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I remember when I was younger and my parents talking about their 50th North High School reunion (yes they both graduated from NHS). I thought that was really something. I could not fathom that I would be attending my 50th high school reunion, but here we are. My how time flys.

I have been married to my lovely wife, Elayne, since 1965. We have two great children, Amy and Charles and three granddaughters, Twins Maddie and Gracie and Abbie. They all live close to our home.

I graduate from the University of Minnesota with a BS in Business, with lots of classes in EE.

After we got married we moved to Boston, MA where I worked for Honeywell. After some training at Honeywell we moved to Scranton, PA. After two years in Scranton we moved back to the twin cities where our children were born.

After Honeywell I went to work for Control Data as a systems analysis and programmer. I left CDC and went to work for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune where I was a coordinator between the data processing staff and operations. While there I was hired by Sperry Univac and moved to Richmond, VA.

In Richmond I worked with state employees to introduce them to new software that we were developing for the state of VA. In 1977 we moved back to the Twin Cities where I worked in the Sperry Univac and later Unisys Air Line Development center helping design the USAS Cargo system.

It is amazing how much traveling you can do in this line of work. I was back in Minneapolis for three months and off to Copenhagen Demark I went. While with Unisys I traveled to

Copenhagen, Brussels Belgium, and Frankfort Germany. In fact I made 7 trips to Frankfort for over 200 days. The joke during that time was that my wife was going to send me an invitation our daughters Bat Mitzvah.

In 1984, while at Unisys, I started, REAC Computer Services, Inc., (R-Robert, E-Elayne, A-Amy, and C-Charles), where I started building custom pc's. I even sold parts to my employer, Unisys and to IBM in Rochester.

In 1991, when Unisys had their reduction in force, aka layoffs, I became one of the 200+ employees released. I decided to continue with REAC which is now been around for almost 26 years.

I started working out of our house until we had PC's all over the house, upstairs and downstairs. My wife nicely said that we had to find a place out of the house.

I really love my job as President/CEO and don't know if I will ever retire. I enjoy meeting with customers and helping them design, install and support their servers and workstations. REAC recently moved to our new location in Hopkins after being located in St. Louis Park for 18 years (we are actually still in St. Louis Park by about 75 feet).

I finally sold my company in May, 2012 and am now semi-retired.

In June 2012 I started a new company, RIW Consulting LLC.

In July, 2012 I also started working part time at Menards Golden Valley store in the Electrical Department, Highway I394 and Louisiana Ave, so I can keep busy and according to my wife, stay out of her hair.

It is fun seeing your kids grow up and now grand children growing up. It is amazing how fast they grow and now two of our granddaughters are off to college.

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