

# CHS - Bio

## Roberta Lane



1955

Current with new husband **Bob Bowles**



Roberta & Bob at 1957  
Fraternity Party

Roberta says that her best moments at CHS were spent with fellow classmate and now NEW husband **Bob Bowles** and with friends, especially when watching CHS Braves football. Roberta and Bob dated throughout high school, beginning late in their sophomore year, and continuing into the spring semester of college.

After completing one year at Oklahoma State University, she married classmate, Bud Parkey, and began a family. They have 3 children, daughters Barbara and Lynda and son Erik, all of whom are living in Oklahoma with their families. Roberta has seven grandchildren!

In 1967, they were transferred to the Los Angeles. They settled in Brea, a suburb in northern Orange County, where we lived for 6-1/2 years. They loved the Los Angeles area but decided to return to Tulsa in 1973 when her husband's job changed.

Shortly after returning to Tulsa, she took a temporary job assignment, which was supposed to last for two days with Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO). Twenty-nine years later, she retired from American Electric Power Company, the successor to PSO. She traveled extensively during her last fifteen years with the company, as a consultant and troubleshooter for the company's new systems installations.

During her working career, she returned to the University of Tulsa where she completed her Bachelors Degree. She almost completed her Masters in Business but extensive business travel prevented it.

During planning for our 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2001, she reunited with high school love Bob Bowles. Through the online service, classmates.com, she discovered Bob had also registered with the Class of 1956, so she decided to get in touch with him. Although Bob wasn't able to attend the reunion, they continued to correspond, and decided in 2002 that they wanted to be together again after the 45-year hiatus. So in April of 2002, she moved to New York, where they were married. After 3 years, Roberta has come to love the city, and couldn't be happier. *Wow ... another Okie in the big city!*

She continued working for PSO for a short time after moving to New York, but retired in the fall of 2002. Roberta is now doing volunteer work at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, and enjoying all the activities that New York City has to offer.

**Hope to see you and Bob at the 50<sup>th</sup> Roberta!**