



**Frank Stewart:** As the world turned for the past 50 years... MINE, at least, looked like this:

The first 5 years after Whitmer were spent attending the University of Toledo where, after 3 1/2 years as a Chemical Engineering major and too many nights at the Elbow Room, I switched gears and followed in the footsteps of Mrs. Fontaine (she was always an inspiration to me). I finally graduated in 1963 with a B.S. in Education, decided to turn down the teaching fellowship offered to me by the Chemistry Dept., and answered the "Call of the West". After teaching junior high school math (yuck) for 3 years in Long Beach, CA., I knew it was time to move on. I quit and enrolled at San Jose State University to pursue a graduate degree

in Mathematics. And then, ... whoops... I met a girl! ... so much for the Master's degree!! (Actually, I did get a M.A. in Education in 1969)

Anyway, that "girl" was my first wife, Barbara...actually my ONLY wife since we have been married for the last 41 years!! We have 2 lovely daughters- Denise (40) and Nancy (35)- who are both married to great guys. So far, thanks to Denise and Marty, we have 3 grandsons...Kai (12), Tate (9), and Dane (1). After kids, Barbara taught Biology for 19 years and then retired the day I did. All has been good in that regard.

After the grad school year and getting married and making babies, I needed a job!!...and so was I recruited and subsequently hired by the Huntington Beach Union High School District (CA.). For the next 35 years, I cleverly impersonated a high school mathematics teacher and finally retired in 2002. Like most teachers, I needed other work to supplement being on the public dole, so 25 years ago I joined the staff at our local community college as an "adjunct professor" of mathematics. (Retired there in 2007) All-in-all, I spent 44 years pushing the chalk!! ☺ (Maybe Vera would be proud... who knows?!!)

At any rate, this part-time work thing was becoming addictive it seemed, so, in addition to educating our youth by day, in 1968 I became licensed to sell mutual funds and insurance by night. But as some would recall, in the early 70's the stock market took a big drop. Luckily by then, real estate had caught my fancy so after working 2 years as a part-time RE agent ('77-'79), I passed the California RE Broker's exam and have been acting in that capacity ever since. Currently, I have an office staff of one...namely ME... and I like it that way.

Off the job, I have been fortunate to stay healthy enough to still play tennis 2/3 times a week...singles is my game (tennis has been a constant in my life for 50+ "years"), volleyball (until the knees finally said "no mas!"), and now I am taking a liking to that "older" person's game...GOLF. (Hate it...love it...hate it...love it!!!)

As a family, Barb and I have been lucky to travel a lot over the years, visiting many countries around the world (>21) as well as seeing as much of the US as we could (i.e. 39/58 National Parks visited so far and still counting). Our kids have been with us overseas many times as well as too many of those special sites here in the States. Are they grateful??... I can only hope so! Are yours??! ☺

It is so nice to have been in touch with many of you over the years and to have been lucky enough to have had several extended visits with a special few of you during that time. All in all, I believe life has treated me very well, as I hope it has for you. I know we all agree how amazingly fast these past 50 years have gone by.

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