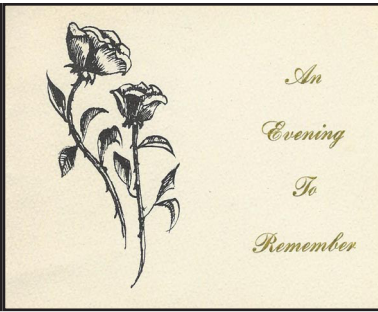




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Spotlight on LHS 65ers

What have they been up to for 50 years !!!

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Tony West



Tony entered the U.S. Navy in July 1966. After boot camp, in Great Lakes, IL, he reported aboard the USS Decatur (DDG-31) as a part of her nucleus crew in Newport, RI. Tony received his honorable discharge in 1970.

He returned to Laurel and resumed his educational endeavors. After graduation, he began his DoD career spending 8 (4 in Asia and 4 in Europe) years abroad.

He is the President of the U.S.S. Decatur Association.

Tony has 2 master's degrees and is a computer systems / data base engineer. He has taught in the University System of Maryland, as an Adjunct Professor, since 1993 in their undergraduate and graduate programs. He retired from the Federal Government with 34 years of service in 2004. He has one son and three daughters. He enjoys his 3 grandchildren with his wife of 43 years, Karen (LHS Class of 1970) (See Vol 2 Page 9).



Betsy Welsh

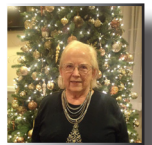


I was married to Allen Whitehead for almost 25 years. We had four sons and then one summer took on a 10 year old Irish lad who was coming to DC in a program from Belfast, NI where Protestants & Catholics were at war. We eventually brought him back to be educated here when he was 17. He is now a naturalized citizen and we count him as our fifth son. There are currently six fabulous grands.

My chosen field of work is teaching, with a specialty in mathematics. I have worked with all ages of kids, in settings public (30 years) and independent (10 years). I became adept at acting out algebra word problems for english language-learners. These varied skills were also used when I directed Camp StPhilip's at my church where I have continued to seek out varied opportunities for service to humankind. (See Vol 2 Page 9).



Jane Powers



Minneweaser)

After high school, I went to work for the Federal Government. I was married to Wayne Curry for a brief time. In November 1969, I married Jim Minweaser (Laurel 1960 grad). We are still married – 45 years. We have three daughters – Theresa, Katie, and Judy. We also have three grandchildren – Caitlin 17, Owen 2, and Brooke 3 weeks. Jim and I live in Crofton, Maryland.

After our children were born, I attended Anne Arundel Community College and Bowie State University. I became a teacher and taught English at Southern High School in Anne Arundel County. Jim and I are now both retired. We babysit the younger grandchildren, and play some golf. I am learning to play guitar.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.



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Karen Rath

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After graduation, I landed at C&P Telephone Company as a telephone operator. I could not believe someone would pay me to do what I like to do best, talk on the phone. I went on from there to work at Applied Physics Lab, Laurel Hospital, Ft. Meade Post and a few other places. My last job as an operator was at NSA in 24/7 office.

My husband enrolled me in a computer graphics class at Anne Arundel Community College as a Christmas gift. I decided to view school as an expensive hobby for some time and maybe turn it into something great. My AA degree is in Graphic Design and it took seven years to earn, time well spent. I transferred to the Creative Imaging section of NSA, to a job made for me (20 years).

After fighting breast cancer and a divorce, I am retired with lots of new adventures ahead. I am looking forward to a part time job in a florist shop, raising a puppy to be a service dog for a disabled person, and travel.



Karl Ruppert



Karl began his studies at the University of Maryland in College Park (1965). After 2 years, he transferred to the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School and concentrated his studies in Marine Engineering. He obtained his Degree in 1971 and embarked on a long tenured trail as a Merchant Marine and Naval Officer.

He served on various Merchant Marine vessels from Cadet Engineer up to a Dual Licensed Chief Engineer and Naval ships up to LtCmdr. He sailed on more than 150 Merchant and Naval Ships spanning over 27 years. He was responsible for the smooth running of the Engineering Dept. of from 35 to 832 people He retired for 2 years but angst and a longing to serve, brought him back into the workforce and he is still actively employed.

Karl lives with his lovely wife, Mary, of 38 years and they have 1 Son.

