

MICHAEL FITZGERALD 1964

Michael, a member of the class of 1964, was an active member of the school community. He was president of the student council, played varsity basketball and baseball. Mike also was a member of concert choir and participated in two musicals: Oklahoma and Bye Bye Birdie, where he played Conrad Birdie, the Elvis lookalike. Mike entered the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, upon graduation from Warrior Run, graduating in 1968 with a BS in general engineering. Beginning active duty as a Second Lieutenant, he went directly into training as an intelligence officer followed by a tour in Vietnam. Mike served 22 years in the Air Force ending his career with the rank of Lieutenant

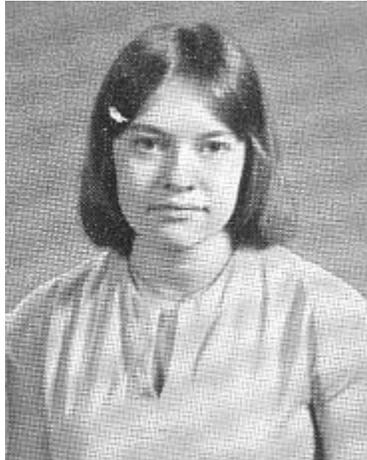
Colonel. During his time in the Air Force, Mike also earned an MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1978. Most of his military career was spent in the engineering field designing and developing space, missile, and communications systems for use by the military. Mike worked as an intelligence analyst at several assignments supporting US combat operations in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. He served as the Chief of the Advanced Systems and Planning Branch of the Defense Dissemination Program Office; Chief of the Systems and Mission Analysis Division of the National Reconnaissance Office; Director of the Systems Integration and Requirements Division of the USAF's Ballistic Missile Office; and Deputy Director of Research for Strategic Applications in the National Reconnaissance Office. His military honors include: Joint Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; USAF Meritorious Service Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Vietnam Campaign Ribbon; Air Force Commendation Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters; and Honor Graduate, Defense Sensor Interpretation and Application Training Program.

After retiring from the Air Force, Michael continued his professional life as the program manager, technical lead, or project manager on a number of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance programs for strategic ballistic missile programs ranging in size up to \$50 billion. He has led the engineering development of space, missile, communications, and information systems for the USAF and the US government as well as participating in and leading the development of strategic plans for a variety of government and industry initiatives, and implementing system integration plans for large space system development programs while managing diverse teams of engineers, scientists, and technicians. He currently works as the Strategic Programs Architect for the SAIC, Inc (Science Applications International Corporation, INC) in Seal Beach, CA.

Mike lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA with his wife, the former, Kathy Swartz, of Cicero, Illinois, whom he met while at the Air Force Academy when she was a student at Colorado State University. Kathy is the Deputy Director for Technology at Palos Verdes School District. They have been married for 40 years and have two terrific sons: Brian, a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in 1995 and Brad, a graduate of Notre Dame in 1999. One is a doctor in Texas and the other is a business analyst for Mattel in California. Mike states in closing, "I am easily the luckiest man in the world and hope and pray I remain so. Whenever I can I visit the Vietnam Memorial near the Lincoln Memorial in DC; visiting my many classmates who gave what they had, I am proud to have known and been associated with all of them. It teaches me that I have much to give . . . including all that I have."

YVONNE LLEWELLYN HURSH

1977



Yvonne, a member of the class of 1977, was an active member in school and in the community and remains very active today. Yvonne was Class Salutatorian. She was a member of the Yearbook staff and was the Assistant Editor 1976 through 1977. She was a member of the Girl's Chorus and participated in the musical: *The Music Man*. In addition, she was a member of the French Club. Yvonne played intramural volleyball and basketball. She received three senior awards including; the Voice of Democracy, the French Language Achievement, and English Excellence awards. Also a member of the Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church Choir, she was a youth representative to the church council, and a member of the Luther League.

Yvonne attended Bucknell University from 1977 until 1981 and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Economics and Political Science. During her time at Bucknell, she received the Beneficial Foundation Scholarship, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and she was the Editor for *The Medium of Exchange*, Economics Society newsletter. In the Economics Department Yvonne was ranked number one and served as a Teaching Assistant in the Department. After Bucknell, Yvonne attended Dickinson School of Law from 1981 until 1984.

