

Helen (Slotar) Hovis

After matric I went to Wits and graduated in 1966 with a BA majoring in Psychology and Sociology.

In 1967 I married Bob Hovis who grew up in Saxonwold and matriculated from Parktown Boys High School. He was a practicing Pharmacist and Optometrist at the time. Over the next 6 years we had 3 children – Joanne, Kevin and Sandi. When my children were young I chose to be home with them.

In 1978 we immigrated to the USA and settled in the northern suburbs of Chicago. My husband could not practice his professions in the States. Instead, we established and ran a diamond importing company in partnership with my brother and sister-in-law for 30 years. We imported loose diamonds from SA, Belgium, Israel and India and sold to wholesalers and jewelry stores throughout the United States.

All three of our children are lawyers and all have American spouses. We now have seven wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 13. Two of our children live in suburban Chicago with their families and one daughter lives with her family in suburban Washington D.C.

In 2007 my husband and I retired and bought a home in Washington D.C. We now divide our time between Chicago, Washington and our vacation home in South Florida for the winter.

As I write this bio I am saddened to think about the passing of Paula Myers, Helene Toker and other classmates.

Thank you so much for putting this collection of bios together. I am looking forward to reading more about all of our classmates and their families as well as the areas of the globe we have all spread out to.

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