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Marty Kurth '87 of Le Mars, IA is one of five recipients of the Diocese of Sioux City who received the "Excellence in Education" award during the Bishop's Fundathon for Catholic Schools held online on September 13, 2020. "I'm very honored first of all," Kurth said. "It means a lot. It means that they've looked

at my career as a teacher and educator, but I just feel honored and privileged because there are so many educators that I work with in the school system at Gehlen Catholic that are great, great teachers, and I feel privileged and honored that I was chosen to be a recipient."

The "Excellence in Education" award is presented to a teacher who has a clear integrated philosophy of Catholic education and is a witness of faith in their personal and professional life. The award winners are also held in high regard by peers, students, and parents.

Kurth explained why Catholic education is so important to him. "Every day we get to preach the faith and live the faith and talk to the kids about the faith," Kurth said.

Kurth said he traces his roots back to a Catholic education at Remsen St. Mary's. "My mom was fortunate enough to give me the gift of Catholic education, and I was able to give my kids the gift of a Catholic education," Kurth said. "Just coming to the institution every day is a great thing to preach the word of God."

After attending Westmar and working at Adler's Sporting Goods, he took over as head coach of the Gehlen Catholic baseball team. He also coached the Lady Jays basketball team and several junior high teams through the years.

<https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2834140.html>

AIRPLANE ROOM UPDATES

There are some unique planes flying in the airplane room! These flying objects were made and donated by Bernie De Boer '60. He was a Le Mars, IA native who was also a physics professor at Westmar during the 1960s and early 1970s.



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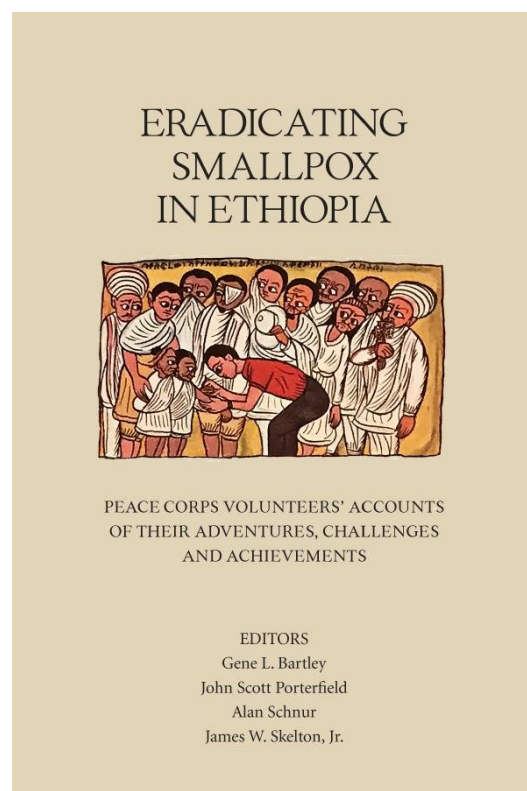
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This book summary was provided by **Gene L. Bartley '68**, one of the book's editors.

This book contains a wide variety of unique and perceptive stories about the experiences of the Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) who worked in the Smallpox Eradication Program (SEP) in Ethiopia between 1970 and 1975. There are 21 chapters written by 15 former PCVs, Dr. D.A. Henderson, Director of the World Health Organization's (WHO) global smallpox eradication campaign, and Dr. Ciro de Quadros, the WHO Epidemiologist in charge of field operations in Ethiopia.

All of the stories provide insights in the personal, practical, and technical aspects of the work. The PCVs' stories include vivid, first-hand descriptions of the living and working conditions in Ethiopia during the implementation of the SEP. The reader is given an insider's view and understanding of what the PCBs were experiencing, accomplishing, and thinking during the days when Ethiopia was reporting more smallpox cases than any other country in the world.

Many of the authors also include stories about the inspired leadership of public health giants like Dr. de Quadros and Dr. Henderson. This book will be of interest to public health historians as well as those working in the fields of public health, infectious diseases, and sociology,

and people who are curious about this historic achievement and the conditions in Ethiopia at the time.

