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### **Other Academic Background:**

\* California State University, Northridge, M.A. 1982

### **Present Occupation:**

\* High School Teacher, Los Angeles Unified School District 17 1/2 years

**Name of Spouse:** David Peeples

**Marriage Date:** March 12, 1999 in Valencia, California

**Children:** Dawn Thomas (22), Scott Thomas (19), and Andrew Thomas (11)

Divorced from Timothy Thomas (Gallaudet Alumni '74) after 20 years of marriage

**Hobbies:** Reading, camping, hiking

### **Activities:**

\* National Association of the Deaf member

\* Gallaudet University Alumni Association member

### **Highlights in your life:**

\* Meeting my first love (my husband's) for the first time in 30 years! Wedding Bliss!





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**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Sociology-Social Work

**Originally from:** Connecticut

### **Other Academic Background:**

\* Western Maryland College, M.Ed. 1978

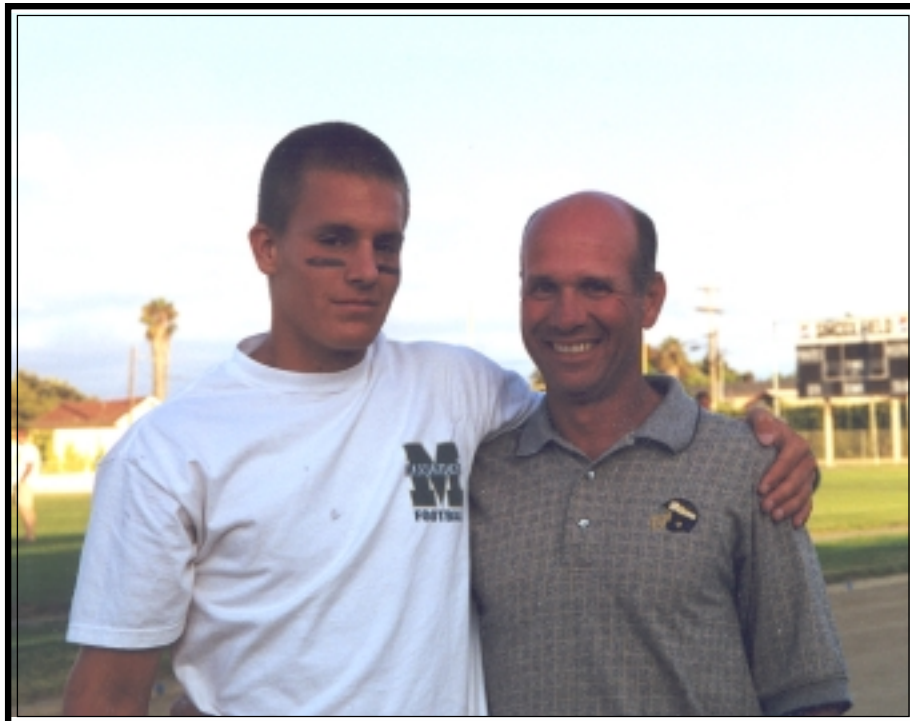
### **Present Occupation:**

\* Assistant Athletic Director/Head Football Coach, Gallaudet College, 25 years

**Children:** Jake (17)

### **Highlights in your life:**

\* Won 2 Football Conference Champions at Gallaudet University 1989 & 1998





## ***Carla V. Pereira***

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**Year Graduated:** 1976

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Drama

**Originally from:** California

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Residential Counselor, California School for the Deaf, Fremont, 23 years

### **Hobbies:**

- \* Travelling
- \* Yardwork
- \* Fixing up my home
- \* Playing cards/games

### **Activities:**

- \* Phi Kappa Zeta
- \* National Association of the Deaf

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Attended 2 Baseball World Series, one with Oakland Athletics and one with San Francisco Giants and All Star game at Candlestick Park, Giants' home stadium





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**Year Graduated:** 1975

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in English

**Originally from:** North Carolina

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Masters - Summit University
- \* Ph.D. (nearly finished) - Summit University

