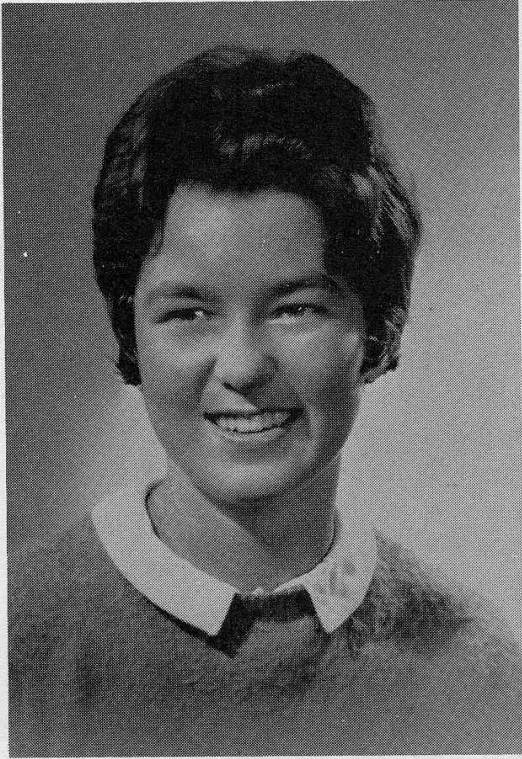


Neeley Weeks Murphy



NEELY WEEKS

Big chief Neel . . . songster from election time . . . "But of course" . . . blazered, knee-socked team supporter. Stagecraft 1; Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Tennis 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Select Chorus 2; Operetta 1; "Voice" 2, 3, 4.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

My sister Paula & I were lifeguards at Walden Pond where I met my future husband David.

Graduated from Framingham State and taught in Natick, MA for 3 ½ yrs.

Married and moved to Connecticut where David was at Wesleyan and I taught in Portland, grades 6-8. Moved back to Massachusetts when David took a position at MIT and my sons Christopher and Sean were born at Emerson. We belonged to a newcomers' group, joined a gourmand dining group and enjoyed cooking frog from around the world. The boys and I joined a swim club where we made lots of friends. I joined an arts and crafts group where we explored the art of stained glass, macramé and batik. I also helped run a Bible camp during the summer. Those were wonderful memories.

We then moved to Basking Ridge, NJ. My Mom cried when I told her we would be living in NJ. She thought we would be living on the Jersey Turnpike. Hence my favorite author, Janet Evanovich. While David worked with DARPA at Bell Labs, I thought I had volunteered to develop an Honor I Algebra program. Turned out it became a permanent one for about 20 years at St. James School. Didn't make big bucks, but it was worth it. During my time at St. James, I became 6-8 team leader and taught math and science. The school grew and I then taught science for 6-8. I love the nuns, lay teachers, and the St. James Community. I had a chance to do something I had always wanted to do, develop science based curriculum. I wrote lessons for English, history, etc. The whole middle school did one unit a year on topics such as the rainforest, astronomy (where I became certified to run a portable planetarium) and the disappearing frog. I wrote a grant about deformed and diminishing frog population for NSTA. I was chosen Science Teacher of the Year for the entire State. I was awarded \$10,000 from MSTA. The students were able to study two ponds in town and also we built three ponds in our classroom. We found that the local VA was funneling warm water into one pond and

chromium 6 was in another due to it once was a tanning business. I had two free trips, one to Boston and the other to St. Louis, where I taught teachers how to write grants and integrated curriculum.

David retired; we sold our Jersey home and moved to Bonita Springs, Florida. We live in a golf community. We both love it here. We joined a newcomer group and I became a board member for three years. We attend cocktails and conversation, dining in and I learned to play mah-jongg. Our street gets together once a month for cocktails. At Christmas we have a block party in someone's driveway. Christmas outdoors – love it! I'm on the Social Committee as Secretary and Welcome Hostess. I volunteer at Lovers Key State Park and am a director for FOLKS, a community board organization to help support the park financially and boost volunteerism. Lovers Key is 3 ½ miles of pristine beach.

Two of the favorite parts of living in Florida are that I swim everyday in our pool and can be outside all the time.

Within a half-hour, there is so much to do and being two miles from the Gulf, we do a lot of beachcombing and boating.

And now the pictures:



David and me



Mr& Mrs Douglas, son Sean's wife Chris, Sean, me, husband David, son Chris



Grandson Aidan



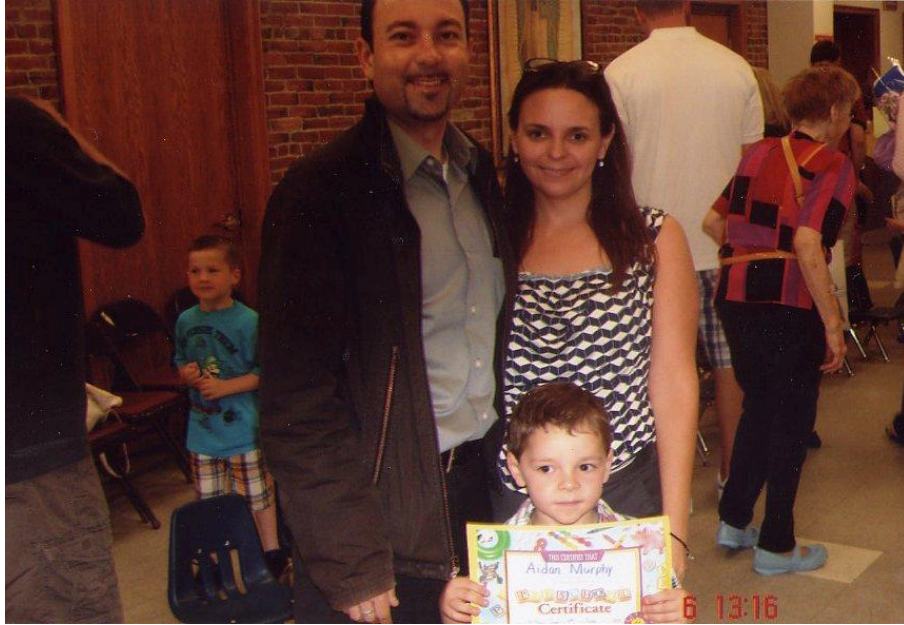
Grandson Aidan



Aidan loves animals



Grandson Aidan



Aidan with parents



Grandson Aidan



Aidan [Editor's note: guess who is the apple of Neeley's eye ...]



Aidan with his Grandad



Aidan and his dad



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