

FORMERLY MHS—1958 GRAD ANOTHER SCHOOL

Family / Pet Friends

Daughter: Lara Jan
Son: Eric & Kyle
Grandchildren: 6
Pets like family: Big yellow Lab named Nelson Nelson—now geriatric; previously had a yellow Lab named Ralph & a Keeshond named Sasha
** I've changed my last name too many times (6) over my life & I'm never changing it again.*



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Career / Post High School Education

Career: Teacher: Sec. education, college, industry. Sr. software engineer, 10 years with Texas Instruments. From 1990, I've been self-employed teaching programming. I'm close to retirement, but I teach as I want to—as long as it is still fun, I'll do a little. I had a class in Prague in '06!
Post HS Education: Kansas State Univ., BS—Math; MS—Curriculum & Instruction, 1978; MS—Computer Science, 1980



Travel

1963–72: Brewster, KS on husband's family farm/ranch;
 1972–78: Full-time volunteer doing community development including 3 years **Taipei**, 1 year rural **India**; 1979–80: Kansas State; 1980–89: Dallas (Texas Instruments); 1989–present: SW CO, 30 miles NE of Durango. Have also traveled to **Mexico, Canada, Europe** and in 2007 to **Iceland, Denmark** and **The Faroe Islands**

Proudest Achievements

- 6 years full-time volunteer with Institute of Cultural Affairs, doing community development (1972-78)
- Dallas Hospice Vol. of the Year, '87 (w/late husband)
- K-State Math Dept's Alum of the Year, 1992
- Vallecito Service League's Citizen of the Year, '04
- Earned private pilot's license in 1995
- Lead author: *A Practical Guide to Neural Nets*, published by Addison Wesley, 1990
- Wrote my father's memoirs (esp. WWII stories) and put a copy into his hands in his lifetime: *Parallel Flights: A Father-Daughter Memoir*
- Received Incentive Awards 2x (with \$) while at Texas Instruments (1980-89); received consistently high instructor rankings in TI's Educ. Div. (1986-89) teaching artificial intelligence programming topics
- Since '89: taught computer programming in industry for a variety of clients, sometimes developing course materials on Expert Systems, Neural Networks, Java Prog. Lang., Object-Oriented Analysis & Design & Object-Oriented Design Patterns. I presented at Am. Defense Preparedness Assoc. mtgs., the Justice Rsrch. & Stat. Assoc. & US Army Logistics Agency
- June 2007 one of the keynote speakers for 5-year ann. of Missionary Ridge Fire (local 70,000+-acre wildfire) Note: We were evacuated 18 days—fire came within 80 ft of our home
- Raised (writing grants w/colleague) \$147K for local trails & parks; helped plan for new accessible park

1950s Pop Culture

Favorite 50s songs now: My women's barbershop group recently did "Lollipop" & my quartet is working on "Autumn Leaves" & "Hot Diggity"—all fun
Favorite singers in HS: Johnnie Mathis, Perry Como, etc.

Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Volunteer

Sports: Hiking;
Hobbies & Interests: Quilting, Barbershop Singing, Oboe & Reading;
Volunteer: Trails 2000 (local trail building group). Most of my current "work" is soliciting grant money for a local trail & coordinating workdays. Local Land Use Association & Vallecito Service League