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I married in November 1964 to an army man. Together we had five children, three girls and two boys.

During the 23 years of being a military wife, I begin my career in libraries in Germany. As of this year I have worked 44 years in libraries mostly as a Librarian.

I've lived in eight different states plus 8 years in Germany.

Seems i have always worked! My most unusual job was making M-16 rifle clips in Kansas. Other jobs I've had was selling Home Interiors and Avon; also worked as a cook at a golf course in California and a bowling alley in Dugway, Utah.

All while raising my five children.

After military service, we made our home in West Valley City, Utah, where I still reside as a divorcee. My interest in line dancing begin in Germany, which I took to greater levels as an instructor, choreographer, competitor, judge and director for many line dance competitions, nationally and internationally, throughout the United States and Canada. Today I teach line dancing for Salt Lake County and a Senior Center.

It doesn't end here! I have been involved with Ceramics for several years. Now I have molds and a kiln to make my own Ceramics. I also teach Ceramics for Salt Lake County and a Senior Center.

Not to leave out my love for rocks. I go out Rockhounding with groups as often as I can. I have saws to cut up the rocks that I find and use my CabKing to form and polish them to make cabochons which I make into jewelry.

Camping in my RV is an absolute must! I pull my RV to New Mexico twice a year for a month at a time. This is my vacation and relax time away from everything. This gives me time to make quilts and do my crafts in my RV.

I did retire from the Utah State Library in January 2012. I still work as a substitute Librarian for Salt Lake County.

My family is always my highest priority and I do many things with them. I have 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren with another on the way!

I am proud of my children's accomplishments as the adults they have become.

I am grateful for my health and am blessed that I am still able to do all of these things!