

# The Bagpipe

Lakeland High School Reunion Edition - October 2009

## We Made it!

And they said it couldn't be done, yet over 100 folks gathered in Lakeland for the 50<sup>th</sup> Lakeland High School Class Reunion. The Honorary Chair is Class President David Johnson who in a recent interview said "don't hank me, thank Allan!"

Events included cocktail parties, dinners, a brunch and sports.

## Commemorative Logo



Paul Schiff, a member of the publications committee created a custom logo to commemorate the event which is featured on all the official books and programs.

## Your Publications Committee at Work.

Work consisted mostly of playing bridge.



Arguments were won by Beatty and games were won by Irene. The guys served as "dummies"

## Aging Advice

**Helen Perdicaris** - Live, Love, Laugh and keep moving

**Jane Eskenazi** - Aging gracefully is best done by accepting your assets or deficits and accentuating the best while trying to improve

the rest. Developing skill sets that help one keep pace with the times we live in, the 2000s is essential. The impersonation of youth does not symbolize aging gracefully.

**Allan Davis** - I think that you should watch your Calories, exercise moderately, and get enough rest. Reduce the hassle factor in your life. Enjoy family and friends, but don't allow them to monopolize your golden years; you have a life also.

**Roger Sherman** - The most difficult thing is trying to convince your body that you're still 28 years old.

**Tommy Kennington** - Love your God, your wife, your children, your grandchildren, and your friends more each day...and try and do something nice for someone each day.

**Richard Schneider** - Facelift, tummy tuck, Viagra, hair transplants, plenty of money, and young friends.

**Mary Futch** - I believe in fun first, work will wait - just the same as eat dessert first. Do all you can do, live all you can live, get the most out of the life you have

**Robert Wagner** - Don't drink a beer before 9 AM nor have a Scotch before 5 PM

**Bonnie Smalt Flynn** - Since growing old is mandatory, I struggle to do it gracefully.

**Mary Lou Deeds Helm** - Stay busy and do something for someone else.

**Beatty Elliott Raymond** - Sit down and make a list of what is important to you and then make sure to do them.. My list is family and friends; vistas and surroundings; feeling and looking good; journaling and exercising my mind; saying yes.

**From Ronnie Lewis** - Do not over indulge in any one vice. I am always thankful for my family and this country.

**From Bev Tindle** - Thank God when your feet hit the floor each morning; stay busy but

being sure, at this time in life, you are doing the things you enjoy and choose to do. The most important thing you put on your face is a smile, and remember that each day is a holiday and each meal is a banquet.

*From Susie Deaton Moody* - I try not to think about it!

*From Butch Moody* - Who said I was?

*From Billy Cooper* - Stay active!

*From Bill Doppleheuer* - Keep traveling and riding my motorcycle as much as I can.

*From Randy Fields* - "Clean Living"

*From Harrison Payne* - Live one day at a time and believe in God and yourself.

*From Paul Schiff* - Take Ibuprofen as needed.

*From Bonita (Taylor) McKinsey* - Take the best care of your health that you can. Accept the fact that you ARE aging and "go with the flow" but recognize your limitations but don't allow it to stop you from doing the things that you love and enjoy...and most of all, keep and practice a great sense of humor. Enjoy being around young people. They keep you young...they make you laugh... and their eyes often make you see things in a whole new way. Don't give up, not for a moment

*From Irene Plant Vondrasek* - rhyming advice...

>The lines in our faces were put there mostly with laughter, maybe some with strife...

But they mean for the most part, we are enjoying a good long life.

>Do not regret your loss of, or your silver hair, It just means you learned to worry and care.

>Do not lament on what could have been, nor worry about what will be. In this life you get no written guarantee.

>Do not be concerned with a few extra pounds or slowing down...We can still celebrate a wonderful reunion in our hometown.

>Do not worry about the aging process,

don't stress, we have made it this far with some success!

