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After graduation, I took on a secretarial position for the City Administrator and City Clerk of Lathrup Village. Part of my requirements was to attend and take minutes of the monthly city council meetings. Soon learned this was too boring for an 18 yr old, so I went through IBM schooling (this was the new and upcoming thing at the time).

I met the love of my life, Carl Lucksinger of R.O. Dondero H.S. in July of 1958 and we married in May of 1959. I worked at Dura Corp., Excello, & Control Data off and on during our child bearing and moving years. Carl was a manufacturers representative and began to travel so I became a 'stay at home' mom to our three children, Dawn Marie, Carri Louane, & Carl Alan. We lived in Berkley, Rochester, then settled in Troy within walking distance to all 3 schools. (I lived so far from my H.S. that I couldn't be a part of many of the activities that I would have liked to join) This enabled my children to participate in their chosen sport.

Over the years, we have traveled throughout the better part of the US but spent most of our time in our own beautiful Michigan, camping, beaching, boating, snowmobiling, and taking weekend jaunts to most of the Michigan festivals. We had FUN, FUN, FUN, although it seemed to me that it must have felt like a 'busmans holiday' to Carl being that he was on the road 5 days a week. We loved the spontaneous short ventures, and our state has so much to offer.

Our children have given us five grandchildren, Emily, Cameron, Peter, Keith, & Grant. All very involved in a variety of sports, basketball, baseball, football, track, golf, and hockey, both inline and ice. Have warmed many a bench and I will continue to do so. Their ages range from 20 down to 12, all two years apart, so I have 2 collage, 2 high school and 1 middle school.

Once my children were raised, I went back to work for Henry Ford Health Systems and retired after 15 yrs. of service Jan. of 2002. We then started to enjoy our winters in Florida, where we were looking for an area to make our new home. Sun, sand, & the water was medicine for both of us. I lost my best friend on 12/31/04 in Punta Gorda, FL preparing to ring in the new year. Since, I have planned to continue our final dream, for I recently purchased a small condo in Venice, FL, (I know he would have loved it).

I have been truly blessed for the past 50 years and look forward to my next 50 years (God willing) I try to remember, you only regret the things you have not done. I believe that I have earned every wrinkle, crease, sag, and pound. I am not afraid to say I am 68 yrs old and loved every moment. Look out FL, here comes Granny.

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