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Currently I' still living in a home I purchased in 1962 in Bloomfield Township, MI. It is what they call a retro post and beam contemporary. I now pay more for a car than the original purchase price of the house. I only mention this fact because I have been a Realtor since 1973 in Birmingham/Bloomfield/Franklin for all these past years. Because of current economic conditions I believe it is now my "hobby". 34 years in the business and no one sent a letter, planned a party or gave a gold watch. This is retirement.

Married in 1959 to an industrial automotive designer from Los Angeles (Robert Larsen). We both worked at the GM Tech Center/Design Staff. I was employed as an Executive secretary from 1957 thru 1965. Then Interior design was my passion for a few years before having two sons; Lance/1967 and Kurt/1968 (remember the riots?). Both sons are in the creative world as well. One is an automotive transportation designer with Johnson Controls, and the other a graphic artist owning a Sign Shop (D-SIGNS) in Stuart, Fla.

Divorced in 1971 and became a single mother.

Entered into the Real Estate Profession in 1973 have continued sales until this time.

During the years of 1974-1980 an organization was created in Marina Del Rey, Calif. called Who's Who International (an unmarried social group). I was the designated governess for the Detroit chapter and metro. area. Extensive traveling was involved and I loved it. Met wonderful people that are still my friends. I enjoy going to upper Michigan's Keewenaw Peninsula (only in the good weather months) to a cottage that has been in the family a 100 years. They were lumber barons from Finland as of 1901 in this State.

Still doing a modest amount of traveling. Love gardening but that has sloweddown. I am still unmarried and have had a good life. Looking forward to being with everyone and sharing time, Hearing my Senior year main "squeeze" , Fred Rankin has pasted was a sad thing.