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After graduating from high school, I attended Rasmussen Business College where I took a two year course in Travel Management and Computer Programming. In 1984, I went to work for the Department Store Division of Dayton Hudson Corporation where I held positions in Training and Development and Executive Development. I worked at Dayton Hudson for nearly 13 years, spending my last 7 years with the company as a Corporate Meeting Planner. While working at Dayton Hudson, I enrolled in the adult education program at the College of St. Thomas where I took evening courses for four years in pursuit of a degree in English. I left Dayton Hudson in 1996 after taking a position as Trade Show and Convention Specialist for an upstart database marketing company based in Shoreview. After 18-months of jumping around every convention center in the country, I found my dream job with Securian Financial Group (formally Minnesota Life Insurance Company) based in St. Paul. I am currently the Director of Meetings and Conference Management and have been with Securian for nine years. In my position I am responsible for the overall planning, development, implementation and marketing of company-wide recognition and incentive programs and I have overall responsibility for company-wide business meetings, board meetings, domestic conventions and international conferences. My department also assumes full responsibility for the management of industry association membership and awards facilitation. My job takes me all over the world and I feel so fortunate to work for such a wonderful company!

I live in Stillwater with my 13 year old daughter, Savanna, and I am lucky to live next door to my sister Katie and her husband John, and not too far from my parents and other sister Kari and her family in Houlton. Older sister Kelly and her husband are not too far away in Osceola. It's nice to have all of my family so close. Savanna will be going in to the 8th grade this year at Stillwater Junior High - and I have to say it is very strange to drop her off every day at our old high school! I believe sometimes that I can see very clearly the ghosts of our younger selves coming and going through those same front doors! Savanna is very tall, an inch taller than I am, and at 5'10" (and still growing) she's quite involved with traveling basketball and she hopes to play varsity long before she hits high school. She's a lovely girl - I couldn't ask for a better daughter!

I love living in our beautiful town of Stillwater and appreciate that I still see so many classmates on a regular basis. I'm very much looking forward to our reunion!