



**Don West:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958.

After High School, I bounced around to a lot of different jobs. In August of 1960 I started as a Union Apprentice carpet layer. I became a Journeyman in 1963.

In August of 1964 I married Penny Hodge and in August of this year we will celebrate 44 years together.

We have four children (3 sons and 1 daughter). We also have 10 grandchildren. Would you believe that all four of our children went to Whitmer and that 6 of our grandchildren did also?

After 39 years in the carpet laying trade I retired in 1999. During that time I had my own business, taught Apprentice School for Local 248 and was the first Union Floor Laying Instructor to be certified nation wide.

I stay in touch with some Whitmer guys. We have a semi-annual fishing trip (Gary Krieger, Ron Spalding, Ed Foley and Karl Mustafaga). We also play a little golf.

Penny and I bought a place in Ft. Meyers, FL. We spend about 6 months a year there. We live within minutes from Benny Bugg and Jerry Warner.

**Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** I remember that someone in the office goofed. I only had 15 ½ credits and you needed 16 to graduate. They must have wanted to get rid of me.

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