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BIOGRAPHY

After graduation from Tama High, I attended the University of Iowa, graduating with the class of 1960 - - a long story! I was fortunate to convince Skeet that we should go through life together and we have had an interesting and eventful life that includes three children and three grandchildren. Our kids have all graduated from college, have traveled a good bit of the world, and have interesting, productive careers.

I've been in sales all my working years, largely in the chemical field and specifically in basic production of fertilizers. My sales and management responsibilities enabled me to work in all parts of North America and we have lived in several cities in many parts of the U.S. Skeet and I have made friends through work and living in the various cities over my career and we try to keep in contact with them through E-mail, visits, and phone. We have stayed in contact with some classmates as well and that has helped us keep in touch with developments in Tama.

Upon retiring in 2001, we decided to live where we could find those things of interest to us both and found all we hoped for and more in Southern Oregon. We live in the Rogue River Valley and our home overlooks the valley and surrounding mountains. Weather is moderate, no Midwest thunderstorms, no cold Midwest winters, and friendly people who enjoy the area as we do. I read a lot, am a regular at our local library which I am certain would shock many of my former teachers. I enjoy fishing and the outdoors and spend at least a day a week on one of many nearby lakes. As I traveled extensively for work, travel is not high on my list of wants, especially since I enjoy so much the area where we live.

It's difficult to believe I'm writing this for the 50th reunion of the Class of '56. It doesn't seem that long ago that we graduated. I've enjoyed most of those 50 years and am looking forward to the 75th reunion.

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