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Ken Boyer

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After LHS, I went to U of MD for a couple of years, then quit to work for C&P Telephone (my summer job while in college) and enlisted in the Navy Reserve. After training as a Cryptologic Technician for the Navy, I was sent to Puerto Rico for active duty. While there, I met a local girl. Annie and I were married in August of 1971, and have a girl and a boy who have now given us four beautiful grandkids.

I retired as a Chief Petty Officer from the Navy Reserve in 1990 after 22 years, and from Verizon in 2001 after 33 years. I worked as a telecommunications consultant for a while after retiring, then RadioShack for almost two years. Then I drove a school bus for eight years before fully retiring to enjoy life in 2012. We enjoy traveling and our grand kids. I still do the ham radio thing, talking to some of our old school mates on occasion. Genealogy is also a passion. But what brings me the most joy is music. I play in and do the announcing for the Benfield Brass Band. Hard to believe it has been 50 years. Looking forward to seeing many of you next June!



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John Lundin



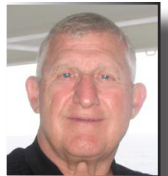
While attending the George Washington University, John worked part time with a consulting engineering firm in Washington, DC. Upon his graduation with a BSEE in 1970 he commenced full time employment with the consulting firm. Over the years John was able to work himself up from clerk level to ownership. In 1993 John and his wife moved from Maryland to Florida when the consulting firm relocated from DC to FL. John is a Registered Professional Engineer in DC and FL.

Some 47 years after starting as a part time employee, John is easing into retirement from the same firm. John lives in FL with his wife of 46 years, Candice (LHS-69). They have 2 children, a daughter and son, and 2 grandchildren.

Next LHS65er



Mike Grace



After high school, Mike attended the University of Maryland on a football scholarship where he received three varsity letters and was named Best Defensive Lineman in 1968. He graduated with a degree in journalism and spent more than 30 years working with international and national labor unions, including the national AFL-CIO. Before he retired from full-time work in 2006, he was assistant to the National President of the Communications Workers of America and CWA National Political Director. Mike has been married to Laura for 36 years and they have lived for 35 years in Brinklow, Md. (not far from Laurel). Mike also has two children by a previous marriage, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. In 2013, Mike and Laura's only child, Michael, Jr., died unexpectedly and the outpouring of condolences from the Class of '65 was greatly appreciated by the family.

Jeanette McGill (Macchiaverna)



Life is good here in South Carolina, but I do visit MD once in a while, since an older brother lives in Laurel. After living in SC for over 36 years and on Lake Murray the last 10, this is home. For a few short years after high school, locating my adulthood became a journey.

I graduated from Patricia Stevens Career College with a diploma in Merchandising and Interior Design.

I was one of the finalists in the Miss Southern Maryland contest with a dramatic poem as my talent; however,

my best talents over the years turned out to be becoming a wife and mother to our three terrific, now adult children.

I had some good jobs prior to having children – working in sales and management at Lord & Taylor; then to the fabulous, but unfortunately, the now defunct Julius Garfinckel & Co. and then briefly at Montgomery Ward's just before I married Frank; worked at Franklin Simon in Detroit until I was offered a job at Grabner employment service due to my sales background, but when the Regional Sales office for Burger King Corporation was looking for a secretary, I had been working on my skills and was hired quickly by them. Good pay, a great Boss, my talents allowed me to become the secretary for the Director of the Mid-West Franchise office.

My husband and I purchased and operated an at home business franchise, as well as, my doing the 1970 Census. Our next move took us to Nebraska, where I worked for the State in Water Pollution Control. It was at that time that we had our first child – Francesca; I became a stay at home Mom. Frank's new job took us back to the east coast - PA and then to MD. Our second daughter - Amy was born – remember - I was in my 9th month of pregnancy at the 10 year reunion! Our son – Marc was born about a year and a half later.

I've loved being a Mom, even with its challenges. Now I love being a Grandmother. We have 2 girls and 2 boys. At 40, I went back to school at the Univ. of South Carolina to see if I could actually do the work; my average was a 3.8 – not bad for a late bloomer! I had a very small cottage business when the children were young and old to a few stores and in home sales, along with some design work for clients. It was a special time for me to enjoy my family, to also do art projects, and staying in sales work.

Frank and I live in Irmo, SC, which is just above Columbia, SC and is also on Lake Murray. Lake living is like always being on vacation. Awaking to our incredible lake views every morning, throughout the year, creates a cozy relaxing lifestyle.

