

About Me “William Eugene Jennings”

I have been interested in how things work since I was very young. My Mom used to tell me that I would walk up to her before I was two, and I would hand her a screw and say "Bill Unscrew". She would put the screw in a mason jar, and later that week - she would find whatever I had taken apart, go to the jar, and repair what I had taken apart. I once was able to take apart a handle from a pot with my fingers, and she was cooking and the handle fell off!

One of my high-school science fair projects was building a working printer for the [Tandy Radio Shack TRS-80](#) computer: I harvested the print mechanism for an IBM Selectric typewriter, reverse engineered the driver boards for the seven solenoids that drove the printer's solenoids: wrote the machine language (Z80) print driver to directly drive the solenoids to print (had to characterize each character's signature to rotate the IBM Selectric's type ball and strike at the right time). I got the print mechanism from an old travel reservation system at the headquarters of Holiday Inn (my home town Memphis, TN). It wasn't working when I got it - so I had to sort out how to make it print on my own... Custom hardware, machine language driver: all free, and it worked great.

I fondly remember that computer: as I worked an entire summer for money to buy it - and upgraded the memory myself from 4 Kilobytes to 16 Kilobytes by piggy-backing memory chips on top of each other, and running 30 gauge wire over to an address decoder for the memory chips.



Late Night Cinema
Hitchcock

Late Night Coding
(photo credit: Elizabeth Ann Jennings at age 3)

Not sure which is scarier... Hitchcock or my coding late at night!


Why this bio, and why now?

It's a quiet Thanksgiving weekend in 2017, and I have much to be thankful about. My children are healthy. I am employed doing something I enjoy: that's also helping others. I live in a beautiful part of the world. I have great friends that have been very supportive and will do anything for my family.

During this weekend of reflection, I wanted to collect some thoughts about my last fifty years on this earth – and write them down in one place. This is not exhaustive: but it's a way for me to realize how fortunate I am, and how thankful I am to have seen a great bit of the planet, to have experienced great joy, and to survive tough challenges to come out stronger and closer to God than before.

I am sure I will have missed things, may have forgotten the exact dates for some events, and wish I had more of my memorabilia from the past to collect into this document. However, this should be representative of much of my life – hope it's enjoyable for my friends and family to know me better.

COMMERCIAL APPEAL
Memphis, Tenn. APR 7 1963
JENNINGS HEADS FIRM
Named President Of General Insurance Agency
General Insurance Agency of Tennessee, a subsidiary of Murdock Acceptance Corp., has named W. C. Jennings Jr., president, and C. Eugene Fleming, sales manager.
Mr. Jennings, who is married, lives at 300 Highland. He is a graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., and has been in the insurance business since 1946, when he returned from service in the Army. He has been with GIAT since 1957, having served as office manager and manager. He is a member of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church.
Mr. Fleming of 4579 Verne is a native of Covington, Tenn. He served in the Navy, and also has been in the insurance field since 1946.


Mr. Jennings

Names in the Jennings family

I was named **William Eugene Jennings**, as my father's name was **William** Columbus **Jennings**, Jr., and my father's best friend was **Eugene** Caskey Fleming. Eugene Fleming worked with my Dad, as shown in the article on the left.

My Dad was a jokester, and had said that he didn't want to name his son "the third" as what if he was tongue tied: "William Columbus Jennings, the Turd"...

My brother, **Robert Dewitt Jennings**, was to be named after the middle names: Caskey Columbus Jennings: and my Mom intervened. Instead, my brother was named after his maternal grandfather (**Robert**), and Mom's middle name (**Dewitt**). **Dewitt Clinton Anderson** was Mom's favorite uncle.

My eldest son, **William Charles Jennings**, was named honoring his two grandfathers: **Charles** Albert Bock, and **William** Columbus **Jennings**, Jr. while keeping my Dad's initials: WCJ. Will has many of the same social comedic timing that my father had, and I am glad he's carrying the name William forward.

My second son, **Henry Prather Jennings**, has his middle name from his maternal grandmother's maiden name: Prather. **Henry Prather** was a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War and served with George Washington. He will surely become a strong leader as many of the Prather family have been.

My youngest son's name, **Mark Daniel Jennings**, comes from my 2nd Great-Grandfather: **Daniel Jennings**. I believe he may become a medical doctor with the initials MD!

My eldest daughter's name, **Olivia Nicole Jennings**, is named after her Mom's favorite Aunt, Tia Coca - her real name was Olga, which is Russian for Olivia. She shares the same initials as Tia Coca's maiden name: ONJ. She has the same grace that Coca has, and she is aptly named to carry this forward.

My youngest daughter, **Elizabeth Ann Jennings**, was named after her Mom's confirmation name, **Elizabeth**, and my Mom's first name, **Ann**. Her personality is budding, no telling what lies ahead!

I am an active Roman Catholic

Raised Episcopalian, and very active in the Church with my family - I believe in the teachings of the Christian faith.

My parents were very active in the Episcopal Church. My father was in the Vestry, my Mom on the Altar Guild. The needlepoint kneelers for both the church in Memphis, and in Elizabethton (where she retired) were designed and crafted by Mom. At Mom's funeral I took communion on kneelers she made decades before.

I married my wife in St. Joseph's Basilica in downtown San Jose, still an Episcopalian. As a non-Catholic, I was not permitted to take communion in the church. We attended as a family, and when my eldest realized that Mom was taking communion, and I was not: she asked why. Olivia was about to begin first communion preparation - and I realized that it would be best for myself and the family for me to change my church affiliation from Episcopalian to Roman Catholic, as we had been attending the St. Nicholas and St. Simon Parishes in Los Altos together as a family for several years.

I began the RCIA process, and was taught by Sister Rebecca for nearly 18 months: kinda ironic, as the differences between the Episcopal faith and the Roman Catholic faith are very small... Many in my class had never been exposed to Christianity, so this was very important to them.

The night I was to be confirmed into the Catholic Church, I needed to go early to get ready. My wife and children were to come an hour later. During the service, I was looking around, and didn't see my family. I learned later that Henry had gotten to the van, and lifted his head while the automatic door was being opened - scraping his head and requiring three stitches in the ER... Tricia showed up later for the Easter Vigil, and I realized that I had converted to Catholicism for myself, not for her - and it was symbolic that I did this without my family being there at the service. We tease Henry to this day that his stitches were the holy trinity...

I am glad I am part of the Catholic Church. There have been challenges in my life since I've joined the Church, and the community in San Jose has always been my extended family to help me through any of the tough times.

Photo on right:

Bill in Jerusalem, Israel
May 1st, 2008

Where Jesus was prepared for his tomb after his crucifixion.



How I became an Electrical Engineer

When I was a young teenager, the computer industry for the home was just beginning. I remember with pride reading about the [Altair](#), the [Commodore PET](#), and the Apple I. Yes, the [Apple I](#). However, being from a lower middle class family, we didn't spend money on frivolous stuff like electronics – so I only read the magazines in the library. I remember how the [Byte magazine](#) grew in size in the 1970s as the industry exploded.

I always thought that I would wind up with a degree in Chemical Engineering. As a sophomore in High School, I took Chemistry from Doctor Marking in my public high school. That year, the Memphis School Teachers went on an extended strike: it lasted about eight weeks. Of course, the private schools remained open, but the public schools were closed. I was taking Chemistry that year, but there wasn't much teaching in the fall when the strike was happening.

Regardless, I entered the State of Tennessee contests for Chemistry – and placed in the top ten students for Chemistry for the state for my experience level: even with only weeks of study. Later, as a junior, I was in the State Science Bowl – and my team of four placed in the state as well: I represented the physical sciences and held my own.

So, it was a natural that when I was a senior, I took Advanced Placement Chemistry from Doctor Marking. I believe I did well in the class, probably a 4 or 5 on the test: I did get college credit: just don't remember the score. Well, Dr. Marking let his AP students do their labs unsupervised during lunch time if needed – he kept a hard pace, and expected the labs to be done, and done well: that meant many hours in the lab. I enjoyed the lab, so that didn't bother me. Prefer to be there than the library sometimes: it's like cooking in a sense, creating something – even if from a recipe.

One day, one of the sophomores (Ken Witt), and one of the juniors (Brice Tebbs) came into the lab during lunch. Brice suggested we try to take the denaturing agent out of the denatured alcohol. We knew how to tell if it was removed, so it was worth trying. To do this you have to distill the denatured alcohol, or perhaps double, or triple distill it. The “academic” part of us wanted to learn how much to distill to make this possible.

To distill, it's quite simple – you heat up the liquid, vaporize the liquid – have it condense and drip into a collecting barrel. To speed this up you can put the liquid through a fractional column that cools the liquid to cause it to come out of vapor state.

We hooked all this up, and started the flame, and began heating up the liquid. After about fifteen minutes, the beaker with the denatured alcohol was about to empty: so unknowingly to Brice or I – Ken Witt picked up the gallon metal container of alcohol and poured it over an open flame into the hot beaker.

Ken was on the far left of the lab bench, Brice in the middle, I on the right. Brice and I could see the blue flame going into the container of nearly a gallon of alcohol – and thankfully, Brice grabbed the metal can and through it against the wall and behind a row of other lab benches that ran north-south in the lab (we were on a set of benches that ran east-west). The can, just as it fell below the height of the lab benches, exploded. It peeled paint along forty feet of wall. It caused metal fragments to go into the ceiling. It exploded less than two inches from the top of the lab bench, less than five feet from where I was standing.

Now there was fire spreading through the chemistry lab. I grabbed the fire extinguisher: and tried to put out the source of the fire. The extinguisher was not properly charged and did not work. Brice ran into the hall and pulled the fire alarm.

As luck may have it, that day the Principal of the school told the faculty that a fire drill was planned. So when the fire alarm went off during lunch, none of the faculty was concerned, and took their sweet time walking kids to the parking lot: and no one followed up to see where the source of the fire was. The fire department did come, but they also thought it was a drill – and showed up in the lab unprepared for a chemical fire.

I graduated Valedictorian, and the only grade that wasn't an A, even in my AP classes was English, and AP Chemistry. My chemistry professor Dr. Marking, even with me having a perfect score (100%) on my exams and labs, gave me a C that term. I never questioned it.

I was never called into the Principal office, the teacher never mentioned it, and my parents knew about it, but never mentioned it.

After I entered Georgia Tech, having changed my major from Chemistry to undecided, I asked Mom why she never spoke to me about it, or punished me for this irresponsible behavior.

She said "Son, I had trouble punishing you for this – you see, I blew up my chemistry lab as a senior in High School"...

Largely as a result of that Chemistry Lab fire, I ultimately changed my major to Electronics, and entered the world I live in today.

I'm a [Ramblin' Wreck](#) from Georgia Tech

I attended [Georgia Tech](#) on several scholarships: National Merit, Navy ROTC, and a few others.

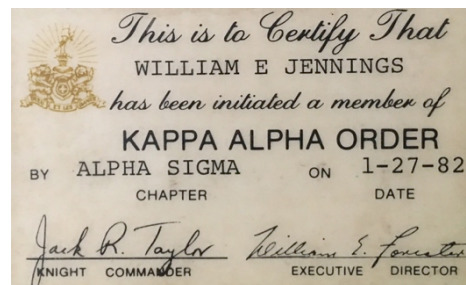
I pledged [Kappa Alpha Order](#). One of my pledge brothers was Ted Uiterwyk. He shared an interest in computing. His [father had written a BASIC interpreter](#) in the very early days of personal computing prior to the Apple or TRS-80: so Ted had more computer experience than I did at the time.



Pledge class photo for the Kappa Alpha Order in 1981 on the left. Ted is in the photo in the second row, second from the left (face is obscured by front row). I am on the front row, 2nd from the left.

I graduated with my four year Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with honors in two and a half years (I could not afford four years of school: so doubled up on all my classes to graduate early).

I dropped the Navy ROTC scholarship, and worked my way through school instead. Working my way through school, as a co-op at IBM, and as a full-time computer technician at Computer's West in San Angelo, Texas.



My family in engineering

My material grandfather, Robert James Prather, was deeply involved in preparing the Gulf of Mexico for a possible invasion during World War II. He installed some of the first radar stations in the United States, but that was classified at the time of his death in the 1960s.

R. J. "BOB" Prather, RIGHT, veteran telephone official begins his 30th year with Southern Bell Telephone Co. Also pictured is John C. Underwood, General Plant Manager from Jackson, who presented Prather with a service emblem for completing 33 years of continuous employment.

Prather Is Accorded Southern Bell Honors

R. J. "Bob" Prather, who started his 30th year with Southern Bell this week, is a man who believes that service is important to any business, but particularly to the telephone company.

Prather has spent 35 years installing, maintaining and supervising telephones and service. A native of Webb, he began his telephone employment in 1925 in Clarkdale as a cable splicer helper in the construction department. He was a member of a roving construction crew that traveled the state installing telephones.

In 1930, he transferred to Vicksburg as central office repairman and in 1932 went to Jackson on the same job.

During the depression years, Prather recalls working long hours disconnecting telephones during the lean years.

He spent a short tour in Tupelo during 1941 before transferring to Gulfport. He was assigned to installation and maintenance of priority war projects such as switchboard installation at Keesler Field, Biloxi Coast Guard Base, Gulfport Field, U. S. Naval Construction

Battalion at Gulfport and the booming Indian Shogun.

In 1940, Prather was promoted to central office foreman at Gulfport.

He came to Laurel in 1946 as plant foreman and after the conversion to dial in 1948, was made Plant Manager, his present position.

He is married to the former **Emma J. Conerty** of Sumner, and the father of five children: Mrs. Jeanne Parish of Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. **Ann Jennings** of Memphis, Tenn.; Lt. R. J. Prather Jr. of Monterey, Calif. (graduate of U.S. Naval Academy); Mrs. **Carole Casey** of Hattiesburg and Mrs. **"Cookie" Frost** of Memphis, Tenn. The Prathers currently have two grandchildren.

They are members of the First Methodist Church and Bob has served as president of Magnolia Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.

He was presented his 33 year service emblem by John C. Underwood, General Plant Manager for Southern Bell from Jackson at a supper attended by telephone officials and fellow employees.

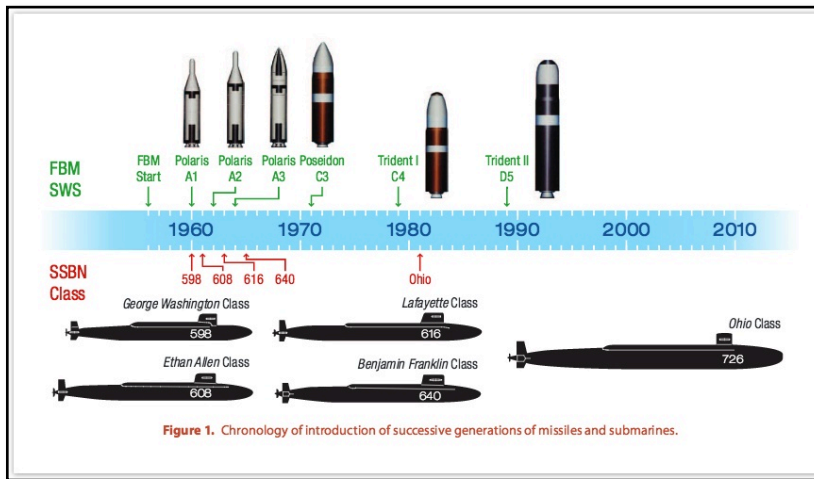
R. J. PRATHER, of 1215 22nd street, Gulfport, central office foreman in the plant department of the Southern Bell Telephone Company at Gulfport, has won a \$25 US Savings Bond in a courtesy contest among telephone people. In the contest, telephone men and women submitted statements of why "courtesy is more important than ever in 1946."

The more than 36,000 employees of the Southern Bell Company in nine states were eligible for the contest. **Mr. Prather** was selected as one of two winners among entrants from personnel of the plant department in the nine states and one of 10 winners in the company as a whole.

Mrs. Prather is a telephone employee of 18 years' experience.

R.J. Prather's Obit in 1969 showed he served Southern Bell 40 years so the articles were written Circa 1965 (left) and Circa 1947 (right)
Most likely papers are the Laurel Leader-Call (left), and Sun Herald (right)

"Uncle Bob" graduated second in his class in Engineering from the US Naval Academy in the 1950s. We spent an entire day walking through the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, and explained things to me that day when I was ten. I decided to become an Engineer after being with "Uncle Bob".



Sadly, a few years later, he died in a tragic car accident, and his wife was in a coma for weeks. Ask about his death sometime, it's a cold war story. When "Uncle Bob" died, he was the Chief Engineer for the Poseidon C3 and Trident C4 Nuclear Missiles in the Office of Naval Research.

My uncle's master's thesis was classified for over fifty years (now available to the public): and it related to transport of sound through liquids. Can anyone recognize the concept of Sonar, or perhaps reducing the sound profile of an underwater item?

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Title : INVESTIGATION OF THE ULTRASONIC DYNAMIC VISCOELASTIC PROPERTIES OF AQUEOUS POLYETHYLENE OXIDE SOLUTIONS.



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Descriptors : *POLYMERS), (*ETHYLENE OXIDE, SOLUTIONS(MIXTURES), VISCOELASTICITY, VERY LOW FREQUENCY, LOW FREQUENCY, SHEAR STRESSES, VELOCITY, TEMPERATURE.

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My Married Life

I have been married twice, to two wonderful women: Donna Jean Wiltshire neé Day, and Patricia Yolanda Bock. Both died young while we were married, and both are buried in the Santa Clara Mission Cemetery in Santa Clara County, California. May they both Rest in Peace.

I worked closely with Donna in Westborough, Massachusetts at Coral Networks. After a few years of dating, Coral Networks laid us both off after an acquisition by SynOptics Communications. We decided to move to Raleigh, North Carolina for me to start working at Cisco Systems in the Research Triangle Park. We got married in Jamaica in June 1995. We were unable to have children together, and we enjoyed travel and dining together. Donna was taking her Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of North Carolina, and nearly completed her degree. After four years of marriage Donna was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and I took a year off from work to be her fulltime care provider at home. She died in my arms when we took her off the respirator at Duke Hospital in 2000, after a failed surgery to add a PEG tube to her stomach.

I met and married Patricia Yolanda Bock in 2002 at the St. Joseph Basilica in San Jose. Before we married, she had told me she didn't think she could have children. Patricia was brilliant, kind, and generous. She retired from her law partnership just before we married. Soon afterwards, we had five great kids together: Olivia, Will, Henry, Mark, and Elizabeth. She was an amazing wife, and an even better Mom. Nothing made her happier than when she was homeschooling our children. She died suddenly one Tuesday morning from unknown causes months after Elizabeth was born. She was loved by all, and had nearly a thousand people celebrate her life at a rosary, funeral and community event to respect her. I suspect she died from undiagnosed Atrial Fib based on the symptoms, but the autopsy was inconclusive.



Bill and Patricia Bock Jennings
Aptos, California, 2013



Donna Jean Wiltshire
Appalachian Mountains, Tennessee, 1993

My life is better because I had these two great women in my life. I miss them both everyday.

Wedding Photos



Marriage on the Beach

Swept Away Resort
Negril, Jamaica
to Donna Wiltshire neé Day

June 30, 1995

It's a beautiful all-inclusive resort that is on Jamaica's west end of the island. We got married during sunset, you can see the sun right behind us setting just after the wedding ceremony. It was just us two, and witnessed by members of the resort staff.

We ate dinner by candlelight on the beach afterwards in a private dining location setup by the resort.

Marriage in the Cathedral

Basilica of St. Joseph
San Jose, California
to Patricia Yolanda Bock

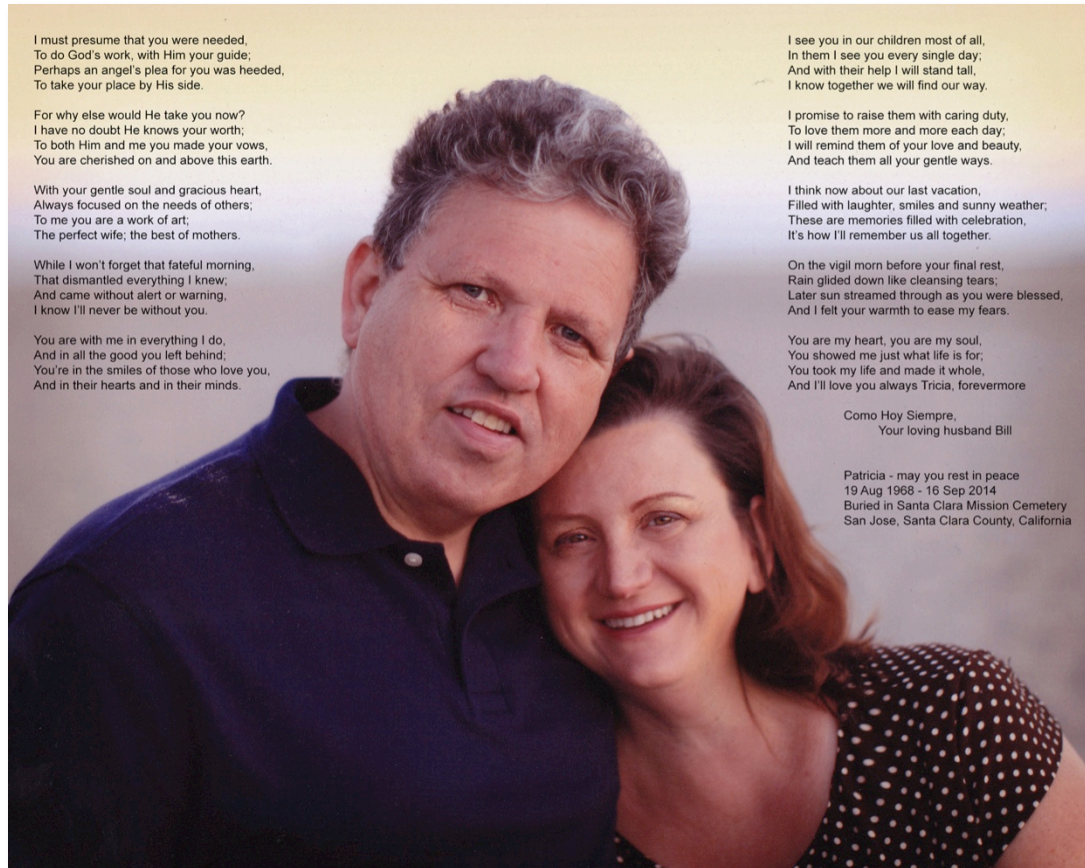
October 12, 2002



We were married in the Catholic Church at the Basilica in downtown San Jose, and held the wedding reception dinner at the Museum of Art near the Basilica. The wedding rehearsal dinner was held the night before in a private room at Il Fornaio at the Hotel De Anza.

A special tribute to my late wife Patricia

I love you Tricia – miss you everyday – I apologize for all my mistakes and wish I was more aware of how hard it was to be a Mom when you were with me.



Tricia was my second wife. My first wife Donna died in 2000 after fighting ALS. She died in about a year that was spent seeing her waste away, turning into a nearly helpless person. You can imagine how much it shook me up that both of my wives died on September sixteenth, fourteen years apart. We lived in North Carolina, and after Donna's death Cisco relocated me to Los Altos in 2001.

Donna asked me to remarry soon, and try to have children. However, she insisted that Lory Nagel had to agree to how I was to marry. Lory had called daily from San Jose to Cary, NC and played online games with Donna, as she became a quadriplegic. Lory is now Godmother to my son Will.

I met Tricia in 2001 after joining SocialNet, which later was acquired by Match.com. Tricia tells me later that she said "well, if I am going to online date: I will put in the parameters of exactly what I want in a husband, and I will be very selective. No need to date if it can't lead to marriage someday."

In all of California, I was one of three bachelors who met her tight criteria. To this day, I don't know what that was: was it age, was it height, was it intellect, was it schooling? I don't know. But I do know that I was the first to answer, and she never looked back. She lived in Sacramento at the time, I lived on Cherry Avenue in Los Altos – a single guy with two cairn terriers. When she asked me the names of my terriers and I said "Tuffie and Scruffy", she was hooked – as her childhood dog was named Scruffy. How bad can a guy be if he has a dog named Scruffy?

After about four months of dating, I drove up to Lory and Eric Nagel's home for a dinner with the four of us. Tricia told me later she figured out what happened. Lory gave the thumbs up, and we were engaged soon after. Lory has a heart of gold, and can sniff out whether a woman is sincere – or just impressed with an executive in the valley. Tricia didn't even know who Cisco was. Didn't matter. One of her friends worked at Marvell, and had heard of me, and yet Tricia didn't care. She loved me, not the job I had.

We were happy in high style or low. It was the company. The intellect. The challenge of knowing that Tricia wanted the very best: no more, no less. We were married on October Twelfth, 2002 at the Basilica Saint Joseph in San Jose. We nearly made it twelve years – the best years of my life on any scale possible.

She gave me children, when I thought my life would be childless. She taught me to be a strong father and a caring husband.

She taught me to support my family: my Mom with dementia moved in with us, and she knew



she would carry the brunt of the care. When my Mom died in February 2014, I was in India authorizing hospice and morphine from Cochin, knowing I wouldn't be back in time. Tricia arranged last rites with the Episcopal Church and sat with her through the twelve-hour night until she passed.

She spoke Spanish like a native. Later when we were dating exclusively, it didn't seem right to have the dogs hear me call Tricia "Mom" to them, so we decided to call Tricia *madrina* – Godmother in Spanish – as Tricia was caring for the Terriers I had bought Donna years ago for Valentine's Day. And, of course, this was recognition that my wife was fluent as a native in both English and Spanish. Part of her law career included caring for migrant workers in the Salinas area. I know that she wasn't "certified" by the court as a Spanish translator during depositions, etc. but she could hear the answers and start formulating her response before the translators translated for her... many times catching mistakes in the translation.

One time during the remodeling of the Shoup house she asked some workers to move their truck, as it was parked in a red curb area. They all started griping in Spanish. She quickly told them off, also in perfect Spanish. Amazingly after that, we had really good relationships with all the sub-contractors... and then there's the time we were flying from Buenos Aires to El Calafate to see the Perito Moreno Glacier, and the folks boarding the plane say to themselves in Spanish "look at those silly Americans, they have shorts on" – and she very politely said back to them: "yes, and the weather in El Calafate today is 27C" (81 degrees Fahrenheit).

Tricia's parents are both from Argentina, and moved to New Jersey in the 1960s, where Patricia was born in Hoboken, NJ in 1968. She moved to Fairfield, CA in 1981 and attended UC Davis, and then McGeorge Law School in Sacramento. I visited Argentina with Tricia and her family four times since we married in 2002, sometimes staying for up to three weeks at a time. I met her cousins, second cousins, uncles, and aunts. Always loved: even for members of the family that rarely spoke to each other in Buenos Aires, she sought out all sides of her relationship on each trip.

One time her uncle (tío Jorge) had a major stroke near his seventieth birthday – she dropped everything to be there for the family.

