



Jo Ann Gattenby Swearengin - Class of 1954

Southeast Memories

My brother and sister also attended Southeast.

- Sister - Norma Jean Gattenby Anderson - SE'46
- Brother - Keith Gattenby - SE'49

Our family lived at 7415 Mersington when we were in high school.

My most vivid memory was attending a Friday night football game in 1952 or 1953. Someone came in and told us, "one of our classmates had polio." In those years, that meant hospital, iron lung, possible death! We were all in shock. Sorry I don't remember more details.

After Graduation

I married Vern Swearengin on August 6, 1954. We lived in Kansas City for nine years before moving to Harrisonville, Missouri, in 1963 where we raised two daughters. Vern died in 2015 after 61 years of marriage.

After the girls were in school, I went to work at the Harrisonville Christian School Kinder Castle Nursery School. I retired after teaching 25 years.