My sisters live minutes from our home. Although we have a dock on the lake, we are Lake Murray Boat Club Members; we can see the Marina from our dock. Joined about 8 years ago so we could decide which kind of boat we wanted to purchase, but after so many years, we enjoy going out on their many different boats and not have the work associated with owning a boat;

Jeanette McGill (Macchiaverna)

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*my sister's husband docks his deck boat at our dock, which he lets us use too. I still paint and do creative projects to sell sometimes, but mostly, I enjoy reading, walking regularly and do some political viewing and doing for candidates worthy of my vote. Sometimes I go on work trips with Frank (still working for Norfolk-Southern Corp.); usually a nice get a way. I celebrate life at every twist and turn possible; our family is blessed. Hope you all are able to enjoy your lives too!
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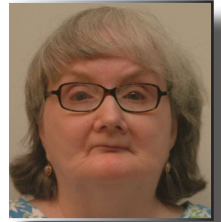
In Scotland



Blarney Stone, Ireland



Karen McQuaid (Beavers)



I am a life-long resident of Laurel, MD. I lived on Main St, Prince George St. and Laurel Ave. My summers were spent going to the Laurel pool and playing badminton with my parents. We also spent hours playing Gin Rummy on the front porch on Laurel Ave. I took the Art Instruction course and enjoyed trying my hand at art in high school.

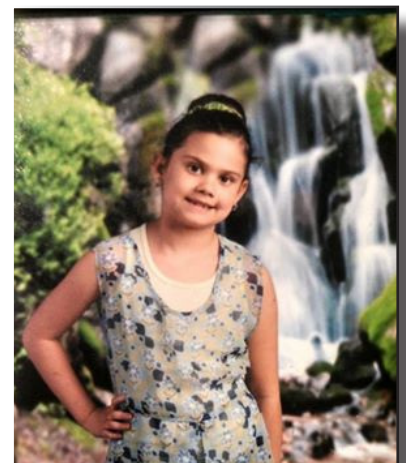
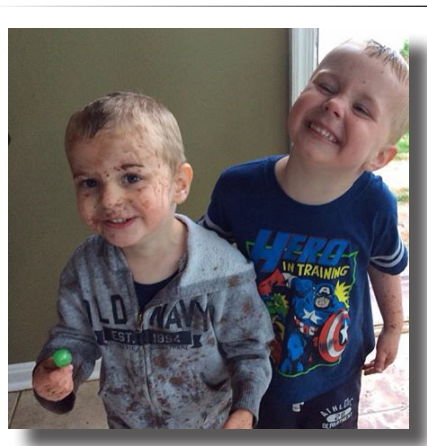
After high school, I was employed at C and P telephone company, where I worked for three years. I became engaged and finally married George Kowalski. We had three boys. I had various sales jobs. George and I split up and I met Edd Beavers. I met him after I put an ad in The Laurel Leader for a roommate. We became involved and married on Feb. 14, 1991. I attended Un. of MD and got a BS in Behavioral Science in 1995. I was inducted into the Psi Chi Honor Society in Psychology.

I volunteered at The Domestic Violence Center in Howard County in 1996. I also did some graduate work at Loyola College in Columbia, MD in counseling. I came down with Fibromyalgia soon after and had to drop out.

I ran an Internet company, Gifts & More, Inc., from 1995 - 2000.

I am happily married, have three sons and six grandchildren. I was a member of The National Society of Poetry and had some poetry entered into 8 anthologies. I have serious osteoporosis and a bone from my spine got stuck into my spine, which caused paralysis in August of 2012. I was in a wheelchair until recently and now use a walker to get around. This experience has allowed me to get closer to God and to be humble.

Karen's Family



Karen's Poetry

Rain

*The rain patters against the window pane,
causing outside images to blur.
The wind calling it's mournful message,
whistles through the trees.
Branches bend to the earth,
as if humbling themselves to Their Maker.
People with shoulders bent, scurry and seeking shelter,
assemble under awnings.
Strangers, elbow to elbow, comment on the beastly weather.
"Hasn't it been awful?" questions one lady.
"Great for the crops though." adds a ruddy looking man
with calloused hands.
All nod in agreement.
Cars with windshield wipers marching in unison,
rush by, splashing unwanted water onto sidewalks.
Footsteps being heard on steps,
doors being opened, umbrellas being closed and shaken,
and rosy-cheeked people glad to be home at last.
Ah yes, rain.*

Eyes

*They see and record for future use all that passes.
In dreams objects appear that the conscious mind has forgotten
stirring feelings long forgotten, causing one to sit and ponder.*