When I traveled with her to Buenos Aires, and El Calafate, and Entré Rios, she was recognized as a *porteña*, an Argentinian native girl from the city. She passed as a native: she knew the customs, knew the language, and knew the area. I always was a bit more comfortable when I was with her during international travel as she had a confidence that could withstand any issue. We traveled to Kenya for her fortieth birthday – it was just after the riots after the presidential elections in the country. The joke was at the time that “the Americans would elect an Ubuntu as President before the Kenyans do” (which did indeed happen with Obama’s election). The shootings happened at the very end of December – we were to land in Nairobi on January Twelfth. Our tickets were booked, the private safari paid for: we had arranged for two former Au Pairs to come care for the children. The question was do we cancel, or do we travel? We did the research (long story here), and decided to travel. We arrived in Kenya, and were the only tourists in the country. The Maasai Mara was empty, no jeeps seen for days. The balloon trip had no bookings for two weeks prior, and two weeks out. We went places that no one could ever go, because we had multiple guides available and happy to show us around. We had a birthday party with the owner of the same ranch that Steve Jobs had visited with the year before and previewed the iPhone before it was released. We saw everything because the animals were not spooked that week, and it wasn’t like Disneyland, lining up to see one animal... a great memory, never to be repeated. And then there was the trip to Aptos for nearly a week (just before Tricia died) where she dipped our five month old daughter’s toes in the Ocean for the first time, and together as a family.

She loved her kids. As for how she was a mother, only look to our children to learn. Our children are confident, but not cocky. Unique, but not strange. Balanced, but also special. Gifted, but not arrogant. Kind in spirit and in heart. She gave up her law practice as a partner to be a mother and created five beautiful souls that share some of Tricia’s gifts. I remember our ten-month old daughter telling the doctor that her ear hurt, using sign language – as Tricia started teaching Olivia that. To the doctor’s amazement, as there was fever, when she inspected the ear which Olivia said hurt it was indeed infected.

Tricia spent her junior year in Madrid for university, where she met five other wonderful gals. They call themselves the *Guapas*, and still get together for nearly yearly reunions twenty-five years later. Been to all the weddings, Tricia hosted baby showers, etc. All major life decisions were vetted by the *Guapas*.



When I missed a date in Los Altos one time that Tricia drove down from Sacramento for, about our sixth date: I was late coming back from dinner with some friends at their house (ironically named Bill and Trisha): my car had run out of gas, my cell phone battery was dead. I got there late, and I had not paid the power bill (truly a wreck after losing my wife Donna). She didn’t give up on me (although she wasn’t very happy that night, and I think I wasn’t as lucky as I would have been otherwise). I learned later that one of the *Guapas* had said “well, my current husband does stupid stuff like that from time to time, don’t give up on him”. And, she taught me to pay my bills online.

One time, I offered my house as a venue for the *Guapas* reunion for Tricia’s birthday in August for the weekend. I had figured I could stay somewhere else. Well, I had forgotten my Mom was coming out to California from Mississippi to visit at the same time – so we swapped homes for the weekend. Mom stayed with me

at Tricia's apartment and Tricia stayed with her friends in my home in Los Altos. We agreed to swap off about 2 pm on Sunday – and Mom could meet Tricia. I walked in at 2pm (it was my home) with my mother and found the sink clogged with potatoes from making Spanish Tortillas (egg, onion, and potato omelette like dish). The *Guapas* had gone out to find a plumber and walk the block, so they weren't home. When they got back, I had already started fixing the sink. Tricia walks in and meets my Mom for the first time.



Another time Tricia left a law firm in Sacramento due to some concerns about her partners, and was looking for work. I had just moved from North Carolina, and had a ton of stuff to sort through to organize my life after Donna's death. I made a list of thirty real things she could do – and hired her as a personal assistant. One thing I needed was help selling a barbecue restaurant and operation I owned in North Carolina. I asked her to negotiate the commercial sales contract, and handle all the issues. After a couple of phone calls the attorney on the other side (who was the estate attorney for my first wife's trust) asked Tricia "you're not just a personal assistant, are you"? Brent realized that I couldn't afford to hire an attorney as a personal assistant. She got me out of the whole deal – and I didn't spend any time on it.

What attracted me to her? She was brilliant. Loved her smile and laugh. She understood me. She was deeply devoted to faith and family. We had similar interests, but different enough to keep it balanced. She had a dog Scruffy in her past. She loved words, I love math. I love food, and she loved to cook. *Have you ever been able to sit with someone for hours, and not feel the need to talk?* And yet, not be distracted by other things – just sit next to one another and

enjoy the day? I could with Tricia. She calmed me. She made me feel like me. I didn't have to be someone else, I could just be me. And she loved me for that. She also could take on tough challenges, and it never seemed to overwhelm her. She could sign her name Esquire, but didn't. Humility, meekness, and strength.

She loved to help others. Always mentoring. Always helping. So many examples – many I am still learning about today. One time an au pair came to live with us for a year to care for our two young children at the time. She was young, from Argentina, and lacked self-confidence. Tricia boosted her up, and taught her how to be assertive while being feminine, and not be aggressive. She is now a very successful international attorney and tells of the time that she was first denied a visa to come visit the states (to see us again) after her au pair assignment was completed. The US Consulate didn't want a young female with no assets coming into the US on a Visa. She asserted herself with confidence, and got the Visa. Her life is completely different today because Tricia treated Vanesa with respect and as a peer, and as a maternal figure who gave her confidence to pursue a law degree in Argentina, and to also spend time in charity with nuns in India.

I hear of Phi Mu sisters that she engaged with on the Internet, calls, chats, Facebook: how Tricia would always be there with timely, appropriate and helpful advice for being a spouse, for being a mother, for being a sorority sister. She has truly deep friends across the country.

Are you familiar with the phenomenon of "nesting" when pregnant? I had a nice house on Cherry Avenue in Los Altos when we dated and got married, but it was my house. However, she wanted to pic the house out for us to live in, not live in the one I bought (it was a fine house, but it was just not *ours*). We took a short cut, and drove down University Avenue the day before our first child was born, and went through the open house. She loved it. It was a home. It felt right. Beautiful location, bones, and spirit. Well, she goes into El Camino Hospital to deliver, and after recovery from the C-section (after over thirty hours of labor), I have the house's disclosure binder – three inches thick. The house had great location, history, and bones: but also had lead paint, kitchen issues, no air conditioning, and a long

list of concerns. But we wanted it. Couldn't afford it. No way, no how. But we put in a contingent offer, based on selling my house. I stretched harder than I ever stretched, tapped every resource – and got it. Fortune smiled, Cisco did well, and we stayed from 2002 to 2012: nearly ten years to the day.

Loved the home. Tricia was very artistic and gifted in knowing how to pull spaces together, and we wanted to modernize the house and restore some of the wood finishes into the 1920s style appropriate for the home. Tricia didn't take short cuts. We researched the family, found a great-granddaughter's wedding announcement for Shoup in New York, and tracked down the grandson of Paul Shoup in Virginia to ask questions: any photos of the interior? We learned of the history from Dale Shoup Mayer. We assembled a team of folks to make sure we did it right: architects, historical folks, contractors, etc. We had to get permits for the remodel. The history folks approved, no problems. Architecture and Site denied us walling in a porch upstairs (second floor) they said it was historic (it wasn't, we later found pictures). We escalated to the City Council, they sent it back to committee; I think 13 public hearings in all. Our land use attorney, Greg



Klingsporn told us: "sell the community on your vision and get neighbor support". So we did.

We started an annual soup party for one hundred neighbors to come see the house. Spoke to every committee member individually, every council person, etc. It was nearing fall 2009, and Tricia thought "even Los Altos City Council can't move a Centennial. Let's impose that deadline, and say we will open up the home for charity for the centennial, but we need permits to start". I can tell you more – but it was my brilliant wife Tricia that made it happen.

We remodeled in a year and a few days, and made the centennial, never letting our contractor miss the date by paying very careful attention to what he was doing, and when. The Shoup family stayed in the remodeled house before us – we moved furniture in first, they held a family reunion at our hosting, and then the centennial party, and the dedication to the Shoups and Kagawas for the gardens – and then we moved back in. The attention to detail in the house speaks of Tricia. Not just subway tiles, but the proper grout and spacing. Electrical outlets had to be centered in the tiles, and horizontal. The colors were researched, the wood stain has three stain colors. Even the best historical architect in San Francisco couldn't tell that a dining room door hinge repair had to be faux painted when he saw it.

Antique light fixtures were found and re-wired for safety. We had a hideaway nook for the TV with a copy of an original painting of the backyard from the 1920s that one of the Shoup grandchildren had. She befriended a grandson of Paul Shoup, a bachelor who had some of Paul and Rose's furniture, and paid a fair price to return the furniture to the home. We donated the silver chest to the Los Altos History Museum when we moved, to ensure it stayed with the house.

I miss the home, but Tricia knew family took priority, even when it was my Mom. A month or so before she died, we were sitting on our back patio, watching our four children play, while holding our fifth – and she looked over to me and smiled: "this isn't that bad a life".

I know she died happy. I just regret that it was much too young for a special woman like Tricia.

Written the week after Tricia's death by her husband at about 3am one sleepless night.



*Patty in English class
- reciting "Waiting for Godot"*
9963 "MST" 9963 "MST"
Senior Year @ Armijo
June 1986

High School English Class (Senior Year)

2014 Family Vacation
(Sept. 14th, 2014)(days before death)

Phi Mu Moonlight Masquerade
(UC Davis)



PHI MU
Moonlight Masquerade UCD
May 18, 1991



Relaxing with Tio Jorge at his Bs As Campo in Argentina, 2006



Hanging with Scruffy the night before Henry's C-section



Somewhere in Madrid Spain during her Junior Year abroad: with the *Guapas*
 [left to right: (unknown: not-a-Guapa), *Guapas*: Shannon, Anna, Tricia, Kathy, Patti]



Play date with the Moms and children from the El Camino Mother's Group
 at Shoup Park in Los Altos, California (April 2004)



Travel to Gualeguachu, Argentina to meet family (primo Mario Sittner, his wife and sons) in November 2013.



Phi Mu Barge Trip on River Seine, France in May 2004.



Steamboat
Springs
February 2002



Kenya Safari
January 2008





Moonlight Kayaking for Tricia's 34th Birthday, Sausalito, California





First Date, Napa Valley "Champagne" Tasting, Feb. 2001



Tricia “Mom” hosting Sue Fleiss’s first book signing for her first published book
Paul Shoup House, Los Altos, California, April 2011



For years, Tricia Jennings had shared, commiserated and celebrated with other moms in her group all kinds of milestones, from birthdays to new births.

When one of the moms, [Sue Fliess](#), said she was going to write a children's book, "I thought, 'yeah, right,'" Jennings said. And then she pledged to throw her a book party.

That's what she mirthfully told a gathering of University Avenue neighbors, friends and the moms' group Friday evening at a celebration for the birth of ***Shoes For Me***, Fliess' first children's book, which was released March 1, 2011. Jennings made good on her promise with a party at her home, the Shoup House, which she and her husband Bill just finished restoring.

Shoes For Me is a rhyming, rhythmic, fanciful story of a hippo whose mother allows her to choose her own pair of shoes. And thus ensues the quest to find the perfect pair of shoes—a painstaking search familiar to any fashionista mom.

Tricia made special “shoe” appetizers, and made a song playlist about shoes for the event that I still listen to today... the song “these shoes” still make me laugh when I hear it!

A long sentimental memory of a surprise fortieth birthday party for Tricia

To my Dear Wife, Patricia, on your Fortieth Birthday

A poem for my beautiful wife
Seemed apt to mark this time;
For forty years you've lived your life
Like a perfectly formed rhyme:
Like the opera's final scene,
Or a beautifully crafted sonnet,
Like on a cloud you float so serene;
And I'm so joyful to be on it.

At times I am quietly astounded
At how you strike the perfect balance;
Of being so humble and grounded,
With all your many talents:
Like your cooking ~ such perfection!
Whether it's tortilla or tapas;
You charm our circle's every section,
From our family to the Guapas!

You seem to have immunity
From life's more petty ways,
You're at the centre of the community;
And we all hope that's the way it stays.
Outside and in you are so beautiful,
To me there's no-one who'd compare;
You combine being resolutely dutiful
With your South American flair!

For dear Henry, Oli, and Toto
And any needs they have sought,
You are the one who they can go to
With your unconditional support;
And surely there can be no goal
That a parent can achieve higher,
Than being their children's heart and soul
And someone to whom they can aspire.

You are never quick to censure,
And ensure things don't unravel;
You're the heart of each adventure
And every road that we have traveled;
Our finest journey started that day
When at St. Joseph's we were married;
Since then in each and every way,
All my dreams you have carried.

Did you wonder when we wed,
As the two of us did tether;
If an imperceptible thread
Had always joined us two together?
Had it drawn each other forth,
Unbeknown and unsuspectful;
From the south and from the north,
Had we forever been connected?

Some questions need no answers,
But amuse to ask in retrospect;
What role has luck, fate, and chances
In helping soul-mates to connect?
We continue to build our house together,
But know that home is our embrace;
And warmth and respite will forever
Reside within that special place.

You really are like no other,
And it's a privilege to have you in my life;
To our children such a wonderful mother,
And to me such an incredible wife;
So on this day, all those you come,
And those that have gone before,
I want you to know how much I love you,
And that I will forevermore.

Como hoy siempre,

Bill

Tricia's surprise 40th Birthday at Jardinere in San Francisco August 16th, 2008



Maureen Kilkeary and Tricia Jennings at the party

Guapas, Family, and Friends attended: arriving a half hour in advance of Tricia and I showing up for a quiet evening away from the kids at one of our favorite restaurants next to the opera house in San Francisco. We had an overnight babysitter, and were staying at the Hotel Palomar (which Tricia loves, because it's so quiet {that's what you give a busy mom: a quiet night}).

The guest gathered in the wine room for the restaurant, and enjoyed champagne and appetizers while waiting for Tricia to arrive. When we entered the restaurant, the hostess said she needed to double check the table was ready, went back into the wine room to alert the guests, and came back to lead us to our table. As we entered the wine room (upstairs, and behind a door) Tricia was truly surprised when we walked in, and the room was full of family and friends.

I had pre-selected a gourmet menu with birthday cake, with matching wine for the celebration with the event planner weeks earlier, including bringing in a bottle of Madeira from her birth year (brought up a week in advance, so it could properly "rest" before serving).

The entertainment for the evening started with a "roast"; from everyone in the room, plus some folks that couldn't attend (out of state midweek) over the main course. A young opera artist then came to perform four arias between the main course, and the cheese course. For dessert, I read and presented the poem above to my wife.

In attendance for the surprise birthday party:

Charles Bock, Tricia's Dad
Irma Bock, Tricia's Mom
Erick Bock, Tricia's Brother
Courtney Bock, Erick Bock's Wife and Tricia's Sister-in-Law
Maureen Kilkeary, Tricia's Friend and our daughters Olivia's Godmother
Derek Noonburg, Maureen's boyfriend
Damon Eugene Rich, Tricia's Friend and Henry's Godfather
Merla Salongcong, Tricia's friend
Anna Kutz, Tricia's friend and Guapa
David Kardon, Anna's Boyfriend
Donna Davis, Tricia's friend and Phi Mu sister from UC Davis
Katie Eastham, Tricia's friend and Phi Mu sister from UC Davis
Marsha Park, Tricia's friend and Phi Mu little sister at UC Davis
Curt, Marsha's Husband
Bill Jennings, Husband (me)
Tricia Bock Jennings, Guest of Honor and my lovely wife

Guests arrive in advance, to insure surprise is successful, gather in wine room

Appetizers (all served with champagne to guests while waiting for Tricia to arrive with Bill)

Duck Liver Mousse with Pickled Red Onions,
Brandade Croquettes with Lemon Aioli,
House-Cured Coppa with Seasonal Fruit Compote,
Truffled Mushroom Tartlette

*Champagne: Henriot Brut Rose, Reims, France NV***Tricia Arrives with Bill**

We enjoy the dinner with Tricia's close friends and family.

First Course (guests choose one from below):

Duck Confit Salad with Blackberries, Hazelnuts and Mint
Warm Bread Salad with Baby Artichokes and Marinated Bellwether Farm Crescenza Cheese
Little Gem Lettuces with Avocado, Farm Egg and Radish, Green Peppercorn Vinaigrette

Friends Roast Tricia (excerpts of roast follow)

These wines and champagnes available through out the party

White: Hubert Lignier Saint-Romain "Sous le Chateau" Burgundy, France 2004

Light Red: Nicolas Rossignol Volnay "Clos de Angles - Premier Cru"; Burgundy, France 2002

Fuller Red: Domaine de Chevalier, Graves, Bordeaux, France 1999

Entree (guests choose one from below):

Blue Nose Seabass with English Peas, Seabeans and Spring Onions, Bacon Nage
Red Wine Braised Shortrib with Horseradish Potato Pure and Herb Salad
Hoffman Ranch Chicken with English Peas, Pickled Ramps and Smoked Bacon

Presentation of the birthday year Madeira by the Sommelier

D'Oliveiras Madeira Boal Reserva (Portugal, Madeira), 1968 (birth year) [served with cheese]

Chef's selection of Cheeses (all three served to guests with birth year (1968) Madeira)

Brillat-Savarin, Triple Cream Cow's Cheese, Normandy, France
Moliterno al Tartufo, Raw Sheep's Milk Cheese with Black Truffle, Sardegna, Italy
Cabrales, Raw, Blue-Veined Cow, Goat and Sheep Milk Cheese, Asturias, Spain

Bill reads poem for Patricia's 40th Birthday

Typeset and Offset print using archival inks and paper by Elli Bernacchi
Framed by Bev Kesterson at Bev's Fine Art

40th Birthday Cake and a round of Happy Birthday, followed by Arias by Shawnette Sulker:

- 1) Happy Birthday (everyone)
- 2) Deh vieni, non tardar - Mozart from The Marriage of Figaro
- 3) Ch'il bel sogno di Doretta - Puccini from La Rondine
- 4) O mio babbino caro - Puccini from Gianni Schicchi
- 5) Quando m'en vo - Puccini from La Boheme

Dessert, served with Coffee and Tea (guests choose one from below):

Lattice Blueberry Tart with Tahitian Vanilla Ice Cream and Grains of Paradise
Venezuelan Chocolate Torte with Strawberries and Cocoa Nib Toffee
Ricotta Cheesecake with Raspberry Sorbet and Toasted Hazelnuts

Casual departure for guests to return to Sacramento, Fairfield, San Jose, and San Francisco.

----- Roast excerpts:

Anna Kutz:

Tricia's 21st in Madrid, her 40th in San Francisco

We had only been in Madrid for several days before I found myself celebrating Tricia's 21st birthday in the pleasantly seedy bars of Moncloa, a district close to the university where the bars stayed open until 7am. It was August of 1989 and everything in the city was dead due to the daytime temperatures that hovered around 110 degrees. All of the madrilenos were on vacation, which we soon learned was not only customary but obligatory in the month of August in sizzling Spain. Everyone had fled to the beaches, and so the only occupants of our dormitory were ignorant American exchange students. We had the city to ourselves. The infamous "Guapas"; formed that night in Madrid: me, Tricia, Maureen, Kathy, Shannon and Patty. We couldn't have guessed as we sipped our ginebra y limons in a dimly lit bar with sticky floors that it was to be our first official gathering as "The Guapas" and that we would carry on a friendship for years to come.

Now, nearly twenty years later, it's hard to remember all of details of the ensuing friendship after the birthday night. But what I do remember is that Tricia always seemed wiser and worldlier than the rest of us. She had a knowingness about her that made us feel like she was in control; she knew what was going on and what to do, no matter what the circumstance. At the time, I was a mere 19, just about to have my 20th birthday, and I marveled at how composed she was in practically every situation. While the rest of us were flailing with our inconsistent academic Spanish (ok, except for Kathy, who had perfect academic Spanish), there was Tricia sailing through the intensive course seeming every day more like a madrilenita. Oh, how envious I was of her poise and comfort level. She even dressed the part while there I was in shorts and a Berkeley T-shirt wondering why everyone on the metro was looking at me like I was some kind of freak. Didn't I know that all young women were supposed to wear skirts and nice sleeveless blouses in the summer? Tricia was the one we turned to when we didn't know how to say something, or if there was something culturally bizarre we didn't understand. She just knew how to assess the situation with a maturity we didn't quite yet possess.

Who would have thought that the friendship between six women would span over the next two decades through first jobs, boyfriends, marriages, illnesses, kids, divorces? And now here we are celebrating Tricia's 40th in a gorgeous dinner setting that her husband has so lovingly organized for her. I've seen Tricia change over the years to become the woman she has truly wanted to be, and I feel very lucky to have been a part of her life as one of the original guapas. Here's to you, Tricia, on your 40th birthday, and to you, Bill, for bringing together Tricia's inner circle. Perhaps some day we can celebrate one of her future birthdays in our beloved Madrid.

Un abrazo muy fuerte,
Anna



Marsha (Tricia's little sister in Phi Mu) and Tricia at a Phi Mu event during their time together at UC Davis

----- Kathy Gentry, Guapa there in spirit:

Dear Tricia,

I'm sorry that I can't be there in person to help celebrate your birthday. Please know that I am thinking of you and wishing you much happiness in the coming year.

What can I say about Tricia? I've known Tricia for nineteen years and first met her at the EAP office at UC Davis. Little did I know that we would become fast friends in Spain, along with the other Guapas! We had a lot of fun during our intensive language program, living in Chaminade, traveling to fun locales in Spain (including Barcelona), and just becoming friends throughout the course of the school year.

After Spain, we continued our friendship during our senior year at Davis and after we graduated. Tricia was always planning reunions for the Guapas, which I will always remember fondly. She was and still is the "hostess with the moistest" I will also never forget, during one trip to San Diego to visit Shannon, our Carvel "a-ha" moment! Only fellow former East Coast residents understand the thrill of a Carvel ice cream cake.

I'd also like to say that Tricia has always been a great support system for me, through countless complaints about jobs, crazy bosses and medical issues. When treatments failed, what appeared on our doorstep? -- a huge bouquet of cookies and a lovely card from Tricia with wonderful words of encouragement. When I got pregnant, Tricia phoned me with such enthusiasm - she sounded as excited as my own mother!

She also threw me the most lovely baby shower and was able to gather all of the Guapas to help celebrate - one all the way from Texas! I know that it wasn't easy to pull together a baby shower with two young children and operating on very little sleep. She always makes everything look so effortless. Thank you again (and Bill, too!).

Tricia, I truly appreciate your friendship and support. I hope you enjoy your 40th birthday celebration and hope that we can get together soon. May this year bring you all of the happiness that you truly deserve. Blessings to you, Bill and your beautiful children!

With love,
Kathy Gentry

----- Martha Park

I am forever grateful for Tricia for the way that she welcomed me into our sorority. At a time when I was struggling with being away from home she became my big sister. I received little surprise gifts from her that I still treasure to this day (like the puff-painted mason jar that I keep my cotton balls in).

My most treasured item though is the beautiful album that she made for me. It holds all my favorite phi mu memories. At the time, Tricia cross-stitched and puff painted like no one else! I am forever honored that she is my big sis.

I loved the way that Tricia always made me feel special and how being with her was like being home. There has always been something about Tricia that makes me (and everyone else), feel so at ease, happy and comfortable. I believe it is the peace within her own heart. She truly deserves every good thing that comes her way as she is such a genuine and wonderful person.

----- Maureen Kilkeary

Lessons learned from Tricia. 19 years, 4 degrees, 8 countries!

1. Spain - it's ok to pick up boys, but only if you find some for the other guapas.
 2. Portugal – it's ok to use the fish knife for your butter, as long as you do it with a smile, then can-can down the stairs of a palace with Maureen.
 3. France – it's ok to use your friend for personal gain, especially in the case of French pastries.
 4. England – it's ok to drive on the left side of the road. Just remember the golden rule of stick shift driving: The driver may sing but the driver may not dance!
 5. Ireland – it's ok to pick up hitchhikers, but only if they're Irish octogenarians on their way home from paying off cattle debts. It is NEVER ok to pick up your Guinness from the bar before the bartender has finished the multi-step pouring process that is distinctly Guinness
 6. Germany – it's ok to yell at the train conductor, but only if you're standing on train seats and pointing to your luggage.
 7. Italy – It's ok to ogle the Italians. Oh, wait, that was me. It's ok to tell your friend, "I love traveling with you, but damn, Venice is so romantic, I wish I were with a boyfriend."
 8. Argentina - it's ok to let your friend horn-in on your family vacation.
- Here's to many more years, lots more adventures, and NO more degrees!

----- Patty Parker

Sounds like this will be an incredible celebration in Tricia's honor. I'm so sorry Michael and I can't be there. Here are a couple of memories I had. Have a wonderful time.

Dear Tricia,

I am sad that I can't be with you to celebrate and wish you a Happy Birthday in person, but know that I'm thinking about you and sending you lots of love and good wishes. I have so many amazing memories that remind me how much fun we've had together over the years and demonstrate what a wonderful, warm and caring person you are.

I remember a time when we were in Madrid when I was sick with a bad cold. I was hanging out in my rented room at Mika's house and feeling pretty miserable. I didn't have the energy to do much of anything. I don't remember how long I was sick, but I had started to feel very homesick and sorry for myself. Then, the doorbell rang and you appeared carrying a large get-well care package with soup, Kleenex, cold medicine, etc. It immediately brightened my mood. It was such a caring gesture and I knew then how lucky I was to have you in my life.

Then, there's the time after our year in Spain that we went traveling by car around England and Ireland with Maureen. Neither Maureen nor I had ever driven a car with a manual transmission before, but, at least at that time, it was almost half the price to rent a car with a manual instead of an automatic transmission, so Tricia decided that she would teach us. Hesitantly, we agreed. You were amazingly patient and encouraging despite the many stalls and lurches. I will always remember learning to drive a stick shift in a foreign country while driving on the left side of the road.

Our good times didn't end when we came back to the U.S. We've had many incredible visits and phone calls over the past 19 years. We've shared so many experiences and created a lot of special memories. It's incredible, especially since we have never lived in the same city. I know we don't see or talk often, but you are often in my thoughts. I am so incredibly thankful that you are in my life. Have a wonderful 40th Birthday.

Love, Patty

---- Note from Shannon Freeland Merideth

Hi, Bill. I've been thinking a lot about this, and wondering what I could say about Tricia that would be funny or touching.

I don't have one particular story to share, but one of the many things that I think is so wonderful about Tricia is her generous spirit and willingness to help those in need.

Now that I've become a parent, I often send out panic-stricken emails to my mommy friends, asking for their advice and expertise when I'm at my wit's end and don't know what to do. Tricia is always one of the first ones to respond, and not only does she have well thought out, well-researched, and tried and true advice, but she manages - through cyberspace, no less - to say just the right thing to calm my nerves and help me relax.

As long as I've known Tricia she has been that way - a voice of calm and reason. She's amazingly knowledgeable about whatever she puts her mind to, and is also able to be articulate about it. She has a knack for knowing just what someone needs to hear to feel better.

