

## **Dale M. Bruning**

Dale M. Bruning was employed as a History teacher and head basketball coach at Montgomery Local High School in Wayne, OH, In 1960 was the first head basketball coach at Elmwood High School and in 1965 basketball coach at Eastwood High School for 21 years.

After 35 years of teaching Dale retired in 1985. As a basketball coach he received many awards: Wood County Class A Coach of the Year 1958-1959, Wood County Class AA Coach of the Year 1960-1961, Wood County Class AA Coach of the Year 1963-1964, Northern Lakes League Coach of the Year 1964, Wood County Class AA Coach of the Year 1965-1966, Northern Lakes League Coach of the Year 1966-1967, named to the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in October 1971 and had a basketball coaching record of 278 wins to 102 losses.

Dale was the researcher for the Pemberville Public Library and Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society from June 2000 until the present and enjoyed telling the history of Pemberville to several organizations, identified and documented all the houses in Pemberville, digitization of local history records at the Pemberville Library, January-June 2001 was Foreman of the Wood County Grand Jury, 2005 Pemberville's Outstanding Citizen and gave several Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Addresses.

Mr. Bruning took on the invitation by Jane Kohlenberg, the library's director, and began documenting each and every property, a total of 617 homes, in the village. He took on the task of researching every owner of every house that ever existed in the village, how much they paid for it, and so on. To ask an attorney to perform such a task could cost thousands of dollars, but Mr. Bruning did this out of a love for his community.

Next, Mr. Bruning extended his research from property ownership to performing comprehensive research on the village's past. He began the process of documenting and indexing on computer and on paper every piece of history he could find. The former teacher said "my research may lead to a book someday, if I have the time and the opportunity."

The documentation of homes shows that many have been moved from one location to another. All have had additions or been remodeled, and none look like the pictures he has of them dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. For instance, one home still standing today that sold for \$100 in 1866 recently sold for \$230,000.

Mr. Bruning began his research at the Wood County Courthouse, then began going to libraries to view microfilm reproductions of local newspapers from Pemberville, Bowling Green, and Toledo.

"There are so many things that happened around here that can be written about," Dale said. "There would be all of the fires, the floods, the T. F. and F., the Lake Erie, Bowling Green, and Napoleon Railroad, many accidents, and of course, a history of the people who have lived here. You've got to have a history of the people who made Pemberville what it is because otherwise the documentation doesn't mean anything."

The former educator, who received his bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1950 and a Masters in History in 1956, is a descendant of one of the earliest families to arrive in Freedom Township. The farm his family homesteaded in 1860 on Alexander Road is still owned by the Bruning family, one of the few remaining farms in Wood County still owned by its original family.

"Yes, I have an interest here and to me it's exciting to go and try to reconstruct the history of this area, and try to envision what it was like because this was a swamp and through ingenuity and hard work the swamp was drained and the timber was cut and it was made into one of the most fertile, productive areas in Ohio," Mr. Bruning explained.

"This was one of the last areas of the Midwest to be settled. It was a wilderness until they learned the designing of ditches and the making of tile, which was done here by Bushmans and Hobart-Bowlus."

It seems appropriate for a former history teacher, for instance, to be living with a backyard adjacent to the Portage River. Looking out a picture window across the river, Mr. Bruning can view where General William Henry Harrison and his soldiers once made camp.

His education and former profession have made his retirement project that much more enjoyable, Mr. Bruning says. "I think it helps. My vocation has become an avocation now."

In his basement, he has a collection of documents from early Pemberville, many in old German, and also has begun researching the history of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, which will soon celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Even his name, Bruning, according to the German documents, was changed, as was the name of almost every other European who came to America. Originally, it was (approximately) "Oberbruning."

In 2005 he represented the Mayor of Pemberville, James Opelt in Honor of the Friendship between Roedinghausen, Germany and Pemberville, OH, which are Friendship Cities. Mr. Bruning researched more than his hometown. He had been researching his family, all the way back to their roots in Germany. All the way back to the year 1300, and he had even traveled there and stayed with extended family members.

"I could write a general history of what it was like in Germany from 1300 to 1860 and why people came over here. I've got a lot of things I could do," Dale once said. He keeps in contact with his extended family in Germany and continued to seek certain documents and records from the old country.

