards are numerous and include 3 Bronze Stars. He was awarded the Knowlton Award for exceptional contribution to the field of Military Intelligence. Marv has served in Saudi Arabia, Germany, Pakistan, Jordan, Qatar, Bosnia, Spain, and Thailand in addition to his combat experience. Following the devastating 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, Marv was involved in humanitarian assistance work. Finally, Marvin is a Master Parachutist or "Jumpmaster."

After retiring from the Army in 2009, Marv joined the professional services firm, Morgan Franklin Corporation, a business and technology solutions company, as a principal for the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg area where he is the head of the Intelligence Solutions Division. He writes a weekly blog about intelligence issues

Marvin coaches youth baseball and wrestling and is currently the Little League coach for the "Braves." He has been active in various churches since 1985 to the present. He has served as a camp counselor, youth group leader, Sunday school

teacher, lay minister, and was involved in humanitarian assistance work in Mexico and Pakistan. He was the key lay leader for three successful church plants, including the International Church of Valencia, Spain. He currently teaches the 20-40 something "Builders" Sunday School Class at the Cumberland United Methodist Church in Fayetteville and is an ordained Deacon. Marvin still enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and gardening. He also loves local sports, traveling, and reading in his spare time.

## GERALD M GORDNER II 1984



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## Lydia Reeves Timmins

Lydia Reeves Timmins is a 1983 graduate of Warrior Run, and the daughter of Alfred & Ann Reeves of Watsonstown. She also has a brother Mark. Active in high school, she wrote for the Eagle's Perch. She spent four years in Concert Choir, participating in a variety of musicals. She was also active in MATOTA, the local community theater for many years.

Lydia attended Penn State with a major in Telecommunication, and while she was there she participated in University Readers Theater and was an intern at the campus TV station WPSX. Lydia's last semester as a Penn Stater was spent in Manchester, England, at the University of Manchester where she interned with British TV stations and traveled throughout Europe.

Lydia graduated from Penn State in 1987 and plunged headlong into the world of TV news. Spending 22 years as a producer at stations in New York, Delaware, Kansas City, and Missouri, Lydia finally went to Philadelphia, where she worked for the NBC station for 14 years. In Philadelphia she produced the weekend news and did many special projects. Lydia was on the scene to see the impeachment of a sitting president (and his subsequent clearing), the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bush Presidential dynasty at the 2000 GOP Convention, the fall of the Twin Towers on 9/11/01 in New York, the Amish school massacre—as well as experiencing first-hand a flight with the Navy Blue Angels and meeting celebrities too numerous to list.

Lydia was twice-nominated for an Emmy and also received national awards for work she did promoting the adoption of children in foster care. Two shows that received awards and recognition were “Wednesday's Child: Juiara” and “The Next Level: Producing Newscasts that Matter to Audiences.” She also has presented many papers at conferences in the United States and Denmark. In addition, Lydia has been published in several professional journals.

She earned a Master's of Journalism in 2001, and then in May 2010, Lydia earned a PhD in Mass Media and Communication—both from Temple University in Philadelphia. She is now an assistant professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Delaware.

In her spare time, Lydia and her husband enjoy racing Porsches, and she is a certified national instructor for the Porsche Club of America. She serves as a lector and Eucharistic lay minister in her church, and Lydia volunteers in her son's school and hopes to bring all the values she learned at Warrior Run to a new generation of students.

Lydia and her husband, Steve, who is a professor of mechanical engineering, live in Newark, Delaware, with their son Jake and daughter Phoebe.

## LYDIA REEVES TIMMINS 1983



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## Kristen Hawley Turner

Kristen Hawley Turner, the daughter of Dennis and Carol Hawley, grew up outside of Watsonstown with her younger brother, Matthew. Kristen is married to her college sweetheart, Rick Turner and they are the parents of twins, Megan and Ryan, who make them smile every day! Kristen and her family currently live in Chester, New Jersey.

Kristen was the valedictorian of the Class of 1994 and was involved in every aspect of school life. In addition to being the top academic student at Warrior Run, Kristen excelled in extracurricular activities as a gifted musician, writer, and athlete. Among the many awards that she won at Warrior Run's graduation were the 1994 Girl of the Year, the Athletic Leadership Award, the highest averages in English, social studies, science, the WR Scholarship Foundation Award, the YEA Award, and the Greater Susquehanna Valley Reading Council Scholarship Award. Kristen was a member and/or officer of the Academic Challenge Team, the National Honor Society, the Concert Choir, Show Choir, the *Eagle's Perch*, AFS, Spanish Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Varsity Club, YEA, and Student Council. As an athlete, Kristen participated in varsity soccer, basketball, and softball. Overall, she was the District IV Outstanding Female Athlete as a senior and she was a District IV and *Daily Item* All-Star first team in soccer where she won the Outstanding Senior and the Outstanding Girl Soccer Player. In varsity basketball, Kristen again garnered honors as the District IV All-Star, the Susquehanna Valley League All-Star, first team and the *Daily Item* All Star, honorable mention as well as WR best defensive player, WR coaches 'award and WR best foul shooting award. Music was another area where Kristen was able to shine as she had major or lead roles in the school musicals and served as assistant choreographer, committee chairs, and was the director's assistant her senior year. She portrayed Charity in *Anything Goes*, Carrie in *Carousel*, Glinda in *The Wiz*, and starred as Daisy Mae in *Li'l Abner* during her senior year. Also excelling at writing, Kristen won a PA School Press Keystone award for exceptional writing, two first place awards for outstanding writing and a second place award for excellent writing for her work as the sports editor of the *Eagle's Perch*.

