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JHS Class of 61

What a challenge, to write a history of my life on one page. After graduation I went to college at UPS in Tacoma, WA. My senior year I was married. Right after graduation I was drafted in 1965 and because someone left my name off the orders, I was sent to Germany rather than Viet Nam. There I was a member of 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry which I learned to be the same as that of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in WWII. If Russia had invaded, we had a 36-minute life expectancy so we did a lot of training. Many soldiers there volunteered to go to Viet Nam. I had a chance to audition for the Third Infantry Division Glee Club in Division headquarters in Wurzburg. I became manager and worked closely with the Major General Division Commander. My wife joined me and in 1967 our son Greg was born in Wurzburg. When I returned home in 1968, I was hired as a District Scout Executive in Portland Oregon. After 6 or 7 years of really nice and meaningful success, I decided that I wanted to work with kids rather than volunteer adults who got to do that. I left Scouting as a professional and went back to school at PSU in Portland to become a high school teacher. I started out as a Learning Manager in a school program that was being developed nationally. During that time, I went to Lewis and Clark College and earned a Master's Degree in Counseling. During our time in Portland and Tigard Lisa and Karley were born and with Lisa I was the first father ever to be [present when a child](#) was born in the Portland Hospital. I was in college for 1 ½ years I worked on a farm with an old farmer who taught me to milk Jersey cows and lots of other farm chores. My pay was a 5 gallon can of milk a week of which 1 gallon was cream. We learned how to make butter and a bunch of buttermilk things. We purchased an old home in Lake Grove, Oregon and while I was working and going to graduate school, I remodeled the house. We sold it and bought a 5- acre farm near Dundee, Oregon. What an adventure! There we raised beef cows, pigs and rabbits as well as a very large garden. We also had prune and walnut trees. I really enjoyed the farm and working as a High School Counselor in Newberg, Oregon. My wife decided to run off with a younger married man and left me with the three children to raise. After a period of time, I lost the farm on details I won't bother you with. Let's just say it wasn't my idea. I decided to stay in Newberg until all three of my children graduated because I felt that they needed no more stress. When my youngest, Karley, graduated we decided we would have a race to see who could leave town first. She went to Colorado State and I went to Bothell High School in Washington. Lisa went to the U of Idaho where she played volleyball and Greg went to Willamette University. I was a counselor at Bothell High School for ten years then I went to Woodinville High School for 5 years until retirement. After that I worked at Chrysalis High School, a private school for two years and then decided to retire. So that is kind of my structural story BUT I have done lots of fun and interesting things along the way. Two years of singing all over Europe which isn't bad for a guy who still can't read music. I learned a lot about photography and for a number of years had my own darkroom. When I lived in Portland, I taught classes on Death and Dying as well as training volunteers who worked with children who lost a parent or who had a terminal disease. I spent some good time as Scoutmaster and Karley and I played roles in the Champoeg historical pageant for 5 summers. I also spent several summers as a National Park ranger at Fort Clatsop where Lewis and Clark spent their winter. My role in Champoeg was Ewing Young, a mountain man who was the first American to own any land in what is now, the state of Oregon. I did a lot of school programs on Oregon and Mountain Man History. During that time, I taught myself a lot of leather and beading skills to reflect both the Mountain Men and the Native Americans. In December of 2010 my friend Bonnie and I went to Egypt which had been a lifetime fantasy that I thought would never happen. We left just two weeks before they had their bi revolution that really messed up the tourist business. It was probably the most meaningful trip of my life. Since then, I have been collecting books on Egypt and currently I am learning hieroglyphs. I have always loved to camp and spend time in the mountains. As an adult I have had a deep interest in religion and have studied many religions in addition to Christianity. I have particularly been interested in and had some meaningful experiences in Tibetan Buddhism. I think we have all had a lifetime of stories to tell and I would love to share mine with others and have them share theirs with me. I think the best thing about our reunion was that we had a lot of time to visit with each other. I hope we do as well in number 65. As a last comment to each member of our class I would like to offer what has become my favorite thought to offer others. My quote is, "May your life be filled with the causes of happiness". My best regards to each of you.

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PS. I thought you might like to see my alter ego Elk Stalker with some of the things I have made. Thanks again.

