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What years were you a student at Centenary Heights SHS? **1968-1970**

How is it you came to study at Centenary Heights SHS? **Parents recently transferred to Toowoomba. I spent 3 months at Rangeville Primary in 1967.**

What was your favourite subject/s at school? **Home Economics**

How long has it been since you visited the school? **30 yrs. I came to the 20yr reunion.**

Was there a teacher/ staff member who made a difference to your time at school? **Yes- John Schmidtken. He was my Maths teacher. He was ex-army and in hindsight young with a lovely family. I adored him- his manner and sense of composure and of course his teaching- though Maths was not my forte. I spoke to him at the 20yr reunion dinner.**

What was your favourite memory of your time at the school? **Walking to and from school with friends. Passing notes in class, sport and just having fun.**

How did attending Centenary Heights SHS assist you beyond school? **I think the school in its infancy was trying to appeal to as many families and students as possible to attract the numbers- in doing so offered pretty much free range choice of subjects.**

I still kept in touch with many though, as Toowoomba was a small town and everyone knew what everyone else was doing.

What are you doing now? **Well- I left Toowoomba after year 12.**

Trained as a Registered Nurse and Midwife.

Married and had 3 children and they have also got families now and we have 5 grandchildren.

All have returned to Brisbane after working and living in the UK.

I worked in most of the hospitals in Brisbane and the Universities as a sessional academic in Australia and Vietnam. I'm lucky to have been able to work around family and have choices- I'm a very contented and comfortable person. Over my professional career I have been employed in a variety of clinical specialities and management roles.

Currently still working on a contract basis for the Universities as it makes me happy to be clinically focused with a choice of environment.

Still live in Brisbane (Sherwood) and have been happily married to the same man for 42 years.

Life's great- best time of my life!

There's a lot I haven't told you- but hey- if I see you at the reunion I'll elaborate...maybe.