

## **Pam Schwab Huffstutter**

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After Azusa High School, I attended Citrus Junior College and received an AA degree. A month later I started working as a secretary for Aerojet. In 1965 I married Bill Huffstutter, Azusa HS class of 1959. We have now been married 46 years. We lived in Japan for three years where Bill was stationed on an Air Force hospital base that provided temporary treatment for wounded military coming back from Vietnam. While Bill worked in hospital administration, I worked in the Headquarters Building which was one of the most interesting and exciting jobs I have ever had. I was secretary to the Deputy Commander for Operations and Deputy Commander for Services who provided support to over 35,000 U.S. military and dependents in the Tokyo Metropolitan area. We lived in a Japanese paddy house for part of the time and on the weekends we worked with Japanese teachers of English helping them prepare audio tapes for their school classes. While living in Japan we were able to travel all over the Orient and that is where I developed a love for traveling. We climbed Mt Fuji, rode the bullet train, visited Hiroshima, and saw as much of Japan as we possibly could. While in Japan we also took trips to Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, and Thailand.

We returned to the States and lived in Orange Country for 26 years where we raised our two children. I enjoyed working at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station as secretary to the Deputy Director of Supply Dept. I took a break to stay home with our two babies and then I worked 15 years for the Orange County School District. While I worked I was active in PTA at both kids' schools and was a Girl Scout leader. For the past 15 years we have been living in Bakersfield and enjoy living on an 8 acre lake with our 12 foot boat, towering pine trees, mallards and squirrels which reminds us of a mountain resort. I worked 13 more years as a secretary at a Bakersfield School District and then retired after 28 years with the school system. I have been retired three years now and love it!

Bill and I have a close woven family. We each have one sibling, and my brother, Dave Schwab – class of 64 married Bill's sister, Kathy Huffstutter – class of 66, who live in Washington State. Our son Randy and his wife are both aerospace engineers and live in Torrance with our two grandchildren. Our daughter Robin is an independent internet contractor and lives in Portland, Oregon. Our family gets together on a regular basis with our brother and sister and their kids and grandkids.

I still love traveling and some of my favorite places we have more recently vacationed to are Europe, Trinidad & Tobago, Hawaiian Islands, Washington D.C., three cities in Mexico, South Carolina, Florida, Australia/New Zealand, Western Caribbean and Costa Rica.

We really enjoy being retired. We stay very active in our church, the Bakersfield Community Concert Season, and assist with the Bakersfield City Christmas parade. We plan on traveling as much as possible with our family and friends. We have square danced over 20 years and want to continue square dancing in Kern County and the state of California. And, lastly we want to continue spending time with our friends, family and especially grandchildren.

