



**Recognition and Appreciation of Gaye Crosby Doane
by Frankfurt American High School Alumni Association (FAHSAA)**

2023



SUMMARY:

FAHSAA is deeply appreciative of the contributions Gaye has made over the years in support of the alumni association in many roles including FAHSAA Board member positions as Treasurer and Financial Advisor and participation in many committees including being a founding member of the association's Website Committee.

We honor Gaye with sincerest appreciation for her dedication to serving the FAHSAA with her professional expertise, talents, and devotion to the success of our FAHSAA association.

BACKGROUND OF GAYE:

Gaye is a graduate of the FAHS Class of 1969.

Gaye's father, Donald Crosby, was a civilian architect for the Department of Army and moved the family to Frankfurt in 1956, to the "Old" Drake-Edwards housing until around 1962.

With increased troop movements, the Crosby's were then moved onto the economy to the village of Berkersheim (located near the "New" Drake-Edwards housing complex).

GAYE'S FAVORITE MEMORY/MEMORIES OF FAHS

Most memorable: Having arrived at the age of five in 1956, Gaye thought the war was still on-going based on all the bombed-out buildings that were still present in down-town Frankfurt with rubble neatly stacked on many city blocks.

Another painful memory for Gaye at that time was seeing German nationals rummaging through their American trash for food (1956-59) which always stressed her out. She would ask her Mom if she could wrap the potato peels up in foil before throwing them out in the dumpsters for protection.

A more pleasant memory was the delight in traveling to Lake Garda and other Italian destinations for sunny warm weather!

Together with Gayle Cratty, Kathryn Cooney (Kathryn was part of the 64-66 reunion group due to her brother Jack Cooney being in the Class of '66), Bill House and others, Gaye was one of the early founders of our 1967-73 FAHSAA Association. In January 1986, she met Terry Skelton

'65, who had just been to his 20th class reunion that summer and she discovered there was a 1964-66 Frankfurt High Alumni Association in existence. His enthusiasm about the reunion was enviable. Could the Class of 1969 possibly have an association and reunion, too?

Terry put her in touch with Sue Harlan Alley, who was keeping a database of their classmates. Gaye also had a modest alumni database of our era. She and Sue worked together to combine their databases and searched out to add even more alumni.

As the numbers grew, Sue's group was only too happy to let our era start its own FAHSAA Association!

One wonderful reward of working with the alumni association was that she met her future spouse, Mike Doane '69, at the Seattle 2008 reunion.



*Class of 1969 High School Senior Class
Photo*

FAMILY BIO OF GAYE:

- **BORN:** 12 September 1951
- **PARENTS:** Donald and Phyllis Crosby
- **SIBLINGS:** Joye Crosby Brooks '70 and Donna Crosby Kidwell '65
- **Spouse:** Mike Doane

CURRENT HOMETOWN:

Gaye currently resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado with her loving spouse, Mike.

EDUCATION:

UCCS BS in Business 2004

MBA, University of Colorado, Colorado, 2008

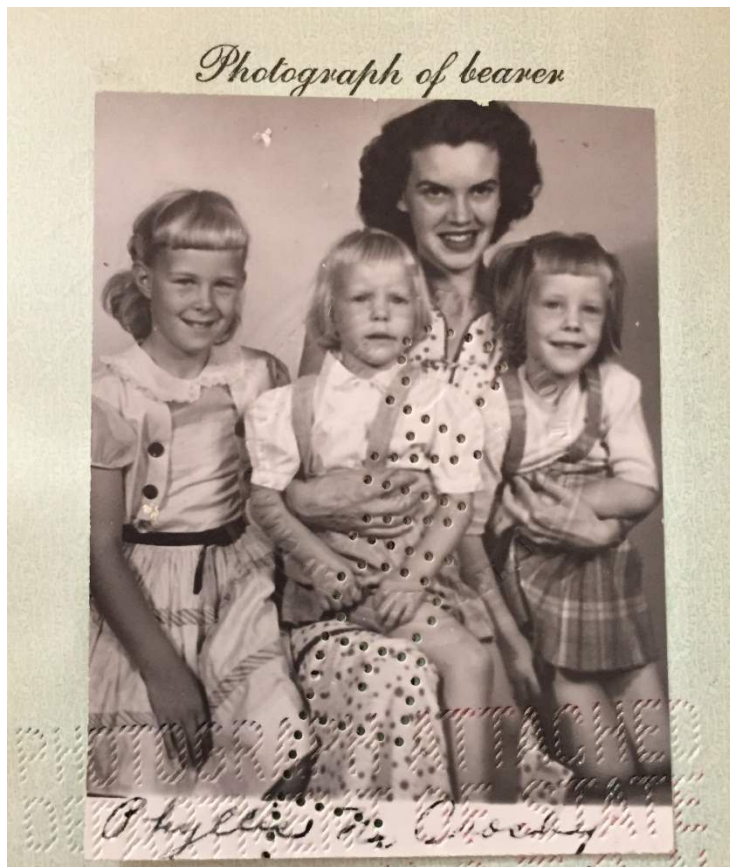
CAREER:

Soon after graduating from Frankfurt, Gaye left for one (1) year of college in Washington state. She then returned to Frankfurt to work for the US Government until 1974 at which point she moved to Manitou Springs and then later to Colorado Springs around 1997, where she resides today.

Gaye worked with the Manitou Springs School District in the 1990s while also earning her bachelor's degree with a major in Business Administration.

She then earned her MBA in Finance from the University of Colorado while working for the City of Colorado Springs in Transportation Planning and the Housing Authority.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS:



Family passport photo, 1956

**Grade
School, 1957**



Summer of 1971, Gaye going “native” with lederhosen.



Gaye with her loving husband, Mike