

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



SUE VANDERSLOOT WYNEGAR

Class of 1965

After graduating from William Penn Senior High School, on the recommendation of her favorite teacher, Ms. Vandersloot Wynegar took a job in the District Attorney's office. She retired in 2003 after more than three decades of public service at various government agencies. Her son, Mike, is a 1985 William Penn alum. Now 71, she still lives in the City of York.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?

Studying hard in school and learning as much as you can because later in life, you'll be surprised at how much it helps. My success is that I worked hard, raised a son basically on my own, and was able to retire at a young age in 2003. I'm still enjoying life to the fullest.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT ACTIVITIES DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

I tried out for majorettes and made it, but my parents were so poor we couldn't afford a real baton. So I had to drop out. I was in business education, which meant I went to school for two weeks, but also had a job for two weeks. I was lucky and got to work in the office at Hannah Penn Junior High and I LOVED it. So I had fun working and got paid for doing it all while attending school.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

In high school, hardly anyone knew me. I was very shy and very studious. I didn't do a lot of socializing until after I graduated and married. However, our Class of 1965 holds many get-togethers, at least one or two every month. I've now reconnected with so many people from back then. We are the best of friends and have so much fun.



Ms. Vandersloot Wynegar with her favorite teacher, Scott Shewell, at a recent class reunion.

WHAT'S ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD SHARE WITH TODAY'S STUDENTS?

LEARN, do your school work and homework. Worry less about dating and parties. Save that for later in life when you can have a good job and ENJOY what life has to offer. Strive to be someone who people will admire for your sake and for your family.