



**Virginia Johns Sutherland:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958.

After graduation, I worked as a Claims Secretary for Motorists Mutual Ins. Co. in Toledo.

I met my husband, Bob in July of 1958 and we were married on October 3, 1959. We have a son, Robert, born in August of 1961, and a daughter, Brenda, born in November of 1962.

Bob worked for Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and in September of 1963, we were transferred to Dayton, Ohio (no choice on our part). We raised our family there, and I worked as a church secretary, and as an insurance secretary while there. In June of 1981, we were transferred to Goodyear, Arizona (our choice this time). Goodyear is just west of Phoenix, and was a small cotton farming town when we moved here. Ironically, it was started by a man from Ohio, who was looking for a place to grow cotton for the tires produced by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. There is another small town west of us called Buckeye, also started by someone from Ohio. Its nice to feel close to my "roots" even if I now live 1800 miles away from Toledo.

I worked at the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant for 10 years here, and "retired" in May of 1994. Since then I have enjoyed traveling, reading, sewing, and being with our grown kids, who both live nearby. Brenda is not married, Robert is married and we have a 16 year old grandson.

Bob and I are active in the Telecom Pioneer organization, and enjoy taking trips with them a couple of times a year. We love to cruise, and also enjoy our timeshare in Flagstaff, Arizona for one week every August. It's great for getting away from 110 degree heat here at that time.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** My favorite memory is working on the Senior float, and riding on it on Homecoming night. We played Bedford, and I had several friends from there who were at the game, making it extra special.

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