



**Margaret Jane Bache - Purslow:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958.

Born in November, 1940

Wow! I haven't heard from the Class of 1958 until this August, when Sharon Yuill-Krueger (class of '62) contacted my brother Gary, who lives in Maumee. She forwarded my information to Dee Yager-Bovenzi informing me about our 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2013. Catching up on the past sure has its highs and lows - 'In Memorium', was sad and humbling. Dee is keeping me updated with her emails, as you, and I'm looking forward to next year.

After graduation, I attended the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing for over a year, found out it wasn't for me. After 3 years at BGSU, I suffered "burn-out". Took a dare from a friend, United Airlines was hiring - went to Chicago to be a stewardess, even made the Parade section of the Toledo Blade with my Mom! But!! Alas – I was fired two years later, found out I was married, a NONO in those days!

After moving to Michigan in 1965, I attended the Harper Hospital of Cytopathology (cancer diagnosis) in Detroit. After my internship at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, I became the Supervisor/Education Coordinator for our new School of Cytopathology. I published several papers, taught workshops and presented scientific papers at national meetings, my career was off and running.

In 1977, I was hired as Supervisor/Education Coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Not only did our School of Cytology expand but, we joined forces with the school in Ann Arbor, graduating classes until recent years. My career during the next 25 years exploded. I'm a photomicrographer, contributing images for 17 textbooks in Diagnostic Cytopathology. Also, I participated in teaching over 125 workshops in North America, published scientific papers and, of course, supervised a very large and busy Cytopathology laboratory practice. Yes, I'm proud to be a part of the team to improve diagnostic techniques in cancer diagnosis and early treatment protocols. I retired in 2001 and even after 47 years, I can't give up my profession, am still a consultant at a local hospital.

During these years, I was blessed with two kids and five wonderful Grandkids: Michelle, 44 and Steven, 42. Michelle and her husband lives locally with their 2 kids – Hailey, 12 - my clone, plus a redhead and Kyle, 15 - my genius. Steven and his wife live in Denver and have 3 kids, Aidan and Alex – twins, 9 years old and Amelia, who just turned 1 in August this year.

My husband and I are busier now that when we were working, retirement is a demanding "career" taking on a life of its own! We are professional volunteer photographers, historians, including photo editing/restoration – my passion, for our local community events, veterans organization (VFW, AMVETS, American Legion, etc.) – a very rewarding and satisfying endeavor.

I've enjoyed nature photography for over 35 years, specializing in birds of Michigan. My real passion is being a part of the re-introduction of the Osprey to southeast Michigan, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. I've taken thousands of images of these wonderful birds of prey and continue to participate in our banding program for this area.

### **Whitmer Memories**

My favorite memory is the teacher who inspired me to dedicate my life to biology and medicine – Mr. Foster. I hung on his every word, not only in the sciences, but English. He taught me to love Shakespeare, poetry, novels, short stories, etc., I can answer many of the questions on Jeopardy in these categories because of his teaching skills – Thank You Sir. Also, I love sports and received my GAA letter my senior year, sure wish I had saved my sweater!! Even though I was a shy young girl, I cherish my memories of the friends I made and am very sorry I lost contact with you. Sure glad Sharon Yuill- Krueger found me! I'm looking forward to our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2013.

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