

## **Alumni Stories**

## Reita Deane (Holloway), 1975-1984; Art Department

Years Attended: 1975-84

**Area of Study:** Art Department

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Reita shares with us the following story:

"I had the time of my life, taking all the art courses I could. Through the years in retirement, I still do stain glass, weaving, woodworking, pottery, cooking classes, etc. I had a great time at Yavapai College. I can't remember their names, but I didn't have a teacher I didn't like. I wish I could remember all my teachers...such a great time. We had great yearly art trips to California, with the Art Club, of which I was a member.

I was born and raised in Kansas, though I lived in Prescott for

35 years. I went there to work for a Doctor in 1954 and later married. I moved back to Kansas in 1987, 5 years after my husband died, to take care of my parents, until their deaths. I married my high school sweetheart, 21 years ago.

While in Prescott, my husband and I owned a service pharmacy for a number of years. I was a lab and x-ray tech for 18 years. I have 2 children, Jim Holloway is a pharmacist at desert Samaritan Hospital in Mesa, AZ, and has been there since 1980. My daughter Julie Holloway Weldon is married to United Airline pilot, a graduate of Emery Riddle, and they live in Omaha, Neb. I'm blessed with 4 grandchildren. Oldest just received his masters in filmmaking, UNC, Greensboro, North Carolina; the youngest is a junior in high school.

I'm 75, and going strong. I took up golf, since I retired, and keep active doing volunteer work with the VFW and the country club. I really miss Prescott, but can see how much it has grown. In 1954, the population was 10,500. I have the courier on my computer, so check it every day, to keep up."