

In the fall after graduation from THS, I grabbed a train and headed to Boulder with the intention of entering the School of Engineering at the University of Colorado. Six years later they sent me away with a degree in Architecture, a Lieutenant's commission in the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps, my wife Suzanne and my 6 month old son, David.

We headed to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD for six months active duty training. Being close by in New Jersey, Suzanne's home was a great weekend escape from Army life...at least for her and David. I took off and headed up there to be with them the first weekend, only to find on my return that I had been assigned Duty Officer and had been AWOL the whole weekend! OOPS! Not a good way to start your military career. Company punishment avoided a Courts Marshal but didn't earn me any medals in the process.

From Aberdeen we were stationed with the First Armored Division in Fort Hood, TX. Although we were spared a combat tour in Viet Nam, we didn't waste any time when our active duty tour was up, leaving the heat of Texas for the cooling fog of San Francisco. Arriving in late summer of 1965 we settled in Marin County north of the City in an apartment complex locally nicknamed, "Payton Place West".

In San Francisco I initially found work as an Architect with the U.S. Forest Service where starting at the "bottom" meant designing toilet buildings for campgrounds. After working my way up from one-hole pit toilets to full service facilities (with showers) I was soon doing a variety of projects throughout the country. I designed offices, visitor centers, laboratories, housing facilities, and multi agency work facilities we shared with other state and federal agencies. By the time I became the Regional Architect for the Pacific Southwest Region and had a team of talented, creative, fun people to work with. The work was so interesting and engaging that before I could decide to quit and move on I was eligible for retirement! And so I did in 1994 after 30 years of government service. After that I began my private practice which I continue today with a variety of projects, one of which is a full service shower facility (solar powered) in a Forest Service Campground. I've come full circle in my career!

In 1966 we had our second son, Robby, which prompted us to buy a house in San Anselmo, CA. After the boys started school, Suzanne began teaching and I learned to fly and got my pilot's license. We left San Anselmo in 1978 after acquiring two beautiful acres with a great view in the wooded hills of Fairfax. There we built the house I designed were we still live.

After my Father died in 1980, we moved my Mom to California to be with us. But not long afterwards we lost her too. Soon after that, Suzanne's parents came to California and lived nearby. Unfortunately, we lost her Dad too in 1982. We were fortunate to have her Mom with us for twenty-three years after that. My Sister, Marnelle survives her husband, John Gafford and lives in Waco, Texas.

Our son, Dave, graduated in Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and married a fellow Chemistry graduate, Michelle Wagner. Michelle is an engineer with the school district. Dave received his Master's degree and is now the director of an inorganic laboratory near their home in Danville, CA. Their wonderful kids are Darren, 15 and Catherine, 12.

Rob went to U.C. Santa Cruz and got a degree in Computer Sciences; then went on to teach at San Francisco State where he also got his Master's degree in Industrial Design. He is Design Director for a "dot com" company in San Francisco where he lives with his wife Lauren, a graphics designer.

We have a farm in the panhandle of Oklahoma. Checking on it gives us a chance to return to Tucumcari often and we enjoy side trips to Santa Fe and Taos. In 1996 I became co-founding Director of the Advanced Design Institute ([www.advanceddesign.org](http://www.advanceddesign.org)) a non profit educational organization engaged in design learning. We enjoy travel and often join my Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brothers in alumni gatherings in the US and abroad. We also enjoy music, art, hiking, camping, swimming, sailing, working and sharing good times with family and friends.

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