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Proudest Achievements

Two great children



Family

My husband and soul mate, Orm, is, we all agree, a “keeper.” He is rich in imagination, creativity, and fun. (Above, we visit Thonon Le Bain, France)

Daughter: Elizabeth Baska; *Son:* Bryan Siever

Grandchildren: Elizabeth, 2; Bryan, 3 adopted

Both Elizabeth and Bryan were born in Ft. Collins, CO, where we lived prior to moving to WA in 1980.

Elizabeth & Dave Baska, and their children Erica, 14, and Kyle, 13, to our great delight live very near us on Mercer Island. Dr. Dave is a geo-tech engineer (seismic emphasis) who gets pretty excited over earthquakes! Elizabeth left television broadcasting to become my business partner a few years ago.

Bryan & Norma live in Santa Barbara. Bryan is VP Ops, Network Hardware Resale; Norma, a program mgr. for Raytheon. Norma has two daughters: Ruby, working in Santa Barbara & Emily, a student at Brown U.

Career / Post High School Education

Career: Real Estate Professional—Self-employed full-time.

I tell people that I’m not an old-timer after 29 years as a real estate professional—I’m a survivor! Orm is a commercial broker and working with him for many years was great training for a return to residential real estate 17 years ago. It can be 24/7 work; fortunately, I have been blessed with the energy of my father.

Post HS Education: Kansas State University, BS

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MHS Memories

- The twirling corps—training in the summer, marching up and down our street at 6:30 a.m. before it got hot
- Designing and making twirling outfits; the fun we had performing at K-State
- Dance band practice at 6:30 a.m.

My love of music began with dear Larry Norvell. My elementary school percussion experience worried mother as I whacked a boy with my drum stick during a concert when he was teasing me. In an instant mother orchestrated me out of the percussion section, and Larry pointed me toward the alto saxophone. It was band, orchestra, dance band, saxophone quartet, choir, a girl's trio, some great musicals, and a lot of twirling thrown in. I'm not sure when I studied!!

Hobbies / Interests / Church / Volunteer

Hobbies & Interests: Vocal music, the arts in general, sailing, reading.

Church & Volunteer: Church choir, HR committee; Lk WA Kappa Alumnae Assoc., Corresponding Sec.; Performing Arts Center Eastside Guild; Sister City Board; & City of Mercer Island Floral Beautification Project

As I have reflected over these many years, music and the arts continue to be my passion even today. Whether it has been guiding growth of a small symphony orchestra, assisting a Seattle chamber orchestra, singing in various groups, being a founding member of an arts council and art gallery for Mercer Island, developing an instrumental music partnership for the high school orchestra, or spearheading floral enhancement for our community, the musical, the visual enrich my life.

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Memories *(continued)*

Town Memories

- Youth group at the Presb. Church
- Playing tennis in the summer at 10 p.m. when it finally cooled off;
- Summer band in the park and all the moths;

I feel so blessed to have grown up in Manhattan, KS—truly the best of small-town America. For me, what amazing good luck to be born of caring, hard working and generous parents, always encouragement to contribute, an excellent public school system, and a university with more cultural enrichment opportunities than one could imagine.

Even so, a town is just a place; it's the people that make the difference. I remember my dad saying so often: the best people in the world live in Manhattan, KS." Those "best people" gave me happy, growing up years.

It has been said that "home is where the heart is"—Manhattan will always be a special place, because growing up there with the "best people" was values training and I am forever grateful.

Travel

Lived in: Bloomington, IN while at Indiana U. following undergrad work at KSU; Fort Collins, CO, 14 years; & Mercer Island, WA since 1980. *Travels:* Orm can be packed and ready for most any adventure in 15 min. This has been the year: trips to Santa Barbara, CA where our son Bryan and family live; the Virgin Islands; sailing in **Italy, Greece & Turkey**; Washington, DC for the wedding of my niece; RI to visit our granddaughter at Brown Univ.; part of an official delegation to our sister city, Thonon Le Bain, **France**; Aspen for the Ideas Festival & **England** to begin 2008.