

Memories of Azusa High School

Name: Sharon J. (Hunt) Carden

Favorite song: "I want to be Bobby's Girl". Boy was that a mistake. I married Bobby Carlson and our marriage ended with him killing my stove and refrigerator with a gun. It made the front page of the Azusa Herald

Favorite subject: Math

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Davit, Freshman English. After graduation I saw her and Mr. Anderson (Typing class) smooching at the Tender Trap.

Favorite hangout: A & W Root Beer. Mom was very strict so I got a job there as a carhop so I could watch the rest of you cruise.

Favorite food: Of course, hamburgers, fries or onion rings and Baker's tacos

Favorite school activity: Drill Team. That's probably why ended up spending 27 years in the military.

Favorite summer activity: Camping at a secluded place in the mountains with my family. Our Girl Scout troop camped at Crystal Lake and Church Camp was wonderful.

Favorite outfit: A brown "straight skirt", now called a pencil skirt and a red cardigan sweater worn with the buttons in back.....Remember? I wanted so much to fit in but I couldn't afford the Angora socks Alex Rompell wore.

First car: 1954 Chevy which my brother proceeded to wreck. He did that a lot.

First date: It was probably when I snuck out to see Bobby.

First kiss: I remember it well. Keith held me down so Chuck Harden could kiss me. Then they split giggling like crazy

Christmas dance date: I think it was Roger Whitely. If it wasn't the Christmas dance it was another special occasion. What a great guy!

Senior prom date: Terry Lovett. I was surprised when he asked me and not Madelyn Vest. So I was bound and determined to awe her with my beautiful white gown. Wouldn't you know it but she also wore white....Oh Well!

Biggest crush: Jimmy, Jimmy Oh Jimmy Jernigan.....I had eyes for you from the 7th grade on.

Biggest distraction: Sad to say but it was my Mom. She was so strict that I wasn't allowed to enjoy the social end of high school.

Fondest memory: My three musketeers, Judy Donnelly, Jean Boise and Maureen (?)

Funniest moment: The four of us had a ritual of taunting Sonny Gradiville pretending we were sweet on him.....Phone calls with a southern accent and letters in his mailbox. This one time it was Maureen's turn to leave the note. When she got out of the car we took off.

Most embarrassing moment: We left a note on Sonny car at his work and waited up the street to see his reaction. He read the note, looked around and headed for my car. He caught us all huddled down hoping not to get discovered....Wrong

Biggest accomplishment (personal): My boot camp graduation and the opportunity to serve my country for 27 years.

Best summer vacation: My trip alone in my first corvette up the California Coast.