

## Lost Decades Ago, A Class Ring is Returned

From childhood in the 1960s and through his teenage years, Bruce E. Naslund and his family, residents of Attleboro, Massachusetts, visited his grandparents in Two Harbors each summer. During their visits, his grandparents (Armand and Clara Lassonde) made sure there were adventures awaiting the children's arrival. Among these adventures were trips to nearby dumps to explore and find treasures.



Bruce found many "valuable" treasures which he pocketed and took home to Massachusetts. One year, he found a ring. On returning home, the ring made its way into one of his drawers and there it sat for many years, forgotten.

Recently, while cleaning, Bruce rediscovered the ring. He cleaned it and looked at it more closely. Unfamiliar with the lettering on it, he Googled the inscription and was reminded of where he found it. It said "William Kelley High School" with an anchor and the number "65" on the side. Bruce saw the initials "BEW" or, possibly, "BFW" were engraved inside. This began the quest to reunite

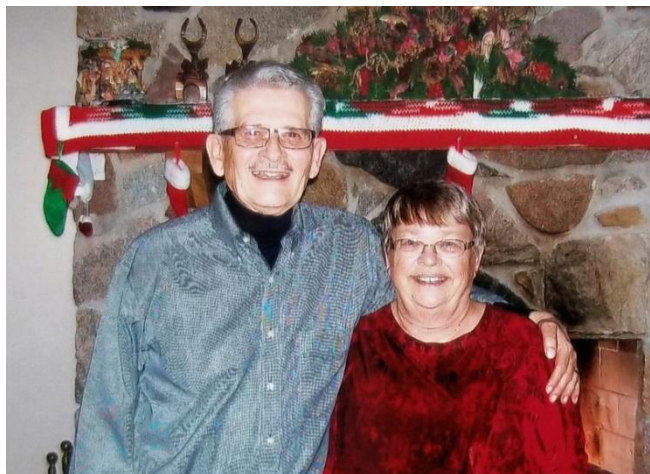
the ring with its owner.

After Bruce contacted us through the website of the WKS Alumni Association, our webmaster investigated and found that the only person from the class of 1965 at William M. Kelley High School with those initials was another Bruce: Bruce E. Wennen.

Sadly, Bruce Wennen died in December 2015 and we were unable to reunite the ring with its owner. We did, however, find his wife, Lesley, alive and well. Lesley said she would love to



have the class ring so we connected her with Bruce Naslund and, soon thereafter, it was delivered to her.



Lesley met her husband in 1969 when they each worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lesley was unaware that Bruce had owned and subsequently lost his class ring as it had most likely happened before she met him. Bruce's sisters, Judy and Kris, were unaware of it as well. Bruce Naslund's only regret was that he didn't search for its owner sooner.

How and why Bruce Wennen's class ring ended up in a Two Harbors dump remains a mystery. What we do know is the thoughtfulness of a Massachusetts man made a Silver Bay native's family very appreciative and happy.

If any of our alumni or friends know more about the story of Bruce's class ring, we'd love to hear from you.



*Lesley Wennen wearing Bruce's class ring, with son Bryan and daughter Amy*