


MHS – BIOS & MEMORIES

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family</u></p> <p><i>Daughters:</i> Laurie, Miesse & Lynn Spillar <i>Stepsons:</i> Bryan, Cary, & Layne Funk</p> <p><i>Grandchildren:</i> 10 Grandchildren are ages 6 to 22, two girls and eight boys. They are interesting, active, and a delight to us.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Mary (Brighton) FUNK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Spouse: Ben</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6224 Mission Road Fairway, KS 66205</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(913) 262-8455</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proudest Achievements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and teaching rewards and successes • Writing children's alphabet books • Exhibited handmade quilts at country fair • Grandchildren being opposite of "couch potatoes" though tiring for all 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Church / Volunteer</u></p> <p><i>Sports:</i> Walking—I have never have been an athlete</p> <p><i>Hobbies / Interests:</i> Hand quilting & acrylic painting on wood. Also enjoy flower gardening—a struggle in a shaded yard</p> <p><i>Volunteer / Church:</i> Cook and direct church's Thanksgiving dinners, two nights for total of 400 guests. Head Start in the 1990s.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MHS Memories</u></p> <p>The English and other women teachers seemed strict, slim, severe in dress, and elderly (Summers, Kirkpatrick, Marley, Sykes), but we learned from them. Therefore, I never aspired to be an English teacher to follow their example.</p> <p>MHS had fine musical performances. I remember the chorus of <i>Mikado</i> dyed their hair black before the show. Forest Davidson was director. I recall John Stewart & Don Leffingwell were in fine voices as the male leads in <i>Brigadoon</i>.</p> <p>1957—Moving into the new MHS building meant eating lunch at school. That was a first for me who had always walked home. I recall Sandy B. brought a bag of lunch items and traded for what she wanted.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1950s Pop Culture</u></p> <p><i>Favorite movies in HS:</i> <i>Three Coins in a Fountain</i> at the Wareham Theatre.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Career / Post High School Education</u></p> <p><i>Career:</i> Professor of English at Johnson County Community College for 22 years. I'm still working part-time I am reluctant to retire; I still enjoy the students and teach at a good school—18,000 students in Kansas City.</p> <p><i>Post HS Education:</i> K-State, BA in English, 1979 K-State, MA in English, 1982</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Travel</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Most travel now is to Texas—to Nelsons, my sister Bobbie, and daughter Lynn & family in Austin, TX.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We spent three weeks in Portugal and Spain in 2007 March—much history there. And country had an enjoyable, relaxed pace.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Town Memories</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babysitting at 35¢ per hour for 3 preschoolers. • The summer following high school in 1958, I filled in as secretary for McNeil Insurance (Mike's father) • Viv Manley played tennis at KSU courts; girls weren't in team sports then • The swimming pool in the City Park was a big attraction—even to removal of bats at pool's edge in the morning • Watching sporting events at Griffith Field and baseball games in the City Park. 	