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I graduated from the University of California in 1968 with a degree in sociology, moved to Palo Alto for a job and met my future husband Joe Nathanson. In very short order, Joe and I were married and moved to the East Coast and settled in Baltimore, Maryland where we have been living for the past 44 years. I completed my MSW at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work and for many years held social policy, planning, budgeting and government relations jobs in the Maryland and federal governments. My last position was Constituent Services Director for our Congressman from which I retired in 2009. We have been fortunate to be able to travel throughout the United States and some in Europe and the Caribbean. I got to see places I never dreamed I would see—Alaska, Hawaii, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Israel and the Czech Republic among others. I am currently volunteering at my synagogue and with an organization called Village at Home which has the objective of helping people stay in their own homes as they age. During my spare time, I love to knit, read, and cook. We have one married daughter, Amy, who is a Clinical Pharmacist at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

