

WAHS Class of 1976 Questionnaire

Please provide your responses to the following questions and return to the address below no later than **June 1, 2026**. Our intention is to share some of the responses to these questions at the reunion dinner. This is intended to be FUN!

Rita Racicot Trimble

1. What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

50 years have gone by fast. For those who will remember, I married Robbie (Rob) in August of 1976, and no I wasn't pregnant. Moved to Aliquippa, PA and lived there in his parent's home until we eventually bought it from them. After our first year of marriage, I got pregnant with Kimberly, our oldest. 4 ½ years later our son Eric was born. I stayed pretty busy working and being very involved in church as children's choir director and with PTA as both local and regional president. I also stayed active driving kids to softball, basketball, volley ball, baseball, swim team and marching band. In 1993, I was part of a group of parents who won Pennsylvania's Governor Highway Safety Award as we planned lock-ins after Hopewell prom and graduation to keep kids off the roads and both drug and alcohol free.

In 1998, we left Aliquippa for Columbia, SC with Rob's work. Both of our kids graduated from University of South Carolina and live nearby. Kim manages South Carolina Medicare Advantage for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and we have two wonderful grandsons – Davin, 22 now in grad school for Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Austin, 15 who is a rising sophomore. Eric works in the Aerospace industry and remains single, but he is happy and enjoying life playing competitive pickleball. Rob retired last year, so we are travelling even more. God has blessed us immensely with family and a great church family, too.

2. What was your favorite thing about high school?

That we didn't have a big class size. It allowed me to get to know people better.

3. What was your least favorite thing about high school?

My dad being a teacher there.

4. Who were your favorite teachers at WAHS and why?

Well, am I supposed to say Mr. Racicot? You couldn't beat those long cigars!!!

5. What was your favorite class at WAHS?

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6. What is your favorite vacation destination and why?

Actually, this past November we went to South Africa. Spent two weeks traveling to Victoria Falls, a safari outside of Johannesburg, and then Cape Town. The people were so beautiful. Even when they didn't have much, they would give you more. And the animals were amazing – I never felt unsafe.

7. Who is the most famous person that you have met? How did you meet this person?

First person was Lloyd Bridges "Sea Hunt" at Epcot. Second was Franco Harris in Sewickley Giant Eagle. He was quite tall, although it amazed me how someone so big had such a soft voice.

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