

Rhonda Fogleman McDonnell

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I've had a wealth of experience working for great people in several businesses and corporations as secretary, administrative assistant, executive assistant, among other titles. I took an early retirement from Hewlett-Packard in 2002 after 24 years, returned to almost the same job three months later as a temp for two more years. I officially retired two years ago after working eight years as a temp for Group Publishing

Bob and I were married 46 years this past March. I think this is quite an accomplishment since we didn't date much. We met in Cheyenne on October 31, 1965, corresponded while Bob was in Air Force in Rapid City, then Thailand then after he returned to Iowa to go to school. We married March 1, 1968. Basically, we've had 46 years to get to know each other.

We have one son, Chad, and wonderful daughter-in-law and two adorable granddaughters, 5 and 8 years old, who live in Denver. We're thankful we get to spend a lot of time together, although frequency may change now that both granddaughters are in school full time.

Both Bob and I have volunteered at the Rialto Theater since 1996 and enjoy seeing and meeting old and new friends there. Bob is active in the community and I'm active in our church and am also a volunteer at Van Buren Elementary School a few hours a week.

I love the many associations we have with the people of Loveland whether they are still in town or around the country. My two younger sisters and families live in Loveland. Both my brothers and parents are deceased now, which makes me the oldest. That has been a strange realization. Yet, I mostly don't feel we are old enough to be retired and that we have reached this milestone – not that I want to go back and do it over again. I'm happy where we are in life and thankful for many opportunities and experiences.

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### **Personal narrative!**

I'm still in Loveland! Have been married to Bob McDonnell since March 1, 1968. We lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for 15 months while Bob finished some college classes, and then returned to Loveland. We have been blessed with a son, Chad, 32, who is a stockbroker at Charles Schwab in Denver and his lovely wife, Jennifer. Although no grandchildren are in the picture currently, we do have a granddog, Maxine (85 pound rottweiler), who does visit us frequently. My siblings also live in Loveland. Although our dad passed away in 1985, our mother is still living in Loveland. Bob teaches business classes at College America in Fort Collins. Although I took an early retirement from Hewlett-Packard after 24 years in 2002, I returned to a different opportunity four months later. Currently, I'm working for Manpower at Hewlett-Packard on a part-time, temporary basis.

### **A Loveland memory from 1950/60 era!**

I remember the wonderful teachers we had: Mrs. Whitehouse and her love for Shakespeare; Mrs. Cuney and Ms. Scott and their insistence in the importance of the English language. (Doubt if they would be too happy today, seeing how the unacceptable is being deemed acceptable language use today.) I loved to go to the City Dairy to get a lemon slush and basket of potato chips before school. I remember cruising Loveland south through Longmont and back to north Fort Collins when we should have been doing our bookkeeping project. Now, today, kids can't do the cruising too obviously because some took inappropriate liberties in the community. Remember the lingo developed by our class: Yang-gang, ya ain't got no, no dirt. Don't remember who came up with the phrases or that some of them really meant anything, but they were always funnier when Terry Wells said them.