Dale's memberships included: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pemberville, OH where he was past President of the congregation, Chairman of the 150 church anniversary celebration, Pemberville American Legion Freedom Post #183, Past Master of Pemberville Masonic Lodge # 516 F&AM, Pemberville and Wood County Historical Society, Friends of the Pemberville Library, Wood County Retired Teachers Association and Bowling Green State University Falcon Club.

Dale was an honorably discharged Army Veteran serving during WWII in the Technical Sergeant Army Security Agency in Europe. Surviving Dale is his wife: Elizabeth Ann Bruning; daughters: Sue (Thomas) Carson of Charlotte, NC, Carol (George) Kidman of Tarpon Springs, FL, Jill Campbell of Hilliard, OH; step son: Michael (Janice) Grieser of Bowling Green, OH; brother: Robert (Joanne) Bruning of Pemberville, OH; nephew: Tom (Katie) Bruning; niece: Lisa (Rick) Meyer; nephew: Jerry Bruning; nephew: David (Vickie) Bruning, all of Pemberville, OH; niece: Karen (Ron) Risch of Oak Harbor, OH; 4 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren.

On April 15, 1927, he was born to Lawrence and Elsie (Holtmeyer) Bruning in Pemberville, OH. He married Elizabeth Ann (Griffith) Grieser Bruning on August 4, 2001, in Pemberville, OH and she survives. Dale was a 1945 graduate of Pemberville High School and continued his education at BGSU graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Education, Major in Social Studies with emphasis on History and Minor's in English and Health and Physical Education.

In 1956 he received his Master of Arts Degree in History after which he had 30 hours of graduate credits beyond the M.A. He was the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Scholar - 1967 which was the first group at BGSU. Dale was also involved with the American Legion Scholarship to Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge in 1974 through Samford University, Samford, AL. From 1956 – 1959.

Dale, age 84, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lawrence and Elsie Bruning; first wife: Betty Lou (Claypool) Bruning and brother: Ronald Bruning.

## **Doyce Filiere**

Doyce “Frenchy” Filiere coached outstanding basketball teams at Troy Luckey and later Eastwood High schools between 1942 and 1961. He was noted for his intensity on the bench and the disciplined play of his teams.

Mr. Filiere, who also taught biology retired as a teacher at Eastwood in September. He was a native of Milton Center, and graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1936. He coached at Anna, OH and Glenwood School in Perrysburg before taking over at Troy-Luckey.

He became coach a Troy-Luckey in 1942. When the Troy-Luckey School District was consolidated into the Eastwood district in 1959, he was hired as basketball coach and remained there three seasons. His Troy-Luckey squads advanced to the district tournaments 15 times and went on to the regionals 7 times.

His 1957 Class B team, which included his son, Robert, was ranked number one in the state. The year before the team was ranked number three, in 1956, he was named Class B Coach of the Year by the Associated Press. In 1959 he was honored by a resolution of the Ohio General Assembly as one of Ohio’s outstanding men. He was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 1960. His 1960 Eastwood team won the Northern Lakes League championship and advanced through tournament play to the regional final.

Coach Filiere’s teams won three county championships, eight district championships, and 18 of 19 teams qualified for district tournament play. He coached two Third Team All-Ohio members and several honorable mention all-state selections, plus son Bob was voted First Team All-Ohio in 1957.

“The kids who wanted to play basketball, wanted to play for him, there was no doubt,” Bob said. “He was tough on all of us, and he didn’t spare the rod. That’s literally the way it was. My dad was just very intense in everything that he did. “

Doyce R. Filiere was born 28 Feb 1912 to Alpha Filiere and Sarah A. (Smith) Filiere. Doyce Filiere died Dec 31, 1976 in St. Lukes Hospital, Maumee, OH at the age of 64.

Doyce was married twice, first to Gladys M. (Adair) Filiere B 1915 D 1960. They had one son Robert D. Filiere and daughter Roberta Madaras. He was also married to Margaret Smith Filiere B 18 Jul 1924 D 22 Jan 2003, age 78. Margaret was also a teacher for Eastwood Schools for 39 years.

Coach Filiere was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968 after his Troy-Luckey and teams went 337-84 over 19 seasons. He was voted Class B Coach of the Year in 1956 by the Associated Press and in 1959 the Ohio state legislature passed a resolution honoring him as one of Ohio’s outstanding men.

