

GROUPS



A large majority of graduates from the class of '63 still reside in Katy



Reminiscing over pictures and newspaper clippings from the past 50 years





These Katy Tigers have kept in touch over the years and always look forward to times when they can get together

# A Look Back At The CLASS OF '63

## Katy Tigers come together to celebrate their 50th reunion

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Laughter fills the air as classmates embrace, chattering on as if no time has passed since their senior year, walking the halls of Katy High School. With a graduating class of 51 students, they are a tight-knit bunch. "We've always been such a close group," says Ann Adele Ross. "We have only lost four people from our class. We've been very blessed." Hearing the stories from the days when Katy only had one high school nestled among the rice farms, the visual is hard to imagine. Here's a look at the then-and-now of Katy High School's class of 1963.

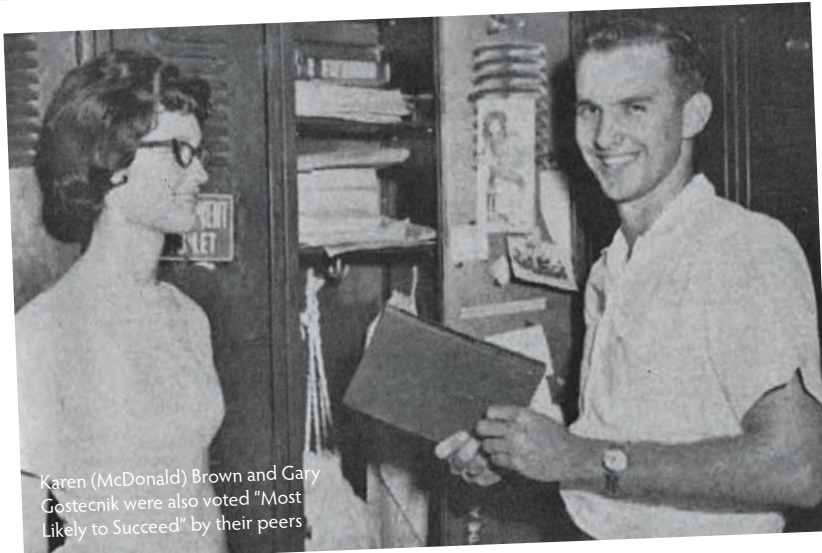


Ida Faye and Don Elder look through a scrapbook created especially for reunion attendants



Both voted "Most Friendly," James and Joan (Woods) Watson have now been married for 48 years





Karen (McDonald) Brown and Gary Gostecnik were also voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by their peers

# Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Karen (McDonald) Brown  
and Gary Gostecnik



Brown went on to work in the medical field while Gostecnik received his degree in chemistry

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Members of the various athletic clubs available at Katy High School



In 1963, the Tigers advanced to the district championship

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# Katy Football Team

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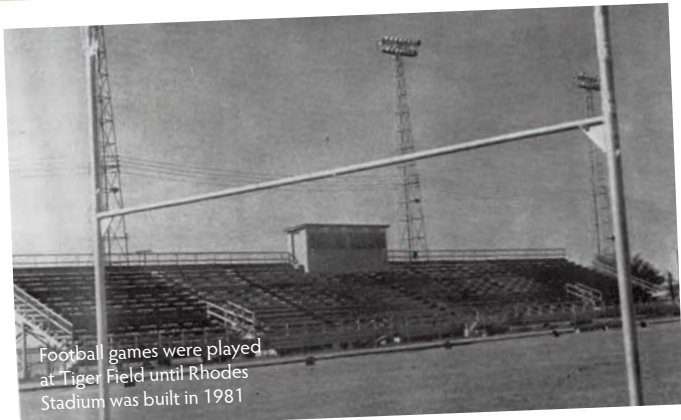




# KHS

## FUN FACTS

- 1898** - KHS opens its doors
- 1900** - KHS has its first graduating class
- 1939** - The first football team is established
- 1941** - A total of 17 seniors graduate
- 1947** - The campus is moved to its current location at US Hwy. 90 and FM 1463
- 1952** - The band hall and vocational building are constructed south of the main campus
- 1959** - Katy Tigers win their first state championship
- 1963** - KHS has a total of 51 graduates
- 1977** - School board approves a drill team for the 1977 to 1978 school year called the Red Brigade (changed to Bengal Brigade)
- 1981** - Last graduating class as the only high school in Katy
- 1981** - The last varsity football game is played at Tiger Field before moving to Rhodes Stadium
- 1982** - Graduating class is split between two Katy area high schools
- 1984** - The tiger-head logo is designed, and replaces the simple letters "K.T."
- 1987** - Actress Renee Zellweger graduates



Football games were played at Tiger Field until Rhodes Stadium was built in 1981

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*Most Handsome*

Jerry Gipson



*Most Beautiful*

Diane (Halbison) Rhoads

Gipson was also voted "Most Athletic" and Rhoads a "High School Favorite"



Helen (Brinegar) Gilbert and Donna (Morgan) Thames were both KHS cheerleaders

*Cheerleaders & Pep Squad*