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## **Trivia:**

### **List of U.S. National Parks By State**

**Alaska:** (8)- Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Glacier Bay, Katmai, Kenai Fjords, Kobuk Valley, Lake Clark, Wrangell – St. Elias

**Arizona:** (3) Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Saguaro

**Arkansas:** Hot Springs

**California:** (9) -Death Valley, Channel Islands, Joshua Tree, Yosemite, Kings Canyon, Lassen Volcanic, Pinnacles, Sequoia, Redwood

**Colorado** (4)- Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Great Sand Dunes, Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountains

**Florida:** (3)- Biscayne, Dry Tortugas, Everglades

**Hawaii:** (2) Haleakala, Hawaii volcanoes

**Idaho:** Yellowstone

**KY-** Mammoth Cave

**Maine:** Acadia

**Michigan:** Isle Royale

**Minnesota:** Voyageurs

**Missouri:** Gateway Arch National Park

**Montana:** (2) Glacier National Park, Yellowstone

**Nevada:** Great Basin

**New Mexico:** Carlsbad Caverns

**North Carolina:** Great Smoky Mountains

**North Dakota:** Theodore Roosevelt

**Ohio:** Cuyahoga Valley

**Oregon:** Crater Lake

**South Carolina:** Congaree

**South Dakota:** (2) Badlands, Wind Cave

**Tennessee:** • Great Smoky Mountains

**Texas-** (2) Big Bend • Guadalupe Mountains

**Utah:** (5) • Arches• Bryce Canyon• Canyonlands• Capitol Reef• Zion

**Virginia:** Shenandoah

**Washington:** (3) Mt. Ranier, North Cascades, Olympic

**Wyoming:** (2) Grand Tetons, Yellowstone

**AMERICAN SAMOA** (1) American Samoa National Park

**US VIRGIN ISLANDS** (1) Virgin Islands National Park

### **Popular Mechanics : America's best national parks for camping:**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/americas-best-national-parks-for-camping/ss-AABp6fi?ocid=spartandhp>

Yellowstone Natl Park, Wyoming

Biscayne National Park, Florida

Acadia Natl Park, Maine

Hot Springs Natl Park, Arkansas

Yosemite Natl Park, California

Great Smoky Mtns Natl Park, North Carolina

Isle Royale Natl Park, Michigan

Denali Natl Park and Preserve, Alaska

Voyageurs Natl Park, Minnesota

## **From Our Graduates**

### **Bonnie Burson Chapman:**

"Thank you for the nice article.....interesting how many people from our class pursued visually creative professions. I never took art in high school, but of course, had many hours at Baylor."

**Bob Easter:** Bob reports that Steve Rigby wrote a book, [S.M.I.L.E.](#), in which Bob was used as the Main character. The book focuses on the understanding that "sales" is not something you push people to do but rather about creating friendships and service for the customer. The book is on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/S-M-I-L-People-First-Philosophy-Creates-Extraordinary-ebook/dp/B07KX76X6Y#customerReviews>



Different drugs may have certain side effects on different individuals. Not all people are alike and this drug may work fine for you. However, Bob Easter kept having concussions and he tracked the problem to Tramadol. Here is Bob's information about [Tramadol](#) and the effects it had on him:

"Recently we discovered what caused my concussions, which only happened at night or when taking a nap. I was given a prescription of Tramadol for pain after my gall bladder surgery and for my knee pain. On the three occasions I went to the hospital after falling getting out of bed, I had taken a Tramadol. Carolyn figured it out when all of the doctors could not. I kept asking Doctors why is this only happening at night? At first the doctors thought I was having seizures, but why only at night. They ruled out seizures. About five weeks ago Carolyn starting thinking after finding me in bed with another seizure type episode after taking Tramadol. I went to the doctor and he told me that Tramadol can cause seizure. Case closed. I stopped taking it and no issues. Every single one of my ER Visits for concussion was caused by this drug."

