

Hi everyone: To those of you who don't know: After high school, I attended West Texas State for two years where I joined a sorority, majored in secretarial science, and had a lot of fun. My roommate in college was Lyndel Cox, class of '59. I worked for the next year at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as secretary to the Business Manager.

Ivan Flinn, class of '59, and I were married 9/15/62 and I returned with him to Pomona, Ca., where he had one more year to complete at California State Polytechnic University. There I worked as a secretary for a real estate developer while Ivan finished school. After his graduation, we moved to Phoenix, Az., where we both were employed by General Electric Computer Dept.. I loved working as a secretary at the training center where students from Europe came to learn about "computers".

In 1966, we had our first child, Kellie, a beautiful redhead, and I became a full-time mom. I held this job for the next 22 years as we added to our family with LeeAnne in 1968, David in 1970, and Melody in 1972. During these years I volunteered as a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader, PTO President, and various other school, church organizations, sports teams, clubs, and my sorority alum group.

As Ivan moved ahead on the cutting edge of the computer industry, we moved to the Philadelphia area for a couple of years, and then back to Southern California where we finally put down roots and bought a house here in Fountain Valley in 1969.

In 1988 I returned to work as secretary and office manager at our church's preschool. I loved working with the children. In 2002, I decided to retire and spend more time with my own grandchildren. Ivan retired from Raytheon in El Segundo in November of 2006 where he worked as Sr. Scientist. We spend our time going to the beach, going to movies and the theater, spending time with our grandchildren and their activities, and traveling. I love to sew, quilt, and read the latest best sellers. I still volunteer as an officer in Pepster Boosters, take photos for two cheer teams, and belong to a Red Hat Club made up of close friends I have had for almost 40 years.

All but one of our children live in Southern California. Melody, our youngest, lives in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a flight attendant for United and is based in Washington D.C. She is engaged and is planning to be married in January. She graduated from Humboldt State University in Eureka, Ca. Her fiancée, Chris, is a federal police officer in Cleveland.

Our son David lives in Monrovia, Ca., and works for EnPointe Technology in wireless Internet. He is married and has 2 daughters 7 and 8. He graduated from Long Beach State University and received his Master's Degree from University of Phoenix. His wife, Trish Reda, is a children's photographer.

Our daughter, LeeAnne Herbold, lives in Irvine, Ca., and is Western Regional Director for University of Phoenix. She is married and has 2 sons, ages 7 and 9. She graduated from UCLA and received her Master's Degree from University of Phoenix. Her husband, Andy, teaches history at Ladera Ranch Middle school.

Our daughter, Kellie Frankeny, lives next door to us in Fountain Valley. She has 5 children – 19 year old twins, a boy attending Orange Coast College in So Cal and a girl attending Bucknell University in PA; a 16 year old daughter in high school; a 13 year old daughter in middle school; and a 10 year old son in elementary school. Kellie attended Long Beach State University and graduated from University of Phoenix. Her husband, Ray, works for the City of Huntington Beach Parks and Recreation Dept.. We love our life here in So Cal, but fondly remember our days at Amarillo High School and friends in the class of '59.

