

## PATTY BALES NELSON

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I started working at Monsanto just out of high school in 1973 working alongside my best friend, Sandy Sugishita (Andrews Fowler).

In 1975 I went to work for Stanford Applied Engineering. During my 5 years at SAE I held various positions within the accounting department.

In July of 1980, I began working at Intel, for the Fab Synergy Manager, who left Intel 3 weeks later. Six months later I transferred to Oregon. For the majority of my Intel career I worked in IT. I installed and maintained one of the first networks which allowed our department to transfer files and exchange mail messages between the individuals in Oregon and Arizona (once every hour, when the modems would connect and transfer the data.) I later became the Oregon Site LAN Services Manager responsible for all the equipment and staff providing the Oregon employees with email and network applications on both Banyan and Novell networks. After many years of having to be available 24X7 I decided it was time to spend more time at home.

In May of 1997, I purchased a small craft/decorative painting shop – “From the Heart”. I thought I’d have more time at home with my teenagers and also get to spend time enjoying my hobbies. I quickly learned that when you’re running a shop everyone else is enjoying their hobby, and you no longer have time to enjoy it, because running a business is a full time job. In 1999, as Frank (my husband) was beginning to think about retiring, I closed the shop and started to once again enjoy my hobbies.

Frank and I moved to Oregon in January of 1981, and got married later that year. We had two sons, who are now 29 and 27. Frank passed away in 2000.

I now spend my time enjoying my hobbies (painting, scrapbooking, quilting, jewelry making, and glass work), spending time with friends, traveling, taking classes, and volunteering at the local elementary and high schools.



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Patty Bales Nelson & Sandy Sugishita Andrews Fowler  
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