



**Richard Morrette:** Status: Single; Residence Chelsea, Alabama. Whitmer Graduate 1958. I was born in May 1940.

After high school and college, I started to work for Owens-Illinois Inc. at the Technical Center in Toledo. For the next 25 years I was involved in the inception and commercialization of the plastic beverage bottle via research, development, plant start-up, plant building, manufacturing and plant management via Owens-Illinois, Inc.

I retired in 2003 from Coca-Cola after 17 years in management. It was a very dynamic career with many facets of interest.

I have lived in Ohio, Connecticut and currently Chelsea, Alabama, near Birmingham. I was married for 35 years and am now regretfully divorced.

We have a daughter, Julie who is married to a Coca-Cola salesman. She is Director of Communications for The Women's Missionary Union. We also have a son, David, who is a policeman. He is married to a lawyer with her own law practice. They are the parents of our granddaughters, Gracie, who is 8 years old and Rielle, who is 18 months at this date; 5/8/13.

I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior as has my family. We are very proud of our children and their families.

I manage to keep busy doing "nothing" whenever I want. It is nice knowing you don't have to be somewhere or do something except when you wish. I enjoy reading, movies, my German Shepherd dog, my Peach Face lovebird and shooting clay pigeons; Trapshooting. I travel to tournaments around the South and enjoy the people involved. I shoot well enough to keep my interest, but I don't get many "cigars". I also like riding my motorcycle with my son and friends. Another interest is raising and flying Birmingham Roller Pigeons. The breed was developed in Birmingham, England. They do backward somersaults while flying. Since the 50th reunion, I have dissolved my Pigeon hobby after 6 years.

Of course, I have a great fondness for my high school days. Many of our classmates I started grade school with and I look forward to this 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to renew old acquaintances and memories. I have been very saddened to see the list of classmates that are deceased.

**Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** Being on winning football teams starting with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is a favorite memory. Also memorizing Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" for Charlie Foster comes to mind. Certainly the Whitmer Circus and Don Stacy are great memories. However, knowing the members and being a member of the class of 1958 is my favorite memory of all.

*God bless all of you and your families until we meet again.*

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