In a recent exciting announcement, the 2020 Peace Corps Writers Moritz Thomsen Award for Best Book about the Peace Corps experience has been presented to the editors of the book.

The book may be ordered at <https://www.amazon.com/Eradicating-Smallpox-Ethiopia-Volunteers-Achievements/dp/195044404X>.

ATTENTION PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

Dr. Wayne Marty is working on a project and would like to know how many of you belonged in the Peace Corps.

Please either email Kristin at wafa@westmarcollege.org, or send a note to the following address:

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335 1st Ave SW
Le Mars, IA 51031

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project!



AUTHORS OF WESTMAR

Another project WAFA is working on is making sure we have a copy of all published authors' books on file. Following is the list of books we have. If you have published something and don't see it on the list, please send WAFA a copy.

Rev. John J. Arnold, *Mission Possible: An African Adventure*

James F. Becker, *Marxian Political Economics*

Boyd A. Blumer, *Parables of a Country Preacher*

Kirsten E.A. Borg, *The Place I Call Home*

Kirsten E.A. Borg, *The Place I Still Call Home*

Kirsten E.A. Borg, *Rodina*

AUTHORS CONTINUED...

Dr. Steven Collins, Iris Hemmingson, Dr. Wayne Marty, Linda Mayrose, Mary Reynolds, and Richard Zietlow, *Le Mars, Iowa—A Pictorial History, 1869-2019*

Peter G. Haines, *Buying and Pricing*

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Valda J. Embree, *Your Moment in Time: A Role Model for Being Successful on your Journey Challenge*

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Samuel J. Hahn, *Learning from the Lizard, Bible Animal Object Lessons*

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A. R. Hershberger, *Principles of Photography*

Ramona Huber, *35 Years and Counting My Long Battle with Leukemia*

Glenn Jagodzinske, *Five Gold Footballs*

Rueben Job, *Living Fully Dying Well*

Norma Kehrberg, *The Cross in the Land of the Khukuri*

A.Q. Larson, PhD, *Westmar: The Story of a Prairie College*

Martha Perske, *Perske Pencil Portraits 1971-1990*

Robert Perske, *Circles of Friends*

Robert Perske, *Deadly Innocence?*

Robert Perske, *Don't Stop the Music*

Robert Perske, *Hope for the Families*

Robert Perske, *New Life in the Neighborhood*

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Robert Perske, *Unequal Justice?*

Jolene Stratton Philo, *A Different Dream for my Child*

Royal Speidel, *100 Days of Hope*

Royal Speidel, *Evangelism in the Small Membership Church*

K. James Stein, *Philipp Jakob Spener: Pietist Patriarch*

Rex Wolstenholm, *The Many Homes of the Wolstenholms*

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Stan Schmidt & Norma Schmidt, *Marriage of Figaro*

Alumni Deaths

'50—**Armin E. Vogt**, 92, passed away on September 24, 2020 in Lincoln, NE. He graduated from Elmwood High School in 1945 and Westmar in 1950. After graduating from Westmar, he attended the Evangelical Theological Seminary and completed graduate courses in Iliff Seminary in Denver. In 1951, Armin married Mary Hahn in Le Mars, IA, and they were happily married for 69 years. Armin was a caring pastor who served many communities in Nebraska. He was also on several boards and committees, and was the police and fire chaplain for 10 years in Lincoln, NE. After retirement in 1993, he was a visitation pastor for St. Paul UMC for 14 years. He is survived by his wife Mary, 2 brothers, 1 brother-in-law, 3 sons, 5 granddaughters, and 6 great-grandchildren. https://journalstar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/armin-e-vogt/article_4576c51e-b0de-50cb-8cc6-36ca7b056e3a.html

'53—**JoAnn "Jo" Black**, 86, of Hutchinson, MN passed away on March 2, 2020 at her home in Hutchinson, MN. A private family graveside service was held on October 24, 2020 at Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson. After graduating from Westmar with her teaching degree in 1953, she married James Black in 1954. They were married for 38 years until James passed away in 1992. JoAnn taught fourth grade at the Buffalo Lake school before holding various positions within Hutchinson. She retired in 1995 after years of being the community education coordinator. She was an active member of her church and various other clubs. She had several hobbies, but she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family, and friends. She is survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and many family and friends. <https://www.hantge.com/joann-jo-black/>

