



I lived in Jerome for my entire eighteen years until graduation. I attended one year at BYU and then went to the Air Force Academy, graduating in 1966. While attending Georgetown University for graduate work in Washington D.C., where I met and married Leslie in March 1967.

I graduated from Air Force Pilot training in Mesa, Arizona in March of 1968 and immediately went to Vietnam as a pilot of a small short takeoff and landing plane resupplying Special Forces Camps in the hills of Vietnam. Subsequent assignments included Minuteman III Missile Launch Commander in Cheyenne Wyoming and C-141 Aircraft Commander in Tacoma, Washington. I later commanded mobility exercises and operations in various parts of the world, including Egypt, Honduras, Korea and Alaska. I also planned, executed and evaluated Operational Readiness Exercises in the Military Airlift Command for several bases.



Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1987, we moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, and bought a small farm. I flew for American Airlines until 2003. I have been in all 50 states, 7 Canadian provinces, and 58 countries with a few more on my bucket list. Leslie and I have 5 wonderful children and nineteen exceptional grandchildren scattered about the country. We continue to actively serve in our Church and community. Leslie still runs her dairy goat farm, breeding her animals and marketing them all over the nation and several other countries. She has had two National Champions.



I am still pursuing the marketing of "First Freedom," a musical play about religious freedom that I commissioned and own. It was scheduled to open to a large market a year after the Pandemic hit, so that is pretty dead at the moment.

We have had a good life, with ups and downs, but mostly wonderful experiences. I enjoy a loving extended family. I still adhere to those principles I tried to embrace early in life—service to God, family and country. I count my early life in Jerome and my school classmates as an important part of my life, and look forward to seeing you all again.