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CHS Bio

Lilly Mae Harris – Miss Shygirl



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Lilly Mae Harris – good southern name. Pretty, Petite, Shy. That is how many remember Lilly Mae. In Science class she never raised her hand. Yet the teacher had a habit of calling on those who DID NOT raise their hand. However, Lilly Mae always had the correct answer. I once asked her how she did on a test. She replied “okay.” By that response I assumed she made a poor grade. Then I snuck up behind her desk and found that she made the highest grade in the class.

Lilly Mae loved school. She says she learned to read in spite of being nearsighted and not knowing it until she was 14. She thought everyone had trouble seeing the blackboard from the middle of the room. As attractive as she was (is) she was far to shy to date at CHS. After graduation she went to work full time in the Central High office. She got married, had two children (in that order she says), became a stay at home mom, then went back to work after the children got older. She loved learning and as a working mom enrolled at TU on a McClure scholarship graduated in ??? with an associate degree in Engineering and then a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration.

She started business as a secretary, then office manager then into the engineering area as a technical associate and now works at BAMA. She is a Toastmasters grad and loves to make presentations using her computer graphics skills. She plans to retire in 2004. Married and divorced (welcome to the club!).

Toastmasters, Executive Women International are clubs of choice. She loves to read, sew and take part in church activities. Her new love is Bichon Frise puppy. She loves to travel and has toured much of Western Europe with the exception of Ireland and Scotland which she hopes to visit after she retires. Except for a short stint in Southern California she has spent almost all of her time in the Tulsa area.

Lilly Mae comes from a strong military background and if she were a man might have joined the military. She had three uncles in WWII, a brother and a nephew in Viet Nam.

Hope to see you at the 50th Lilly Mae!

