

Family & Pet Friends

Daughters: Cheryl & Julie
Grandchildren: 4 (2 boys and 2 girls); 3 attend universities and 1 is in MHS. My daughters and grandchildren are all beautiful and smart (of course!).

I married Howard Pears in June '58, right after high school. We had two daughters, owned our own business, Pears Camper Sales in the late '60s & early '70s. We divorced in '73. I was a single mom for several years, during which I bought a mini 5-acre ranch.

Pets like friends: On the ranch, I had horses, dogs & cats. I was attached to one of each: my horse Babe was my best friend for a few difficult years & my poodle Charlie & Kitty Kat were ever-faithful companions. I miss them. But I can warn anyone with an old horse, the logistics for a horse funeral is far more complicated than those for a goldfish :)



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Town / MHS Memories

One favorite memory was Charco's Drive-In, watching Norma C. make onion rings with "club hands". You just can't find a hamburger or onion rings that compare in flavor with the ones from Charco's! Also "dragging main" with a car full of friends was great fun as well as the band trips to the State Fair and out-of-town games. I look at the yearbook and wonder what I was doing my Senior year. I must have been blindsided by my engagement and missed it all. What an idiot!

Travel

I have traveled **England**; to AK on the Alcan hwy when so new it ate your tires; HI; **Mexico**; **Canada**, and lots states. I have sneaked up on a wild moose in a bog, parasailed, skied the Continental Divide, bathed in hot springs and swum in Pearl Harbor. We enjoy camping with our RV summers. When my husband retires, we hope to travel and camp year-round. I'm working on my bucket list...

Proudest Achievements

- My college degree after 24 years of part-time courses—a proud moment indeed!
- I met Ronnie in '77 at work. In '78 we were engaged. After one of the longest-running engagements ever, 24 years, we stopped "living in sin" & married in '02. In 2003, the day before our anniversary, I had quintuple bypass surgery—spent my 1st ann. in ICU. Not recommended for romance.
- I am proud that my family has had 4 generations at MHS: my mom, me, my daughters, and my two granddaughters!

Career / Post High School Education

Career: I worked at camper sales for a while. At KSU, I did a bit of everything. I was in the supplies storeroom, then a supervisor at the KS Artificial Breeding Svc. (very unusual and interesting). I moved on to the Workers Comp. liaison for a few years before transferring to the ER night desk at Vet Med (also interesting). I went next to the Agronomy Dept. I worked up to Accountant, supervising the bus. office. I retired in 2005.

Post HS Education: I went back to school at KSU in 1972 (part of the reason for my divorce) and kept plugging away at classes, while working full time, until I graduated with a BS in '96 in Life Science.