*From Lewis Rice* - You have to keep RMA on your mind all the time. Remember, that RMA stands for RIGHT MENTAL ATTITUDE. After that, everything will fall in place.

*Robert Harper III* - Accept yourself as you are. Live life to the fullest.

*Charlotte Goodman Key* - Keep Active.

*Susan Smith* - Keep that sense of humor - laugh more, keep busy learning new skills and keep thy house in good shape - even us oldies can do this.

*Barbara Brantley Gandy* - I have found for us, it helps to keep active doing something you enjoy, whether it be fishing, golfing, helping others, etc. For us it has been ranching. In relaxing moments, I find reading keeps my mind active and interested in a lot of different things.

*Linda Wrenn Honeycutt* - Go out and have fun and never miss a chance to live life to its fullest. Always stay active with anything you enjoy doing. I believe you can control your destiny.

*David Bayhan* - Work!

*Shirley Nicholson Farlow* - Let's find the damn idiot that came up with the phrase "aging gracefully" and shoot him.

*Buddy Loadholtes* - Turn everything over to Jesus and live your life pleasing Him. Keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

*Gene Cochran* - A little wine, lots of golf, keep a hone to-do list up to date whether you do them or not.

*Ralph Allen* - Stay active with family, business, church and serving others.

*Lois Williams Bowen* - Having a good sense of humor along with warm fires and good friends and family will definitely help you with the aging process. In addition, keeping your mind active and body moving will help you accept the inevitable gracefully.

**Loretta Lee** - Drink nice wines, marry a younger man and keep moving.

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*From Tommy Kennington*

I retired from Walt Disney World in October of 2000 and have become the poster

child for retirement. Delinda and I have been married for 46 years now and are blessed to have both of our daughters and three grandsons living very close to us here in Windermere. We have a motorhome and try to get out for at least one long...long being 10 to 12 weeks...trip each year. I also do consulting work for the Florida Association of Broadcasters and we both are very active in our church. God have been very good to us and I look forward to each new day and the adventure that it will bring.

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*From Mary Futch*

I work a full 40 hour week at Tampa Bay Fisheries in Dover as a Maintenance Purchaser and gofer. It is an interesting job, not stressful, and I work with a lot of good folks who make the job most pleasant. In my off time, I take care of my horses, camp and trail ride, with and without my grandkids and children. I have my house and place to take care of, but that comes after the fun stuff.

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*From Robert Wagner*

I SCUBA dive, ride my 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic, travel a lot – bike (Harley) trips, car trips, plane trips, and cruises.

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*From Bonnie Smalt Flynn*

Today I live in the country in a log home I designed and built as the owner-contractor and I work as a consultant to non profit organizations. My consulting assists non-profit organizations to focus their management in strategic planning and board development to provide sustainability through fund development. Currently I am assisting people with developmental disabilities to create sustainability.

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*From Mary Lou Deeds Helm*

I have been a staff member at First

Baptist Church @ the Mall for the past 9 years. Our church bought the old Lakeland Mall on E. Memorial Blvd. (the one where Montgomery Ward and the theaters were), in 1998. Almost the entire 400,000 sq. ft. structure has been renovated and is in use. My area of ministry is Senior Adults. That's us, even if we don't want to admit it!!!

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*From Mary Lou Deeds Helm*

I worked for Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly In for 5 years in the late '90's. I met some incredible pilots and other officers from World War II and other conflicts. Chuck Yeager was one of the most noted ones. It was amazing to hear them talk with others about their flying escapades, captures and all that went with the times.

It was most interesting to climb into the Warbird planes and realize how little technology they had available. During this time I had a ride on a B-17 Bomber, with a P-51 escort. We flew over Lakeland while being told about the plane and the war, and the guys flying them who were teenagers.

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*From Ronnie Lewis*

My wife, son and myself run one of the largest recycling companies in central Florida. We are a third generation company.

