

Two weeks after graduation, I started school at Stewards school of Cosmetology in Sioux City. I graduated in April of 1963.

I then took a job at a salon in Fort Dodge. Al's sister Mary worked at the same salon and finally convinced me to go out with her brother. I finally did and we were married in October 1965. Geneva played the organ and Linda sang at our wedding.

We lived in the Fort Dodge area until 1970 when Al took a position as maintenance and custodian at the Pocahontas school. I then opened a small Beauty Shop in our home.

Around 1990 I knew my back would never hold out doing hair forever, so I started classes at Spencer school of Business, at night. I obtained an associate degree in accounting.

We knew that we wanted to move to southern Iowa when Al got his 30 years in to be closer to where our children lived. I finally got a job at Vernons in Newton, Iowa, in the accounting department. It met leaving Al up north for almost a year, but we lived through it. I really enjoyed working at Vernons and the girls I worked with. Unfortunately cancer ended that career.

We now live in the small town of Baxter outside of Newton. We love it here, so many things to do since Des Moines is close by. We also enjoy traveling. Really enjoyed Hawaii and New York City and the fact that we can drive a short distance to both of our kids. I belong to several clubs and do a lot of sewing which I love, especially making quilts.

Our daughter Kris lives in Johnston with our 3 grandchildren. Nick, 19, Michael 16, and Isabel 13. She is an RN and works for the Iowa Clinic in Urology research. Our son Shannon and wife Linda live in an acreage between Pella and Knoxville. He is the foreman of the electric company for the city of Pella. Almost forgot our 2 furry companions, our cats Noel and Buffy!