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I started at Monsanto on August 3rd, 1973. My 18th birthday! Worked on the line testing LEDs. I remember sticking MV5050s into the machine to measure brightness and then taking the plastic pitchers from the back of the machine and weighing them for count. I remember Big Bertha in the frame cutting room, fish finders and Pop Ins!

Do you remember the gas shortage days? Even and Odd days to get gas? We used to park our cars at the pumps at the 76 gas station down the street and go back to pump gas when they opened. Little did we know what we would be paying for gas today! Then in 1974 I moved from Cupertino to Hillview Avenue. I remember our pot lucks, where we used to heat our food in our curing ovens!!!! Thank goodness we didn't get sick! I transferred into Customer Service working for Faye August. I stayed after GI took over, leaving in 1982 to go to work in Customer Service for Monsanto Silicon back with Faye August and Barbara Gudelj.

In 1985 I left Monsanto Silicon to work in sales at Aurel with Dick Lamb and Tom Gentemann. Dick Greene worked there too. When Aurel ended, I did some consulting at Siltec with Stan Myers but the commute to Menlo Park was too long and went to work at NBK Silicon and worked with Phil Yin and Joe Arruda (Monsanto Silicon) which was bought out by Kawasaki Wafer Technology managing their Customer Service department. I met my husband here at Kawatec. I then went to work for SEMI in 1993 with Bill Reed, Dick Greene and Stan Myers, working in their Market Statistics department for 17 years and retired in 2010.

I have met many people in my career and all of my job changes were through people I had met at Monsanto. And to think, when I first started at Monsanto it was going to be a summer job!



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