I don't remember taking any recycling courses at LHS. I never heard of global warming either. Ironically we own a large piece of machinery that came from the world trade center demolition job.

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*From Bev Tindle*

We are now retired and have a 2<sup>nd</sup> home on a river in the Tennessee Smokies where we go three or four times a year. We also still have pasture and cows here in Plant City, so lazing around does not end up on our agenda for which I'm sure has helped to keep us so healthy and active.

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*From Paul Schiff*

In addition to my work, I play tennis twice a week. I enjoy the pursuits of photography, woodworking, food and maintaining our property. Most important, I have many good friends. And a wonderful life partner. Extreme joy comes to me from just being at home. We live in the woods with scenery that changes dramatically with the seasons and is enhanced by Irene's superb gardens.

*From Roger Sherman*

Spending more and more time at Apsley Manor trying to figure out where to put the rest of the furniture from the condo if and when it ever sells!!!

*From Bonita (Taylor) McKinsey*

Sonny and I live in a home 98 years old. We are constantly in the "fix and repair" mode and loving it. We have over 3 acres of land and are always entertaining family members on our big screened in porch and pool area.

I am an avid artist; quilter; and wood worker...so, there is always a project to complete. We do all of our own yard work and accept it as much needed exercise...

We travel as often as we can and look forward to seeing even more of this great USA.

*From Lewis Rice*

We lost our 16 year old daughter 10 years ago. Since then, to keep her memory alive, we have given over 100 scholarships to local high school students in the performing arts. We plan to give keep giving 12-16 a year as long as we can.

*From Robert Harper*

Continuing developing a talent to paint Participating with my wife Amy and my son, Sean in the Real Estate/Construction

Industry. Involvement with both Florida Home Builders Association and Florida Home Builders Insurance Co.

*From Susan Smith*

Sold my little rental property to free me up for volunteer work, PBS station, prior master gardener, working with ministries to assist the less fortunate in our area. Looking for another house nearby with no yard.

*From Charlotte Goodman Key*

O.B. and I are enjoying being retired and able to enjoy family and friends.

*From David Bayhan*

Work, work, work and more work!

*From Leon Futch*

After being in the well drilling and pump installing business for over 45 years – I still love and enjoy taking care of all my customer base and accounts that have been in Polk County all these years. Also, my wife, Rosemary and I have been remodeling a 2 story barn as our home for the past 2 years. Completely gutting it out and building our dream home.

*From Linda Wren Honeycutt*

I retired in 2008 from the Polk County School System after completing 35 years. The last 20 years were spent counseling students and assisting parents with their special needs students. I stay in contact with many of my parents and friends from school. I now can do special things for me anytime I desire. Life is Great!

*From Barbara Brantley Gandy*

In 2003, Ed and I bought a 300+ acre ranch near Homeland. We have a cow/calf operation with our family helping on weekends. We have had to learn lots of new

information in order to run it properly. The cows are like pets and each has a name.

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*From Harrison Payne*

Unfortunately, my health does not allow me to do much today. I thank God for each day I have with Marge, our children and our grandchildren.

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*From Randy Fields*

I am working three part time jobs and spending time with my grandsons taking them golfing. They are 6 and 7 and ½ - they will be the next Tiger Woods!

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*From Susie Deaton & Butch Moody*

Butch and I own a business and moved into our first new home last year. We share grandchildren, two of which we see daily. They keep us busy and give us a lot of love. A few years ago, Butch and I became reacquainted with some other couples here in Lakeland, most of whom went to LHS with us – some we knew in school and some we hadn't known well. These friendships have come to be some of the sweetest and most cherished – a lot like family only better. Outside the earth and still working!

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*From Billy Cooper*

Still alive and married 46 years

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*From Bill Doppelheuer*

I sold my business (Equipment Service, Inc.) in 2004. I work part time for Heartland Supply, Inc. I spend as much time as possible at my cabin in Highlands, N.C.

