



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: Mike Arnett
City and state of current residence (skip specific street address): Wilmington, NC
The quick update – where has life taken you in the last 50 years? (A brief 2-3 sentence summary of your journey): Navy, married, 2 children, Aviation Maintenance, Network Engineer. Lived in Spain, Paris Mountain, VA, Memphis, Union Beach, NJ, Manassas, As of 2003 I live in Wilmington, NC.
Your passions and free time (What hobbies, interests or volunteering activities keep you busy?): I enjoy Military History, mostly post 1700's. Recently, I have become interested in history involving the Roman Republic. I enjoy 3D printing, wood working, and anything aviation. Recently, I became a Master Gardner with New Hanover County. I have volunteered with American Cancer Society as well as Cape Fear Hospice. Some of my time was spent taking people to their treatments, helping with cutting grass, store errands, and cleaning homes for hospice patients.
Favorite memories and milestones (A favorite life experience or adventure): Being married to my wife Helen for the last 20 years. I would have to say the most adrenaline event was parachuting and hang gliding.
What do you consider your greatest accomplishment in the last 50 years: Being the father of 2 wonderful children.

Travels and Adventures (Share a few of the favorite places you've visited and/or any place still on your bucket list): I was stationed in Rota Spain and was able to travel throughout Europe. Out of high school I traveled around the US with Bob and Richard. Since then have visited again many states. Recently (last 20 years) enjoyed many travels to more countries such as Iceland, Ireland, Italy, and Canada. All my travels now are within the US borders.
Family Joy (If you'd like to share, tell us about your family make up, avoid specific names and ages due to privacy concerns): My son joined the Marines on 9-12-01 and now is a Lt Colonel in the USAF.
SJHS Flashback (Share a fun, general memory of our high school days): Marching band at the old school on Lomond Drive.
Then vs. Now (share music/hobby you enjoyed in 1976 vs. what you enjoy now): Aviation in 1976 still fascinated with anything that flies.
Message to our class (share anything else you'd like our classmates to know about you): Don't laugh...my hair is white!
Are you planning to attend our 50th reunion on October 3, 2026? Yes

Attach current photo here: