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After SSHS, I attended Lewis and Clark College for two years and then transferred to Oregon State, where I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. I left Oregon to teach in warm, sunny California – the only problem with that being that I chose Monterey. I should have had a clue, based on what the Oregon coast is like. But I happily traded shorts for a sweatshirt and have been here ever since. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else.



In 1980, I began dating Bill Evans, the brother of teaching colleague Joy Evans. We were married in 1983. Bill was then practicing law in Monterey, but in 1986, closed his practice to work fulltime with his sister and Jo Ellen Moore to grow the company they had started in 1979 with one book – Evan-Moor Educational Publishers. In 1988, after 21 years of teaching second through fifth grades, I “retired” and began a second career at Evan-Moor. For the next 22 years, I was a senior editor, responsible for planning product content, contracting with writers, and editing manuscripts for content, clarity, and educational soundness. It was a fun and challenging ride as we strove to produce and market what educators wanted and needed. I retired for real in 2011. Bill continues to grow the company, now with almost 60 employees.

You'd think that living in the golf mecca of the Monterey Peninsula, one would take up the sport. However, based on a life-long desire, I chose an equally time-consuming sport – horseback riding. I got my first horse in 1990, after escalating a once-a-week riding lesson to the fullest. I now own my third horse (but only one at a time), a 17+-hand Dutch Warmblood named Regis. We play at dressage.



Bill and I are dog lovers. Over the years we've had seven rescues, a varied group from Border Collie to shepherd mix. We now have a 16-month-old Golden Retriever named Hope. She was our first puppy – what a new experience that was! Her training has been a lot of fun and so rewarding. We're doing obedience classes and beginning agility.

Over the years, we've been fortunate to do a lot of travelling – trips to Australia and New Zealand, China, India, and many visits to Europe. But our most memorable trips have been those where we saw the magnificence of the natural world – an African safari, snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef, and sailing the Galápagos Islands. What we haven't done much of is exploring the beauty of the U.S. A trip to Yellowstone whetted our appetites for more. I'm priming Bill, for whom the road trips rank way low on the list, for RV trips to National Parks when he retires in a couple of years.

Wishing continued great experiences to my fellow Class of 1963 graduates. We done good!