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Best Gables Memory

My fondest memories of Gables High would have to be the many activities involving music of one form or another. Concert chorus went to State in '56 and '57. In 1958 we toured Washington, DC and New York City with the orchestra. The musicals – Oklahoma, HMS Pinafore, aah! Those were the days.

What I'm Doing Now

Right now I'm recovering from a 5-level spinal fusion. I was "outsourced" from my job of 30 years at the end of 2005 and I'm still looking for meaningful employment.

Special Events In My Life

After graduation, and on Friday the 13th, joined U.S. Marines with a group from our graduating class. Spent most of 10 years in the Corps working in one form of military intelligence or another. Had some pretty exciting times, none of which I can share with you. The last few months of my time in the Corps was spent in the Viet Nam war. I came home in May of 1968 and married my childhood dream girl. That dream turned into a nightmare and ended very soon. Went to work at Eastern Airlines in the Reservations Computer center at the airport using some of the skills I had picked up while working at National Security Agency. Married a girl I met there, Claire, who is from Jacksonville, FL. When the airline began showing signs of failure, I resigned and moved to Jacksonville.

My fondest memories of life have to be the births of our two sons, Douglas and Edmund. Doug is a teacher in the Duval County public school system. He teaches Physics and Chemistry. Ed was one of the first, if not the first, civil engineers to graduate from the University of North Florida. He is employed at the Army Corps of Engineers and is based at Clarksville, Tennessee. I'm REALLY proud of both the boys' accomplishments. 2008

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