



Rondal Grant: Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in April, 1940.

After graduation, I worked in Retail for a couple of years. During that time I was involved as a passenger in two auto accidents which set me back for a while, but I recovered and life goes on. While I was laid up I took some business and management courses. I sold Real Estate and Insurance for about 12 years (took additional business courses sponsored by and related to work). We lived in Lima, Ohio for about 3 years and I was transferred back to Toledo as a Staff Manager. In '72, I was really burnt out on sales and went to work at Champion Spark Plug in the shipping department, as the shipping clerk and was also in charge of export shipping line.

(Cliff Ziems and John Mosher were there at the time) I worked there until late '86 when they were bought by Cooper Tire and most of us were laid off. I went back into Real Estate with Neal Realty in Ohio and Michigan.

Now to backtrack. On New Years Eve 1959 four or five of us (Jim Posadny, Jerry Warner, Howard Kreutzfeld and I think Benny Bugg, were going party to party Stag. At 12:01 1/1/59 stopped in at a Devilbiss Hi party. I gave Barbara Adair a New Years kiss and thought Wow this doesn't end here. I asked her out the next week, we were engaged in April and married in November. At the time of the Reunion we will be married almost 48 years. Just goes to show you, Be Very Careful Who You Kiss!

Barb worked in banking and became Vice President in charge of Savings at United Home Federal. In 1991 they were shut down and sold by the R T C. Barb and I decided to move where it was warm in case we had to live in a cardboard box. We decided on California where our oldest daughter remained after graduation from USC. GO TROJANS! I went to work as an agent with Baldwin Realty and also managed 2 to 3 apartment complexes and Barb got a job as an underwriter with GMAC Commercial Mortgage. I retired completely in 2002. Barb is still working and is the Head Underwriter in her western division. So as long as she is still working and bringing in good money, I have decided to stay with her.

Now to the important things, we have 3 children. Daughter Sheryl- Exec. with IBM (Husband Lon & son Connor 17, daughter Laurel 14). Son Greg-Owned Prestige Photo Studio in Cricket West. He closed it 3 years ago but still does Weddings and Portraits. He became an RN and is a Volunteer Fireman in Lambertville. (Wife Brenda & daughter Sydney 9) Daughter Stacy- Sales and Marketing (and trainer) with the National division of the American Red Cross (Husband Dave & son Grant 10, "what a great name", daughter Paige 7). Our Pride in life is our children and grandchildren all children finished College, all have good occupations, including their spouses, there never was a drug situation and all have been completely open with us and still are. The only problem I have is that they have all told me that if something happened to Barb I can't live with them, even though Barb can if the situation is reversed. That's Gratitude for You, huh?

Well now you know the rest of the story. Except, I had a trip bypass Dec. 28th 1995 and put on 45 lbs. during rehab, cause Barb threw our cigarettes away. So there ain't no pictures coming. I am trying to lose some of it before the reunion.

Favorite Memory of Whitmer High: The friends I met during my years at Whitmer. What I was most impressed with though was the talent the school brought to the assemblies. We had people like "Jim Nestle" and his bird calls, the Baritone that sang "Old Man River" in the Movie "Showboat", and even "Liberace". Also going to the Panther Grill at lunchtime for their hamburgers. Also, remembering my mom throwing me into a cab and sending me to school. I had the cab driver drop me off a block away so that no one could see me.

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