

I was born in Midland, the 2nd of 3 kids (one brother, one sister). All four of my grandparents emigrated from Czechoslovakia. At 14, we moved to Swartz Creek (near Flint) and grew up in a new house we built on the corner of my grandparents' farm. During my senior year in high school, 4 of us joined the naval reserve. We followed 11 others from the 2 previous class years. While on active duty, we had school reunions all over the Mediterranean, Pacific, east and west coasts. I attended Flint Community College for 2 years, and joined IBM. After 2 years, I took a leave and finished my BS in Electronics at Western Michigan University, where I met Sandi. We were married in 1966 and raised 2 daughters who now live in Lake Tahoe and Columbia Mo. We have 2 grandchildren in Columbia. I retired from IBM in 1993 after 32 years, and Sandi and I started a consulting business (Data Dr Inc.). It was fun being "CEO" and Sandi was "Vice President of Operations". We retired again in 2003. Fishing, camping, flying and woodcarving are my hobbies. We started with an intensive 5-day beginner HD class at John C Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina, and have played dulcimer about 4 ½ years. Music occupies much of my free time now.

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