

Still Love—At Second Sight

By Kenya McCullum

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On March 10, 2006, **Karen K. Albert '88, M'99** and her husband, **James W. McFadden M'03**, welcomed a daughter, Heather Kayelyn, into their family. Karen is a middle school science teacher in the York Suburban School District.

Mildred "Micky" Hohl '88 is a self-employed child therapist in Basalt, Colo.

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Joel A. Kline '89, assistant professor of business administration and digital communications and director of the Digital Communications Program at LVC, will serve as the on-site director for the spring semester 2007 Study-Abroad Program in New Zealand.

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*Raymond '39 and
Dorothy Frey '39*

For **Raymond and Dorothy Frey**—who both graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1939—education has always been a way of life. After earning degrees in history and English respectively, both went on to pursue their love of teaching.

"I really did enjoy feeling like I was making a difference," said Dorothy, who worked as a teacher for 25 years. "I loved seeing children's eyes light up and helping them."

Raymond, who was the president of the Literary Society as well as an accomplished athlete at LVC, also went on to teach briefly before joining the army. He served in the 89th Infantry Division in Camp Carlson, Colo. It was there that he suffered an injury that gave both teachers serious challenges to face.

In February 1943, Raymond was setting up booby traps with his platoon for a training exercise when one prematurely exploded, completely destroying one of his eyes and leaving him blind in the other. Circumstances like these would be trying for any couple. Although the Freys had a difficult time adjusting to Raymond's blindness, they both found the strength to get through it—and learn a new way of life.

As Raymond adjusted to life with his disability, Dorothy needed to ease into her new role in their marriage.

"I knew for his sake that I had to start to be more aggressive and take over a lot of the business of running a household," she said. "I was interested in helping him to recover, of course, and he handled it so well, it was really easy for me after I realized that I could do this."

Raymond's optimistic attitude enabled him to proceed into work with the blinded soldiers at the Valley Forge General Hospital, helping them to adjust to their sightless lives by teaching them how to read Braille, walk with canes, and even operate machinery. As a result of this work, he became the first president of the National Blinded Veterans Association, and an inspiration to those who were living with the same challenges.

Although Raymond admits that he missed certain activities from his sighted life—such as driving a car and playing sports—he had a positive and realistic view of his situation, saying, "I just had to make the best of it."

And the Freys made the best of Raymond's blindness for 50 years: They worked, started a family, traveled the world, and built a good life together. They also stayed involved with the LVC community by volunteering for alumni events and donating \$1,000 annually to the 1939 Scholarship Fund.

Little did they know that another significant occurrence would be coming their way: In 1993, Raymond underwent a corneal transplant that restored the sight in his remaining eye, and once again they had to adjust to a new way of life. Not surprisingly, they succeeded!

There's no doubt that the Freys' life together has been a learning experience, and after 64 years, two children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, they relish the education life has given them.

Editor's Note: Raymond was inducted into LVC's first Athletic Hall of Fame class in 1976 and into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for football and basketball. He and Dorothy were each awarded LVC Alumni Citations and she was named one of Pennsylvania's Teachers of the Year in 1976.

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