



**Virginia Jones Blanton:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in August of 1940.

After High School I went to the University of Toledo for a while, then met and married my husband, had a wonderful son, and lived in Toledo. After the marriage ended I went to work for a company where I met my second husband.

He ended up going into business for himself and we worked together for many years, traveling to Texas, California, Indiana, and

Ohio. After injuring his back we sold the business and bought a home in Clearwater, Florida.

Although, we both loved Florida very much my husband's mother became very ill and we had to move to North Carolina to care for her. My husband's son lived there as well so it gave us a chance to become real close. After she passed away we continued to live there and I started to work part time for our church's day care. I went back to school, got my degree and later became director of the day care.

After my husband died, I stayed in North Carolina for a number of years and then moved back to Florida to be closer to the younger grandchildren. Unfortunately, shortly after moving here my son died.

Currently I am busy working for the school system, taking care of my house, visiting my sister in St. Petersburg, attending all the children's functions and activities, and am very involved with my church. I also go back to Ohio and North Carolina every summer to visit family and friends. And of course, living in Florida I have a lot of family and friends visiting me.

I am very proud to say that I am a grandmother to nine and a great grandmother to seven great grandchildren. This keeps me very busy during birthdays and holidays.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** Although I didn't have many friends in high school because we lived in Florida every winter, I made a lifetime friend in Marge Mittendorf. We remained close through our adult lives and both ended up in Florida. My other memory of school was the fact our class was the last one to go all three years to high school and graduate from the old Whitmer.

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