

GHM-Oral History Project- Interview Answers

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1. Are you a **Gardner native** (born here or in the metro area)? *NO*
2. What brought you and/or your family to Gardner? *School System*
3. When did you move here? *Late 1960's*
4. What was your family's trade/business? *Development of homes.*

5. Tell us about this experience...

"Was great being a part of Gardner's growth. The community was very welcoming."

6. If you are not a native, when did you first move to Gardner? *Late 1960's*
7. What is your earliest memory of Gardner?

"Friendly. Our 4 children were accepted by all the others in their age group."

8. What is your favorite memory of Gardner?

"I have so many, but I guess the favorite would be the feeling at home"

9. What have you noticed that has changed the most about Gardner during your residency?

Do you perceive this as a good/bad? And why?

"Growth- We loved the smaller town feel of knowing everyone and their families. Knew all our kids' friends which is such a great feeling. A town must grow or die, so it's good"

10. Anything else you would like to share?

“In 1985 I became a widow and then continued Santa Fe Realty. I had 9 agents and I owned Harkey House on Main Street which I last sold to Joe Odom with State Farm. My business was very successful mainly due to the people of Gardner supporting me.”