Yvonne has been a partner/shareholder in Hursh & Hursh, P.C. since 1982. She served as a law clerk from 1982 to 1984, and since 1984 has been a research attorney with the PA General Assembly's central research agency, the Joint State Government Commission. Yvonne has been the contributing editor for the following reports: *Child Safety in PA*, *Guardianship Law in PA*, *Wrongful Convictions in PA*. She proposed the PA Consumer Credit Code: *The Goods & Services Installment Sales Act* and *The Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act*. She completed reports on the Mental Health System and Laws of PA, the Task Force on Third Party Real Estate Brokerage Operations, the Subcommittee on Guardianship and worked on the separation of Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations under the PUC.

Living in Middletown, PA, she is married to Dennis Hursh. Yvonne and Dennis have five children; Rachel, John, Lydia, Joshua(deceased), and Benjamin ranging from 7 to 19 years old. Yvonne is serving the community in many ways; she was the treasurer of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg. She provided peer counseling to parents of children with complex congenital heart defects for the Heartline Group. Through the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Yvonne was a member of the Family Advisory Committee Council. She is presently a Parent Mentor with the Parent-to-Parent Network providing counseling to parents of children with disabilities. Yvonne is a High School Sunday School Teacher and served on the Finance Committee with Wesley United Methodist Church in Middletown. Currently she serves as the treasurer of the Middletown's Reid Elementary School PTO, the treasurer of the Middletown Amateur Baseball Association, and the treasurer for Pack 113, Union Canal District, Keystone Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



LYNN WATSON 1970

Mr. Lynn Watson, a 1970 graduate of Warrior Run High School, was commended in high school for his athletic abilities as well as his leadership skills. Tonight, Lynn is being recognized not only for his athletic contributions but also as one of our communities most recognized members for "giving back". Mr. Watson is proud of his community and shows his pride by what he does to give back to the children and family members that live here. As a high school student at Warrior Run, Lynn played football as well as wrestled. He was awarded the most outstanding football player and the most improved wrestler his junior year. His senior year he was awarded the football cooperation leadership award, most outstanding wrestler award and Lion's club student of the month. In 1970 Lynn placed 3rd in the National Junior Freestyle Championship for the United States Wrestling Federation and was awarded the Athletic Leadership Award.

After high school, Lynn attended Hargrave Military Academy. During his tenure at Hargrave, Lynn wrestled and played football. He was Virginia's Independent State Wrestling Champ in 1971 and voted Virginia Independent State Wrestling Association's Outstanding Wrestler plus received Hargrave Military Academy's MVP Wrestler award. After his Hargrave Military Academy graduation, Lynn attended Clarion State University where he was a member of the Clarion State University wrestling team. At Clarion he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity where he served as President in 1973-74. Lynn Graduated from Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. This led him to his first teaching position at Philipsburg Osceola School District teaching fourth grade for three years. From 1975-1980 Lynn was the assistant wrestling coach for Philipsburg Osceola. From 1976-1979 he also coached seventh and eighth grade football.

Home was calling Lynn back. In 1980 He began working for his father's excavating business - where in 1984 he became owner of Watson Excavating Inc. As mentioned earlier, it is not unusual to see Lynn out and about doing what he can to make this area a better place for you and me. His long list of community involvement includes being a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, past member and president of Zion Lutheran Church, present member and past President of Warrior Run Athletic Association. Lynn was instrumental in the construction of the Watsontown Minor League Baseball fields, and did the preliminary work for the construction of the Warrior Run AYSO fields. He has built a soccer field for the area youth behind his garage so kids have another venue for competition. He is a huge supporter and sponsor of the elementary wrestling program. It does not stop there for Lynn, He purchased batting cages and a pitching machine for Warrior Run's little league along with providing the use of his building. He also assisted in building the press box that we all enjoy at the football games.

Lynn is married to Susan, and they have two children, Eric and Brandy Watson, both Warrior Run graduates.