The 1957 team was the Associated Press No. 1 ranked Class B team, and the 1956 team was No. 3, although son Bob will say the ’56 team was the better team.

In 1955-56, the Troy Trojans went 25-2 and reached the regional finals. In 1956-57, Troy was 20-2.

Troy-Luckey won its tenth Eastern Wood County League championship that season under Filiere’s tenure, and was led by 6-foot-1 Third Team All-Ohio center Curt Juergens, who averaged 18.7 points. Other starters were 5-6 guard Joe Sandwisch (15.8), 5-4 guard “Bobby” Filiere (13.2), 6-0 forward Roger Radeloff (11.5), and 6-2 forward Gerald Ernsthansen.

Coach Filiere also coached Eastwood’s first three teams and his 1959-60 Eastwood team went 22-2, losing to Scott in the Class AA regional tournament.

The Eastwood school district still honors Bob’s father with its annual Filiere Night at a boys’ basketball game.

Doyce was married to Gladys M.(Adair) Filiere for 22 years until her death in 1960. She was always his most loyal fan and she kept accurate scrapbooks for all of his teams. She always referred to the athletes as her boys.

Doyce was Sunday School Superintendent at the Luckey Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the Tanglewood Golf Club. He was elected Worshipful Master of the Pemberville Masonic Lodge. He was honored by the Luckey Kiwanis Club for his outstanding community service.

For over 20 years, his summer income came from his self-employed painting business.

### **Bob Filiere**

Bob graduated from Troy Luckey in 1957. Among his high school activities was freshman class president, student council president, honor society, class plays, and choir. He participated in football, basketball, and baseball and was Ohio's class B player of the year in 1957. He attended BGSU, receiving his BS degree in 1961. He also played basketball and tennis while there. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Toledo in 1961 after which he earned 50 hours of graduate credit beyond the Masters. Bob worked in education for 31 years and retired in 1992. His career took him to Green Springs, Lake, Penta County, and 24 plus years at Rossford. While at Lake, he coached football, basketball, and baseball.

Bob married Kay Goeke in 1961 and their children are Alisa and Mitchell. Alisa works at Lourdes University and Mitchell works at the Circle K Corporation in Tempe, Az. Alisa's children are Nicholas and Caroline. Mitchell married Ann Voltz and their children are Austin and Makayla. Bob's wife Kay passed away in 1978.

Bob married Barb Wertz in 1987 and her children are Cory and Todd. Cory is married to Holly Wilkinson and their children are Logan and Trevor. Cory is a dentist in Tucson, Az. Todd is married to Stacey Merryman and they both work at Webber's restaurant.

Bob and Barb moved to Arizona in 1992 and they both worked in education, before moving back to Ohio 11 years ago. Barb is a guidance counselor at Start High School. They enjoy going to basketball games, playing golf together (Bob had a hole in one recently), and babysitting their grandchildren. Bob also plays a lot of tennis. They plan to spend more time next winter in Arizona.

Barb surprised Bob on his 50th birthday and sent him to the first Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp. Bob watches basketball and baseball on TV and sees as many of his grandchildren's sporting events as he can.

### **Roberta "Punk" Filiere Madaras**

Roberta "Punk" Filiere Madaras was born September 23, 1945, went to Troy-Luckey Schools from grades 1-9 and Eastwood High School, graduating in 1961.

She is married to James E. Deary, and they live at 309 West Rim View Road Payson, AZ 85541. Children are Stephen (Steve) H. Madaras Naples, Florida Pepsi Transport Driver and two step-children (Janie, Jimmy). Grandchildren are Stephen Filiere Madaras (Florida Studying pharmacy) and wife Katie Naples. Three step-grandchildren are Victor, Missy, Ruby and four great, step-grandchildren are Liana, Jr., Elijah, Caleb.

Roberta wrote/published a children's book: Piney V's Discoveries at the Bark Park in 2008 Her hobbies are Hiking, camping, gardening, water aerobics, and playing dominoes

She attended Bowling Green State University, earning a B.S. in Communication Disorders in Speech January, 1966. From Bowling Green State University, she received an M.A. in Communication Disorders in Speech August, 1982. She received her national certification in Speech-Language Pathology September, 1992

Professional affiliations include AZ Speech-Language-Hearing Assn., AZ Licensure in Speech/Language Pathology, American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn., Special Olympics Trainer/Coach/Official (In the past), Special Olympics Mentor-Global Messenger Program (Current).

