



# Who Am I?

**What year did I graduate?** 1969

**Who did I go to the senior prom with?** Did not go

**What organizations did I belong to in high school?** Spanish Club, Chess Club

**What grade was I in when this picture was taken?** 12th grade

**What state do I live in now?** Baytown, Texas

**How many kids do I have now?** Two Children

**What is or was my occupation?** Project Planner / Scheduler (takes the approved scope of work and plans how the work will be accomplished and develops a schedule from those plans)

**My closest friend/s in HS?** Jack Tompkins '70, Robert Jordan '70

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## What have I been doing since high School?

After graduation I attended San Jacinto College for about two years, while working nights at the Brown & Root shipyard. I had plans of going to dental school.

In 1970, I had a "VERY" short marriage which caused me to join the U.S. Air Force as a Dental Technician. I spent twelve years bouncing between Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas and Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas attending schools. I trained as a Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, and an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (similar to a Physicians Assistant). My last assignment was at Loring Air Force Base in Caribou, Maine.

In 1972, I met my current wife, Peggy from Smithville, Texas. She was working as my father's secretary. We were married in November of 1973. We have two children: Scott is thirty four and owns a restaurant in Caldwell, Texas, and Crystal is thirty one and is a Dialysis Technician in Baytown, Texas. We have one granddaughter (LOVE OF MY LIFE) Emma who is five years old. We have been married thirty five years.

In 1982, I left the Air Force, join the Texas Air National Guard as a Telecommunication Cable Splicer, and enrolled at the University of Houston to complete my Pre- dental degree. But with a wife and two children I soon had to drop out and go to work. I went to work for Brown & Root as an Electrician Helper. Over the next twenty years, I worked my self up to an Electrical Superintend. In 1998 I retired from the Air National Guard. I attended Lee College, and received my Associate Degrees in Electrical & Electronic Technologies. In 1999 I earned my Texas Master Electrician's License.

In 2002, I passed the Project Management Professional, (PMP) certification exam and became a Planner / Scheduler for Austin Industrial at the Lyondell complexes.

In 2004, I went to California on two projects at the Exxon- Mobil plant in Torrance. During the three years I was there I went back to school and completed my bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Management & Technology.

I currently am working as a Maintenance Planner at the Pasadena Refining System Inc. (the old Crown Plant) next to the Washburn Tunnel.

I plan on retiring to Caldwell, Texas in two years when my military retirement kicks in, and open a recreational vehicle (RV) park on the ten acres I am buying there.

WHO AM I - I am James (Pokey) Tompkins

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**Those who have been "Who Am I" people:** Helen Dworsky, James Mason, Debbie Roberts, Glen Owens, Sandy Kluth, Stuart Hill, Belinda Niemtschk, Renwick Preston, Phyllis Stafford, Homer Laird, Pat Smith, Glen Brown, Jackie Carnathan, Kris Campbell, Charlene Clayton, Mike Garies, Jeannene Bowman, Hans Muller, Carla Peters, Linda Lindow, Jon Swain, Barbara Beavers, Randy Melton, Marilyn Thompson, Kenny McAfee, Marva Lorfing, Rocky Fondren, Debbie Campbell, Ronald Buchta, Cathy Seale, David Hart, Debbie James, James Tompkins

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