



**Bill Shaner:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. I was born in March 1940.

After graduation I joined the Marine Corp. I served in the 1st. Bat. 6th Marines out of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. I was able to see a lot of the world. I was in for four and a half years, and attained the rank of Sergeant E5.

During this time I married my high school sweetheart, Carol, and we've had a wonderful marriage. We are going to be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary this Oct.

We have three children, a daughter, Lynn, and two sons, Michael, and Bill, and four granddaughters and a grandson. All our kids live close, and we are able to see them almost daily. Our daughter, Lynn is a stay at home Mom and housewife, our son Michael is the head maintenance man at the Westgate Mall, and Bill is a Sergeant on the Toledo Police Department.

After being discharged from the Marines, we moved back to Toledo and I got a job working for the man I worked for when we were going to high school, making cemetery memorials. Later I bought the company, which we owned for twenty three years.

We lived in Toledo for sixteen years, and our two older kids graduated from Whitmer. In 1980, we fulfilled a lifelong dream of moving out in the country, near Petersburg, Mi. We have five acres and I have a big garden and a woodworking shop where I build furniture. We sold the company, Toledo Monumental, ten years ago and retired.

We are really enjoying retirement and God has truly blessed our lives. We love and serve the Lord and belong to a wonderful country Church, Summerfield Baptist.

**My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** Stacy's gym class, and Mr. Johnson's woodworking class, and the fun I had with my good friends, Jim Snyder, and Fred Houck. In fact, Fred and I have been friends for over sixty years, and still see each other once and week and sometimes more. We've had a lot of great hunting and fishing trips together.

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