

**Veronica (Ronnie Labanoff)  
Hallinan**



I graduated from Central Michigan University and began my teaching career in Southfield, Michigan at Lathrup Elementary School. I married Garland Hallinan who was an educator and coach in Birmingham. I taught third grade for nine years and second for three years. When Garland became an administrator in Monroe and then Grosse Ile, we moved to Grosse Ile and I taught in the Woodhaven School District. I was there for ten years. In 1985, Garland retired and we moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. I then became a fifth grade teacher at Shorecrest Preparatory School in St. Petersburg.

During my tenure as a teacher, I received the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Teacher, twelve Golden Apple Awards for Teachers who have had great influence on their students lives, listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers, and upon my retirement in 1999, a letter of commendation from President Bill Clinton.

I truly loved my 37 years in the classroom and have so many wonderful memories! Even today I am still in touch with some of my students!

I was divorced in 2002 and went from wife to caregiver. Since Garland had no family left, I have taken over his care. He has survived ten years dealing with cancer and other physical disabilities! He has become reclusive and depends on me for his welfare.

The last six years have made a great change in my life. I met a truly wondrous man! Ray and I have been together for the past five years. We have a beautiful home in Punta Gorda, Florida. He has given me the freedom to travel, understanding and support in pursuing my talents in art and music, encouraged me in my passion for cooking and made my life a delicious adventure! The future can only get better!!!!

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