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COMING HOME QUEEN

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Betty Adams Viertel married Art Viertel (Class of 1945) September 8, 1953 and has six children and seventeen grandchildren. The grandchildren are married and one great-grandchild on the way. All her children graduated from Albany High and eight of her grandchildren have. Two more attended

Albany schools now with a son-in-law and daughter-in-law teaching there.

She was a stay at home mom for 12 years before getting a job as a library aide at the elementary school in 1965. Mr. Speck encouraged her to go back to college and get a teacher's certificate. She decided to heed his advice and graduated from Tarleton State University in 1971.

Betty taught business subjects at Albany High Schools before buying a print shop in 1978. While running the print shop, she also collected taxes for Albany Independent School District until the Texas Legislature created the appraisal districts in 1980.

In 1981 the local Appraisal District board asked Betty to serve as the new chief appraiser. So she sold the print shop and launched a new career and went to a number of schools to learn a new trade.

In 1991 Betty decided to try something a little less stressful and went to work for her daughter and son-in-law at The Albany News. For the last three years, she has worked part-time with a two-day work week and a five-day weekend with a little extra time spent on bookkeeping each month.

This schedule allows she and Art to travel more, which is fortunate since their youngest son moved to Alaska last year. They made a trip to visit his family in July of this year.

Betty was born in Albany and has lived her entire life here. She says she hasn't found anywhere else she would rather live.