

Personal Biography

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Fifty years since I left Azusa High School and what wild and crazy and interesting years with all the highs and lows that a well-lived life brings. As always I am looking forward to more adventures, stepping outside my comfort boundaries, and fully embracing whatever life brings me. Now read about my education/work and the loves of my life.

Formal education has included acquiring an AA Degree from Citrus Junior College, a BA in Art History/Early Japanese from California State University Long Beach, and a Baking Certificate from Bellingham Technical College. I have taken many other interesting courses at various institutions depending on where I was living. At California State University San Francisco what was another adventure into new territory turned out to be a defining life choice. Working on a Certificate in Gerontology and doing an outside sponsored psychology internship led me to the work I truly loved to do being an advocate for the elderly in a medical setting. Employment has included but not limited to: being a teacher, an administrative assistant in the engineering department of an international company, an agency temp-assigned worker, a taxi order taker in San Francisco, a baker/pastry chef for an in-house bakery. The very best was when because of my training and experience at San Francisco State I was hired as a social worker at a care facility which was part of a major regional hospital. The work required me to deal with all kinds of people but the majority were the elderly and advocacy for them and their needs was a major part of my daily work. Now I am retired but I shall never forget the experiences and the people I met.

Bill Quirt an artist, art professor, and man of many talents was my first husband and the father of our two daughters. We enjoyed 33 years of adventures until he died suddenly of a massive heart attack in 1999. Being 19 years older than myself he was a very special mentor who enabled me to experience life in worlds I never knew. We sailed our boat, built wood/gas fired pottery kilns, remodeled houses, built art studios and raised two children to be caring, kind, and responsible. They are now 42 and 40. I have one grand-daughter who is 14 and doing very well in her first year of high school.

My second husband is Richard Small who was an industrial arts teacher and then a copier maintenance and printing press operator for a junior college. We have been married 11 years. We enjoy cruising, sailing the steam engine powered boat he built, participating in amateur radio nets, remodeling our 1928 Arts and Crafts home, and enjoying travel in our Mercedes Benz which is not like racing his MG sports cars.

