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Sara Wiener Piano Player

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Since I wasn't a queen of anything at Central, I've spent 50 years working to be queen of something and this summer I had my chance here in Michigan. I was a "Tart Cherry Queen" in the 4th of July parade in Leland. Our float celebrated the Cherry Queens past and present and won the prize for the best humorous float.

My years at Central were busy-fun years. One of my best memories is playing the duo pianos for the DAZE with Sue Livesay, Marcia Rodd and Carolyn Eads in our junior year.

During high school I was active in the youth group and choirs at Boston Avenue Methodist Church. My senior year I was the student director of the Sr. High Choir at church. I either directed choirs or sang in choirs for the next 20+ years and have continued to be church involved, although not with choirs.

After several years as a Foreign Law Patent Paralegal, I married a Patent Attorney. We each brought two children into the marriage. All four of our children are near to the same age as are all of the grandchildren. Chuck and I have been married for 27 years. Chuck still keeps some clients and I doubt that he will ever completely retire. He is now writing suspense novels, the first of which will be published mid October, *A Patent On Murder*.

I have 2 daughters, Joy and Rebecca, from my first marriage. They are both litigating attorneys. Joy quit to be a stay-at-home mom. Rebecca owns her own firm in the St. Petersburg, FL area. Both sons-in-law are involved in law also, so dinner conversations are certainly lively.

We have 7 grandchildren, 6 girls and 1 boy, who are growing up all too quickly. Two of them will be working for their driver's license this year and the youngest is 10. Since our children/grandchildren are scattered around the country, much of our travel is going to see them in Colorado, Wisconsin, Missouri and Florida.

I taught Sewing as an art form for many years and even had my own line of patterns. I traveled quite a bit and taught at many sewing seminars. When I quit teaching I entered into the competitive sewing arena. When I won Best of Show on the national level, I quit doing the competitive sewing and began sewing for

upscale boutiques for a period of time.

I have played golf since Chuck and I were married, a sport that hopefully will last throughout my lifetime. The good thing is that everyone else my age is also hitting the ball a shorter distance ;-) So long as the short game improves as the long games slows down, things even out.

I am now a Stephen Minister at the Methodist church I attend in Florida. I have been asked what a Stephen Minister is and what they do. This is a ministry that requires a lot of study in how to "be there" for people in need. There is a good support system for the Stephen Minister with other Stephen ministers and counselors helping us by evaluating our work so we can improve how we are doing with our care receivers. This is one of the most rewarding things I have done in my lifetime.



As you can gather from this bio, we have two homes. One is in Gulfport, FL, in the southwestern corner of the St. Petersburg area and near to our youngest daughter. The other is our summer home in Suttons Bay, MI, where we live on a bay off Lake Michigan. Our plan was to have vacation spot homes so the children/grandchildren would have much to do when they visit. That was a great decision because we see our family often.

Through the years I have been active in PEO, book clubs, kayaking, gourmet cooking, gardening, piano, as well as staying active in church. In addition, I often travel with my children and their families.

I'll see you at the reunion soon. I'm working on getting my garb together for Friday night. My golf foursome today (August 29) laughed so much and so hard that the ranger had to ask us to speed up play.

SEE YA AT THE 50TH SARA!