

My Bio by Dolores Dickinson Dennard

Right out of the first year of college Chuck and I decided to marry since he was starting his career with Arthur Andersen in Dallas and I was in school in Denton, Texas. We found out what the term fertility meant after our third child was born only three years after the first one. We had three lovely little girls born in Dallas before we could catch our breath. Moves with the firm kept us like gypsies for a while. We lived in Dallas, Ft. Worth, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Signal Mountain, and finally settled in Nashville about 30 years ago.

There were some great times with the family and quite a few growing pains. I mostly spent my time as carpool mom and housewife. I spiced the things up a little with a few part time jobs and lots of fun activities. We were struggling to make ends meet with a new family and learned to play bridge while we lived in Dallas. I still do a lot of bridge and am taking some lessons now at a club here in Nashville. The bridge table has brought many good friends and memories wherever we've lived. Our church life has also been a great place to keep us on keel and we've made many friends there and spend much of our time and energy there now. Our girls are all grown and don't attend our church, but it's kept us grounded. I've been circle leader, president of the women's group, taught Sunday school, sung in choirs, and been in charge of social activities more than once. Now I sing in the choir at First Presbyterian and we are busy with a Bach program to sing with the Nashville symphony for Good Friday service.

Two of our daughters live here in this area and we are blessed with two grandchildren and we are expecting our first great grandchild in May. Our grandson Chris Lockhart is living in Minneapolis working for Earnst and Young and his wife is expecting. Chris's sister, Jessica is a senior and is busy looking at two choices she has made for college. Both of the children are Cindy's, our oldest daughters and have been a very important part of our lives.

My little part time jobs have been fun for me from time to time, but not too exciting to my husband. I've worked in a figure salon, learned to do make up and worked on a movie about Hank Williams and did a television part including many of the old band and Hank Williams Jr's musician buddies. Mostly I just try to keep life interesting and somewhat orderly. I'm a member of two different women's clubs and a garden club that no longer gardens. Nashville is like a big town and after living here for 30 years there is always someone to see and things to do. My parents lived in Tucumcari from my first grade until a little over six years ago. Daddy had Parkinson's and it was necessary to have care that we couldn't provide long distance. Daddy died a couple of years ago but Mother is still living here and has her good sense of humor despite the difficulties brought on by too many birthdays. These last few years I've considered caretaking to be my part time job. Daddy required lots of effort to keep him from spending too long in a nursing home so I spent many hours taking care of him. Mother has had some health issues and I am here power of attorney and it keeps me somewhat busy.

We've always had very special neighbors to help fill the void of being away from our family and we still live in the same house we built shortly after moving to Nashville. We are now in the process of building a screened porch to enjoy the beautiful weather we have here in the south. Since we plan on living here for a long time we are in the process of repairing some of the parts that are getting older like the occupants. With the construction we are busy trying to keep the "improvements" from destroying our once beautiful yard and to keep the dust somewhat under control after the installations of new windows or other saw dusty projects. We have two four legged children, a little Maltese and a fluffy cat larger than the dog. They have yet to attend a private school or ask to use the car, so all is well here.