

What year did I graduate? 1969

Who did I go to the senior prom with? Mickey Stanley, Galena Park '68

What organizations did I belong to in high school? FHA, Key Club, Cosmetic, Volleyball

What grade was I in when this picture was taken? 8th grade

What state do I live in now? Tomball, Texas

How many kids do I have now? Two daughters and three grandkids

What is or was my occupation? Hairdresser and barber for 41 years now retired

My closest friend/s in HS? Darlean Clayton and Linda Murray

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## What have I been doing since high school?

I grew up and lived in the river bottoms of Channelview since 1957, I was a true River Rat. After graduation, I went to work at Woodforest Beauty Salon. I wasn't interested in college, but would have loved to have gone into the Air Force and see the world, my dad came unglued at that. In July of 1969

I got married and settled down. My husband and I had a pact; no kids for five years! We hunted and fished everywhere we could. In September of 1969, I quit the Woodforest Beauty Salon and went to work in a small shop off Markey Road called Debbies. I made more money and was much happier. I stayed there for five and a half years.

In January of 1975 we had a daughter named Shelley Renee. She has blonde hair, blue eyes and a fair skin, very much like her father. Having her didn't slow us down as she went along too. Then in February of 1978, we had another daughter named Shasta Michele after the John Wayne movie Rio Lobo. She has dark hair, brown eyes and olive skin like me! Things slowed down quite a bit and we moved to Oakwood, a small town between Buffalo and Palestine in Leon County, Texas. All was great except our finances as it is hard to make a living out in the country.

We decided to move closer to Houston so we could make a modest living so we moved to Tomball in 1980. I went to work again in a small shop called, Peggy's Style Shack. Things started going downhill after a few years and we divorced in 1989.

I soon met Jim, who over the years has become very important to me. He raises horses and we belong to the Sam Houston Trail Riders Association. Some people seem to do better if they aren't married - that's us. Ha! Ha! Peggy sold me her shop and I ran it for ten years before I sold it. In 2002 and I went to work in a barber shop in Tomball and stayed there until I had to retire due to back problems.

My daughter, Shelley and her husband, Mike, have a beautiful daughter named Savannah who is seven years old. They live in San Antonio and we visit them often. My daughter, Shasta and her husband, Gerald, have a son, Gabriel, who is seven and a daughter, Madison, who is five. Gerald is in the military and they live in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Unfortunately, we don't get to see them as often as we would like.

I feel like my life has been a hell of a journey. I have traveled to Germany, France and have seen a lot of the U.S. and Alaska. I hope to have plenty more years to travel and I still live in Tomball. Who am I? I am Karen Nias.

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, Linda Hall, Robert Taylor, Ann Robichaux, Ronnie Smelley, Linda Gandy, Lowell Everitt, Connie Smelley, Steve Schopfer, Karen Nais.