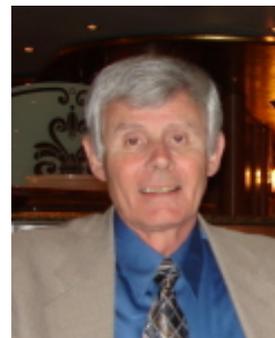


Bob Guest ***Auto Aero***



I attended Cass Tech for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades in the Auto-Aero curriculum. It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed but looking back on my Cass Tech years I have to admit that they had quite an effect on my future. While I did not distinguish myself academically at Cass Tech, the education I received there did prepare me for life.

I did attend Wayne State University for two years. However I did not finish my Engineering degree. Trying to hold down a part time job, keep my car running and commuting across town to WSU just got to be a bit overwhelming.

I left college in 1961 for a four year obligation in the U. S. Air Force. At the time the Vietnam war was looming and I preempted the draft by signing-up for four years. As it turns out it was a great decision as the Air Force trained me as an electronic technician which prepared me for employment with IBM when I finished my tour in July of 1965.

The U.S. Air Force tour of duty was an education in itself. While I had hopes of seeing more of the world, the Air Force sent me to San Antonio TX, Biloxi MS, Fairbanks AK and Altus OK. I had hope for an overseas assignment in Europe or the Far East. On the other hand; I was far from the terrible war in Vietnam. I guess I should consider myself fortunate as many young men of my generation had to endure the war in Vietnam.

I worked for IBM in a number of roles for 34 years (hardware service tech, computer programmer and technical marketing specialist) retiring in 2000. IBM was an expanding company during my years there and many new job opportunities were offered to me.

I met my lifetime soul mate Jeanne while on a thirty day leave from Air Force duty in December of 1963. Jeanne and I have been married since August of 1964 and now have three successful children and three wonderful grandsons. We also hope to have another granddaughter from Uganda if my Son and his wife get final approval for the adoption process.

My wife and I look forward to spending time with the Class of '59 at the reunion this coming June.

Best of luck to the Class of '59,
Bob Guest