Here's one specific example of Tricia's thoughtfulness: Tricia threw a "Northern California Baby Shower" for me; totally unnecessary, but at the same time, completely generous and selfless and a wonderful opportunity for me to see the Guapas one more time before having the baby. On the day of the shower she had a broken down car and a sick child at home, and still managed to be the most gracious of hostesses.

I know that the above isn't exactly "roasting" material, but feel free to use or share part or all of it if you desire. I hope you have a wonderful birthday evening, and give Tricia my love!

xoxo

Shannon Merideth



Guapa's twenty year reunion weekend in August 2009. Wine Country in Northern California.

Left to Right, Back to Front:

Tricia Bock Jennings,
Patricia Parker Kivort,
Maureen Kilkeary
Noonburg, Kathy Gentry,
Shannon Freeland
Meridith, Anna Whitcher

A special thanks to those that helped me after Tricia's death

This is a dangerous page, as I most likely miss naming someone that was immensely helpful to me. Please forgive any omissions – as I am thankful for all help from everyone, and blessed for it. I have done many things in my life, but raising five kids as a widower has been the hardest thing I've ever done. Without the help of many, it wouldn't be possible. Thank you to everyone that has helped.

The ***Regina Pacis homeschool team*** that meets at Our Lady of Peace was immeasurably helpful to my family after my wife's death, even more than three years later. I remember help with the obituary, planning the rosary, the funeral preparation, bringing my kids to CCM for school, dinners, and being available to talk with me about my grief. Getting Henry ready for first communion. I became closer to the kids Godparents, and even today one of the families dropped in to play with my kids and check in on me. A special thanks to these families: the ***Peredos***, the ***Wildangers***, the ***Hoffmanns***, the ***Kamas***, the ***Trinkos***, the ***Morans***, the ***Smiths***, and the ***Herbsts***.

The Hoffmann family. Even though mentioned above, they have been really there with me in the journey the last few years. We've had thanksgiving dinners together, drop in visits for all the kids, sleepovers, swim parties, birthday parties, walking your neighborhood for Halloween, and attending their street's Fourth of July celebrations. Olivia hanging out with your teenage daughters, and Olivia feeling like a sister to them while cooking together. Being a woman for Olivia at Presentation's Mom & Daughter mass and breakfasts. Thank you so much for all you do.

Larry "Coach" Williams is a member of our family. You've been with our family since 2009. Coach has been with me through all the issues after Tricia's death, training the many Nannies that I have hired in the first two years. My kids love you and you will always be part of our family.

My cousin ***Kathi Snodgrass***, her husband ***Craig***, and their three children (Robbie, Mary, and Lisa) have been fantastic. Kathi drove from Pasadena to San Jose many times the first two years to be with me. With her help, food would be prepped, I would get a nap, and my kids felt they had family. Inviting me to your home for Christmas months after my wife's death made the holidays happy – and helped my children

know that life goes on, even after a tragedy. Mentoring Olivia and making her feel like she's got support from an adult woman in the family was immeasurably positive. Kathi made the comment to me about what she missed most about her Dad (my Uncle Bob). Kathi lost her Dad at about the same age as Olivia lost her Mom, and was the eldest of four children. She told me that she wished she knew more about her Dad: to know many of the things that made him special. So she told me to archive the pictures (of Mom), write down her stories (from me and from her friends), and keep them for the children. I hope I am doing enough so my kids always know how amazing their Mom was, who she was in her day to day life with our family and earlier in her life.

Claudia Vanesa Echeveste. No words can be enough to thank you. You quit your job in Chili to come be with my family after Tricia's death. Then months later you came to Santa Clara Law University to get a post-doctorate degree, so you could be here for an extended visa. My kids adore you. You also gave Olivia a strong woman role model and helped during a difficult time for our family. You enabled me to get out of the house for the times I needed a break. I think without you, I would have been tragically unable to keep my sanity.

Maureen Kilkeary. You were Tricia's best friend, and I have been blessed to know you and your family – thank you for caring for all of us, and especially for taking time to be with Olivia as she is maturing into a lady. Not to mention your help in getting Mom moved to CA.

Chris Garton-Zavesky. Thank you so much for being with us on that fateful Tuesday when I came home from the hospital to tell the kids their Mom had passed away. For being available to support the education of my children. For helping Olivia prepare for the High School placement test (including doing so well on French). For helping Will for getting ready for the High School Placement test. For being a great Catholic example.

Jolena Carroll. For your understanding and willingness to work with me on putting together an education program that works for my children. For inviting Olivia over for play dates. For understanding about my delays on getting Mark enrolled at Ocean Grove, and your patience with me on the invoices for vendors.

Some of the friends and family that helped my family after Tricia's death



Claudia
"Vane"
Vanesa
Echeveste



Damon
Eugene
Rich



Maureen
Kilkeary
Noonburg



"Coach" Larry William

Snodgrass Family



The staff at Vivace Youth Chorus. All of them: especially **Peggy Spool, Josh Lanam,** and **Julie Asada.** It's been an amazing time for my four oldest children, and I look forward to seeing Ellie join Vivace when she can.

The Heffernan family. It's amazing that in the weeks after Tricia's death, you drove up one day in your van and said you were taking my daughters up to your ranch for to give me time to recover. You had barely enough room for your four daughters, and you took on two more for two weeks when Ellie was so young.

Tushar Davé. An executive I've known two decades, that knew that I was a capable engineer. You took a chance on me to hire me at FarmX. He knows I have a family with young kids, and as a widower may not be able to travel much, that I may have gaps in childcare that would keep me home on short notice.

The McGugan family. They have made sure we had kids over for birthdays, dinners, and other social events that kept me engaged as an adult socially without the drama or expectations about being a widower. Chris helped me find a meaningful Webelos experience for Henry, and my sons and his get along great; and our youngest daughters are like princess twins when they hang out for tea.

Damon Rich. Thank you for being a Godfather for Henry. For visiting the weekends you can get away. Henry really lights up when he stays in touch with you – and it's hard enough being a middle child; and the last few years have been tough on all of us. You are Henry's special connection to his Mom, and I thank you for that.

Carol Hartman. I need a swift kick in the butt occasionally to keep going professionally and insure that I could continue earning a living. I was "*Hartmanized*" (coached) more than once, and I appreciate the frankness and candor, and the listening. Your confidence in me kept me going more than once. Thank you. You are a special friend.

Dave Holt. Thank you for sponsoring my two sons Will and Henry into Troop 581. They are excelling in that troop, as it's a boy led troop – and that gives them the chance to step up and feel real pressures as a leader.

The Kovolesski family. Thank you for being great neighbors. Caroline is Ellie's best friend, and I appreciate you letting them hang out together from time to time. For helping my eldest kids find a father's day gift for me.



About my parents, William Columbus Jennings, Jr. and Ann Dewitt Prather

My father was very active in Boy Scouts, chosen to receive the [Distinguished Service Award](#) from the Order of the Arrow. He was one of 25 folks selected in the United States for the award in 1994 - but died before it was presented, and they don't present the award posthumously. He was a Scoutmaster of Troop 34 in Memphis for many years (not in my Troop 225: he didn't want me to be "the Scoutmaster's son"). He was very active in the local council, helping many Scouts earn their Eagle Rank. For this, and other reasons, he received his [Silver Beaver](#).

My Mother received the [Red Arrow Award](#) ten years earlier - one of fifty-two folks in the history of the Boy Scouts to receive this National Award.

A Sioux elder has told my Mother (Ann Jennings): you are the fulfillment of a Sioux Tribal legend. When the sun dance was outlawed by the US government at the turn of the century, it was told that the Sioux nation would lose its ways without dancing the sun dance - and in five generations, a "white buffalo" would come to the tribe and re-teach them lost traditions.

My mother studied the art of porcupine quill decoration by studying artifacts, reading Orchard's book, and experimented (based on her outstanding knowledge of embroidery and other crafts) until she taught herself the lost craft of porcupine quillwork.

It was she that debunked the popular notion, propagated by anthropologists and historians, of how the craft of porcupine quillwork embroidery was actually done. Her handiwork experience from other crafts, and her very detailed visual inspection of museum artifacts led her to an alternate method of embroidery - one that she later went to the Sioux nation, and instructed their craftsmen how to employ. It was at her first seminar on the Sioux reservation (of over one hundred Sioux, and no one other than Sioux besides my Mom and Dad) - that the elder told Mom of the prophecy above, as it had been nearly eighty years from the time of the sun dance's end - and she was a white woman teaching the Sioux their lost craft. Hence, being a white woman - she became known as the "White Buffalo" returning the Sioux's ways to their tribe. She continued to teach the method to hundreds of craftsmen over a decade in sessions around the country: returning the art form to a level it is now sustained without her help.

For this, and other contributions to the Native Americans, the Order of the Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America recognized Mom (Ann Jennings) with a rare honor (fifty-two ever given in all of the United States) of being a **recipient of the Red Arrow Award** in 1983.

This is a macro photo from a pair of handmade moccasins she beaded and quilled in the 1980s - and it would be seen as top quality for its craftsmanship and authenticity to traditional ways from any museum curator in the land.



Photo by Ann Jennings's son William E. Jennings

My Mother was an amazing crafts lady.

One year she entered twelve pieces of craftwork into the [Mid-South Fair](#) (like a State fair, with folks from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi participating).

You could only enter one item for each category of craft: quilting, needlepoint, dress making, etc. and the item had to have been made within the last three years. The Fair would only give one blue ribbon in each category. My Mom won the blue ribbon in all twelve categories that she entered!

They asked her to be a judge from then on, to give others a chance to win a blue ribbon!

In about 2003 Mom and I traveled for three weeks in Scotland - and had a blast. She loved the flowers, castles, and Scotch with me.

My Brother, Robert Dewitt Jennings, and his family



My nephew Matthew Robert Jennings, my Sister-in-law Lorraine Vasile Jennings, and my brother Robert Jennings, Fall of 2017

Robert and I grew up in Memphis, attending the same schools, and very active in Scouting. He then attended the Mississippi State, and received a double Bachelor degree: in Business Administration and Landscape Architecture. He owns his own landscaping business and lives in South Carolina.

Robert married his college sweetheart, Ruth Power, shortly after graduation. Sadly, after a few years, he and Ruth learned they weren't ready for marriage together – and they divorced.

Soon after, he met Lorraine Vasile, got married, had a son, and have been happily married for two decades.



My brother Robert on a Thanksgiving trip to the UK with his family in 2017.

My nephew Matthew is very active in the theatre, and will become famous for his acting!





Connor, Madeline, Courtney, and Erick Bock – enjoying watching Soccer

Erick Bock is my brother in law. His wife is Courtney (her maiden name Gusinow). Their children (cousins to my children) are Connor and Madeline Bock.

Courtney is a human resources executive for Deloitte. Erick works in steel fabrication, from the experience he gained from his father's steel company Cofab.

This family has been great at finding ways to keep the cousins together, including inviting my kids to their camper / campsite at Anchor Bay; having us over for Thanksgiving celebrations, and getting together whenever our mutually busy lifestyles allow.



Will, Connor, Madeline, Olivia above Anchor Bay

Connor is a very talented soccer player who may someday get a college scholarship for his skill. He is so gentle and kind with his younger cousins. Madeline is one of the sweetest girls I know, and adores my children as her cousins.

As they live in Fairfield, California near my father and mother in law, many times when the kids visit their *abuelos*, we get a chance to see the cousins as well.

Family



My special family (above left) just after my youngest came home from the hospital in April 2014. From left to right: Olivia, Will, Henry, Mark, Elizabeth, my wife Tricia, and myself.



Aptos Beach

September 2013.
Tricia was pregnant
with Ellie.

Aptos (top) (Sep 2014); and Yosemite (bottom) (Sep 2017)





Santa Barbara (top)(spring 2017); Yosemite (bottom)(Sep 2017)



After hiking into Bumpass Hell, had dinner, live music, and I danced with Ellie



Santa Cruz Mountains (left) with the Hoffmann boys;
Coyote Creek (bottom): Oli's B-day (April 2017)

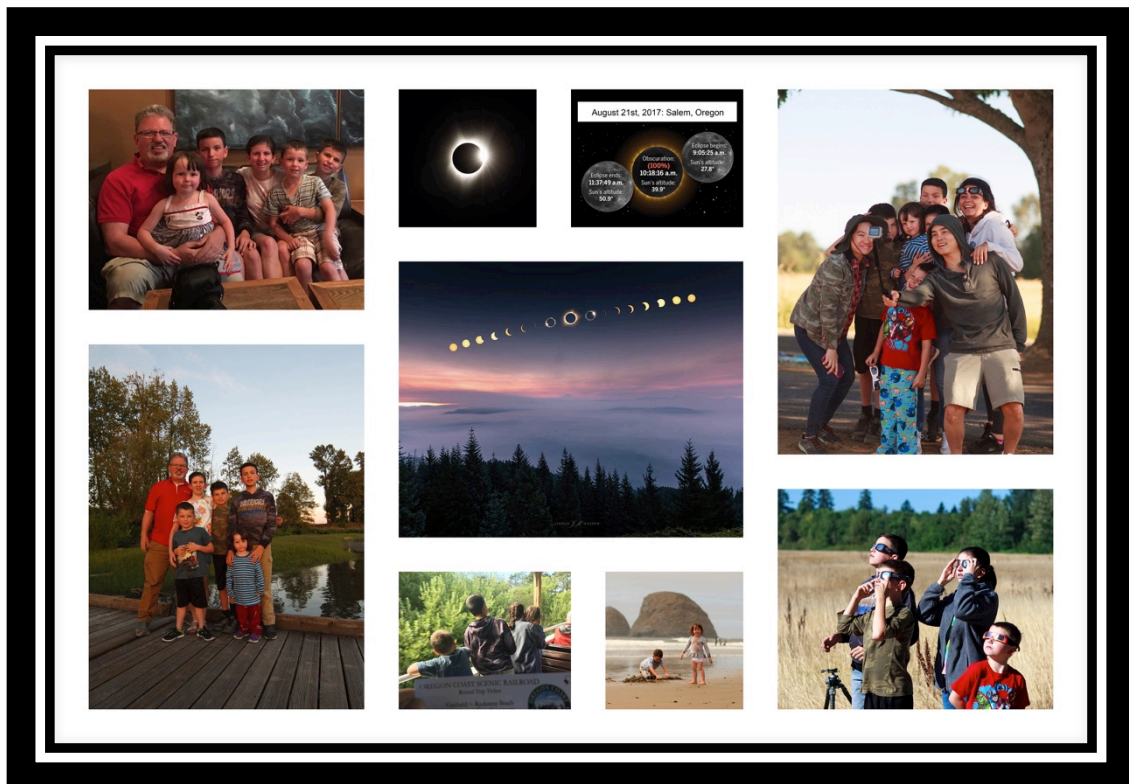




Tio Jorge's Campo in the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina on our 2006 Family Trip



Hike at Bumpass Hell in Lassen National Park, California (Sept. 2017)



Family trip to see the Full Eclipse in Salem, Oregon



Oregon Coast (August 2017)



Canyon Hike, Altadena (December 2015)



May 24th, 2015
Henry Prather Jennings's First Holy Communion
Our Lady of Peace, Santa Clara, California

2014 Team Jennings Pirate Birthday Party



Jennings Boys at the Aptos Beach, September 2013



Christmas in Oxford, Mississippi : December 2009



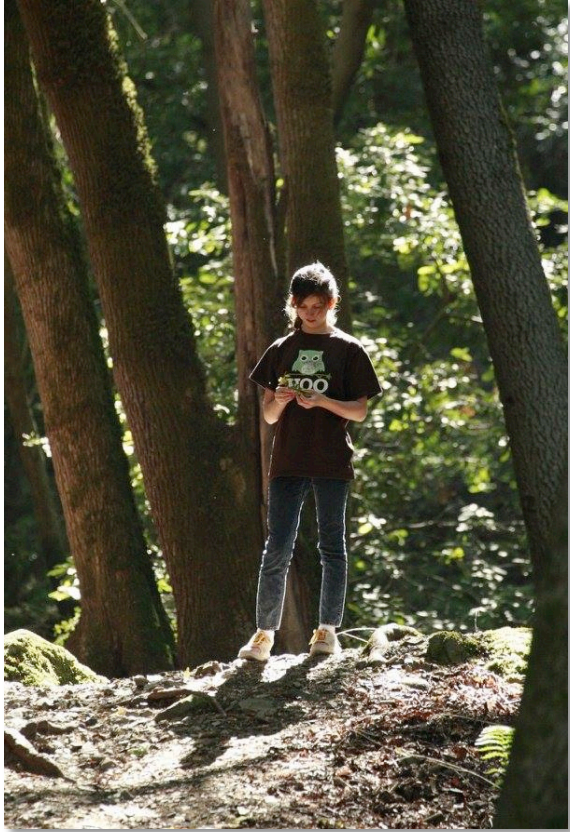
Homeschool visit to an old wooden ship in San Francisco Bay

Olivia “Ollie” Nicole Jennings

Olivia, your Dad loves you. You are the child that made me a father that fateful day back in 2003. I didn't think I would have children, as my first wife and I couldn't have kids. I didn't expect to see my first wife die so young, and then remarry and have children. One of the happiest days in my life was when you were born: you came into the world smiling and haven't stopped since. Your Mom loved you very much: she told me this every night as we went to bed together.

I see much of my Mom in you, and also, at the same time a great deal of your Mom in you as well. You have the artistic talents of my Mom, and much of the same physical characteristics: petite, yet feisty. You have the verbal talents of your Mom and are a natural at holding your own with confidence. I imagine great things are possible in your life, and I hope to see you grow up to be a happy married woman, and have a great husband and loving children.







Patricia and Bill's Child in Womb



Olivia's first day







Dad is proud of the quality of your friends, and how your siblings are friends as well. You don't need many friends. You need deep friends that have strong set of values that are respectful. You have learned this young, and that's amazing.





You have always had a talent with animals – you can pick up rabbits or chickens that would fight others, and they just relax with you. Here you are at Plantation Farm Camp, and in Cabo, Mexico: both places you enjoyed the animal activities.







You have great passion in all you do. Coach says you are one of the most aggressive defensive players on his team. You can scurry up a rock wall faster than anyone I know.











You have a great palate, a talented baker,
and enjoyed the professional chef class.





Vivace Youth
Chorus Trips

to Oregon
and Canada







Olivia and Dad
enjoying a nice
dinner at a
Michelin
restaurant.

Olivia got a private
tour of the kitchen
with her interest in
cooking and
baking.

Eighth grade
Regina Pacis
Homeschool
Group graduation
at Our Lady of
Peace Catholic
Church, May
2017.





William “Toto” or “Will” Charles Jennings



Will, you are my eldest son, and my names and a fourth generation William Jennings. I am proud that you are my eldest son and are doing so well in life.

I see much of my Dad in you. You are a natural friend to everyone, and you are smart and enjoy life. He had a talent to make others happy and to help others by his service to the community and Church. You have that same talent.

We recently spent the day together working on your High School applications, and I can see how you are growing into a young man.

Thank you for all the help you give me in the family; and I love you very much.

I can see that you have the potential to experience great love and fun experiences in your life to come – relish every moment with the passion that you naturally have.





Will Jennings @ the Angel Oak, South Carolina: Spring 2009





Born April 19, 2004 at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California



Baptism at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos, CA on Nov. 28, 2004:
Godparents are Lory and Eric Nagel







Jackson Hole, Wyoming Town Center – Family vacation in 2009



Smith's Mt. St. Helena Trout & Hatchery, July 2016

Will enjoys horsemanship: equestrian vaulting very young, getting his merit badge at Camp Chawanakee, and a horse back-packing trip in the Emigrant Wilderness.





Will is a performer, a guitar player, a choir member, and a thespian.



Will is a natural swimmer, always a great fish in the water. One time, age 12, he was at Scout Camp, and completed his Lifesaving Merit Badge: as the youngest Scout in the class.





Backpacking and Rafting with Troop 581 of Saratoga, California

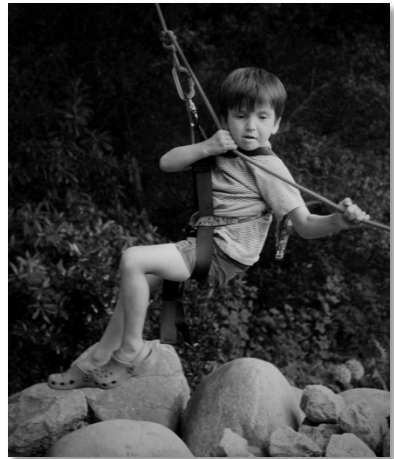
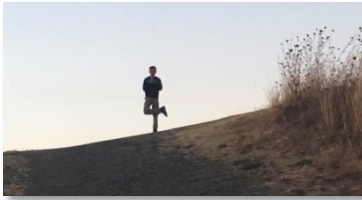
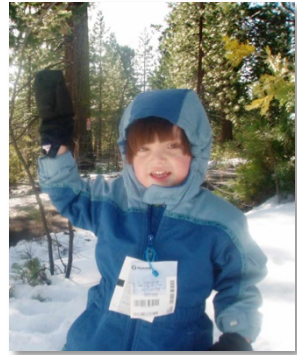


More Troop 581 Adventures





Checking in for the National Youth Leadership Training, July 2017





San Jose Municipal Rose Garden, May 2017

Henry “Henry” Prather Jennings



Henry, your Mom and Dad both love you and think the world of you. You always have a beautiful smile, and have a thoughtful approach to all you do. I especially like your ideas for inventions: that are solving problems in very unique and clever ways. If you desire it, you will be a great engineer!

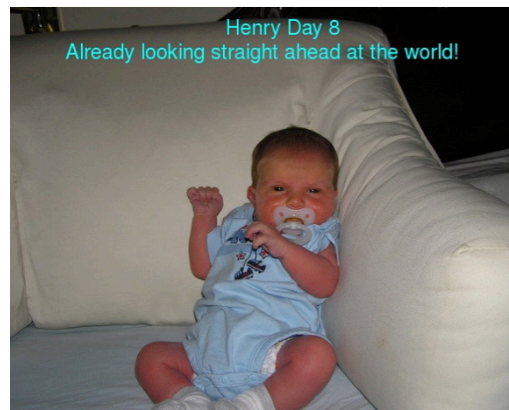
It is cool that you can be both a big brother, and a little brother, with two brothers and two sisters that love you. You can learn from Will and Olivia, while teaching Mark and Ellie!

I am proud of how well you are doing in school, choir, and Scouts –you will have fun with the family in the years to come.



Henry Prather
Jennings was born
July 10th, 2006 at El
Camino Hospital in
Mountain View,
California.

He was welcomed
by his Mom and
Dad, Abuelas, and
older siblings
Olivia and Will.







Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in about Summer 2007 or 2008







Riding at Cooper Garrod in
Saratoga, California. Rock climbing
in Santa Clara for your 5th birthday.





Tres Hermanos at Hidden Villa, Los Altos, California



Olivia, Will, and Henry Jennings scrimmaging Soccer



Drycreek
Academy
Homeschool
Physical Education
(taught by a member
of Pinewood's
(Los Altos)
Coaching Staff)
22 Oct 2014



Vivace Youth Chorus Concert Season, Spring 2015



First Holy Communion, Our Lady of Peace, Santa Clara, California : May 24th, 2015



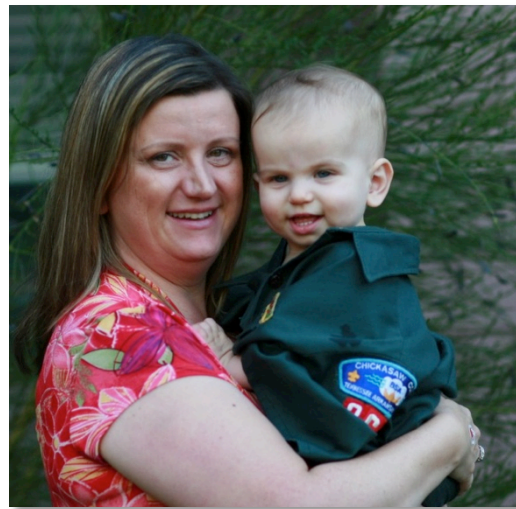
Baptism, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Los Altos, California: February 11th, 2007





Family Day, Plantation Farm Camp, Cazadero, California, July 2012







First Week of Scout Camp,
June 2017 at Camp
Chawanakee near Shaver
Lake east of Fresno,
California. Learning Totin'
Chip in the Scoutcraft area.

Crossing over the rope bridge
from Webelos to Boy Scouts
in May 2017.







Mark “Mark” Daniel Jennings

Mark, your Mom once told me that one of the best things in life is having a loving three year old son... When your Mom died, you were three – and she always loved you, but loved you so very much when you were three (and all the other kids when they were three as well).

I see so much of your Mom’s family in you. You have a natural athletic ability, perhaps more than others in the family. It’s a gift, and it’s exciting to see how each son and daughter has their own gifts. You also have a radiant smile, and are always cheerful. I love that! I am also amazed at your uncanny memory: you know all the cards for a game, even before you can read.

All the family loves you, and you can lean on everyone to learn and grow. Will and Henry are great big brothers for you; Olivia cares deeply for you; and Ellie looks up to you as her friend and playmate. I think you’re currently her favorite brother, because you are gentle with her: and she’s the only sibling that is younger than you: so you have a very special bond with her.



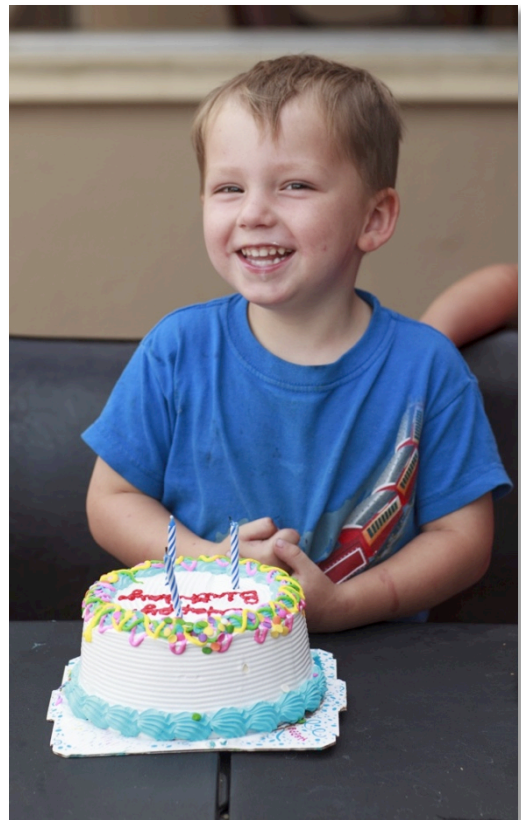


Mark and Mom, Spring 2012 in Los Altos, California



Mark Daniel Jennings was born on June 20th, 2011 at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California: Ten pounds, one ounce: healthy as can be!









