

Yolanda Ramos Biography

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Married: Yes, for 31 years. Not married to a classmate.

Two children: ages 48 and 45

3 grandchildren: ages 10, 4, and 3. No great-grandchildren

Favorite class, sport, or activity in High school: Drill Team

Favorite movie of all time: Gone with the Wind. Not too much of a book reader.

Employment history: CNA for 9 years, Medical Transcription for 26 years and Office Specialist II for Oregon Liquor Control Commission for 7 years. I no longer work. Retired almost 3 years ago.

Favorite retirement activities: Traveling. Camping in our 5th wheel. Riding ATVs at the Oregon Dunes.

Current interests: Hiking, bicycle riding, meals on wheels and Bible Studies. Scrap booking.

What aspect that would surprise classmates? I used to race 4 wheel vehicles. I have 2 second place trophies for Drags and 2 3rd place for barrel racing and obstacle course.

Best travel/adventure/vacations: Summer of 2010 we took our retirement celebration trip. We left in June and went to the following points of interest: Yellowstone, the Bad Lands, Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park (South Dakota) Also in Mitchell, South Dakota visited the Corn Palace. On to Branson, Mo. took in a couple of shows and did a Zip-line. On to Arkansas visiting Jim's Home town of Sparkman, population 500+. On to Memphis, Tennessee. Toured St. Jude's Hospital and of course Graceland. On to Texas. Toured the new Cowboy Stadium which was very impressive. Toured the Alamo. Then on to Nashville, the Grand Ole' Opry and the Music Hall of Fame. Went through New Mexico then on to Arizona to visit grandchildren in Prescott Valley. On to California to visit my brother and then home. It was a great trip and we'll never forget.

Organizations, charities, community events: Volunteer for the Heart Association. I campaigned for a friend, John Kitzhaber, who ran for State Representative, State Senator and finally Governor of Oregon. We were invited and attended his inaugural party. I also fill in where needed by my church (greeter, and meals for members).

Awards, achievements, received: Den Mother, Mom and Nana.

Plans for the future: To visit more of the United States, especially Alaska and to finish our bucket list.

Personal Comments to classmates: I treasure memories of growing up in Azusa with fellow classmates. They were the best of times and will never forget my closest friends. The best times were shared with the Little Tec Drill Team. All the parades we marched in and best of all the half-time performances.

