



Jerry Button

After High School, I spent several years in Tempe "enjoying" city life. So different than my life in Globe, but I was able to get an education that made it possible for me to move on with meaningful work. I moved back to Globe in 1962, where I met and married Linda Williams (Miami class of 1962) right after she was graduated. We lived in Globe for almost three years before moving to California for school and work. In 1967 we moved back to the Phoenix area and I began a 27 year career with Salt River Project.

Once back in Arizona, we adopted two children: Shelley in 1967 and Michael in 1971. They both now live on the Olympic Peninsula across the Sound from Seattle. My daughter has four beautiful children, two girls and two boys, ranging from age 20 to age 2.

I retired from SRP in 1994, then spent five years as a consultant with the City of Scottsdale. In 2000, Linda and I moved to Payson, Arizona to enjoy the mountains and cooler summers. Linda died in the summer of 2006, the day after our 44th wedding anniversary.

Now, I spend a fair amount of time volunteering at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, four-wheeling, and even get in an occasional round of golf (I'm all well now though and have golf in the proper perspective). I show up in Globe every month or so to visit Chal's for some of their green chili. Maybe I'll see someone there I know one of these days.

It was great to see everyone!