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Family names & ages:

Ben, 32, Annie, 27, Bob 26 , Mike, 23, and Peter, 20, Sam, husband 38 years, one grandchild, son of Bob and Brenda, Alexander, 3 months old

What's happening in our family?

There is alot going on with four boys and one girl, but too much to detail here. Our daughter Annie is married,our sons are working, dating and moving in and out of apartments and leaving stuff in our garage. We have only Peter in college now and the rest are on their own.

Fond memories of high school:

Lunch was a highlight for me! Seriously, I really enjoyed the relationships the most and the numerous phone calls after school hours making plans even though our family had one line and numerous family members taking and making calls. I still remember many phone numbers!

Career status:

I taught preschool and kdgn, taught Family Education (a Minnesota program) and recently got my real estate license to work part time. Right now I'm helping some 1st time buyers find homes to take advantage of the tax credit incentive, but have some other buyers wanting to get good deals, which as you know, are readily available.

How I spend my time:

I need to strike a balance, continually, between work, family and just nothing to do, which is hard for me. I have a great life of freedom to do whatever I want and the challenge is always "hmmm...what should I be doing today?" whether it's visiting my aging parents or making sure I have things ready to go for a real estate transaction, it's always trying to discern what are the important thing(s) to do today.

Comments for classmates:

I appreciate the history we have all shared. We have been separated for the most part since 1969 and we had no idea what we would do or how it would be to go it alone by ourselves. I'm looking forward to seeing those who can come to the reunion. I also recognize that it's hard to "catch up" on a weekend reunion, even though I will try!

Lessons learned since 1969:

- (1) I know how to clean my kid's apartments when they frantically call on the last day of their lease. Why are there 3 pages of "must have dones" and they have 1 item checked off and they have 6 hours to move out?
- (2) I know how to drink strong coffee at 5:30 in the morning
- (3) I know how to stretch before I exercise

When you see me please don't ask:

I can't think of anything not to ask me