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I grew up in Jackson, Mississippi as one of eight kids. My parents have passed, but all of my siblings are still around. The pandemic was terrible, no doubt, but all of us siblings have met on zoom for 168 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:00pm.

I am a proud graduate of Mississippi State University which is also the home of my wife, Melinda. Our daughter Lynn went to Florida State University and is an elementary school music teacher in Cobb County. Our daughter Mary went to Indiana University and Rice University and is a professional violinist in Houston, Texas. Her husband, Gavin Reed, is also a professional musician. Our two granddaughters recently won awards as the smartest and cutest kids in Texas.

I served in the USA Army mostly in Berlin, Germany. I received an honorable discharge.

All of my career in education was in Cobb County - 9 years in physical education (4 schools), 6 years as an assistant administrator (4 schools), principal 20 years (5 schools). All but one was a promotion.

I have great memories of my career and am fortunate that I mostly remember the good times. Whenever anything happened in my career, I tried to notify 3 men who I worked for and greatly admired. Dale Pass (d) hired me at 3 different schools. I was lucky enough to work for Mr. Robert L. Ash (d) during his last year at Campbell High School. Donald Murphy was a great supervisor and leader whom I still see once in awhile.

I retired in 2009. I joined GREA and CMREA because a friend encouraged me to do so. I have enjoyed my time with these groups very much. I have served as President of CMREA and as Area 15 Director. I am currently serving my first and last year as GREA President.