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I have been so very lucky in this life. Found a great mate (Rick) in 1969 on a blind date, and married him seven months later. That was the biggest and best decision I ever made, and I made it more impulsively than any other decision ever! As our kids were growing up, we always told them to not get married as quickly as we did. We were just lucky that it was a great match. We have lived in Palo Alto, California for most of our married life.

Career-wise, I started out in teaching high school social studies, but felt way too introverted to stay with that. Switched to editing social science materials in the educational publishing field, but that was too slow and solitary. In my thirties, I retrained as a psychologist, and have enjoyed providing individual and couples therapy with a specialty in alcohol/drug treatment ever since.

We had two children in our thirties—our daughter Julie and our son Dave. Julie's career interest is farming and agricultural education. She is married and is the mother of two little girls—adorable, irresistible little girls, ages 3 and 1. Unfortunately, they all live in Massachusetts, so we travel there every two months to enjoy being grandparents in person. Our son Dave graduated from nursing school last year and is working in an acute care hospital in Milwaukee WI. Both of our kids turned out to be amazing, wonderful, and very different-from-each-other adults who bring us the blessings of family.

We are gradually retiring. I learned to play the cello in my sixties and play every chance I get. The learning is slow, but the pleasure is great. Rick is a professional photographer and enjoys creating visual art after a career in commercial real estate. Rick's mother, age 95, lives near us; we are grateful to have her companionship.

*JoAnne with husband, Rick, and son Dave.*



*Daughter Julie and her family*

*JoAnne with her 95-year-old mother-in-law and daughter.*

