

Memories of Azusa High School

Name: Rachel (Pille) Roth

Favorite song: Oooo - too many favorites; I can name hundreds, but not just one. And, I can sing all of the verses to tons of songs still today, but I can't remember what I had for breakfast!

Favorite subject: PE (Miss Hardin was such fun! I was a girlie-girl, not athletic at all, but she liked me anyway!)

Favorite teacher: Bobbye Hardin, PE Teacher

Favorite hangout: Coffee Dans, Chocolate Cokes were the best! I also liked Bob's Big Boy in Pomona.

Favorite food: Hamburger, fries, and a malt - it's still my favorite meal!

Favorite school activity: Sock Hops and Scorekeeper for the Swim Team

Favorite summer activity: The Beach (Balboa, Camel Point, Dana Point, and Laguna) and Disneyland on Saturday nights!

Favorite outfit: Cashmere sweater with matching sweater socks and a reversible, plaid wool skirt with sewn-down pleats and saddle oxfords

First car: Didn't have my own car - Favorite family car was black Chevrolet Impala with the wings on the back - very cool!

First date: 1958 Christmas Dance, when I was Princess of the Freshman class, with Jerry Thomas, a senior and a football player - ooooo

First kiss: I don't recall, hmmm.... Darn!

Christmas dance date: Louie Mason, Senior Year

Senior prom date: Louie Mason

Biggest crush: An athlete (five-time letterman) who went to another high school; I told his mother I thought he was beautiful! I don't remember his name or even the name of the high school.

Biggest distraction: Friends and Boyfriends

Fondest memory: I received a hand-made cedar chest from a friend, which was constructed in wood shop at school; I still have the cedar chest.

Funniest moment: Louie Mason and I went to the drive-in. I took my knitting along? That in itself is pretty bad; not very romantic! The car stalled on the way home out by Aerojet General. We started walking fast to Louie's house, and we were scared; I told him, "Don't worry Louie, I have my knitting

needle with me!" Trini Estrada came along and picked us up, and we told him he had saved our lives!
Hah!

I have another funny story. I went to a dance with "little" Tommy Maxwell. I had my hair done in the beehive style (actually it looked like a cone!). While we were dancing, the button on his suit coat sleeve caught in my hair and dragged it down over my face! I ran to the bathroom crying, and some of the girls helped me put it back in place. Tommy felt so bad.

Most embarrassing moment: Chemistry Class, Periodic Table Elements Test - I could not memorize anything I wasn't interested in, and Chemistry definitely wasn't one of my favorite pastimes. The teacher sat with me as I took the test. I would write down the symbol and look at him to verify if my answer was right or wrong. I think I erased more than I wrote!

Biggest accomplishment (personal): My Installation as Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters, Sweetheart of DeMolay for John Foltz (Don's older brother), and the installation of the subsequent Honored Queen

Best summer vacation: As a family, we didn't take vacations. But during one summer, eight of us (four boys, four girls) would pile into a car and go to Disneyland almost every Saturday night to dance to the Big Bands. It was great!

I always thought High School was the greatest time of my life. I was happy and had so much fun! But now I realize it runs a close second to retirement and my 60's!