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Jimmy Collins Business Woman



Two months after graduation, I married a Will Rogers “person,” you know, “from the other High School.” He went to TU and worked part time for his father who owned a business in Tulsa; I went to work, the Monday after graduation, for Merrill Lynch. I worked there as an Administrative Assistant for five Account Executives. Two years later, my husband’s father bought a new business in Houston which happened to be where my father had been transferred by Gulf Oil recently. I loved Houston, and was allowed to transfer to Merrill Lynch, again as an AA for five Account Executives. Two years later my son was born, and I became a stay at home Mom for three years. I then went to work for an Attorney, who taught me how to be a legal secretary. I worked there for another two years.

After 14 years of marriage I was divorced; went to work for the Coca Cola Company, which had a fountain service supply and coffee company. I was an Administrative Assistant for two more years. Then my position with Coca Cola was phased out. I then went to work for Calgon Absorption Waste Water Treatment for another two years. I met and married my present husband, C. L. McGill, who was from Houston, TX. He graduated from the University of Houston after attending the University of Texas for two years. He worked for General Motors, Chevrolet Division for 19-years. We just celebrated our 34th anniversary June 9. We each have a son, from previous marriages plus 5 grandchildren. C.L.’s son lives in the Woodlands, TX, and my son lives in Denver, CO.

After two years of marriage, C.L. and I decided we wanted a different environment for our two sons; we sold everything we had, including four cars, and bought a Chevrolet 4-wheel Blazer and moved to Lake City, CO. We had vacationed there previously; fell in love with the town, mountains, snow, etc.; bought a General Store, and an Arctic Cat Snowmobile Dealership. Of course being “flatlanders,” we thought “hey – what could be different?” Well, the children loved living in Colorado, and we all got an education in survival. We learned how important family life is; how to depend on each other. I am proud to say both of our children have survived and are doing very well.

We sold the store after three years, and went into the Property and Casualty Insurance business in Lake City. We found out when we had the store, no one had anything in Lake City insured correctly. We both got our Colorado Insurance License and formed "Mountain Valley Insurance Agency." We have been in the insurance business since that time.

We moved to Corpus Christi, TX to reopen an Agency which had been established since the 1930's but closed for 20 years. This called for new licensing, so we both received our Texas Insurance License. I began to handle the health side of the business; my husband went into the life, disability and financial planning side. My end of the business grew very large due to the fact that my biggest account was Blue Cross Blue Shield; they seemed to like the way I did business. Therefore, I received a great deal of leads and referrals from them, although we were independent agents and had contracts with many companies. Our business grew so much that we incorporated and formed the McGill Group, Insurance and Financial Services.

My husband's financial and tax preparation business began to develop more and more into the Dallas area, and finally after 2 years, we sold our home on Padre Island and moved to Frisco, TX. My business never faltered and Blue Cross placed me on their web site, with only 5 other Agents in the Dallas area. It kept me very busy and I had to continue to enlarge my office and employees. At one time I had 19 life agents from all over Texas brokering health business through me.

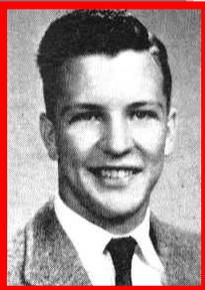
I never dreamed that only 6 years later this was the beginning of a boom for Frisco. It has grown from 28,500 only 6 years ago to 86,000 people and still counting. It is an amazing place. I am on the Library Board and we are getting ready to move into a new Library in September. The old one was three small rooms between the police department and the Municipal Court.

I enjoy working on the Library Board; being involved with the Chamber of Commerce and various other groups. This town is very active, and if you want to be involved this is the place. I love to write, garden and take pictures. I am selling my side of the business August 1st, so hopefully I will be able to focus on more of my interests. My husband earned many designations through the American College, and has applied them to his expertise. He loves his work and may never slow down, and I think it will be sometime before he retires completely. We have a new home, with lots of room for our children and grandchildren to visit.

We have traveled throughout life, Australia, Canada, Bermuda, Spain, Barbados and the last place was the Bahamas. Now, I would like to concentrate on my personal interests; still travel at will, not when can work it in. I love photography, landscape in particular and have never totally had the opportunity to really learn how to use my 35mm camera for this particular type of photography. As I have worked pretty much all my life I am ready to retire.

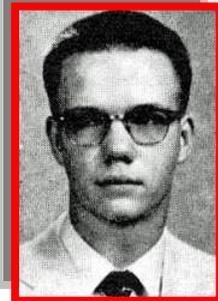
I attended Roosevelt Jr. High in the 7th grade, and Horace Mann in the 8th & 9th grade, so there will be quite a lot of people, I hope who will remember me at the reunion.

We are looking forward to the reunion with great anticipation.

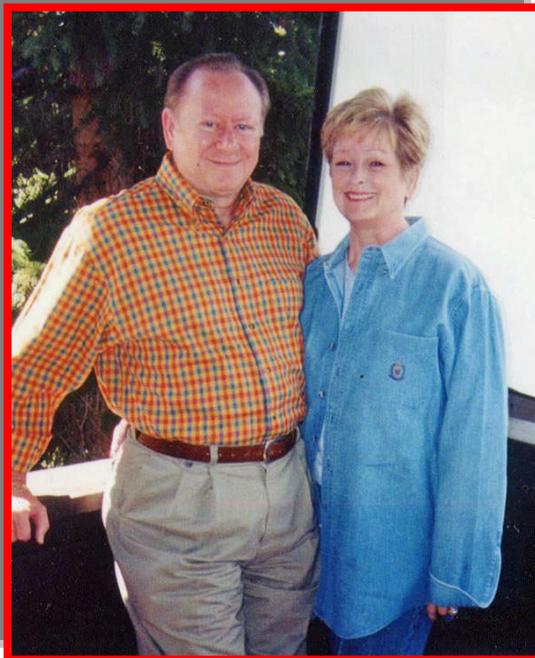


Pete Rowland

AFTER RECEIVING JIMMY'S BIO AND PICTURES VIA REGULAR MAIL I ASKED HER WHO SHE DATED AT CHS. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WENT WITH BANDLEADER SONNY GRAY FOR A YEAR AND DATED PETE ROWLAND BOTH OF WHOM WERE SWEETHEARTS!



Sonny Gray



Jimmy & Husband C.L.

SEE YA AT THE 50TH JIMMY!