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*From Ken Vickers*

Today in our lives, we have slowed down on some of our travels and are spending more time with our children and grandchildren. We spend a lot of time in our yard and reading. It takes me a long time to read a book because after about two

paragraphs I'm good for about an hour or so nap. We eat out a lot and always have a night out with James and Shirley Hopkins. Since we have retired we spend one to three months at Anna Maria and we usually work the family in on these trips. Last year we had our granddaughter and five of her friends for a week celebrating their sixteenth birthday. If you don't think six sixteen year olds won't keep you young – try it!

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*From David Johnson*

Some days a dog – some days the fire hydrant!

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*From Jane Morris Bay*

I have been working for George Lucas, filmmaker of Star Wars, as his Senior Executive Assistant Art Curator and management team member. I am a published author, 1<sup>st</sup> book "Precious Jewels of Tibet" was received in New York Times Books in Brief in 1998. 2nd book "Love and Loss" published in 2006. Currently writing 3<sup>rd</sup> memoir, "Growing up Southern", stories from the attic of childhood.

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*From Loretta Lee*

We travel. We've been to France and Austria where Eric's son was studying classical music. We love gardening and learning how to grow in Georgia's clay rather than Florida's sand. If we could just combine the two and add some compost, we'd have the perfect combination.

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*From Lois Williams Bowen*

Since my retirement eleven years ago, I have enjoyed traveling with my husband Floyd playing bridge, reading and my five grandchildren. This highlight of our travels was a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia in 2008.

*From Ralph Allen*

Our grandchild!

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*From Gene Cochran*

Enjoying each day I wake up; Raising a 7 year old granddaughter; Square dancing for the last 25 years

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*From Shirley Nicholson Farlow*

I have a wonderful granddaughter that will graduate in 2010 and has big plans for college. I was widowed in 2005, have been doing some travel and operate our business.

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*From Judy (Haas) Cloyd*

Here are my answers to the questions you sent for the reunion:  
1. These have been 50 very interesting years!!!! I married Mike, my high school sweetheart, after graduating from Fla. So. College. Teaching children of all ages in church and public and private schools has been my passion. In the midst of it all, we became parents and grandparents. Our teaching careers prepared us for 25 years of ministry in the Fla. Conference of the UMC. I am now a breast cancer survivor of ten years!

We recently retired, and are now living in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains in a home God provided us. Now that's another interesting story in itself. We enjoy simple country living and joining God where we see Him at work.

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*From Barbara Hart*

My spouse just retired in Jan. Taking care of my mother

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*From Ray Hempstead*

I'm a semi-retired business person enjoying travel and a North Georgia retreat. I'm also watching our children become successful people and good parents.

*From Mary Langford Balfantz*

Enjoying life living near my daughter Lori and son Randall.

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*From Alice Bassford Bell*

I am happy, healthy and enjoying traveling.

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*From Carol Bregler Kinder*

Married 50 years to same man. Enjoying grandchildren. One plays baseball – Southest University. Lakeland one plays professional baseball – independent league.

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*From Joyce Weeks Clark*

Taking care of my mother. Loving the grandchildren and having them over for parties.

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*From Ed Neel*

We just finished building a new home and have moved, however, we still have a house to sell.

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*From Ed Peterson*

Still working full time as a partner in a large Dallas law firm, enjoying the grand kids and looking forward to retirement in a couple of years.

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*From Dick Sargeant*

Staying busy with running my business, enjoying family and friends, doing mission work (building homes for those that lost everything due to Katrina, fires, etc.) Playing golf with my sons and remodeling a house for my daughter.

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*From Don Carter*

Just returned from an RV- ing trip to Gulf Port, Biloxi, Ms., and New Orleans, La.

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*From Rebecca Niblick Teachout*

We will be in Steamboat Springs, Co spoiling our grandgirls (ages 2 and 5 1/2 ) all



summer and will not be back in Florida for the reunion. Thank you to all who are working so hard and for all the information. Roger – thanks for the picture of me dancing with Jack at your birthday party – chocolate covered ants!