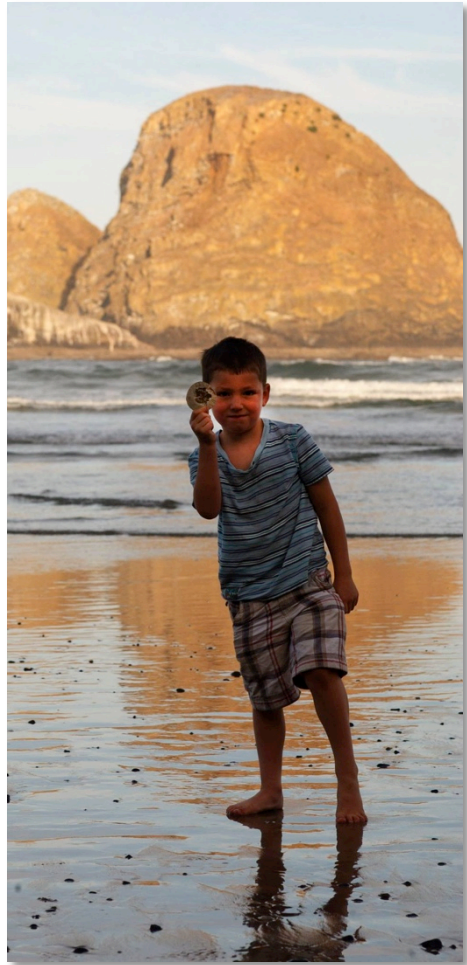
Vivace Youth Chorus,
Spring and Summer
2017.

First performance
(below), and Camp
during the summer
(above).

You've now graduated
from Rising Notes to
Prep! Well done.







Breakfast on the Oregon Coast in August 2017 when we went to see the Full Eclipse of the Sun as a family.



Mark helping me out in the lab at FarmX in Redwood City in the Spring of 2017.



Mark will become a big brother! This photo taken (Fall 2013) before Ellie's birth



Family Hike just after Mom's death, in Oakland, California: I had Ellie on my back, and Mark (when he got tired) on my shoulders!



Father Warwick baptizing Mark at St. Simon's Catholic Church in Los Altos, California on August 14th, 2011. Godparents are Richard and Veronica Wildanger.











Elizabeth “Ellie” Ann Jennings

Elizabeth, as you read this, you must know that your Mom loved you very much – and was very happy to have you join our family. I know that she is in heaven watching over all of us, but especially you as her youngest: her baby. She died while holding you in her lap, and she protected you until her last breath: keeping herself up before falling on you. She was a great Mom – with unbounded love.

You have a special bond with your older sister Olivia. The night before Mom was to go into the hospital for your planned delivery by C-section, Olivia wrote your Mom a note. It said “I hope you have a daughter, but if you don’t, it’s OK – I know it’s Dad’s fault”. All your brothers love you too, but there is a special bond to your sister: I hope that continues forever for both you and Olivia.





Elizabeth, we have so many fun adventures together. I love how happy you are; and how much you enjoy being with your family.

You will always be our baby daughter, and will have an older sister and three brothers and a Dad to look out for you.

You are beautiful, smart, respectful, and a great daughter and sibling for our family.































Another Hobby, Genealogy

I started [researching my family's history](#) in 2011, when my Mother started having signs of dementia. I wanted to reach out to her sisters and learn more about her family before I couldn't any longer. It's a bit crazy searching family information: as not everything is consistent, and there is plenty of misinformation on the web. I just don't have time for it now, as my research now requires pretty deep study and many letters across the country to find records not available online.

I've been able to prove to the [National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution](#) that thirty-five of my ancestors assisted the American Revolution: by either paying for supplies, serving as Civil Servants, or fighting in the military. One of those ancestors was a [Colonial Spy](#); another was a woman Patriot; another was a Colonel in the Pennsylvania Militia.

Much of my family came to the United States through Jamestowne Virginia, and some invested in Jamestowne such as Sir William Lovelace, grandfather of [Richard Lovelace](#), qualifying me to join the [Jamestowne Society](#). I help them out with computer issues often.

My mother's maiden name, Prather, has been tracked to having arrived in Virginia in the 1620s. Thomas Prater came to the colonies in 1622 as an indentured servant to John Powell on the *Marie Providence*. Later his ancestor, Thomas Prather, supported the American Revolution. This qualified me to join the [Order of the Founders and Patriots of America](#). There is a very readable published historical novel about the Prather Family during the colonial period titled [Orphan's Gift](#).

I also have been able to trace my family back to [King Charlemagne](#) of France. An ancestor of Charlemagne is [Saint Clotilde](#) of France, born in the 400s AD. I joined [Saints and Sinners](#) as a result.

If you consider that Royal families had the financial means for better food, sanitation, and raising children: their progeny was most likely to survive - you realize that everyone from Europe has royal blood: I can only tell you how I am descended - not that it's special.

The lineage for descent is as follows:	
Saint Clotilda De Bourgogne (475 - 548) is your 51st great grandmother:	(SAINT)
Chlotar I King Of The Franks (497 - 561), son of Clotilda De Bourgogne Saint Charibert I King of Paris (520 - 570), son of Chlotar I King Of The Franks Athalese de Franconie (530 - 600), daughter of Charibert I King of Paris Auriol Manse (Vicomte) of the Barthe (550 - 639), son of Athalese de Franconie Severus I D' Duc Aquitaine (570 -), son of Auriol Manse (Vicomte) of the Barthe Hugues D Austrasie (596 - 617), son of Severus I D' Duc Aquitaine Alberic D Austrasie (619 - 690), son of Hugues D Austrasie Hugobert Senechal von Heristal Bavaria (640 - 697), son of Alberic D Austrasie Bertrada Gisele Merovingian Laon Countess (690 - 721), daughter of Hugobert Senechal von Heristal Bavaria Bertha Bertrada Laon (720 - 783), daughter of Bertrada Gisele Merovingian Laon Countess	
Charlemagne King of France (742 - 814), son of Bertha Bertrada Laon	(CHARLEMAGNE)
Louis I (778 - 840), son of Charlemagne King of France Charles II King of France (828 - 877), son of Louis I Hersent of France (- 877), daughter of Charles II King of France Giselbert of Lorraine Duke of Lorraine (- 939), son of Hersent of France Gerberga of Lorraine, son of Giselbert of Lorraine Duke of Lorraine Herbert Vermandois III, Count of Vermandois (955 - 1000), son of Gerberga of Lorraine Otto Otto Vermandois (979 - 1043), son of Herbert Vermandois III, Count of Vermandois Herbert IV Count De Vermandois (1028 - 1080), son of Otto Otto Vermandois Adelheid Adelaide Countess Vermandois Valois (1050 - 1120), daughter of Herbert IV Count De Vermandois Isabel de Vermandois Countess of Leicester (1085 - 1147), daughter of Adelheid Adelaide Countess Vermandois Valois Robert De Beaumont II (1104 - 1168), son of Isabel de Vermandois Countess of Leicester Robert De Beaumont III, Earl (- 1190), son of Robert De Beaumont II Margaret De Beaumont (- 1235), daughter of Robert De Beaumont III, Earl Hawise De Quincy, daughter of Margaret De Beaumont Isabel De Vere, daughter of Hawise De Quincy Hugh De Courtenay Sir (- 1291), son of Isabel De Vere Eleanor De Courtnay, daughter of Hugh De Courtenay Sir Richard Grey Sir, Lord (1281 - 1334), son of Eleanor De Courtnay Robert Grey Sir, K.G., Lord (1320 - 1393), son of Richard Grey Sir, Lord Isabel De Grey Fitzpayne (- 1394), daughter of Robert Grey Sir, K.G., Lord Joan Poyrnings, daughter of Isabel De Grey Fitzpayne Eleanor Camoys (1406 -), daughter of Joan Poyrnings Elizabeth Lewknor Peckham, daughter of Eleanor Camoys John Wroth (- 1518), son of Elizabeth Lewknor Peckham Robert Wroth Esq., M.P. (1490 - 1536), son of John Wroth Thomas Wroth Sir (1516 - 1575), son of Robert Wroth Esq., M.P. Mabel Wroth (1542 - 1597), daughter of Thomas Wroth Sir Elizabeth Aucher (1562 - 1627), daughter of Mabel Wroth William Lovelace Sir (1583 - 1628), son of Elizabeth Aucher	
Anne Lovelace (1610 - 1682), daughter of William Lovelace Sir	(GATEWAY ANCESTOR)
Richard Gorsuch (1637 - 1695), son of Anne Lovelace Mary Gorsuch (1662 - 1696), daughter of Richard Gorsuch Mary Keene (1682 - 1759), daughter of Mary Gorsuch	
Elizabeth Claggett (1704 - 1787), daughter of Mary Keene	(OFFPA RECORD COPY)
Henry Prather Lt. (1732 - 1775), son of Elizabeth Claggett Abraham Prather (1762 - 1819), son of Henry Prather Lt. James Watson Prather (1812 - 1889), son of Abraham Prather Robert James Prather (1838 - 1878), son of James Watson Prather Robert James Prather (1877 - 1933), son of Robert James Prather Robert James Prather (1907 - 1969), son of Robert James Prather Ann "Rooney" Dewitt Prather (1934 - 2014), daughter of Robert James Prather	
William "Bill" Eugene Jennings	(APPLICANT)

1 To all to Whom these presents shall come Greeting Know Ye
that I Joseph Williams of the Parish of Saint Gabriel in the County
of Dublin and Province of North Carolina Taxman Keeper for and

The original Marlboro Man, [Charlie Conerly](#), who also was the Quarterback of the New York Giants in the NFL, is my fourth cousin, once removed (my maternal grandmother's maiden name is Conerly).



The best college football player in Mississippi each year is awarded the [Conerly Trophy](#), named after Charlie. I joined [RIFRAF](#) as a result.

I've been pursuing joining the [Society of the Cincinnati](#), and have at least two ancestors that I could use to qualify to join the Society: however, only one ancestor at a time from the original [Officers of the Line](#) can represent the original officer: and both are currently represented: so although I qualify genealogically, I must wait until there is an opening to apply for membership.

I was editor for the newsletters for the [Order of the First Families of Maryland](#) for several years; but have recently become occupied with other priorities and had to give up that responsibility. One family member from that line, [Thomas Claggett](#), was the first Bishop for the Methodist Church in the United States.

I know it seems nuts to join so many societies: but it's a way for me to vet my research by a professional genealogist, for much less than a genealogist would charge. Plus, it archives the records for future generations to find.

All families have black sheep somewhere, and mine must be either [Britney Spears](#), or [Farrah Fawcett Major](#). Both are distant cousins.

My aunt (sister of my Mom) married the brother, Michael Landon, of the White Sultan [Timothy Landon](#). Tim made his fortune (a billion USD) when he helped his Sandhurst friend Qaboos bin Said Al Said overthrow his father in Oman. Timothy Landon lived a very private life in England until he died of lung cancer, with only one (rich, attractive, young, and single) heir: [Arthur Landon](#).

Uncle Michael is quite the character. Once when we had trouble getting a discounted block of rooms at the Fairmont San Jose for our out of town guests attending the wedding. I asked Uncle Michael for help. He said "give me about 30 minutes". I received a call from the manager of the Fairmont, on his non-work day, to discuss my needs. Seems Michael knew the family of the [Fair sisters](#) of Canada, and asked them for help.

I have documented the first seven generations of my family ancestors in my applications and supplements to the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR). My membership ID is #187019. It has detailed supporting documentation for generations back to the Revolutionary War, including copies of documentation for parents / grandparents / and further back.

My Maternal Grandmother grew up on a farm

The Conerly family had farms in Mississippi since the early 1800s. My grandmother's maiden name was Emmette Jeanne Conerly is second from the left, here with a family full of girls (no boys).

I have copies of Slave Census records for the Conerly family from 1850 and 1860. They must have been successful, as they had many slaves on the Census.

The Conerly family were early settlers in Mississippi, and much of my Mom's family live in Mississippi today.



Owned a 43 acre Apple Farm in the Santa Cruz Mountains

Bought a second property about an hour drive from our home in Los Altos: in Coralitos (at 491 and 495 Browns Valley Road). We would visit on the weekend, and stay in one of the two ranch houses. The apple trees were about eighty years old, and dry farmed. The ranch had a large redwood grove, a creek, and about ten acres of apples on the property. It was several miles inland, but you could see the Monterey Bay from the property, as the property had a slope from about 400 feet elevation to about 800 feet of elevation.

The farm was named Quail Run Ranch from the former owners, due to the amount of quail that was on the property. We saw bobcats, turkeys, deer, and plenty of other wildlife on the farm. We enjoyed playing in the creek, exploring the redwood forest, bringing apple twigs home to rabbits, eating apples, and making fresh applesauce from our farm!

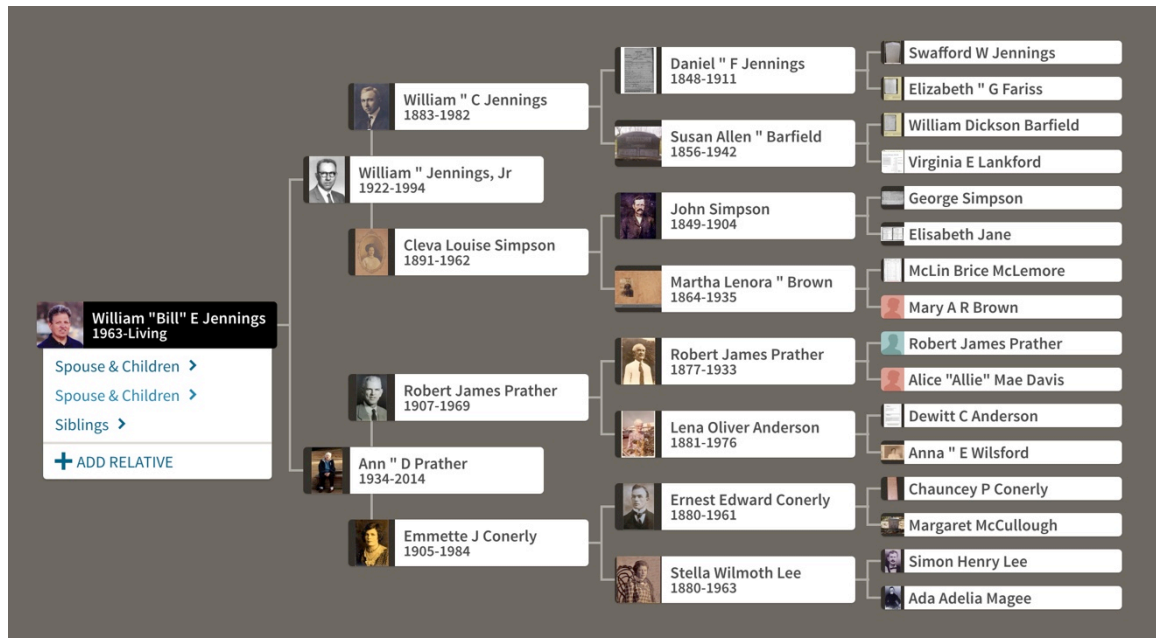


One of the top vinticulturists in the Santa Cruz Mountains inspected the farm, and with its elevation, slope of the hill, southwest facing land – it would have been perfect for raising Burgundian wine varieties.

The knowledge is so relevant, as I work for an AgTech company: FarmX: <http://www.farmx.co>

The fruit was sold to Martinelli's for making apple juice, and the income paid for the property tax.

Four Generations of Ancestors of William E. Jennings



William Columbus Jennings, Jr.

Son of William C. Jennings and Cleva L. Simpson
Father of William E. Jennings

Born: 10 Feb 1922 in Marianna, Lee Co., AR, USA

Married 1- wife, date, location and name unknown

Divorced 2- wife, date, location unknown

Married 2- wife, my Mom, Ann Dewitt Prather on

15 July 1960 in Jackson, Hinds Co., MS, USA

Died: 23 Apr 1994 in Elizabethton, Carter Co., TN, USA

Buried: Happy Valley Crypt in Elizabethton, Carter Co., TN

- Staff Sergeant in World War II; Insurance Sales
- Active in Boy Scouts of America as an Adult earning the Silver Beaver, and Scoutmaster for decades
- Loved by all, very engaging and a jokester

Ann Dewitt Prather

Daughter of Robert J. Prather and Emmette J. Conerly
Mother of William E. Jennings

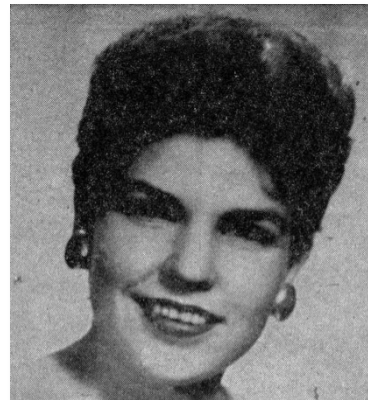
Born: 18 Feb 1934 in Jackson, Hinds Co., MS, USA

Married my Dad as above in July 1960

Died: 12 Feb 2014 in Cupertino, Santa Clara Co., MS, USA

Buried: Happy Valley Crypt in Elizabethton, Carter Co., TN

- Nursing Diploma from St. Marys Nursing School, associated with the Mayo Clinic.
- Fantastic Craftsperson; Church Altar Guild
- Red Arrow Award, Boy Scouts of America



William Columbus Jennings

Son of Daniel F. Jennings and Susan A. Barfield
Fraternal Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: 15 Nov 1883 in Glimp, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Married: to Cleva Louise Simpson on 26 May 1913
in Marianna, Lee Co., AR, USA
Died: 15 May 1982 in Bartlett, Shelby Co., TN, USA
Buried: Cedar Heights Cemetery, Marianna, Lee, AR

- General Contractor
- 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason
- Very active in the Baptist Church



Cleva Louise Simpson

Daughter of John Simpson and Martha "Ida" Brown
Fraternal Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 12 Jun 1891 in Moro, Lee Co., AR, USA
Married: to William C. Jennings on 26 May 1913
in Marianna, Lee Co., AR, USA
Died: 22 Jan 1962 in Marianna, Lee Co., AR, USA
Buried: Cedar Heights Cemetery, Marianna, Lee,



She had died the year before I was born, and I don't know much about her or her family. I have her silver as a family heirloom.

Her obituary speaks of service to the Methodist Church and the American Legion.

Daniel F. Jennings

(conflicting info on middle name, both names start with F)

Son of Swafford W. Jennings and Elizabeth G. Fariss
Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: 23 May 1848 in Forsyth County, NC, USA
Married: to Susan A. Barfield on 11 Feb 1878 in Lauderdale County, TN, USA
Died: 12 Dec 1911 in Covington, Tipton, TN, USA
Buried: Poplar Grove Cemetery, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA

Susan Allen Barfield

Daughter of William D. Barfield and Virginia Lankford
Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 16 Apr 1856 in Ripley, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Married: to Daniel F. Jennings on 11 Feb 1878 in Lauderdale County, TN, USA
Died: 14 Jul 1942 in Bolivar, Hardeman, TN, USA
Buried: Poplar Grove Cemetery, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Resided in an Insane Asylum for the last 17 years of her life,
that was common for indigent widows at the time.



John Simpson

(Probable) son of George Simpson and Elisabeth Jane

Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 1 Nov 1849 in (probably) Rushville, Schuyler, IL

Married: to Martha "Ida" Lenora Brown

on 18 Jun 1889 in Lee Co., AR, USA

Died: 08 Apr 1904 in Marianna, Lee Co., AR, USA

Buried: Cedar Heights Cemetery, Marianna, Lee Co., AR



Martha "Ida" Lenora Brown

(Probable) Daughter of McLin McLemore and Mary Brown

Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: 14 Jan 1864 in Moro, Lee Co., AR, USA

Married: to John Simpson

on 18 Jun 1889 in Lee Co., AR, USA

Died: 11 Mar 1935 in Independence Lee Co., AR, USA

Buried: Cedar Heights Cemetery, Marianna, Lee Co., AR

The father for Martha Brown is not documented. She is likely a child born out of wedlock. She has the same last name as her Mom. By looking at the timing of her birth, and checking the census records for 1860, I found a nearby family with the last name of McLemore. Martha was conceived in 1863, but was born in 1864 in Arkansas. At the time of her conception she may have lived in Alabama near the McLemore family for the 1860 census. I believe her Mom got pregnant, then the family moved (possible out of disgrace) to Arkansas, and Martha was born. My autosomal DNA matches the McLemore family, which adds credibility to this possibility.



Swafford William Jennings

Son of Goshen Jennings and Nancy Swafford

Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 04 May 1814 in Rockingham Co., NC, USA

Married: to Elizabeth G. Fariss

on 13 Nov 1837 in Henry Co., VA, USA

Died: 28 Jun 1862 in Castle William, Governor's Island, NY

Buried: Cypress Hills National Cemetery,
Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY

Captured at the Battle of Hanover Courthouse.

Died in a Union Prison as a prisoner of war, probably of disease.

Elizabeth Green Farris

Daughter of Daniel Farris and Nancy Smith
Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 22 Nov 1816 in Henry Co., VA, USA
Married: to Swafford William Jennings on 13 Nov 1837 in Henry Co., VA, USA
Died: 1903 in Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Buried: Poplar Grove Memorial Garden, Halls, Lauderdale Co., TN

William Dickson Barfield

Son of James Richard Barfield and Frances P. Gaines
Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: 02 Dec 1821 in Duplic Co., NC, USA
Married: to Virginia E. Lankford on 04 Nov 1852
in Henning, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Died: 10 Jan 1895 in Henning, Lauderdale Co., TN
Buried: Asbury Cemetery, Ripley, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA

Military service as a private in the Confederate
Twentieth Regiment, NC Infantry

Virginia Elizabeth Lankford

Daughter of John D. Lankford and Martha Griffin
Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 10 Jan 1830 in Brownville, Haywood Co., TN, USA
Married: to William D. Barfield on 04 Nov 1895
in Henning, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Died: 10 Dec 1921 in Ripley, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA
Buried: Asbury Cemetery, Ripley, Lauderdale Co., TN, USA

She ran a boarding house as a widow.

George Simpson

Son of John Simpson and Elizabeth Grundy
Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: About 1813 in Ireland
Arrival to the US on the Quebec Packet with his wife and children into NYC on 27 May 1841
Married: to Elizabeth Jane in about 1835 in Ireland (arrives to USA married in 1841)
Died: About 1883 in IL
Buried: Location unknown

Elisabeth Jane

Parents unknown
Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: About 1821 in Scotland
Arrival to the US on the Quebec Packet with her husband and children into NYC on 27 May 1841
Married: to George Simpson in about 1835 in Ireland (arrives to USA married in 1841)
Died: About 1858 in Schuyler Co., IL (a guess)
Buried: Location unknown

There are discrepancies in ages on the registry for arrival and in the US Census never understood

McLin Brice McLemore

Son of Briggs McLemore and Mary Stegall

(Probable) Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 09 Sep 1832 in Rogersville, Lauderdale Co., AL, USA

Married: (never married to Mary Brown, but suspect had daughter Martha Brown out of wedlock)

Died: 09 Jun 1912 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN, USA

Buried: Location unknown

Suspected father of Martha Brown, based on DNA testing, and the 1860 Census showing age appropriate neighbor to conceive a child with Mary Brown. He lived six houses from the Browns.

Mary A. R. Brown

Daughter of Butler P. Brown and Mary Ann Bailey

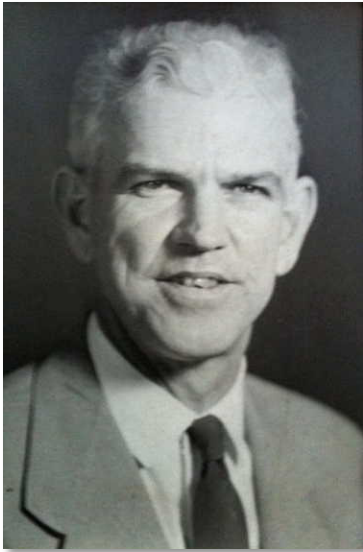
Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: About 1841 in Florence Co., AL, USA

Married: (never married to McLin McLemore, but suspect had daughter Martha Brown out of wedlock)

Death and Burial: Date and location unknown

Likely had daughter Martha Brown out of wedlock in Arkansas after conceiving child in Alabama.



Robert James Prather

Son of Robert J. Prather and Lena O. Anderson

Maternal Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 20 Mar 1907 in Webb, Tallahatchie, MS, USA

Married: to Emmette Conerly on 14 Jun 1931
in Vicksburg, Warren Co., MS, USA

Died: 22 Oct 1969 in Vancleave, Jackson Co., MS, USA

Buried: Oak Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Jones Co., MS, USA

Received awards from Southern Bell for his lifetime contributions, including doing classified work installing radar systems in the Gulf of Mexico during World War II. Attended Annapolis for two years, withdrew and never completed college.

Died while fishing alone in a remote part of Southern Mississippi.

Emmette Jeanne Conerly

Daughter of Ernest E. Conerly and Stella W. Lee

Maternal Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: 10 Nov 1905 in Columbia, Marion, MS, USA

Married: to Robert James Prather on 14 Jun 1931

In Vicksburg, Warren Co., MS, USA

Died: 28 Feb 1984 in Laurel, Jones Co., MS, USA

Buried: Oak Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Jones Co., MS, USA

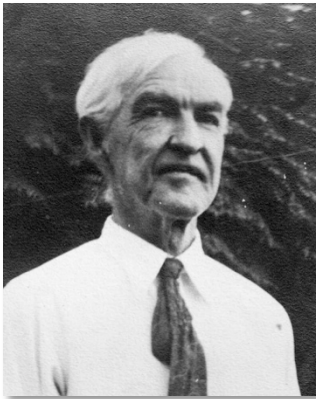
English teacher for many years. Loved to cook and have family visit. Mother of five children: I have many cousins from the Prather side family. She had a half-acre garden, and she loved to can her produce. I remember the home being filled with Reader's Digest magazines, stacked all over the house.



Lena Oliver Anderson

Daughter of Dewitt C. Anderson and Anna E. Wilsford
Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 29 Aug 1881 in West Point, Clay Co., MS, USA
Married: to Robert J. Prather in about 1905 in (prob.) MS
Died: 18 Nov 1976 in Arlington, Tarrant Co., TX, USA
Buried: Laurel Land, Dallas, Dallas Co., TX, USA

Attended the Athenaeum school for young girls in Columbia, TN. First husband was James Bailey Webb. She became a widow at age 20 when she found him lying dead in the road. Was a musician playing the piano in a vaudeville show for five years. Met Robert Prather while learning to be a nurse at the Bellevue Hospital in NY. Watched the invasion of the Bay of Pigs off of Cuba while returning from a South America on a Venezuela freighter.



