



Classmate Questionnaire – 50 Years

Fifty years!! How can that be? This questionnaire will be used to update our classmates on our journeys through life. Please provide the following information for our 50th reunion website directory. Return electronically by August 1, 2026 to admin@1976sjhsmanassas.com. In an effort to mitigate any risks associated with adding this information to our SJHS Class of 1976 website, we ask that answers be in a generic format. Please note: if there is information you would like to not be included online, please leave blank.

First and Last Name, previous names and nicknames:

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City and state of current residence (skip specific street address):

Manassas, VA

The quick update – where has life taken you in the last 50 years? (A brief 2-3 sentence summary of your journey): Majored in Econ at the College of William & Mary then went to work for Fairfax County a few months after graduation in 1980. Worked there until January 2012, with the last 21+ years as Clerk to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. In retirement, I volunteer in leadership roles for conservation and environmental organizations. I currently serve as president of the Virginia Native Plant Society. In 2024, I was elected to a four-year term as a board director for the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District. I chair the regional board for the Upper Occoquan Service Authority. Have never married nor had children (unless you count my beloved cats!), but I have had two very long term (13 years & 17 years) relationships. Lots of nieces and a nephew.

Your passions and free time (What hobbies, interests or volunteering activities keep you busy?): Love cats, nature, conservation, current events

Favorite memories and milestones (A favorite life experience or adventure):

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment in the last 50 years: I was able to lead the conservation of a biodiverse 50+ acre parcel in Lee County, Va. It was about to be sold to an out-of-state buyer for timbering. I purchased it by bidding higher and now it is part of The Cedars Natural Area Preserve under the management of the Virginia Natural Heritage Program, a division of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
Travels and Adventures (Share a few of the favorite places you've visited and/or any place still on you bucket list): My favorite: Canadian Rockies. Still trying to visit all 50 states; up to 46 now. Went on a "Roots" trip to Germany with my father in 1991, after the wall came down. Retirement gift to myself in 2012 was a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. Traveled with Kim Bowling Largen and others to St. Petersburg, Russia and the Baltic States in spring 2016. Also visited Cuba on a birding adventure in fall 2016; what an eyeopener.
Family Joy (If you'd like to share, tell us about your family make up, avoid specific names and ages due to privacy concerns): Beloved cats (Missy and Frankie currently), and beloved sister, brother, nieces and nephew. My brother lives in the Richmond area, and my sister lives in North Carolina.
SJHS Flashback (Share a fun, general memory of our high school days): A couple of great memories during my high school days were back country camping trips in Shenandoah National Park with Kim Bowling Largen, Charles Plymire, and Chris Hogan. I also enjoyed AP English class with Reba Greer and social studies with Don Darnell.
Then vs. Now (share music/hobby you enjoyed in 1976 vs. what you enjoy now):
Message to our class (share anything else you'd like our classmates to know about you): Be bold; go outside your comfort zone and challenge yourself. Give back to your community and embrace your civic duty.
Are you planning to attend our 50th reunion on October 3, 2026? No

Attach current photo here:

