



Jerry Garrett - Born in Columbus, Ohio in September of 1940 and Mom thought she was done. Fifteen minutes later my brother was born and I had a constant mirror and companion for the rest of my life.

After High School, I attended the University of Toledo seeking a degree in Business. In the fall of 1961 I met a student nurse (always did like nurses) named Bonnie Linn. She got her RN and state license in 1962 and we were married in September of that year (51 years). I graduated in June of 1963 and that same month I started a career with Libbey-Owens-Ford Co.

Bonnie worked at Toledo Hospital and for a local oral surgeon's office from 1962 to 1974. In 1967, we were blessed with a beautiful and wonderful daughter, Debra. She attended nursery and grade school in Toledo before LOF started moving us around the country. We lived in Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington DC and then back to Toledo in 1980. Bonnie went to work in a pediatric office and I continued to have fun working at LOF. We got to live in the Toledo area for about three years before LOF moved us again in 1983 to Brentwood, a suburb of Nashville, TN. Bonnie continued her nursing career at a pediatric office in Tennessee.

Our daughter graduated from Auburn University in Alabama and is currently teaching and living in Orlando, FL. Debra's husband, Todd is affiliated with the University of Central Florida's graduate program. Both have Masters degrees from Rollins College and Stetson University in Florida.

In 1996, we were blessed again with a granddaughter, Harper. We were spending a lot of time traveling back and forth from Brentwood to Orlando so in 1999 LOF had an opening in Florida and we were fortunate enough for them to move us to Hobe Sound. This made us a lot closer to them. She is now sixteen years old and a varsity cheerleader for Lake Highland Prep in Orlando, FL.

After 38 years with LOF I retired in early 2000. Bonnie retired from nursing when we moved to Florida. She is enjoying spending time with our granddaughter and all the other things that Florida has to offer. I currently serve on several boards and work with a firm in Miami. When we are not busy with the above we ride bikes and travel.

Favorite Memory of Whitmer High: I guess my favorite memories would be being part of the Whitmer family. I particularly enjoyed the Proms, the Whitmer circus and working on the floats for homecoming. Also, enjoyed the parties, the rush to get on as many committees as possible so we could have many pictures in the year book and most of all senior week. We all knew that the end was coming and many of us would continue our friendships after High School. We all actually "grew up together" and now we are "growing old together".

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