



Jim Welton: In 1956, during my junior year at Whitmer, we moved to the Bay area in Northern California. This is where I finished High School at Sunnyvale High School in 1958.

After High School I spent 2 years in the Navy aboard an ammunition ship, stationed out of Port Chicago which is near San Francisco.

In 1961 I married a California girl. We were married for 23 years and have three children and now have three grandchildren.

I went to work for a National Bank and gained valuable experience in computer programming. During the next forty years I held many programmer jobs with many different companies.

In 1984 I was fortunate to work in Saudi Arabia for one year as a computer programmer for the Ministry of Defense and Aviation.

I went through a tough divorce after 23 years of marriage in 1984. In 1985, I met a girl who was born and raised in Hong Kong. I met her at a computer school where I was the Director of Education.

We have one daughter who is attending San Diego State University. She is in her 2nd year and is expected to graduate in the summer of 2010.

I am currently working at Bank of America as a computer programmer. This means I have been a programmer since 1963. In the past 40 years I have seen and experience many changes in the data processing area.

Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:

- Sitting in the same desk that my dad sat in. I knew it was his desk because his initials (PGW) were carved in the top of the desk. My dad graduated from Whitmer in 1933 and lives in Roseburg, Oregon.
- Playing on the varsity football team during my junior year.
- In track, breaking the one minute barrier in the quarter mile.
- Attending the after game dances in the school's gym.
- Doing the things we did after the dances. The older I get the better I was.

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