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Director of Statewide ASL Program for Vermont Center for the Deaf and HH

**Hobbies:** Fishing, clamming, hiking, walking along the beach, READING

### **Activities:**

- \* National Association of the Deaf
- \* Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf
- \* Vermont Association of the Deaf
- \* American Sign Language Teachers Association

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* After 5 nephews, a niece was born...she is 16 now and still the light of my life – to boot, we both love shopping
- \* Served as Director of Miss Deaf Pennsylvania. Enjoyed seeing candidates succeed in life.
- \* Drove an antique Rolls Royce brought back from England by my grandfather; also helped him unpacking antiques bought from Wales and England. The pricing part was interesting; he tripled the prices.
- \* Helped Mom and Dad with seafood market (more likely being in their way)
- \* Rode in a yacht Daddy took care of for a rich guy (only a short distance for a fill-up)
- \* Caught eels off our docks at our home, Southport, NC...and guess how I killed them, I let tourists drive over them as well as kids on bicycles...wasn't I a nice kid?
- \* Going home...the ocean always has a calming effect on me..
- \* Teaching workshops/studies...always delights me when others grow from teachings.
- \* Went to Germany some years ago...hoping to go to Ireland some day.
- \* Interim Superintendent at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, and interim principal at Austine School for the Deaf (no, not at same time)
- \* Finished Masters after so many years...nearly finish with doctorate
- \* And much more .....







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**Year Graduated:** 1975

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Sociology-Social Work

**Originally from:** Connecticut

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* New York University, M.A. 1981

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Mental Health Therapist, Rockland Psychiatric Center, 16 years

**Name of Spouse:** Nancy E. Kaplan Ramella

**Marriage Date:** April 22, 1989 in New York

**Children:** Jake (10)

**Hobbies:** Skiing, fly fishing, travelling, computer



### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* After graduation, I studied and/or worked in California, Connecticut, North Carolina and New York
- \* Got my M.A. degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from New York University in 1981
- \* Met my wife in 1983 and married her in April, 1989
- \* Blessed with the birth of our son
- \* Moved to Mahopac in 1986



## *Alan O. Ramis*

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**Degree Earned:** B.S. in Mathematics

**Originally from:** Egypt

### **Present Occupation:**

\* Senior Systems Engineer Specialist Development, Rockville, MD 18 years

**Name of Spouse:** Delia W. Fisher Ramis     **Alumni '78:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** July 1, 1978 in Houston, Texas

**Children:** Paul (20) and Matthew (18)

**Hobbies:** Collecting stamps, stocks, genealogy

### **Activities:**

\* Stocks Investment Club

### **Highlights in your life:**

\* Trip to Paris, France for our 20th wedding anniversary





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**Originally from:** Quebec

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Computer Tech Certificate from CDI College in 1992

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Self-employed, Computer Tech/Consultant for 8 years

**Name of Spouse:** Rosemary Lunn

**Marriage Date:** August 3, 1997 in Reno, Nevada

**Hobbies:** Hiking, camping, cycling

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Incorporating my own business, "Gordon's Computers, Inc."





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**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Drama  
**Originally from:** Pennsylvania



### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Western Maryland College, M.Ed. 1980

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* High School Teacher, American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut, 16 years

**Name of Spouse:** Fern Sklar Reisinger      **Alumni '74:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** May 4, 1974 in Adelphi Mills, Maryland

**Children:** Adam (20) and Marcy (16)

**Hobbies:** Travelling, cooking, hooking rugs

### **Activities:**

- \* National Association of the Deaf Member/ASLTA Member
- \* Connecticut Association of the Deaf - Recording Secretary (6 years), Vice-President (1 year), President (1 1/2 years)
- \* Miss Deaf Connecticut Pageant Committee
- \* Connecticut Council Organization Serving the Deaf, Secretary, Present
- \* Novice bowler for several years



### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Birth of 2 children
- \* Received M.Ed. from Western Maryland College 1980
- \* 25th Wedding anniversary with three bridesmaids in presence
- \* 50th birthday (I am proud to be big 50!)
- \* Fern now working at my old school as Assistant Superintendent





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**Year Graduated:** 1975

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Sociology

**Originally from:** Washington

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Administrative Assistant, National Park Service, Big Bend National Park, 10 years

**Name of Spouse:** K.J. Rhodes

**Marriage Date:** April 8, 1994 in Alpine, Texas

### **Hobbies:**

- \* Hiking all over Big Bend region and Mexico,
- \* Crossing the Rio Grande River in 4x4 vehicle
- \* Arts/crafts

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Marriage proposal on the top of Lost Mine Trail on New Year Eve 1994





## ***Lynne Rice***

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

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**Year Graduated:** 1977

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Psychology

**Originally from:** Saskatchewan

**Children:** Holly (18)





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**Originally from:** Connecticut

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Greater Washington Officials School, ASA Officials/Umpires Certification 1983

### **Occupations:**

Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia Campus

- \* Coordinator of After School Programs, 1998 - present
- \* Coordinator of Student Life Counselors, 1985 - 1998
- \* Student Life Counselor, 1975 - 1985

**Name of Spouse:** Hazel Jones      **Alumni '76:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** July 23, 1977 in New Britain, Connecticut

**Children:** Michelle (18) and Rachel (16)

**Hobbies/Sports:** Still actively playing basketball and softball, rooting for die-hard NY Giants, NY Yankees, LA Lakers and MD Terps.

**Activities:** ASA Umpire

- \* Howard County Official/Umpires' Association
- \* Amateur Softball Association - Maryland (hearing teams)
- \* Amateur Softball Association - National (deaf teams)

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Employee of the Year, Maryland School for the Deaf 1984-1985
- \* Umpire-in-Chief at many Deaf Tournaments; I have officiated at many national and regional deaf softball tournaments in California, Las Vegas, Ohio, Texas, Florida, Minnesota, New York, South Dakota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and many other states! 1983-Present
- \* Selected to the New England Athletic Association of the Deaf Hall of Fame as a basketball player, 1992



Cancun, 2000  
Ocean View



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**Originally from:** Maine

### **Present Occupation:**

\* Wood Worker, Naval Surface Warfare Center, West Bethesda, Maryland, 24 years

**Name of Spouse:** Camelle Bryan (divorced)

**Alumni '77:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** August 30, 1980, Rockville, Maryland

**Hobbies:** Fly Fishing Kit, American stamp collection, Genealogy, Die Cast & Model Commercial Airline, Author of "Silent Island & Silent Together" - not finished

### **Activities:**

- \* Treasurer of Chesapeake Bay American Sign Language Teacher Association
- \* Volunteer to Deaf Independent Living Association in Salisbury, Maryland
- \* Member of Friend of Acadian (relating to Acadia National Park)

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Met Princess Di during the winter when she visited D.C.







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**Originally from:** Virginia

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Western Maryland College, M.Ed. in Education, 1977
- \* George Washington University, M.A. in English-Literature, 1988
- \* Catholic University, M.S. in Library Science, 1992

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Librarian at District of Columbia Public Library for 8 years

**Hobbies:** Playing piano, attending operas and concerts, writing opera reviews

### **Activities:**

- \* National Association of the Deaf
- \* Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH)
- \* Vice-President of Montgomery County (MD) Chapter of SHHH
- \* Washington Society of Jewish Deaf - secretary
- \* Adult Music Student Forum
- \* American Library Association



Graduation



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**Originally from:** Pennsylvania

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* University of Maryland, College Park, MLS 1981

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Library Media Specialist, Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia, 19 years

**Name of Spouse:** Clarence A. Russell, Jr.

**Alumni '58:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** December 27, 1986 in Baltimore, Maryland

**Pet:** Terra (Pompoo)

**Hobbies:** Collecting Tom Clark's "I Love You" sign figurines, fishing Eastern Shore Bay areas, bicycling, hiking

### **Activities:**

- \* Member - American Library Association
- \* Member - Friends of Library Deaf Action
- \* Member - Maryland Educational Media Organization
- \* Member - Phi Kappa Zeta



### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Solo journey to and from Deaf Olympics of Summer 1985 (Los Angeles)
- \* Two nephews and two nieces
- \* Movie star Warren Beatty's treat to our wedding rehearsal lunch at Haussner's Restaurant in East Baltimore, December 1986



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**Degree Earned:** B.A. in History

**Originally from:** Oregon

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Temple Deaf College 1977

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Student Life Counselor, Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia, Maryland, 3 years
- \* Pastor to the Deaf, Deaf Reformed Church, Frederick, Maryland, 19 years

**Name of Spouse:** Ramona K. Nelson Saavalainen

**Marriage Date:** May 21, 1977 in Kansas City, Missouri

**Children:** Sunny (18), April (16), and Danielle (14)

**Hobbies:** Reading, travelling







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**Year Graduated:** 1975

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Social Philosophy

**Originally from:** Texas

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Associate Director of Deaf Access Company, Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts, Bethesda, Maryland, 8 years

**Name of Spouse:** Steven Salamoff

**Marriage Date:** November, 1980 in Boston, Massachusetts

**Children:** Scott (19) and Robyn (17)

**Hobbies:** Reading, gardening, theatre

### **Activities:**

- \* Leadership Montgomery member, 1998 - present
- \* Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce member, 1999 - present

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Married for 20 years to a wonderful man
- \* 2 wonderful college age children - means independence for us now
- \* 2000 - Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce Award - Services for Deaf Youth
- \* 1998-1999, Bethesda Academy Deaf Access company performed for National Theatre for Deaf Conference







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**Year Graduated:** 1974

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Mathematics

**Originally from:** Oregon

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Lewis and Clark College, M.Ed. 1977

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Computer Specialist, Oregon School for the Deaf, Salem 16 years

**Name of Spouse:** Verna Anderson Scheffel

**Marriage Date:** December 28, 1974 in St. Helens, Oregon

**Children:** Simon (21)

**Hobbies/Sports:** Reading, gardening, travelling, surfing Internet, running, hiking, biking, fishing

### **Activities:**

- \* Founder & President, Salem Athletic Club of the Deaf
- \* Vice President, Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
- \* Treasurer/Webmaster, Oregon Association of the Deaf
- \* Vice President/Webmaster, State Teachers Education Association
- \* Vice President/Director, Telecommunications of the Deaf, Inc.

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Ran 21 marathons including Boston Marathon
- \* Recipient of numerous awards in road running, events and master track & field meets including 7th place in Steeplechase at National Master Track & Field Championship.
- \* North Athletic Association of the Deaf; Hall of Fame Award
- \* Oregon Education Association's Presidential Citation
- \* Organizational Excellence Award
- \* Oregon School for the Deaf; Outstanding Employee of the Year Award





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**Originally from:** Virginia

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Gallaudet University, M.A. 1977
- \* American University, Ph.D. 1989

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Assistant Professor, NTID/RIT, 10 years

**Name of Spouse:** Susan C. Stern Searls

**Alumni '76:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** December 17, 1978 at Gallaudet University, House #1

**Children:** Davin (15) and Lauren (13)

**Hobbies:** Travelling, biking, photography, landscaping

### **Activities:**

- \* Board of Director, American Society for Deaf Children
- \* Board of Director, Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Birth of our children
- \* Family trip to Israel, Scotland and across the USA
- \* Obtaining my Ph.D. degree
- \* Having a wonderful family





## ***Kathleen Troncone Seymour***

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**Year Graduated:** 1990

**Degree Earned:** B.S. in Business Administration-Management

**Originally from:** California

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Volunteering in deaf community service for over twenty years

