

Judy Shipley Hinshaw Bio

Because of the nomadic nature of my family, I didn't actually graduate with my classmates in 1957. But I did go to school with all of you off and on for a number of years from Four Points Elementary School to Junior High and finally a portion of High School. We moved often but always came home to Tucumcari. I went to nine schools in nine states in nine months in the fifth grade. Whew!! Anyway, I remember all of you fondly and am appreciative that I am welcomed back to the 50th reunion. I am looking forward to it and making plans to attend. I have seen a lot of you at past reunions and look forward to seeing even more alumni this year. Hopefully, some teachers too.

I married Gil Hinshaw, former editor of the Tucumcari Daily News and we moved to Carlsbad where we spent three years. We then went to Manchester, Tennessee for a couple of years and decided that we missed New Mexico so started looking for a New Mexico newspaper to come home to. Hobbs, NM came calling and we moved here in 1973 where Gil was the Editor of the Hobbs News Sun for 25 years until his retirement. By then we had four sons, Michael, David, Mark and Luke and I was a little busy raising four boys but managed to get in a few college hours and finally graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1982 with a BBA. Eastern offered me a Graduate Assistantship to return for my Masters and I went back and completed 17 hrs. toward the MBA when I was forced to slow down. I have worked for a number of years as an accountant and taught Accounting at both New Mexico Junior College and College of the Southwest for 16 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2001. I still work every day as the Controller and Accountant for Lasco Construction, Inc., a large commercial construction company in Hobbs where I have been for 18 years. I plan to continue to work as long as I can drag this body into the office. I am active in Democratic Party politics, I serve as a Lay Reader for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church where I have been a member for thirty five years, and do as much philanthropic work as time will allow.

The boys are all grown and gone and self-supporting now (YEA!!!!) and have provided us with seven grandsons and two granddaughters. My time now is spent working, reading when I can find the time, and working the New York Times Crossword Puzzle every morning with my coffee before the rest of the world wakes up.

Something you might not know about me....I ruptured two discs doing the Bunny Hop at the 30th Reunion. Had to have two back surgeries to correct that little mishap. Actually, I think it was all the work setting up for and decorating for the banquet. But the Bunny Hop story sounds better.

Life is good.