



**Susan Scofield Webb:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in Toledo in May 1940.

After high school, I attended Davis Business College receiving a degree in Executive Secretarial. My first real job was with Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Consumer & Technical Products Div., where I was an executive secretary working there for 9 years until my daughter, Stacey, was born in 1969.

My career of working began at the age of 13 in the fields picking strawberries, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, etc. etc. When I turned 16, I worked at a dry cleaning store, and later while going through college, I

worked as a waitress.

I started at Owens-Illinois in 1960. In 1965, I married Tom Steele and divorced him three years later. On the rebound, I met and married Jerry Webb, who is the father of Stacey. He had a boy, Steve, (8yrs.) and a girl, Carolyn (13) from a previous marriage who lived with us.

Jerry was a high school Biology teacher at Burnham. I still worked at Owens-Illinois. We bought a farmhouse and barns on 7 acres in Riga, Michigan. Stacey was born the end of the year and at 7 months old, was diagnosed with an inherited chronic lung disease, Cystic Fibrosis. When she was four, Jerry divorced me saying he wanted to be "free". It was a bitter divorce in the courts for five years. He never remarried and neither have I. He is now 77 yrs. old and is now in assisted living and can't drive.

We had started a horse-boarding business and sold horse trailers. I continued to live on the farm and being self-employed.

Our mailman knew our circumstances and suggested I try out for his job, as he was going to become postmaster. I took the test and was picked to be Riga's rural carrier. I was a rural carrier for seven years, still boarding horses, having parties at the farm with the boarders and showing my horses with them, playing Bunco with the farmer's wives and life was good!

In 1980, Stacey and I came to Colorado on vacation, went back to sell the farm, and in 1981, found the home we have resided in for 27 years. When I first came to Colorado, I could not get back into the post office business and worked at several jobs including Kelly Girls. I ended up coming back to Michigan and running the route for 9 more months. In 1982, we returned to Colorado and to our home and was finally blessed to get a postal job in Manitou Springs – if I could walk the 11 mile route. I went to bed with Ben-Gay and was hired. Later the postmaster trained me on the other routes and other duties. Three years later I was offered a chance to transfer to a closer post office in Woodland Park. I worked there for 21 years until I retired in 2006. In all I spent 31 years working for the U.S. Postal Dept.

In between working and the good times, my daughter Stacey married, divorced, received double lung transplants, and a kidney transplant. Last year she developed sepsis (an infection in the blood) and spent two weeks in ICU. However, being the tough cookie she is we celebrated 12 years since her double lung transplants and 3 years since her kidney transplant. She is now 38 years old. She currently resides with me. We are very close and I thank God every day for her life.

All in all my health has been ok. I had arthroscopic surgery on my shoulder last August but ok now. Every day has been full of surprises and I can't say my life has been boring.

**Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:** Mr. Foster, Mr. Stacy and the circus and the dance routine I was in. My daughter Stacey was kind of named after him. Prom nights and football games and volley ball I played.

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