

ANDREA, "ANDIE" KING ALLEN, North High Class of 1959

Ever see Fiddler on the Roof? Could have been my own family story, at least on my mother's side. My Bubie and Zadie Bernstein lived in the village of Nikolayev, Podolski in Russia. When the Pogroms came, this young married couple escaped with the clothes on their backs and with their lives. Their journey took them to the U.S. via Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was there, in South America, that their first child, my mother Edna, was born. Soon thereafter, they sailed for New York, the birth place of a second daughter.

NYC was only a short stop on their journey, however. My grandfather, Max, had a brother who escaped from the motherland a few years earlier and somehow or somehow ended up in Colorado. My grandparents, wanting to be nearer to family, decided that Colorado would be a good and safe final destination. Thus, Denver became the birthplace of four more Bernstein children and remained my grandparents home for the rest of their lives.

Why North HS?

My family, as with many immigrant Jewish families, settled on The West Side. My mother and all her siblings went to North, and as my parents never wandered far from the boundaries of Federal to Sheridan and 13th Avenue to 17th Avenue, I, too, was destined to become a North High graduate.

P.S. My parents eventually ended up living in Southeast Denver, and in fact, attempted to move there prior to my graduation from North. I, the loyal Viking, however, would have none of it! Resorting to various, sometimes devious, means of preventing the sale of our home, I managed to stay at North until graduation.



Anna & Max Bernstein



"Bubie & Zadie (Anna & Max Bernstein) w/Granddaughter Andrea "Andie" King Allen and Great Grandson Todd (1968)