## **UPDATES:**

### **Sandra Wooten Overholser**

"I had bladder cancers removed January 18th. I completed the treatments and a week ago (May 31) went back into surgery for an in-depth examination. Praise GOD-- All clear. I will have checks every three months for a year and then 6 months, etc. In the middle of all of this, our insurance changed with Don's union. It was a mess, but got it done. I have to change my Doctor, but I would not change in mid-treatment. So, after all this, I AM STILL KICKING. Blessings to all."

### **Robert (Little Red)Wilson:**

On May 30, Little Red tripped, fell, and broke his left humerus in two places. No surgery is required. Doc told him in 2 months it should heal itself; however, he will need Physical Therapy. As he said, "God is good."

### **Cynthia Kirkland Mazza:**

Cynthia requests prayers from our graduates. She has been diagnosed with CMML leukemia, a blood cancer. She sees another oncologist on June 17 to talk about treatments. Cynthia says she does not look sick because bone marrow is not visible. She gets very tired and tries to rest and pace herself and do ministry whenever she can.

**Linda Shelby Lyons:** Linda has been cooperating for months with Houston's MD Anderson to figure out what kind of tumor is in her throat/neck area. After 4 biopsies and gobs of tests, MD Anderson is still bewildered. Since they do not know how to treat the unknown, they plan to perform surgery to remove the tumor on July 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a 5-7 hour surgery with at least 3 surgeons in the Operating room. Once the tumor is out, hopefully they can figure out what kind it is and how to proceed with proper treatment. Please keep Linda in your thoughts and hearts. She is facing a very tedious and difficult surgery.

**Janene Loftis Jett:** Beginning July 15, Janene will have a new address. Her other contact info remains the same:  
3429 Ridge Bluff Circle  
Tyler, TX 75707

**Randy Turner:** Ken Freeman informed me today (June 25) that Randy Turner has been in the hospital for the past 10 days. Randy is at UT Clements Hospital on Harry Hines in Dallas.

## **July Birthdays:**

- 2 Donald Allen Cook
- 7 Mickey Lavy
- 9 Robert (Little Red) Wilson
- 10 Annita Incardona Henson
- 13 Susan Harkness Hill
- 14 Crozier Brown
- 15 Jeanell Buida Bolton
- 19 Linda Sadler Easter  
Ambrosia Silva
- 22 Sherry Robertson Nunn
- 23 Linda Phelps McKee
- 27 George Karahal

## **Regarding Mary Murray-Lockwood:**



**Pat Payne:** "A beautiful life. Thanks for forwarding the obits. They give us some insight into the good our WHS 60 classmates have done with their time on earth. A really wonderful group of human beings."

**Jeanne Holland Harman:** "I was in a car pool with Mary and 3 others way back when. That was in the "olden days" when not every teenager had a car. I remember Mary as always being soft-spoken, kind, and having something nice to say about everyone."

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin:** "So sad. She was a lovely person."



## **Regarding Rik Spencer:**



**Robert Wilson:** "Surprise is correct. I had wished him a happy birthday, which was the 6th and received a thank you from him and now this, wow. These days we all need to be ready. Yes he was ready and now is with Jesus."

**Cynthia Kirkland Mazza:** "Goodness, loved that guy in high school so much. A gentlemen , thoughts and prayers to his family."

**Malissa Starnes Baugh:** Oh, my!!! This is all so very sad. We are losing so many classmates. Prayers for the Spencer family. What a guy!!

**Gwen Ewing Hodges:** Condolences- so sad - he was a really nice person 😞.

**Tommye Blair Toler:** Sad indeed. I'm so sorry to hear this news. We must use today wisely because tomorrow is promised to no one.

**Joe Riley:** I remember visiting with Rik at our reunion. We reminisced about some good times together, out at my farm. The sadness continues for all of us as we mark our classmates' passings.



This is the article of which Rik had already given his stamp of approval to share with all of our graduates. He wrote everything himself except for the introduction and the explanations of the pictures. I regret so much to learn of his death. I know he will be missed tremendously by so many!

