

Cory Bushong's Interview —

with
Penny Carlson

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Me: My Interview's name is Penny Carlson

Me: When and Where were you born?

Mrs. C: I was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
In 1956

Me: How many brothers and sisters do you have

Mrs. C: (after thinking) 3 bros. + 5 sisters

Me: do you remember their names?

Mrs. C: ~~is~~ You want a list? Elaine, Marsha, Fred,
Mike, Barry, Sandy, Pat, Tammy

Me: When + Whom did you marry?

Mrs. C: Dean Carlson from Ishpeming. and that was
in 1974, right after I graduated

Me: How many children did you have?

Mrs. C: 2

Me: and the names

Mrs. C: Brandi Carlson + Keith Carlson

Me: When + Where were your parents born

Mrs. C: Mom was born in Soo. —
Dad was born in St. Ignace. —

Me: What years did you attend N.M. School?

Mrs. C: in 6th or 7th grade and I don't now
what year it was

Me: Do you remember some of your grade school teachers?

Mrs. C: No grade school teachers

Me: Do you remember any of your ^{Junior high or} high school teachers?

Mrs. C: I had a lot of the teachers that are still there now. Mr. Bretts, Mr. Sayering, Mrs. Richards

Mrs. Johnson Librarian

Me: Do you remember what they were like?

Mrs. C: I never disliked any of the teachers really

I got along with most of them pretty well.

Me: We used to have a lot of fun with Mr. Peck
how was it funny (comical)

Me: How did you get to school and how far was it?

Mrs. C: I didn't live very far only about a 1/2 mile
we used to walk or ONE of my bios. cars,
until I got my own jeep. The one we still use
today.

Me: What was your favorite subject and why?

Mrs. C: I was always a reader & I liked
reading & English

Me: What subjects gave you the most difficulty?

Mrs. C: (thinking) (Hum) probably geography of all
I'm not very good at it.

Me: What kinds of extra-curricular activities were offered?

Mrs. C: ~~Oh~~ we used to put on plays the same kind of
the ~~one~~ you have now baseball, track, etc.

me Which ones were you enrolled in?

Mrs. C Well, I did work on a newspaper we used to put out called the echo

me do you remember ^{any} humor or special moments about that

Mrs. C No

me did the teams win any trophies or championships

Mrs. C can't remember.

me how did people get to winning?

Mrs. C we were ^{real} competitive and got real excited whenever we won a game because a school was so much smaller than Ishpeming and that more competition between the kids

me How do you think competition has changed

Mrs. C the kids today have more different interests in the competition there isn't as much rivalry & the kids didn't get real fired

me were you a cheer leader?

Mrs. C No

me How were kids expected to act or behave?

Mrs. C I think they were a lot stricter with us, at one point we had a dress code where girls had to wear dresses, I'm not sure when it changed

Me: Were there any special fads or sayings?

Mrs. C: I can't even remember what we said, some of the same stuff ~~you~~ people say today. We had different responses

Me: What was lunchtime like?

Mrs. C: short, I wasn't much for eating school lunch, I lived close enough I could go home and eat,

Me: What kinds of plays or programs did you have?

Mrs. C: Well, uh, the younger kids always put on a Christmas program and of course our programs the juniors + seniors I think each year, did a play.

Me: Did you participate in any?

Mrs. C: Ya. I was in two different plays. (Vh) I think one was

called the 'little red school house' and the other one was 'Snow white'

Me: Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them.

Mrs. C: ya, I know we had a lot of fun putting them on and the practices we had a lot of fun at.

Me: Did the school have any special picnics or outings.

Mrs. C: not very often I think they were afraid to let us loose,

Me: Who was your principle and describe him?

Mrs. C: most of the while I was there it was Mr. Ruesing. But before that it was Mr. Lindberg and I always liked Mr. Ruesing. The other one I didn't get along with very well.

Me: Did any of the teachers have any impact on you.

Mrs. C: ya, I think they all had a little, not very much though.

Me: Describe the graduation ceremony?

Mrs. C: It was a lot shorter than it is now, cause I think there was only about 36 kids ~~and~~.

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I think it was a lot better with smaller classes like that, all the kids in one grade knew each other. Like at N.M., most of them grew up together and when through school together. And they knew each other good, like kids in Westwood I mean some of the seniors don't know the other seniors, to me it's a lot better to have the small classes like we had, than to have a large class

Mr What special memories do you have of graduation day?

Mrs C Just the fact that I graduated (Hu, Hu, Hu, Hu, Hu).

Mr Were you able to maintain contact with your childhood friends.

Mrs C Oh I see a lot of them still, ~~some~~ ^{in a lot} live in I still see a lot of them, but I don't see them on a regular weekly basis or nothing, but I do see a lot of them

Mr What are your fondest memories of N.M?

Mrs C Hum, uh, I don't know, probably the prom we went to that was fun

Mr What do you think the biggest change is in school today

Mrs C I think their a lot more fast paced, and their pushing more into you all the time and that the kids are pushed

Mr If you had a message for the students what would it be?

Mrs C pay attention and learn all you can

Me do you have anything else to add.

Mrs C No.

Me Thank you very much.