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Charles Neblett, from Canyon, and I met at a Presbyterian Church Camp fifty two years ago and married seven years later after graduating from the University of Texas. While he trained in neurosurgery, three sons were born within 3 ½ years: Alexander Charles 41, Andrew Christopher 40 and Nicholas Chase 38.

When Finn arrives this October, we'll have 10 gran–Nebletts (who live nearby us in Houston): Kelsey Kleburg 16, Lauren McGee 14, Andrew Connor 12, Jack Eckhardt 10, Charles Albert 11, Isabella Alexandra 8, Nicholas Chase 8, Jack Russell 6 and Mathew Thomas 3. I desperately solicit birthday reminders from their parents! Eight years ago, Mother, 96, joined us amid the 'beautiful *tall* trees'. She keeps her beloved Texas Panhandle and Amarillo life alive in memory. I'm adopting her plan not to die of 'anything serious'.

During my first decade, a fondness for nature and animals led me to adorn poor horny toads in Kleenex couture and play Pied Piper to stray cats that I dressed in doll clothes. German Shepherds dominated the middle decades along with cats, a pony and a squirrel, who performed on NBC-TV. Alas, now, I've been relegated to only three 'visiting' gran-dogs, a golden, an Australian Sheepdog and a Yorkie. But, we have a menagerie of wild animals and birds surrounding our home. The young grans love hunting for baby rabbits, exploring the ponds for tadpoles and damselfly larva, and sometimes there's the rapture of a capture of a performing baby hog nosed snake that is caught in a skimmer!

Mysteries intrigue me, so I enjoy proximity to the world's largest medical center, the Space Center and entities engaged in research from nano technology to the cosmologic. Though, likely on the short list for a future monster hurricane or a major terrorist attack, Houston provides abundant opportunity to meet and hear fascinating people and International headliners. The vibrant arts community (my passion) promotes wonderful museums and terrific Opera, Ballet, Symphony, etc. Through the years, I have been involved with our sons schools and activities, varied boards and committees, such as, the Symphony, Houston Summit, Barbara Bush Foundation, etc. and the usual charity supporting organizations and frivolous fun clubs involving books, investments, bridge, etc. Houston has become a travel hub (another passion) and has superb varied restaurants supported by a diverse culture. I like experimental cooking, but in Houston, one must defend the garden from bayou rats, leaf-legged stink bugs and scathing sun! Favorite activities involve adventure, music, dancing, painting, reading, Photoshop CS, Vectorworks and 'gran-tivities' of all sorts, like games, swimming, sports and exploring museums.

My Amarillo friends and the memories of my Amarillo days are dear special treasures. I always love returning to this geologically and (pre)historically alluring land with the big expansive, expressive sky that is the Panhandle. I even miss the howling snow storms!