'55—**Donald O. Stevenson**, 87, of Hinton, IA passed away on September 30, 2020. As an only child, Don developed a brother/sister relationship with his Aunt Betty, who was six months his junior. After graduating from high school, he attended Westmar College where he met the love of his life, Jean Darville. They married in 1953 and moved to Merrill where they spent many fun years with family and friends. After graduating from Westmar with his teaching degree in 1955, Don joined the Army from 1955-1957. Upon return, he quickly learned that teaching wasn't for him. He held several jobs in Sioux City, which prompted a move there. Don was very close with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved watching them participate in their activities. After losing Jean in 2000, he married Barbara Currier in 2003, but she passed away in 2009. Don is survived by 3 children, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 aunt, 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. <https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2839803.html>

'59 - **Elaine Manthie Streyffeler**, 81, of South Sioux City, NE, passed away on October 23, 2020 in Sioux City, IA. At a church camp in third grade, she fell and sprained her ankle on a hiking trip requiring 4 boys to carry her back to camp. While attending Westmar, she became reacquainted with one of those boys, Mal Streyffeler, who would become her husband. After graduating from Westmar with an associate's degree and a teaching certificate, she became a teacher or substitute teacher in various locations in the Upper Midwest. She graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA with a library science major. When they moved to South Sioux City, she began her job as a school librarian. After the passing of her husband, she began seeing Walter "Ping" Davis of Climbing Hill. She is survived by her special companion of 20 years, Walter "Ping" Davis, 2 daughters, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews, plus many former students. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/elaine-streyffeler-obituary?pid=197003675>

'60 - **Bernard Louis "Bernie" De Boer**, 97, passed away on September 5, 2020 at Accura Healthcare in Le Mars, IA. He married Dorthea Zenk in 1941. After being drafted into the U.S. Navy during World War II, he taught radar and sonar. After the war, they moved to Le Mars where he opened A&B Appliance. He also attended Westmar graduating with degrees in science and math. He studied at Texas A&M, Kansas State, and Highlands University where he received masters degrees in physics, science, and math. He taught at Woodbury Central High School and then at Westmar College. Bernie was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and he was also an avid radio controlled airplane flyer. He is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 7 great-step grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. <https://mauerjohnsonfh.com/book-of-memories/4321411/De-Boer-Bernard/index.php>

'60—**Jack Klingborg**, 83, of Cherokee, IA passed away on October 10, 2020, at a Sioux City, IA hospital from COVID-19. After high school, he attended Westmar College where he lettered in football and graduated with a teaching degree. He began teaching industrial arts, physical education, and driver's education and also coached numerous sports. He married Roberta Kaye Evans in 1966. Jack was a kind and gentle man with a dry sense of humor who loved the Iowa Hawkeyes, green tractors, Ford vehicles, and cats. He was looking forward to voting for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in the 2020 election. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Roberta, 2 daughters, a special nephew, 2 sisters, and many nieces and nephews. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/jack-klingborg-obituary?pid=196943755>

Alumni Deaths

'62—Royal Lee Mattingly Gunter, 80, passed away on October 6, 2020. After graduating from Westmar, she married Donn Gunter in 1963. Her first career was teaching French and English in middle and high school. She received her Master's degree in Adult Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. After working in retail for many years while raising her three children, she attended Eden Seminary to become a deacon in the United Methodist Church. As a deacon, she served as the chaplain at Gambrill Gardens, a retirement home, from where she retired in 2012. All her adult life she was an active member with the United Methodist Women as well as several other organizations. Royal lived her last three years at Provision Living, now Cedarhurst, where she received great care. She is survived by her husband Donn, 3 children, 2 granddaughters, and 1 sister. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stltoday/name/royal-gunter-obituary?pid=196931402>

