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# CHS - Bio

**Martha Bellah -  
Mover & Shaker**



Martha and best friend of  
50+ years Sherrie Adams

**1) What were your best and worst moments in school?**

I loved being on Tom Tom staff and still think we had the best one ever (1956). I can't really think of anything truly bad.

**2) Did you date anyone particular at CHS? I dated a Junior - Mike Hodgson - my senior year.**

**3) What did you do after CHS (school, work, travel, etc.)** I spent one year at OSU and finished up at TU. Got my MEd from Middle Tennessee State University in Psychology. I worked as a secretary, teacher, and guidance counselor, sold real estate briefly, was executive assistant to an apartment building manager, and have been with Barnes & Noble for almost 21 years!!! Did not mean to make this my life's work -- merely wanted to make enough to pay someone else to clean my house. Since I graduated from college, I have lived in Tulsa, Denver, Shreveport, LA, Omaha, Beale AFB in northern California, England for three years, Chattanooga, TN, Minneapolis, Thousand Oaks, CA, Brussels for 2 1/2 years, Minneapolis again, and now we live in Fountain Hills, AZ (a suburb of Phoenix). I have gotten to travel quite a bit and have been to Egypt, Hong Kong, Bangkok, the Virgin Islands, Kenya, Greece, Israel, Turkey, Morocco, Aruba, Panama, Costa Rica, as well as all over Europe, and into Mexico. Still want to go to Canada and Alaska.

**4) Did you go into military service?** My first husband was from Massachusetts and was a career officer in the Air Force (I should have known to stay away from those Yankees!)

**5) What type of profession or jobs did you have?** See #3

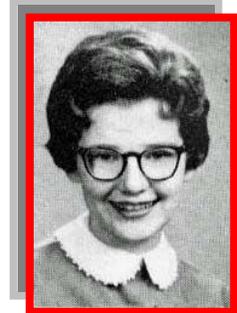
**6) Where did you meet your spouse?** I met my current husband while I lived in Denver and we reconnected years later.

**7) How long have you been married and when did you get married?** 27 years and we got married in the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa!

**8) How many kids, grandkids and of course their achievements?** I have one son who is married -- no grandchildren, but two grand cats. He lives in Salt Lake City and works for Dean Witter.

**9) What are your hobbies and activities?** I love to read and do scrap booking. Also play bridge every chance I get.

**10) Do you still have the same likes and dislikes (hobbies, etc.) that you had at CHS?** I used to play a lot of miniature golf -- not so much anymore! And my best friend is still **Sherrie Adams Clark** -- 54 years and counting.



**11) Accomplishments and honors.** Just an ordinary life.

**12) Are you retired?** No; however, I work only about two days a week. I teach computer classes at the Senior Center and also take classes in computers, digital photography, etc. Just whatever piques my curiosity. My husband and I also usher at the Phoenix Symphony during the Pops concerts. We have even worked our way up to 'Captain'!

**13) If you do not live in the Tulsa area, what made you move and how many moves did you make?** I left Tulsa in 1961 to "seek my destiny" and met both my first husband and my current husband in Denver. As you can see from #3, I have moved several times.

**14) Any serious illness now or in the past?** No, thank God.

**15) Any need for prayers for you or a loved one?** Not yet.

**16) Any truly funny or interesting stories from CHS or life in general?** I don't know how many people around the world I have told about the Great Spirit and the things that used to hang from his hands!

**17) TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST KISS AND HOW OLD WERE YOU??** I was about 11 and a boy in Vacation Bible School kissed me one day. My first real kiss that rocked me was on a hayride and I was 15.

**See Ya at the 55<sup>th</sup> Martha!**