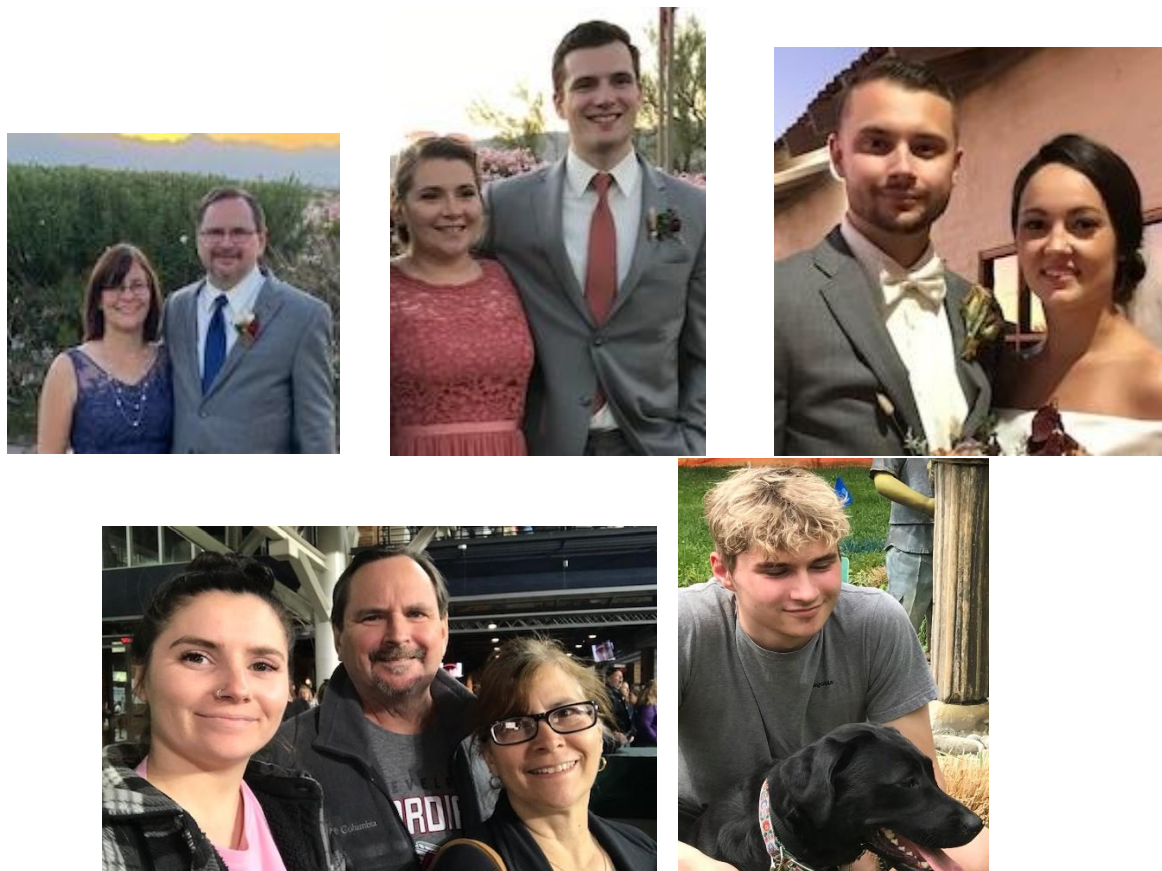


Lydia Raser – WRJSL biography Provisional Class 2024



I was born and raised in Nebraska. My father was a college history professor and my mother was a chemist. My parents traveled extensively, and I got my love of travel from them. I was an exchange student through Rotary to Australia my junior year of high school and I've traveled to England and Europe several times and even gone back to Australia. I majored in Chemistry in college and went on to graduate school for a Ph.D. in Chemistry. I met my husband Jeff while in undergrad and we married after he graduated. We've been married for 35 years and have five children, Alison, Kyle, Cameron, Heather, and Paul.

Since we got married, we've lived in NE, IA, IN and finally OH where we've been since 2000. I'll admit that Ohio was never on the list of places to live but this is the longest either one of us has been in one place and we really like it here. We raised our kids in Mentor, and everyone graduated from MHS. Last year after Paul left for college we downsized and moved to Painesville. I worked for Ricerca when we first moved to OH but switched companies to Lubrizol 13 years ago. Outside of work, I coached the youngest two at rec soccer for several years, and more recently as a family effort, we have been volunteer puppy raisers with Guiding Eyes for the Blind. We are raising our fifth dog now.



We enjoy traveling although most family vacations are within the US. We hope to do more traveling now that we're mostly "empty nesters". Some of my hobbies include making jam several times a year, attending a mystery book club at the library, going to Guardians baseball games and gardening.