

The Babes

Alvin and Margaret Babe with their son George moved in June of 1936 from the northern Philadelphia suburb of Tacony to Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania. Sharon Hill is a small residential community just to the southwest of Philadelphia.

George, upon registering for his new school was assigned to the 5th grade which included a cute little girl named Anna Margaret Boyd. Both were seated in close proximity to each other and soon became very friendly. Sharon Hill High School offered its students three courses — General, Commercial, and Academic. George and Anna were placed in the Academic Section and assigned desks and lockers alphabetically (Close together).

They started dating in their junior year and were going “Steady” as seniors. At the graduation ceremony, they were sitting side by side and holding hands.

Christmas of 1943. Anna was a student at West Chester State Teacher’s College of Pennsylvania and George was a private in the Marine Corps.

George asked Anna’s father (By letter) for permission to give Anna a diamond engagement ring for Christmas. He approved, providing Anna agreed to complete College and teach for one full year after being graduated.

We agreed and here we are, 68 years later with three children; eight grands; and twelve greatgrands.

