



**Eddie Fritz:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in April in 1939.

It's not easy to put 50 years of ones life into a bio but here it goes. First of all I never married, dated a lot over the years, but never became committed to any one lady. So consequently I have no children. But having four brothers, I do have a number of nieces & nephews.

After graduation from Whitmer, I attended the University of Toledo. I was majoring in business. My plans at the time were to be a Certified Public Accountant.

Then I decided I would drop out for a spell and enlist in the Air Force on a buddy plan. The buddy being Gary Landis,

who is now deceased. Gary went on in the military but I failed the physical because of an old knee injury I received at the age of eight from an auto accident. The injury also curtailed my sports activities at Whitmer. Along with the knee problem, I also was an asthmatic to the point to where I had to take shots once a week for a year. I gradually out grew the problem.

After that I went back to school at UT and then on to Stautzenberger College, still majoring in business. Then the draft came along but once again was turned down but I did receive a 1-Y classification which meant that if the country really needed me I would go. Fortunately, they didn't so my military experience turned out to be zero.

I then decided to get into Retail Management and worked in this field all my working days until I retired in 2002. I mainly retired in order to properly take care of my mom, who had developed Alzheimer's. I did not want to put her in a Nursing Home. To this day I am still taking care of her. I have gotten outside help with the bathing and recreational activities. I don't have much time for myself anymore but don't regret it as she has always been a wonderful mom and always very close to her family. My dad passed away in 1971 of heart failure.

I had four brothers; unfortunately two of them are deceased. The two remaining, one lives in Knoxville, TN and the other in Florida most of the time. Florida in where I intend to move as soon as I can get all the services set for my mom worked out. I will be settling in the St. Pete Beach area.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** One of my favorite memories is the A Cappella Choir. When I was a Junior we had the largest Choir ever at WHS. We were also the only school in the area to have A Cappella choir. We won awards and received numerous superior ratings. Mr. Brown was a great teacher. Some of the other things I remember and enjoyed were the pep rallies, the games, the Proms, and all the other dances. "Twilight Interlude" was so great and if your will remember it was held at the Naval Armory in Point Place. Our Homecoming Queen was the beautiful Pam Fenn. I don't remember who our Prom Queen was but I do remember my date, Pat Parmalee. I also remembered the "Circus" that everyone so enjoyed.

Some of my favorite teachers were Mr. Pritts, Mr. Alvarodo, Mr. Stacy, Miss Hutchenson, Mrs. Nightengale and of course Mr. Brown. We also had one of the best principals in the school system in Mr. Davis. He was such a nice person. I ran into him at a restaurant once and he still remembered my name.

It was such an honor to have graduated from such an outstanding high school as Whitmer and it still is.

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