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Jerry and Vi are the parents of four children: Mary, Bill, Terry, and Paul. Bill is a “Double Domer,” having graduated from Notre Dame in 1976 and again in 1979 with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering; Terry earned her bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame in 1977 and married Gary Makowski, a member of the Class of 1977; and Paul is a 1987 Notre Dame graduate, along with his wife, Karen, who graduated in 1986. Granddaughter Tara Makowski is a member of the Class of 2007.

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