From 1965-2012, she worked at public and parochial schools, hospitals and nursing home facilities in Ohio and Arizona. She retired from full time work in May, 2004, but continued working one day per week from 2004-12.

She was honored by Tonto Basin Elementary School District, a school she had provided speech pathology services for 30 years, by dedicating the main office in her name. The plaque reads: "Presented to Roberta "Punk" Madaras for 30 years of dedication and service to the Tonto Basin School District Speech Pathology Department Sept. 10, 2013."

## **Dallas and Velma Gardner**

On August 14, 1926 Dallas was born in Nappanee, Indiana to Jasper and Melba (Orn) Gardner. He later attended and graduated from the University of Ashland and The Ohio State University. While at Ashland he lettered in basketball, tennis and baseball.

While attending Ashland, Dallas met and later married Velma Brownson. Velma was the May Queen at the University of Ashland and was involved in many groups and activities. She had grown up in the Ashland area. Dallas and wife of 59 years, Velma, raised seven children. All seven still live in Northwest Ohio, and most in Wood County.

Family was the number one passion for Dallas and Velma. They were always extremely supportive of their children and grandchildren. However, a passion that was a close second was education. They spent a combined 61 years working in education. Velma was a teacher's aide in the Eastwood Schools for 20 years. Dallas was a teacher for one year, superintendent of a district that is now Colonel Crawford, superintendent of Eastwood Schools from 1958-1970, and Wood County Superintendent from 1970-1991.

As Superintendent of Eastwood, Mr. Gardner helped lead Eastwood's successful consolidation in the 1950's. He then led the district to the passing of a bond issue for the new Eastwood High School, which opened in 1961-62. Dallas believed strongly in protecting the taxpayer's investment. He demanded that the Eastwood buildings be maintained as well as possible, and thus were often recognized as some of the best maintained buildings in Northwest Ohio.

As Wood County superintendent Mr. Gardner was quoted as saying, "service to the schools, as I see it, is our only reason for existence". He greatly improved the services to all Wood County schools, especially in the area of vocational education and special education.

His many memberships included: Zion United Methodist Church, Luckey, Ohio; Freedom American Legion Post #183, Pemberville, Ohio; charter member of Tanglewood Golf Club; a Mason for 56 years; past president of Buckeye Association of School Administrators; past president of Ohio County Superintendent's Association; Wood County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Board member of Owens Community College; Wood County Hospital board of trustees; first president and board member of the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation.

At the time of his retirement in 1991, Mr. Gardner was recognized as the only superintendent in Ohio to have served as president of both the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio County Superintendent's Association. He was honored by various organizations as one of Ohio's Top Education Leaders.

Dallas was a WWII Navy Veteran, spending nearly three years as a torpedo man on a Navy destroyer in the Atlantic and Pacific.

He was known as the "Voice of the Eagles" as he announced Eastwood football games for 30 years.

After family and education, golf was certainly a passion for Velma, and especially Dallas. Velma was a member of the Luckey Ladies League, playing at Tanglewood Golf Course, for about 35 years. Dallas was a multi-time club champion at Tanglewood and won many other tournaments mostly throughout Ohio. He recorded 6 holes-in-one during his lifetime. "Golf is a passion for him, ever since I can remember", oldest son Mike said. "He's done other things, but as far as his activity as a participant, that's his passion. He's the one who got me started, hitting around in the backyard".

When both Dallas and Velma retired in 1991, they were able to spend some time traveling. Such places as British Columbia and Scotland were quite enjoyable.

In 1992 they began spending several months a year, in Lake Placid, Florida, about 80 miles south of Orlando. They had beautiful lakes, nice restaurants, many golf courses, and great neighbors, which led to some great times in the sun.

Dallas passed away on December 12, 2008. Even just before his death at age 82, Dallas said, "he hits the links about 200 days a year". Velma celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday this past June and continues to be very involved and supportive of her church and family.

