



Ruth Ann Humphrey Allen – Class of 1977

“I remember that Jesse Jackson and Kit Bond visited our school.”

High School Memories

I always loved being a part of the band and the early morning practices during football season. We marched on the blacktop that Mr. Dorch had painted just like the football field so we could practice all the shows for Friday night. I was in the band all 4 years. I was on the senior student council, and I was one of the track managers.

I remember Mr. Herron standing in the rotunda greeting every student every morning in front of the Round Table, protecting it at all times. I enjoyed Mrs. Ferrell who taught English, and I loved Mr. and Mrs. Julian, even though they weren't my teachers, I loved going to their classes and hanging with them after school was out. Miss Harding was also a very good accounting teacher. She didn't let you get away with anything. I was lucky enough to visit with her quite a bit during her last year's fight with cancer.

I lived at 6900 Agnes. I mostly spent my time at home, playing with the neighborhood kids. Our family cut grass during the summer, so we shoveled snow when we had any. My siblings who attended Southeast were Wilma J. (Humphrey) Alexander, Lloyd E. Humphrey, Larry A. Humphrey, Herbert D. Humphrey, Robert A. Humphrey, Loren D. Humphrey, Helen I. (Humphrey) Guffey, Michelle L. (Humphrey) Thompson

After Graduation

I started my federal career at IRS as a student my senior year, then took the civil service exam after I graduated and was hired part time at the IRS

then realizing that I needed to continue my education, I enrolled at UMKC in the fall of 1979 and started to earn my BA in geography.

I worked full time at IRS while earning my BA from UMKC in 1986. I started working for the Corps of Engineers as a cartographic tech in the fall of 1985 before I graduated and have been a cartographer making maps and exhibits for USACE ever since.

I am a part of our class reunion planning every year and I would encourage all alumni to get involved, and the Alumni Association needs all hands on deck to accomplish great things. I love being a part of the organization and hope more will get involved.