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Where did you meet your spouse? **With friends. I had gone through a rough divorce after thirty years of marriage—had been single for three years and had pretty much turned into a recluse when we met—I hated dating. Had bought the “marriage tee-shirt”, worn it out and wasn’t interested in another. George asked me to marry him two weeks after we met; I hyperventilated; he persisted and we married three years later. Lesson: Never, say never.**

How long have you been married?

How many pets do you have? **Two
miniature schnauzers, Schatzie and
Ralphie**

Children (names & ages) **Two, with Charles Blasingame (class 56) Elizabeth Michelle Blasingame Ewing, 46; James Brent Blasingame, 42**

Grandchildren (names & ages) **Jared Austin Ewing, 21—named after THE University, attending TCU!!!!!!!!!! Caitlin Elizabeth Ewing, Sweet 16 Catherine Elizabeth Blasingame 14, and Brooke Ashland Blasingame 10**

Great-grandchildren?

Favorite spare-time activities: **cooking, quilting, and reading**

College & schools attended: **Graduated from UNT**

Are you retired? **yes**

Occupation **I am retired from Tarrant County
Government. I retired as the External Change
Manager.**

Minor or major occurrences and significant events since high school: **While at Tarrant County, I had the honor of developing and directing two programs: the County Volunteer Program and the I T computer training program—both programs won State honors and recognition.**

What accomplishments are you most proud of (work-related or personal life)? **My children and the fact that they have become extra-ordinary citizens, husband, wife, Mom and Dad. While I am very happy in my life today, I am saddened that my first marriage ended in divorce. Charles Blasingame succumbed to lung cancer this August 4, 2007.**