

Doug McCray



It is hard to believe that a half-century has passed since we graduated from UAHS in June of 1966. In September of that year I enrolled in the BSEE curriculum at Tri State College (now Trine University) in Angola, Indiana. I graduated with honors from Tri State in June of 1970 and began my career as an electrical engineer at McGraw Edison Power Systems Division in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. After 13 months I returned to Columbus and worked for Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company (now AEP) in Long Range Planning. A fraternity brother invited me to visit him in Canton, Ohio in the summer of 1972 and I was recruited to work for the Project Engineering Division of Jackson-Bayley Electric Company which ultimately morphed into Power Systems Development (PSD, Inc). While employed at PSD I became a registered Professional Engineer in Ohio and was later registered to practice in five other states. I served as Vice President of Engineering for PSD and retired in 2004 two and one-half years after the company was acquired by Waukesha Electric Corporation.

I met the love of my life Chris while volunteering at the Players Guild of Canton, and while living in Massillon, Ohio. She was an actor and I was a stage manager, stage hand and lighting designer. We were wed on March 20, 1976. I was looking forward to attending our 10th year class reunion that summer to show off my new bride, but unfortunately took ill and could not attend. Chris spent her career as a public school teacher and administrator for Plain Local Schools in Canton, Ohio.



We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this year at Raffles Hotel in Singapore.

Chris and I constructed our own house starting in the spring of 1978 in Bolivar (Wilkshire Hills), Ohio. I guess we like it since we are still living here some 38 years later. It's probably fair to say it's still not completely finished and has become my life's work with upgrades and remodeling projects.

My hobbies include sailing, travel, singing and golf. We have been members of the Sandusky Yacht Club since 1988 and dock our 35-foot Freedom Sailboat there. I have organized several bareboat charter trips to the British Virgin Island to sail with our friends on 46 to 48 foot catamarans. Since retirement we have traveled extensively and have been to over 50 countries, five continents and 49 of the 50 United States. We do a lot of big ship cruising and some river cruising and I usually can find a piano player who will indulge my passion for singing and lend me a microphone for a song or two. As for golf...well I am not very good at it by enjoy picking up the clubs once in awhile.

We still do not know what we want to do when we grow up, so I expect to keep sailing, singing, golfing and traveling for the foreseeable future.