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The instructions were to write a summary of my life, and I am nothing if not obedient.

BUT—I did just do this 20 years ago for our 40th reunion and I can't change the past! So here's the newest synopsis.

FAMILY

I married Philip Empey in December 1965 and promptly began having a family, three boys, and three girls (pretty clever of me to have an even split, I think) There are now 13 grandchildren and four greats.

My oldest child, Mark, lives in Bothell, Washington, where, if you stand still too long, moss grows on your north side.

The second, Janette is married to a Dane, and they lived in Denmark seven years before emigrating. Now they live 1 mile from me so I have a 6'3" guy to change my lightbulbs.

The third, Ken, moved to Seattle to work with his brother, and will never leave since he got a job at the Mariners baseball stadium. (Baseball is one of his passions.)

The fourth, Katie lives in Reno, Nevada with her family. She and her husband are a couple of math nerds teaching in the public schools.

The fifth, Angie lives in Valparaiso Indiana, where she is snow/iced in half the year. She guards prisoners to pay the rent.

The sixth, Nick, lives in Zionsville, Indiana, where he dispenses drugs to the general public using CVS as his cover.

I hope you can tell, I'm extremely proud of my kids.

EXPERIENCES AND HIGHLIGHTS

In 1979 we went on an adventure to Fairbanks Alaska, where we lived for one year. Phil learned to fly and was hooked! So he spent the next two years building an airplane, which we flew to Mexico several times and

around the country. I consider myself to be quite brave, as air sickness is a thing with me. (I'm convinced this whole thing was a midlife crisis)

Both of us retired from the field of education in 2006 to serve a mission in the Philippines. We just got home in 2008 and were called to Accra, Ghana, Africa to be in the temple presidency there for three years. I've now seen plenty of emerging countries lifestyles. (just saying.)

ACTIVITIES

Last year I got a bug to write my personal history, so that was a major accomplishment for someone who has lived this long! (Nods of agreement). My first chapter listed the 24 different places I've lived! I feel lucky to have lived one year in Castle Dale.

Last year, I tried participating in the latest rage, Pickleball, but found out my coordination of the past was no longer with me. 15 minutes into play, I fell and broke my hand, my jaw, and a tooth, with six stitches in my chin. I now call it cripple ball.!

CURRENTLY

In 2013 we moved from Valparaiso, Indiana to Las Vegas, Nevada to be warm and dry. We have not been disappointed! Air-conditioning and a swimming pool are my friends.

Phil passed away in September 2017 and I now live in Henderson, Nevada in a 55+ community. I find my own company tolerable and I am never lonely.

I'm always up for guests.

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