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WOW! 50 years. That's life changing.

In 1965 got my first permanent job as a cabinetmaker. Twenty years working in the trade, than self employed for a couple of years, than employed as a supervisor of inmates at the state penitentiary for almost two years. It was at that time we started to buy fixer houses to rent out. I sort of created a monster and I'm still wrestling with it, but it keeps me physicality and mentally active.

This last decade has seen many new experiences, some sad, but most are good and exciting. Two years ago we endured the passing of my oldest son, Scott, from pancreatic cancer. He left us too soon, but suffered too long. My son Neal, moved back from the east coast and now helps me with the business. My third son Shawn has blessed us with a grandson Joshau, three years ago, and a new born granddaughter, Alliyah.



An Alaskan cruise, a Panama cruise, and three weeks in Hawaii gave us relaxing adventures. In the past seven years I've taken up a new interest, hiking and mountain climbing. As the years have gone by, and I have aged some, the mountains I've summited have gotten higher. In 2007, the first mountain, Middle Sister, just over 10,000 ft. in 2009, Mt. Hood, over 11,000 ft. the next year it was Mt. Adams, more than 12,000 ft. and last year, the highest mountain in the Cascades, Mt. Rainier 14,410 ft. It was an unforgettable experience. When asked why I climb mountains, I reply , it's as close to heaven as I'm going to get. Hope to see everyone in August.



PHOTOS: Above: Roger on the slopes of Mt. Rainier at 14,410'.

LEFT: Summit of Koko Head, Honolulu, Hawaii. Summited in 22 minutes in 2011.