



### **Carolyn Toot (Fisher) Green – Class of 1958**

“I know I played basketball and field hockey which I enjoyed, but my favorite was choir with Mr. Markley.

I continued to sing in the groups at CMSU (Warrensburg, MO.) and later church women’s choral groups and choir. Knightlights performances were always a favorite. I was amazed at the talent of other students. I tried out but never performed on the show but admired the talent of so many others. I had taken dance lessons when in Blenheim Elementary, but Teen Town gave me a chance to learn to dance to the ‘newest’. I never stopped loving that activity!”

### **High School Memories**

I lived at 2241 East 69th Street. My sisters Brenda Lee (Toot) Hoge graduated in 1959 and Deanna Sue (Toot) Allsman graduated in 1961. Mrs. Williams (Homeroom) was all business but made her class time feel like “home.” I later had her for history - not my favorite subject but I got through it.

Mr. Flappen was young and kept our biology class ‘light’ and still was able to teach us as much about life as he did about biological science. He shared his stories as he and his wife had their first child that year which made us feel a part of his personal life as well, at least for the girls.

Ms. Mosman (stenography) was strict and all business. She was a dignified lady and I always respected her. She was a lady and a person I looked up to. I knew her years after her high school. She was a class act.

I took Mrs. Adams class (Latin) because I wanted some background for foreign language, but I wasn’t really interested in Spanish or French. Latin,

for me, was hard work, however in the long run, it helped me in so many other areas from basic English words, background and more than I expected. I was always able to spell new words and understand word meanings due to her class. When I did take Spanish it was amazingly helpful. Especially when I lived in California and took classes at Oceanside Community College from Spanish speaking teachers and when I took calls at work from foreign countries.

My most vivid memory was when the first neighbor boy who joined our school in 1957 or 58(?) was in 8th grade. The SE football team took him under their wing to be watchful and helpful should he need assistance--interesting especially as my younger sister entered SE a year later.

### **Outside of School**

The only current event I can remember vividly was Elvis becoming a popular singer. My fellow choir friends had early pictures of him. I thought he looked like a hoodlum! However I finally understood his talent.

I played tennis summers at Dunn Park with free instructions from "Red" the Plaza tennis club free--what a life changing adventure! I also worked for St. Mary's School of Nursing my senior year as their receptionist and stenographer. It wasn't much fun and didn't last long.

My favorite job was part time sales at Harzfeld's Department Store, 11th & Petticoat Lane Department Store my junior and senior year. Susie Baker Thorson worked there too and added a lot of fun to day! I loved working in the women's, children's, sportswear areas, as well as shoes and ladies purse, scarf and glove department. Susie and I modeled at fashion shows and learned we wouldn't want to eat like models! I worked as weekend secretary in personnel handling employment applications and end-of-day income reports. The hardest part was getting up for work on Saturday after Friday night dances! I continued to work part time at the downtown store early until 1960—a great education in itself.

### **After High School**

In 1958-59, I studied at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Mo. I worked the summer of 1959 thru Feb. 1960 at Phillips Petroleum & Harzfeld's. I married and moved to Oceanside CA (1960) continued school education at Oceanside Community College and worked at California State

Employment office (taking employment applications and arranging workers for temporary work contracts. I had two daughters (1962, 1964).

In 1967, I went to work at American Polled Hereford Association (to pay for brick for a two story home being built in Raytown, Mo.), and stayed there 27 years. I worked part time in real estate in 1970's and again for a year after retirement. In 1990, I worked as a temporary and finally a full time employee of Farmland Industries. I retired after seven years. I volunteer at Hope House and the Hillcrest Platte County Thrift Shop and I'm a youth friend at Barry Elementary school.

I assisted with class of '58 class reunions and continue to meet with classmates for luncheons or any activity at anytime. Emails have been a blessing to keep in touch with our classmates.

I have no great message, but do know that staying in touch and sharing life stories keeps us young and aware of our past... and strengthens our future through continual contact with each other... God blessed us!