### **Michael Gardner**

Mike graduated from Eastwood in 1968. Among his high school activities he was student council president, a member of quiz bowl and national honor society, and attended Buckeye Boys State. He earned 13 varsity letters, participating in football, basketball, baseball, golf and track. As a senior he advanced to the state tournament in golf. He attended BGSU, receiving his B.S. degree in 1972 and Masters degree in 1978. As a senior, he was a member of the MAC championship golf team. Mike retired from teaching in the Eastwood Schools after 41 years in June, 2013. He coached basketball for 38 years and has coached the golf team for 42 years, helping the golf team to 13 league championships and 4 trips to the state tournament in Columbus. He has also worked at Tanglewood Golf Course for 53 years.

Mike has been married to Judy (Hagemeyer), a 1968 Eastwood graduate, for 41 years. Judy has worked at the Law Offices of Cheetwood, Davies, Ruck & Speweik for the past 22 years. Mike and Judy have one daughter and two sons. Amy, a 1996 Eastwood graduate and BGSU graduate has taught for 13 years in the Otsego Schools. She is married to Andy Luidhardt, also a 1996 Eastwood graduate. They have three children, Kaitlyn (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Drew (kindergarten), and Brayden (pre-school). Bryan, a 1999 Eastwood graduate and BGSU graduate, now works for Henkel Corporation as an internal corporate auditor, and lives in Dusseldorf, Germany. Chris, a 2002 Eastwood graduate, graduated from Clemson University and currently is a golf professional at Llanerch Country Club in Philadelphia.

### **Patricia Gardner**

Pat (Eastwood Class of 1970) in high school was involved in these activities – varsity cheerleader, pep club, basketball and was a member of band, chorus, ensemble, Swingin E's and student council.

Pat attended the Toledo Academy of Beauty Culture and graduated in 1972. She was a business owner/operator in Bowling Green for 5 years until starting a family. She is presently employed with The Toledo Hospital as a Nursing Assistant/Unit Clerk.

Pat is blessed with two beautiful children – Jamie in 1977 and Chad in 1981. Jamie lost her life in 1998 due to an unknown heart condition. Chad attended Specs Howard Broadcast School in Michigan after high school and is currently in management and resides in Toledo.

### **Sandy (Gardner) Karmol**

Sandy graduated from Eastwood in 1973. She attended BGSU and graduated with a degree in Social Work in 1977. In 1994 she obtained her Masters in Social Work from The

Ohio State University. Sandy has worked in the field of Developmental Disabilities for the past 37 years. She is currently employed by the Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities as the Director of Service and Support Administration. She has been a part of the Henry County program for the past 28 years.

While attending Eastwood, Sandy was active in National Honor Society, choral groups, band, cheerleading and other clubs and activities.

Sandy has two children residing in the Portland, Oregon area. Her son Stephen is married to Leslie and has a new infant son, Cypress. Stephen attended NYU and Evergreen State College, graduating with a Masters in Teaching. He is an Administrator/Teacher at an Early Childhood program in Portland.

Sandy's daughter, Lyndsay is married to M. Kai Roller, LCMSW. Lyndsay graduated with a BS degree in social sciences from Portland State University. She has been an Early Childhood Educator for the past 10 years and is currently taking time off to spend with their infant son Rhys Dallas.

Sandy's youngest son Phillip tragically died following a car accident on March 21, 2001 at the age of 17. Phil's sense of humor, laughter and big heart are missed deeply every single day.

### **Randy Gardner**

Randy graduated from Eastwood as the Senior Class President in 1977. He participated in golf, basketball and baseball and became Eastwood's first 1,000-point scorer in basketball and career assists leader when he graduated. He graduated from BGSU and taught history and government at Otsego High School for 5 years.

In the past 28 years he has served Wood County and Northwest Ohio in the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives, rising to leadership positions of Senate Majority Leader and House Speaker Pro Tempore.

Randy has been married to Eastwood graduate Sandy (Ford) for 31 years. Sandy is a 1981 Eastwood graduate and attended both Owens Community College and the University of Toledo. She is an office manager at BGSU. They are the parents of three children – Brooks, a 2009 graduate of Bowling Green High School and 2013 graduate of BGSU majoring in Business Finance and employed at Owens-Illinois; Christina, a 2011 graduate of Bowling Green High School and a junior at BGSU majoring in Dietetics and Austin a 2013 graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School and currently a member of the University of Findlay basketball team majoring in Sport and Event Management.