Robert James Prather

Son of Robert J. Prather and Alice Mae Davis
Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: 29 Jan 1877 in KY, USA
Married: to Lena O. Anderson in about 1905 in (probably) MS
Died: 02 Nov 1933 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX, USA
Buried: Laurel Land, Dallas, Dallas Co., TX, USA
Received MD from Tulane University in New Orleans
Studied tropical medicine with Walter Reed at Bellevue Hospital in NY



Ernest Edward Conerly

Son of Chauncey P. Conerly and Margaret McCullough
Great Grandfather of William E. Jennings
Born: 10 May 1880 in Ruth, Lincoln Co., MS, USA
Married: to Stella W. Lee on 23 Oct 1901
In Columbia, Marion Co., MS, USA
Died: 01 Dec 1961 in McComb, Pike Co., MS
Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, Summit, Pike Co., MS
Illinois Central Railroad employee



Stella Wilmoth Lee

Daughter of Simon H. Lee and Ada A. Magee
Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings
Born: 06 Oct 1880 in Columbia, Marion Co., MS, USA
Married: to Ernest E. Conerly on 23 Oct 1901
In Columbia, Marion Co., MS, USA
Died: 13 Dec 1963 in McComb, Pike Co., MS, USA
Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, Summit, Pike Co., MS

Robert James Prather

Son of James Watson Prather and Elizabeth Cary

Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 11 Mar 1838 in KY, USA

Married: to Alice M. Davis on 21 May 1867 in Carroll Co., MS, USA

Died: 31 Jul 1878 in Brandon, Rankin Co., MS, USA

Buried: (believed to be): Old Brandon Cemetery, Brandon, Rankin Co., MS

Very few primary sources for genealogy for this ancestor. However, by using censuses, and secondary sources – the above dates and location are reasonable and possible.

A Private in the Kentucky Confederate Volunteers during the Civil War.

Alice Mae Davis

Daughter of John H. Davis and Hetty E. Geren

Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: 12 Mar 1844 in VA, USA

Married: to Robert J. Prather on 21 May 1867 in Carroll Co., MS, USA

Remarried to J. A. Hawkins after 1878 in probably MS

Died: Unknown date and location

Buried: Unknown location

Dewitt Clinton Anderson

Son of Suprey Hickerson Anderson and Sallie “Fannie” Arnold

Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born 01 Aug 1854 in Palo Alto, Clay Co., MS, USA

Married: to Anna E. Wilsford on 04 Oct 1895 in Iberville Parish, LA

Died: 18 Feb 1945 in Memphis, Shelby Co., MS, USA

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, West Point, Clay Co., MS, USA

My Mom’s middle name was Dewitt, her name is from her favorite uncle Dewitt.

**Anna E. Wilsford**

Daughter of Granville Turner Wilsford and Evelina Kincheloe Stribling

Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: About July 1856 in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Co., TN, USA

Married to Dewitt C. Anderson on 04 Oct 1895 in Iberville Parish, LA

Died: About 1890 in Clay Co., MS, USA

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, West Point, Clay Co., MS, USA



Chauncey Porter Conerly

Son of Owen Conerly, Jr. and Ann Louisa Stephens

Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 25 May 1839 in Ruth, Lincoln Co., MS, USA

Married: to Catherine Victoria Williams on 22 Apr 1862
in (probably) MS

Re-married (as a widower): to Margaret McCullough on
02 Dec 1874 in (probably) MS

Died: 19 Dec 1902 in Summit, Lincoln Co., MS, USA

Buried: Family Burying Ground near Topisaw Church
in Pike Co., MS

Chauncey was a Medical Doctor, receiving his degree
from Tulane Medical University in New Orleans in
1861.

Was a Civil War surgeon in the Confederate Holmesville
Guards (Thirty-third Mississippi Regiment).

Margaret McCullough

Daughter of Winston McCullough and Sarah Greer

Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: 24 Sep 1845 in Ruth, Lincoln Co., MS, USA

Married: to Chauncey Conerly on 02 Dec 1874 in
(probably) MS

Died: 14 May 1930 in Ruth, Lincoln Co., MS, USA

Buried: Family Burying Ground near Topisaw Church in
Pike Co., MS

My cousin Margeret "Peg" McCullough Casey was
named after this ancestor.



Simon Henry Lee

Son of Benjamin Bryan Washington Lee and Susan A. Holmes

Second Great-Grandfather of William E. Jennings

Born: 08 Oct 1856 in Carroll Co., MS, USA

Married: to Ada Magee on 25 Sep 1879 in Columbia, Marion Co., MS

Died: 15 Mar 1932 in Marion Co., MS

Buried: Foxworth Cemetery, Marion Co., MS

Ada Adelia Magee

Daughter of Lt. John Magee and Adaline Minorva Faulk

Second Great-Grandmother of William E. Jennings

Born: 05 Mar 1859 in Marion Co., MS, USA

Married: to Simon H. Lee on 25 Sep 1879
in Columbia, Marion Co., MS, USA

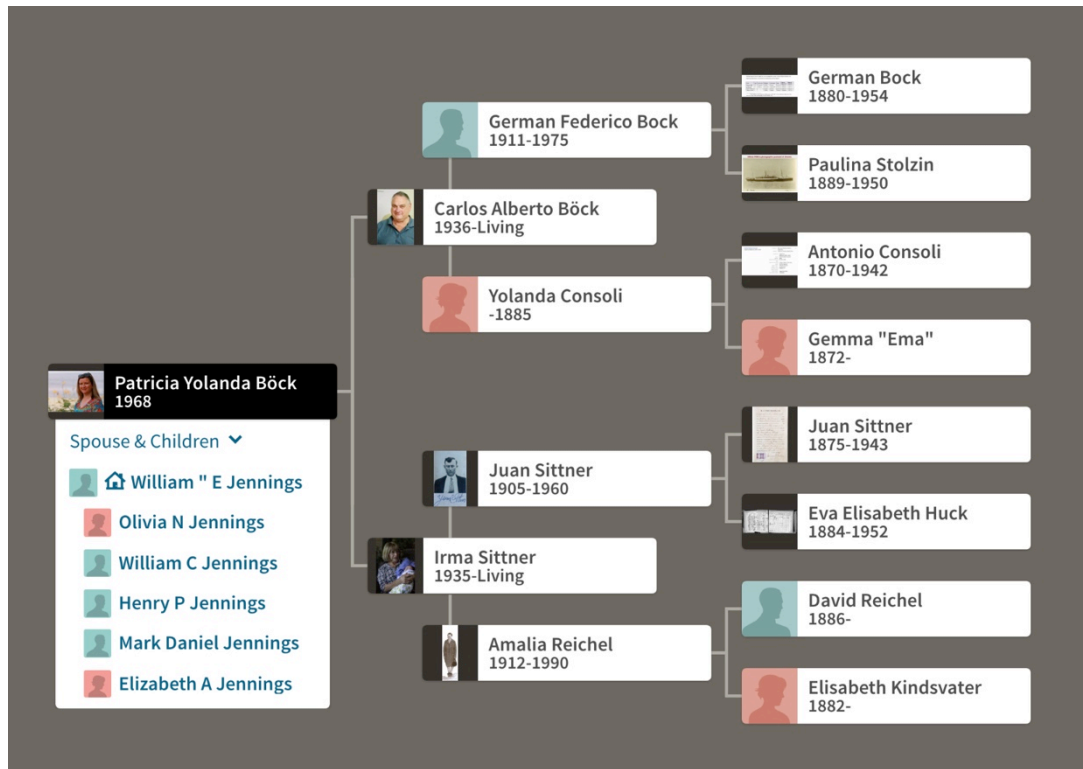
Died: 30 Nov 1905 in Columbia, Marion Co., MS, USA

Buried: Foxworth Cemetery, Marion Co., MS, USA



Three Generations of Ancestors of Patricia Yolanda Bock

(for my children, so they may know the Bock family)



Carlos Alberto Bock

Son of: German Bock and Yolanda Consoli
Grandfather of the children of Patricia and William Jennings
Born: 03 Sep 1936 in Banfield, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Married: to Irma Sittner on 23 Dec 1964 in Weehawken, NJ



Irma Sittner

Daughter of: Juan Sittner and Amalia Reichel
Grandmother of the children of Patricia and William Jennings
Born: 01 Feb 1935 in Aldea San Antonio, Entré Rios, Argentina



1st and 2nd Great-Grandparents fomy Children (Bock/Sittner side)

German Federico Bock

Son of German Bock and Paulina Stolzin
Great-Grandfather of Patricia's children
Born: About 1911 in (probably) Germany
Married: to Yolanda Consoli in about 1935
in (probably) Buenos Aires, Argentina
Death: After 1975 in (probably) Province
of Buenos Aires, Argentina



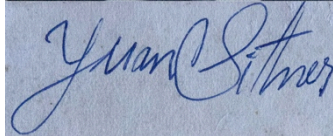
Amalia Sittner

Yolanda Consoli

Daughter of Antonio Consoli and Gemma
Great-Grandmother of Patricia's children
Born: (probably) About 1915 in Argentina
Married: to German Federico Bock
Death: (probably) Abt 1985 in Argentina

German Bock

2nd Great-Grandfather Patricia's children
Born: About 1880 in Germany
Married: to Paulina Stolzin
Death: Before 1954 in Argentina



Paulina Stolzin

Second Great-Grandmother of Tricia's kids
Born: About 1889 in Argentina
Married: to German Bock
Death: (probably) before 1950 in Argentina

Antonio Consoli

Second Great-Grandfather of Tricia's kids
Born: About 1870
Married: to Gemma
Death: About 1942 in Argentina

Gemma (maiden name unknown)

Parents unknown
Second Great-Grandmother of Tricia's kids
Born: (probably) About 1872 in Argentina
Married: to Antonio Consoli
Death: (probably) about 1940 in Argentina

Juan Sittner

Son of Juan Sittner and Eva Elisabeth Huck
Great-Grandfather of Tricia's kids
Born: 05 Mar 1905 in Santa Celia,
Gualedguaychú, Entré Rios, Argentina
Married: to Amalia Reichel on 16 Oct 1930 in
Aldea San Juan, Gualedguaychú, Entré
Rios, Argentina
Death: 02 May 1960 in Argentina

Amalia Reichel

Dgtr of David Reichel & Elisabeth Kindsvater
Great-Grandmother of Tricia's kids
Born: August 1912 in Argentina
Married: to Juan Sittner (see above)
Death: 03 Dec 1990 in Argentina

Juan Sittner

Son of Georg Sittner and Regina
Second Great-Grandfather Tricia's kids
Born:
Married:
Death:

Eva Elisabeth Huck

Daughter of Johann Huck & Eva Schlotthauer
Second Great-Grandmother Tricia's kids
Born: 24 Jul 1884 in Huck, Russia
Married:
Death: 30 Apr 1952 in Urdinarrain, Entré Rios,
Argentina

David Reichel

Parents unknown
Second Great-Grandfather of Tricia's kids
Born: About 1886 in Russia

Elisabeth Kindsvater

Daughter of Jakob Kindsvater & Anna Michel
Second Great-Grandmother of Tricia's kids
Born: 1882 in Huck, Russia

Some challenging documents to find

MATRIMONIO

Celebrado el día 16 de Julio de 1938
 en Urdinarrain entre
 Don Juan Sittner nacido
 en Aldea San Antonio de 32.5 años
 de edad; de nacionalidad Argentina de
 profesión agricultor de estado soltero
 domiciliado en Aldea San Antonio hijo de
 Don Juan Sittner y de
 Doña Eva Elisa Huck
 y la señorita Amalia Reichel
 nacida en Aldea San Antonio de 18
 años de edad; de nacionalidad Argentina
 de profesión agricultora de estado soltera
 domiciliada en Aldea San Antonio hija
 de Don Alonso Reichel
 y de Doña María de la Cruz
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EL JEFE DE OFICINA
Enrique J. Martinez

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FALLECIMIENTO DE LOS ESPOSOS

MARIDO
 Don Juan Sittner
 fallecido el día 2 de Mayo de 1960
 en la Ciudad de Urdinarrain - Entre Ríos de
Cancer de Vejiga según certificado médico
 del Dr. Juan Carlos Patt anotado bajo el
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EL JEFE DE OFICINA
Teresa Zelmira Schiffrini
 TERESA ZELMIRA SCHIFFRINI
 20 JEFE DEL R. CIVIL

MUJER
 Doña Amalia Reichel
 fallecida el día 3 de Octubre de 1940
 en la Ciudad de Urdinarrain - Entre Ríos
 según certificado médico
 del Dr. Juan Carlos Patt anotado bajo el
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EL JEFE DE OFICINA
Abonhen Juan Sittner
Fallecido el día 15 1941
en Urdinarrain en el Hospital

The Sittner family came from Huck Russia to Argentina in 1881. They were founders of the Lutheran town Aldea San Antonio in Entré Ríos, Argentina. Culturally, they were German and Lutheran – as when they were in Russia, they were living in a German community. The Sittners lived on a ranch.



Olivia Nicole Jennings visiting gravesite of her Bis Abuelos
 Amalia Reichel and Juan Sittner on November 18th, 2013
 Cemetery, Urdinarrain, Department Gualguaychu', Province Entre' Ríos, Argentina

Stories about Irma and Charles

Charles Bock was born Carlos Alberto Bock in Banfield, Pvc Bs As, Argentina. He met his wife, Irma Sittner, while he lived in Argentina in his young twenties. He moved to New Jersey in 1964, and Irma moved there soon after: and they got married in December 1964.

Charles worked for the large industrial engineering firm Kellogg: and he specialized in chemical plant design: mostly for crude oil processing. He worked in New Jersey for about fifteen years, and moved to Northern California in the earlier eighties: living in Green Valley near Fairfield, California.

When he moved to California, he and his partner Bob Allan started a steel fabrication company named "Cofab Steel Corporation" in January 1981. Cofab was responsible for major construction projects across Northern California, including the Chanel Building, the Bay Bridge, the San Francisco Ferry Building, and Dams near Sacramento. There must have been many other projects. These are ones that I recall my wife, and Charles' daughter, mentioning.

While at Cofab, he also started a company "Arcmatic" with a partner Bill Bong. He is an inventor on six US patents on a large scale automated welding machine (US PTO numbers: 9,731,813; 7,429,716; 6,297,472; and 5,600,305). There are also other publications describing Charles' inventions.

One weekend Charles and I took a wood-fired oven cooking class together: two nights and three days – the theme was game meat. Charles used to go hunting in Patagonia with his brother Jorge, and I the weekend cooking together was fun. I knew he knew how to be a master Asador: as I have watched him cook meat flawlessly over a wood fire for birthdays, family gatherings, and holidays.

What I hoped from the weekend was to hear his hunting stories: his exploits in Patagonia. He would drive out into the wilderness in an old station wagon, with his brother, his weapons, and the tools needed to repair the car if it broke down. He would be in regions without roads, and without bridges, and many hundreds of miles from the nearest town. Charles and Jorge would be hunting wild boar: and one time, after scouting out a watering hole a few days: he setup to get the boar that came each day. They usually approached from one side of the spring fed pool, so he setup on the other side of that: to get a good shot at the boar. Then the day they were ready, the boar came: but came from another direction: coming up right behind them. Charles shot the boar twice, and it didn't stop – his brother Jorge made the lethal shot for the boar, while it was charging towards his brother Charles: and the boar stopped within feet of Charles! Charles was an amazing marksman, and he also had the ability to do heavy exercise, stop, and make a clean shot. He was recruiting by Argentina to be on the Bi-athlete team: cross-country skiing and shooting combined. He didn't join the team, but from that you must know he was a marksman!

Another time, Charles tells the story of sitting up in the cab of a steam locomotive as a young adult. He rode the engine into Buenos Aires from the coast where he spent his summers. The locomotive was due to return to the south, and the main guy on the railroad asked him if he wanted to drive it home: as he was impressed by how much Charles listened and how likely he would do a good job. So, Charles (with supervision) drove a locomotive for hundreds of miles after only a few hours of instruction.

His wife Irma grew up on a farm in Entre Rios. Her family were guachos: very capable with horses. Her nickname was "the freckled Russian", as her grandfather Sittner founded the town in the 1880s when they immigrated to Argentina from the Volga River Valley of Russia (near Huck).

Irma worked as a seamstress for the Union in Buenos Aires in her young adulthood: and later, when she moved to New Jersey and married Charles Bock, she became a housewife. Irma keeps the cleanest house of any home I have been in; and she is a fantastic cook. She keeps in great shape by constant exercise.

I am fortunate to have both Irma and Charles as my parents-in-law.

Photography

I have several hobbies I haven't really pursued in a while: one of them is photography.

Some of my photos I have taken are included below:



Yellowstone Mammoth Hot Springs (family trip 2012)



Grévy's Zebras, Kenyan Safari with Tricia, January 2008

Sunset from top of Steptoe Butte in the Palouse, Washington at Harvest 2009



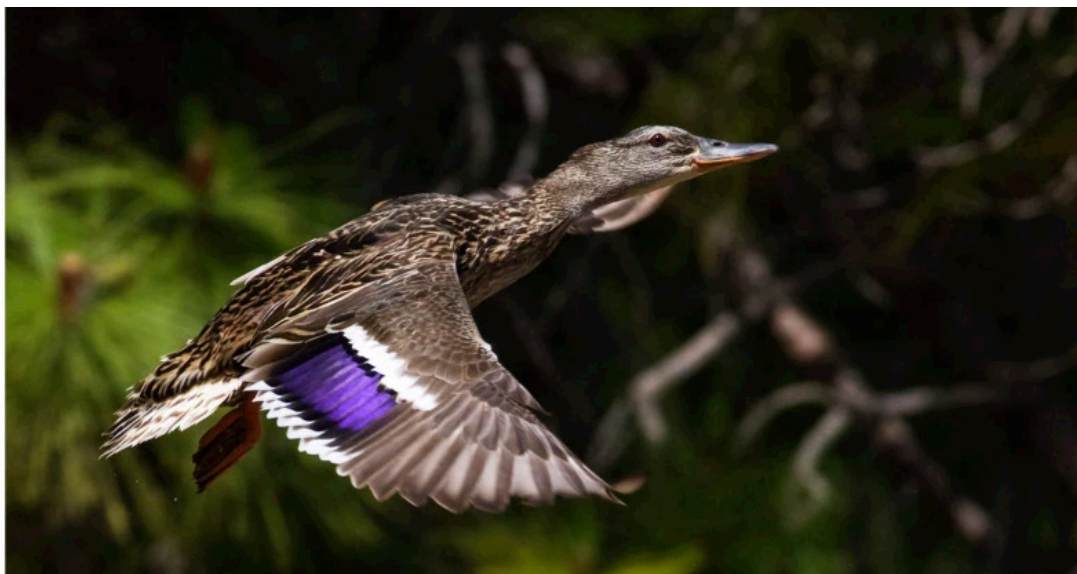
Sally Light Foot, Tide pool, 2009
Cabo San Lucas, Baja Sur California, Mexico



Pause
Siberian Lynx Cub
Triple "D" Game Farm
Kalispell, Montana, 2009

I was invited to come see the animals on the game farm with my friend Debbie Gale. Debbie knew the owners of the game farm well, and got us private access to the animals (not a large group at the game farm, as is common).

This cub was less than fifteen feet from me, and I was in the same fenced in area as the cub – nothing separated me from the lynx. I had turned around briefly to change lenses (against the recommendations of the handlers), and the cub very intently watched me afterwards. Guess the cub wanted to know if I would make that mistake a second time, and was ready to pounce on me if I did. I love the size of the paws, so the title is "a play on words".



Royal Purple
Oakland Zoo, 2009

Shot on my first day using my 200 mm f/1.8 prime lens. I love the bokeh in this photo.

This was not a planned shot. I had just walked up and heard the mallard take off (note the poop in the photo – birds tend to start pooping before they take off) – and I swung around and took a few photos instinctively without even having time to change settings on the camera. I love the lighting catching the purple on the wing. The angle and light is just about perfect. With the trees in the background, one could easily believe it was in the wild – but it was at the Oakland Zoo.



Incoming Storm, Palouse, Washington, 2009
Garbanzo Bean Farm at Harvest Time



Sunset in the Palouse, Washington, 2009

The colors were naturally saturated as it had just rained earlier that day



El Capitan, Merced River, Yosemite Valley

The storm was coming in at the end of the day. Fourteen hours later (next morning) you couldn't see the bush that is in this foreground – the Merced River was so deep it covered the bush.



Inside the Temple, Great Wall of China, Badaling, 2007
On one very misty, foggy, and cold day outside Beijing, China



de Glacé: rivulet on side of road on top of a ridge, Colorado, 2009



Wild
Turkeys
on our
Quail Run
Ranch
in
Corralitos,
California

In Kenya on Safari, we pretty much had run of the country because almost no one else was vacationing there after the Kenyan crisis.

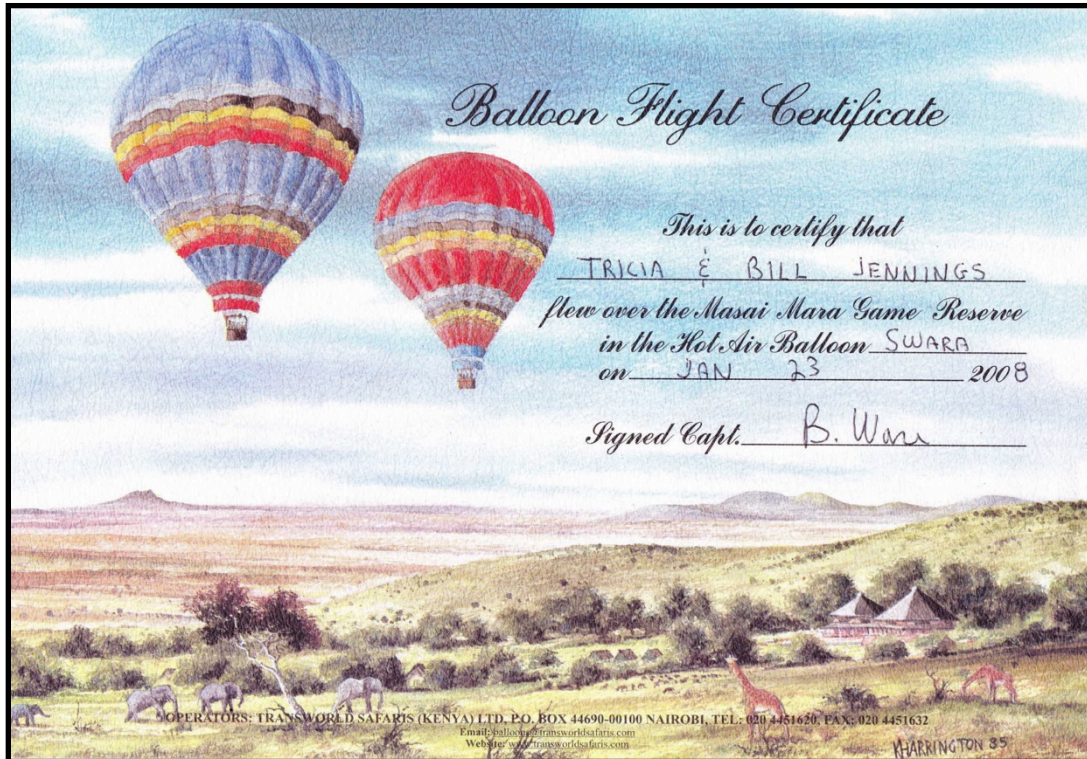
We were in the Maasai Mara, and hadn't seen another jeep in three days. Suddenly a radio call of distress came in – we had to go rescue another tour guide. They had gotten stuck in the mud near a creek, and there was a Mom and a leopard cub there. If they got out of the jeep, the Mom certainly would have pounced on the guide that was stuck. We drove there, tied a rope to their jeep and pulled them clear – only after we watched the cub eat dinner for a while.



Warthog for Dinner, Kenya

I have been lucky to travel

To celebrate my wife's 40th birthday, we went to Kenya for two weeks in January 2008. It was two weeks after the election controversy in Nairobi (that led to a thousand deaths in the capital). We researched our potential risks, and decided to travel anyway. There were no other tourists in the country during our travel: everyone else stayed home. We had opportunities that other tourists couldn't even buy today.



An example: we would spend days on Safari - and see no one else in jeeps, when commonly there are queues of people lining up to see a lion that's been spotted and reported over a radio. One day we went on a balloon ride at sunrise, normally about 30-45 minutes - and the pilot of the balloon asked if we could stay up longer - as he hadn't flown in two weeks, and didn't expect to fly again in another two weeks. We stayed up nearly three hours. Flying at treetop level - and we passed over three prides of lions, no more than thirty feet below us.

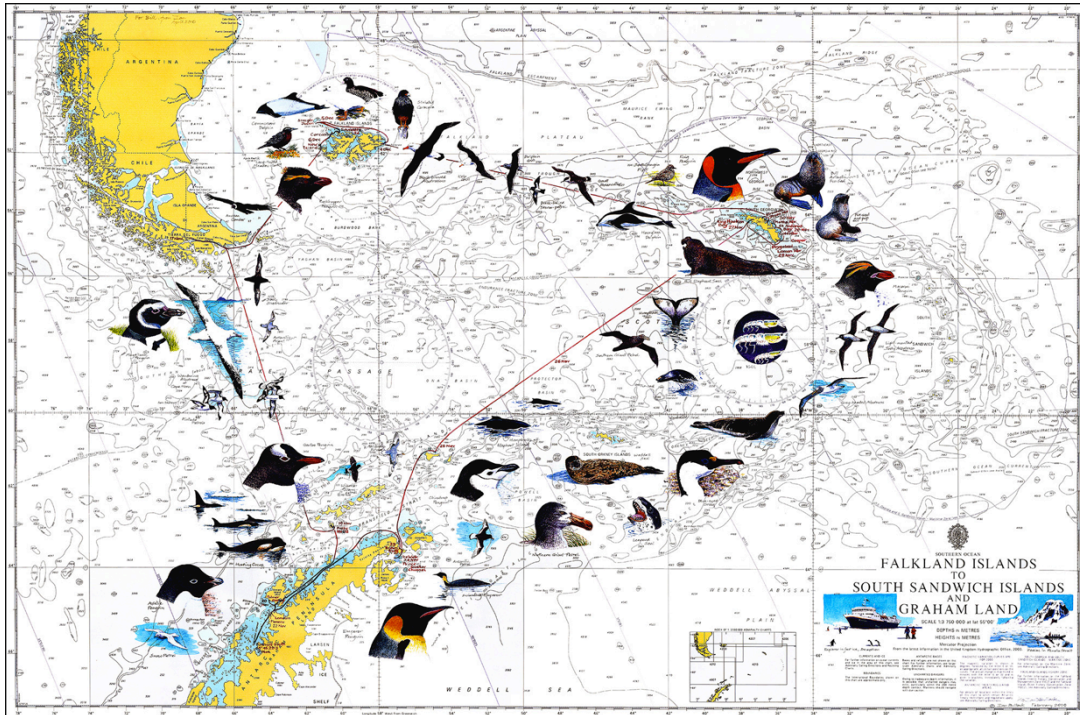
We saw all five of the big five game: Elephant, Lion, Water Buffalo, Rhino, and Leopard: many times within yards from us in the jeep.



On the left: while traveling in Antarctica, I am with my travel companion Astronaut Neil Armstrong. We are eating lunch together in the Antarctica Ocean.

We had a lengthy conversation on taking photos on the moon with the special Hasselblad cameras. Imagine no light meter, and having to handle setting changes with bulky gloves on!

The camera only had two f-stops: f/8 and f/22. You picked which you wanted by sighting the angle to the sun! The two cameras were left on the moon, as moon rocks were more valuable, and they needed to make room and weight for the rocks for the return home.



A log of our travels for the month long Antarctic Ocean Journey in 2009



A male elephant seal stares down a King Penguin on a North Georgia Island beach.



