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Yikes, 50 years since high school! Occasionally something happens to remind me that I'm not all that young anymore but thankfully it goes away and life continues.

After high school came college at Illinois State University. What a growing up experience. I especially enjoyed dorm life with roommates, dorm events and yes – a busy social life with classes thrown in. I met my husband, Dave, in a statistics class we had together. He was one of the few who passed the mid-term and I realized it would be to my benefit to get to know him! I (barely) passed the class, even with his help. I married him a few months later and we both had a year more of college to go. Forty-seven years later we're still together!

We taught a few years in southern Illinois and then moved to Lansing, Michigan. I taught elementary education at an inner-city school while Dave went to Michigan State University for a PhD. In the 1970's we adopted our two kids while living there. Almost twenty years after my college degree I got a second one at MSU. It was a challenge being a full-time mom, family events coordinator and attending classes with multiple hours of studio work. It only took seven years! In the early 1980's Dave stopped working for the Michigan Senate and became Vice Provost at Central Michigan University. So the family moved north to a small college town.

Small town living with limited shopping and activities was a tough adjustment for our family but it was a good, safe place to raise teens. Life was an open book – nothing secret or sacred. While there I worked as a substitute teacher and volunteered with the local Art Reach program, discussing the works of various art masters in local schools where they had little opportunity to experience them. We still kept in touch with old friends mostly through ski activities and long bicycle trips.

In the fall of 1991 Dave was hired as the founding President of the newly formed Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). The site selection committee chose Minneapolis, Minnesota for its headquarters. From its beginning of one paid employee, two computers, and folding tables for desks, MHEC has grown to be one of the largest interstate resource-sharing compacts for Higher Education. It was a wonderful experience. When I wasn't helping with MHEC activities or traveling with Dave, I kept busy as a board member of our Homeowner's Association in charge of facilities. Mainly I managed the swimming pool but I also was responsible for the upkeep of the tennis courts, sewers, lights, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. It kept me out of trouble!

We've been able to do a lot of traveling, either for business or pleasure and now that Dave is retired we're still on the road. My son lives in Salt Lake City, my daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren live in Connecticut and my mother lives in Florida, so we do a lot of driving. We continue to enjoy skiing, biking and camping. Life is good!!!