

CHS - Bio

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I recall that day at Horace Mann Junior High School, we had a special assembly with group of students from Central High describing realities of the next year at CHS.

Thinking back on CHS, brings a flood of fond memories: the Daze, assemblies, walking through the social corner and friends. It was that special assembly that encouraged careers in science and engineering that was the beginning of my technical career in engineering. Before graduation for Oklahoma State University with BSME, I married my life long best friend, Patsy Powers from Pryor, Oklahoma on March 28, 1959.

Our travels took us to Santa Monica, St. Louis and Chicago where we reside in Elgin, Illinois. A bunch of years and three children later we enjoy three grandkids, with two living in the Chicago area.

The best of my engineering years was association with top technical and production people who knew how to get things done. In the case of aerospace, the satisfaction was watching the military aircraft fly away on deliveries at the St. Louis airport. There was always that boyish feeling of hearing, feeling and watching the light off of afterburners from the F-15 and F/A-18 aircraft on takeoff. The Harrier was lifting off in vertical flight at the end of the runway and the T-45 Navy trainer was so small in scale, it just looked like it was the fastest. My technical years were full of aircraft flight control design and problem solving.

After several years of adjusting to life in retirement, we find that we have a busy schedule, and only the fun stuff gets done. Life is good. We enjoy time to give back to the community through church related, outreach ministries. God is good. One of my hobbies is taking the backlog of pictures, slides and video and producing the best of memories in a digital format.

I'm gratified with the special efforts of our class to build a web site with memories and contracts for generations to come.

I believe, CHS provided the opportunities for most of us to be the best we can be.

I especially enjoy reading our classmate bio's.

Our class of 1956 is in the cream of the crop.

