

1. 35th reunion survey – Jerri “RIP” Hudson

2. Why did you sign up for hike and how old were you?
18 years old. I thought it would be adventure and I wanted to challenge myself.
3. What is your favorite experience from the hike?
Making connections with so many different people of all ages and all walks of life.
4. Did you have an “ah-ha moment” on the hike and what was it?
5. What was your favorite state and why?
AR, beautiful, very different from NM
6. What was your least favorite part of the hike?
Rain
7. How did the hike change you?
It made me more confident in my own abilities and strengths.
8. What do you tell people about your achievement now?
Unfortunately I rarely talk about it.
9. What would you have changed about the hike?
10. Did you pursue other hiking/backpacking afterwards? Long journeys or weekends?
I did several 1-2 week trips in the five years after the hike. Now I spend a lot of time camping but not backpacking.
11. What did you learn about yourself that you are willing to share?
12. Did it make you a stronger person?
Yes.
13. Are you proud of your accomplishment?
Yes
14. What was the dumbest thing you did on the hike?
Getting stuck in a snowstorm on the AT with Janet and not being prepared.
15. What was your most vivid memory from the hike?
Coffee with Toni...Toni would unzip the tent every morning and make coffee without ever getting out of her sleeping bag. I would get coffee in bed every day.

16. What was your funniest moment on hike?

17. What was your most embarrassing moment on the hike?

18. What was your nickname on the hike?

“RIP”

19. Anything else you want to add?

Truly a once in a lifetime experience.