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Born: San Diego, CA. Nov. 4, 1919

Schools: Garfield Grammar School, Horace Mann Jr. High,  
La Jolla High ('37), San Diego State ('42), misc.  
graduate work at Maryland U. and University of Calif.  
(Extension) as well as at San Diego State.

After graduating from SDSC in 1942 with a BA in physics I married Roberta "Bobbie" Gordon (class of '43 if she had graduated). We then went to Washington, D.C. where I worked as a physicist at the U.S.Naval Ordnance Laboratory until 1946 when we returned to San Diego and I took a position at the U.S.Navy Electronics Laboratory on Point Loma. Fifteen years later I became the head of the Transducer Section of the Bendix Corp. in North Hollywood where I stayed for four years before returning to San Diego to resume work at the U.S.Navy Electronics Laboratory for a year. In 1963 I was offered the opportunity to start a division at Straza Industries (later Ametek-Straza) in El Cajon. The division was to be devoted to research, design and the development of underwater sound transducers for sonar, underwater telephones, beacons, etc. I became a vice president of that corporation where I remained for 14+ years. In 1978 I was asked to become president of the International Transducer Corporation in Santa Barbara - which I accepted. We remained at ITC for 8 1/2 years at which time I retired (Sept. 1986).

While at NEL I design and developed underwater sound transducers for sonars on submarines which made it possible to navigate under the ice at the North Pole. Also I designed and developed a telephone transducer that for the first time was able to operate at great depths in the ocean, in fact it was used successfully on the Trieste when she dove to the bottom of the sea in the Mariannes Trench (about seven miles down).

Upon retiring I became a consultant in acoustics and sound transducers for a number of companies around the US. (Doesn't sound like retirement but it is rewarding.)

In my spare time I designed and had built a home in Pine Valley on a lovely 4+ acres "with a stream running through it".

Bobbie and I will be celebrating our 51st wedding anniversary in June this year. We have a son and daughter (both graduates of San Diego State University). Our son lives in Paradise, CA. and he works for the Butte County Mental Health Organization as a supervisor in the drug and alcohol abuse program. Our daughter lives in Spring Valley and is a speech pathologist at Kaiser. We have 5 grand children. The oldest is 26 and the youngest is 4 months old. We also have a great grand son who will be 5 yrs old next month.

Through the years we have both been active in the Presbyterian Church, first in La Jolla and then in Fletcher Hills. In fact, Bobbie was the first woman Moderator of the San Diego Presbytery.

Cruising has been a big thing in our lives for the past few years. We did the Mexican Riviera, Panama Canal and Caribbean, Alaskan Inland passage, Kotzebue, and the Yukon, and last year around the world. We flew to Athens where we boarded the Golden Odyssey,

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stopped at Rhodes and Cairo, went through the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, stopped at Valley of the Kings, Jeddah, Bombay, Goa, Cochin, Sri Lanka, Madras, the Andaman Islands, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, flew to Hong Kong then home. It was a great 28 days.

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