Dr. Turner continued her academic career at Bucknell University, graduating summa cum laude with a BA in English, history and education and dual PA certification to teach secondary English and social studies. In addition, Kristen was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as well as five other honorary societies. At Bucknell's graduation, Kristen won nine academic awards, including the Robey Prize for the senior woman who best exemplifies the aims of a Bucknell education and the Bucknell Prize for Women awarded to the woman with the highest four year average, as well as three non-academic awards.

After her Bucknell graduation, Kristen moved to New Jersey, where she began teaching English and social studies at Morris Hills High School in Rockaway, NJ. While there, she was selected to create the interdisciplinary English and social studies curriculum for the accelerated Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering, and served as a founding faculty member at this magnet school. Not leaving her love of

music and sports behind, Kristen also directed the school musical and coached girls' soccer. In addition to teaching full time, Kristen earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Teaching from Columbia University (Teacher's College) in 2001 and pursued her Ph.D. in literacy education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, graduating in May 2005. As a teaching fellow at Rutgers, she was instrumental in the growth and development of the Rutgers chapter of the National Writing Project, serving in a variety of capacities in the organization. In 2005, Kristen accepted a tenure track position in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Fordham University's Graduate School of Education, NYC, teaching graduate students and working with inner city schools learning about and researching how to meet the needs of students of all backgrounds.

Dr. Turner has published scholarly articles in a variety of respected journals as well as provided numerous professional presentations on a national and international level. In addition, she presents profession development workshops at various middle and high schools in New Jersey to help teachers improve student writing. Kristen is a reviewer of articles for several journals, is a coordinator or co-chair of several conferences, is a consultant to the National Writing Project, belongs to a variety of professional organizations, and participates on numerous committees at Fordham either as a committee member or as a coordinator of the committee.

With the little free time that Kristen has, she is a parent volunteer and board member of her children's preschool, an active volunteer and committee head of the Mendham Junior Women's Club, a committee head of the Mothers of Multiples, an alumni admissions volunteer for Bucknell University, a grant writer for the Somerset Valley Players, and an active member, director, actor, and publicity committee chair of the Somerset Valley Players. Most importantly, she enjoys her family time with her husband and twins as well as cheering for the Mets. Check out her blog (<http://twinlifehavingitall.blogspot.com>) for insights into being the mother of twins.

## KRISTEN HAWLEY TURNER 1994



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**Randall H. Watts**

Randy Watts, a 1967 graduate of Warrior Run, has coaching in his life. Coaching at Warrior Run for 25 years as the Head Junior High Coach, he was named the District 4 Junior High Coach of the Year for 18 seasons and the Pennsylvania Junior High Coach of the Year 5 times. His Warrior Run teams had 34 team championships. In addition, as Milton Head Wrestling Coach for 4 years, he won one league team championship. Randy has also been involved in AYSO soccer for 18 years.

In high school Randy was a 1966 sectional champion and District IV runner-up. A graduate of Bloomsburg University, Randy won at least two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Wrestling Championships. His teaching career spans 34 ½ years at Milton, Berwick, Line Mountain, Lewisburg & Milton.

Son of William & Marion Pfleeger-Watts, Randy's roots go back to 1779 and Fort Freeland. His fifth great-grandfather, James Watts, was killed at the Battle of Fort Freeland. Through his grandmother, Nellie Christ Watson-Watts, he is connected to the founder of Watstown, John Watson, his fifth great-grandfather.

His historical connections have led him to the Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society where he is a Charter and Life Member. Serving on the Board of Directors from 1978-Present, Randy held two terms as President and one as Vice-President. Always participating at Heritage Days, he is known as the "Ragman".

He and his wife, Elizabeth, who live in Turbotville, have four sons: Matthew and wife Chelsea; Christian and wife Suzie; Patrick & Micah. They have one granddaughter, Ruby.

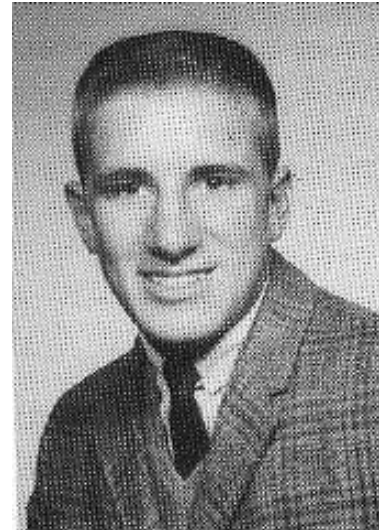
Randy is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a past member of the Berwick Marathon Association, and the Lewisburg Alliance Church. He has been a member of the church since 1980 where he has served as a youth leader, trustee, deacon, Sunday school teacher and on the church board. He also is a member of the District IV and PA State Wrestling Coaches Association.

Other awards include the Minute Man Award for a Service Project for the Fort Freeland Monument and 21 Revolutionary Patriots and the California Grange Community Service Award in 2004.

Randy loves to hike and climb. To date he has completed 800 miles of the Appalachian trail from Vermont to the beginning of Virginia. This includes hiking through 7 states. Randy has also climbed a number of mountains in Vermont and Mount Hood in Oregon.

**RANDALL H. WATTS**

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