



Backyard Atlantic Beach, FL

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I went to FSU in September of 1962 and, with one summer off, went straight through college completing my MBA in 1967. Very shortly after school started I met my wife to be, Barbara Lovejoy, from Bradenton. We started dating shortly after classes started and stayed together all the way through. We got married in 1965 and

both of us went through graduate school together. If you can stay together through that, you're unlikely to split up later! I went to work for Ford Motor Company in May, 1967 and "retired" from them in 2005, when the economy started deflating and the auto industry began serious personnel cuts. I worked part time for two years after that before finally fully retiring. My wife worked as an elementary school teacher for 38 years and earned her EdS Degree in Educational Leadership. We had two sons Rob, in 1967, and Steve, in 1973. She has finally retired also, and now we're taking care of her 90 year old mother full time.

The boys have married and the oldest teaches Advanced Placement Psychology in high school and his wife is a lawyer and a full partner at a law firm. They have no children. The youngest son has two daughters, but unfortunately lives in Colorado Springs while we live in the Jacksonville area. He is in Sports Management and his wife is in accounting for the US Olympic Boxing Team.

For years, my wife and I worked in the Miss America Pageant system, with me being on the Miss Florida board of directors for 10 years. Worst trick she ever played on me. Once you're involved in the pageant system, you never look at pretty young women the same way anymore. All you see are the flaws. We enjoy snow skiing and I have been on the board of directors for the Florida Ski Council. There I worked as a volunteer to raise money for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind as well as the Wounded Warriors Project. The Council takes students and wounded warriors to destinations out West to participate in the handicapped skier programs.

We enjoy travelling when we can, and visiting the grandkids. We stay so busy; it's hard to imagine how we had time to work. We've attended several of the reunions and it's amazing how many OLD PEOPLE you see there! I think the best statement made came out at one of the reunions, when one of our female graduates said the best thing about reunions was that you didn't have to lie about your age 'cause we were all the same age!!!! Hope all is well with you.