



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: Jamie Slapinski Collins
City and state of current residence (skip specific street address): Highland County Virginia
The quick update – where has life taken you in the last 50 years? (A brief 2-3 sentence summary of your journey): My career in Architecture kept me in Prince William County/Manassas where I had my own Architectural firm, served as PWC’s first Development Ombudsman, and retired as the Building Official of the City of Manassas.
Your passions and free time (What hobbies, interests or volunteering activities keep you busy?): My husband and I retired to our cabin in Highland County, Virginia, where we give back to the community and enjoy adventures to outdoor places and music events. We volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the Local Humane Society. I also helped a rehabilitation project for a historic inn and served on the EDA.
Favorite memories and milestones (A favorite life experience or adventure): 10 days and 70 miles (hiking) in Glacier National Park, 2 weeks in Alaska
What do you consider your greatest accomplishment in the last 50 years: After contributing to the built environment and incorporating life safety aspects in construction, including instructing the next generation of code professionals,

Jim and I built a life where we could retire and live comfortably while giving back.

Travels and Adventures (Share a few of the favorite places you've visited and/or any place still on you bucket list): Our adventures have taken us to Alaska, Glacier National Park via rail, and many of the National Parks out west. We rode the rail through Glenwood Canyon from Moab Utah to Denver Colorado. We also enjoy our 'backyard', with Seneca Rocks and New River Gorge National Park.

Family Joy (If you'd like to share, tell us about your family make up, avoid specific names and ages due to privacy concerns): The best job I ever had is 'Nana' We've been able to take our granddaughters on adventures, including exposure to the theater and plays at the Kennedy Center. What a joy it has been to see our granddaughter develop an interest in the theater.

SJHS Flashback (Share a fun, general memory of our high school days): I remember being active in the theater, performing in one act plays, taking 'Mrs Belfiore' to the state one act play festival, and going to the Kennedy Center with Mr. Bass and the theater group

Then vs. Now (share music/hobby you enjoyed in 1976 vs. what you enjoy now): still listening to 'classic rock' of the 70's, but also Blue Grass and Americana music.....Caught up with a SJHS and UVa classmate at the Bristol Rhythm and Roots Music Festival last year.

Message to our class (share anything else you'd like our classmates to know about you): Life is not about reaching the destination, it's about becoming who you were meant to be along the way....we don't do 'quick trips'.....instead of '5 National Parks in 5 days' we took 3 separate trips totaling 5 weeks to experience the Utah Mighty 5 National Parks

Are you planning to attend our 50th reunion on October 3, 2026? yes



Attach current photo here: