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Husband: Mike McKinley (SSHS '62)

After each marrying other people and eventually divorcing, Mike and I were married in 1977. At that time I was able to retire from my career as a secretary, working mostly for various offices for the State of Oregon. I moved to St. Louis where Mike was working as a travel director for an incentive company. He wrapped up a 35 year stint with Maritz Travel Company six years ago when he retired.

We have lived in a gated community on a 130 acre lake for the last 22 years. We have 2 sons, Chad age 44 and Jason age 41 and two grandchildren, Sterling age 16 and Brianna age 15 and have enjoyed watching their lives unfold.

We have been blessed with good health and have been fortunate to travel over the years to China,

Paris, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, Monaco, Rome, Venice, Florence, Costa Rica, Jamaica, the Caribbean, Bahamas and Cancun. We have traveled the U.S. as well, by train whenever possible enjoying the Amtrak's Empire Builder, Amtrak's California Zephyr, Amtrak's SW Chief, Durango-Silverton R.R., the Grand Canyon railway, Amtrak's Lincoln Service, Amtrak's Missouri River Runner, the Alaska railway and the Skagway White Pass/Yukon railway on the Alaska White Pass Summit excursion. We have also enjoyed cruises on the Wind Star, Wind Surf, Disney's Magic, Clipper Cruise and Norwegian Cruise Lines.

At home, we enjoy boating, fishing, and gardening. I am continuing to work with gourds, woodburning and painting them to resemble Native American pottery and doing re-enactment rendezvous and various other shows. I am a member of the Show Me Gourd Society as well as the American Gourd Society.

Last August we enjoyed Mike's 50<sup>th</sup> SSHS reunion class of '62 very much, and are looking forward this year to seeing our classmates from 1963. The time really flew, didn't it?

