



**Judy Muir Heini:** Graduated from Whitmer in 1958. I was born in March 1940.

During my junior and senior years at Whitmer, I held a responsible position with Nationwide Insurance on Phillips Avenue. That prepared me to move up the ladder at age 20 to my Executive Secretary position to a V.P. at DeVilbiss Company.

I met my future husband, Harry, during my lunchtime at the White Hut. We were married four and a half years later. We eventually moved to Miami, Florida. He and I started Heini's Nursery and we lived a very comfortable life.

There are drawbacks to trying to run your own business and have an active Miami Beach social life. We divorced after 12 years

without the blessing of any children. Money does not always make for security. Ed Fritz wrote in my senior year Oracle "all is not gold that glitters". I understand what he was saying.

I went on the work at the Burger King headquarters for a few years and then to Florida Power & Light where management reorganization gave me a choice after 11 years. I chose to take severance pay and move up to Illinois to be near my sister and her family. It was a good choice as I got an incredible job with Advocate South Suburban Hospital and retired in 2006.

I purchased a condominium and adopted a miniature schnauzer. I named him Stormy and he is now my baby. The sense of being single doesn't occur to me very often except when I stop living in the present and look backward. Not a good thing to do. I feel happy, am healthy, still dance in my living room in front of the dog while he barks.

In October 2012, I moved to Elkhart, IN and am now 4 miles from my one and only sister, Pam & her husband, Dick (Zinny). I was doctoring for a couple different health issues and my guardian angel, Pam, asked if I might be interested in relocating. She was always my second Mother. She sent a picture of a house I knew I could make my home and so I came over to see it, fell in love and here I am. It was quite a challenge but I created my safe haven until the Good Lord decides differently.

The winter wasn't too bad but come June, my schnauzer, Stormy, became ill and I had to put him to sleep on June 8th. Those of you who love their pets can understand my utter devastation. I am slowly creating a new life on my own and believe we carry with us our intended joy and happiness. He was a gift to me for seven years and now I must go forward. My high school friendships will always be with me and some of us still communicate.

My many memories will always sustain me in my alone time but I do have quite active community pursuits in my retirement area. Good neighbors, flirty old-timers who make me smile and frequent time with family. My sister has led me around Elkhart to new doctors who are by far taking the best care of me. I truly believe this is where I was meant to be at this time of my life and am happy to call Elkhart my home.

**Favorite Whitmer Memory:** What seemed to be the embarrassment of my young life was when I was attempting a shoulder roll on the balance beam during our senior Circus. It seems I didn't warm up beforehand and got off balance resulting in a slip off that beastly contraption. I landed with my feet on the floor but not before uttering a nasty word and the audience roared. What a surprise, I found their acceptance of my imperfection gave me the strength to get back on and finish my solo act. You classmates were great !!!!!

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