## Mrs. Barker's Map of Memories

My Childhood



As a kid, I celebrated 4th of July at Glendale Community College with my cousins. We laid on blankets so that we could easily watch the fireworks light up the sky.



Every October my mom would take my sister and I to the State Fair. I would perform with my school's orchestra on one of the stages and then spend the rest of the time on rides.



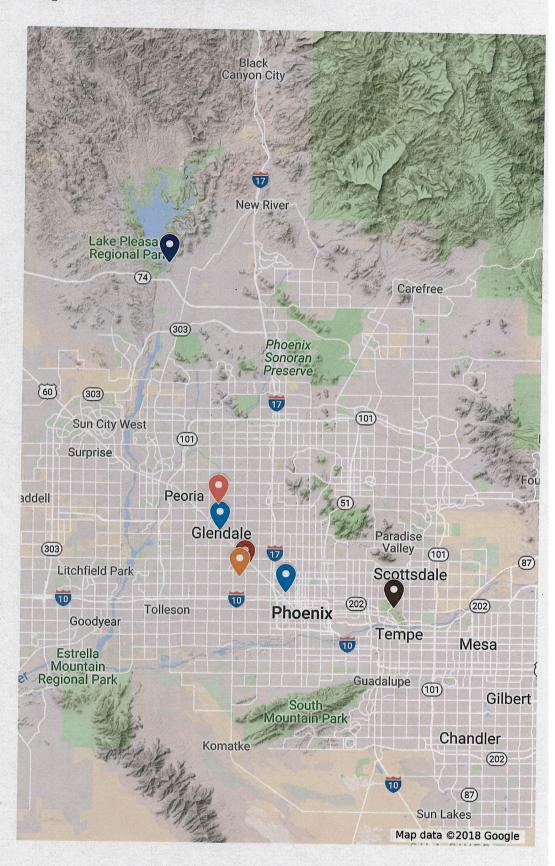
I used to beg my parents to take my sister and me to Baskin Robins. My favorite flavor of ice cream was bubble gum because it had little pieces of gum in it. It was next to the grocery store where we bought our food.



I went boating and fishing at Lake Pleasant a few times with my dad. I remember losing a few shoes in the mud. My foot would sink down and when I pulled it out, my shoe got stuck.



La Perla in Glendale was my favorite restaurant. I had been going there with my grandparents and cousins since I was a baby. This restaurant had the best salsa. I always ordered a burrito and a side of rice. When my mom gave me quarters, I would play Centipede with my cousins.





Sometimes I took a shortcut home from school through the alley. Students weren't supposed to walk there. I would pull grass and then feed it to the little goats that lived in the yard there. They were so cute.



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