

Jerry Powell



I was born October 18, 1939 in Ferndale, MI.

We moved to CA in 1949 and returned to MI in 1950. I didn't like CA, not very much fun.

We settled in Southfield in 1951.

I attended Angling Road School when there were still farms around us. I still have contact with some of my classmates from there.

I started at SHS in the 8th grade. I remember the classes in the bus garage with Mr. Watts. I had a great time, didn't push the school work enough, but I had lots of fun. My scholastic skills really never came, but growing up and having fun throughout school went hand in hand.

I still remember Mr. O'Brien and his political theories about WWII, he shaped some of my thoughts even today.

How about Miss Picard's English class? Some of the boys in her class sure gave her a tough time.

Then Mr. Steinke's math class, if you missed the basket with the paper you threw, you got whacked with the pointer.

Those were great times and wonderful memories.

My senior year, I had a motorcycle. I was lucky to live through that!! God does look after kids, doesn't he?

I attended EMU for one year. Jon Smith was my room mate. I had way to much fun there.

I married Louella Jacobs in 1958, whom I had dated for 2 years. What great a great find!! I think our dad's set us up. They knew a good combination.

We moved around a bit the first few years with construction work. We settled back in Southfield in 1962.

By 1968 Southfield had lost the rural setting that we like so much. We built a house in Lyon Township, MI. That was fun, building a home and working all over southeastern MI., We had 5 acres there for our home and construction yard. I dug a pond for swimming in the summer and skating in the winter. We raised our 5 children there, 2 boys and 3 girls. I really enjoyed every moment of that.

In 1998 we bought a corvette, "regaining the lost youth". We raced (both Lou & I) it in auto cross for 5 years. Had a lot of fun as usual.

Since 2004, we have lived here in Hersey, MI. I was retired but now I semi-retired as I am the Osceola County Drain Commissioner.

We have been blessed with 10 grandchildren ranging in ages with the oldest being 24 and the youngest being 4 years old.

It's real quite and peaceful here and we are enjoying life to the fullest and have been blessed with good health.

My wife is still trying to train me after 49 years. What a wonderful person she is. What fun!

My latest endeavor is trying to have "more fun" is that I now have a go-cart that I'm racing. Fun, Fun, Fun.