



Josephine Thomas Patterson – Class of 1977

“We had the best time at football games. If you did not get there early you did not get a place to stand to watch and cheer the players on to victory. If you have not attended your class reunions, don’t let another one go by without you.”

High School Memories

My high school years involved two teacher strikes. (My freshman year and senior year) In my senior year they didn’t think we were going to graduate because we were not getting the credit hours needed so they sent our class to Southwest High School to attend class to get the needed hours for graduation.

I ran track for 3 years and we went to state every year. I ran on the relay teams and we had the best hand-offs in the Interscholastic League. My relay team consisted of Tracy Baker '78; Charlotte Bell '75; Vickie Buford '75; Brenda Looney '76; and Terasita Morris '75. I was also a member of the Pep squad.

My most memorable classes and teachers were Mr. Jim Julian-Math, Mrs. Bounds – PE and Mr. Entine- Photography.

I spent my time away from school working at McDonald’s at 59th and Troost and JOY jobs in the summer. My family lived at 5818 College. My brother Joe Fountain graduated in 1978 and my sister Gail Fountain-Fowler graduated in 1982

After High School

I attended CMSU and graduated in 1981. I became a police officer in 1986 with the Kansas City Police Dept. I have 3yrs before I retire with 25yrs.