

Name LaCreta Vivian Counts Guy



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Where did you meet your spouse?

How long have you been married? **Divorced after 20 plus years of marriage** How many pets do you have?

Children (names & ages) **Kelly Sue Covey—44 Stephen Ray Guy 40**

Grandchildren (names & ages) **James Nicholas Covey 19, Alysa Jordan Covey 15, Christina Vivian Guy 10**

Great-grandchildren?

Favorite spare-time activities: **genealogy, reading (primarily history and other non-fiction) crafts, surfing the 'net, hangin' with the grandkids.**

College & schools attended: **Amarillo College, West Texas State, ENMU**

Are you retired? **yes** Occupation **retail and wholesale optical (family business for about 15 years)**

Minor or major occurrences and significant events since high school: **The births of my children and grandchildren. The death of my sister when I was 21 and she was 28. She was my hero. My life changed drastically after she died.**

What accomplishments are you most proud of (work-related or personal life)? **My daughter and son. I like to think I had something to do with them becoming generous, compassionate and responsible citizens.**

Larry Kimbell said, "I believe the Internet is the most important technological innovation in the history of man." Therefore, I think it was a significant accomplishment for me to overcome my "fear" of learning to use the computer and to utilize the internet as my "at home" library.

In 1996, I went to Bavaria, Germany where my Counts ancestors were born. This started my passion for genealogy. Since then, I'm positive I have learned more about my ancestors than my parents or grandparents ever knew.

Any message for fellow classmates? **Borrowed from Dr. Gunhild O. Hagostad: "We live with a heritage from earlier generations and must seek to create positive legacies for those who follow us. When the old are not allowed to tell their story, the young grow up without history. If the young are not listened to, we have no future."**

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.