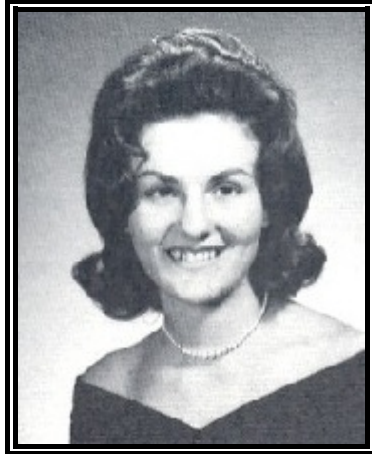


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CURRENT RESIDENCE

Leesburg, Florida, USA 1/2007 to Present

OTHER PLACES YOU'VE LIVED AND WHEN:

Nowhere exciting...like Africa!...Just California and at present I live in Florida.

Penryn, CA: 5/1994-1/2007;

Baxter – Colfax – Auburn, CA: 1979 to 5/94;

San Jose: 1972 to 1979;

San Mateo, CA: 1970 to 1972;

So. San Francisco, CA: 1969 to 1970;

Pacifica: 1963-1969...

I was born in San Francisco and my family lived in Daly City and then So. San Francisco before moving to Pacifica.

EDUCATION HISTORY:

After graduating from Terra Nova in 1965, I went to CSM for awhile and then left school. I've taken several college classes since then mostly in language, French, computers and accounting. I don't have any degrees.

FAMILY LIFE:

I was married to John Mullany for 20 years (1969-1989) and have 5 daughters from that marriage. I am now married to Frank Forgey (since 1993). We have 6 daughters (my husband has one daughter), and 9 grandchildren.

I'm very proud of my daughters and step-daughter. They are all happy

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and successful at their life choices. The oldest of my grandchildren is 9 and so their parents are very involved in everything they do; however, as they get older, my children are all the types of people to keep it that way. There are 5 girls and 4 boys. We are very family-oriented and even though I've moved to Florida, we are in touch all the time by webcam. My five daughters live in California: Roseville, Citrus Heights, Carmichael, Oakland and Paso Robles and Frank's daughter lives in Beach Park, Illinois.

So...if you want to hear all of their names...I'll add another page some other time!!

WORK AND OTHER HISTORY:

I started working the summer after we graduated for a doctor at 450 Sutter St., San Francisco, and 6 months later I was able to get a job with the US Treasury Dept., Bureau of Narcotics at 450 Golden Gate Ave., S.F. That was a very interesting time to work for that department since it was "flower-time" in the Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco. I loved the job but only stayed for a year and a half and then decided it was too boring. Computers hadn't entered the work force yet and so I had to hand file all the names and cross checked names on index cards by hand!! I did love working in law enforcement though.

So, I left the government and went back to college for awhile. After some college, I decided that I liked office work and had a couple jobs before getting married and then left when I had my first child, a daughter, in December, 1969. We were living in So. San Francisco at the time, but then moved to San Mateo. We were able to purchase our first home in San Jose during the next year and so we moved there in 1971. The next three daughters were born when we lived in San Jose; in 1972, 1973 and 1976. I wanted to get an encyclopedia for my girls for school and so while raising them, I sold World Book Encyclopedia (the best) for awhile. Those books were used so much when the girls were in Elementary School. After I left World Book, a friend asked me to watch her daughter while she went to work and that's how I started doing daycare in my home in San Jose. I loved taking care of children and being at home with my own. It was perfect. I continued with that until 1980 when my husband's job with PG&E transferred him to Colfax, CA, east of Auburn in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

That started a whole new chapter in our lives. Living in the mountains was so foreign to me that I really fought it at first. We, eventually, ended up buying 10 acres in Baxter, east of Colfax, where we built a house in 1982. That was really living in the country. It was the first house at the end of Kearsarge Mill Road in Baxter and it was 2 ½ miles from the freeway uphill from 4,000 ft. elevation at the freeway to 5,000 ft. elevation at our house. Our nearest neighbor, when we first moved there, was

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about 3-4 miles away. It's a completely different world.

One of the things I was very proud of when living in that area was that we were able to change a school district boundary line. We were in the Emigrant Gap school district in Placer County. The Emigrant Gap one room schoolhouse was so far away that it was a dangerous road to travel in the winter. We had been turned down by the Placer County Board of Education when we first made the request. We knew that it was an important change to make so with help from a Placer County Board Member, we took this request to the California State Board of Education. I compiled all the data needed and arranged for some important people to speak on our behalf and after making our presentation we were approved by the State Board. A special election had to be held in our District for this change. It was quite a big deal.

I went back to work part time for the school and at a restaurant, The Old Baxter Café, in 1985 after having my 5th daughter in 1983. Life on "The Mountain" as we called it was not easy. There were lots of winter "events" like getting stuck, putting on chains, trying to get home after a snowstorm or in a snowstorm and that made life tough. My husband and I separated in 1989 and I lived as a single mom for a year and through a bad winter in 1989 and 1990 there. It was a rough life for me then; however, I was able to get a job with PG&E, first as a campground host at Lake Spaulding and also part-time in the Auburn office. I moved with four of my daughters to Colfax and then Auburn after my divorce in 1990. My oldest daughter was in college at CSUS and so she wasn't living at home at that time.

I got a permanent job with PG&E in 1990, was able to buy a condo in Auburn and was doing okay. I met my current husband at PG&E. He was a surveyor there. We married in 1993, sold my condo, and we moved to his property in Penryn, CA.

Frank retired from PG&E in October 2000 and talked me into leaving in 2001. I, however, went back to work there 4 times, leaving finally in 2006. We moved to Florida in 2007.

ACTIVITIES:

I really didn't do much as far as hobbies go when I was working except play a little golf and do scrapbooking. I was a travel agent for awhile and then I had a Creative Memories scrapbooking business. I was in a Chapter of the Red Hats in Auburn, CA, and I did activities as a part of that group until we moved to Florida.

Now, we live in a retirement community in Central Florida and I'm the Trip Coordinator for the Garden Club and also its Historian. I am also the Secretary-Treasurer for the Gun Club. In my spare time I scrapbook and am on the computer quite a bit. I do Bunka stitchery and Needlepoint also!

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We have also joined a Baptist Church here which I love! We attend regularly and I work in the nursery and I also go to Bible studies and do other activities with the church.

TRAVELING:

Frank and I love traveling and we have been on quite a few cruises together. We have been to Alaska, Hawaii, all over the U.S. and the Caribbean; also, we've been to some of the major capitals of Central Europe and to Ireland. Our favorite place in Europe is Germany where the scenery is beautiful and the people are friendly.

I have a few things on my "bucket list" but seem to spend most of my traveling time these days going back to California or to Illinois to see my children and grandchildren. I don't have high hopes to be able to do much more traveling. I also have family and friends in Oregon, Michigan, Connecticut and North Carolina. I keep in touch with them and so visits are tops on my list.

OTHER:

I keep in touch with a few people from high school, but not too many. I loved seeing Linda (Rist) Damon in October 2008. It was a highlight for me! My contact with others is by email. Life keeps us from doing everything we want, doesn't it.

My flashback to high school is mostly of moving to Pacifica from South San Francisco. I loved how friendly all the people were at Terra Nova. They made you feel so comfortable. It was so easy to belong to any group of people.

GREETING FOR CLASSMATES:

I would just like to say thank you so much for giving me a wonderful memory of what high school should be like... a friendly school with great people. I wish all of you a long lifetime and only the best that life can offer us in this wonderful country! May God take care of our America!

Paula
