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Children: Kara, John and Alison

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Time flies when you're having fun! After graduation, I went to school for one year in Bend at Central Oregon Community College. In the years following, I worked at Western Security Bank in Salem. During that time, met my future husband, Jim. My sister and her husband owned Globe Travel agency and had been given a couple of free tickets (no cover charge) to a newly opened coffee house across from their office....The Vagabond House. My sister passed the tickets on to me and I invited a co-worker to go with me. Jim was performing there that night, we met, and the rest is history. As of March 2013, it is now 44 years of history! Before we married, I decided to go back to school at the U of O. It only lasted about one term, as my heart led me to marriage.

With Jim came the addition of a lovely 4-year-old daughter, Kara. Instant family. We lived in Salem, then Silverton, then Salem again..... and finally ended up in Silverton and have been here in the same little house for 40 years. Jim had a band and in the beginning, I went to all the gigs with him and we had great fun. I went to Europe three times, with my parents and with thanks to their loving generosity. Our son John, was born...followed three years later by our daughter, Alison. Kara now lives and works in Portland and has given us two beautiful granddaughters. John lives in and works in Philadelphia for the Treasury Dept., and is engaged to a lovely Brazilian woman. They will be married here on our glorious Oregon coast this fall. Alison married her high school sweetheart and lives about 10 minutes from us on their farm, with four wonderful boys. Her husband, Bill, designs tower cranes for Morrow Equipment. They are farming organic blueberries.

I worked at Western Security bank for many years until Key Bank bought it out, then worked for Key Bank for several more years. All total, I worked in the bank for about 27 years and ended up retiring early. Jim worked for Marion County Juvenile Dept. as a probation officer, playing music on the weekends. He retired before I did, and was then able to play music at almost any time.

We love being retired. We enjoy some occasional travel in our motorhome, spending time with grandchildren, and pursuing any creative ideas that come to us. Jim still plays music as much as possible. I love making videos on my computer and many other pursuits.

Boy oh boy...that just CANNOT be 50 years in these paragraphs....but this has to end somewhere. Cheers to you all....