'67—John Wayne Mandernach, 74, passed away on October 12, 2020 in Wauke, IA, after a yearlong battle with small cell lung cancer. After graduating from Westmar, he received his Master's and Specialist degrees from the University of South Dakota. John spent his career teaching math and was a school administrator. He felt junior high and middle school students were the "last best chance" to make a significant impact on the lives of these young people. John liked to travel and play cards. He and his wife enjoyed numerous Colorado fall adventures and were snowbirds in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He is survived by his wife Millie, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 1 sister, a sister-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews. [www.https://www.iowacremation.com/obituary/2020/Oct/John-Wayne-Mandernach](https://www.iowacremation.com/obituary/2020/Oct/John-Wayne-Mandernach)

'69—Keith Arlen Brandt, 72, passed away on July 26, 2020 after a significant stroke. In eighth grade, he began courting Janet Cunningham, the love of his life and wife of 53 years. After graduating from Westmar where he played football and made lifelong friends, he joined the Air Force where he was an F-4 pilot. After serving for six years, they decided to return to Iowa where he began farming with his in-laws and Janet's cousins. He retired from farming in 2007 and devoted his time to his hobbies: golf, flying his Swift, daily walks with his wife, traveling, organizing the local Young Eagles program, and spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. Keith is survived by his wife Janet, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and many family and friends. <http://algona.com/obituaries/keith-arlen-brandt>

'76—Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Nassiff, 93, passed away in Sioux City on August 9, 2020. After graduating from high school, Betty entered St. Vincent's School of Nursing and registered in the cadet nurse training program with the U.S. Army for three years. Betty graduated as an RN and continued in the cadet nurse program. Since WWII was ending, she was released from duty in 1948. In 1955, she married Oscar J. Nassiff, who passed away in 1971. She was an operating room nurse who later became the operating room supervisor at St. Vincent's Hospital. While being a supervisor, Betty also attended Westmar and graduated with a science degree in 1976. She spent a total of 55 years in the medical profession. She is survived by 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/obituaries/funeral-notice/mary-elizabeth-nassiff/article_b2c12d82-7774-5ab5-b707-ba959ca273fb.html

'84—Mark Miller Munday, 61, of Louisville, KY passed away on October 11, 2020 after losing his battle with cancer. After graduating from Le Mars Community High School, he attended Augustana University and Westmar College where he graduated with a science degree. He then attended Palmer School of Chiropractic where he graduated and started his career in Louisville, KY. Mark lived his life to the fullest, and his children and grandchildren meant the world to him. He is survived by his mother, his sister, his ex-wife, 4 children, and 2 granddaughters. <https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2843692.html>

Robert Joseph Schroeder, 87, of Le Mars, IA passed away on August 14, 2020 at Floyd Valley Healthcare in Le Mars, IA. After graduating from high school in 1951, he attended Westmar where he played football. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served overseas in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1955 and returned to Le Mars where he met his future wife. In 1958, he married Viola (Vi) Strobel, and they made their home in Le Mars. In 1960, he started his own plumbing and heating company, which he later sold after operating for many years. Bob was a long time member of St. James Catholic Church, and he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing cards, watching football, and spending time with family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vi, 2 children, 2 granddaughters, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters-in-law, and 3 brothers-in-law. <https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2829581.html>

Alumni Deaths

Patricia J. Krippner, 79, passed away on September 2, 2020 at her home in St. Louis, MO. Pat was a survivor of polio as a child. She attended Westmar College from 1959-1960 before attending the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN. Later, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Washington University in St. Louis. In 1963, she married Kenneth E. Krippner, and they made their home in St. Louis. Together, they had 7 children, 5 of whom were adopted and raised in a loving family. Pat was active in her church, and most recently, the church food pantry. She enjoyed many trips with her children and friends, and Italy was a favorite destination of hers and Ken's. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ken, 7 children, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and many in-laws, nieces and nephews. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/patkrippner/journal>

Keith A. Miller, 72, formerly of Anthon, IA, passed away on August 1, 2020 in Cottonwood, AZ. After high school, he graduated from chef school and went on to manage various college food service programs, including Westmar College, Northwestern College, and Chadron State College. He then became the owner/operator of the Maple Motel and Restaurant in Mapleton, IA for 11 years. His strong faith and trust in the Lord gave him an abundant sense of peace. He will be remembered as a loving father, skilled grill master, competitive roper, and a true cowboy. He is survived by his daughter, 3 grandchildren, his sister, and 3 nephews. https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/obituaries/keith-a-miller/article_9af1278c-486f-5bb0-9725-aaca1c422cc3.html

