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I was born in Pasadena while my dad was a student at Caltech. We moved around a lot after that until I entered Fullerton Union High School in Fullerton CA. My parents promised they wouldn't move again until I graduated, a promise they kept, barely. Caltech was my first choice of colleges. It was a challenge for me, but I made it. And it has served me well over the years. My part time job in the computer center was the beginning of a career that I loved.

Immediately after graduating, I left on a 2-year Mormon Mission in Chile. It was a broadening experience in many ways. Years later after growing into a management position in a large company, I had access to my personnel file. One of the directors of the company who interviewed me for my first job there, said that the time in the mission was time well spent.

Returning stateside, I went to work for IBM Federal Systems Division as a programmer. Working on a variety of low-level programs was like having a personal computer, but one that I couldn't afford to own myself. IBM ("I've Been Moved") took me from Century City to Thailand to Atlantic City to Vandenberg AFB CA. The most interesting & exciting assignment was my two years at NKP RTAFB Thailand working for the US Air Force during the Viet Nam War. We were about 100 miles west of the western end of the DMZ on the Thai side of the Mekong River. Every day we saw the results of our work which resulted in saving many American lives.

When IBM wanted to move me back east again, I took a job with Logicon Inc. at Vandenberg. After a while, I became their base manager responsible for all their contracts there. That was a good experience, though I discovered I would really rather be doing the technical work myself rather than setting up good jobs for others to do. Half my staff was on-site at Vandenberg and the other half at our division offices in San Pedro CA. I used that situation to experiment with "distributed working groups", including some work from home, which was a novel concept at that time. During those years, I earned an M.S. in Systems Management from USC and a C.Phil. (ABD) degree from UC Santa Barbara in Electrical & Computer Engineering. I also learned to fly there and bought my own plane.

The rest of my working years included being involved with a small startup company, doing some contract and consulting work, and ending up at Raytheon Electronic Systems Division where I was a Principal Engineer on staff to the manager of a large software engineering department. I got to explore various technologies and advise the manager.

Along the way, I got married and had two great kids. The marriage didn't last, but the kids and the rest of my extended family stayed strong. They have been a major focus of my time. I got hooked on folk dancing (mostly contra dance) and traveled all over the country doing that. I took an early retirement from Raytheon in January of 2001 and moved up to St. George UT. I spent the first few years getting my, and then my family's, photos and documents digitized and preserved. Then I discovered our local historical society and have worked as a volunteer with them almost full-time for the last 18 years. As my age is catching up with me, I am now phasing out of the volunteer work, focusing on family and getting my affairs in order. It will be nice to be actually retired!