



# CHS - Bio

## Betsey Beach Romantic

1955



**Betsey Beach** was one of the most attractive young ladies at CHS. As you will recall, teachers sat everyone in alpha order. In our “*Personal Development*” Class, we sat in a horseshoe shape. The class was previously called “*Personal Relations*” but after the teacher heard me say that I had “*Personal Relations*” with Betsey Beach, she decided to change the name of the class (true story about the original name). Betsey and I sat right next to each other. This was much more personal situation and I got to know Betsey just a little bit. We chatted about her car, a beautiful Jeepster convertible and her goings on, social life etc. In 1955 I purchased a most beautiful watch from a person who won it in a poker game. It was very expensive but the fellow needed money and I got it for a bargain price. Betsey saw that watch and seemingly fell in love with it. With my perverted 16-year old mind I figured that if she admired my watch, she surely admired me. Wrong!



Betsey brought her boyfriend to school one day. Gads he was really great looking which made me realize that I had no chance with Betsey what-so-ever. I heard he was a boxer and then went on to modeling, acting along with bull riding! He was very nice. Almost immediately after High School, Betsey and her hunk ran off and got married. Her parents had a fit and had the marriage annulled and sent



Betsey off to Marietta College in Ohio in an effort to keep them as far apart as possible. Well it worked. Betsey graduated with a B.A, met another hunk and got married. Betsey is well remembered at Marietta College. She became a trustee. She later moved to Georgia and became President of the Atlanta Fulton League of Women Voters and a member of the 1977 Leadership Atlanta and Director of the Atlanta Urban Training Organization. Betsey was active in the civil rights movement and helped register Blacks in the Atlanta when it was not popular to do so. Yes, she is an active Democrat!



40<sup>th</sup> reunion photo

Betsey's husband passed away in 1994. Betsey attended our 25<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. **Elaine Solow** knew her 1<sup>st</sup> husband well. While at the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion Betsey asked Elaine if she knew where her former husband was living. Elaine heard that Hardy (the 1<sup>st</sup> husband) was an actor in NYC. Elaine was in the process of moving to NYC at the time and looked up Hardy in the phone book. ***Guess what? Betsey and Hardy are now married ... for the second time to each other!*** Unfortunately Hardy is not well and Betsey was unable to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.



Nancy Darling

Betsey and Hardy live in Durham, NC where they often run into **Nancy Darling**. Betsey had a glass of wine with **Janie Parker** and discussed CHS days while we were having our reunion in Tulsa. She also visits with **Janet Ferrill** when in Atlanta and they have seen **Janice Felkel** in the North Carolina Mountains.



Janie Parker

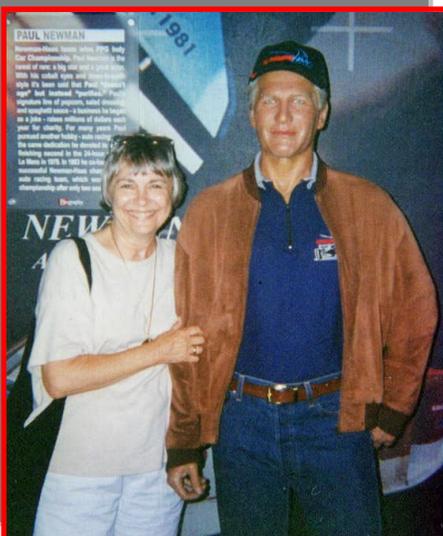


Janice Felkel

Betsey went back to school in the early '90's and to become certified to teach middle school Language Arts which she did for seven years before retiring. Now she is working on her English as a Second Language Certificate. Perhaps she is trying to save enough money to buy Hardy a watch like the one I had at CHS. (FB)



Janet Ferrill



We missed ya Betsey. Hope Hardy gets well soon.

Betsey with good friend "Paul" someone. She said his last name begins with an "N." Blue eyes. Looks familiar. **Can anyone recognize him?**