



"Life after Cass Tech"

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Shortly before graduating from Cass in 1959 I started as the organist for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, where I met Shari. I continued in that capacity until I entered the Army in 1966. Never ones to rush into things we promptly married in December of 1969 and are celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. We have been blessed with three daughters – Martha & Annaliese (twins) born in Hawaii in 1973 and Naomi, born in Ann Arbor in 1981. Annaliese and Naomi are married – Annaliese has a son (9) and a daughter (5) and Naomi has a son (20 months). Annaliese & Martha live in Nevada and Naomi is presently living with us while her husband is in Army basic training. Martha recently found "Mr. Right" and is planning a wedding in Nevada for this coming October.

After graduation from Cass I enrolled in the first class of Monteith College at Wayne State, completing my degree there in 1964. I went on to earn a Master's in Environmental Management in 1966 and a Master's in Health Physics in 1969, both from The University of Michigan. I entered active duty in the Army in December, 1966. From 1970-1971 I completed a post-graduate fellowship in medical radiation physics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I also completed specialized studies at the Department of Defense Nuclear Reactor School and the Department of Defense Nuclear Weapons School. Army duty stations included Ft Bragg, NC, The University of Michigan, Ft McPherson, GA, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, DC, Tripler Army Medical Center, HI, Ft Sam Houston, TX, and Edgewood Arsenal, MD. After leaving active duty in 1976 I continued in the Army reserve, serving as a nuclear science advisor to the Army Materiel Command, finally attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Civilian affiliations included serving as a Senior Radiation Specialist for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (while there I was on the initial response team to Three Mile Island), Senior Health Physicist at The University of Michigan, Senior Health Physicist for the US Environmental Protection Agency in Nevada (monitoring the US Nuclear Weapons test program), and Chief of the US Air Force's radiation dosimetry program at Brooks AFB in San Antonio (from which I retired in June, 2004). Additional professional accomplishments include serving as the US representative to a technical working group of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vice-Chair of the Health Physics Society Standards Committee, and as a National Technical Expert in personnel radiation dosimetry for the US National Institute of Standards and Technology. I was elected to be a Fellow of the Health Physics Society and also received the Air Force's Distinguished Civilian Career Achievement medal. Since retiring I have been presenting training courses in quality management and personnel and environmental radiation dosimetry to clients on four continents.

In what little spare time remains, I sing and serve on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers – a 110-member professional-caliber chorus that performs frequently with the San Antonio Symphony as well as presenting independent concerts at venues such as Carnegie Hall. The Mastersingers will be singing at St Peter's Basilica in Rome and other locations in Italy and Yugoslavia in the summer of 2011 and are tentatively scheduled to perform with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Vail, CO in the summer of 2010.

Shari and I love to travel – in 2008 we toured Israel, Egypt and Ireland and are looking forward to another European tour in 2010. In recent years we have also visited Mexico, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, England, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. My consulting activities have taken me to Romania, Korea, Japan, Ireland, and Mexico as well as a number of "garden spots" in the US – generally near nuclear power plants.