



Norman Lehmann: Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. I was born in March 1940.

After high school I joined the Ohio National Guard. I had my basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and then was stationed at the Armory in Point Place. I served in the Guard for six years, attending summer camp for an exhausting six times. I learned to love split pea soup, but hated sleeping in a tent in sub degree weather.

In 1960 I married Peggy Paxton (class 1960) and we made our home here in Toledo. We have been truly blessed with so many continuing friendships with classmates from Whitmer.

I attended school in Illinois to learn outboard motor repair. For the next 25 years I worked part-time as an outboard motor mechanic. This second job at Master Craft Marine was more like my hobby.

Our two children arrived in the wink of an eye. I chose to work two jobs so that Peggy could be a stay at home Mom. We bought a house and settled in with neighbors that were like family. Our children attended Washington Local schools and like us, also graduated from Whitmer.

Kris was accepted for apprenticeship training for plumbing/pipefitting. He enjoys his job at BP here in Toledo where he met his second wife, Patty. He gave us two wonderful granddaughters, who also graduated from Whitmer. Raquel loves fast pitch baseball and attends Owens Technical College studying marketing. Alexis loves her boyfriend Steve and will start Owens Technical College in September where she will be working to get into the nursing program.

Diana got her degree in Occupational Therapy and works at Arbors Rehabilitation of Toledo. Her husband, Mike is a CNRA at Oakwood Hospital in Michigan. Her boys have all grown into upstanding men. Josh and his girl friend Dani, have been window shopping for engagement rings. He works in ER at Saint Ann's Hospital. Aaron works out in his home gym and is working to get in the Nursing program at Owens Technical College. Matt is a Sophomore at First Apostolic Academy, he is a computer game geek, just passed the test to ride his new moped and is wild about Beatles music.

I worked at Dana for 16 years until they closed the plant here in Toledo. I was lucky to be hired by Chrysler Jeep and retired from work five years ago. Peggy retired a couple years later from Medical University of Toledo.

We have been boaters for the past 40 years and have roamed the lower great lakes with so many good friends. We travel in a group of four boats. We dock our 38' Trojan tri-cabin; the "Hoozabum", at River View Yacht Club on the Ottawa River. Peggy and I started a monthly card club with our RVYC friends and in the summer we meet to play cards on the boats.

We love our yearly March trip to Ft. Myers Beach, Florida where we visit/stay with many friends from Whitmer and RVYC. We are lucky enough to be able to live on the beach for two weeks. We love lounging on the beach, people watching, bicycling, meeting friends for dinner and activities around the beach in the evening. Then we join my daughter's family for a week in Orlando, Florida as guests at their time-share. I'm in charge of securing our lounges for the day since I'm an early riser. The girls read their novels at the pool, Mike scuba dives and the boys and I swim, drink smoothies and enjoy the scenery (if you get my drift!)

My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High: At school I met Peggy at my senior prom and we started dating the next weekend (I took her to the Whitmer choir picnic). Also, I remember my senior year at the regional wrestling tournament; I pinned the wrestler from Central High School in 30 seconds. I couldn't believe it myself; I even got my picture in the Toledo Blade.

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