

## Pat Kiley

This is Pat Kiley, class of 1971, Biology Major, looking forward to the November 13, 2021 50th reunion. I was a resident of New Jersey, graduate of St. Joseph's Regional HS in Montvale, New Jersey when I decided to attend Fairfield University. At the end of my sophomore year, I married my childhood sweetheart, Mary Ellen Brosnan. We were married on August 30, 1969 and four of my Fairfield classmates were in our wedding party, Stephen Jennings, David Turano, Michael Feighan and Matt Mahoney. I have not been in touch with any of my wedding party since graduating and would like to reconnect, if possible, at the reunion.

My wife and I have four sons, our first having been born while I was still a student at Fairfield. Our children are all successful and healthy. We have 10 grandchildren who are all also great children, healthy and successful for where they are in their life journey, some in college, the youngest just turning 3.

Following graduation, I began a career with the Federal government which lasted until 1988 when I transitioned to a career in private industry. I progressed in my career to President of a company which became the largest Medicare Federal contractor in the country. The company was sold in 2012 at which time I retired and have been happily retired since then, enjoying family and traveling.

In May of 2010, I was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and remain in active ministry.

It is difficult to name one favorite Fairfield memory. However, what has remained with me since my time at Fairfield was my Freshman and Junior Bio professor John Klimas. His teaching methods which were focused on thinking through a problem as opposed to learning and repeating back facts has remained with me as a discipline which has served me well.

I would not change a thing in my life journey. My wife and I have faced difficult times, challenges raising four children and many good times. That's life and Fairfield helped to provide me with the tools to navigate life's ups and downs and for that I am grateful. My successes in life were, however, attributable to my wife who was my strength when times were tough and my reminder to enjoy each day. Looking forward to the Reunion.