

## Connie Andrews Kok



Each person that has worked so hard on this reunion, I am very grateful. The letters that have come are so much fun to get. Would like to know about everyone and hope that some of the lost people will be found! Little did I know, the people of this class are the group of people that I most remember. The four or five years at Southfield High are by far the longest time that I have ever been with the same people.

After graduation, I went to Western Michigan for two years and then transferred to Michigan State. The summer of 1959, my father died and I was married four weeks later. The guy that I married was from Farmington and he was Regular Army. During the army time, I lived in Georgia, Texas, Alabama and Germany. We moved over 20 times. Moving is a regular part of my life and the longest time that I have ever lived in the same house is seven years. We had four children, Stacey, Scot, Maryah and Mitchell. We divorced 15 years later. I married again to Robb, a guy from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He is six years my junior and had never been married. Can only imagine how his mother took that. We have been married for 32 years. The two youngest children were adopted by Robb.

He worked in Atlanta for ten years and then changed careers. He taught at Penn. State for two years and did the course work for a PH.D at Virginia Tech, he did not do the dissertation. Then he moved to Providence, R.I. where he began to teach at Johnson and Wales University where he had been for 13 years. For nine of those years, I stayed in Atlanta and worked. I worked for the State of Georgia and did Child Protective Services in the city of Atlanta. Robb had no retirement plan to speak of and my plan with the state was too good to throw away. I was very involved with my job and was never bored.

Stacey, our oldest, lives in North Georgia in the country and has chickens, dogs, cats, goats and horses. Most important is the fact that they have 8 children. She married in an Italian family who came to the United States in the 50's. The children's names are Adriana, Guilanno, Michele, Isabella, Francesco, Marianna, Marcella and Angelo. No mistaking that family for Italians. All of her children are now in school and she has returned to work as a RN.

Scot is a sales manager for a large manufacturer of exercise equipment in 14 Eastern United States and travels all of the time. He never married.

Maryah is the youngest daughter and she lives in metro-Atlanta with her two children who are 9 and 10.

Mitchell is 36 and joined the Army while in medical school to help defray the cost. He is married and has two boys. Presently, he is at The University of Virginia doing a 2-year fellowship in Neuro-Radiology. He spent time in Iraq and fives years in Washington State doing his residency. They love the northwest and will live there eventually.

My very warmest love to all of you. Again, thank you for putting this together.

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