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Greeting Classmates! I will not be able to attend our reunion since I was in Columbus in late May, but wanted to take a moment to say “hello” to all of you. I have enjoyed following the preparations for the reunion and seeing postings from so many of you on Facebook. I hope we can continue that connection. Thank you to the planning committee for putting together a wonderful celebration.

Here is a brief bio of what I’ve been up to over the years. I live in Edgewood, New Mexico with my husband, Mike, and a very spoiled Alaskan Husky named Lucy. We have two sons, four daughters, and eight awesome grandkids ranging in age from three to nineteen. One son lives in Albuquerque, while all of the others make their homes in the Pacific Northwest and Wisconsin.

After graduation, I attended Ohio University; then moved to Coos Bay, Oregon. I made my way up the I-5 corridor to Washington and graduated in 1984 from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. My degree was in Business, and I worked in Human Resources for many years before moving to New Mexico in 1997.

I continued in Human Resources at Albuquerque Job Corps. Later, through New Mexico’s Alternative Licensure Program, I became a teacher. I taught English and Social Studies to a highly diverse group of at-risk youth. Most of my students had learning and behavioral disabilities while others were English Language Learners. This was very challenging and rewarding.

I retired from teaching a few years ago with an eye toward pursuing interests long on the back burner. I freelanced in the Pacific Northwest and here in New Mexico. I enjoy attending writers’ conferences and have several writing projects in the works. I credit Miss Mann and Mrs.



Schmidt for inspiring me to enjoy literature and pursue writing. Other interests include volunteering for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a local Hospice Bereavement Support Team.

My Columbus connection remains strong, and I visit as often as possible. Go Bucks! Kingsdale Shopping Center just keeps getting bigger, and the Columbus skyline has become more impressive over the years. I always thought I would return to Columbus, but the years have had a way of taking me in new and interesting directions. I am proud to be a Golden Bear. I wish you all the best and will be thinking of you 4th of July weekend. Keep in touch!