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Contact Info:

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Current Residence:

Yachats, a village on the central Oregon coast

Other places lived:

Westlake, San Fernando Valley, and Boston for a minute or two, but mostly San Francisco 1969 – 2001.

Education History:

Grace Ball Secretarial School in San Francisco: Legal Secretarial Course, July 1965-June 1966. San Fernando Valley State for a minute, 1968/69.

Family Life:

Partner: Mari G. Irvin

Marital Status: Mari and I were:

- Married at St. Francis Lutheran Church of San Francisco, April 25, 1998
- Married at City Hall in San Francisco in March of 2004—later declared null and void
- Married again in San Francisco in October of 2008—still valid at the moment

Work History:

Legal Secretary, July 1966 to September 2001--except for six months in 1968/69 when I went to San Fernando Valley State

Currently, part-time secretary at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church

What are you doing with your time these days?

In addition to working part-time at the Presbyterian Church, I am one of three partners in *Mari's Books and . . .*, a (very) small bookstore, featuring "previously enjoyed, gently used books." Mari and her sister, Mary, make the store the

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success it is. I am the behind-the-scenes administrator.

Hobbies/Groups/Affiliations/Other Interests:

poker (cash and tournament), reading

Special Achievements, awards, accomplishments - anything you're proud of:

Advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the Lutheran church

In August of 2009, at its biennial Churchwide Assembly, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) voted to eliminate its policy prohibiting the ordination of gay and lesbian people. I'm proud to be a member of St. Francis Lutheran Church of San Francisco, a congregation that intentionally challenged the ELCA's ordination policy in 1990 by calling and ordaining a lesbian clergy couple. And I am privileged to stand among the many who have worked for the welcome AND full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the Lutheran Church . . . by way of such organizations as Lutherans Concerned/North America; Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries; Wingspan Ministry of St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church; the coalition known as goodsoil ; and Soulforce.

Places traveled:

Boston, Chicago, New York, Alaska . . . London, Copenhagen, Germany, Mexico, Finland, Sweden, Norway, France

Favorite place traveled and why:

London: history, people, theater, ancient and modern side-by-side; New York: lots of people, lots of energy, life on the street, theater

"Bucket" list - things still to do in life:

extended train travel in Europe *without an itinerary*; ride with Dykes on Bikes in SF Pride Parade; be a supernumerary in SF Opera; sort/organize/toss the stuff of my life . . . so my survivors don't get stuck with that task

Other classmates with whom you are still in contact:

Janet Wright (Jan Perlman); Linda Sue (Williams) Murphy; Jean Barnhart

Favorite teacher and why:

Dave Campbell/English: he made the Romantic poets and Shakespeare fun and interesting for everyone; Dennis Lanterman/Geometry: he, too, made the class fun and interesting (he also made predictions about what his students would do later in life—he predicted I'd be a missionary!); Colleen Ott and Lilyan Michelucci/PE: fun; Betty Noble/Shorthand: fun

Favorite class and why:

I liked all of them

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Fondest memory:

Senior class play, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, was definitely memorable. I realized just how memorable when I watched the old movie on TV recently and remembered everyone Dave Campbell cast in the Terra Nova production and what a good time we had. Essentially, though, I enjoyed everything: classes, homework, football games, dances, Girls Athletic Association, even swimming in the morning when PE was my first class. And, of course, Terra Nova is where we were when JFK was assassinated.

Jeannine & Mari to right of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome - 2004

