

After graduating from AHS, I attended Texas A&M and West Texas State. I was in the R.O.T.C. program at WT and was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1964. I am retired from the U. S. Army after 24 years service, initially as an Armor officer, then finishing my career in the Counterintelligence field. I served at various posts in the United States and had foreign service tours in Vietnam, Korea and Germany. We moved back to Amarillo after I retired from the Army. I have worked for the past 20 years as a Federal Agent with the Department of Defense and the Federal Investigative Service. I plan to work until I am 70, as long as I stay healthy enough to do the job. I married Mary Baird (AHS '63) in 1964. We celebrated our 45th anniversary this past May. She has been the secretary of our church, Westcliff Bible Church, for the past 25 years. We have two sons, Patrick, 43 and David, 40. Both are graduates of AHS and WT. Patrick is a parole officer for the State of Texas and David is a Social Studies teacher and head boy's soccer coach at Amarillo High. Their places of birth sort of typify my military service. Patrick was born in the Army hospital at Fort Irwin, California, in the Mojave desert and David was born in the Bethesda Naval hospital in Maryland. We have 4 Grandchildren; Chance, 13, Lauren, 11, Sarah, 7 and Addison, 4. We are fortunate in that all of our family lives here in Amarillo. The three oldest grandchildren are very active in soccer, so we travel a good bit to Dallas, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Midland and Odessa to attend their tournaments. Addison says that she wants to play soccer, but Mary and I feel that acting or dancing suits her best, as she is something of a Drama Queen. Mary and I enjoy shopping for antiques, socializing with our friends from church and entertaining our grandchildren.