**Name of Spouse:** William B. Seymour (deceased July 2, 1992)

**Marriage Date:** December 8, 1984 in Cypress, California

**Hobbies:** Loves to travel and experience adventures

**Pets:** 5-years old male cat named Vinny (adopted August 30, 1996)

### **Activities:**

- \* Advisory Board for Telecommunications Exchange for the Deaf for four years
- \* Editor of Dee Cee Eyes (1982-1988)
- \* First woman president of Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (1982-1984)
- \* First woman president of NFSD, Washington Division No. 46 (1990-1998)
- \* Metropolitan Deaf Community Center (treasurer for four years and president for four years)
- \* Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities (one term)
- \* Play in bowling league
- \* Treasurer of the Washington Metropolitan Deaf Alliance (1980-1982)

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* "Anthony D'Onfrio Distinguished Service Award" from MWAD in 1995
- \* Community Service Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement" from the National Bank of Washington in 1988 (where she worked as a Fund Management Specialist for 13 1/2 years until the Bank foreclosed in 1991)
- \* "Frederick C. Schreiber Leadership Award" in 1985
- \* Parachuted from a plane
- \* "Woman of the Year Award" from NFSD, Washington Division No. 46 in 1987





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**Year Graduated:** 1975

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**Originally from:** New York

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Jacksonville State University, Teacher's Certificate 1986
- \* Western Maryland College, M.Ed. 1990

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Teacher, Alabama School for the Deaf, 14 years

**Name of Spouse:** Sidney Sharp      **Alumni '75:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** May 24, 1975 in Ardsley, New York

**Hobbies:** Sewing

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Caribbean cruise for our 25th Wedding Anniversary







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**Originally from:** Alabama

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Jacksonville State University, Teacher Certificate 1986
- \* Western Maryland College, MS in Deaf Education 1990

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Teacher, Georgia School for the Deaf, 10 years

**Name of Spouse:** Carol Noel Sharp

**Alumni '75:** Gallaudet

**Marriage Date:** May 24, 1975 in Ardsley, New York

**Hobbies:** Computer, woodworking

### **Activities:**

- \* Head Basketball Coach at Georgia School for the Deaf, 4 years
- \* Assistant Football Coach at Georgia School for the Deaf, 10 years

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Caribbean Cruise on our 25th Wedding Anniversary
- \* Who's Who Among America's Teacher, 1998





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**Originally from:** Texas

### **Other Academic Background:**

\* Dallas Baptist University, Texas Teacher Certificate, 1996

\* Lamar University, M.S., 1996

### **Present Occupation:**

\* Lecturer, University of Texas - Pan American

**Name of Spouse:** Paula Lynn Catron Sibley

**Alumni '81:** Gallaudet

**Children:** Jennifer (12)

**Hobbies:** Helping people, reading, travelling

### **Activities:**

\* Member of American Sign Language Teacher Association, National Association of the Deaf and Texas Association of the Deaf

\* Editor of Deaf Texans News

\* American Society for the Children

\* Board member of Valley Association of Independent Living

\* Advisor, University of Texas-Pan American ASL Club

\* Edinburg 2020 Transportation Committee

\* The Rio Grande Mayor's Committee of the Disabled Person





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### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* B.S. degree from Illinois State University

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* ASL teacher for 5 years at Indiana University and Prudue University in Indianapolis

**Name of Spouse:** Cynthia Walsh Reynolds

**Alumni '84:** Gallaudet

**Children:** Brian (20) - a sophomore at Gallaudet,  
Dana (18) - a freshman at Gallaudet

**Hobbies:** Computer, woodwork

### **Activities:**

- \* Past president of Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (8 years)







## ***Nomi Sklaire***

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**Year Entered:** 1970

**Year Graduated:** 1977

**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Philosophy

**Originally from:** New York

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Caretaker of my elderly Mom for 2 years
- \* Craftswoman

### **Hobbies:**

- \* Reading
- \* Yoga
- \* Gardening
- \* Walking
- \* Shopping at Health Food stores

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* My Paradise Lost was called Dancing Tree Cottage, where I lived in the mountains for 4 1/2 years with my three dogs. Grew veggies, herbs and wheatgrass. Enjoyed walking on my spiritual path and gazing at lots of stars on real dark nights. Also, enjoyed stoking my woodstove with firewood. Still a student of the Universe!



