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I originally started working for Monsanto at their headquarters in St. Louis in 1969. A friend of mine moved to California in 1973 and I thought that sounded like a good idea. I took vacation and went to California and found a job transfer to the Opto Electronics Division which was in the process of moving from Cupertino to Palo Alto. I started at Monsanto Palo Alto January 1, of 1974. Palo Alto was quite different from St. Louis World Headquarters, where there were strict dress codes and employees stayed with the company for a lifetime.

In Palo Alto I worked first in Customer Service. At the beginning of 1974, half the company (including engineering) was in Cupertino. Marketing and purchasing were in Palo Alto. I transferred to engineering in 1976 at which time I met Ron Molnar. Ron and I married in June of 1978. In July 1980, Ron and I had our first child, a girl we named Kelly. At that time I took a six month leave of absence. At the end of the six months, I decided to stay home and be a full-time mom, which I ended up doing for the next 23 years. Our second daughter, Melanie was born in 1983.

In 1992, Ron took a job in Arizona and we made the move to Phoenix. Through the years Ron and I have owned several rentals, owning as many as six at one time. We do most of the managing of the rentals ourselves. I had a real estate license in St. Louis and California, but never really put them to use. I always had an interest in real estate, so after the girls went off to college, I got my Arizona real estate license and became an active Realtor. I am still working as a real estate agent for Century 21 Arizona Foothills in the Phoenix area.



1978



Ron & Carole Molnar – Hawaii



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