

## Who Am I?

What year did I graduate? 1969

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

What organizations did I belong to in high school? D.E.C.A., F.B.L.A., played basketball my freshman year, football my freshman and junior year.

What grade was I in when this picture was taken? 9th grade

What state do I live in now? College Station, Texas (WHOOP)

How many kids do I have now? Two children: a son, age 34 he lives in Brooklyn, New York and my daughter is 29. Three Grandchildren: Trent age 9, Amber and Timmy are 7, yes twins.

What is or was my occupation? I retired from the Houston Fire Department and currently am a Program Manager for Weapons of Mass Distruction and EMS porgrams for the Fire School at Texas A&M.

My closest friend/s in HS? Hans Muller, Jackie Carnathan, and Floyd Niemtshk

## What have I been doing since high school?

After graduation in 1969, I went to work for Brown & Root at the Diamond Shamrock plant off Haden Rd. while I waited for my Houston Fire Dept. cadet class to start in March of 1970. I worked for HFD for ten years, served as a firefighter, paramedic, public information officer for the EMS division and retired (early) as a Captain. During this time, I married my High School sweetheart, Sharon Davenport (CHS -70). Unfortunately, that did not work out for us but we are still great friends and still see and talk to each other when we can. I did remarry in 1972 and the 70's brought the two children listed above.

Now to the 80's, with my fire department pension vested, I decided to make a career move and went to work for an offshore drilling company as their training coordinator. The company, Rowan Companies, Inc. had offshore rigs all over the world and my ventures outside the US began. For the next nine years I traveled to our rigs, conducting safety inspections and training in England, Holland, Africa, Singapore, Indonesia and of course the Gulf of Mexico. Great times, fond memories.

The 90's brought more changes for me as I left the drilling company and accepted an instructor's position here at the fire school at Texas A&M. I moved up from instructor to coordinator to manager. I have been here for the last fifteen years and think I will just stay until I really retire. I work in the Texas Engineering Extension Service, which is a State Agency within the A&M System. The programs I manage are responsible to the Department of Homeland Security for the delivery of training programs to emergency responders in all fifty states and U.S. Territories. We train the responders in how to manage terrorists' attacks and natural and manmade disasters. I oversee the Incident Management, Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Materials training programs.

I enjoy my position here, which allows me to travel with my training teams when the schedules permit. As I mentioned earlier, my daughter and grandchildren live here as well so I get to spend time with them. My son lives in New York City and we each make a trip sometime during the year.

Now, here is another clue about who I am, I only attended CHS my four years of High School. So, you didn't grow up with me but we did grow together. If you get to Aggieland, look me up or give me a call. Who am I, I am Jon Swain. (Esquire, for you Denise)

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