



Who Am I ?

What year did I graduate? **1969**

Who did I go to the senior prom with? **Did not go! I had pneumonia.**

What organizations did I belong to in high school? **School Paper, Annual Staff, Choir, Future Business Leaders of America**

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

What state do I live in now? **Demming, New Mexico**

How many kids do I have now? **None**

What is or was my occupation? **Professional Pianist & Director**

My closest friend in HS? **Debbie James '69**

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What have I been doing since high school?

After CHS, I had a Music Scholarship at San Jacinto Junior College and then to U of H, where I majored in Classical Voice and Piano. I worked for Western Auto during my college years and stayed on with them after college, and sang with Houston Grand Opera at night. I also got involved acting and singing with some of Houston's area Dinner Theatres, such as the Windmill and T.U.T.S. at Herman Park. I also helped CHS with their musicals in 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976.

In 1977, I moved to San Antonio with Western Auto and got involved with theatre there, and in 1982, I went to work Full-Time as the Music Director at A.C.T., a professional theatre in San Antonio. I also still played professionally for dignitaries and visiting politicians. I used to play regularly for Mayor Henry Cisneros, Ann Richards, and a little Texas State Congressman named G. W. Bush. I also played at the Inauguration of FBI Chief William Sessions where I then met Vice-President Bush.

In 1988, I moved to Sacramento to work for a Steinway Piano dealership as a Rep and also directed and played music there in my spare time. There I got involved with the Sacramento Symphony and Opera, and worked closely in the Sacramento County Republican party, where I got to know Pete Wilson, Dan Lundgren, and some of the other politicians of the time. I also would play piano at their fund-raisers and Christmas Parties.

Moved to Deming, NM in 2004 where I am semi-retired but direct and help run Deming Performing Arts Theatre, where I just finished up directing "The King & I" for the city. I love Southern New Mexico, but my heart will always be in Texas, where I thank God every day that I grew up with such wonderful people, and classmates at dear old Channelview School District. I turned 55 on March 31st, and am finally starting to slow down. Who Am I? I am Stuart Hill.

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