

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!

Carol McClure

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

I graduated from Bradford School in Pittsburgh with medical secretarial specialization then worked for 2 years as a receptionist for Dr. George Hart in New Castle. After vacationing in New England and falling in love with the area, I moved to Burlington, VT and worked at the teaching hospital at UVM first in Surgical Pathology then in Radiology as a transcriptionist and administrative assistant.

Fast forward 18 years and while I was between jobs I worked a summer job at Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park. This was my introduction to the American West and working in the parks. I knew at some point I would move to this beautiful part of the country!

I returned to Burlington and was hired as a proofreader for a scientific and medical journal publisher where I eventually became responsible for proofing the *Journal of Experimental Medicine* and the *Journal of Physiology*. (I don't care if I never have to proof another gene sequence, lol!) Gradually, Rockefeller Press in NYC and many of the other businesses we worked for found it more economical to have their work "farmed overseas" and our company closed!

This gave me my opportunity to move to Casper, WY and also started another wonderful opportunity of working seasonally in Yellowstone National Park and at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon which I did for 10 summers. I was devastated when the Dragon Bravo fire destroyed the lodge and many other buildings and infrastructure last summer at the North Rim. Miraculously, the General Store where I worked was spared even though it was only hundreds of yards from some of the structures that were lost.

I have been working for the State of Wyoming in Unemployment then Employment and Training for the last 7 years and hope to retire in 1.5 years.

In my spare time I enjoy traveling, photography, scrapbooking, dogsitting for friends and church activities.

2. What was your favorite thing about high school?

Canoe trails (intensive training then wilderness canoe trips to Canada). Girl scouts and Explorers and their associated activities and trips.

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

Homework and senior research paper

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

Miss Orynycz - She really made us stretch our writing "muscles" and I enjoyed many of the books she chose for us to read.

Mrs. Cannon - She was so caring and gave me such a firm foundation in my business courses to succeed in school and in life. I still use shorthand today thanks to her!!

Miss Ferris - She always made PE and gymnastics fun and interesting.

5. What was your favorite class at WAHS?

Typing and shorthand

6. What is your favorite vacation destination and why?

Yellowstone National Park; Having worked there so often, it just fills my soul in ways I can't explain. The majesty of the landscape, scenery, wildlife, wildflowers and so much I learned from 3 summers of accompanying instructors all over the park during field seminars has been amazing. There are places in the Park to avoid the tourists and that's where I really escape to.

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

Andy Williams

Our church handbell choir was asked to play in a Christmas special he was filming at the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, VT. We played one piece with him and were extras in many other scenes during the program.

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