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Children: Leanne and Julie

Following SSHS graduation, I attended Oregon State with Wayne Metzger (SSHS '63) and graduated in Industrial Engineering in 1967.

Tish Forbes (SSHS '63) and I married in 1967...even after she refused to be my biology partner in Ms. Barquist's Biology class in 1960.

We moved to San Francisco where I worked as an Industrial Engineer for American Can Company. Tish taught school in Palo Alto. In 1969 we moved to Modesto, California where I was the Plant Engineer for American Can Company. I took a leave of absence in '70 and we moved to Eugene.

I graduated from the U of O in 1972 with an MBA. Tish continued to teach in Eugene.

In 1971 I went to work for the U. S. Postal Service in Eugene as an Industrial Engineer. I worked for the USPS in Portland, Oregon for 35 years (trying to make the Post Office more efficient), until my retirement in 2006. It should be noted that the last year the USPS made any money was in 2006.

We moved to Portland in 1973 with the Postal Service and our first child, Leanne, was born. Leanne has worked for Starbucks, (following her father's career path in Operations, as a Project Manager at corporate headquarters) in Seattle for the last 18 years, since her college graduation. Julie was born in 1977 and has worked in retail since her college graduation. She was at Talbots right after graduation from Oregon State and is now Manager of Kate Spade in Portland. (Tish says her desires for coffee and clothes have much benefitted from their employment.)

Tish and I are now enjoying our retirements. We spend time at our house at Black Butte, in Central Oregon, and our place at Cannon Beach on the Oregon Coast. We try to get to Hawaii in March and November each year. I spend time at the MAC Club gym and then volunteer time at the local elementary school helping kids with reading and math...of which, I prefer Math.

I am currently riding my bike to prepare for the American Diabetes Tour de Cure. Each year the Tour de Cure raises money to find a cure for the condition I have dealt with, since I was diagnosed as a Type 1 Diabetic in 1968. I have been truly blessed with Good Health... considering the fact that I have been a diabetic for 45 years.



Leanne and I at the 2013 Tour de Cure



Julie, Jim, Tish and Leanne in Seattle 2013