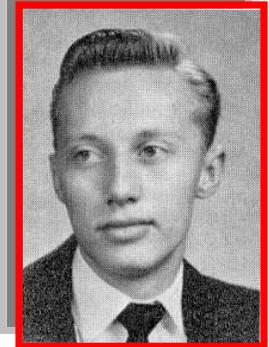


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# CHS Bio

**Ronny Snithee**  
**Mr. Engineer**



1955

I attended kindergarten at Whittier and the first grade in Glenpool, OK. My parents and grandparents were from Glenpool. When I was born, I made my maternal grandmother a grandmother at the age of only 33. I attended grades 2 thru 4 at Emerson. One of my best friends at Emerson was **Gordon Skinner**. We lived a few blocks from Cain's ballroom. I walked to the Tulsa Barber College and got my hair cut for 10 cents.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we moved across the street from Pershing. I was active in scouts and little

league baseball. My father was active in both. While at Pershing, I, with a lot of the other boys, were "in love" with **Virginia Freeman, Norma Armstrong, Carol Godfrey** and **Dana Joyce**.

During the summer between the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Pershing and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Roosevelt, I experienced my first kiss. The girls had a party at Owen Park. We played kissing games. **Norma Armstrong** gave me my first kiss.

Roosevelt was fun. I was in 7-4-202 for homeroom. 7 meant 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 4 meant something, and 202 meant the homeroom number. 202 was **Miss Culp's** room. Back then students could work in the cafeteria. I worked the "clipper" in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade selling candy/chips out front. I got my lunch plus spending money. **Dan Kelley** was the cashier for the plate lunches. At the reunion, **Ray Gross** said the highlight of his basketball career, including college, was when our 9<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom beat **Charlie Moore's** homeroom and he was carried off the court.

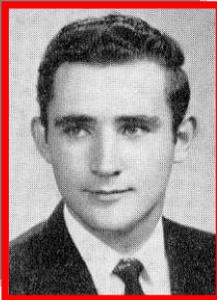
I enjoyed Central even though I was not very active in extra activities. I took Latin, Chemistry, Physics and all the Math Central offered. These classes provided a good educational foundation when attending college.

My most embarrassing moment: I was a member of the YMCA at 6<sup>th</sup> and Denver. One Friday night I invited **Norman Picket** (CHS 1957) to go work out and swim.

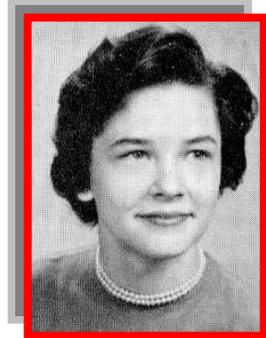


Back then you swam in the nude. We worked out, proceeded to the locker room, removed our clothes and walked thru the door into the pool area. I usually ran and dived in, but this time Norman and I walked in about 15 feet. All of a sudden, an instructor yelled, "get out." We hit the door and got out quickly. They were having a female swim class and had forgotten to lock the door from the men's locker room. At home we told our parents what had happened. The next morning, my mother rode the bus to Seidenbach's where she worked in furs. Two ladies sitting behind her were talking about the terrible incident that had happened at the YMCA the night before. My mom said she didn't say a word.

I wanted to attend college but did not know where. During the summer following graduation, **Ronnie Fairchild** asked me to ride with him to enroll at Oklahoma A&M. I had never been to Stillwater, so I went along for the ride. While there, I decided to enroll. I was going steady with **Virginia Freeman** and she was also going to attend A&M. She pledged Kappa Alpha Theta and I pledged Phi Delta Theta. We dated about one semester. On a blind date at OSU, I met my future wife, **Doris Wood** from Watonga, ok. We married the last year of school. **Kenny Dell** was our best man.



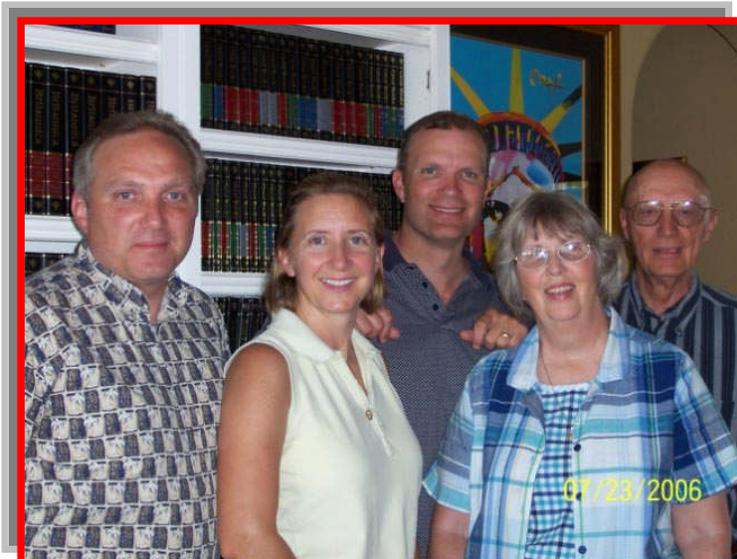
Kenney Dell



Virginia Freeman

Graduating in mechanical engineering, I went to work for Okla. Gas and Electric at the power plant in Harrah, OK. I was involved in the acceptance testing of the largest combined cycle unit in the world. It was a great experience. In 1961, I was activated during the Berlin crisis and spent a year "far away", in Tulsa, with the Air National Guard. I returned to OG&E, working in the power plants in Harrah and Muskogee before transferring to the corporate office in Oklahoma City to work various functions in personnel. While working at OG&E, I acquired an MBA at Oklahoma City Univ. In 1994, after 33 years, I retired from OG&E. At retirement, I was manager of employee information, salary/benefit administration

and organization design. I chaired the salary and benefits committee of the national organization, Edison Electric Institute.



Doris and I have three very successful children, and five grandchildren. Most of my time is spent doing the following: (1) American Indian activities, (2) grand kids, (3) therapy

dog, (4) church, and (5) traveling.

I collect, buy, and sell antique American Indian material, such as baskets, pottery, paintings, beadwork, etc. We present show-and-tell Indian programs at schools and organizations. We try not to miss any of the grandkid's activities. My golden retriever, La-ne, is a certified therapy dog and we regularly go to hospitals and nursing homes. The wife and I are in charge of organizing quarterly Sr. Citizen tours for our first Baptist Church in Harrah. We love to travel. Within the last year we cruised Alaska, Hawaii, and the Caribbean plus our Sr. Citizen tours. We recently visited Ireland and Scotland for two weeks.

I enjoyed our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. During the reunion several of my school buddies visited my parents in Bixby. Those visiting were: **Dennis Seacat, Bill Gemmill,** and **Robert Benedict.** **Jim Winsworth** checks on them regularly. I'm looking foreword to the next reunion. Thanks to all who worked so hard putting the 50th together.

