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CHS Bio

Bernadine Bates Rancher



I graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1956. My senior year I met the man of my dreams and we were married shortly after graduation. I worked at Home Federal Savings and Loan for 5 years to help get Marvin through College where he achieved his Chemical Engineering BS degree. We moved to Lake Jackson, Texas on June 4, 1962 and have lived here the last forty four years. I chose not to work outside of the home since moving here.

I attended college both in Tulsa and here locally.

We have three children, a daughter and two sons. Our daughter lives in Lubbock with her husband and three daughters. She is Business Manager for a dental firm and is an accountant. One son is an Accountant and Comptroller for a company in Houston. The youngest son is a Minister of Music for Oakwood Baptist Church in Chickamauga, Ga. They have two little girls

My hobbies are varied. I enjoy painting with oil. I like all kinds of handwork, sewing, crocheting, embroidering and recently quilt making. I have always enjoyed cooking and have cooked for as many as 400 people.

My family has always been active in First Baptist Church of Lake Jackson. We have had various positions but have spent most of our time working with the youth. We are now working with Adults and enjoy that a lot too.

My husband, Marvin, retired from Dow Chemical Company. We enjoy spending time with our family and traveling whenever possible. We have traveled to Europe several times and really enjoyed seeing the different countries.

We own a ranch in the Texas hill country and enjoy hunting for deer, hogs and turkey.

One little known fact is that I starred in a Hollywood movie when I was five years old.

(Down for more)

Fred: Here is a very recent picture. It was taken at the reunion. I guess hardly anyone saw me in my poodle skirt. I made this many years ago and it still fits. I still weigh the same as I did in high school. Whole 98 pounds. The other picture was recent too. Hope this will do.

I thought of something funny that happened in School. I was in a class with a bunch of seniors when I was a sophomore. The teacher was a small man, **Mr. Jacobs**, I think. He was quiet and shy and about retirement age. One day he wrote on the board.

There ain't no justice in this here land,

I just got a divorce from my old man.

I had to laugh at the Judge's decision,

He gave him the kids and the kids ain't hisin.

The class cracked up.



From Fred Benford:

Can you believe that Bernadine still weighs what she weighed at CHS! Bernadine, you make us feel bad by keeping your weight. Not many of us can say that. Also, GREAT 50'S OUTFIT at the reunion.