



Who Am I?

What year did you graduate? [1969](#)

Who did you go to the senior prom with? [Debbie Rook '70.](#)

What organizations did you belong to in high school? [drama](#)

Where do you live now? [Olympia, Washington](#)

How many kids do you have now? [3](#)

What is or was my occupation? [Information Technology Director](#)

Who were your closest friend/s in HS? [Mike Winans '70, Debbie Rook '70 and the cast member of the senior play "Cheaper by the Dozen" gang.](#)

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What have I been doing since high school?

It was a strange time in my life, five different high schools and I have always been thankful I ended up with you guys there in Channelview. A lot of fun times and good people. I was really pleased to hear from Randy Melton and appreciated that you guys were still looking for me.

I have been married now to the right wife for twenty-nine years, a girl from Dayton, Texas who's mom Laura Hutchins who was a Channelview graduate back in 1958. We have two kids, a son twenty-seven years old and a daughter that is twenty-four years old. I have a son by my first wife who is now thirty-four years old. Only one granddaughter, she is one year old.

Short history update, after a couple of years at San Jacinto Junior College I went into the Navy for four years. I served as an aerial photographer and as a member of a search and rescue crew.

Upon returning back to Houston I worked as a fashion photographer in Houston for one of the top studios. My wife at that time didn't like my hanging around models all the time (can't image why!!) so I went to work as an iron worker in Houston for awhile, then got my bachelor of science degree in Computer Science from A&M University and a Masters in Finance from Houston Baptist University. I've been working in information technology (IT) every since.

My first job was as a computer operator for Tuckerton, the forerunner of Ticketmaster. Saw a lot of good concerts in the late seventies usually on the first or second row. Then worked as a programmer analyst for different companies in Houston. Finally becoming a consultant working for several companies including both the ports of Houston and Galveston writing their container handling computer systems.

We then move to Olympia, Washington and I worked for ten years as; the IT Director for a small city, population of thirty-thousand. Then for a couple of years I moved on to become a Chief Information Officer for the Anchorage Telco in Alaska. Then back to Washington State with my own consulting company where we did work for sixty or so city and county governments for the next ten years. Then a stint as a IT Architect and Project Manager for the State of Washington.

Now I am the IT Manager for the electric, water and fiber utility for Clallam County, which is in the top left edge of these United States. I can see Victoria, British Columbia from my office, twelve miles across the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

Throughout my career I have usually worked days and nights, I am now tired of eighty hour work weeks and do quite nicely working four ten-hour days with a three day weekend every week.

We have been in Olympia for twenty five years now, living deep in the state's old growth forest . . . it is a very beautiful place. We are an hour from the mountains, an hour from the Pacific Ocean, and an hour from the city of Seattle.

There are no roaches, no poisonous snakes, few mosquitoes, four distinct seasons, no pollution, light traffic and English is still the first language for most everyone.

We still love Texas and are proud to say we are from there but we are comfortably settled here and only come home when family issues require it.

I have very fond memories of my years with all of you during and after 1969 and think of those times often...thanks everyone!!!! Who am I I am Steve Schopfer.

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.
