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| <p><b><u>Pet Friends</u></b><br/>Dog—"Tangy" Schnauzer</p>   |   | <p><b>Darlene ALLEN</b><br/>3006 SE Skylark Drive<br/>Topeka, KS 66605-2156<br/>(785) 266-8033<br/><a href="mailto:darphoto@networksplus.net">darphoto@networksplus.net</a></p> |
| <p><b><u>1950s Pop Culture</u></b><br/><i>Favorite songs/singers in HS:</i><br/>Anything Elvis sang<br/><i>Favorite '50's songs/singers now:</i> All of them!<br/><br/><i>Favorite movies in HS:</i> Doris Day movies; Westerns; Jerry Lewis/ Dean Martin;<br/><i>Favorite '50s now:</i> Discovered none—probably have seen them all, but enjoy seeing them over again. Love AMC and TMC</p>   | <p><b><u>Hobbies / Interests / Sports</u></b><br/><i>Sports:</i> Golf, racquetball &amp; kayaking<br/><i>Hobbies &amp; Interests:</i> Photography &amp; travel</p>   |    |
| <p><b><u>Proudest Achievements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having an interesting position with the KS Dept. of Corrections' central office that lasted nearly 40 years</li> <li>• Being involved in state politics for years, I have met many interesting people and, therefore, had an opportunity (because of my interest in photography) to photograph such notables as John Edwards, and more recently, former President Clinton. I photographed Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' inaugural ceremonies and Inaugural Ball for both of her elections. Also did some photography for Gov. Joan Finney. However, I am definitely NOT a Democrat—a proud achievement in itself!</li> <li>• For 3 years, I had the #1 selling postcard in KS: a tornado I photographed while driving on the KS Turnpike near Emporia in 1987 (next pg.)</li> <li>• I had the chance to photograph the practice session of the first Women's Olympic Basketball team—they won the Silver Medal in 1976. I photographed the first inductees into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in TN.</li> <li>• Hold a 7/8 handicap in golf. So far I have survived cancer—perhaps that is my proudest achievement!</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Career / Post High School Education</u></b></p> <p><i>Career:</i> Administrative Officer, KS Department of Corrections—Retired. Since my retirement 10 years ago, I have worked each year Jan.-Apr. for the KS Legislature during the legislative session. Was secretary to a Senator for 8 years and am now working in the computer section of KS Legislative Administrative Services.</p> <p><i>Post HS Education:</i> Graduated, Clark's Business School, 1959</p> |   |
| <p><b><u>Travel</u></b></p> <p>I moved to Topeka the night of my high school graduation. Upon my retirement in 1997, I traveled to <b>France, Italy, and Switzerland</b>. Most recently, I spent 16 days in <b>Scotland</b> playing golf. I've spent a couple of weeks in Alaska—general travel throughout the U.S.</p>  |  |   |
| <p><b><u>Town Memories</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Kirkpatrick had me do some cleaning jobs for her once in awhile, but mostly babysitting money from my brothers/sisters. Favorite haunts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cruising Poyntz Ave. (in someone else's car—I did not have one)</li> <li>• Sky-View Drive-In</li> <li>• Taking trumpet lessons in the summer and sometimes getting to participate in summer music camp.</li> <li>• Picnics with friends. Sorry fellow classmates—I am too old to remember who all went on those picnics!</li> </ul>  |  |   |

**Town Memories** (continued)

- Jo Anne Murphy and playing softball; playing tennis at KSU with Lana Leffingwell and spending hours practicing on the “bang boards”;
- going to stock car races with my family;  
Remember six hamburgers for \$1 at the Kreem Kup and 10¢ hamburgers across from the old high school? Pendleton wool skirts, penny loafers, white bucks for band?

I have warm memories of my neighbors the Oppys to the west and the Loves to the east. Paula Oppy’s mother was always very helpful to me with some of my homework and Paula was a good friend—lots of canasta games. I truly enjoyed the Oppy family. Hildred and Jeanette Love were helpful to me with music; their cute little brother, Jimmy, was a fun kid.

And, of course, I remember Kathleen Bryson—I can see her face in front of me now!

My stepfather gave me an old plastic Brownie camera, however, I could not afford the film or processing so I have no photos to share!

**MHS Memories**

Loved all my music participation; Mr. Norvell always made it so much fun. I was in band, orchestra, dance band, trumpet trio, brass sextet, & pep band. Sitting next to Russ Berlin in the trumpet section was fun—cute guy (at that time). Going to state music competitions—I about passed out while I was playing my selection—Jeanette Love accompanied me on the piano. No doubt she thought she was going to have to pick me up off the floor in addition to playing the piano for me. I played in the orchestra for operettas. The band trips to the State Fair in Topeka—great fun!

One highlight was listening to Carol Stewart play the piano! And WOW, the variety shows we put on with Owen Sherman on the drums and Carol.

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playing what seemed like a 20-min classical piece. Ms. Kirkpatrick, great compassionate teacher! Lavina McCormick was “tough” but made PE fun. Intramurals and going to KSU to play basketball in Nichols Gym against the “college” girls. We played half-court and only could bounce the basketball two times and then pass—thank God we have come a long ways from that. However, I miss that in volleyball, we can no longer set the ball up to ourselves—we only give one chance at it now.

I remember the first day at the new high school: we could not go into the auditorium because the concrete floor had not been poured.

I think our class was the first to cut not only Mr. Bayles’ tie off, but also his pants.

Enjoyed Joan Fitzgerald’s office practice class—she did a good job of preparing me for my life’s work! All of us had fun in her class—another great teacher!

Graduation day I remember the person next to me passed out (perhaps too much to drink) and Coach Dissinger came over and dragged him out by his heels—could we do that nowadays? Too bad—our kids would be better off today if we could!