We never know when our time on earth will cease, but if anyone was ever ready to be called home at any time, it was Rik. Following is Rik's story:

### Erik "Rik" Spencer



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Rik Spencer is one of our "pastor" graduates. He calls himself an Air Force Brat but how in the world could a potential pastor ever be a brat as a child coming into age! After reading Rik's story, it made me realize how much of the world he has visited, lived, and experienced. One thing for sure: Rik knows his final destination— which hopefully is a long, long time from now. Pastors are human and enjoy life....most especially GOLF and A&M. So, get yourself a cup of coffee and sit back and take some travels with Rik. Thank you so much, Rik, for sharing with us. Now, here is his story in his own words:

"I moved to Waco in the summer of 1958 & spent my junior & senior years at W.H.S. My freshman year was in Wiesbaden, Germany, & my sophomore year in Victoria, TX – just 1 of the many vagaries of being an Air Force brat – 3 high schools in 4 years! So getting to have my last 2 years in the same high school was a real treat. After graduating, I spent the summer memorizing how to properly say, "I don't know," to an upperclassman at A&M, along with lots of other Aggie minutiae that a Fish had to know. I never studied that hard for a Miss Dumont chemistry test!

When we lived in Waco, I attended Lakewood Christian Church & was very active in the H.S. Youth Group. I became really good buddies with 3 guys – Bill Wrench (Lubbock), Sid Slaughter (Mayfield, KY) & Bob Stephenson (Pflugerville). We get together once a year for a week to play golf, eat great food, tell lies, do that touristy thing & have a good old time. It's a special time. We're all still married to our 1<sup>st</sup> wives, &

amazingly, they all became best buds on their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting! We usually get together somewhere in Arkansas or Missouri, since it's kind of in the middle of where we all live.

My college career wasn't much different from high school – 3 semesters at A&M, 1 year at the U. of Maryland in Ramstein, Ger., 1 semester at Indiana University (an interesting story about how this happened), & returned to A&M in January of '64. I graduated in '65 – English major, history minor & 1 class short of a German minor. After graduation, I left TX for Indiana, where I'd met the love of my life, Julia (who goes by Judy).

Didn't come back to TX for 20 years, when we took our son on a college campus tour – 6 schools (S.M.U, T.C.U., Baylor, T.U., A&M & Trinity).

Judy & I were married on October 23, 1965, & I got my draft notice on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Since the Air Force only wanted pilots for Viet Nam, I couldn't enlist & go through O.C.S., because I'm blind as a bat. So I enlisted in the Kentucky Army National Guard & served honorably for 6 years. I say with great pride that no foreign power was able to invade the Commonwealth of Kentucky during my service!

Our only son, Craig, was born on July 28, 1969. He lives near us & is on the Kroger management team. Our only granddaughter, Olivia, was born on June 17, 2002, & she lives with her mother in Indianapolis. Craig has very generous visitation rights, & we get to spend a lot of time with Olivia. She has grown into a beautiful young woman, & she's a joyful presence in our lives.

My day jobs have been many & varied.

'65-'70 – Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. – claims adjuster

'70-'85 – Public Service Indiana (now Duke Energy) –marketing & management positions

'85-'87 – Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. – sales

'87-'92 – Appel Heating, Cooling & Oil Co. – manager

'90-'94 – Christian Theological Seminary – M. Div. (There's an interesting story how this came about.)

'91-'92 – Forest Hill Presbyterian Church – student pastor

'92-'95 – Greenwood Presbyterian Church – youth director

'95-'03 – Greenwood Presbyterian Church – associate pastor

'03-'05 – Connersville Presbyterian Church – interim pastor

'06-'08 – Ossian Presbyterian Church – interim pastor

'08-'09 – Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church – interim pastor

'08-'09 – College Corner Presbyterian Church – shepherding Pastor

'09-'12 – **First retirement**

'13-'14 – Boggstown Presbyterian Church – interim pastor

'14-'17 – **Second retirement**

'17-present – Boggstown Presbyterian Church – interim pastor

You can't tell it from the church names, but they're all small ones, & I love being a pastor in a small church! I hope Boggstown calls a new pastor in the next couple of months, so I can retire for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & final time! How would you feel if you didn't get to sleep in on Sunday morning for almost 30 years? Since Sunday is the only day I work, it's not so bad! Seriously, though, I have enjoyed my time at Boggstown P.C.; they're a deeply committed congregation who take the priesthood of all believers seriously.

