

## **Memories of Azusa High School**

Please answer the following questions about your experiences at Azusa High School and email back to me. Be sure to include details with your answers . Thanks.

**Name:** Gail Smith Illingworth

**Favorite subject:** Band - I enjoyed the camaraderie associated with our practice, performances, marching, and playing for the games.

**Favorite teacher:** Mr. Collings. He was our student teacher for Chemistry. I was one grade away from failing chemistry when he came to teach our class. He was also very cute.

**Favorite hangout:** The band room: This is where My friends and I would hangout. It was always friendly and non-stressful in the band room.

**Favorite food:** roast beef - My mother usually made baked roast beef with potatoes and carrots on Sundays. There were many Sundays when our extended family would come over after church and share the roast with us.

**Favorite school activity:** sock hops - I played the bells in the band for our football games. The sock hop dances following the game were a lot of fun. I got to meet many different people at the dances that I didn't know at school.

**Favorite summer activity:** the beach - My family and I would go to the beach most every week for one day during the summer. Sometimes my girlfriends or a boyfriend would go to the beach with me. I enjoyed riding the waves and playing volleyball al the beach. Sometimes we would stay and have a barbecue on the beach.

**Favorite outfit:**

**First car:** green Ford Coupe - It worked great in High School; but when I was a senior at Cal State LA, I had to be pushed every morning to get it started. At \$5 a push, that got to be expensive. I had to park it on a hill at college so that I could roll-start it to get home. It finally gave out completely on the freeway on my way home one day.

**First date:**

**First kiss:**

**Christmas dance date:**

**Senior prom date:** George Johnson - The evening was very special. I wore a long blue strapless dress and George was dressed in a nice looking black suit.

**Biggest crush:** Gordon - He played an instrument in the band. This is one reason that the band room was my favorite hang out.

**Biggest distraction:**

**Fondest memory :** Hollywood Christmas Parade - One year our band was asked to march in the Hollywood Christmas Parade. Since it was televised, I got to be on television. My friend, Janice, and I both played the bells for marching. The camera came right between us while we were marching and playing a Christmas song. I thought that I would trip over the wires that were all over the ground while I was trying to play and watch to make sure that I was keeping the line straight. When we saw ourselves on TV, we looked very calm and self-assured. We also got to talk to the girl who played Cathy in the "Father Knows Best" show. Since that was my favorite television show, it made a great impression on me.

**Funniest moment:**

**Most embarrassing moment:** Trying to smoke and not being able to exhale. My two girlfriends, Lyn and Eleanor, were at the beach with me one summer weekend. There were several great looking guys near us on the beach, and we wanted to impress them. We wanted to look cool and sophisticated, so we began to smoke. All went well until I tried to exhale the smoke. I began coughing so loudly while turning green that I definitely got the attention of the boys, but not the kind of attention I was seeking.

**Biggest accomplishment (personal):** Receiving two scholarships for Citrus College. Since they only allowed us to receive one scholarship for the college, I had to decline one of them. The Women's Club is the one I accepted, since they had not picked an alternative for the award.

**Best summer vacation:** Balboa Beach - My family spent one week at Balboa Beach every summer. We'd spend the mornings at the regular beach and the afternoons on the bay side. Our entertainment at night was to walk a short distance to the fun zone. I enjoyed the rides and the arcade with my cousin, Rozanne