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*From Frances Clarey Wilson*

We plan to be at the Friday night event unless things change. So far our health has been very good. I volunteer at our church. Help with the smaller grandchildren (ages 4 and 6) when needed. We go to family reunions in Tenn. and west Florida. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the class reunion.

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## *Visit the Blog!*

For other stories and updates on your classmates, visit Larry Hale and others who have posted their comments there!



## *Late Arrivals*

*Squeezed in after the deadline...*

**Donna Knapp Williams** - I married a Welsh math professor in 1965 and moved to Colorado where we lived for 8 years and had two sons. In 1973 we moved back to DeLand, where my husband had a job at Stetson. In my 40's went back to school, got a PhD in Computer Science and joined my husband teaching. We are now both retired.

I have really enjoyed visiting my husband's home country of Wales over the years and also had the opportunity to live and teach in Germany one year. I also taught at Wake Forest for 2 years after I retired from Stetson.

We are off to Wales on Aug 18, and will return Oct 6, in time to recover before the reunion, I hope.

**Ellen Mershon Weldon** - I am surprised 50 years has passed so quickly. Had I known that it would... I would have paused more along the way to applaud what a great time I was having and how blessed I was.

Back then I would never have imagined I would have a ranch with cows, chickens, garden and my own tractor. It is hard, hot work but keeps me healthy. I still work in the operation room to keep up my skills but only every other week.

Youth is in the mind...just keep the mirrors covered..

**Barbara (Green) Frye** - What I am doing now? - I am an RN and the Health Services Coordinator at an agency that serves the mentally disabled. I work 4 days a week and find my job to be both challenging and rewarding. One day I plan to semi-retire!

How to age gracefully? - Stay active, engage your brain daily, love your family and friends and put your life in God's hands.



## *Very Late Arrivals*

*On Aging Gracefully....*

**Anne Huston Whalen** - Get involved and just keep on keeping on.

**Charlene Noble McCraney** - Think young - Be positive (Glass always half full) Try to act young – Laugh a lot – Good friends – Good health

**Sandra Hooker Stedman** - Seek the Lord with all your heart as the #1 priority and He will give you everything you need! Mathew 6:33

**Eleanor Clark Richardson** - Hang in there. Growing old is not for sissies.

**Carol Clark Knothe** - Enjoy every day as it is. Have something fun to look forward to doing. Keep a strong faith in your heart and life.

**Wes Deeds** - Retire, keep busy and enjoy every day.

**Elaine Huckabay Estridge** - Enjoy your retirement while you have good health.

**Judy Locke Bates** - Take 1 day at a time and enjoy it. God is good all the time.

**Margaret Simpson Jones** - Accept each day as a gift from God.

**Travis Tate** - Trust in God in all things.

**Donna Faye Weatherford Cobb** - Stay close to God. Exercise. Watch your diet and ladies use lots of good skin products.

**Barbara Richter Skrosky** - Keep moving and have positive thoughts!

**Patricia Bell Long** - Keep active.

**Dick Mauldin** - Stay healthy and keep a sense of humor.

**Daniel Miner** - Keep active and busy so your mind and body do not deteriorate.



### .....*On The Last 50 years*

**Daniel Miner** - Took a cruise from Australia to San Francisco

**Dick Mauldin** - 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - Tahiti

30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - Ireland - England

35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - Nova Scotia

**Patricia Bell Long** - Living in Weeki Wachee

**Barbara Richter Skrosky** - Traveling and moving to various cities

**Donna Faye Weatherford Cobb** - Moved to N.C. Lived right on the Nottley River. Sold and moved to double wide hung on the side of a mountain with beautiful mountain scenery and beautiful mountain colors in the fall. Lived in N.C. 22 years.