Sunrise at 3 am over the Weddell Sea: after a sunset at midnight.
We were sixty miles north of the Antarctic Circle, about two weeks before the equinox.



Lenticular Clouds over the Antarctic Mountains at Sunrise



The Antarctica Ocean. The iceberg is about a mile across - hard to tell, as there is nothing for scale. A perfectly still ocean reflects the sky. A great day!

Swimming in Antarctica in December 2009 - water was just barely above freezing!

I was cold, even with the T-shirt on... They had defibrillators and doctors on standby for everyone that swam in the frigid water.

This was in the protected bay of Deception Island, on the first day we reached Antarctica.

Black sandy beaches warmed up the water to a little less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit (salt water can get colder than 32 degrees Fahrenheit).





Perito Moreno Glacier in Patagonia, Argentina with my ten-month old daughter Olivia.



Space Shuttle Endeavor

California Science Center

December 27, 2014

Dad, Will, Henry, Olivia, and Mark

Ellie was at Cousin Kathi's that day.
Uncle Craig came with us.



Before the opening night of the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires after a three year remodel of the Opera House. I am with my Tio Jorge and Tia Coca, and my Esposa Patricia. It was Carmen, and we had box seats! They served free champagne during intermission!!!

Photo shot with an Olympus 750 camera, before I knew what I was doing (barely know how now).



The Perito Moreno Glaciar near El Calafate in Patagonia, Argentina. The flower in the foreground is out of focus. I should have focused on it, and insured enough depth of field : using a tripod if needed. I entered this in a Ritz Camera National Contest, and won \$500. It was the most expensive \$500 I ever won - as I bought tons of camera gear afterwards. I think the use of color and composition was what was unique. In real life, the blues are amazing - someday everyone should see this, or something like it.



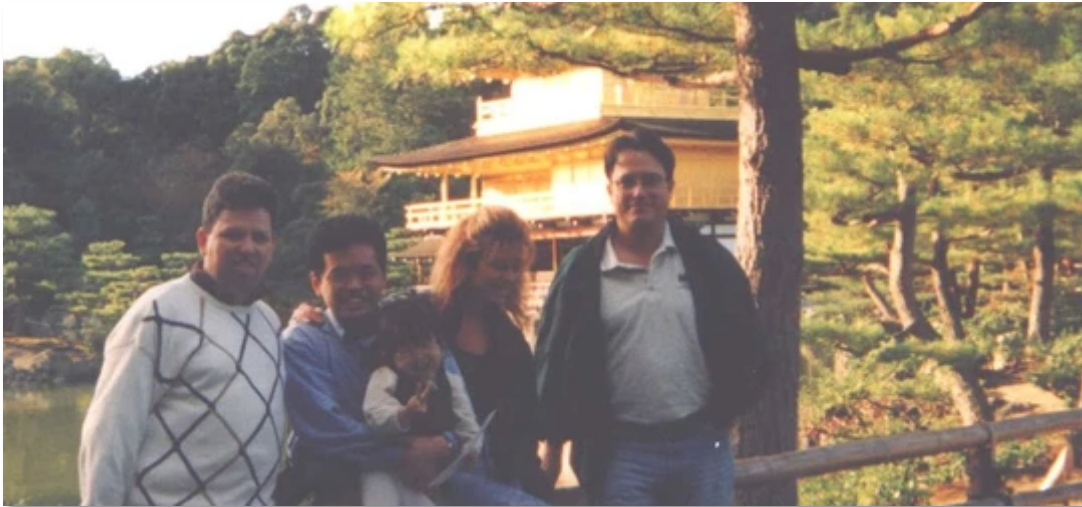
With the family in Argentina in the autumn of 2013 visiting the Basilica at Luján.

This was in November, and Tricia was four months pregnant with Elizabeth.

Our Lady of Luján is the patron saint of Argentina.



Mount Moran at Oxbow Bend, in the Tetons, just south of Yellowstone National Park



Golden Palace near Kyoto, Japan in the Autumn of 1998

Myself, Cherie De Lacy, Robert Velios - and a local (to Kyoto) friend of Robert's.

Visiting DRAM suppliers in Japan and Korea. I teased Samsung on that trip that "we had seen prototypes of Quad Data Rate Rams in Japan - you should build them" - one night at dinner. The next morning Samsung showed us their QDR roadmap... This was when DDR (double data rate) ram was just becoming available - so I was teasing (knowing that QDR wasn't really even being discussed yet). Did I start a new standard that night in Seoul?

Monet's Garden Normandy, France

Tricia and I took a Phi Mu Alumni Barge Trip down the river Seine in the spring of 2004.

It was a wonderful trip and Tricia and I enjoyed the company of many Phi Mu ladies on that trip.

Tricia was an active Phi Mu Alumni. She was a local president and area officer, and went to three national conventions.

After Tricia's death, there was established a named scholarship endowment to help ladies pursue a college education.



My High School Years

I went to school at Raleigh-Egypt High School in the Memphis City School System. It was a public school with a graduating class size of a little over 300 students. We had an active Advanced Placement and Honors academic track: I took advanced studies in almost every subject. I graduated Valedictorian, largely due to the advanced classes that gave the higher grade point average for the more challenging Honors and Advanced Placement classes.



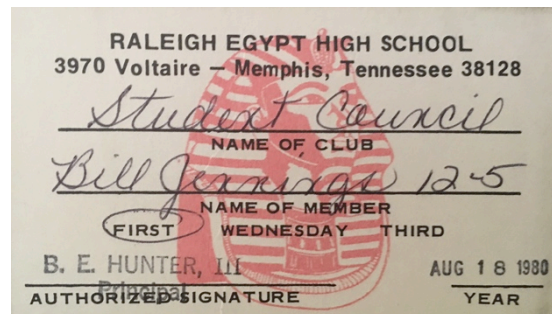
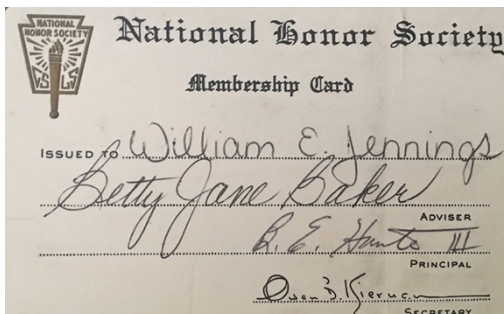
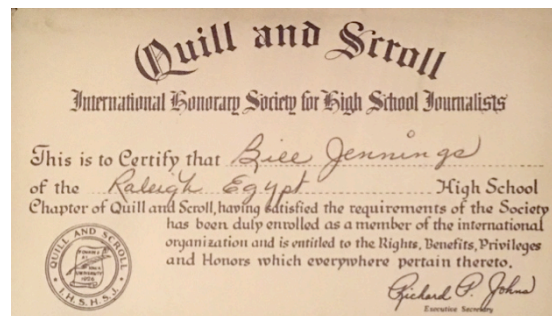
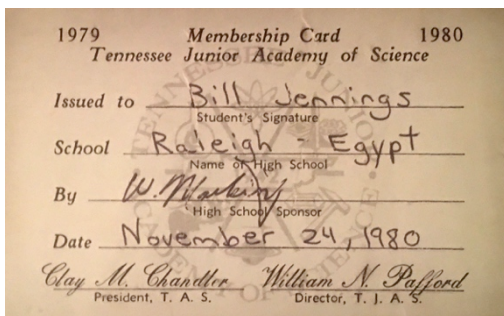
I was active in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Corp (AFJROTC), and was a Flight Commander, Drill Team Leader, and Squadron Commander: reaching the highest rank possible: Lieutenant Colonel.

I also participated in the Air Force Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) – and became a cadet Major in that Squadron. Within the CAP I was able to take a pilot's ground school class, and begin learning how to fly in a Cessna 172 private plane. Our Squadron met at the Tennessee Air National Guard next to Memphis International Airport. When I learned to fly, I was using the runway of an international airport!

I was active in the clubs at Raleigh-Egypt, and served on the Student Council. We were the "Pharaohs", suitable as Memphis was named after the town on the Nile in Egypt.

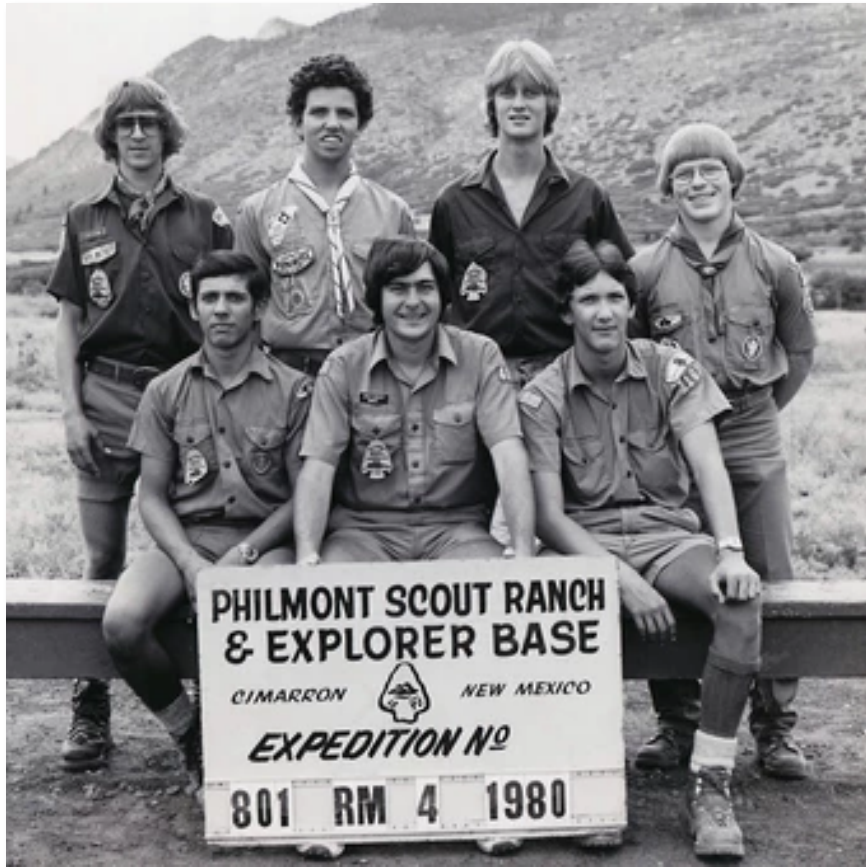
I was on the Cross-country team for two years, and on the Indoor Track team. I didn't do fabulous at either sport: but I was active, and my classmates respected me for trying to be more than an academic person. After I severed my Achilles tendon when I just turned 16, I didn't continue track or cross-country.

I served on the Yearbook staff, for the *Sphinx*, the Newsletter staff, performed as a lead in a school play (on three days notice, as the lead dropped out last minute), and participated in math, science, and English events.



Boy Scouts of America

I also go on camping trips with my sons' Boy Scout troop whenever I can: as I am an Eagle Scout. Here is a photo of me from 1980 at Philmont Scout Ranch when I was a "Rayado Man". I hiked 250 miles in 20 days in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Sierra Mountains. I am on the back row, second from the left. I am the Scout with the "big hair". Note the Tooth of Time behind my right shoulder!



[Philmont](#) was a great experience for me - I later became a Philmont Ranger, who led backpacking trips into the Sierras. On one of my days off I hiked the "[Ranger Marathon](#)": over fifty miles with full pack over three mountain ranges in one day - the last five miles by map and compass (no trails). In this blog entry online, it was shorter than when I did the marathon in 1981. We had to hike from Dan Beard to Line Camp: much further south. It wasn't an active campsite, so perhaps the new marathon is much easier. I did the trek myself, no one with me: made over 50 miles with full pack in less than fourteen hours (including five hours while it was raining).

I am currently an Assistant Scoutmaster of [Troop 581](#) in Saratoga, with my son Will and Henry in the Troop. I was very active in Boy Scouts in his youth: becoming an Eagle Scout, earning the God and Country Religious Award, serving as a Philmont Ranger, and was an Order of the Arrow [Vigil Honor](#) recipient (my Lenni Lenapi Vigil name is *Wunita*, which translated means "He who is able"). I credit Scouting for my most memorable experiences as a teenager, including having my Dad present me with a Star rank pin that he had earned from the 1930s, and later I, as Chief of the Fire, reciprocated by handing Dad my Vigil Sash during my Dad's Vigil. I cheered on my Eagle Scout brother Robert to win the [Straight Dance](#) (Native American Social Dance) competition at a National Order of the Arrow Conference. I was able to hug Mom when she received the highest award presented to a non-

member of the Order of the Arrow, the Red Arrow Award, one of fifty-two awarded in Scouting. My Dad, "Mr. J", was active in the local council as a Scoutmaster and District Advancement Chairman, receiving his Silver Beaver; and I cried when I learned that Dad missed getting the Distinguished Service Award, as it wasn't presented posthumously.



Order of the Arrow Section Chief

Serving Tennessee and Kentucky in 1981-1982



During my time in Scouting as a youth, I was active camping, backpacking, and canoeing. I went to the 1977 National Jamboree in Virginia, and I served on the Camp Staff at the Kia Kima Scout Reservation for three summers: teaching Handicrafts my first year, and on the Waterfront staff the next two summers. All in all, I've camped over a thousand nights outdoors, hiked and backpacked over a thousand miles, and canoed over 250 miles.


I taught at National Events for both Indian Seminars and Leadership Seminars in the early 1980s.

I credit the Boy Scouts to exposing me to many new experiences, and also it helped me pick my current vocation. As my Mom was a Nurse, and some of my ancestors were Doctors – I thought for sure I would have been in the medical field. After receiving my Eagle in 1976, the local Memphis Boy Scout Council hosted "an Eagle Day". I was able to shadow a radiologist at the Baptist Memorial Hospital for a day to better appreciate the medical field. After that day, I realized that I loved engineering more than medicine.



Scouting prepared me for life.

Eagle Scout Rank Application, signed by my Scoutmaster Mr. Odiorne in 1976



EAGLE AWARD APPLICATION

The advancement plan of the Boy Scouts of America is for registered members from age 9 to 17 inclusive. Members who have completed all requirements for advancement prior to their 18th birthday may be reviewed and recognized after that date.

An Explorer who has achieved the First Class progress award as a Scout in a troop may continue working toward the Eagle award while an Explorer.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION WHICH IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

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COUNCIL NO.	TYPE OF UNIT
558	Troop
NATIONAL NO.	
225	

DATE

GIVE MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR FOR ALL DATES

First Name: William (Bill)

Street: 3006 S. Lakewood Drive

City: Memphis, Tenn.

State: Tenn. ZIP: 38128

Troop: 225

Last Name: Jennings

City: Memphis, Tenn.

State: Tenn.

DATE BECAME A SCOUT: 2-22-74

DATE BECAME AN EXPLORER: 12-21-76

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RECORD OF MERIT BADGES EARNED

UNIT	DATE EARNED	UNIT	DATE EARNED	UNIT	DATE EARNED	UNIT	DATE EARNED
Swimming	2-22-74	Swimming	2-22-74	Swimming	2-22-74	Swimming	2-22-74
Wilderness Survival	2-22-74	Wilderness Survival	2-22-74	Wilderness Survival	2-22-74	Wilderness Survival	2-22-74
Small Boat Sailing	2-22-74	Small Boat Sailing	2-22-74	Small Boat Sailing	2-22-74	Small Boat Sailing	2-22-74
Cannoeing	2-22-74	Cannoeing	2-22-74	Cannoeing	2-22-74	Cannoeing	2-22-74
Indian Lore	2-22-74	Indian Lore	2-22-74	Indian Lore	2-22-74	Indian Lore	2-22-74
Weatherwork	2-22-74	Weatherwork	2-22-74	Weatherwork	2-22-74	Weatherwork	2-22-74

1. He has maintained an active registered relationship to Scouting for 6 months or more since he qualified at a progress review for a life Scout.

Month: November Year: 1975

2. He has served satisfactorily for 6 months in one or more leadership positions, or as a member of the leadership team, or for Explorer, or as a member of the leadership team, or as a member of the leadership team, or as a member of the leadership team.

Month: September Year: 1976

Patrol Leader: April 26, 1975 to July 10, 1976

Patrol Leader (Constructor Patrol): July 18, 1976 to Current Position

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the above-named boy is a registered member of this unit. He does his best to live up to the ideals of Scouting and has participated in a personal growth agreement conference since becoming a life Scout. He appeared before the unit committee progress review and met the Eagle requirement. We, therefore, approve this application for the Eagle award.

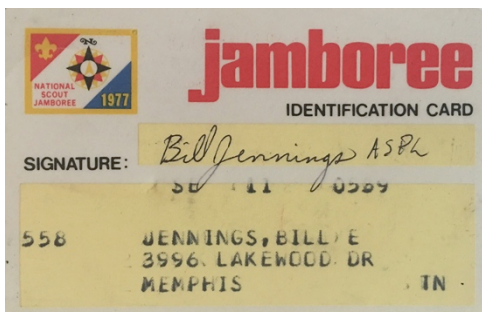
Mr. Odiorne Scoutmaster

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Signature: Mr. Odiorne

Date: 9-16-76

Mr. Odiorne was the father of three sons who became Eagle Scouts, and while he was Scoutmaster over twenty teenagers became Eagle. He once told me that of all the Scouts he knew, if he were to get lost in the woods – he would prefer to be with me than any other Scout. The role of Scoutmaster is one of the most honorable volunteer positions in any organization I know. They are always giving back to others, and the hours are long, and the opportunities for situational leadership many.

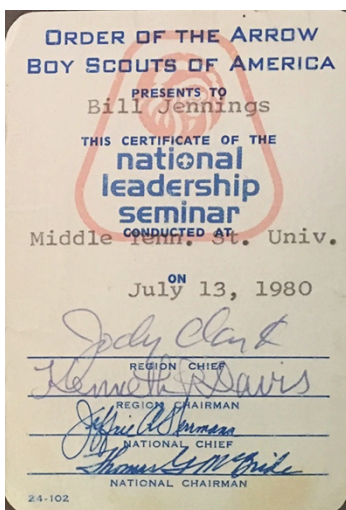


Attended the National Scout Jamboree in Moraine State Park in Virginia. I was the Assistant Senior Patrol leader for the contingent troop from Memphis, Tennessee.

I remember the park name, as it rained pretty much the entire time. "More Rain" State Park!

We hosted a Scout from Taiwan, and he taught me how to write from one to ten in Chinese characters.

I took the Lifeguard BSA class from the waterfront director, George Clark, III. During the class I had to do a swimming rescue, and George was the victim. As victims usually climb on the rescuer during the rescue, George came towards me as I approached him, and I was ready to handle this situation - he caught me offguard by pulling my swim trunks down to my knees, and then off of me! I continued the rescue and pulled him onto the beach completely naked! I was hired for the waterfront staff the next year, and loved Camp Cherokee's lake at Kia Kima.



Scouting has outstanding training for leadership: both academic study, and applied learning. While I was the Section Chief, I ran a National Leadership Seminar for the Southeast Region.

Many of the professional roles I had later in life leveraged the learning I had as a teenager in Scouting. One of the great things about Scouting is that as you advance in rank and experience, you mentor younger Scouts. I learned that you really don't know a subject and master it until you can teach it well to others. The process of having to explain something different ways to enable each student to learn forces you to think through the subject more deeply.

The Order of the Arrow's National Conferences was a great experience for me. These were a family event for the Jennings family, as both my parents taught on the Indian Events staff. Later I would join the Conference staff in a similar position, after I wasn't a Section Chief.

My brother Robert and I would participate in the Pow-Wow and also the Indian Social Dance competitions. I wore Native Sioux "Old Style" dance clothes, and my brother and Dad would wear the Osage style "Straight Dance" (for the Southern Drum).

My brother won the National Dance competition in the late 80s; and performed on stage for the entire NOAC at the Thursday conference gathering.



My Grandfather was a respected General Contractor in Marianna, Arkansas

My paternal grandfather, William Columbus Jennings, was a general contractor and built the majority of Marianna Arkansas in the early 1900s. Many of his buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: including public buildings and private homes. The history of Marianna has a story of his contractor business included below.

JENNINGS AND SAMUELS

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The W.S. McClintock house seen here in the 1914 "Buy a Bale of Cotton Movement" was built by Jennings and Samuels.

When W.C. Jennings came to Marianna in 1908 the City Park was merely a wagon yard and the streets were made of mud and dirt, but when he left here in 1976 he could look around and see the difference he had made, for many buildings were the result of his craftsmanship.

W.C. Jennings was from Lauderdale County, Tennessee, as was his partner, A.G. Samuels. They came to Marianna within three weeks of each other - Mr. Jennings to be a carpenter for the Miller Lumber Company. Soon he and Mr. Samuels formed a partnership after working together on the Elks' Club (now the Community House) and the W.S. McClintock (now the C.R. West home) residence. It must have been a good relationship for it lasted 65 years! The partnership was formed with the advice and help of McClintock, who provided bonds necessary for some of the early jobs they had.

The original office of the company was over the old pool hall in between the Daggett law firm and Daggett's Drug Store. When Jennings & Samuel was housed there the building was the home of Turner's Drug Store. But in 1926 the partnership completed the building where Turner's is and moved their offices to the First National Bank building (presently the Gerrard Building). They kept this office until retirement in 1967.

Buildings constructed by Jennings and Samuels include: First Baptist Church, the Water Plant, First Christian Church, Sterling's, DeSalvo-Triplett Chevrolet, Webster Ford, the educational buildings of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the old

Imperial Theater building, many of the buildings at the Experiment Station, Johnson's Market and Discount Dressland.

Residences constructed by them are: Max Daggett (present home of Roger Howard), Barbara Gray (present home of Billy Benson), Bliss Yancey (present home of Wink Osburn), Dr. William Hays (present home of Max Goins) and the Sellers home on Mulberry (present home of Bob Adams.)

Although most of their work was done in Marianna they did build the schools at Rondo and Haynes.

During all the years of the business Mr. Jennings and Mr. Samuels completed every job they began. They were never sued and they never sued anyone. Dr. O.L. Williamson once paid them a supreme compliment when he said, "you are two contractors you could give a contract to, leave for Europe and when you came home the job was done".

In 1960 the firm received the highest rating given by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors. Under this rating there was no limit to the size of a job they were eligible to contract for.

Mr. Jennings married Clela Louise Simpson of Marianna in 1913. Their home for nearly all of their married lives was in a Jennings and Samuels built structure on Mississippi Street (the present home of Jim and Mary Lee Cox). Mrs. Jennings died January 22, 1962 and Mr. Jennings continued to live in the family residence until he moved to Bartlett, Tennessee in 1976 at age 92. He died May 15, 1982.

During his lifetime in Marianna he was a member of the First Baptist Church and was recognized many times for his long service to that organization. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Water Commission.

As he moved away he said, "Marianna was good to Jennings and Samuels and I hate to leave here because it's been my home for so long. I have many friends here and I hope very few enemies. I hope to come back for visits occasionally."

W.C. Jennings left but all around us are reminders that he and Mr. Samuels were once an integral part of Marianna.

by Marcelle Brown

Restoring the Home of the Founder of Los Altos

Taking after my paternal grandfather's love of old homes, my wife Tricia and I got the bug for historic restoration, and fixed-up the founder of Los Altos' home. It is a craftsman home built in 1910. [Paul Shoup's house](#) was ultimately completed, and we got it listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Some of my favorite rooms in that home are shown below after the restoration, which completed in time for the 2010 Centennial of the house's construction completion. To celebrate, my wife Tricia and I hosted a fund-raising event for the town's historic museum, and had 23 members of the original Shoup family fly in from out of state to speak at the event and share memories of the town and home.

The historic home of Paul Shoup in Los Altos, California



Front Facade from University Avenue

Note the slight curves at roofline edge: definite Japanese influence



Foyer

Note the original wood floors and stair detail.



Living Room

The room was expanded in the 1920s by the Shoups.

Kitchen

This is not original kitchen: it had been lost in 1970s remodel by former owners.



Breakfast Nook

The kitchen was designed by the same designer that designed Oprah Winfrey's kitchen.

A very usable kitchen as the designer was a professional chef.

Dining Room

All original
woodwork, including
built in cabinets not
shown



Children's Bath

Hex floor tiles and subway
tiles. I designed the
soapstone sinks.

Master Bathroom

with six foot claw foot
tub and terrazzo floors



Los Altos Town Crier, October 2011

Los Altos home the first to make National Register of Historic Places

By Elliott Burr

Staff Writer/elliottb@latc.com

Tricia and Bill Jennings' University Avenue home, which Los Altos founder Paul Shoup built more than a century ago, is the first in the city to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The home was added to the federal list Sept. 30 to recognize Shoup's impact on the development of the region through the Southern Pacific Railroad. The designation "brings a spotlight to Los Altos," according to city planner Zach Dahl.

Tricia downplayed the praise.

"I just thought it would be cool to have a plaque," she said when asked by the Town Crier why the couple went through the years-long certification process. "We're very happy and pleased that the federal government recognizes Paul Shoup. Does it do anything for homeowners personally? No."

According to a letter from the California Office of Historic Preservation, "Registration provides a number of incentives for preservation of historic properties, including special building codes to facilitate the restoration of historic structures and certain tax advantages." The letter also states that the tribute does not restrict the home in any way.

Tricia, an attorney and history-lover – Los Altos historian "Don McDonald is my idol," she said – moved with her husband to Cherry Avenue in Los Altos in 2002 and purchased the Shoup house a year later.

"I was actually pregnant and decided to turn down University Avenue one day and saw a sign for an open home," Tricia said of how she and Bill discovered the house. "We stopped in and fell in love with the house. (We) loved the pocket doors."

To obtain the federal certification, Tricia said they



Shoup



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Tricia and Bill Jennings' Los Altos home, above, built by Paul Shoup, left, in 1910 was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

paid a specialized architect approximately \$10,000 to design and implement the restoration.

The construction permit required by the Los Altos Architectural & Site Review Committee took more than a year to secure. The renovation began in November 2009 and was completed a year later.

Dahl said the designation highlights Shoup's legacy and impact, evident through his presidency at SP, the railroad that linked Los Altos to San Francisco in the early part of the 20th century.

"I think what it means is we've got a house here in Los Altos that not only has local importance from a historical level, but at the state and federal level for being a house (lived in by someone who) contributed to history that's nationally important," Dahl said.

Dahl added it's likely that no other home in Los Altos would qualify for the national recognition.

Laura Bajuk, executive director of the Los Altos History Museum, which hosted the Shoup Centennial Celebration last November, called the home's accolade "like winning an Oscar."

"Los Altos doesn't have a Monticello or Mount Vernon," she said, referring to the historical homes of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, "but this is as close to it as we're going to get. This is our founder."

We sold the Shoup house in 2012 after hosting our tenth wedding anniversary party in the home. The extensive travel in my jobs that I had to be able to live in Los Altos was keeping me from my family. Tricia and I decided to simplify our lives and live more humbly in San Jose.

