

# Carolyn Nelson

## Becomers Mystery Person of the week - July 8, 2007

Born Denver Colorado,, .second child,, a brother 2 years older, one 10 years younger.. First grade through 12th... Denver Christian Schools, same 30 kids start to finish.

First temporary job after high school... ironing men's shirts by hand in a non air-conditioned dry cleaners.

Was refused one job after high school because the interviewer did not like my perfume. Evening in Paris was popular then and the perfume had been a gift.

Real job after high school working for Mountain States Tel & Tel. Typed new and replacement orders for all the telephones in Denver. Tedious job... soon learned this was not my calling.

Saved just enough to take first year of pre nursing classes at Calvin College and the next 2 1/2 years at Blodgett Memorial hospital, both located in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Was on probation the last three months of nursing training... the powers that be felt a group of us had not behaved in a professional manner in our off duty time. (The incident was much ado about not much, but directors of nursing are rigid.) Our contingency plan in case we were put out of the dorm for a month or so that summer... pitch a tent on Grand Haven beach... get a job at one of the stands selling hot dogs/ etc. Knew that I could not go home and tell my folks about this. They would not have been on my side. Did graduate diploma in nursing, passed state board exam.

Made plans to move to Palo Alto, Ca, with 3 other girls. Tony Bennett played a part in the decision. Flew to Denver to see family, took train to Albuquerque, New Mexico to be picked up by my friends who were coming down route 66. My companions in the train station for this all day wait were my grandmother's cast iron frying pans and my mother's picnic silverware.

We all worked at the same hospital, one car for 4 girls. Eventually each bought a car. Moved to Orange County 18 months later. Had an interesting career as an R.N. See me if you need a resume.

Came to GGCC because of the singles group. Met & married Ed Tone (he felt I was a bit reluctant at first). Active in Homebuilders SS class where we met Warren & Joan Nelson. Became part of a small group.

Was able to live in Munich, Germany, for 16 months compliments of Hughes aircraft.

Ed Tone died very unexpectedly July of 92. Widowhood was more of an adventure than I ever bargained for.

Joan Nelson died August of 1996. Married Warren August 1997... the rest is history as they say.