

# Rick Davis



Rick in 1959

THEN

NOW



Ric in 2008



Ric and wife Barbara in 2009




*I promised Ray Lindstrom I'd put something together for the reunion page, but it was tough – thinking about writing up my life for the last 50 years was like writing an obit!!*

My parents **left Tucson** very soon after graduation and I've only gotten back a few times since then, so I'm really looking forward to catching up on what's been going on!

I went to school at **Northwestern University** in Evanston, Illinois, near Chicago, where I got a BS Electrical Engineering and MS Industrial Engineering (Computer Science). I wanted to return to the Southwest (I had sand in my shoes!), and I was lucky enough to find a great job at **Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico**. After a few years Sandia sponsored me for a PhD in Computer Science at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. I spent 33 years at Sandia before retiring in 1999 and I had some great experiences working in the nuclear weapons business and other national security and defense programs, including two one-year assignments in the **Washington, DC** area and one three-year assignment in **Stuttgart, Germany**, where I was a technical advisor to the U.S. European Command and NATO.



**MARITAL STATS – 2 wives ( 1 divorce )**

		
<b>THREE KIDS (on the left)</b>	<b>TWO STEP-KIDS</b>	<b>EIGHT GRANDKIDS</b>

My passions are **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES** in the mountains and on the water –



**Hiking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, High Altitude Mountaineering** (including Popo, Ixta, and Orizaba in Mexico, Chimborazo in Ecuador, Aconcagua in Argentina, and Kilimanjaro in Tanzania), plus many years with the Albuquerque **Mountain Rescue Council**, an organization similar to S.A.R.A in Tucson.



**Skiing**, both cross country and downhill, including hut-to-hut trips in Colorado, 12 years on the Sandia Peak **Ski Patrol**, and now I enjoy teaching people with disabilities to ski through an **Adaptive Ski Program**.



**River rafting** (Grand Canyon three times) and **Sailing** (day sailing on the Potomac, Hobie Catting in New Mexico, and bareboating in the British Virgin Islands and the Windward Islands from Granada to St. Lucia)



And **TRAVEL** – I've had a lot of opportunities both through my job and my hobbies to visit Europe, Mexico, the Andes of South America, East Africa, New Zealand, and coming up in September a trip to China!



I've got a lot of **Stories** to share, and a few **Opinions** too – so just ask me at the reunion ©

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