

## Spotlight: Class of 1978

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**My favorite memory:** It's great how our memory is every year more selective; which is a nice way of saying we forget more and more. Thank goodness we mostly "select" good memories to hold onto, especially the big emotions. One thing that stands out is the moment of entering into the Silverdome and being taken back with awe by the size and flood lights, our marching band performance, dance steps included, and yelling our heads off. Even though we didn't win, it was a big event for all of Onaway and something to always remember. Likewise, our band performances in district and state were something that a number of us shared.

**My past 30 years:** After finishing my BS in medical technology at Lake Superior State, I worked for a year in the laboratory at Alpena General Hospital and then 2 years at Bell Hospital in Ishpeming. After deciding that I wanted to go back to school, I accepted a fellowship at

the University of Washington in Seattle in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. In 1990, after obtaining my Ph.D., I moved to Madrid, yes Spain, for a postdoctoral fellowship at the Ramon y Cajal Institute for Neuroscience. In 1991, I married Jesús Argente. In 1999 I moved to the Hospital Niño Jesús where Jesús and I set-up our research laboratory together. He is a pediatrician and Director of the Department of Pediatrics at one of the medical schools in Madrid. Thus, one could say that most of our time is now dedicated to work, as we definitely take it home with us.

**What I do for fun:** Besides work, which is actually fun most of the time, I dedicate a lot of my free time to cooking and gardening, and watching Real Madrid soccer games. We travel very often, mostly work related, but try to take advantage of the opportunity to visit each new place as much as possible. I love receiving company and have had a number of friends, family and friends of family or friends of friends pass through Madrid.



Carol (Wilkinson) Cryderman & Renee (Pregitzer) Wyatt

Class of 1978-30 year reunion



Judy (King) Decker & Julie Chowen