

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Mrs. Lisa Whitten

St. Thomas Class of 1970

Educational Background: St Thomas the Apostle Grade School Class of 1970; Bergan High School Class of 1974; St Mary's Notre Dame Class of 1978 BS Elementary ED/Early Childhood

Recent Achievements: I have taught in the Catholic Schools, helped manage the Strawberry Patch,

a women's boutique, with sisters Lesley and Laurie, acquired my Real Estate License to help my sister Linda manage her KW Kepple Group Real Estate business and volunteer with American Cancer Society. But my most recent achievement is as Matriarch to my family of 20: 4 married children and 12 grandchildren, truly blessed and grateful to share in each of their lives.

Family: I married my high school sweetheart Thomas Whitten in 1979. (Tom was St. Thomas Class of 1969) We raised 4 children, all St Thomas Alumni, and cherish our 12 grandchildren (3 attending St Thomas currently). Andrew and Andrea (Rose, Ben, Will) Dunlap; Doug and Kim (Grace, Olivia, Maeve) Cincinnati, OH; Sarah and John (Auggie, Thomas, Vivienne) Munster, IN; Greg and Liz (Caleb, Blake, Claire) Peoria. Sadly, we lost Tom in 2008 to Cholangiocarcinoma, but take heart he is with us all watching over and guiding, always!



Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet: I remember how special it was to receive the Sacraments, I loved the May crowning mass each year, I loved singing in the school choir, and had so much fun as a cheerleader cheering on our Comets in Basketball!

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you: The manner in which my sixth grade teacher, Ms Farr, communicated to us, the students, made a lasting impression on me. Her teaching style was through much discussion, problem solving, and listening as we formulated opinions. I remember feeling so "grown up"!

Piece of advice for current Comets:
Be grateful for your catholic education, it is a privilege
Be kind to others , it will come back to you
Share your God-given gifts , it will give you much joy
Live in Wonder, you will grow