

# Who Am I?



What year did I graduate? **1969**

Who did I go to the senior prom with? **I didn't go**

What organizations did I belong to in high school? **FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America**

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

What state do I live in now? **Prairieville, Louisiana**

How many kids do I have now? **Three**

What is or was my occupation? **Project Controls Engineer**

My closest friend in HS? **Kenny McAfee**

How old am I now? **55**

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## What have I been doing since high school?

As mentioned above, I have three children, Allan, 22, Daniel, 20, and Jennifer, 17. They are all still at home, unmarried, going to school and working. My sons also went to Iraq with the Army National Guard, together within the same Company and Platoon. My wife, Janet, is from Mobile, Alabama and graduated, there, in 1975.

I worked for KBR, (Halliburton) overseas building chemical plants and refineries. I have traveled all over the U.S. and the world helping build and track oil refineries and chemical plants. My work has taken me to Amsterdam, London, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt and Canada. I also lived in California for several years.

For the most part I am retired doing little things here around the house in Louisiana. When I was working I would have to be gone for six months at a time with only two weeks off twice a year. Our boys came home safe from Iraq in 2005. My daughter will be a senior in high school next year. My Mom and Dad live in Crosby now and they travel all over the U.S. very extensively.

I try to keep track of what is going on and this website is the best way. Who am I, I am Mike Garies.

Update:

Randy,  
5-14-11

Hi. My name is Wendy Garies Musachia, (CHS '72). Mike Garies, (CHS '69), is my brother. I've enjoyed receiving your CHS69 emails for a number of

years.

Mike's wife, Janet, let me know that you had called their home in Pearland, and she wanted to know if I knew who you were. She was hesitant to take the call, not being familiar with your name. She is not from Channelview and knows none of Mike's friends from childhood. I assured her that I knew who you were and you probably were interested in knowing about Mike's condition. She asked that I email you and let you know.

Mike was working in Seoul, South Korea, until he was returned to the states in late January 2011, very ill. He had been hospitalized there with "flu-like" symptoms, which continued after his return home. After several weeks of deteriorating health along with several doctor visits and rounds of antibiotics, he was diagnosed in late March with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at UTMB John Sealy in Galveston. He was transferred to MD Anderson on April 8, where he remains. He was in Multiple Organ Failure at that time of his arrival at MDA and spent about two weeks in ICU on 12 days of continual SLEDS Dialysis and on a ventilator for about 10 days. While in ICU and heavily sedated, he underwent 4 days of continual high-dose chemotherapy, which the doctors felt was successful. After being removed from the ventilator and regaining some strength, he was moved to a room on the 9th floor, where this past week he completed the 2nd round of continual, high-dose chemotherapy successfully. He has been undergoing dialysis for 4 hours every other day, (sometimes every day) and working to regain his strength. Mike has experienced the inability to swallow, related to having been intubated for such a long period and only recently has been allowed anything by mouth, (only liquid'pureed diet for the past few days). Over the last few days he has begun to speak a little, ( whispering due to throat damage ), and to be really aware of his surroundings, etc. Last night, however, he had a setback when he began bleeding internally and lost a lot of blood in a short period of time. He was rushed back to ICU and the doctors are working now to locate the source of the bleed and are giving him blood. He is back on the continuous SLEDS dialysis for kidney support.

His wife, Janet, and their adult children, Allan, Daniel and Jennifer, as well as our parents and myself, are so appreciative to all those who have sent well-wishes and offered prayers for his recovery. We know he is receiving excellent care at MD Anderson and have faith that he will meet this challenge and overcome this disease. He is a strong man and we have every reason to believe he will recover with continued support.

Please feel free to pass information concerning Mike's condition to those interested. He has heard from several CHS friends and received cards and emails from some as well. Though he unable to speak on the phone or use his laptop at this time, he is aware of these communications from CHS

friends and seems to be very appreciative and touched by the concerns of friends from his childhood.

Thank you for all you do,  
Wendy Garies '72 Musachia

Randy,  
5-16-11

Thank you for passing along the information I sent the other day. I have heard from a number of Mike's former classmates, though I have not yet had time to respond to each individually. I shared the notes of encouragement with him yesterday and he seemed to respond positively. It means so much to the family and our parents to hear from his childhood friends.

Thank you to all of you who have sent notes of concern and prayers for Mike. I am sending this in the form of an update. Feel free to pass this information along.

Mike was taken back to ICU on Saturday morning with internal bleeding and by Sunday the doctors felt they had located the origin of the bleed and had it under control. This morning, however, his blood pressure has dropped to 50/30 and he is in Septic Shock. He is currently on a Ventilator. The BP is currently stable and they are giving blood and treating the sepsis with pressors and antibiotics. His immune system is compromised at this time but he continues to receive one-on-one care in the ICU. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Thank you,  
Wendy Garies '72 Musachia  
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5-23-11  
Randy

I'm so sorry I haven't gotten back to you this week. It has been a rough week. Today at 4:30 pm @ MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, My brother, Mike, lost his fight with Lymphoma. He was only recently diagnosed, (March 26th), but the disease was just too aggressive and fast-moving.

Thank you to all of his wonderful friends who supported him through this time with prayers and well-wishes. He spent the last week in ICU fighting a massive infection and was still on a ventilator. Our parents, myself, and Mike's wife and children were at his bedside. I was saving all the emails and

cards sent by his former classmates and childhood friends to present to him when he recovered enough to read them. I am still going to compile them and give them to his family this week. I wish he could have known how many of you sent good wishes. He would have been so touched and honored. Arrangements are pending, but services and burial will be at Sterling White in Highlands, TX.

He fought a tough fight but is now forever healed!

Wendy Garies Musachia

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#### **Obituary for Michael Scott Garies**

*Michael Scott Garies, Forever Healed, was born on July 2, 1951 in Houston, Texas to Shirley and John A. Garies. He passed away on May 22, 2011 after a brave battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his brother, John A. Garies Jr. Michael is survived by his wife of 30 years, Janet Adams Garies; sons, Allan Michael Garies and Daniel Scott Garies and daughter Jennifer Rae Garies; parents, John A. Garies and Shirley Garies; sister, Wendy Garies Musachia and brother-in-law, John C. Musachia; sister-in-law, Ricka Cox Garies; nephews, John Joel Garies and Paul Anthony Musachia; nieces, Annie Grace Garies Pierce and Elizabeth Anne Musachia. A graduate of Channelview High School, class of 1969, Michael's work as a project manager with KBR and Later Halliburton and CBI for many years took him to Alaska, Qatar, Dubai, Egypt, and most recently, South Korea. Michael was a Christian, proud of his Heritage as a Texan and was an American Patriot. The family will be receiving friends for visitation Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 5-8pm at Sterling ~ White Funeral Home in the Chapel. A celebration of life will be held Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 10:00am at Sterling ~ White Funeral Home in the Chapel. There will be a grave side service following at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston, Texas at 12:00pm. Services have been entrusted to Sterling ~ White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).*



Mike Garies 1969 Channelview High School graduation picture.