



# Who Am I?

What year did I graduate? **1969**

Who did I go to the senior prom with? **Gigi Mouler from Milby High School**

What organizations did I belong to in high school? **Football, Basketball, Newspaper Staff, Theater Play**

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

What state do I live in now? **Round Top, Texas**

How many kids do I have now? **none.**

What is or was my occupation? **Retired from law enforcement**

My closest friend/s in HS? **Joe Stepp '69, David Hart '69, Kenny McAfee '69**

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## What have I been doing since high school?

Upon graduating from Channelview High School I enrolled at Baytown Community College. I needed a job while I was going to college so I took a job as a prison guard just south of Houston. I went to college during the day and worked as a prison guard at night. Upon starting my second year of college I transferred to the University of Houston. It was during this time that Joe Stepp contacted me and asks me if I wanted to go out on a blind date with a girl that was a friend of a girl he knew. I told him I would and that is how I met my wife. We dated for six months and then we were married, and we just celebrated our thirty-seventh year of marriage. Once I was married it struck me I now had a wife to support so I dropped out of college and went looking for a full time job. I worked several odd jobs before joining the Houston Police Department in 1972.

Working for the police department was indeed a full time job, my wife and I tried taking several college classes together but work was too demanding for me to stay in college. My wife decided she wanted to get a degree so I knew I would have to support both of us. We both decide not to have children so we put all our time and effort into me learning a new job and her going to college and working part-time. After several years I learned my job quite well and my wife got her degree.

It was in 1985 that the police department gave me a computer and wanted me to learn how to use it so I could teach other officers. In 1987, as part of my job I started working with the deaf and hard of hearing citizens of Houston. I became the departmental liaison officer between the deaf community and the Houston Police Department. The deaf community culture fascinated me so I started holding monthly meetings with them on behalf of the police department.

My wife and I bought our property in Round Top, Texas in 1991 we used it as our weekend getaway with the intention of retiring there some day. In 1990 I developed a training program for law enforcement officers on how they should handle a deaf or hard of hearing person when they came in contact with them. One thing lead to another and I began training officers in our police academy when I retired in 2002 I became a training consultant. I traveled all over the U.S. giving my eight hour training to law enforcement officers. The training became so popular that after four years and giving my training in forty-five of the fifty states I retired for the second time.

Back in 1998 Joe Stepp contacted me again and he convinced me we should join our high school reunion committee. We did and we started making the reunion committee meetings and we helped to plan the 1999 Galveston weekend reunion, and we have been on the reunion committee every since. After several years Joe took a job over seas but he stayed on the reunion committee.

In 2001 I decided to start the CHS69class web site and it has been wonderful work and I really enjoy doing it. I have found all but twenty-one of our classmates and with the caring help from the other committee members I understand what it means to cherish old friendships. I hope the web site has brought all of us closer together. Keeping in touch with the people that shaped my early life means so very much to me. Who am I, I am Randy Melton.