

## Bill Tucker



Colleen and I have been living in Manistee, MI for 14 years. In 1989-90, my partner in our company offered to buy me out. The company was a photo lab and we did everything from album size 3.5x5 prints to wall-size murals. The digital revolution was coming rapidly and I would like to have seen more of it, but the time had come to move on.

Colleen graduated from Wayne with her Masters in Library and Information Science in 1991. She had taken a concentration of courses in computers, which was a wise move. We have been online since 1990. There were no jobs in the Detroit area, so she applied elsewhere. She got a position at Brethren Middle – High School, a district which encompasses most of the Manistee National Forest. When we moved, I found myself without a job for the first time in several years. Colleen said to me “you never got the degree you have spoken of, so now is your chance.” I have been going to the local community college since 1996. A benefit is that after 60 years old, tuition is waived. Each semester I take one academic course (for credit) in welding, which is a very interesting skill. Occasionally, I work with a plasma cutter and make sculptures (DNA, fish and Michigan).

After several years in the Library/Media center, the administration changed Colleen’s position and she taught middle school art for a year, after which she accepted a buyout. She enjoys retirement, is busy doing pottery and selling her work at art fairs. Her website is [www.artifactpottery.com](http://www.artifactpottery.com).

## Vera (Shady) Kunnath



Over the past 50-years there has been both joy and sorrow in my life ... more joy than sorrow thankfully. Some of the joy includes: a husband, Bill, and four children (two boys and two girls). My current legacy is eight lively grandchildren all living nearby and allowing us to be active in their lives. Much of my life has been involved in many aspects of business, working at large corporations and assisting in start-up businesses. I moved to Florida almost 30-years ago, but enjoy visiting Michigan and family living there.

Over many years I participated in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) learning to strive to live out my faith through the daily witness of my life. Much has been learned through participating in mission journeys to various countries. At the present time, am involved in a micro credit business in Uganda to “provide dignity through jobs” rather than handing out charity.

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