

JOHN GRAY, North High Class of 1959

My grandparents from both sides of my family moved from back east to Colorado and both grandfathers, over time, went to work for the railroad. Eventually, both families came to live in Trinidad, Colorado where my mother and father met while attending high school. Shortly after graduation, they were married and moved to Denver where my older brother was born in 1936. My father told us many stories about how hard times were in Denver during those depression years and how difficult it was to not only find a job but to be able to keep it for any length of time. A couple of years prior to February of 1941, my family moved to Brighton, Colorado where I was born. As a young boy, my family lived in Brighton, Salida, Canon City, Trinidad, and Salt Lake City, Utah, where my younger brother was born in 1949. About 1950 we moved back to Denver for a short period of time on our way to Cheyenne, Wyoming where I completed fourth through the eighth grades. At the end of the school year, my father received a promotion and again we were packing and again we were moving back to (north) Denver. Of course, I then went on to continue my education at Skinner and North High School. Those years have given me many great memories and I have made some very special friendships that have/will last a lifetime.