Nomi with an unidentified friend





## ***John W. Smith***

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**Degree Earned:** B.A. in Government

**Originally from:** North Carolina

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* University of Minnesota Twin Cities, M.Ed. in Program, Park and Recreation Administration, 1982
- \* Western Maryland College, Westminster M.S. Program in Deaf Education, 1994 - 1998
- \* University of Minnesota Twin Cities, 1998

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Teacher, American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Years

**Children:** Benjamin (16) and Philip (10)

### **Activities:**

- \* Lifetime member, Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens
- \* Member, National Association of the Deaf
- \* Member, Minnesota Loons-ASLTA Chapter

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Birth of my 2 boys





## ***Larry W. Smith***

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### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Lee College, Baytown, Texas, Drafting Technology, 1972
- \* Lee College, Associate of Science in Technology, 1974

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Electrical/Control System Principal Designer, Kellogg Brown & Root, 28 years

**Name of Spouse:** Michelle (divorced)

**Marriage Date:** August 5, 1970 in Angleton, Texas

**Children:** Kristina (29), Karl (26), and Keri (23)

**Grandchildren:** Mikyla (1)

**Hobbies:** Travelling, camping, river rafting

### **Activities:**

- \* Bay Area Club of the Deaf, President
- \* Southwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
- \* Hall of Fame Director (1980-1984)
- \* 1979 AAAD/HAD Host Treasurer, Houston

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* Southwest Athletic Association of the Deaf Hall of Fame Award





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**Year Entered:** 1970

**Originally from:** New York

### **Present Occupation:**

\* Senior Technical Compositor, Lockheed Martin 26 years

**Name of Spouse:** Glen Stedman

**Marriage Date:** October 20, 1984 in Rome, New York

**Children:** Darryl Fedor (24) and Travis Fedor (22)

**Hobbies:** Bowling, golfing & reading

### **Activities:**

- \* Secretary-Treasurer of New York State Association Deaf Women's Bowling Tournament
- \* Treasurer of Utica Civic Association of the Deaf Law
- \* Committee of Eastern Deaf Women Bowling Association

### **Highlights in your life:**

One night after marching in the parade, I went out to the Firemen's Field Day with my cousin. After we went back to my car, I discovered my driver's side window was shattered and my purse that had been left under the driver's seat was stolen. I was very lucky because there was no money in it. Reported to the State Trooper and was told that I probably would never find the purse because it was so small a thing to find. It happened in 1972. Twenty-three years later (1995), I got it back. A local man digging a drainage ditch uncovered the purse in a quagmire of mud near his home on Main Street. The purse contained 26 cents, perfectly preserved Sheriff's Department, dated 1969 and issued by the County Sheriff, and 1970 & 1971 Gallaudet College identification cards in my name. There were a number of identification cards in the purse, but only Sheriff's Department and one of the Gallaudet Identification cards were legible. Was surprised to have the purse back. I didn't expect I'd get anything back after all these years.







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**Year Entered:** 1970

**Year Graduated:** 1975

**Degree Earned:** B.S. in Business Administration

**Originally from:** Nova Scotia

### **Other Academic Background:**

- \* Temple Deaf College, Postgraduated Theology, 1978
- \* Mohawk College, Diploma - Printing Offset 1984

### **Present Occupation:**

- \* Printing Bindery, 16 years

**Name of Spouse:** Dianna

**Marriage Date:** August 30, 1979 in Lexington, Nebraska

**Children:** Bruce (20), Tara (18), Benjamin (16), Tabitha (14), Erica (10), Deborah (9), and Gabriella (5)

**Hobbies:** Woodworking, swimming, traveling and computer

### **Highlights in your life:**

- \* My first baby boy
- \* Toronto Blue Jays 1993 World Champion by Joe Carter's homerun with 2 outs

