

## *June of '63*

*We began life's journey together...in June of '63.  
With the aim of becoming the best...the best that we could be.  
Some of us stayed near, while others traveled afar.  
This would be our first step in finding who we are.  
Our goal was often set by a mother or a dad...  
To have a better life than they our parents had.  
But the world was ever changing...not one of simplicity.  
Finding ourselves wasn't as easy as first we thought it would be.  
The world was moving faster so we adapted to its speed.  
We would do whatever it took because we wanted to succeed.  
With each success or failure we found there's such a fine line.  
We also learned that those words were very hard to define.  
Should success be measured by what we had become?  
Or is it the lessons learned from what we'd overcome?  
We knew there's pain and disappointment when you falter and fail,  
But we learned through perseverance that you finally could prevail.  
And success could also come when you rose up after a fall.  
We gained a sense of pride for having stood so very tall.  
So our journey of self discovery turned into this long haul.  
One that's been filled with memories that we still like to recall.  
These stories from our journey are so varied and so strange.  
Like the stories from high school they will never ever change.  
So as we recall those hopes and joys—failures and fears.  
Let us also remember our Ambridge High School years.  
We made good and bad memories during our teenage years.  
You can hear them in our laughter. You can see them in our tears.  
Eyes light up when face to face we again do meet,  
And friendships are renewed without ever missing a beat.  
We must also take time to remember those who passed away.  
God in his ultimate wisdom needed them in some other way.  
So don't forget your family, your friends or a cohort.  
Whose life on earth ended and their journey was cut short.  
Now venture back to the days of when...  
"Smoke was smoke and groovin was groovin".  
For whoever you are and wherever you may be...  
Our journey started together in June of '63.*