Pictorial Life Review of Roger Hiemstra

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The Decades

Developmentally, a march through the decades brings about various biological, psychological, and cognitive changes. The following photos provide a glimpse into the life of Roger Hiemstra. Born in Southwestern Michigan after a long economic depression and just before the United States entered WWII, Roger was the first born in a working class family. As you view these photos, look for both the changes and constants that time brings about [here is an autobiographical sketch of Roger].

The First Decade

Six months of age

Three years old

Age 5

Age 7 with brother, Carl
The Second Decade

Age 14
A Football Injury

Age 17
High School Graduation Photo

(top L-R) Carl, Denny, Roger (18); (bottom L-R) Mom, Joyce, Judy, Dad
Roger (19) (with Mom and Dad) on the way to college in California
The Third Decade

Age 23 Serving two years in the Navy Reserves after two years of college and two years of working

Age 26 - Party after graduating with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University

Age 26 – Starting first professional job as a Cooperative Extension Agent in Mason City, Iowa

Age 29 – Married Janet Wemer in Iowa – The above is an informal reception in Michigan for relatives and friends who could not attend the wedding
The Fourth Decade

Age 32

Age 35 with Janet, Nancy, and Dave

Age 37

Age 38
The Fifth Decade

Age 40, Roger’s first and only attempt at politics (soundly beaten)

Age 42

Age 47

Age 48; (standing L-R) Roger, Joyce, Judy, Carl, cousin Carol, Denny; (seated) Mom and Dad
The Sixth Decade

Age 54

Age 55 – Roger “performing” with his barbershop quartet

Age 56

Age 59 (in a museum)
The Seventh Decade

Age 62

Age 65; Nancy’s wedding to Sean Bowditch

Age 67; Dave’s wedding to Rachel Timbee

Age 69; Roger and Janet’s 40th wedding anniversary celebration
Life in Review

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the similarities and differences in appearance over the decades?
2. How does hair and hair color change with age?
3. Body weight and mass (BMI) often varies with age. Do you have any observations after viewing the various photos?
4. Skin tone, wear and tear from the sun, and wrinkles vary among people through the developmental stages. Compare what is happening to yourself with what you can discern in these photos.
5. Family relationships do matter. What thoughts pop into your mind about family in viewing these photos?
6. In viewing a set of photos like those revealed here, what thoughts form in your mind regarding your own development?
Upward and Onward – the Next Decade

Age 74

Son-in-law Sean Bowditch, daughter Nancy Hiemstra, daughter-in-law Rachel Hiemstra, son Dave Hiemstra, Kian, Rog, Riley, and Janet – Christmas, 2011 – Fayetteville, NY
Kian (5), Rog, Saskia (6 weeks), Janet (March, 2013)
Our newest – a granddaughter: Saskia Louise Jane Bowditch

Rog, Riley (2½), Janet (April, 2013)
Son-in-law Sean Bowditch, daughter Nancy Hiemstra holding Saskia (2), daughter-in-law Rachel Hiemstra, son Dave Hiemstra, Kian Bowditch (6), Rog, Janet, and Riley Hiemstra (3) Christmas, 2013 – Fayetteville, NY

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