

Of pioneer desert stock, I was born in Las Vegas in 1936. We moved to Goodsprings in 1945 when my parents, "Deke" and Celesta, bought the hotel. I was in 4th grade.

Schoolmates were Bill Hamilton, Jerry Frazier, Gary Carlson, Melvin Hurd, Marvin Childs, Marcia & Dick Barnes, Fred O'Dalrymple, Jerry Welsh, Corky Poole, my siblings Lisle, Janet & Dale and others. Miss Sarah Williams was our teacher. She was Welsh and her body was twisted and gnarled by severe arthritis. It took her 15 to 20 minutes to drag herself from her home to the school nearby.

I rode Grandma Kemple's old touring car to high school in Las Vegas for one year '49-'50, after which we moved to Grandfather Lisle's 15 acre homestead in Paradise Valley (modern day Twain & Eastern).

During my college years, I was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, played football, was associate editor of the *Sagebrush* and co-editor of *The Brushfire*, campus literary magazine, and was a candidate for student body president. Incidentally, I paid my own way through college, as did my brothers, Lisle and Dale, and sister, Janet.

In 1959 I was married, graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a degree in Journalism and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant US Army (Infantry).

After a year as editor of the *Review-Journal's* Henderson page, which also saw the birth of a son, David IV, we went to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where I was the Public Information Officer. Daughter Rebecca was born at Ft. Benning. In 1964 I returned to the *R-J* briefly before beginning work in personnel management for *Pan-American World Airways* at the Nuclear Rocket Development Station, Jackass Flats, on the Nevada Test Site. At this time twin sons, Andrew and Bryant, were born in the same Las Vegas Hospital in which I had been born also. Before finding my niche, I was also Personnel Director at *SNMH* (now *University Medical Center*). In 1971 the State of Nevada appointed me to handle personnel, public relations and training for the Rehabilitation Division.

The mother of my children and I divorced in 1976.

Later I was the Division's Hearings Officer and, on retirement in 1997, my position was Appeals Referee for the Employment Security Division.

In 1991 I remarried. My wife, Barbara, and I moved back to Southern Nevada and Sandy Valley in 1998.