

My "FIRST" life was spent working in real estate and raising my children as a single parent.

My work involved just about every aspect of the real estate market. It included selling, appraising and building homes. I learned the title and mortgage loan business and finally managed REO portfolios. It was competitive but fulfilling. I met all types of people and made many lasting friendships.

My daughter Lynne and her husband Chuck have retired to a beautiful golf community in Bend, Oregon and are living the "good life"!

My son Brett, his wife Brittney and my only grandchild live in Loveland. Brett recently acquired the Loveland Ace Hardware store making it his sixth Ace store. They are quite consumed with the stores and family activities.

Jaxon is ten and the SUNSHINE of my life. It is so amazing to be a Grandma. It is quite sobering when he tells me I should not do something because I am too old! That is just not true, yet.

My "SECOND" life is commonly referred to as retirement. I love being back on the side lines sitting on a hard bleacher seat watching Jaxon play sports. Instead of working on great abs I am working on bringing back my bleacher "bum". I have been blessed to do a little traveling. Anything remotely involving the ocean and I am ready to go. I spend the balance of my time reading great books, attending water aerobics, and volunteering at the local hospital's surgery center. The worst part of retirement is doing my own yard work. UGH!

I am trying to get excited about the smartphone, tablet and computer world. I find I am quite electronically challenged. One of these days I hope to navigate FACEBOOK. Such a small but overwhelming goal!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 50th reunion.