

Elaine Balmes Farr

Years Attended: 1973-75

Area of Study: Psychology

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Elaine Balmes Farr attended Yavapai College from 1973-1975, majoring in Psychology. She completed a Bachelors of Science degree at BYU after leaving YC. She worked as a probation officer for 14 years. Currently living in Cottonwood, she enjoys her hobbies of genealogy, gardening and knitting.

She loved attending Yavapai and was able to play volleyball and basketball with the women's teams while here. She met her husband at YC as well, and they've been married 30 years. Their favorite activity was attending the men's basketball games. A large group of friends 'borrowed' metal trashcan lids, and joyfully clashed them in unison to support our team. "We were nicknamed 'tin pan alley' by the local press. One student, Frank, would jump onto the court between quarters, dancing to the band and rousing the crowd. It was easy to meet people, and kids came from all over the state, but mostly northern Arizona, so we found people we knew from high school sports and things."

Her sister, Debbie Balmes, was one of the first students, starting as a freshman in 1969, when students were meeting in the Prescott Public Library, local church buildings, and elsewhere, before the campus was even complete.