

Spotlight on Rachel Pille Taylor

Life after Azusa High School

After High School I attended Citrus Junior College for two years, then went to San Jose State College, from 1963-1965. I finished my education 10 years and three children later at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque; I married in January 1965 and divorced 12 years ago.

I have lived many different places, from Texas, to New Hampshire, to Pennsylvania, back to California, and then on to New Mexico where I have been living for the past 35 years, with a short sojourn of eight months in Colorado. In 2003 I met my fiancé, Terry Roth, who will become my husband on February 14th!



Rachel and her guard dog, Daisy

Work and Play

In the summer following my freshman year of college I took a job as a secretary and found my niche. I have a servant's heart, so the field suited me perfectly. I worked in that field until I retired at the age of 58, and NO I don't miss working one bit! I have never had trouble keeping myself busy and interested in various activities. I knit, crochet, cross-stitch, sew, take digital photos, and read. I have traveled to Alaska and England and took Tauck Tours to Greece and Turkey, Western Canada, Eastern Canada, and New England.



Rachel at the Parthenon, Athens, Greece



Rachel at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

My father died in 1970, and my mother died in 1997. Those two events seemed to set me adrift in the world, especially after my divorce. My family seemed to disappear except for my sister, Lynn Pille, who lives in California and has been married 44 years. She has four children and six grandchildren.



Rachel and Terry wintering in Arizona

I have three children. Jennifer is 41 and she and her husband, Jay, have two children, who are 15 and 13. My twins, Amy and Royce, are 38. Amy and her husband, Kevin, have three children, who are 11, 9, and 6. Royce and his wife, Sonja, have two children, who are 4 and 7 months. I now have as many grandchildren as my mother and father did.

Terry and I decided to winter in Arizona because we thought we were moving to a warm climate - NOT! It's COLD here! I'm a California girl - I like 85-degree weather! We golf, well, if you can call what I do golfing! Terry is a good golfer, though! We enjoy all of the amenities of retired life. We worked hard to get here, and we're enjoying the lah-dee-dah lifestyle! We have a Lhasa Apso named Daisy, a great guard dog. Hah!

Let's see, what else. I haven't grown taller; I'm still just 5'1" - okay, 5'-3/4". I am amazingly healthy, active, and happy-- not bad for someone 65!