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I retired in 2003 from 25 years at Marion County Health Department managing the drug treatment program and the last 10 years contracts and services across mental health, addictions, mental disabilities and various prevention programs. In the following year, a number of synchronistic events happened and I reconnected with an old love from 35 years ago. Timing is everything and after exchanging visits and sharing life stories, I sold my house and car (no air conditioning) and moved to Tucson, Arizona to be with my now wife, Rochelle Gerratt.

In 2009 Rochelle sold her independent travel business which allowed us to move to Santa Fe, New Mexico which we love for its 300 plus days of sunshine, high elevation (7,000 ft.), four seasons, great hiking and many wonderful cultural activities. This past year we enlisted to be stewards with the National Forest services to keep watch over an ancient sacred site. Rochelle is a volunteer leader with the Sierra Club for national and international trips. I accompany her on as many as I can afford! She has led, and I have gone, to Peru, Costa Rica, Belize and Turkey; plus we have scouted trips to the Cotswolds in England, Morocco, Thailand, Israel and in October and November of this year (2013) we will scout Egypt and Rochelle will be leading Sierra Club trips to Morocco and Jordan. As you can tell, we do a lot of traveling!



When we are home we enjoy hiking and snowshoeing, reading, movies, lectures, good food, amazing sunsets, and our new friends. We are grateful for our good health and ability to enjoy this wonderful place and our travels with each other.