



### **Shirley Peterman Wheatley – Class of 1954**

My most vivid memories include Junior/Senior Prom, meeting my future husband, Edward L. Wheatley and Senior Graduation Ceremony.

### **High School Memories**

There were a number of events that impacted my school life.

- The words “Under God” were added to the Pledge of Allegiance
- “Rock Around The Clock” was released by Bill Haley & the Comets
- The Koren War Ends
- First successful open-heart surgery is performed in Philadelphia
- Jacqueline Bouvier married John F. Kennedy
- Elvis Presley started his music career
- “CBS Morning Show” premieres with Walter Cronkite and Jack Parr
- Ellis Island in New York closes as a point of Immigration
- Armistice Day is renamed Veteran’s Day to honor vets from the Civil War, WWI, WWII and the Koren conflict
- Swanson’s introduced frozen TV dinners to the grocery stores
- Dow Chemical creates Saran Wrap
- Winston Churchill arrives in the United States, meeting with President Harry S. Truman
- Diary of Anne Frank is published
- General Dwight D. Eisehauer is inaugurated 34th President of the United States

### **Memorable Classes and Teachers**

Cecil Coombs – C.O.E.

Vernon Griggs – Mathematics and Science

Marvin E. Langford – Social Science

E. A. Smith – Social Science

Dr. Helen Perkins – Physical Education

Away from school, I worked part-time at the Woolworth Dime Store at 46th and Troost during my Junior/Senior year. My duties included working in the office balancing the cash registers and figuring the store payroll. I lived at 6137 Wabash during my high school years.

### **After High School**

I married Edward L. Wheatley and gave birth to a baby girl, Dianne Sue Wheatley.

I worked at Milgram Food Stores Main Office as a private secretary to the Credit Manager. I worked as a bond administrator for Home Insurance Company and Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance Company. I am currently retired.