### **Linda (Gardner) Hammer**

Linda graduated from Eastwood in 1977. She graduated from Owens Community College in 1979 and began her career at Bowling Green State University. Linda has worked at BGSU for over 34 years with the last 7 years as the Administrative Assistant at the Student Recreation Center.

Sports highlighted Linda's high school years, most notably being a member on the 1977 State Runner-up Girls Basketball Team coached by Betty and Dale Bruning. Linda also has fond memories of playing on the volleyball team also coached by Betty Bruning.

Linda is married to Jim, a 1977 graduate of Elmwood High School, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Toledo Law School. Jim is an attorney at Stearns & Hammer in Bowling Green. They live in Wayne, Ohio, where they raised their four children.

Daughter, Erin, is a 2000 graduate of Elmwood High School, a 2004 graduate of Bowling Green State University, graduated from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and passed the Ohio Bar in 2013. She has joined the law firm of Stearns & Hammer. Erin is married to Zhenya Danilov, Director of the Laser Imaging and Spectroscopy Facility in the Department of Chemistry at North Carolina State University.

Son, Tony, is a 2004 graduate of Elmwood High School and owner of Hammer Construction. He is engaged to Savanna Garner who is a full-time student at the Tiffin Academy of Hair Design. They live in Bloomdale, Ohio, and are parents of four wonderful children: Briyanna, age 7; Kason, age 4, McKaylah, age 2; and Kenzlie, 6 months.

Son, Ben, is a 2008 graduate of Elmwood High School, graduated in May 2013 from the University of Toledo with a BS in Exercise Science where he played baseball. Ben is currently living in Perth, Australia and playing baseball for South Perth and the Perth Heat.

Son, Kevin, is a 2011 graduate of Elmwood High School and is a junior at Bowling Green State University majoring in Exercise Science.

### **Gary Gardner**

Gary is a 1981 Eastwood graduate. Gary and his wife Sallie have been married for 27 years. They have two children, Evan and Mitchell. Evan graduated from Bowling Green High School in 2013 and is attending Ohio University, pursuing a degree in engineering. Mitchell is a junior at Bowling Green High School. Sallie is a 1981 Elmwood High School graduate (and 1986 BGSU graduate) and works as an Early Intervention Specialist with the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Gary and Sallie lived in the Eastwood School District for 16 years prior to moving to Bowling Green.

Gary graduated from Bowling Green State University and attended both BGSU and Ashland University to complete his Masters in Educational Administration. He taught at Otsego High School for 4 years and Perrysburg Junior High for 4 years. For the past 17 years, Gary has worked as a school administrator with the Anthony Wayne Schools.

In high school, Gary participated in golf and basketball. He competed in the state golf tournament two years and earned a spot on the All-State First team his junior year.

Gary represented Eastwood at Buckeye Boys State, was a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the varsity basketball team. He later coached junior high boys and freshmen boys basketball at Eastwood for 5 years.

### **Connie (Gardner) Rutherford**

Connie graduated from Eastwood in 1982. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1986 and 1993 with degrees in elementary education and school counseling. She is a school counselor at Eastwood Middle School and also coaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball. At Eastwood, Connie participated in volleyball, basketball and track, earning 8 varsity letters. She was a member of the National Honor Society, band and other clubs.

Connie is married to Jerry Rutherford, a 1977 graduate of Clyde High School and 1981 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College. Jerry retired from teaching at Eastwood after 32 years in 2013. He will be starting his 33<sup>rd</sup> season as the head football coach at Eastwood in the fall of 2014.

Connie and Jerry have three sons. Craig, a 2006 graduate of Eastwood and 2010 graduate of BGSU, is married to Megan McCracken, a 2007 Eastwood graduate. Both Craig



and Megan returned to Eastwood to coach, football and girls soccer, respectively. Craig teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade math at Anthony Wayne and Megan teaches math at the School for the Performing Arts. Eric, a 2008 Eastwood graduate, attended Baldwin-Wallace College and returned to Eastwood to teach science and coach football. Jeffrey, graduating in 2011 from Eastwood, attends BGSU in construction management and coaches football and volunteers to maintain the football field at Eastwood.