



**Willard (Bill) McCartney:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in July 1940.

1958-63 University of Toledo – Screwed around a lot so graduated with a couple of majors. Married a local girl after graduation.

1963-72 Taught high school (biology, chemistry, physics, world history, civics – it was that lot of majors thing noted above) at Northwood on the east side and in 1966 started part time graduate school at BGSU – did lots of research on vertebrates – some in the South Pacific nuclear

testing zone (Eniwetok Atoll). PhD in biology (ecology). Daughter #1 born.

1973 – Took a position in Pennsylvania state university system (California State Univ.) – just south of Pittsburgh – to set up environmental studies program. Daughter #2 born.

1985 - Decided to do something else with my life and got out of higher education. Was pretty involved in local and state politics. Did my own business of environmental analysis and sold real estate.

1988 –Took a position with a small environmental analysis firm in Pittsburgh as a senior environmental scientist and got approval for new highway to new Pittsburgh airport – thus making a reputation of getting difficult highway projects approved, permitted and built. Divorce time. Daughter in college in Massachusetts and Daughter #2 goes with her mother to California (state).

1990 - Took a position with large engineering firm (Michael Baker Jr., Inc.) – still here – to start its environmental program for transportation projects.

1993 - Re-marry and relocate (1992) to do a big bridge tunnel project in Virginia Beach/Norfolk area.

2005 – We, plus one dog and 2 cats (actually my step-cats) moved back to Pittsburgh to be close to daughter 1 (now assistant professor of genetics at Carnegie Mellon University with husband (also assistant professor – neurobiology at CMU) and 2 grandsons) and 3 step kids and their families – total of 9 grand kids. Plus I am now in “charge” of environmental analysis for transportation projects in several states for the company.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** Best memory is the confidence and guidance given to me by master teacher Charlie Foster. Keep well.

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