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After I earned my 5-year "M" pin, working for George MacLeod, Ray Brown, and Bill Otsuka, my last day at Monsanto, in Palo Alto, was October 1978. I retired so I could join Karl, my soon to-be-husband in Gothenburg, Sweden. I had a five-year adventure in Sweden, which was my first foreign country, and it was a good learning experience. At that time so many of the older generation did not know English, but the children did and they had fun talking to me and playing games near our apartment. (Ron and Carole Molnar visited us.) I went to Swedish language class meeting people from all walks of life and countries. On lady, my age jumped the barb-wired fence to escape Communism, and only the teacher spoke English. Karl and I traveled to Norway, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Spain, London, etc.

When our mission was accomplished, with sadness leaving our Swedish Family, we headed back to California. Now another adventure of finding work. In the meantime I had worked some part time at Intel, and thank God our phone started ringing wanting me to come to work there. I said YES, and Karl found work at his profession. After working at Intel 4 years, I worked many different places as a temp, which allowed me flexible hours.

The year 2000, the prices of homes went sky rocking, so we followed the crowd and moved to Lincoln, CA, a Sun City, Del Webb Active Retirement community of 6800 homes. One of my grand daughters lived in Sacramento and that was good. I have 2 adult Swedish grand kids, and in California 5 great-grand children, my joy. My daughter and her husband moved from Los Gatos to this area also. Everyone living in the area says, "I am from the bay area", and we see a lot of cars around the license plate saying, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Redwood City, Santa Cruz, Los Gatos, and San Jose.

March 21, 2008, God called my Karl home to Heaven and it is a new life for me without him, praying when I can join him in Heaven. I am active with my church and my widows' group, and great support from my neighbors. I enjoy traveling and walking on the beach, and I am looking forward to our Monsanto Reunion.



Karl and Mary Karlsson (*July 22, 1977*)



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