



Thomas Cooper (“Cougar”)

After high school, I attended the University of Florida where I majored in underage drinking, losing money playing pool, and Business Administration. Somehow, I graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration in a little over three years (12/1965). I also managed to

Daughters Laura and Kit and wife Ann

meet my wife to be, of now over 45 years, while working at the same hot dog stand, one great-fun summer, at the New York World's Fair in NYC.

Enlisted in the Army in Jan 1966. Attended and graduated from Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and miraculously given a branch transfer to The Adjutant General's Corps (aka “chairborne”) from Infantry. Married my wife Ann and served two years at Fort Belvoir just south of Washington D.C. where our first of two daughters was born in the US Army hospital there.

We moved to Atlanta where we still live and where I took my first post-military service job with Sears in their management training program and absolutely hated it! After wasting two years in various retail management assignment with Sears, I finally found my calling... a love for investing as a Registered Investment Advisor after learning for 10 years as a stockbroker, with two different Wall Street investment banking firms, how NOT to accumulate wealth for my clients. After going into business for myself lady luck and “Mr. Market” smiled down on me big time..... so much so that I was able to retire at age 45.

Along the way, our second daughter was born. She is now a R.N. working at Children's Hospital of Atlanta in the pediatric cardiac unit on the campus of Emory University. Our oldest daughter lives in Birmingham. Each daughter has been blessed with two children. My wife Ann and I use to travel a lot. Now, I spend most my time managing family member portfolios, golfing, working in the yard, and enjoying those special grandkids of ours.