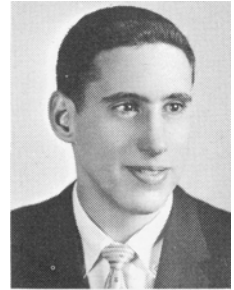


Werner Kechhut

Science

After graduating Cass Tech in January 1959, I received a BS degree in Chemistry from Wayne State University. In 1968, I married Mary Rieth, also a Wayne State graduate.



We have two daughters. Jean, a Wayne State graduate, is an occupational therapist specializing in hand therapy. She lives in Anchorage, Alaska with her husband, Keith Graham. Laura received her MBA at Wayne State and works for Mercedes in Fort Worth, Texas.

My first career was with Knauf Fiberglass in Shelbyville, Indiana. My job as process engineer involved developing new adhesives and binders and improving the glass melting process.

Life in Indiana was a bit like “the Waltons” with cornfields surrounding our home which was next to the local school. Mary was a substitute teacher at the school with my job only two miles from home.

In 1983, we moved back to the Detroit area when we purchased Papercraft from my father-in-law. Since the demand for specialty paper was waning, we decided to provide finishing services to metro Detroit printers and die cutters, mainly laminating and pressure sensitive tape application. Our business was solid and the work and friendships were satisfying, but, after 17 years, we decided to sell the operation to gain more freedom.

Since the year 2000 we have enjoyed some domestic and international travel and volunteer opportunities.

It has been a heart-warming experience to reconnect with Cass Tech graduates.



Daughters – Jean and Laura