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I grew up in rural MD, in Frizzellburg, where dairy cows vastly outnumbered residents. With the support and encouragement of my parents, I set my sights higher. I went to an international Girl Scout camping Roundup in Vermont. I graduated Juniata College in PA, majoring in Biology and French, and spent my junior year abroad in Strasbourg, France. Summers found me working as a proofreader in my father's print shop. In 1968, I earned a MSPH in parasitology at University of North Carolina School of Public Health, and married my brother's college roommate.

My first real job was establishing a clinical parasitology lab in a ghetto hospital in the Bronx. A cross country move to California led us to Stanford University where he pursued a PhD and I worked in an exciting immunology lab, assisting in the development of a cell-separating machine which is currently used in many labs.

Along the way, we had two daughters and I worked in a genetics research lab at the University of Rochester. My most challenging job was at Michigan State University where I administered an NIH research grant studying three parasitic diseases in Sudan.

Biking has always been a big part of my life and I have biked throughout the U.S., but the most exciting was biking with my daughter to Monet's home in Giverny France after my husband died.

With my daughters and their families, including 5 grandsons, ages 14 years-1 month, living in Eugene OR, and a brother in Florida, I travel a lot. Friends ask why do I choose to live in Evanston? Easy answer, it would be hard to leave all my friends and activities here, especially square dancing and Glenview Squares which led me to an incredible life relationship with Ed F.