

**Family & Pet Friends**

*Daughter:* Carolyn  
*Sons:* Loren, Rick & Steven

*Grandchildren:* 9

Carolyn taught at a community college and is currently writing a romance novel; her husband is a Major in the National Guard. Rick does environmental quality control for a large tile company. All the boys have rental properties. I re-married on Earth Day 2006.

*Pets like family:* Yes



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**Career / Post High School Education**

*Career:* Biology teacher, Central Texas College. Teaching was fun; retirement is great!

*Post HS Education:* Kansas State University, BA, Pre-Med; MS Physiology



**Proudest Achievements**

- I'm proud of my kids and grandkids.
- I enjoyed teaching and was recognized in various ways for that.
- Helped write a vision plan for local town in 2000 and currently helping update that plan.
- Drew up a plan for a cabin we are building in Arkansas.
- Got to spend a lot of time with my Mother before she passed away Dec. 24, 2006.

**Town Memories**

I feel very lucky to have had some very good teachers for math, science, and English in high school.

I have good memories of friends at the Presbyterian Church and hanging out with them. Being a teenager in the 1950s was an interesting challenge. It is fun to have my memory jogged, but if I were to pick a favorite decade, it would probably be the 1990s. "We've come a long way, baby."

**1950s Pop Culture**

*Favorite songs in HS:* Perhaps "16 Tons"

*Favorite movies in HS:* I remember standing in a long line to watch "Gone with the Wind." [Re-released in 1954]

**Hobbies / Interests**

Gardening, yard work, cooking, reading, investments, family, genealogy

*Music/Entertainment:* Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Celtic music, "Boston Legal," news



Pictured: (Front row L-r) Son Steven (white shirt & beard) & daughter Carolyn (red blouse) (Back row, R-l) sons Loren (beard and green shirt) & Rick (checked shirt) with various spouses and cousins

**Travel**

I lived in **England** 1966- '69; WI, 5 years, & TX since 1975. I've vacationed in CO, **Cancun**, OH, & VA. Plan to visit Northwest and **British Columbia**.