

I was born and raised in Detroit, and moved to Plymouth when Val and I were married. We moved to Ann Arbor so Val could be closer to U of M while I went to Washtenaw Community College, then Concordia, and graduated from EMU in education. I was a Montessori teacher for some time before staying home with our two kids. We live close to U of M campus where Val rode a bicycle to work. I rode everywhere with the kids in a bike trailer. We went frog and turtle hunting regularly, and enjoyed muddy ponds as well as museums. There used to be entertainment on the "diag" (a central park area) on U of M campus, and the kids loved seeing tight rope walkers, musicians and jugglers. We've had a lot of fun with all the activities going on in Ann Arbor that we just happened upon while on our bikes. We've loved hiking, camping and exploring out west and out east. To this day, our kids love back-packing and nature. Our daughter lives in California and our son, his wife, and new grandchild live in Ann Arbor. As our kids grew up, I went back to work. I found working with autistic children very rewarding. I enjoy exercise walks with girlfriends, usually walking four to five miles every morning. We've had the same route for about 20 years, which is a great way to meet people who are somewhat in your neighborhood. We also are like volunteer guides since we're often stopped and asked how to get to U of M hospital. (Karen will laugh at that one, since she knows I am directionally challenged, but we get the people where they want to go.) We enjoy living in the heart of a busy and bustling town with all the activities we can take advantage of. I also enjoy sewing, decorating "Victorian hats", and playing with my grandson. Recently, Val and I joined the Wheelmen (an antique bicycle club) and really get a kick out of being in parades. We can't wait for our grandson to come to a parade.