

Name

Kim Bishop Wolf

Year of Graduation

1983

What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?

I earned a mechanical engineering degree from Penn State University and moved to Missouri after graduation to work for the Everyday Battery Company as a Plant Engineer. My first son was born there.

I was then transferred to Iowa, where my second son was born. Subsequently I lived in Vermont, Connecticut, Ohio, and Ontario, working for Pepperidge Farm, Campbell Soup, McCormick, and the Original Cakerie. During that time I had various managerial positions.

Now I have a manufacturing consulting business and I teach food processing and some technical courses at Conestoga College, here in Ontario, Canada. I also have returned to my roots, having learned to can and freeze all of our homegrown vegetables from my boyfriend's garden. I am still a small town girl at heart - Port Allegany was a great place to grow up and I am grateful that my parents moved us there when I was starting third grade.

Where do you currently live?

I live in a small town in Ontario, where my two sons graduated from high school and now live with their own families. I also have one grandson. I am so thankful that my family surrounds me. After moving so much, it means a lot to have my family around me.

Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?

Mr. Mack gave me so much incentive to go into Engineering in college. I started in Chemical Engineering then realized I didn't love it as much as I did in Mr. Mack's classroom so I switched to Mechanical Engineering. The love of the sciences came from Mr. Mack though, without doubt.

Mr. Saiers is someone who really taught me to strive for perfection in any work that I did. He accepted nothing less from his students and it taught me to do the same for myself. Both men were good role models for me in guiding me to choose a career that I could provide for my family and be successful at.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

I loved being a cheerleader. Yes, it was a lot of fun and I made so many friends, but it also taught me to be a strong public speaker - to this day, I love getting in front of people to lead a conference or speak in front of a class. I got that confidence from cheerleading.

I have also kept friends from high school after all of these years - the people who knew me from "way back when" and who mean the world to me - some people are not so lucky to maintain those relationships.

