

Linda and husband Howard Pears who passed away in 2007.



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Family & Pet Friends

Sons: Dr. Garry Cowan and Bryan Cowan
Daughters: Jacqueline (Cowan) Hartrick and stepdaughters Cheryl and Julie Armendariz
Grandchildren: 7 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren

Jack Cowan (my first husband) died in 1996 of lung cancer. My husband, Howard Pears, died of cancer in 2007. He is greatly missed.

Two of my granddaughters are RNs and my grandson is in the Air Force, stationed at Langley AFB. The other seven grandchildren are in college in OR, KS and AZ. The youngest granddaughter is a student at MHS.

Pets like family: I have a 13-year-old Shizh Tzu named Kimmie that thinks she runs the house.

1950s Pop Culture

Favorite songs in HS: "Sha Boom" ("Life Could Be a Dream")

Favorite '50s songs now: "Sha Boom", "Rock Around the Clock", "Great Balls of Fire"

Favorite singer in HS: Bill Haley

Favorite '50s singer now: Brenda Lee

Hobbies / Interests /Sports / Volunteer

Sports: Watch my granddaughter play college soccer.

Hobbies & Interests: Play cards and croquet, paint and do ceramics

Volunteer: Cancer Association

Career / Post High School Education

Career: Housing Consultant, Sales Manager, U.S. Corps of Army Engineers—still working full time I enjoy being busy and working with people.

Post HS Education: Kansas State Univ./Univ. of Hawaii: Associates

Proudest Achievements

Raising my children and watching them grow up into upstanding citizens.

MHS Memories

My favorite teacher was Miss Marley. She was my Eng. teacher. I enjoyed learning. The new high school was beautiful!

Town Memories

My favorite haunt was Charco's restaurant and the Sky-Vu Drive-In. We'd load our car up with as many people as we could fit and we hit the drive-in movie. I worked summers at Duckwall's selling tropical fish and birds.

Travel

I have traveled the U.S. for the past 20 years working for the government and living in a huge motor home. I also lived in Hawaii for 9 years.



L-r: back row: Granddaughters Amber Hartrick, Amanda Hartrick, & April Hartrick; daughter Jacque Hartrick; & Linda. Mother Effie Estes is in front.