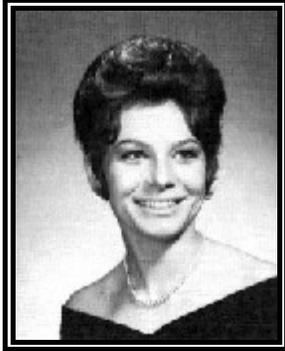


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Current Residence:
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Other places lived:
Pacifica until 1965; San Francisco, Burlingame, San Carlos, Menlo Park, Mountain View, San Jose

Education History:
Graduated from Terra Nova in 1965, took some classes at Foothill College, entered the Paralegal Program at West Valley College (honor roll), supplemented paralegal education by taking classes at Santa Clara University and currently, Continuing Education (ethics, etc.). No degrees, but completed programs and classes taken.

Family Life:
Daughter Lisa (Camille) born in April 1966. Married in February 1967. Daughter Tammy Elizabeth born in December of 1967. Divorced in 1970. Married in July of 1972. Daughter Dawn Michelle born in May of 1973 and son Gabriel Michael born in February of 1976. Husband passed away in January of 2003. Three grandsons ages 17, 16 and 8 years; one by my daughter Tammy, and two by my daughter Dawn. Daughter Lisa is engaged to be married –no children....yet.

Work History:
Employed as executive secretary after graduation. In 1974, became employed as legal secretary. Worked for a few firms and as an independent contractor. In 1987 became paralegal involved in family law, probate, litigation and, eventually, corporate law. Currently employed at the law firm of Hopkins & Carley, San Jose, CA as corporate paralegal.



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What are you doing with your time these days?

Working, dancing, going to places that hosts live music (blues, light jazz, salsa, classical). Spending time with family and friends

Hobbies/Groups/Affiliations/Other Interests:

Scrapping, card making, reading, computer programs, games, church

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

On honor roll in Paralegal Program at West Valley, most recently awarded ACE award at Nixon Peabody (worked there until August 2008) for excellence (won over managing attorney); other work-related awards. Special achievement is being a mother and grandmother.

Places traveled:

Israel, the Caribbean islands, San Juan, Hawaii, New York, Arizona, New Mexico

Favorite place traveled and why:

Hawaii first because I went with my daughter, her husband and my grandson and we had a wonderful time together. Israel next, because I felt like I belonged there.

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

I would like to go somewhere with each of my grandsons, individually, to spend time with them alone.

Other classmates with whom you are still in contact:

Stan Jacobs

Favorite teacher and why:

Mrs. Nocita, because she cared about me and wanted to change what was going on in my life at that time.

GREETING FOR CLASSMATES:

There are people among my classmates who have changed the world in a positive way. Some are still living, others have passed on. Nevertheless, they have changed the world so that it is a better place in which to live - for me, for my children, and for my children's children. Those that are still living continue to change the world by their random acts of kindness, by their caring for others, by their humanity, by their upright character, and by the inspiration they give to others. Thank you for making the right choices for your life and for your sacrifices. Your efforts have not been in vain.

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Kerry and daughter Tammy