Another Hobby, Cooking

I enjoy cooking and have won some cooking contests, including jam making contests. My favorite jam to make is the Strawberry-Black Pepper-Balsamic jam; and my favorite marmalade to make is the Meyer Lemon and Blood Orange marmalade. The latter took first place in the Annual Los Altos Jam Making Contest at the Los Altos History Museum!

Some of my favorite dishes to cook include mushroom risotto, cheese soufflé, and French onion soup. A favorite summer treat is Gazpacho, when you can find tomatoes that are ripe enough!

I once had a wood burning pizza in my yard – a delight to cook in: you could cook the pizza in about two minutes in the 800 degree Fahrenheit oven!

My father in law Charles Bock helped me cook a 63-pound pig in my yard. We cooked for a Luau for 120 people as a fundraiser for the Los Altos History Museum.

The secret is using no flames, indirect heat cooked slowly. Putting the coals in the corners, not under the pig.

When the pig was cooked, we wrapped a sheet of cut plywood with aluminum foil, and used a wagon to carry it six houses down to the Luau.



Perhaps the most extreme example of my love of cooking was when I had a few moments of insanity, and bought and operated a Bar-B-Que restaurant in North Carolina: called Carolina Joes.

The T-shirt was popular: as on the back of the shirt it said "**Stop Starin' at My Buns**", with a logo of the restaurant and its sandwiches, of course.

Any lover of North Carolina Bar-B-Que will know there are two types of Carolina Bar-B-Que: you should taste both and tell me your favorite.

Baking classes

Sur La Table in San Francisco
June 25, 2016

I had a Saturday class and learned how to make French Pastries! These are my birthday cake macarons just after the baking and the filling.



Professional Background

The best ways to discuss my engineering career is to including a nomination for an industry award:

2018 Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame Award Nomination

Today we live in a world where everything is almost at our fingertips. We can search what we want, buy what we want and entertain ourselves with any content anywhere. All this is possible due to high-speed Internet access. The backbone of the network is high-speed routers and switches that make this all possible.

William "Bill" Jennings is the visionary that saw this coming. He provided the key innovations required to making possible high speed processing of billions/trillions of bits of data that needed to be processed.

I have known Bill for eighteen years and I respect him immensely. Shortly after I joined Cisco in 1999, he became the Vice President of Engineering for the Catalyst 6500 Modular Ethernet Switch.

Bill designed (invented) the first Network Processor that combined the processing capabilities of a microprocessor with the high speed communication required to process all the data needed to make the high speed internet a reality. Without Bill's ingenuity and innovation, we would not have achieved the network speeds we have today.

Bill never wants to stop innovating. After creating the highest speed routers and switches, he has directed his efforts to creating more efficient farming processes. He is developing innovative solutions that measure the soil and plant conditions in a way that has never been done before. This data is being used by machine learning algorithms that will help make agriculture significantly more efficient.

It is these crucial innovations that make Bill Jennings one of the most valuable and accomplished engineering professionals I have ever encountered during my lifetime. Bill embodies what SVEC is looking for in their Engineering Hall of Fame recipients, so I am thrilled to nominate Bill for the 2018 SVEC Hall of Fame!

Yllka Masada
Vice President of SVEC

Full Name of the Nominee:

William "Bill" Eugene Jennings

Current Position, employer, address of the Nominee:

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FarmX
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Redwood City, California 94063

Degree(s), years and Universities:

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with a
Computer Science certificate, *Cum Laude*,
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta,
Georgia. 1985.



[Graduated in 2 1/2 years of class (in four calendar years, enabling earning tuition between terms)
(took over 20 hours a term to graduate early) with a full Bachelors degree]

A summary biography:

Today in a world of machine learning, A.I. and autonomous vehicles, we often forget the technology and leading engineers who built the core foundation to make all these and future technologies possible. William “Bill” Jennings is such an engineer.

If you use Windows on your PC, send traffic over the Internet, use a cell phone, navigate by GPS, or have your computer time set automatically, you benefit from innovations that Bill helped invent, create, or led a team to bring these solutions to your world. Today 80% of Internet traffic depends on products that Bill conceived and led teams to build.

Bill designed (invented) the first Network Processor that combined the processing capabilities of a microprocessor with the high speed communication required to process the data needed that makes the high speed internet a reality. Without Bill’s ingenuity and innovation, we would not have achieved the network speeds we have today.

Bill is not only the engineer’s engineer; he is also the CEO’s engineer. Whatever engineering challenge he faces, utmost in his mind is a business model that secures leadership in markets his company enters.

Lastly and rarely mentioned, is an engineer’s humanity. As one reads the numerous recommendations on Bill’s LinkedIn page that speaks to his compassion and support to those who worked with Bill to know the type of person that Bill is.

Bill is passionate about conservation, and is actively using his expertise to invent energy and water conservation systems for commercial farms at FarmX.



Cisco Pioneer Award Dinner for “Toaster”

Lele Nardin, Bill Jennings, Mike Volpi, James Richardson
August 2000 in Cary, North Carolina

Noteworthy Professional Accomplishments:

FarmX

Bill is leading the development team at FarmX to develop the highest granularity of sensors in a radio network being used for collecting real time plant health and moisture information for commercial farms. This high-density data for real time plant, moisture, and weather information will enable significant conservation of our water and energy resources. It was Bill's experience with RF, sensors, communication, and redundant systems that enabled the design, integration, and installation of sensor networks on farms throughout California. It is the culmination of many decades of experience that has enabled Bill to lead the engineering team for this important work, which has significant global implications.

Cisco

Prior to FarmX, Bill led major developments at Cisco Systems during their periods of hyper growth in the 1990s. Cisco doubled in revenue for seven years while Bill was leading key engineering projects. He gained industry respect for incubating new developments across multiple business units, and using external vendor resources to sponsor specific system elements to be co-developed. Examples of such co-developments include working with Dan Dobberpuhl of SiByte to develop a high performance Big Endian MIPS based CPU (SI-1250); Tom Riordan of Quantum Effect Devices (QED) to develop a multi-threaded high performance MIPS CPU (RM7000); Atiq Raza for developing a multi-core CPU at Raza Microelectronics; Eyal Waldman at Galileo Technology for developing a PCI to MIPS system controller (GT-64010), and a MIPS Layer 2 Cache Controller (GT-64012); and Ron Jankov for developing a dense Ternary CAM. These developments led to acquisitions of SiByte by Broadcom, QED by PMC Sierra, NetLogic Microsystems acquiring Raza, Broadcom acquiring NetLogic Microsystems, and Marvell acquiring Galileo Technology. These incubated projects led to multiple generations of routing engines within Cisco, and these developments were also used in nearly all switches and routers from 1996 to 2006 and beyond.

The Cisco 7200 and Cisco 7200 VXR routers were used for the initial release vehicle for these co-developments. These routers became the foundation for all of the Internet Operating System (IOS) development in later years, as they were the fastest single processor router in Cisco. During the fifteen years of production, these routers generated over seventeen billion in revenue.

Bill's deep understanding of memory and CPU systems also led him to create a silicon development team to build the world's first monolithic optical speed network processor, code named "Toaster". A sixteen CPU on a die demonstration was created in 1997, which led to developing the multi-billion dollar Cisco 7600 product line. This product was able to perform WAN level features in software at rates exceeding OC48 (full-duplex 2.4 gigabits per second): an industry benchmark that was not achieved by competitors for years. The ability to have software updates for new features, without compromising performance, kept Cisco in the forefront of WAN Edge routing for many years. This product line generated over ten billion dollars of revenue after its introduction.

This work creating the first network processor led naturally to developing the Quantum Flow Processor: a processor sub-system used today in the ASR series of routers, in production for over a decade now! The Quantum Flow Processor enhanced density of processing, as well as enabling concurrent operation on hundreds of packets without losing packet sequencing for any dataflow. This enabled system features to be coded in a high-level language, with the low-level timing details handled by the QFP. This product line generated over twenty billion dollars in revenue since its launch.

The speed and functionality of the Quantum Flow Processor created a need for a much higher density and performance network interface standard. Bill formed a team and created the Shared Port Adapters (SPAs), enabling the same hardware and software drivers to work across three major versions of routing software operating systems, on multiple existing and new network platforms, ranging from the midrange router portfolio to terabit routers. The SPA architecture enabled full-duplex access speeds of 10 Gigabits per second in a twenty-five square inch form-factor, consuming

less than twenty watts of power. The interfaces were used for both WAN and LAN, and ranged in speeds from T1 to OC192. These SPAs are still in production today, over fifteen years after introduction, as Bill's architecture and designs were very power efficient, enabling density and speeds that are still leadership products over a decade after their conception and market introduction.

Bill's experience with the Cisco 7600 let him move into the High End Ethernet Switching domain, leading his engineering team to develop the greatest revenue generating product at Cisco: the Catalyst 6500 Modular Ethernet Switch. With Bill's leadership, the system was augmented from a shared bus to a switching fabric enabling line-rate packet switching for Ten Gigabit Ethernet interfaces and beyond. During his tenure, he introduced the world's first Ten Gigabit Ethernet Switch Port to the market, and extended services offered on the switch by integration (with an acquisition) of the Netlverse team. This added a software application layer enabling e-commerce, security, firewalls, intrusion protection, SSL, and other key protocols to the switching portfolio. With Bill's engineering leadership, this modular, high-speed, software rich Ethernet Switching platform generated four billion dollars of revenue annually.

With broad experience developing products for layers one to three of the networking stack, Bill joined the Software Technology Group, to gain practical knowledge of the networking layers from four to seven. He led all the instrumentation and management of both routers and switches for service providers worldwide. With his team nearing a thousand engineers, in thirteen countries, he developed application software that supported a hardware portfolio generating an eighteen billion dollar a year revenue stream with Cisco's largest customers.

During his tenure at Cisco Bill started from blank sheets of paper, and created many multi-billion dollar businesses. He successfully collaborated with external development partners to generate significant revenue for Cisco and enable his partners to be acquired by public companies. He has demonstrated practical product knowledge for all layers of the networking stack, in service provider and enterprise business segments for networking. During his tenure at Cisco he developed products that conservatively generated over sixty billion dollars of profits, those profits continuing today. Over eighty-percent of today's Internet traffic travels over designs, leading to products, that Bill envisioned and implemented.

During this time, Bill's products received a number of industry honors, including:

- 7206VXR: Infoworld 2008 Technology of the Year: Best Aggregation Router
- Catalyst 6000: Search Networking 2007 Product Leadership Silver Award:
- ISR 4000 (based on QFP and SPAs): Best of Interop in Vegas (April '14), Best of Interop in Tokyo (Jun '14), Networking Product of the Year, Tech World (Nov '14)
- ISC/MPLS Diagnostic Expert: Network Management Product of the Year in 2008 and 2009 by Network Computing Magazine

Also, Bill was responsible for assessing and integrating seven acquisitions: Navarro Networks, Hammerhead, Nashoba Networks, P-Cube, Jahi Networks, and Sheer Networks.

Symmetricom

Bill led engineering at Symmetricom, the world's premier timekeeping company. If you use GPS, are using a cell phone, or you have your time set automatically on your phone or computer, those devices are likely using a time base that synchronizes back to a precision atomic clock that was designed and brought to market under Bill's leadership.

Precision timing, achieved currently with an atomic clock reference, is required for operating cell radio networks to insure absolute maximum data throughput over the wireless network. Without an accurate clock, the channelization and modulation accuracy degrades, impeding dense reliable wireless networks.

Some of the key innovations developed at Symmetricom while Bill was leading engineering includes cell tower Rubidium clocks, Network Time Servers for PTP and NTP, Cesium reference standard clocks, and Hydrogen maser clocks used for Stratum One (and beyond) atomic based clocking references.

Distributing accurate time over the Internet requires an understanding of both networking and precision timing. Bill's network experience, coupled with his knowledge of atomic clocks, enabled Bill to lead senior scientist, Dr. Doug Arnold, to become co-chairman of the IEEE 1588 Precise Time Protocol Study Group.

Another key innovation was the commercialization and release of the Chip Scale Atomic Clock (CSAC). By clever use of MEMS hardware, custom semiconductor LASERs, and embedded algorithms in firmware, the world's smallest and lowest power atomic clock was developed. Its performance is one hundred times better than an oven-controlled oscillator (OCXO), yet consumes only two percent of an OCXO's power. With this capability, wireless oil exploration in the oceans became cost effective and practical.

Bill was responsible for the US Military's primary clocks used today: the Hydrogen masers and Cesium Stratum One clocks. An ensemble of fifty Cesium clocks, and twenty Hydrogen masers are the precise time base for the GPS satellite system: they are all Symmetricom commercial products selected for their accuracy and robustness. These seventy clocks upload time information to satellites and use that information for accurate ranging made possible with multi-point triangulation based on time.

The precision time that comes from NIST (<http://www.time.gov>) today is from an array of seven Symmetricom Hydrogen masers re-calibrated (re-centered) quarterly by using the Country's F2 Cesium clock in Boulder. But as the F2 clock is loosely put together on a light table, and not hardened for 24x7 operation, Atomic Clocks are the flywheel that serves time to the Internet today.

Much of the innovation at Symmetricom is used for the government and military applications, so there are no public awards for these products. However, Symmetricom received numerous grants from DARPA, the ONR, and the Air Force, providing an endorsement of the success of these programs. Symmetricom was acquired by MicroSemi in November 2013.

Coral Networks

Bill was the first engineer hired at Coral Networks, and Bill was the technical lead developing the world's first multi-protocol hardware based layer-two packet switch. This packet switch switched FDDI, Ethernet, Token-Ring, T1 and T3 traffic at full-performance. This switch was tested by Scott Bradford of Harvard, along with other packet routers and switches, and had the highest degree of redundancy and performance for any tested product. Coral Networks was acquired by Synoptics Communications in October 1993.

Prysm

Bill was recruited by the Prysm Board of Directors to harden and grow the Prysm product line. Prysm had a functional product: an amazing full immersion video experience with seamless video walls that could fill a gymnasium. However, the product needed telecommunication capability and a lower field-failure rate. In general, the Laser Phosphor Display (LPD) was a great invention by the founders, but needed a senior product executive to enable the company to scale and become profitable.

Bill's diligence and leadership quickly improved the product quality and cost-effectiveness. So much so, that prior to Bill's joining the team, the company had not received repeat business from a customer. Soon after customers were confident enough in the system's performance that nearly all became satisfied repeat customers.

His product work at Prysm created a premier telecommunications platform recognized with these industry awards: Best of Show Infocomm AVTechnology 2015, Best of Show ISE 2015, Best of Infocomm Rave 2015, Best of Show Infocomm 2014, Commercial Integrator Best Award 2014.

Edsun Labs

Bill joined a four-person startup in New England, Edsun Labs, was the initial developers of Continuous Edge Graphics (CEG). This graphic system was used to merge "clip art" into live broadcast TV, being the industry's first system to do this for broadcast TV (1980s). Bill worked to move the technology into a RAMDAC for Personal Computers. Edsun Labs was acquired by Analog Devices in 1991.

Intelligent Systems / Quadram

Bill led efforts for personal computer adapters including the industry's first Intel 80386 CPU accelerator. He conceived "Quadram Inside", which was copied for the competitive product from Intel. If you've ever seen the tagline "Intel Inside", this was a direct result of Bill's idea. The Quad386XT received industry awards, including Comdex's best of Show, and Infoworld best in class design. Bill led enhancing the Windows/386 operating system to support the PC/XT class personal computers.

Summarizing, key products developed under Bill's leadership include:

- Internet Routers, Switches, Application/Service Appliances
- Distributed Application Software / Embedded Instrumentation managing global networks
- Cell tower timing systems, enabling high bandwidth data transport using cell phones
- Timekeeping systems used for GPS navigation: Satellite, NIST, and ONR (military) time
- Personal Computer systems: hardware and operating systems
- Agricultural Sensors, Wireless Networks, and Data Processing (Internet of Things)
- High-end Communication (Video) endpoints for Broadcast, Enterprise, and Education

Granted US Patents, and Filed Provisional Patent Applications:

1. **U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/446,272.** 13 Jan 2017. *FarmX.* Soil Moisture Monitoring System Apparatus using Radio Frequency Stimulus.
2. **U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/434,340.** 14 Dec 2016. *FarmX.* Multi-Depth Soil Moisture Monitoring Systems and Methods.
3. **U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/418,675.** 07 Nov 2016. *FarmX.* Systems, Methods, and Media for Optimization of Irrigation Management.
4. **U.S. Patent 7,895,412.** 22 Feb 2011. *Cisco.* Referenced by 10 other patents. Programmable arrayed processing engine architecture for a network switch.
5. **U.S. Patent 7,380,101.** 27 May 2008. *Cisco.* Referenced by 3 other patents. Architecture for a processor complex of an arrayed pipelined processing engine.
6. **U.S. Patent 6,836,838.** 28 Dec 2004. *Cisco.* Referenced by 7 other patents. Architecture for a processor complex of an arrayed pipelined processing engine.
7. **U.S. Patent 6,513,108.** 28 Jan 2003. *Cisco.* Referenced by 42 other patents. Programmable processing engine for efficiently processing transient data.
8. **U.S. Patent 6,442,669.** 27 Aug 2002. *Cisco.* Referenced by 41 other patents. Architecture for a processor complex or an arrayed pipelined processing engine.
9. **U.S. Patent 6,272,621.** 07 Aug 2001. *Cisco.* Referenced by 32 other patents. Synchronization and control system for an arrayed processing engine.
10. **U.S. Patent 6,226,771.** 01 May 2001. *Cisco.* Referenced by 59 other patents. Method and apparatus for generating error detecting data for encapsulating frames.
11. **U.S. Patent 6,195,739.** 27 Feb 2001. *Cisco.* Referenced by 62 other patents. Method for passing data among processor complex stages of a pipelined engine.
12. **U.S. Patent 6,182,267.** 30 Jan 2001. *Cisco.* Referenced by 29 other patents. Ensuring accurate data checksum.

13. **U.S. Patent 6,173,386.** 09 Jan 2001. Cisco. Referenced by 80 other patents. Parallel processor with debug capability.
14. **U.S. Patent 6,119,215.** 12 Sep 2000. Cisco. Referenced by 72 other patents. Synchronization and control system for an arrayed processor engine.
15. **U.S. Patent 6,101,599.** 08 Aug 2000. Cisco. Referenced by 93 other patents. System for context switching between processing elements in a pipeline of processing elements.
16. **U.S. Patent 5,793,987.** 11 Aug 1998. Cisco. Referenced by 165 other patents. Hot Plug Adapter with Separate PCI Local and Auxiliary Bus.
17. **U.S. Patent 5,490,252.** 06 Feb 1996. Coral. Referenced by 453 other patents. System having central processor for processing packets.

Professional experience summary:

FARMX, Redwood City, CA; Jan. 2016 – Now

Vice President, Engineering / Preferred Shareholder (Investor)

Water and Energy Conservation Systems for Commercial Farmers

PRYSM, San Jose, CA; Jan. 2014 – Oct. 2015

Vice President, Engineering

Video Collaboration Systems for Education, Enterprises, and Broadcast

SYMMETRICOM, San Jose, CA; Oct. 2010 - Sep. 2013 (bought by Microsemi: 2013)

Vice President, Engineering

World's leader in Precise "Atomic" Timekeeping and Distribution

CISCO SYSTEMS, San Jose, CA & RTP, NC; Oct. 1994 - Jan. 2010

Vice President, General Manager

Service Provider Network Management Business Unit (07/05 –01/10)

Application Software for all major Service Provider networks in the world

Vice President, General Manager & Engineering

Advanced Routing Technology Business Unit (06/03 – 07/05)

Core Routing (QFP) & Interface technology (SPAs) for Service Providers

Vice President, Engineering

High End Ethernet Switching Business Unit (10/00 – 06/03)

High Speed Modular Switches for Financial Services and Enterprises

Vice-President, Engineering

WAN Edge Routing Business Unit (08/98 – 10/00)

World's First Monolithic Network Packet Processor at Optical Rates

Senior Director / Director / Senior Engineer, Engineering

Interworks Business Unit (10/94 – 08/98)

Channel, Token Ring, APPN, High CPU content Packet Switching

CORAL NETWORKS, Westboro, MA; Oct. 1989 – Sep. 1994 (Synoptics bought 1993)

Principal Design Engineer, Hardware and ASIC Engineering

World's first Hardware based Multi-protocol Packet Switch

EDSUN LABS, Waltham, MA; Sep. 1988 – Oct. 1989 (bought by Analog Devices 1991)

Design Engineer, ASIC Engineering

Continuous Edge Graphics: High Resolution Graphics for PCs

INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS, Atlanta, GA; Jan 1986 – Aug 1988

Design Engineer, Hardware

Personal Computer Enhancements, Windows Software Development

Board of Directors / CEO Advisor

Navarro Networks, Lightspeed Logic, NetLogic Microsystems, MoSys,
Raza Microelectronics, Sandcraft, SiByte, Quantum Effect Devices

Organizations Co-founded by Bill Jennings:

Bill joined FarmX in January 2016 as their engineering lead, to raise seed funding, and to develop the product architecture and implementation. FarmX was seed funded in January 2017.

Navarro Networks: Bill recruited the Navarro CEO and engineering team, got it Cisco funded, and became a board member. Navarro Networks was a Cisco spin-in, leading to a Cisco acquisition, to build the world's fastest network processor under Bill's direction.

Founding executive for two Cisco Business Units: the Advanced Routing Technology BU: responsible for developing the Quantum Flow Processor and Shared Port Adapters; and the WAN Edge BU: responsible for the highest performance single CPU Routers used for services and route calculations.

Technical Society Memberships and Activities:

Anita Borg Institute

The Silicon Valley Engineering Council recognizes the Society of Women Engineering as a Technical Society as part of their Member Organizations. Bill is active in a similar, yet different group: the Anita Borg Institute (ABI).

In 1987, computer scientist Anita Borg started a community for women in computing. Today the Anita Borg Institute works with women technologists in over 50 countries, and partners with leading academic institutions and Fortune 500 companies.

The ABI Change Alliance consists of 60 companies who have made the important commitment to measure their technical workforce. These 60 companies represent more than 1.3 million workers, including more than 540,000 technical workers across industry verticals including Consulting, Finance, Insurance, Media, Research, Retail, Hardware, Software and Information Services. On average, 53 percent of the workforce at these companies is technical.

Bill is an active member of the Anita Borg Institute, contributing to its program as a speaker/panelist, a mentor to university students, aiding its finances with generous donations, and submitting award nominations for their annual recognition banquets. Through his efforts, women have better tools and incentives to participate in the technical community.

Community Service:

Boy Scouts of America

Bill is an active Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 581 in Saratoga, where he mentors teenagers in Scouting on a weekly basis. He has received the James West Award for his contributions to Scouting. He served as a prestigious Philmont Ranger (instructing backpacking at the National High Adventure Camp in the Sierras). Bill was elected by his peers to be the Section Chief of the Order of the Arrow (leading activities in Tennessee and Kentucky), was a National Leadership Training Seminar Coordinator for the Region, an instructor at National Order of the Arrow Conferences, an instructor at National Indian Seminars, was invited to teach conservation practices for sustainability at the National Jamboree, is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association, was a recipient of the E. Urner Goodman Founder's Award and the Vigil Honor. His Order of the Arrow (Scouting) Indian Vigil name, chosen by others, in Lenni Lenapi is *Wunita*, when translated to English means "He who is able".

Children of the American Revolution

Senior President of the Captain Matthew Ramsey Society

Los Altos History Museum

Co-founder / Co-Director of the Annual Train Days Events (Train Safety & History)
Highest participation for California's Operation Lifesaver (train safety) for kids

**Daniel Scharre**

Head of Business
Development, Access at
Google

June 13, 2013, Daniel managed
Bill directly

Bill is an agent of change. As Symmetricom's markets evolved, it was necessary to change our product focus, transform our development processes, and reshape our engineering organization. Bill was the key driver in all of these initiatives.

**Robert Lutwak**

Program Manager at DARPA
June 16, 2013, Robert worked
with Bill in different groups

Don't let Bill's goofy good looks and casual disposition fool you - he is a powerful strategic thinker and a master at "keeping his eye on the ball" and getting things done in challenging environments. When Bill has the ball, I can focus on my own responsibilities and know that it is moving forward thoughtfully and methodically. I have always been able to count on Bill to see the big picture and to do what's best for the stakeholders, even when it lies outside of his job responsibilities or conflicts with his personal interests. I would welcome Bill in a leadership role in any organization and hope that we have an opportunity to work together again in the future.

**Robbie King**

Technical Lead at Cisco
Systems

December 15, 2015, Robbie
reported directly to Bill

I had the good fortune of reporting directly to Bill while working as a hardware engineer on multiple platforms at Cisco. In retrospect, working under Bill was one of the best growth opportunities of my career. His breadth of knowledge and ability to drive consensus across engineering disciplines were key to delivering "best of breed" systems that not only generated significant revenue, but also garnered valuable respect within the industry. Working as part of Bill's team spurred my own career growth to encompass both hardware and software disciplines, something I feel would not have happened without his guidance and support. More importantly Bill's integrity, attention to detail and work ethic still serve as examples of the engineer I strive to be.

**Steve Nye**

Executive Consultant/Board
Advisor

February 7, 2010, Bill worked
with Steve in the same group

Bill has world-class technical/engineering knowledge in networking hardware and software development. Bill is a very bright, capable and gifted executive. He is a global leader with a wide range, able to dig into complicated issues to building teams to effectively interacting with customer/partner executives. Bill's greatest gift is his ability to quickly understand and assess difficult problems and the courage to solve them.

**David Friedman**

Sr Product Manager at Cisco
July 7, 2011, David worked with
Bill in different groups

Bill has an excellent ability to understand industry technology trends, to drive direction inside his organization, to communicate internally and externally as well as being a pleasure to interact with. I've enjoyed working with him .. and relying on the outcome of his organization's commitments. Together we met customer & industry needs.

Three reference letters that speak to Bill's professional achievement, contribution to the profession and community:

1. Charlie Giancarlo, former Cisco Exec. Vice-President & Chief Development Officer
2. Telle Whitney: President and CEO of the Anita Borg Institute
3. Dave Holt: former Lightspeed Logic CEO, Serial Entrepreneur, Boy Scouts of America

Hall of Fame Nomination: Additional Supporting Information:

1. **Prysm:** Video (from public domain video) from Dr. Phil showcasing a Prysm Video wall.

To see is to believe: watch the two-minute video to see a Prysm video wall in use.
<http://www.teamjennings.net/Dr-Phil-endorses-Prysm.mp4>

Dr. Phil in the first minutes of his Season 13: "We went to the Best of the Best, and we told them we wanted things bigger, we wanted them brighter, and we wanted them better. We have been working on it for months, and today, here it is!" (Dr. Phil then interacts with the Prysm Wall).

2. **Symmetricom:** Chip Scale Atomic Clock (CSAC) on display at the Smithsonian
Such a significant engineering development, the Smithsonian has it archived.
http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/search/object/nmah_1419239

Developing such a small clock required many innovations in several disciplines, including semiconductor laser technology, silicon processing, vacuum packing and firmware algorithms. Its portability and low energy consumption have made possible many new applications.

