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Children: Teresa and Jason

Grandchildren: Joel, MaKaylee, Jacob, Mack, Julia, Brooke (ages 8 to 26)

I got married the fall after graduation to Gary (class of '61). We moved to the dry side of Oregon and both graduated in Elementary Education in 1967. We both taught in small country schools and had 2 children. Teresa started school in Diamond, Oregon in a class of 8 boys when she was 3 weeks old (we lived in the school) . She's still living in schools, now as a principal in Oregon. Jason was born when we were at Antelope - he wasn't in the classroom with me, but he also grew up in schools. He's a coach and PE teacher in Florida. Our gift to the world is a couple of awesome educators! One of our grand children is at Oregon State and going into education too. I guess we grow teachers in our family.

I really enjoyed the 40+ years I spent in the classroom. My focus was at the primary grades and serving pre-school aged children with special needs (16 years). I have many fond memories of "my kids". I thank Mrs. Halvorson (FTA advisor and teacher) and many of my great teachers from Salem for encouraging me along the way!

Gary and I are not great travelers. We have camped throughout most of Oregon and spend a couple of months a year in hunting and fishing camp. It is fun to touch base with those outdoor friends each year. This year we are celebrating our 50th honeymoon by going archery hunting. Each year we go camping and Gary hunts. We started out in a borrowed tent and a few other camping things. Fortunately, we've graduated to a 27 foot self-contained trailer. We enjoy Oregon's beautiful scenery and wildlife in the out-of-the-way places where we camp.

We're celebrating our 50th anniversary in Bend this summer. Our daughter has planned an awesome party for us in August so that we can spend our "honeymoon" once again in hunting camp. We are looking forward to seeing our family and friends and almost our whole wedding party (Anne and Bob Jones - class of '63 and Bill Hamilton - class of '61 are driving clear to Bend to help celebrate!)

As Gary hunts and fishes I work on my hobbies. I enjoy quilting, handwork, sewing, reading, and walking with a bit of visiting around the campfire thrown in! During these trips I've worked on lap quilts, dolls, dresses, and other small projects for family, friends, and as donations. I am thankful for my small sewing machine and our generator. I also love my Kindle!!

The last 50 years have flown by and life has been good. Luckily, I have been blessed with good health, a great family, nice friends, and a beautiful place to live. We have lived in Bend since 1975 and still enjoy the sunshine, mountains, and lakes. I hope you all have a great reunion. I will think of you as I settle into another "honeymoon" camping trip.

