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Home Economics



After Cass, I attended Capital University where I earned a BS degree in science, then a certificate in Physical Therapy from D. T. Watson School of Physiatrists in PA. A few years later, I also earned a masters in Health Education from Wayne State.

I worked in general hospitals, out patient clinics, rehabilitation and specialized handicapped schools in Macomb County.

My first experience with traveling, was to the Phillipine Islands in 1969 to visit my sister and husband who were stationed there. I also took trips to Acapulco, Cancun and Merida, Mexico. But my favorite was Grand Cayman Island where I became enthralled with diving and became a certified diver. I absolutely love the underwater world.

I moved to the Florida Keys in 1983 where I played on and under the water, as well as working in Key West and Marathon. Even though my heart will always be in the Keys, I was forced to leave in 2003 due to ballooning taxes and insurance, and now reside in Punta Gorda, FL. Crafting and craft shows are now keeping me busy.

Even though I am twice divorced and never had children, I believe my life has been truly Blessed.

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