



Carol Heil Conover: Was born in July 1940 and graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Following high school, I majored in Home Economics Education at Ohio University. I married Jim Conover (Class of '57) and joined him in Hampton, Virginia, where he was stationed at Langley Air Force Base for 5 years. Our two children, Jeff and Dana, were born in Virginia before we left for 4 ½ years in Okinawa. We were able to travel to Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Hong Kong. We returned to the States in 1970 to "then" Lockbourne Air Force Base near Columbus, Ohio for 2 years, although Jim had to return to Thailand for 7 months during that time.

Our next 4 ½ years were spent in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where our favorite activities were family boating and water skiing. Our last assignment was back to Langley AFB, Virginia for another 5 years before Jim retired and eventually worked at Newport News Shipbuilding for 15 years before taking his second retirement. Band Boosters, sports, and fishing were some of the activities we were involved in.

My 4-H work actually led me to a job at Leggett's Dept. Store as their resident chef doing house wares demos. I also sewed for and worked in an interior decorator shop.

In 1999, we built a house in The Villages, Florida, and were part-time residents until 2006. At that time, Jim's parents and sister (Joann) and husband (all deceased now) moved here too. We've seen The Villages population grow from 16,000 to at least 100,000 now with three town squares with evening entertainment and so many activities it's hard to imagine. I am still singing in several Hope Lutheran Church groups, playing chimes/handbells, quilting (15 chapters in our guild!), belong to a Red Hat group, and still like to golf, dance, and swim occasionally.

We've slowed down a little after a tough 2012. Jim had proton radiation therapy treatments for prostate cancer, his sister and husband were killed in an auto crash during that same time, and I came down with shingles in my eye. We're just starting to pick up steam again. We use our GEM street legal golf cart a lot for transportation here.

Our most recent trip was a river cruise on the American Queen steamship/paddle wheel boat from Pittsburgh to St. Louis.

We have 3 grandchildren 16-21 years old: Christian Conover in Virginia, Zachary and Maeghan Pomerantz in Idaho. All are in school.

My Favorite Memories of Whitmer High: My favorite teacher was Mrs. Vera Fountaine. I also liked the band trips and activities, Honor Society comradery, house parties, and GAA sports.

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