

Something you have always wanted to tell all of your classmates: I really enjoyed high school and don't regret not working harder on my grades. I still think we have a great class and it was great that everyone knew everyone else (in fact almost everyone in the whole school). My son's graduating class had over 1000 people. A couple of years ago Frank Bender and I went through the yearbook and I had forgotten how many people that I considered friends, not just acquaintances. For anyone that I treated poorly or teased too much, I apologize (better late than never)

#### INFORMATION SHEET

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\*(we need this if you want us to send you a completed "Class of 70" updated booklet)

CHILDREN & THEIR AGES Sharon - 40 Paul - 38 \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND CHILDREN & THEIR AGES Amanda - 14; Caleb - 9; Loriah - 6; Miles - 3; Tyson - on the way

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN & THEIR AGES (yes, we are that old!).

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS? I graduated from Ferris State in 1974 with a BS in Environmental Health. I worked in safety, health, and environment for the chemical and mining industries for 38 years, primarily for Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) or its affiliates. My work took me to a number of other Countries. I retired at the end of June 2009. Since leaving Michigan, I have lived in Somerset, OH; Port Arthur, TX; Denver, CO; Downingtown, PA; Piscataway, NJ; and for the last 22 years in Kingwood (Houston), TX. Iris and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. I still play golf, in fact a lot more since I retired. Iris graduated with an accounting degree after the kids were grown, passed the CPA exam and is an accounting manager for Waste Management. I normally go to Frankenmuth once or twice a year and see my mother. For the last 4 years a group of us have come to Michigan for a golf vacation in Gaylord and other areas. I feel blessed for the way my life has turned out overall.

Thoughts: Who are you now? What is most important to you now? I am a retiree and loving it. So many people put off retiring because they think they will get bored. July 3rd, I will have been retired 1 year, so far I have not been bored, not even 1 day. I am totally amazed by how busy I am, when did all this crap get done when I was working? I have changed appearance-wise but my personality is pretty much the same - I'm still a smart ass.

I really enjoy golf. I have made so many good friends on the golf course. My grandchildren are important and I have a special bond with Caleb because Iris and I raised him in our home from when he was 3 mos. through 4 years old. I never thought that I would be married for 25 years - most people think Iris is a saint for putting up with all my crap but we have a good time.