



JOHN FERGUSON met his wife JoAnne Quinn on a blind date for an Army-Navy Football game in 1968. They were married in 1973, after his graduation from West Point and have been married ever since. So, they have known each other for 50 years and married for 45 by the time of his high school reunion. They have two children: Jennifer, born in Germany when he was in the Army, and John, born in North Carolina after he left the service. Jennifer is now an 8th grade Social Studies teacher in NC and has been recognized by the state for her teaching excellence in history. His son John received his PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University, and recently started his own Tech company. The Fergusons also have two granddaughters, whom John says "are a complete blessing to us both." After BHS, John was lucky enough to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1972. John and his wife retired in 2012 and live in North Carolina where he fishes, golfs, and does woodworking. He has also been involved in the Pine Knoll Shores community as a board member of the Country Club and Strategic Planning Committee. John says his greatest accomplishment is his family. "I have a wonderful wife and happy, healthy, and successful children." Of Burbank High, John says, "I always enjoyed the friendships through my swimming days. Probably, the best was when BHS won the CIF Championships in 1967. There were only four of us, Ken Powers, Pat Fligg, Tim Thomas, and myself competed in this event. The other three guys graduated in 1967, and I followed Pat to West Point where he graduated in 1971. Sadly, he has since passed, but I am still in touch with Ken and Tim through social media from time to time."