Satan

*Satan walks
On quiet feet,
Slowly
Creeping, Seizing,
And as
He steals the Souls
Of man
God watches,
Weeping.*

Country Morning

*The sun rises peacefully
and with it the rooster crows,
signaling another day.
The smell of bacon
permeates the air,
stirring heavy - eyed laborers
to start another day.
Corn stalks blowing in the wind,
glisten in the sunlight,
chickens scurry, seeking grain
and the cattle slowly saunter
through the fields.
Morning has come again
in the country.*

Stepping Stones

*Life holds promise for those wise enough to follow each opportunity,
to develop each talent, connect with all types of people.
One talent, one opportunity lays the foundation for other talents and opportunities.
They build one upon the other, taking us to surprising places,
tapping talents that we never knew we had.*

Karen's Poetry (continued)

Gossamer Days

Summer's iridescent colors shimmered in the sun, casting vibrant and playful shadows on remnants of the Victorian Era. Lyrical sounds paralleled the sprightly musings of adult counterparts, while trees acted as temporary guardians, contrasting with the simple enterprise of nature's drink. Curtains were blown by the sweet night air and nature's musicians brought their chorus like melodies to those that dwelled within. The musicians are gone, erased by raucous sounds that invade the night. Curtains seize to dance in the night. The once tree-lined passageways are disfigured, replaced by smothering pathways to points of commerce of which there is paltry reward. Places of friendly conversation and respite now are starting points to another mirror-like space.

Morning Glory

Our love is like a morning glory, let us not question the flight, but savor the wine, as the wind flows through the trees. For although we are as points on a compass, we are as the sunrise, and our loveso like a morning glory.

The Gift

Oh baby dear, so soft and warm,
You fill my heart with joy. Each smile, each little movement,
A constant awareness of a presence greater,
Than my own. Each newborn is a sweet surprise,
A gift from God.
To be so blessed, it is a joy that parents never can repay.

Orange Nights

The waves of the sea are calling me,
"Return, Return, Child of the Universe,
Come taste the salty air and see sea gulls in flight, Orange Nights. Feel the sweet sea breezes and the day's hot sun and warm sand beneath your feet. Return, Return, Child of the Universe, And romp where sea gull and sand crab meet. Where a magnificent carpet of sea shells lay beneath your feet. Where waves roll on the shore, Sounding out restful music in God's rhythm, Time is forgotten and life carefree."

Karen's Poetry (continued)

In the Hour of Mourning

*In the hour of mourning, my soul is covered in a shroud,
one of pain, one of joy.
A sense of pain and loss for me,
and one of joy of The Promised Land discovered.
I held his dead body close to mine,
trying to bring him life, but it was gone.
Our years flashed before me; our wedding day,
the birth of our son, our son's wedding.
Could it be over so soon, the loving, caring, hoping,
crying and yes fighting?
I don't remember growing old or his hair turning grey;
we were always young and gay - together.
Suddenly I realize there are tears falling from my eyes,
for he - my other half is gone.
When one's half is dead, the other half cannot survive,
so I too will die in time and join him in
The Promised Land... In Time.*

Misty Gray

*A misty gray hovers and dampness clings to the earth,
encasing life as if preserving it.
People sense it's grasp and move cautiously.
They feel as if they are in touch with a different world.
Many trees stand stark against this misty curtain,
while others fade out of sight.
Houses that once stood majestically in command of the
earth have disappeared.
Roads no longer exist, cars seem to float on a cloud,
and life for a while seems of another place and time.*



Tony Woodward



In 1958 our neighbor took me to the stock car races at Dorsey Speedway, which proved to be the formative event of my life. College was interrupted by a hitch in the Army. I eventually graduated from Maryland in 1972 with a monumentally useless BA in French.

I then worked various places as a welder and machinist to gain enough experience to open my own business building race cars. I drove my first dirt-track car in 1978, at Dorsey. That year I founded Woodward Machine Corporation and later designed a steering gear, the current version of which remains the company's flagship product.

My wife Gloria joined the company in 1986. She is largely responsible for the success we have enjoyed. In 1993 we relocated to business-friendly Wyoming. Our plant currently employs 10 machinists manufacturing steering components for racing teams all over the world, as well as for the US military.





Hampton E. Conway Jr.



After graduation Hampton was hired by the DOD. After 2 years he enlisted in the US Army, became a Communications Chief and served one tour in Viet Nam. After returning from Viet Nam he returned to DOD and in July married his Senior Prom date Sharon E. Lewis on July 26, 1969. From that union came 2 children both married and 11 grand kids.

