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I earned my Marketing degree at San Diego State and entered the world of fashion at JW Robinsons in Los Angeles the day after graduation. I was promoted to asst. Jr Dress Buyer in 3 months and was hired in Houston 3 years later and began my 22 years as buyer of misses dresses. My responsibility started with 12 stores in Houston and grew to 250 stores in 4 states. In retail that's called a BIG PENCIL. During this time I was appointed to the import committee of our NY office. Hong Kong, Seoul, Taipei became regular stops for me with occasional trips to Tokyo, Osaka, Singapore and 6 fabulous trips to India.

Life was great. I thought I would find a rich Texan out there, but there was always a plane to catch.

In 1994 I was hired by one of my NY manufacturers to sell to all the big stores across America. I lived on Lexington and 34th and walked to the garment center 8 blocks away. My plans were to retire at 66 and move back to San Diego. On 9/11/2001 I was walking to work when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. A few months later my precious father passed away and I moved back to take care of mom. She just turned 92. My best friend and sister, Patti, died 2 1/2 years later at 45. Our faith and Patti's two daughters have kept mother and me going.

I learned to give back a long time ago when too many people told me it's not about me. I worked with the NY homeless, Habitat For Humanity and helped send supplies and food down to ground zero. Now thru Faith Chapel here in Spring Valley I have been involved with Royal Family Kids Camp for 10 yrs. We treat foster children from abused backgrounds royally for a week. I sing hymns with my friends that live at Brighton Place convalescent home and I'm a great beggar in The Bethlehem Story every Christmas. Ask me about La Mesa Sunrise Rotary. We save the world, one project at a time.

So much for keeping this at 250 words. Have a great reunion!!!

