



Judi Christen Estelle: I graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. I was born in June 1940.

Where have 50 years gone? After high school and 2 years of Business College, I went to work at Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Toledo. I met my husband Ed on a weekend ski trip to northern Michigan with a company group in 1960. We were married the following fall, and I began my life as a farm girl just west of Gaylord, Michigan. On any given day, you could (and still can) find me with dirt under my unmanicured nails and wearing jeans and dirty tennis shoes, playing with grandkids or

working outside. Over the years, I have driven tractors, baled hay, planted potatoes, harvested potatoes, and picked strawberries. One bad episode with a plow got me out of the job. (Sometimes men have NO sense of humor!)

Our children began arriving in 1968 – three daughters and one son – all grown, providing us with ten grandchildren who are terribly spoiled by Nana and Papa. We wouldn't have it any other way. Our life pretty much centers around our family. Our son farms with us, two of the gals live nearby and one lives in Houston, Texas.

Over the years, I've tried to stay a part of our small community, serving on various township and county committees; ten-year stint as township treasurer and trustee, and ten years as an administrative assistant in the Trust Department of Old Kent Bank. This was the fulfillment of my career dream and a very rewarding rime. I gave up being room mother and other school related activities when the kids finally made it through the K-12 system.

Ed has instructed skiing at Boyne Mountain for 48 years and still going strong. I took a 10 year hiatus from the sport but started up again a few years ago when the grandkids started skiing. You have to keep up or you get left behind. I enjoy swimming at our local Sportsplex but being "semi-retired" we don't have much free time.

My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High: I really miss our days at Foodtown, Larry. We didn't know how good we had it in the "old days". (Boy, doesn't that sound like our parents talking) I must say my days with the Class of '58 were some of the best – what a great group we were. Thank you Reunion Committee, for keeping us on track. We owe you!

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