Allen G. McBroom, 77, passed away September 13, 2020, surrounded by family in Coeur d'Alene, ID. After high school, he studied accounting at Westmar College. He had a fulfilling career for more than 30 years with Lehigh Safety Shoe Corporation, starting out as an auditor and moving into sales, marketing, and management. He loved and excelled in his work. He also never met a stranger. He would genuinely consider you his friend from that moment on. He is survived by 2 children, 1 step-daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. <https://www.osceolaiaowa.com/2020/09/21/allen-mcbbroom/a3uw2ye/>

Alumni News

Lee Wiersma '62 of Paola, KS has been supplying the pulpit in retirement. He served LaCygne and New Lancaster in January-February and Wellsville and Clearfield from June-September in 2018. He is now serving Osawatomie and Lane for the months of August-September. All of these United Methodist churches are located in Kansas of the Great Plains Conference.

Dean Trapp '83 of Sioux Falls, SD is taking a leave of absence from ministry. He and his wife **Susan** '84 are enjoying their time together.

Cory Isebrand '88 of Le Mars, IA retired from the Le Mars Community Middle School after 32 years of teaching. Now, he is Gehlen Catholic's new P.E. instructor.

Board members and **volunteers** gathered at the Westmar Park on October 24, 2020 for the annual fall clean up.

Christmas Ideas

In the event that you do not see an item you are looking for on the website, never fear! There is another option to purchase Westmar items, and they carry golf shirts, long sleeved shirts as well as other clothing items.

Please check out www.getbranded360.com.

If you do see something on the website that you would like to order, before you do, please email Kristin to be sure we have that item in stock. Once we are out of items, we will not be restocking and instead referring people to www.getbranded360.com.



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- Publish reunion information provided by Committee on Facebook, WAFA Web Site and in WAFA Newsletter.
- Provide mailing labels or mailing list for sending invitations. (USPS only or USPS plus e-mail)
- Provide use of group e-mail for invitation and updates. Committee would provide copy of message to send.
- Provide information on a personal PayPal account to accept registrations. Alternative to accepting checks only. WAFA will assist with this.
- Provide contact lists of LeMars area hotels, caterers/restaurants, and meeting rooms.
- Make room reservation at LeMars Convention Center, if needed, to get 40% non-profit discount. Pay for room, to be reimbursed by Reunion Committee. (Reunion Committee would have to set up and take down the room. Reunion Committee would make alternative room arrangements (i.e. church, restaurant).
- Make Westmar Memorabilia available for purchase in the Westmar Room and the Museum sales area.
- Publish reunion pictures in WAFA newsletter if pictures are provided with names and reunion identification.

If you are planning a reunion, please let us know and we will list it in the WAFA newsletter, our Facebook page, and on our website. We can also assist with sending an email to your classmates or providing addresses.

We also love pictures of reunions no matter how large or small. Be sure to include information and names. We will share them!

What's Happening with You? Tell Us!

We are interested in knowing what has recently (or not so recently) happened in your life. Promotions? Marriage? Births or deaths? Honors or awards? Graduate degree? Semi- or full retirement? Pass on the information so we can print it and spread the news!

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Also check the **MISSING** link on the website for any friends of yours for whom we are missing current information, email addresses included. It would be greatly appreciated!

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- Work with the Iowa College Foundation to administer the Westmar Endowment Scholarship
- Provide Alumni & contact assistance for Westmar reunions
- Publish WAFA newsletters
- Help maintain displays in the Westmar Room of the Plymouth County Historical Museum
- Maintain Westmar Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Administration database
- Help maintain the Westmar Memorial Park on the former campus
- Maintain the WAFA web-site www.westmarcollege.org



Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display? We are always looking for Sports Memorabilia as well as items from other groups for display. Good copies of photos or certificates are also welcome.