

Memories of Azusa High School

Name: Mary (Eagle) Filer-O'Flynn

Favorite song: Anything by Elvis. My friend Linda Werner and I would play our records over and over....they were 45's, you know, with the big hole in the middle. I did get to see Elvis in concert finally in the early '70's, and recently my husband and I went to Oahu to see them put up his statue at the Blaisdale Center, the place where he did his Aloha From Hawaii concert... This happened much later but I must tell you. When the Las Vegas Hilton still had Elvis' white jumpsuit on display in the lobby I was there with my grown daughter. The suit was encased in a heavy plastic case but the corners were open slightly. I HAD to touch the suit. My daughter was horrified. After I worked my fingers into the case, touched the suit, my wedding ring would not let me get my hand out.....OMG, bells, alarms, you can imagine. My daughter has never forgiven me for humiliating her, oh well, I got to touch something Elvis wore, it was worth it.....

Favorite subject: Anything business related. Typing, shorthand, accounting....

Favorite teacher: Mr. Seifert, Miss Hardin and Mr. Ansnes

Favorite hangout: A & W Root Beer and the Azusa Bowl

Favorite food: Anything Mexican from Carmen's

Favorite school activity: Girls Glee and Job's Daughters away from school.

Favorite summer activity: The Beach, mostly Huntington

Favorite outfit: A light green quilted skirt, white blouse, white lace-up suede shoes and white bobby sox rolled over at the ankle. I polished those shoes every night.

First car: 1957 Ford Fairlane

First date: A church formal with an upper classman, B.R.....

First kiss: A sailor I met at the San Diego Zoo. My mother would have killed me.

Biggest crush: Oh yes, he was in my Driver's Ed class, I will respect his privacy, he was in our class, I was so in love with him.....he apparently did not know I existed.....

Biggest distraction: My friends, my Elvis records, American Bandstand.....the beach.....but most of all, tooling around in my friend Mary Seaver's brand new red Ford Convertible.....(we even pretended to be smoking - to look cool Mary had gotten those holders you see in old movies)....

Fondest memory: When in the above mentioned convertible at A & W I met my late husband, Gary Filer, the father of my three children.....he went to Northview in Covina, we were married in 1963. Ed and I married in 1989....

Funniest moment: See below...

Most embarrassing moment: Maryann Conner and I messing around at lunch and fell off the bench and onto the ground. Remember in those days us girls wore skirts!!!! You get the picture.....

Biggest accomplishment (personal): Graduating from Azusa High going on to earn a degree at Citrus College and on to earn a degree from Cal State LA.....

Best summer vacation: Every summer we went by car to my grandparent's farm in Locust Grove, Oklahoma, I loved it there. Life was so different out on the farm. There were no neighbors. Once a week we would go into town for whatever was needed, to Bynum's General Store. Every day we drove a dirt road down this holler (as they say) to a huge creek, like a River Runs Through It. That was on my grandparents property.....we would swim in the Oklahoma heat, over 117 degrees most days.....that was so much fun.....my friends would send me mail from California so that was fun as well.....Maryann once took a bobbi pin, a rubberband, and a button---wound it up so that when I opened the letter it sounded like a rattle snake, funny huh? It was back then.....