**Travis Tate** - Working on Saturn launch pad My 14 years at Publix

**Margaret Simpson Jones** - My dream of going to Spain was realized in 2002.

**Judy Locke Bates** - We built a log home in

North Lakeland. Lived there 14 years. We retired at age 50 & 52 and moved to the mountains of N.C. for 8 years. We have traveled to many states, seen lots of beautiful things. Niagara and Horseshoe Falls in Canada were awesome.

**Frances Elaine Huckabay Estridge** - Having married my husband 47 years ago. Having my daughter Jennifer was the best thing that happened to me. My grand children, Haley and Elijah, was the next best thing.

**Wes Deeds** - Staying married for 43 years!

**Carol Clark Knothe** - Bob and I worked for the same company for many years. By good fortune and careful planning we were able to retire early together. Usually a retirement part lasted an hour. Ours was over 3 hours with many friends and associates wishing us a happy retirement.

**Sandra Hooker Stedman** - Attending Charis Bible College in Atlanta, Georgia has changed my life in many ways and opened opportunities.

**Charlene Noble McCraney** - Blessed with wonderful children and grandkids. Married 46 years to Jimmy McCraney. Lived 17 different places (east to west) FL, GA, KS, AZ, CA, LA and Texas.

**Anne Huston Whalen** - One of the more interesting things was singing in a group at Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter. Also singing with the FSU University singers under Pablo Casals. Also making a trip to Vienna, Salzburg and Venice with the Lakeland Choral Society.

**Eleanor Clark Richardson** - Still married to the same guy - 40 years this year. Have a great daughter. Swimming with the dolphins, Hot air ballooning was great - recommend that to anyone that is not afraid of heights.



## .....*What's happening now*

**Eleanor Clark Richardson** - Jim and I enjoy camping. I am still working part time as a nurse at Lakeland regional Medical Center

**Anne Huston Whalen** - I am still working as Director of Finance for Central Florida Human Services and taking care of 95 year old mother and 97 year old aunt. However they need much looking after. I should be in such good health.

**Charlene Noble Mccraney** - Still work – teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Anthony elementary. Planning for retirement soon. Visit children often (all still in Florida – St. Augustine – Titusville and Ocala. Favorite vacation spot – New Smyrna Beach.

**Sandra Hooker Stedman** - I will be married to Homer Crothers on August 15, 2009 in Atlanta, GA.

**Carol Clark Knothe** - Bob and I moved from Nashville, Tennessee to Pensacola seven years ago to be near his family. Bob's dad, (ninety years old) lives a few blocks away. His sister and her husband also live in Pensacola. We enjoy traveling and visits from our family.

**Wed Deeds** - I've been retired for almost 4 years and play golf 3 or 4 times a week, play poker at the casino and love spending time with my 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

**Elaine Huckabay Estridge** - We enjoy watching our grandchildren

**Judy Locke Bates** - We are living on a farm! Mover here to north Florida 10 years ago and I am living the good life with my husband ken. We just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We enjoy our trips to our cabin in the N.C. mountains. We enjoy going to the beach and we enjoy going to Lakeland to visit our granddaughter and 3 beautiful great grandchildren. We enjoy having our son, 3 grand sons plus 1 great grandson ½ mile

down the road from us.

**Margaret Simpson Jones** - Once a year my husband and I take a trip to new places around the world. In 2008 we went to Thailand and Israel. I am also active in Bible Study Fellowship which is an International Bible Study.

**Travis Tate** - Working with my church, walking and taking care of my Dad.

**Donna Faye Weatherford Cobb** - Lost my husband Jerry Cobb in January of 2009. Moved back to Florida in March of '09 to take care of my 87 year old mother.

**Barbara Richter Skrosky** - Retired and living on the only natural Lake in PA Beautiful and serene.

**Patricia Bell Long** - Traveling in RV around the U.S.

**Dick Mauldin** - We do whatever we want to do with no deadlines

**Dan Miner** - I am working 2 days a week with my ex boss remodeling his house.



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