

Ken Waltz

Becomer's Mystery Person of the week - May 18, 2008

Family, personal:

Depression baby, Detroit

Number 2 of 12 kids, have 5 children

Had a driver's license at 14

Influenced most by: Father, mother, wife, brothers, German friend Wolfgang, & Mr. Roy Beamer, a fellow choir member who led me to Christ in 1952.

I died in the hospital in 1993. Saw Jesus and three angels—He spoke to me.

Childhood, teen, and adult romances:

The only important romance of my life is my present wife. Dumped? So far, no.

School, Degrees:

B.S. Electrical Engineering (Age 20)

M.S. Mechanical Eng. (Age 28)

PhD International Business (Age 70)

Registered Professional Engineer in Michigan, New York, California

Honors:

Magna cum Lauda High School

Regional Spelling Bee

National Honor Soc

Full 4 year scholarship to U of Michigan

Detroit Man of the year (1957)

Eta Kappa Nu (Elec. Eng. Hon.)

Listed in "Who's Who in the East" (1963)

Phi Theta Kappa (Woodworking Hon)

Orange County Fair winner Chili cook-off

Business:

Founded 4 successful Corporations, 1 in Germany

Chairman Airline Suppliers Association - 18 years. (1,000+ manufacturers)

Traveled everywhere: 7 times around the world age 30-37; later: 150+ trips to Europe

Holder of basic original U.S. patent for hydraulic machinery

Troubles:

I was involved in armed revolutions in France, Brazil, Syria, with tanks in the streets

Most embarrassing moment: CHP citation on route 5 for going too slow

Sports:

Played 9 sports in college

Favorite pastimes:

Anything with a Ball AND a Score

Victories: Winner of tournaments in golf, handball, racquetball, tennis, track, curling

Proudest accomplishments:

Longest drives on four holes at home golf course in Detroit.

Only student to get 100% in Detroit city-wide chemistry test

Hobbies:

Model airplanes, coins, stamps, woodworking, handwriting analysis, golf

Disappointments:

Some of my 5 kids, but not all.

Never had a hole in one (it's not too late)

Regret not doing better on languages, music lessons

Famous people met:

Ten minute private meeting with President Eisenhower

Wife & I shared bottle of champagne with Luciano Pavarotti in his hotel room

Shared seat with Johnny Unitas flying to New York

Flew with Walter Reuther from Detroit to California

Music:

Played: Accordion, flute, banjo, ukulele, organ

Sang with: Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Married a REAL musician

All Time Favorites:

Great grandchildren Isabella (2) & Tanner (6 mo)

Movies: The Sting, The Rookie, My Cousin Vinnie

Book: Valley of the Blind by H.G.Wells.

Poem: The Touch of the Master's Hand, Little Miss Muffet

Biblical event: Feeding the 5,000

Color: Purple

Food: Japanese sushi & sashimi

Three MOST desired dinner guests? (One at a time) Einstein, Lincoln, Edison

If you believe all this, I've got a bridge I would like to sell you.