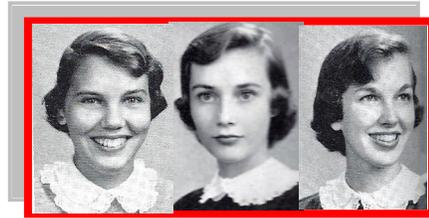


CHS BIO



Betty Bumgarner Community Leader

From Central I headed to Kansas University (KU). All my friends were going to OSU but my passion was art and KU definitely had the best art school. Most all of the Hallmark executives were KU graduates and it had the best reputation besides it was a beautiful campus and had Wilt Chamberlain. My senior year I was elected to the Student Council where I met my future husband, Rudy Vondracek (Student Council President). I graduated in 1960 with a BFA and returned to Tulsa as a graphic artist for Hall & Floyd Advertising Agency. Davis Sporting Goods was my big account. Rudy and I were married in 1961. Bridesmaids were **Jo Jean Hicks, Susie Herwig and Rosie Cihak**, all Central High classmates.



The next 8 years I became an expert packer. Rudy started at Oklahoma Natural Gas and we traveled around the state in an executive training program, then on to El Dorado Arkansas with Murphy Oil Co's HR department, next to Chicago with Ernst and Ernst Consulting and finally we arrived in Dallas, Texas. Along the way we had 3 children, Richard, John and Vikki and I did a lot of free lance art work.

Once we got settled I was delighted to find that Jo Jean Hicks, who had recently married Dale Farquharson, was also living in Dallas. When I started my Interior Design firm (Bee Vee Studio) Jo Jean kept the books. This group of Oklahoma transplants has played bridge, been season theatre ticket holders, sampled nearly every restaurant in Dallas and traveled to France, Italy and China together for nearly 45 years. We've seen our 8 children grow up and we're the proud grandparents of eleven. My youngest is 7 and the oldest just graduated and is headed into pre-med at UT (that's the University of Texas). Can't believe I have a Grandchild that old!

Picture L to R: **Betty, Gary Gamble (OSU), Tom Tatum (CHS 55, OSU), Mary Tatum (OSU), Dale Farquharson (OSU) and Jo Jean Hicks (CHS 56, OSU).** This Jayhawker was definitely outnumbered.



I'm a widow now but fortunate to have so many good lifelong friends. My parents lived to be in their mid 90's so we visited Tulsa frequently over the years and I'm always amazed at how the old neighbor has hardly changed but the city has changed a lot. I've been home a number of times in the last few years while working on my brothers latest project: "Utica Place".

My interior design business (Bee Vee Studio) evolved over the years until I now spend most of my time remodeling existing homes and specifying materials and finishes for new projects. I've had a number of Santa Fe clients and while there several years ago **Jo Jean** and I ran into **Marcia Keegan**. She and her husband have a publishing company, Clear Light Publishers. She has taken some amazing New Mexico photographs. I have been fortunate to sell several of them to my clients.

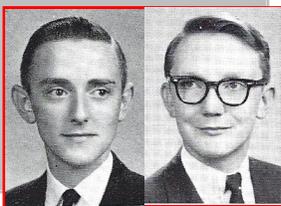
My husband and I have always been involved in community service. He coached every sport for both boys and was a scout leader for years. Both our sons made Eagle Scout rank. I did the PTA thing for 18 years and finally ran for the DISD Board of Trustees. I was elected several times back in the good old days. So glad I don't have that overwhelming responsibility in this day and time. I was founder and a several time President of a Republican Women's Club. I'm currently President of our University Meadows Neighborhood Association

I wasn't able to make it to the 50th, I was involved with a massive renovation of a famous East Texas ranch house, so I'm looking forward to this 55th. Jo Jean and Dale attended last time and brought me all the gossip/news. This time they will be in New York for a family members art exhibit at the Metropolitan, so I'll be the collector of news. See you soon

Oh yes, I was supposed to tell you about CHS experiences.

I was born in Tulsa and lived there until 2nd grade at Lee. We lived behind the Hatchers and David was my best friend. During the war my Dad was assigned by the government to manage Wood River Oil and Refinery, in Wichita Kansas, while the founder, Fred Koch, went to Italy to train pilots. We eventually moved back to Tulsa during my sophomore year of high school and David introduced me to many of his friends.

My best friend on the bus ride every day was **Marilyn Mischler**, my buddy on every art project was **Ruthie Johnson**, and my smartest friends were **Ann Clark and Jo Jean Hicks**



I dated **Jim Caldwell, Bob Koenig and Bill Hughes**. We were all active in the First Presbyterian Church youth group and most of our dates were really group dates.... and we drove the youth choir director crazy. Lots of stories there.

I was a staff member of the Tom Tom and I was in charge of the Hawaiian decorations for our Senior Prom. We had pieces of palm trees in our garage for months, much to my

parents distress ... Summers were spent in art classes at Philbrook.

My Dad's secretary was Miss Powell's sister and they lived just a few blocks from us so I knew her before I was assigned to her first period History Class, senior year. I was intimidated by her but I loved that class. I sat behind **Bill Bruckner** who was always cutting up. I was never sure Ms. Powell was as deaf as she pretended to be and every time she stopped to visit with my Dad I was scared to death she would relate some of our escapades.



One of my favorite memories was the DAZE program. I recruited a group of couples and we took Country and Western dance lessons so we could perform the 'Oklahoma' number. That dance experience came in really handy while chaperoning our oldest son's senior parties during his western phase.



Laura Bush
Late 1980's



Betty & Husband 1980's

This picture with Laura was taken in the late 80's. They had just moved to Dallas and they wanted to enroll their twin girls in Preston Hollow Elementary. I was the School Board member representing that school so I got to meet with the Secret Service guys to find them a space in the school where they could stay every day. This was when George H. was President. We found them a closet. It was a very popular and crowded school.

Funny story: While the Secret Service was on campus one day a teacher's car was stolen from the parking lot. Should have been the safest parking lot in the District? Shouldn't it?



Governor Bush

This was when George W. was Governor and I was President of the Texas Division of the American Heart Association and we were receiving an award from the State Legislature.