Hampton retired from DOD in 2002 with 37 years of service. After our kids graduated college we started riding Honda Gold Wing Motorcycles. We became officers in the Gold Wing Road Riders association and represent our riders from Maryland to Maine. We are currently the District Ambassadors for the State of Maryland. We had a blast riding. Our best ride was from Maryland to California to Maine in 37 days. It rained on us one day in Ohio.

After that trip I was hit by a at the Powder Mill and Cherry August 1, 2005. I lost my left faith got me through that. I'm still loves me. I'm very active in Queen's Chapel. I've made two there.



tractor trailer that ran a red light Hill roads intersection. That was arm from that, but I believe my grateful to be alive and my wife the Methodist Church serving at CD recordings with Male Chorus

I currently serve as the Bal-United Methodist Men. When RV door opened. My wife and I wintering in Florida and our favorite place to travel to is Louisiana.

timore Washington Conference the motorcycle door closed the travel as often as we can. We love

We have been to every State except Alaska and North Dakota.

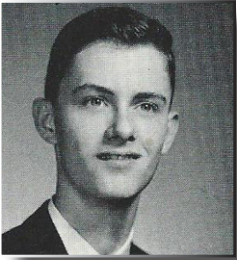
I have been dating Sharon for 50 years and married to her for 45.

I think the secret is to never stop dating.



Our Rides





Joseph E. Brown



Joe Brown served as chief innovation officer of AECOM and chief executive of the company's global planning, design and development group. Prior to that, he was CEO of EDAAW for 15 years until he orchestrated its sale to AECOM in 2005. As a planner and landscape architect, Joe has led and collaborated on urban development projects worldwide. These include the Tokyo Midtown redevelopment, the Suzhou historic district revitalization plan, the Denver Stapleton Airport redevelopment, the Saadiyat Island development in Abu Dhabi, Liberty Park at the World Trade Center, a series of projects with the National Capital Planning Commission for Washington DC's monumental core, and the Eisenhower Presidential Memorial with Frank Gehry.

Joe participated in an Urban Land Institute panel that identified rebuilding recommendations for the city of New Orleans post-Hurricane Katrina, as well as a panel on redevelopment post-Hurricane Sandy.

Joe serves on the board of Enterprise Community Partners, which works with public and private partners to create healthy, green and affordable housing for low and moderate income people. Joe also serves on the board of directors of the Trust for the National Mall.

Joe has been both author and subject of articles published in Topos, Metropolis, Urban Land, Landscape Architecture Magazine, Harvard Design Magazine, The Washington Post, and The New York Times. Joe has lectured and taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, University of Virginia, George Washington University, Catholic University, and the University of California.



With wife, Jacinta McCann



With Colin Powell

Joseph E. Brown *Cont'd*



Joe at Work and Play



Alice Kidwell (Knox)

Since graduating from LHS 50 years ago, the first 40 years could be described as a typical American suburban life. I graduated from secretarial school in 1966, and married my high school sweetheart Joe in 1968. We just celebrated 47 years in May.

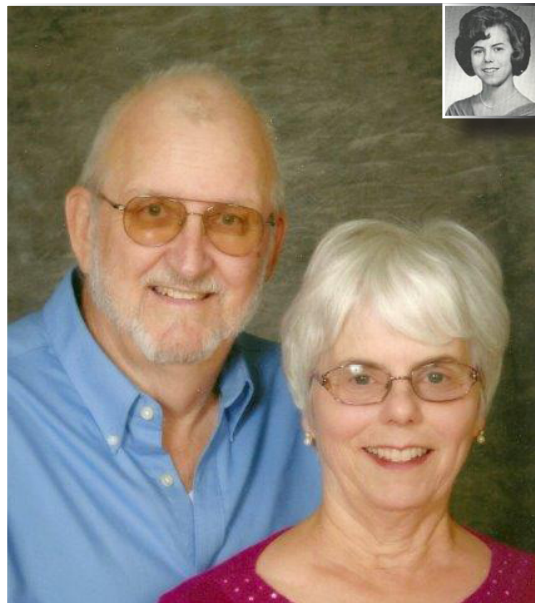
The first seven months we lived in Tampa, Fla., while Joe finished his Air Force enlistment. We returned to Laurel and I worked for the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab for the next 35 years. During that time I took a number of college and technical courses and advanced from a junior secretary to production manager of the employee newsletter, where I wrote articles and set up the newsletter in desktop publishing.

We had 2 children in the early 70s and I worked part time for several years and lived the typical suburban life: soccer mom, Cub Scout den leader, Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher.

Over the years we enjoyed many weekend camping trips, starting out in a tent and graduating to pop-up trailer, travel trailer, 5th wheel, and now a motor home.

Joe and I took square dance lessons in the late 80s and continued this for nearly 20 years. We met a lot of wonderful people at weekend dances and festivals.

*Joe and Alice
47 Years of happiness*



Alice Kidwell (Knox) Cont'd

Houseless, but not homeless

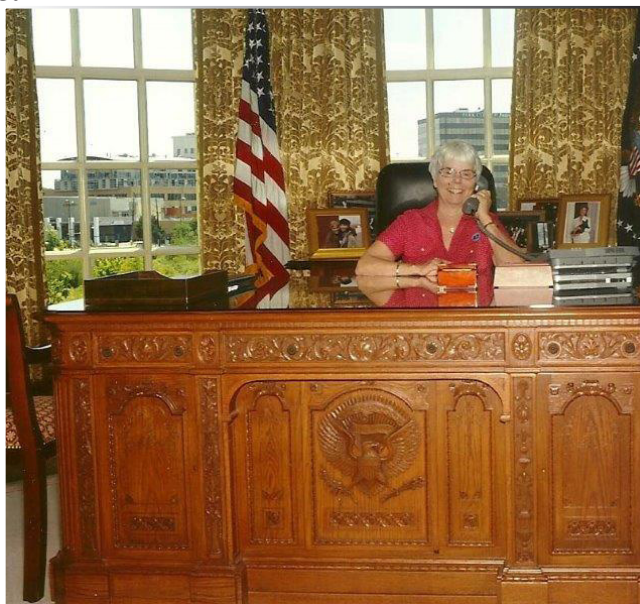
After our kids finished school, one moved to Seattle and the other to Denver, and we decided to retire early, sell our home, and become full-time RVers. We say we're "houseless, but not homeless," because we don't have a regular house, but live in our motor home. We have been doing this for 10 years and thoroughly enjoying it. The only state we've missed stopping in is Rhode Island (and of course, Hawaii, which we flew to a few years ago).

We have a mail-forwarding service in South Dakota (no state income taxes or vehicle inspections) and are considered SD residents. We return there once every 5 years to renew driver's licenses.

When we first started full timing, we were going to winter in Arizona the first year, Texas the next year and Florida the third year. We found a 55+ park in Apache Junction, AZ (near Phoenix our first winter). We made so many friends and liked all the activities that we keep returning there every winter. I've joined the quilters, Bible study, cooking class, in addition to cheering Joe's softball team along with other wives and sightseeing in the area. We average six months in Arizona and the rest of the year seeing our wonderful country and visiting with our two children and three grandchildren. We have come to love the desert southwest and feel like its home now. When returning in the fall and one of us spots the first saguaro cactus, we feel we're home.

We spent one summer in America's last frontier – Alaska, plus visiting many sites along the way in British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon Territories. Another summer we traveled in our motor home to the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador. We were out of the country for three months and thoroughly enjoyed exploring that area of Canada. As we re-entered the US near Bar Harbor, Maine, American flags were flying on all the utility poles welcoming us back to the States.

As I write this, we are slowly traveling from Arizona to Maryland for the LHS reunion. We don't get back to Maryland very often, and I am looking forward to having some Maryland crab cakes when we arrive.



Alice sits in the "Oval Office" at the George W. Bush presidential library in Dallas, Texas

Janice Miller (Bradsher)



Immediately after graduation, I was very fortunate to begin a career with the United States Government. I worked as a secretary for the U.S. Treasury Department, U.S. Customs Service, in Washington, DC. I continued working at U.S. Customs Service after I married in 1973. I resigned my position in 1974 after the birth of my first son, David. I had my second son, Brian, in May 1977.

After being a homemaker for 7 years, I returned to work part-time with the USDA, Agricultural Research Center, in Beltsville, MD.

I was still working with the Agricultural Research Service, but was assigned to another part of USDA. I was sent to the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, DC. I was still working at the Arboretum when 9/11 occurred.

Because of 9/11, a new Agency was formed. The Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was founded. Later TSA moved to Pentagon City, Arlington, VA. I was employed with TSA for 12-1/2 years and recently retired on December 31, 2014.

I have 4 grandchildren from my oldest son, David. They live in Florida. My younger son, Brian, lives in Tennessee and, unfortunately, has no children.

I have lived in Laurel all my life.