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In the last 40 years what have I been doing? I have been living, loving my family, and working. Larry and I celebrated 29 years in June. Maybe for our 30th we will sail the Panama Canal. This is a trip we have been talking about for years. We are still both working and have owned our electrical contracting business since 1988. I have been doing all the office work for that and helping on jobs when I am needed. Of course there is the house, garden, and yard work. They keep me very busy and I love to spend time outdoors. Two years ago since the economy has taken a nose dive I decided that I needed to find another source of income so I became a travel agent. I have joined Baird's Vacation Station and I am a home agent. I am able to book all kinds of travel from airline tickets to a vacation that comes once in a lifetime. In Feb. 2012 my agency is planning a group trip to Australia and New Zealand for 12 day trip, with an optional side trip to Fiji. If you would like to join or need some information, just let me know. This will be my bucket list vacation, and I would love to tell you all about it the next time I see you or have you come along. I have traveled to a lot of places but by no means am I done yet.

Rashelle, my daughter has now finished her first year of veterinary school at Michigan State University in East Lansing and every chance I have, I like to go see her. Vet school is very demanding and she doesn't get much time to come home. Three more years and she will be a DVM. My son has moved back home after his job at GE Aviation was lost due to a re-organization of that company. He has his degree in Electrical Engineering from Kettering University, Flint, Michigan. I am confident he will find another job once the economy turns around.

Over 2 years ago I lost my father and he is dearly missed. My mom lives next door and that is a job in its self. Anyone who lives near a parent totally understands this. I think as parents get older they depend on their children more and more with the fast pace of life. So you love them and do what you can. My heart felt blessing goes to those of you that have lost a parent and to those who have not, love them while you can. Life just seems to fly by and some day we will be them.

Who am I now? I guess if I had that answer, I would know it all. I know some days I feel older than I should and some days younger. Each year seems to present more of a demand on life. Just as things are sailing along a big wave comes and makes a mess of it all. I guess that is what life is all about. My family and God is a very important part of my life. I think what would I do without either one? They guide me through each day, week, and year. I hold them close to my heart at all times.

What would I like to say to the classmates? Let's hope we grow old gracefully, keep our minds, vision, and hearing. Live each day to the fullest and love God. May we always remember the good times and learn from the bad times. Peace and love to all.