

Other Classmates

On June 8, 2008, Judy Officer contacted these classmates by phone. What follows is a summary of our conversations.

Jerry Arnold retired in 2006 and is loving it. He golfs three times a week. He and his wife Evelyn just got back from a trip out West – traveled 7000 miles. He has 5 daughters and his wife has 3 sons. Between them they have 19 grandchildren. Two of his daughters live in Indianapolis, so he gets back to Indiana about once a year.

Bill Bowen currently works as a Research Assistant at the Geisinger Hospital (one of the leading hospitals in the U.S. on genetic research) in Danville, Pennsylvania. His current projects involves genetic markers for abdominal aneurisms. He will be traveling out of the country in the next few weeks to work with other researcher of similar studies. Over the years he has had at least 7 widely varying professions. He said he thinks he gets bored easily, just as he did at DHS.

His real estate business in Indiana took him to Danville, PA and he decided to stay. He is not interested in retiring; working allows him to continue to go wherever he wants, whenever he wants. He has two daughters, a granddaughter and grandson and another grandchild on the way.

Mary Jo Deland retired from Wishard Hospital in 2006 where she worked in the mental health field. She has a master's degree in Psychology and said that she had begun work on a PhD. but gave it up since it was so very expensive.

She is and has been very interested in amateur photography, enters her photos in competition and has sold a few. Mary had two sons, one who died in an automobile accident in 1999. Her son Steve and his wife live in Tennessee and have one child.

John White retired from GM after 37 “hard” years. At the time of his retirement he was general foreman of distribution. He lives alone on two acres with his two dogs. He says he has no hobbies or a computer. He has two sons and a daughter and 6 grandchildren.

Roger Tolbert – I talked with his wife Mary Franklin (class of '62) several times via email. Despite much coaxing from both of us, we could not get him to respond with information for our class memory book.

Darlene Ewing – no contact since graduation

Carolyn Day Mitchell – only contact since graduation was by Mildred Smith Gill.

Don Acton – obtained GED in military. He worked 38.5 years for VanCamp Hardware. Married to Myrtle for 41 years before she passed in 2006. They had 2 children. Current address: 346 S. Tennessee, Danville, IN, 46122, 317-718-0285