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In reading the well-written and most interesting autobiographies by Burges classmates, it is evident that our class was comprised of talented, innovative and hard working individuals. There are many commonalities such as we have all had some pitfalls in our lives but have managed to bounce back. Also I love the humor and perhaps the theme of living life to its fullest.

My daily thought is how blessed I am with my family and terrific friends. My family includes my husband, Gil (42 years of marriage), my Mother (still living in El Paso) and Father (living in Albuquerque), my Sisters (one in Albuquerque NM and one in Riverside CA) and my Brother (living in El

Paso). I have 4 step children and 9 grand children, who live in Georgia, Arizona and Florida.

Since Burges, I graduated with a BS degree from TWC/UTEP and earned my Executive MBA from the University of Texas in 1993. My work life revolved around data processing/information technology (IT). That is how I met Gil (bottom photo); he worked for IBM and I for El Paso Natural Gas. Our marriage brought 4 super children, his by a previous marriage. We lived in France for a short while, traveled and then returned to Texas. Consequently we have made the Texas Hill Country our home. My husband has suffered mild strokes and a broken hip that inhibit his getting around much, consequently he does not travel any more.

For 35 years I worked in many IT positions. This field as you all know has changed exponentially (a Mr. Heck term). I remember my first experience with a "computer" and it was at Schellenger Labs on the UTEP campus. It was a large box with blinking lights and basic functionality. However, it was so captivating and I knew that was where I wanted to grow and learn. My privilege in having such a terrific career was being involved in the evolution of technology and its business applications, primarily in retail and financial services. Further, the IT and business people I worked with were such professionals and most were just plain nice. What a ride!!!

Now that I am retired and not dealing with after hour or weekend calls, there is much to keep me busy. We have a great pet, Ashley (mixed breed dog) and 2 outdoor cats. I garden, read and love to wood carve. The children, grand children and other family come when they have vacation time. This is special as it is the primary opportunity for us to be together. Finally, I loved tennis with a passion for most of my life but have not picked up a racket in 20 years : (



With my siblings, brother-in-law (far left) and my Mother in the middle. 2009

