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After graduation from Otterbein, I accepted a teaching adventure in a 3-room school in Southern Ohio where I taught a combined 5th/6th split class for 2 years.

Although a marvelous experience, I moved to Columbus where I taught a 5th/6th class for 3 years in Upper Arlington Schools. During this period, I completed my M.A. at Upper Arlington Schools.

After teaching, I embarked on an equally fulfilling career at State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). I earned an M.B.A. at the University of Dayton while at STRS. I retired after 25 years, but was reemployed at STRS for another 5 years.

In my 40's motherhood called my name and I adopted a child from China at age 47 after two long protracted attempts. Rose graduated from Otterbein in 2018 and will marry her Otterbein sweetheart later this summer.

I have spent my retirement caring for my daughter and mother. There have been several trips to China and every summer spent at my home at Chautauqua Institution.

I can not write this without mentioning my two close Otterbein friends, Ginny Paine Hade and Trina Steck Mescher both who passed away in the past two years. Life is precious and can be unpredictably short so stay close to your Otterbein friends cherishing your memories.