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It seems like only yesterday, we were all excited about completing High School and conquering the world. During the past few months, while recalling our days in school, I have gotten more and more anxious for the reunion. I can hardly wait to see all my classmates again, and exchange news of the past fifty years.

As most of you know, I married Joe Bill Taylor, who turned out to be an impostor! His real name is Harrison Dee Taylor. Anyway, we were married just before graduation and we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in April 07.

Joe Bill was in the National Guard when we married and seemed to have a natural calling to be a soldier. He (we) retired in 1991, after thirty-five years in the Guard/Army in 1991. It was an interesting and educational ride!

We have two boys (men), who both live in Texas and who, like me, are avid Dallas Cowboy fans. Neither of our boys have children so we have had to settle for GRAND-DOGS. The pair who rule now are a Yorkie and a Shih-Tzu.

Problems with my back no longer allow it, but I was very involved with various bowling leagues for many years and was secretary-treasurer of one for twenty-five years. I have done ceramic work since 1980. My most enjoyable experience with ceramics was teaching young military officer's wives how to clean, paint and fire the work. I was often called upon to create various ceramic pieces, which could be used for Military Presentations, which was always a challenge and great fun.

Recently (for the past five years) I have been involved in genealogy, and spend many hours in research. While working on family history, I met several ladies who were associated with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). In tracing my ancestry, I discovered I was related to Ann Lenior Westmoreland and entered the DAR under her name. It was fun to be the first in our chapter to enter using a female relative.

As I stated at the beginning, I hope all surviving classmates and spouses are able to attend our fiftieth reunion, renew friendships and enjoy each other's company once again.

SEE YOU IN AUGUST!