

The Knowles



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What we have been doing.

I moved to Austin from Lubbock in 1978 and started to work in real estate. Vicki moved from Port Author in the same month. It took us several years to meet. I owned a recruiting firm and she showed up one day selling copiers. We went out and on June 18, 1986 we were married. (The most expensive copier I ever bought.) Vicki went back to school and got her Masters and one year towards her Ph.D. She became a LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor.) She worked facility with a new idea. Having abused kids given an advocate. She was the clinical director of the Austin Children's Advocacy Center. She was their forensic interviewer. She helped a lot of kids get out of bad places and help put a lot of bad people in jail. The cops would bypass CPS because her interviews almost always put these guys away. After seeing her evidence the "Perps" lawyers would stop saying my client did not do it to just how many years are we talking about here". She also could tell when the kids were being coached and stopped some people claiming abuse in custody battles. After doing that she went for one year towards her Ph. D. and opened a private practice in my offices. All this and took time on October 5, 1988 to have our daughter, Lacey. She was in percussion at Cedar park High School. They won a Silver Medal at UIL State marching contest her junior year. She is now a freshman at Concordia University.



June 18, 1986

Now for the bad news. July 31, 2002 Vicki was in a car wreck and suffered severe closed head brain trauma. She was in the hospital for 2 years. We are in for a long recovery but are praying that at least part of her will come back. She is home now. She is getting better but will never recover fully.

Rick's Stuff

After working in real estate and mortgage banking I started a real estate school. Capital Real Estate Training in 1990. In 1994 I joined into a partnership with the College of Business at TECH to develop and offer correspondence real estate classes. Since then I have served on the Texas Real Estate Commission Broker Lawyer Committee (we write all the required residential contracts used by real estate agents) and was the president of the

Texas Real Estate Teachers Association. I was active in Band Boosters. I got to help move the Pit equipment to and from the field. I still have a great interest in history as you will be some of the pictures. We were going through some of my old stuff and I found my stick bag, a complete set of "Drum Cliques" several pictures and the ZIT flag. I have seen Bruce Bray from time to time and I keep in touch with Mike Wade and that is about it.

Europe

One of the most fun things we have done is to be chaperones on Lacey's

school trips. That year we went to London, Paris and Madrid.



Vicki @ the Palace of Versailles



Vicki and Lacey at ANOTHER Art Museum



Can't Stand Too Long Pick Pockets Everywhere

Alaska



Standing On A Glacier



ALL You Can Eat



All The Family & Friends

Grand Canyon



Here We Are At The Rim



Here We Are On The Train



On The Way To The Canyon

What We Have Been Doing Over The Years.

New Addition To The House

We do not fall too far from the tree. Mom and Dad only had two houses in their lifetime just kept adding on. Both of my brothers have only had two houses each. When we bought this house I wanted a corner lot



The New Game Room



The New White Pool Table

with lots of room because once I hang those pictures I'm not moving them. We needed some space for Lacey to have her friends over. Because some of those friends were



The New Bay Window

boys I demanded the glass French doors.



The Side View

New York



Times Square With The Middle School Kids

Lacey's Graduation



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Rick's Toys

Whoever has the most toys when he dies wins.



This is one of maybe 15 of this model left. I found it on the internet. It is a Model A Shay Pickup.



A Rare Civil War Breech Loading Cannon



Fun To Drive But Leaks Like A Crazy.