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Where is your hometown? Current residence? Any personal family information you care to share (children, pets, hobbies, talents etc).

I live in Flushing MI in the same house for 35 years, married for 37 with 5 children and one grandchild on the way.

What is your fondest Mercy memory?

I always brag that we got the day off to go to the Tiger opener, and still love going. Went again this year. Loved our uniforms, French lab and had the best bio class. Very well prepared me for college. The fair was always great. Dating myself but the sock hops with live bands were the best at getting all the schools together. But the very very best was our father and daughter dances. I truly cherish that memory.

Was there a favorite teacher, coach or staff member who had a strong, positive impact on your life? How so?

Sr Mary Camille although she was very strict was really the best principal. We switched from hour classes to modular scheduling between my 9th and 10th grade. Talk about thinking outside the box. It was a great idea.

Best teacher who helped me throughout dental hygiene was Sr Martina for Bio. Although Ms. Scudlo was an excellent English teacher and the English department was wonderful. Mercy had so many choices for us.

Education/career path after graduating from Mercy?

I went to Ferris State College for dental hygiene.

Most rewarding professional, and/or personal, experience since graduating from Mercy?

I have always loved my profession of dental hygiene. The teacher in me loving to teach people how to make them feel better through their smile. I have had the privilege of having two wonderful dentists to work for. But my favorite job was working in the Genesee County Corrections for boys.

Why do you give to Mercy?

Because I believe in a Catholic school and loved my education.

What advice would give to future, or current, Mercy Girls, as we look forward to celebrating our 70th anniversary in the 2015-2016?

Enjoy your high school years. You have a wonderful school. Smile when you go in the door and look for someone who needs you.