

## Paxon Life Stories #15

Tue, March 9, 2010 7:53:30 PM

From:

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To:

thanks to everyone who sent in their "life Story" this week. If you haven't took the time to write a small paragraph, please do so. Are you really that busy ??????

REMEMBER TO PUT **YOUR NAME AT THE BEGINNING OR THE END** OF THE NOTES YOU SEND ME, IT REALLY SAVES ME TIME.

Thanks, Michael Sermons---see even I do it....

received from Clif Estes

Once again Mike you deserve an "Oscar" , or comparable reward for your Herculean effort in this endeavor!

Thanks alot!

**Das "Blue" und "Gold" Forebber!**

received from Carol A. Ozinga

Dear Mike

I have enjoyed reading the life history of our class mates and thought I would contribute. I met my husband (Ken) of 40 years in my sophomore year of high school. He was stationed at Cecil Field in the Navy when we met at the skate rink. We married in September after I graduated. We had 2 girls, Kim and Pam and a son, Jay. Pam passed away in 1994 of a heart condition. She had a long medical history of heart and lung issues. She was very special and loved her very much, she has no pain in heaven. And we will see her again someday.

Kim has blessed us with 3 grands and Jay has also blessed us with 2 grand girls. The grand kids are the light of our life, they range in age from 18 to 2.

We lived in Ken's home state of Iowa for 13 years after he was discharged from the Navy, where we farmed for about 10 years. We moved to FL in 1983 and lived there until we moved to Columbia, SC in 1992. In 1994 we moved to North Carolina and have been here ever since. All of our moves were work related, I am a retired accountant with a new career in real estate and Ken has his own business as a draftsman.

We both have Harley Davidson Heritage Softails and enjoy riding and seeing the country. We purchased a 1928 farm house in 2005 and was refurbishing it when I discovered I had breast cancer. After surgery, chemo and radiation, I have been cancer free for 3 years now!

I still have 4 sisters in Jacksonville and hope to get home for a visit in April.

Thanks again for keeping us in touch.

received from Cheryl Porter-Brill

Thanks for including us in the email!

Here goes: Moved around a lot after graduation, Calif., Sc, Tenn, Alaska, Ga and always seem to return to Jax. finally settled here in 1980 with 2 boys. Married my present husband in 1995 and together we have 6 children and 10 grandchildren. I work in a physical therapy clinic as an office manager. My husband and I love to travel, just returned from 2 1/2 weeks in the Philippines...time to retire right?

Thanks again and love reading all the stories!

received from Carl and Cynthia Wells

I am writing both Carl and my (Cynthia) Wells life stories. We married in

1970 and are still married 40 years later. We have 3 children, 2 sons, and

1 daughter. From them we have 3 grandchildren. Carl and I were saved in

1971 and have been active in church since then. Carl worked for 32 years

at NAS as a machinist. I stayed home for the first 11 years after our children came, then 7 years at Trinity Christian. I have work for the last 15 at Cedar Hills Baptist Christian School. Our daughter is the music teacher there. Our youngest son is the worship leader at 1st baptist in Lake Bulter. Our oldest son drives for Fed-Ex in Savannah. Carl retired in 2005 and now has his own business of appliance repair. He also served 30 years in the Marine Corp reserves. We attend Old Plank Rd Baptist church. We have lived in the same home for 38 of these 40 years.

The best thing in our life now is being Nannie and Poppie..

2 grandsons, 1 grand daughter, and 1 due in Aug. The Lord has been more than gracious to us and we are blessed indeed.

received from Lisa Asland

Deland is about halfway from Jax. to Palm Bay (where I live) and is a quaint college town in which Stetson University is a big part of the life there. The Athens Theatre is on Florida Ave just off of state rd 44 , and I think I-4 (which merges to I-95 in Daytona) has an exit there also I think. The play 'Grease' is showing for several performances throughout March. So far the concensus was for Mar. 20th 7:30 PM showing after an early 3:00 PMish dinner at one of the many restaurants there. Box office opens 30 - minutes to an hour ahead of show time. I will be in touch with the Box office mid- week to find out the status for available seats and possible lower rates for groups of 8 or more. Let me know who is interested in a fun Saturday outing in Deland Fla. on Mar. 20th.

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Sun, March 7, 2010 4:27:12 PM

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To:

We are up to 139 1969 Graduates. If you haven't wrote a "life Story" please do so. Everyone enjoys seeing which direction everyone's life went.

Also, if you have any good news you want to share, you can send a quick note, remember to sign YOUR NAME.to the e-mail.

Thanks to everyone,  
Michael Sermons

New e-mail memebers

Kathy Ridenhour Winfrey  
Drew Winfrey  
Danny Colbert  
Porter Willis

Butch Lanham  
Ray Dowling  
Pat Dunn-Turner  
Joanna Robinson-Blankenship  
Shelia McCullers-Colbert  
Ron Reddish  
Cheryl Porter-Brill  
Larry Bennett

received from Anita Peters Barber

After graduation I majored in Music Education and graduated from UF in '73. I stayed in the Gainesville area and taught for 33 years in Williston, which is 15 mi. South of Gainesville in Levy Co. I became certified in Elem. Ed. as well as Music Ed. and taught 4th and 5th grade half my career and music the last half. I was married to the local band director and had two sons, Matthew (30) and Jeffrey (25). I remarried in '88 to Bobby, who works at CH2M Hill Engineering. We moved to ATL in '07 with his job transfer and I am enjoying retirement and all of the opportunities and things to do here. With the news of a grandson arriving in April 2010 we have our condo up for sale in anticipation of moving back to the Gainesville area to enjoy him.

## PAXON MISSING E-MAILS

Thu, March 4, 2010 8:11:48 PM

From:

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To:

These 32 fellow grads all had e-mails turned into me BUT were turned into me WRONG. If you have any of these people's e-mail addresses please send them to me. **But you must send them an e-mail to check out if it is a good e-mail BEFORE you send it to me.** By doing this, it will help me a lot since I have several places I have to put a "new member's e-mail"

thanks Michael Sermons

LARRY BENNETT  
LINDA BRADFORD-WADKINS  
GARY BUSKA  
RICK CORNAIRE  
MARK COUCH  
JUDY CUSACK-MILLER  
SHARON DUCKWORTH-WRIGHT  
BARBARA EMCH-SCHILLO  
PAUL GAREN  
VALERIA GRAY-STAINAKER  
JANIC HAMPTON-HAMLIN  
ANNETTE HEAD-ANDERSON  
EARL HILDEBRAND  
MIKE HUDSON  
KENNY JOHNS  
SHELIA MCCULLERS-COLBERT  
DONNA MULLIS-MCCALL  
LINDA MURAWSKI-O'NEIL  
KATHERINE NEAL-PEAVY  
CINDY NICHOLS-EMERSON

SHARON PARTRIDGE-CONE  
WANDA PEARSON-HATALSKI  
CHERYL PORTER-BRILL  
GENIEVE RAWLS-WING  
JOANNA ROBINSON-BLANKENSHIP  
DIANE SANDERS-SMITH  
MARGIE TANNER-ANDERSON  
DIANE THOMAS-THOMPSON  
BEN THOMPSON  
LYNNE TOPPY-SCHOLFIELD  
PAT WARE-CRAWFORD  
SIMON WEAVER

Paxon Sadness

Sun, February 28, 2010 5:00:19 PM

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To:

Received from Lynne Schofield

Dear Mike,

I'm deeply saddened to have to amend my life story. This week we lost our little grandson, Caidon. We we all shattered. He weighed 8 lbs 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. We currently getting ready for funeral services.

Lynne

[lynne.schofield@comcast.net](mailto:lynne.schofield@comcast.net)

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Tue, February 23, 2010 7:03:53 PM

From:

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To:

This is the 1st update of our "Life Stories". If you haven't wrote and submitted "yours" yet, please do so. thanks  
Michael Sermons

Our group started 7 months ago with 12 and now we have 130. goal is 400 fellow grads. I need some help finding people.

NEW members to our e-mail group.

Cheryl Smith-Best

Anita Peters-Barber

Clifton Estes  
Sara Mikell Berry  
Toby Berry  
Lynne Schofield  
Deborah Lewis

received from Clifton Estes  
Mike" Thanks for the Outstanding Job of keeping us Paxonites Together.

Looking back in retrospect I guess we were all kinda linked together in a sort of "Little Rascals" type close communion relationship (Which obviously still exists)

Keep up the stellar good work my man!  
Clifton Estes PHD (Paxon High Diploma)

received from Clifton Estes part "2"  
Well after graduation I did a "hitch" w/ The Regular Air Force  
Ended up in a place called "Da-Nang Air Base" in the fun capitol of war torn South East Asia in 1972.  
did 9 years with the Fla Air National Guard, finished up with the Air Force Reserve (315th MAW) at Charleston S.C.

Met the mother of our Three Daughters, & 9 Grand Children at FJC where we Graduated in 1979. I picked up my B.A. from Luther Rice in 1984. contrary to myth I did Graduate, I was not Paroled.  
We celebrated our 28th anniversary December 25th PM.  
We live in Marietta Forest.

Vicki works as an office manager/bookkeeper at the Jacksonville Scottish Rite Bodies (A Masonic Body). For the last 26+ years she has supplied them with adult supervision.

I have worked at First Baptist Church Down Town for all most 21 years in the security department.

I am active with the "Mason's" Past Master & Past Secretary of Woodstock Park Lodge 313 F&AM. Past Presiding Officer in two of the four Scottish Rite Bodies (33rd Degree) active in the York Rite (Chaplin Jacksonville Chapter #12 Royal Arch Masons) York Rite College, Red Cross of Constantine Grotto & Shrine. We attend Ortega Presbyterian Church.

We attended Vicki's 40th reunion at "Lee" 1968. Even she admitted they were, shall we say "**Snobbish**". Not to be intimidated we just parked our "**Saturn**" next to some "Rude", "Dude's" "**Bentley**" & **thought secretly how thankful I was that we were taught to live practically and realistically with respect for others, rather than to put on "Airs". She thinks our reunion Rocked!**

Now don't get me wrong the Bentley looked nice but I doubt it could "Lay Rubber" going down Melson Ave.

Tom Brokaw's Generation raised us & I think they did a darn good job. We are all getting older, but we still know how to laugh and enjoy life and respect and appreciate our friends.

I wonder if the "Angel's" at the big teachers lounge in the sky yell at Millie Glass

for not occasionally emptying her ash tray of all those old unfiltered "Camel Cigarettes"?

(yuch)

I Love all you guy's and always will!

Clif Estes PHD (Paxon High Diploma)

received from Sara Mikell-Berry

Mike,

Thanks for passing the information along, it doesn't seem possible that it has been nearly 41 years since we graduated. I shared with Toby that you had emailed me and it was fun reading all of the bio.....Please stay in touch and if you ever come this way just holler.....

received from Lynne Schofield

Hi Mike and fellow classmates. Lynne Toppo Schofield here. My life after graduation was extremely rocky. But, I got very lucky in 1983, and met a terrific guy. His name is Jerry. He had 4 daughters, Barb, Suzi, Becki, and Melissa. I have a son, Eric. His girls adopted us and we adopted them. We have 8 grand children-6girls, and 2 boys. There's another boy due any day now. We also have a great granddaughter-Brooklyn who will be 2 in April. I've been in touch with a couple of classmates, and would love to hear from more of you. My work history runs from secretarial, to fork lift operator. For the last 14 years we have been running a pet boarding kennel in Champaign, IL. I come back to Florida at least once a year to see Eric, My daughter in law, Jenny and my gorgeous grand daughter Olivia. My sister lives in Kissimmee, and my mom is trying to sell her place in Sun City Center, to move to Orlando or Kissimmee to be closer. Hope to hear from you guys. Lynne

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Sat, February 6, 2010 7:13:12 AM

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To:

Please look at note from Lona Gail. Also if anyone would send me "their" life story like Donna Aslan-Drake did it would be great. Just a simple story.

Thanks Michael Sermons

New members to our e-mail list.

Robert O'Cain

Susan Wrede Oglesby

Marsha Lynn Harris

received from Lona Gail

Mike: Sure you saw on FB that Sam O'Carroll's mother passed away today. Would you please if you have it send an email letting the class know and her address so that we can send cards.

Thanks so much. Lona g.

Sam O'carroll's e-mail is somc@nu-z.net

received from Roberta Stephens-Lee

Thank you for the information. This is very sad. It sure was great going on that trip to see Jimmy. Makes me very happy for the back pain after the trip I had to suffer.. I do not know what pain is compared to this.

Take care, Roberta

received from Donna Aslan-Drake

Donna Aslan Drake

Michael,

Didn't want to get left out of the mix...I'm still a resident of Jacksonville or as my oldest son calls it "Dysfunctionville." I visited a lot of places but never found any place I liked more than I liked being at home. I lost my dad in 1993. Lost my mom this past April and just this week, I lost my brother, Jimmy.

I'm still kicking and very glad to be around. I have 2 sons, Michael 41 and Caleb 21, yes, they are 20 years apart! What was I thinking? The younger one made me "grammie" to Chase Michael who is 3 going on 13!

I love how the newest generation is so smart and clever. So far ahead of us when we were their ages. I still live on the Westside but left Woodstock Park over 35 years ago. I live in a rural area on 5 acres with lots of grass to cut but I love the space. I work at Citi bank in the Fraud department for Home Depot busting bad guys who steal people's identity. Enjoying FACEBOOK these days catching up with childhood friends and memories I thought were almost forgotten. Hope to see you there!