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I'm sorry to be missing the reunion; it sounds like it's been well-planned. All in attendance will surely have a good time. My husband was hospitalized recently, but is doing well now. Since we cannot attend, I'd love to hear from some of you via e-mail.

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Family names & ages:

Husband, Gary--married 38 years. . .he is doing well and recovering now

Daughter, Emily (37) is developmentally disabled and lives with us. She works on the over-night stocking team at Target (for 15 years). She loves music, movies, and (this is hard for me to say!) professional wrestling. Her out-going, generous spirit continues to enrich our lives.

Son, Nathan (32), is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He works as a project manager for Pariveda Solutions, a Dallas-based consulting firm. He and his wife Cathy live in rural Rockwall county where they keep three horses. Their daughter, Hannah (age 3) is the light of our lives. . . Gary and I can't stop smiling! It is an acute joy to see the world anew through her innocent eyes.

Son, Joshua (29), lives in Dallas, and works for Soft Layer (another technology firm), where he builds servers. He has attended several colleges. . .and is still "finding himself." Like many last-borns, he is witty and charming. . .in a family circle dominated by Type "A" over-achieving first-borns, Josh often helps us to see what really ISN'T important after all!

What's happening in our family?

I (finally) finished and defended my dissertation in 2004.

After 31 years of service, my husband retired from Target Corp. last year. He was "unemployed" for three weeks, during which time he remodeled two rooms in the house and began working on a room addition. He called my office numerous times each day with progress reports. Obviously not meant to be "unemployed," he now works at Lowes, and my office hours are once again more productive.

Fond memories of high school:

Good friends. . .great slumber parties at Mary Ann Huerter's house

Career status:

I'm on the faculty of Collin College (Plano, TX campus) where I teach Composition and Literature (my Master's is in English, the Doctorate is in Rhetoric). I've been teaching college English for 16 years, and have no plans to retire. I love going to work every day with people who share my interests, and actually enjoy talking about things like Aristotle's theory of dialectic, or the postmodern qualities of the Coen brothers' films. No one at home will tolerate such discussion!

How I spend my time:

When I'm not working, I'm in my garden. I converted the traditional landscaping in front of our house into an English-style garden--in addition to blooming shrubs and perennials, I planted 40 roses there. Last fall, I began converting our small suburban back yard into a garden space with walks, pond, flower beds. . .and eliminated the lawn. Gardening is my therapy; I probably spend as much on it as I would on therapy, but I'm convinced is much more effective!.

Comments for classmates:

Enjoy the reunion!

Lessons learned since 1969:

Overcome fear by doing what terrifies you. . .risk usually delivers rewards.

When you see me please don't ask: