

George & I occasionally get questions about our past life and how we met. I thought I'd share some of our personal history!

George was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts and stayed there until joining the Air Force in 1965. He spent the majority of his 24 year career working as an Air Traffic Control Radar Electronics technician. He worked on radar equipment both during his Air Force career and as a Teamster after his USAF retirement. He excelled in electronics repair and retired as a CMSgt.

I was born in Dallas, TX and grew up there until joining the Air Force in 1978. I also started my Air Force career in ATC radar electronics (ah – you're seeing the connection already, right?). After 8 years (yep, that included the year in Osan!) of working in electronics (it was not my favorite thing!!!), I cross trained into Logistics and worked facility management, financial management for the F-15 jet maintenance area (I got to fly in one once!), mobility (personnel training & equipment management), and war plans. I finished my 20 year career as a MSgt.

George & I met at Osan AFB, Korea in 1981 (he was my boss!!!). We lost track of each other and then came together again in Anchorage, AK in 1986. We had started Square Dancing together in September of 1988 and after seeing Round Dancing decided we had to give that a try. Neither of us had ever danced (my family did not even believe that dancing was proper!!!!) and we were rather surprised to find that not only did we love it, but we seemed to excel at it! We started taking Rounds from Don Waldal & Ellie Bushue the following year. We were married on New Year's Eve in 1989 and had a Square & Round dance for our wedding reception. We continued with Rounds at least twice a week and Squares twice a week until we left Anchorage in 1998. In 1992, we started to supplement our Round dancing with ballroom lessons from Percel St Thomass at the Anchorage Academie de Danse. George started cueing in 1995 to help Don & Ellie with their class. After we attended the Collipi's Round Dance College in August 1996, we took over Don & Ellie's sessions to give them a sabbatical and also started our own beginner's class.

By the time I retired from the Air Force and George retired from the Teamster's, we had decided that we wanted to concentrate on our dancing as a career. We had no idea how we could continue teaching as we also wanted to travel, but we thought we should leave Anchorage and see what happened. We both loved to travel and had no place in mind to settle down, so we sold our home in Anchorage and hit the road in our 36' Motorhome. We had a computer, a GPS, the internet, a cell phone, and the National Square Dance directory. We were on our way!



George at 11 months



George, Communion, 1958



George in the US Air Force



George, December 1981



George & Pam, Apr 1989



Pam at about 4 years



Pam & her dog, 1965



Pamela in the US Air Force



Pamela, 1984



George & Pam, 1991