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**Vernon Browning:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. I was born in March of 1940.

I joined the U.S. Air Force shortly after graduating from Whitmer. I served during the beginning of the Viet Nam war.

During that time I was fortunate to take advantage of advanced education in the Philippines and at the University of Illinois. After my discharge from the military I came back home to Toledo to live with my parents on Adelaide Street, directly behind

The Lord was working in my future plans when I attended the Toledo Baptist Temple and met my future bride, Sue Nutter (Whitmer Class of '62). I continued working towards an undergraduate degree at the University of Toledo under the GI Bill. Sue and I were married after graduating with a BA Degree majoring in Psychology. During that time Sue and I learned sign language at our Church just on a whim as something interesting to do together.

The job search began after graduation from UT and the sign language came in handy when a job became available with the Department of Vocation Rehabilitation. I was able to continue studies and receive a Master's Degree from Kent State University.

The big, busy metropolitan city of Toledo didn't hold much appeal for this southern, Kentucky born boy. I needed to go south and sent out resumes to see what was available. God Choose Virginia and it was a true gift. In 1968, Sue and I packed up our belongings with our new baby girl, Holly, and headed south to our new home. A new job awaited in vocational rehabilitation serving the Deaf clients of the state of Virginia. A second child, David was born a year later. That was the beginning. The present has been a culmination of blessings with two grown children and 3 biological grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

I am now retired, in good health and spend time with our children, grandchildren, teaching Sunday school, enjoying a summer garden, deer hunting with my son and grandsons. I also keep busy with volunteer work and of course cutting wood in the winter months.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** I guess I would have to say my favorite memory is playing sports and being involved in the activities.

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