

Ted Steele



True Florida Cracker

Born West Palm Beach, FL 1944
Lived in there until 1949
Mother and Dad divorced
Moved Sarasota/Bradenton
Raised by my Maternal Grandparents

Family

Sister 67
Step-brother 56

Education

Graduated Sarasota High 1962
Attended Palm Beach, Manatee and St.Petersburg
Jr. Colleges

Employment Career

Accepted Director of Operations position with EvenView Television Systems and relocated To Los Angeles, CA 1965

Returned to Florida April 1969
Married October 1969 Tampa FL

Started Company in Tampa: Southeastern Communication Systems early days of Cable TV, involved with infrastructure construction; owned cable systems in Tampa Bay Area and built systems throughout Southeast US. Sold Company relocated to CA and worked again for EvenView Television Systems.

Daughter, Elaine born 1973, Tampa, FL
Returned to California 1977

Recruited by the RCA Distributing Corp as their Operations Services Manager, a company owned distributorship for consumer electronics products. Held positions, **Operations** / Customer-Dealer Services; Distribution Management; **Financial** / Accounting Services; for an Import Bonded Warehouse receiving product from Japan. [Televisions, VCR, Video Disc, etc]

Recruited from RCA by Platt Music Corporation to head up the opening of a new distribution center in Des Plaines, IL. The company dealt in retail consumer level electronic products sold in leased department space in major department stores throughout the US, Expanded from 12 leased to 232 leased department store in 5 years. Held position of VP Financial Operations and Warehousing

Relocated to Illinois 1982
Son, Robert born 1980, Torrance, CA
Son, Cody born 1987, Des Plaines, IL
Returned to FL 1997

After a major heart attack 2000 [quad bypass] doctor advised me to take early retirement. Worked at odds and ends of part-time positions including sales of gift products; party store management; mall kiosks [gift cards]; radio "voice overs" for political campaigns; Accounting services, taxes; and property management.

An opportunity presented itself in 2006 which culminated in a 2009 relocation to North Carolina to explore an opportunity with land developer building log homes in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The economic climate was not cooperative and following another death defying heart attack [Divorced January 2010] returned to Florida in April 2010...to "retire"... dream on!

In August 2011 went to work at Kohl's and December 2011 at Greenbriar Rehab. and Nursing Center in Bradenton, FL. Currently employed full time at Greenbriar as Activities Aide and Assistant to Plant Ops Director [Maintenance].