

## Charlie Hart



I truly wish I was able to attend this 50th reunion, as I know it will be a once in a lifetime affair, but prior medical commitments (nothing critical, just already scheduled) prevents Emily and I from traveling for any length of time in October. May everyone of my classmates who are able to attend this reunion enjoy it to the fullest! Below is a brief bio of the past 50 yrs.

I started at John Grace School in grade K, got my knuckles corrected with a ruler in Mrs. Greens 4th grade Penmanship class (do not believe they teach that anymore), my butt rearranged by Miss Rendall's leather strap in grade 6, (of course the girls never got into trouble), then on to McKinnley for the 7th grade and finally SHS.ï

Still married to my high school sweetheart (Emily Stoker, class of 58). It's 48 yrs now. We have 4 children, the 2 girls came first and then the 2 boys, all born in Charlevoix, MI. They all grew up and started/finished schooling in Kennebunkport, ME and they all did us proud. The 2 daughters and #1 son are still in ME.

#2 son is in CA. There are 10 grandchildren. I spent 20+ years in the US Coast Guard, enlisting right after graduation. I spent 8 yrs in Charlevoix, MI area, setting bouys, search & rescue & breaking ice from Chicago to Soo St Marie and 1 yr on Little Traverse Lightstation, a one man family lighthouse in Harbor Springs, MI. From there it was out to a little island called Miyako Jima for a year in the Ryukyu Islands chain in the vicinity of Okinawa. It was called Isolated Duty, so I was away from my family for 1 yr. Then on to the East coast from Portland, ME to New York City and points North & South. I retired out of the USCG Marine Inspection Office in NYC in 1980. Knew of a few marine industry friends working in the Trade Center during 9-11. We spent 30+ yrs in Maine. The cold weather finally got the best of me and we moved to Texas. Emily & I reside in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. Now I ride the Harley, enjoy a cold beer and do all that retired stuff on a slow bell!

One of the highlights of my Coast Guard career was while Engineering Officer of a Coast Guard vessel stationed out of Gloucester, MA. In 1976, during the U.S Centennial in Boston, MA, our vessel escorted the USS CONSTITUTION (Old Ironsides) into Boston Harbor to greet the Queens yacht upon her arrival. Old Ironsides fired a 21 gun salute to the Queen from her original (albet) restored cannons. The sight & sound of this salute was breathtaking!

Should anyone ever be in the area, please don't hesitate to call. We are about 20 miles South of I-10, just below Kerrville, TX on hwy 16. We would love for you to stop in and visit.

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