Judy & I will be married 54 years this coming October 23<sup>rd</sup> & have moved several times over the years (all in IN). We started married life in Clarksville ('65-'74), then moved to Seymour ('74-'75), Bloomfield ('75-'78), Carmel, ('78-'96), Greenwood ('96 to present) – all work-related. Our next move will probably be into an assisted living facility!

Judy is a career teacher, & she taught in Jeffersonville, Bloomfield, Carmel & Whiteland, retiring in 2004 after quadruple bypass surgery. She keeps busy at Greenwood Presbyterian church as a past Deacon; she's one of the coordinators for the church prayer chain; & she's an active member of Love Circle (I call it a women's gossip group!) & an occasional substitute church secretary. She alternates Sunday worship between G.P.C. & Boggstown.

Both Judy & I are in good health (for our ages), & we stay active. I love to read fiction (mysteries), & play golf & have traveled all over the south playing many Donald Ross & Robert Trent Jones courses. I have personally & unintentionally altered the topography of many of them. Judy & I enjoy traveling, good food & eating out; we have standing dinner dates for Friday lunch & Sunday supper- lots of great restaurants in & around Greenwood. On our many trips to the coastal south, we eat a lot of fresh seafood & seek out restaurants off the beaten path where the "locals" eat.

Judy & I have lunch with Bev Wells a few times a year; we would probably do it more, but with all Bev's golf leagues, clogging, travel & winter in Florida, she's hard to catch at home."

[Bev Murphy Wells, Rik Spencer, Judy Spencer at a restaurant in Greenwood, IN.](#)





**Rik, on the far left with his golfing buddies-- in Bella Vista, Arkansas**



**In Williamsburg, VA (with traveling buddies)- Judy and Rik are on the right**



**Rik's favorite Books:** 9 different translations of the Bible & a comprehensive collection of Dr. Seuss. Rik has even done Bible studies on the Seuss stories. Regarding fiction Rik says: "I have read "heavy" stuff for ministry for so many years that fiction is a great relaxation for me. Some of my favorite authors are Stieg Larsson, David Lagercrantz, Jack Coughlin, Sue Grafton, some of James Patterson (the Alex Cross & Lindsay Boxer stories), & J.K. Rowling (all of Harry Potter). I've read everything Harper Lee ever published!"



**RIP, Rik.**



## **Pictures:**

Recently, the McPhails and Bakers took a trip together down memory lane to places they used to live when they were younger. The McPhails revisited Wisconsin where David's second career was most enjoyed. The Bakers visited Michigan State where Ken got his Master's... way back when. Below are a few pictures along their journey:



David, with Mike (friend and fellow worker) at the Marian University campus in Fond du Lac, WI. David was Mike's boss at both Marian and Ivy Tech (Lafayette, IN).



Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame



Janie doing her imitation of Brett Favre



Scoot, Ken and David with other "Packer" fans



Ken and Scoot on the campus of Michigan State in Lansing, MI. Ken did a master's degree program here when he was in the Air Force. Over the years, Ken and Scoot had visited all areas of his Air Force career except for Lansing, so this visit brought their goal to 100% completion. They even saw their old apartment which was still standing!

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**Ain't it the Truth!!!**

**The main function  
of the little toe on your foot  
is to make sure that  
all the furniture in the house  
is in place.**

**She danced like  
nobody was watching.**

**But people were  
watching and she  
looked like bees were  
attacking her.**

**Sometimes someone  
unexpected comes into  
your life outta nowhere,  
makes your heart race  
and changes you  
forever...**

**We call these  
people cops.**

**MATH MADE  
SIMPLE.**

**IF YOU HAVE \$20 AND YOUR  
WIFE HAS \$5, SHE HAS \$25.**