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Navy nickname: Manny



After graduation from Sacred Heart High School in Boone, Iowa, I worked on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad section gang for the summer. Joined the US Navy and was sent to San Diego, CA. for Boot Camp. Then I spent the next 44 weeks taking radar and computer courses at Great Lakes, IL. My next two years as a Fire Control Technician, were on the Cruiser, USS Des Moines, sailing round and round the Mediterranean.

I then attended Boone Junior College and between my freshman and sophomore years married my high school sweetheart, Joanna Lacey. Then on to The State College of Iowa (now The University of Northern Iowa) where I graduated with honors with a Teaching degree in Social Studies. Our son Tony was born in Cedar Falls. I did not get a teaching job in Iowa, so I ended up as a Management Trainee, working for the F.W. Woolworth variety store in Emporia, Kansas, where our daughter Ann was born. After a year, I was offered a graduate assistantship at UNI, so I returned and received my Masters degree in Social Studies.

I received a teaching job offer and moved the family to Los Angeles, California, where I taught for a short time, and then I joined North American Aviation in Anaheim, CA. in business management. I pursued more education at night and received an Accounting degree. Rockwell International bought out the company, and then Boeing bought them out. I retired in 1997 after 30 years of various accounting and financial positions. Joanna and I owned and operated a coin laundry and a dry cleaning business in Norco for ten years.

Retirement has been spent with the grandkids, travel, genealogy, work and golf. I became a consultant for my son, who was the CFO of a company; he hired me to run the accounting department of one of their subsidiaries. After he became the VP of another company, I worked for him creating various financial programs and was in charge of new building expansion. My wife and I are now minor partners in my son's business, Summit Energy.

I was the Vice President and Secretary of the Boone Iowa Society of Southern California for about 15 years. People who lived in Boone, Iowa or Boone County and live in Southern California met once a year for camaraderie and lunch. The society had its 100th and last meeting on Feb. 4th, 2014. The web site I created is: <http://booneiowasoca.manriquez.net/> - I created a website for my hometown (Boone, Iowa) for all the High School and Junior College Year Books. <http://boonesacheart.manriquez.net/> - I was the Treasurer & Membership chair for the Corona Genealogical Society for 5 years. I helped members with their research and taught classes on Tuesdays. I also volunteer one day a week to help genealogist at the National Archives in Perris, CA. My genealogy web site includes some working aids for the Federal Census as well as other databases. <http://genealogy.manriquez.net/>

In 2015 I became the Webmaster of the USS Des Moines and had to recreate the website.

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