

# Penny (Everhart) Carey

*Class of 1982*



Penny was one of sixty-eight students who graduated from Royal Valley High school in the '81-'82 school year. This was the era of "Cool Beans" and "Tennie Runners" (tennis shoes).

## **This Was When**

Her senior schedule consisted of seven classes every day, with a twenty-minute Activity Period each morning that was used for meetings and finishing homework.

The cafeteria menu included homemade pizza, cinnamon puffs, pigs in a blanket, and much more.

The commons boomed with the laughter of her friends hanging out before school.

Vending machines sold candy bars and Little Debbie snacks.

Band students marched and played at every football game, and performed at parades too... in their ugly uniforms.

This is also when the senior class of 1982 left their mark on the history of Royal Valley.

**For the First Year Ever** The senior trip was introduced, thanks to these students. Yes, they were very lucky, but there was a deal involved. After proposing the idea, the class was told that the only way the trip would be permitted was for the seniors to prove throughout the year that they wouldn't embarrass the school if the principal agreed to let them go. Seniors traveled to Rockaway Beach, Missouri, where they spent an entire weekend relaxing and having fun with their classmates.

**A Few Differences** Penny was a member of FHA, (Future Homemakers of America) what we now call FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America). These two clubs organize the same sort of functions; Star Events, presentations, meetings, fundraisers, and various guest speakers.

**College or High School?** FHA was a very engaging and fascinating club that many students wanted to be a part of throughout Royal Valley's previous years. For Penny, the most appealing activity was the Initiation Party. Mirroring the recruiting methods of sororities in college, the FHA Officers went and "kidnapped" her and others to become members of the club. "The new members got to eat caramel-covered onions as a joke."

**Getting to Know Her** "If I could go back to RVHS, I would definitely spend more time with friends and try harder classes that would make me think. I think I would have benefited by challenging myself in the classroom."

**Take Her Word For It** "My advice to today's seniors: These are good years in your life. Soak them in!"

**Dreams Come True** "My aspirations as a senior were to go to college and to be married and happy. Since I left, I have raised three children who have all graduated from college and are kind, generous, happy, and successful people."