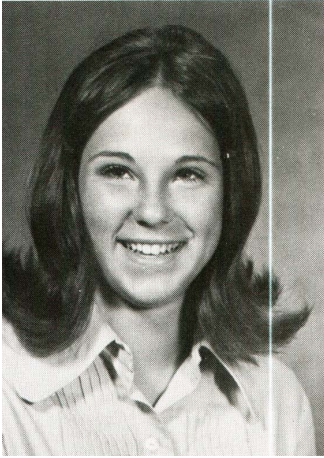


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A Little Bit About Me

Many of you may know that I was kicked out of the house by my step-mother at the end of my junior year. Fortunately Michele Braun's parents asked me to live with them my senior year so that I could graduate with my class! I will always be in their debt for taking me into their home.

I received a scholarship through the Rotary for college, in the fall of 1972 Eileen Madsen and I rented an apartment and admitted ourselves to Mt. Hood Community College. Eileen and Mike Cunningham were an item at the time and I spent the year partying with the girls downstairs...so I did not fare well at my first attempt at college!! LOL

On a whim, I accepted an invitation to try out for roller derby (a smooth transition from failed academia??) and was picked up by the San Francisco "BAY AREA BOMBERS" and skated as a jammer (number #33) for the next year. The franchise went bankrupt a year later and so I took a friend's advice and joined the service....the U.S. Marine Corps.

I served from 1974-76, assigned to Corrections Battalion, worked in a support detachment relocating Vietnamese refugees into the U.S., made 5 static line jumps out of planes, and competed in the Mission Bay raft races with the 1st Battalion Recon guys in a coed race.

I met a boy from Texas while in the Marine Corps (1st husband Henry Whitman) and two children later and three years of marriage we realized that service romances don't always make for a lasting relationship. We divorced in 1978.

I moved back to Oregon, began a career in the Department of Corrections and used the GI Bill to return to college (and did much better this time!). In 1982 I met and married one of my coworkers (Jeff Premo- no relation that we know of to Diana) and made a valiant attempt to blend our two families. We divorced after 12 years in 1994. I have been single since.

My daughter Heather followed her Great-grandfather's footsteps and joined the Air Force, ROTC program. After her graduation from college in 2001 she commissioned and then married her brother's best friend (Carl Martin). She scored 3rd in her class in the military which landed her a job in Germany the next five years!! Mommy was able to make three trips and tour Europe with the kids. The couple was stationed back in the states in 2008, Texas. The couple now have two boys.

My son Travis asked to live with his dad in Texas during his high school years. Nothing better for a boy than to re-connect with his dad, be an only child, play football, hunt, fish and live in a small town where anything is possible. He followed in his parent's footsteps and enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps. He was assigned to the communications battalion and stationed in Okinawa Japan, qualified to shoot in the Pistol championships and took a bronze medal and then scored a positin as an Embassy Marine working in Frankfurt, Germany and La Paz Bolivia.

Upon his release from the service in 2004 he was recruited to work for a private security firm in Iraq. Durng his second month in country he was killed in a vehicle accident. We laid him to rest in Texas.

This same year I made a career change, and began teaching at Chemeketa Community College. I gave myself time to adapt to the loss of my son and get through my probationary period. Then, in 2007 with renewed focus I decided to bump up my game and return to finish my masters degree. I graduated in 2009 with a degree in Psychology, Traumatic Grief counseling. I then went right into the doctoral program for Criminal Justice...where I am plugging along.

My greatest accomplilshments were my two children who always seemed to make things right, when the rest of my life was a mess. I managed to raise two wonderful kids who achieved much. The only thing better than being a parent is the additional blessing of being a grandparent and watching your children with their own kids.

That is my life...in a very large nut shell. Elaine Goodrich (Whitman and then Premo) LOL