3. **Train Safety at Train Days:** Los Altos History Museum
California Operation Lifesaver: education on train safety (mixed in with lots of fun).
<https://patch.com/california/losaltos/train-days-roll-again-los-altos-history-museum>

Participating will be California Operation Lifesaver, providing education on proper rail safety.

4. **Eagle Scout, God & Country, Founder's Award, Section Chief:** Boy Scouts of America
Photo of some of Bill's Scouting Awards, and description of the Founder's Award.
<https://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/the-founders-award>

The Founder's Award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by the Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman.

5. **Philmont Ranger Job Description:** Boy Scouts of America
Only the absolute best (only 1 in every 1000 Eagle Scouts) are Philmont Rangers.

<http://philmont.wikia.com/wiki/Ranger>
http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/jobs/Ranger_HW.pdf

In reality, the experience of being a Ranger is more than the job description. Rangers are known for their high-spirit and a can-do, will-do attitude. In face of hardship or challenge, they are more likely to be energized than discouraged or defeated. If needed to clear trail after a blowdown, fight wildfire, search for a lost camper, or carry a litter off a mountain, they are ready.

To: Yllka Masada, Silicon Valley Engineering Council
38 N. Almaden Blvd, Unit 520, San Jose, CA 95110

August 24, 2017

It is with great pleasure that I write to support the nomination of Bill Jennings for the 2018 Silicon Valley Engineering Council's Hall of Fame Award.

I got to know Bill in the role of the Chief Development Officer (CDO) of Cisco, and we worked together since the early 90s at Cisco. His engineering contributions contributed significantly to the growth of Cisco over his fifteen years there. Bill would often be a guest to my staff meetings, and present system solutions to a host of opportunities in both system hardware and software.

Bill has led teams at Cisco that were responsible for the development of the equipment which transports over 80% of the Internet traffic today; from the edge through the core, in Service Provider and Enterprise networks. His twenty years of networking technology development in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s was responsible for the build out of the Internet networking infrastructure that we all count on as a society today.

Bill is a well-respected engineer, who has consistently demonstrated great technical and business breadth. He has been a lead designer for four multi-billion dollar product lines from concept to release. He has hands-on knowledge leading and developing products in the Routing, Switching, and Application Software domains in two major markets: Service Providers and Enterprise Networking. These developments included innovation leading to fourteen granted US patents in networking.

Bill's teams at Cisco were recognized for innovation, teamwork, profitability, diversity, and quality.

- Leading four teams that were recognized with the Cisco Pioneer Award: including inventing the industry's first Network Processor internally called "Toaster"; Launching the Quantum Flow Processor initiative; and collaborating with Intel to Port the Internet Operating System to a Pentium CPU.
- His team receiving the Cisco Software Quality award for three of his major initiatives.
- His Shared Port Adapter team was recognized for their cross-business unit teamwork.
- He had Engineering responsibility for the \$4 Billion per year Enterprise Switching Platforms

His innovations and technical incubation of solutions were broadly adopted not just within his business unit, but were commonly used across the entire breadth of Cisco platforms. His core CPU and I/O designs were used in nearly all routers and switches for two decades.

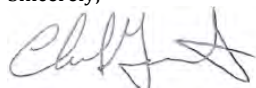
Bill confidentially evaluated and sponsored five acquisitions as an executive: on both technical merit and business fit. These acquisitions ranged in breadth from silicon, to systems, to software.

Bill was a seven year member of the Distinguished Engineer and Fellow promotion committee: reviewing the highest technical promotions in Cisco: a gatekeeper for the highest achievements.

Bill actively partnered with many technology companies, incubating external development of critical systems, including T-Cams, CPUs, memory systems, clocking systems. These partnerships led to acquisitions of smaller teams by major public companies: Marvell buying Galileo Tech, Broadcom buying Netlogic Microsystems, Broadcom buying SiByte, PMC Sierra buying QED Microdevices. His system knowledge was commonly sought out by other companies: both for his ability to partner, and his ability to see a need years before the market was developing.

The engineering community has been well served by his innovation and mentorship, and I can think of no more qualified individual to receive the Hall of Fame honor Award from the Silicon Valley Engineering Council than Bill Jennings, and I am proud to support him today.

Sincerely,



Charlie Giancarlo

Former Executive Vice-President and Chief Development Officer, Cisco Systems

17 August 2017

To: Yllka Masada, Silicon Valley Engineering Council
38 N. Almaden Blvd, Unit 520, San Jose, CA 95110

It gives me great pleasure to support of Bill Jennings's nomination to for the 2018 Silicon Valley Engineering Council's Hall of Fame Award with this letter of recommendation.

I head up the Anita Borg Institute (ABI), a non-profit organization that connects, inspires and guides women technologists, and works with organizations that have large technical workforces, to bring more women into their workforce. Through our work with women technologists and organizations we reach and impact over half a million people.

I met Bill while he was an executive at Cisco Systems. We were introduced to each other by ABI's Vice-Chair, Bill Unger, who served with Bill Jennings on the Lightspeed Logic's Board of Directors.

His passion for creating opportunities and increasing awareness of the positive impact of women in the engineering profession was refreshing, and inspiring. So much so, he was invited and attended two of our annual conferences – the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. At these conferences Bill met with university students at breakfasts, shared in CTO roundtables regarding high impact for women in industry, and learned effective ways to bring awareness to his company and industry. This year's conference included eighteen thousand people, primarily women. Perhaps most important, he took many of the ideas of creating an inclusive culture back to his organization.

Bill has also attended ABI's annual Women of Vision awards banquet, and was instrumental in nominating candidates for several of our awards, that recognize women leaders in technology, leadership, and social change.

Bill has also financially supported ABI, which allows us to advance our goals for creating cultural change in organizations that value gender diversity and women in engineering.

Not only was he effective at keeping Cisco's awareness high, he used ABI's content and best practices to build out an award winning Network Management team that was women-led in engineering development, engineering test, and product marketing.

After increased hiring of women engineers into his team, and re-aligning the team to be a significantly higher percentage of women than other teams: the Cisco Transport Manager team in Cisco received industry awards for innovation, and a corporate award for software quality.

His service to the industry and to the Anita Borg Institute is noteworthy, and I can think of no more qualified individual to receive the Hall of Fame honor Award from the Silicon Valley Engineering Council than Bill Jennings, and I am proud to support him today.

Sincerely,



Telle Whitney
President and CEO
Anita Borg Institute



Bill Unger
Former Vice-Chair
Anita Borg Institute



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Date: August 6th, 2017

To: Yllka Masada, Silicon Valley Engineering Council
38 N. Almaden Blvd., Unit 520, San Jose CA 95110

Re: 2018 Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame Award Nomination: Bill Jennings

It is with great pleasure that I write to support the nomination of Bill Jennings for the 2018 Silicon Valley Engineering Council's Hall of Fame Award.

I am a serial entrepreneur. My first startup experience was as an engineer growing to General Manager at Convex Computer Corporation. I later co-founded Chromatic Research, which was purchased by ATI in 1998, and I have served as CEO or at the C-level at multiple startups and larger companies for the subsequent 19 years. I now work as an Executive Consultant, currently with five start-ups either as part-time C-level executive or CEO-adviser.

I have known Bill Jennings since 2003. At that time I was CEO of Lightspeed Logic, a pioneer in structured ASICs. Frank Marshall, former VP Engineering at Cisco, and my former boss at Convex Computer, recommended Bill as an outside board member for Lightspeed. I met Bill and immediately felt that his in-depth knowledge of networking architecture, systems, and the market would be of great benefit to us. I introduced him to Bill Davidow of Mohr Davidow, Irwin Federman of USVP and Bill Unger of Mayfield, the three board members other than myself. All interviewed him and felt as I did that he would make an outstanding outside board member. Bill served on the board of Lightspeed from 2003 until 2008 when we performed an orderly shutdown of the business, selling assets and returning significant capital back to our investors.

During his tenure as Lightspeed Board member, Bill provided innumerable technical and business insights that proved invaluable to the strategic and tactical decisions we faced. His in-depth knowledge of router architecture, from micro-code to RTL to caching and memory structure were invaluable in helping shape our product decisions.

I find that Bill has a thirst for understanding the details of any problem before he moves toward a solution. This optimizes the time-to-market vs. quality tradeoff and produces excellent customer satisfaction. He drives his teams to excel. He and I continue to meet on a frequent basis and discuss his engineering challenges and how he is tackling them – from personnel to architecture to materials science.

I also know Bill Jennings from his participation in the Boy Scouts of America. He is an active Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 581 in Saratoga, a unit in which I once was Scoutmaster and now serve as Unit Commissioner. Bill is an Eagle Scout, who is now giving back to the community with his service as an adult scouter. He has a vast experience in Scouting, including teaching backpacking as a Ranger at the National High Adventure Base Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. He is well respected for his Scouting experience, built from years of contributions of his time, experience, and resources.

I have had the great privilege to work with some of the top engineering talent in the computer industry in my career. No one of my acquaintance has a deeper understanding of networking architecture or more thorough approach to solving engineering problems than Bill Jennings.

I can think of no more qualified individual to receive the Hall of Fame honor Award from the Silicon Valley Engineering Council than Bill Jennings, and I am proud to support him today.

Sincerely,

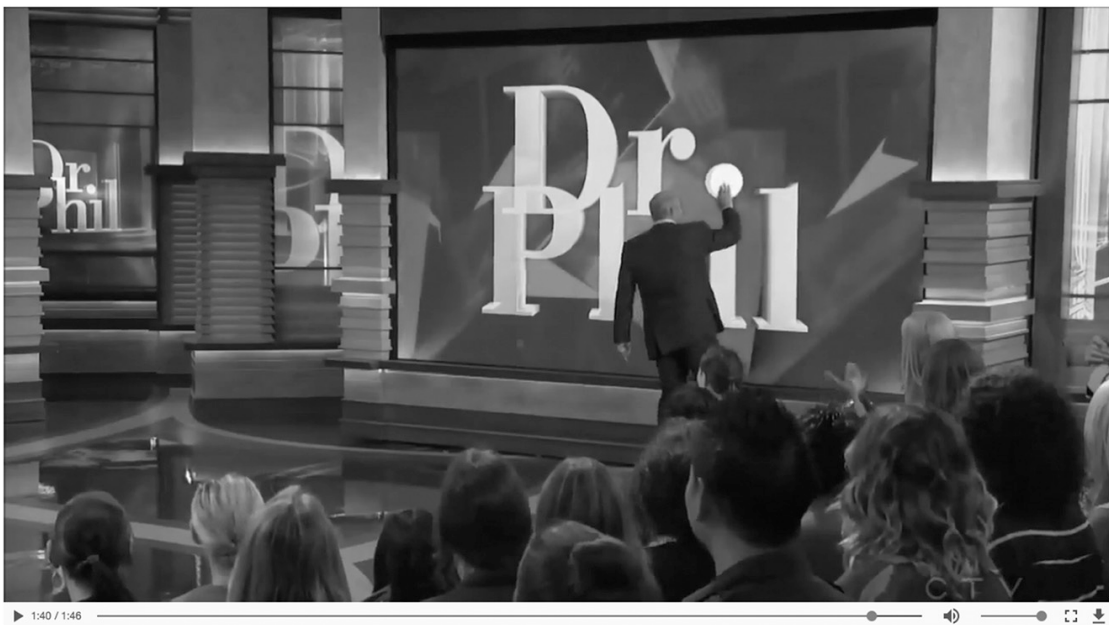
Dave Holt

Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:

1. Video (public domain) from TV show Dr. Phil using Prysm Wall

Archived on <http://www.teamjennings.net/Dr-Phil-endorses-Prysm.mp4>

Dr. Phil in the first minutes of his Season 13: "We went to the Best of the Best, and we told them we wanted things bigger, we wanted them brighter, and we wanted them better. We have been working on it for months, and today, here it is!" (Dr. Phil then interacts with the Prysm Wall, which has an embedded touch screen).



Hall of Fame Nomination; additional supporting information:

2. Chip Scale Atomic Clock on display at the Smithsonian



Smithsonian
National Museum of American History
Kenneth E. Behring Center

Symmetricon Chip Scale Atomic Clock (CSAC)



DESCRIPTION

Chip-scale atomic clocks (CSAC) have components comparable in size to the integrated circuits ("chips") used in modern electronic equipment. They were first developed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in 2004. The first commercial version is this cesium CSAC with model number SA.45s, produced by Symmetricon, Inc., in Beverley, Mass., and sold beginning in 2011. Its "physics package" (the set of components that generate the cesium frequency) occupies less than 1 cubic centimeter, thousands of times smaller and lighter than the beam tube of a conventional cesium atomic clock and operates on very different principles. Furthermore, the energy consumption is much less, making extended operation on battery power feasible. Developing such a small clock required many innovations in several disciplines, including semiconductor laser technology, silicon processing, vacuum-packing and firmware algorithms. Its portability and low energy consumption have made possible many new applications, such as geophysical sensors, backpack jammers for improvised explosive devices, backpack military radios, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and military GPS receivers, but, as of 2013, it has not yet been used in space.

MAKER

Symmetricon, Incorporated

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

metal (clock material)

cardboard, foam (box material)

MEASUREMENTS

clock: 1 in x 2 in x 1 3/4 in; 2.54 cm x 5.08 cm x 4.445 cm

box: 1 1/2 in x 4 3/4 in x 4 1/4 in; 3.81 cm x 12.065 cm x 10.795 cm

overall-box: 1 1/8 in x 4 3/8 in x 3 7/8 in; 2.8575 cm x 11.1125 cm x 9.8425 cm

overall-clock: 1/2 in x 1 5/8 in x 1 3/8 in; 1.27 cm x 4.1275 cm x 3.4925 cm

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EXHIBITION

Time and Navigation, National Air and Space Museum

DATA SOURCE

Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center

Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:

3. Train Safety at Train Days: Los Altos History Museum

Train Days Roll Again At Los Altos History Museum

Bring the family for a day of model railroading and a dose of local history!

By Susan C. Schena (Patch Staff) - ([https://patch.com/users/susan-c-](https://patch.com/users/susan-c-schena5f2639ca489673e3efe4d6587b6f868fbbce9e45b4b04dba4e9677f47ec0ff3e)

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LOS ALTOS, CA – Train Days returns to the [Los Altos History Museum](http://www.losaltoshistory.org/) (<http://www.losaltoshistory.org/>) for two days of train-filled fun celebrating the joy and wonder of model railroading on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Elaborate layouts, intricate scenery, and scaled renditions of prototypes and whimsical engines and theme cars complete with steam, lights and sound, will speed the rails to delight visitors of all ages. Explore the gauges and scales associated with model railroading as private collectors and clubs showcase and field questions about the mechanics and electronics of their trains and layouts and the history behind the locomotives and railroads that inspired them.

Participants include:

- Live Steamers from the Bay Area Garden Railway Society
- Diablo Pacific Short Line
- Golden Gate Lionel Railroad Club
- Golden State Toy Train Operators

- Peninsula NTRAK and AsiaNRail
- National Model Railroad Association
- Private Collector: LEGO Layout

Joining the above is: California Operation Lifesaver, who will provide education on proper rail safety and the US Park Service Trails & Rails

Program, 'Train Days' glitter tattoo station and its train-themed marketplace will also be in full gear, and Quick Dog and Scoops will be serving up hot dogs, burgers and ice cream to keep train patrons well-fed throughout the day!

"We're pleased to bring visitors something new every year", says event chair Kristen Fuller. "This year we welcome the Golden Gate Toy Train Operators, who will display an interactive layout displaying vintage toy trains of three different gauges, S, O and HO and invite visitors to control some of the switches and accessories."

- Admission: \$5/person (Ages 4 and under free)
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Trains are integral to America's and our local history. For more than 150 years, rail service has been transporting passengers along the Peninsula. In 1907 Southern Pacific put Los Altos on the map with its steam railway connecting Palo Alto to Los Gatos. Mirroring railroad development through the years, you'll see the transition from early steam locomotives to diesel engines up through electric and high-speed passenger trains—all scaled in miniature. Whether you're new to model railroading or have been an enthusiast for years, come join the fun and see why it is one of the most beloved hobbies around the world.

Train Days is brought to you by the Los Altos History Museum, dedicated to preserving and sharing local history to enrich our community and to shape a more informed future.

Both the Museum and J. Gilbert Smith House are located on one of the last active apricot orchards in the Santa Clara Valley. The 1905 shingled farmhouse was built with many Craftsman-style features was our first museum, opened in 1977. In the spring of 2001, the Los Altos History Museum opened in a modern, impressive three-level, 8,200-square-foot building, built entirely with private donations. Ownership was transferred to the City of Los Altos in 2002.

--Information submitted by and image courtesy of [Los Altos History Museum](https://www.facebook.com/LosAltosHistory/) (<https://www.facebook.com/LosAltosHistory/>)

Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:

4. Founder's Award: Boy Scouts of America

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FOUNDER'S AWARD

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Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and a brass plate suitable for engraving. Available for uniform wear is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow committee to present between two and four awards annually, depending on the number of members in the lodge. If the lodge presents more than one award, at least one must be awarded to a youth under the age of 21.

Lodges must submit nominations on the Founder's Award form located in the Forms Section.

Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:
4. Some of Bill's Scouting Awards: Boy Scouts of America



Section Chief
of Section Southeast
Region II (TN & KY)

E. Urner Goodman
Founder's Award

Eagle Scout with
Four Palms

God and Country
Religious Award

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Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:

5. Philmont Ranger Job Description: Boy Scouts of America

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Ranger

Nominally, a Ranger is an outfitter, a guide, a teacher, and a mentor—a person who takes on a crew of young adventurers, leads them into the Philmont mountains, and points the way until they are ready to function on their own. The Ranger welcomes and orients crews, helps them pare down personal and crew gear until each person has a manageable load. Once on the trail, the Ranger introduces the crew to local conditions and methods of low-impact camping, and reviews essentials of camping, hiking, first aid and safety. The Ranger may point out the trail the first day or so, but the real objective is to ensure that the crew can find its own way.

The beginning of each summer, Rangers are provided a framework consisting of a fieldbook, training, and methods. But these tools are not everything needed for the camping season. Rangers have to add life through their own personality and experience. Rangers defined are budding adults with variety and distinctiveness. The department exudes group spirit. The opportunity to serve as a Ranger is a small window, though abides throughout life. Their impact reaches thousands.

The Ranger may also convey something of the "magic of Philmont"—of the beauty and wonder of the mountains, the varied flora and fauna, and the history that lies strewn about in the form of old mines, overgrown railroad beds, and the tumbledown ruins of logging camps.

In reality, the experience of being a Ranger is more than the job description. Rangers are known for their high spirit and a can-do, will-do attitude. In the face of hardship or challenge, they are more likely to be energized than discouraged or defeated. If needed to clear trail after a blowdown, fight a wildfire, search for a lost camper, or carry a litter off a mountain, they are ready.

The shared experience of being a Ranger has a way of creating lifelong friendships and forging bonds of understanding, even among Rangers of different eras. The experience can produce a syndrome—probably incurable—characterized by feelings of pride, exhilaration, nostalgia, and longing, lasting years or even decades. It is a phenomenon that can prove baffling to spouses and acquaintances who haven't been there, but it mostly leaves old Rangers remembering cherished friends and places, and thinking, "I wanta go back to Philmont—where the old Rayado flows . . ."

Hall of Fame Nomination: additional supporting information:

5. Philmont Ranger Job Description: Boy Scouts of America

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

RANGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION CONCEPT

The Ranger is responsible for cheerfully and willingly serving as a member of the Ranger Department, the objective of which is to serve the campers and advisors who come to Philmont. His/her primary duty is to educate participants in Philmont backpacking practices and outdoor ethics. The Ranger is a frontline representative of Philmont Scout Ranch and is directly responsible to his/her Ranger Trainer.

PHILMONT REQUIREMENTS

- Provide and maintain a cheerful, helpful, and efficient service to all Philmont guests. Insure that all participants have a safe and enjoyable experience. When possible, solve their needs and concerns; when not possible, direct them to someone who can.
- Carry out the prescribed policies and procedures of the Philmont Scout Ranch as outlined in the Staff Guidebook and during staff training.
- Present oneself to every participant and guest clean, sharp-appearing, and correctly uniformed as described in the Staff Guidebook.
- Become familiar with all materials supplied prior to the camping season.
- Become familiar with all pertinent Philmont policies and procedures.
- Must be 18 years of age by time of employment.

SPECIFIC JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to hike up to 15 miles a day over rugged, mountainous terrain while carrying a 45 pound backpack.
- Ability to effectively communicate Philmont camping procedures to crews.
- Actively participate in all training requirements and pass the Ranger Basic Test after a five-day backcountry training trek.
- Be an advocate and expert of the Ranger Field Book and Philmont camping method.
- Submit a completed Philmont Health and Medical Form, meet the Height/Weight Requirements for backcountry participation, and be able to lift and handle 70 pounds.

PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

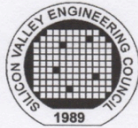
- Be an enthusiastic, friendly, and effective educator of outdoor skills and wilderness ethics.
- Be a frontline representative of Philmont and give crews the information and training required to have a successful trek in the backcountry.
- Be an attentive resource for a crew during an assignment with them, both in Base Camp and in the backcountry, and prepare them to have a successful experience over the duration of their trek.
- Assist other departments across the Ranch to ensure its mission and the efficient operation of program is upheld.

DAILY OPERATIONS

- When assigned a crew, greet them and prepare them for their trek. Guide them through Base Camp with stops at places such as Registration, Medical Recheck, Logistics, Outfitting Services, Dining Hall meals, chapel services, and opening campfire. Conduct a shakedown of all personal and crew equipment to ensure the crew's readiness to hit the trail.
- On the second day with a crew, depart for the backcountry and educate the crew on topics such as navigation, hiking etiquette, campsite setup, bear and wildlife procedures, first aid, cooking skills, and Philmont history.
- On the third day with a crew, observe and evaluate the group's knowledge of material instructed to them the previous day. Re-train the crew and go into more detail if they do not display a satisfactory understanding of Philmont's backcountry protocol.
- Throughout an assignment with a crew, develop leadership skills in all youth and adults and give guidance to the Crew Leader, Chaplain's Aide, Wilderness Pledge Guia, and Advisors in the duties of their respective roles.
- Towards the end of an assignment with a crew, pass on information about wilderness stewardship and outdoor ethics using the Philmont Wilderness Pledge as well as personal stories and insight.
- Complete required paperwork and documentation in a timely fashion.
- Assist with other Ranch functions through workday assignments and special projects when asked or assigned.
- If called upon, serve as a replacement advisor for a crew, ranging from 1-12 days in length.
- Under direction from the Chief Ranger, an Associate Chief Ranger, or a Program Coordinator, be willing to serve as a team member on a Search and Rescue operation.

Was selected to be inducted into the Engineering Hall of Fame

The induction banquet will be February 15th, 2018



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Hall of Fame

1990

Mr. A. Louis London
Mr. Leo W. Ruth
Dr. Frederick E. Terman

1991

Dr. Dale L. Compton
Dr. William R. Hewlett
Dr. David Packard
Ms. Esther William

1992

Mr. Reynold B. Johnson
Dr. John G. Linvill
Ms. Mary G. Ross
Mr. Fred H. Tibbetts

1993

Mr. Michael H. Antonacci
Dr. Robert N. Noyce
Dr. Robert J. Parden
Drs. Russell & Sigurd Varian

1994

Dr. Joseph B. Franzini
Dr. Paul J. Friedl
Dr. George L. Sullivan
Mr. Daniel M. Tellep

1995

Dr. Edward L. Ginzton
Mr. Norman O. Gunderson
Mr. George S. Nolte, Sr.

1996

Dr. William J. Perry
Mr. Richard K. Pefley
Dr. David A. Thompson

1997

Mr. Sam Cristofano
Dr. James F. Gibbons
Dr. Bernard M. Oliver

1998

Mr. William J. Adams, Jr.
Dr. Gordon E. Moore
Dr. Jay D. Pinson
Mr. Anthony R. Turturici

1999

Ms. Jane G. Evans
Dr. James M. Hait
Dr. Bernard Widrow

2000

Dr. Fred Moody
Dr. Koichi Nishimura

2001

Mr. Robert J. Frankenberg
Dr. Frank S. Greene, Jr.
Dr. William F. Miller

2002

Dr. John L. Hennessy

October 27, 2017

Bill Jennings
Vice President, Engineering
FarmX
558 Brewster Avenue, Suite 201
Redwood City, California 94063

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I am very pleased to officially announce that you have been selected for induction into the distinguished Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the Engineers Week Banquet on the 15th of February 2018 at 5:30pm. The banquet will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, 5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara CA 95054. Your attendance is required.

You will be honored along with the following distinguished inductee:

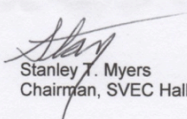
-Professor Randy Katz, University of California Berkeley

I will make a public announcement of the HOF inductees at the SVEC Open House due to be held on the 16th of November 2017 at SEMI, 673 South Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035. Your attendance is recommended.

The Silicon Valley Engineering Council (SVEC) is an umbrella organization of over 40 member and affiliate professional societies which represent over 60,000 engineers, scientists and technologists in our dynamic high-tech region.

Please accept my personal congratulations for your outstanding accomplishments. We look forward to your formal induction. Of course, your family and friends are most welcome to attend the banquet and celebrate your honor.

Sincerely,


Stanley T. Myers
Chairman, SVEC Hall of Fame Board

Hall of Fame

2003

Mr. Roy L. Clay, Sr.
Mr. Kumar Malavalli
Dr. Mihir Parikh

2004

Dr. Marcian "Ted" Hoff
Dr. Chang-Lin Tien
Mr. Steve Wozniak

2005

Dr. Douglas Engelbart
Mr. Ken Levy
Dr. Dan Maydan
Dr. David Patterson
Dr. T.J. Rodgers

2006

Mr. Jack Baskin
Dr. Thomas Kailath
Dr. Sass Somekh
Dr. Lotfi Zadeh

2007

Dr. Paul Baran
Dr. Bradford Parkinson
Dr. James Spilker, Jr.

2008

Dr. Ernest S. Kuh
Mr. Stanley T. Myers
Mr. W.J. "Jerry" Sanders III

2009

Mr. Robert E. Berry
Dr. Sung-Mo (Steve) Kang
Dr. Meyya Meyyappan
Dr. Jimmy Kazuhiro Omura

2010

Mr. Richard J. Elkus, Jr.
Dr. Alan M. Title

2011

Ms. Celeste Volz Ford
Dr. Terry E. Shoup

2012

Dr. Joseph W. Goodman
Dr. Sam David Haddad
Dr. J. Patrick Kennedy

2013

Dr. Aart de Geus
Dr. Martin Hellman
Dr. David A. Hodges
Dr. David K. Lam

2014

Mr. Chandrakant D. Patel
Dr. James D. Plummer
Mr. Stephen L. Poizner

2015

Dr. Paul R. Gray
Dr. Mohammad H. Qayoumi

2016

Mr. John Celli

2017

Professor Chenming Hu
Dr. Richard Stuart
Dr. David N.K. Wang