



**Jim Welton:** In 1956, during my junior year at Whitmer, we moved to the Bay area in Northern California. This is where I finished High School at Sunnyvale High School in 1958.

After High School I spent 2 years in the Navy aboard an ammunition ship, stationed out of Port Chicago which is near San Francisco.

In 1961 I married a California girl. We were married for 23 years and have three children and now have three grandchildren.

I went to work for a National Bank and gained valuable experience in computer programming. During the next forty years I held many programmer jobs with many different companies.

In 1984 I was fortunate to work in Saudi Arabia for one year as a computer programmer for the Ministry of Defense and Aviation.

I went through a tough divorce after 23 years of marriage in 1984. In 1985, I met a girl who was born and raised in Hong Kong. I met her at a computer school where I was the Director of Education.

We have one daughter who is attending San Diego State University. She is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year and is expected to graduate in the summer of 2010.

I am currently working at Bank of America as a computer programmer. This means I have been a programmer since 1963. In the past 40 years I have seen and experience many changes in the data processing area.

### **Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:**

- Sitting in the same desk that my dad sat in. I knew it was his desk because his initials (PGW) were carved in the top of the desk. My dad graduated from Whitmer in 1933 and lives in Roseburg, Oregon.
- Playing on the varsity football team during my junior year.
- In track, breaking the one minute barrier in the quarter mile.
- Attending the after game dances in the school's gym.
- Doing the things we did after the dances. The older I get the better I was.

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