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I was born in Mt Vernon, WA. of fine Swiss and German stock. I grew up in Shoreline, graduated from Shorewood H.S. 1980 where I had been an average athlete and average student.

Following in the footsteps of a favorite uncle I joined the US Navy in 1981 and became an Air Traffic Controller. I made two Mediterranean cruises onboard the USS Saratoga. The first one we called the "loveboat" cruise. Do to budgetary constraints at the time we spent 4 ½ months of a 6 month cruise in port in Europe. This led to the discovery of two joys I found in my time in the service, the first a joy in travel. The second, I found in a shipboard library. Until that time I had avoided reading except when absolutely necessary. As your usual dyslexic I found reading a true chore. But my second cruise got extended so that we could have a few words with Libya in general and Khadafy in particular. And it was then I discovered Louis L'Amour and science fiction. This was the first time I found joy in the written word. I have had a book in my hand since that time.

After the Navy I decided to seek another career and through a series of events wound up a member of The United Brotherhood of Carpenters local #131 where, as I was finishing my apprenticeship, I was the their apprentice of the year in 1994.

It was during my apprenticeship that met the third joy of my life. Well to be honest the first time I met her, during a dart tournament at a local beer joint, I thought she was just this cute little cheater because she and her boyfriend knocked me out of the money rounds. Over the next year or so I found out she was actually a decent sort and it was when I finally got into her bedroom that I knew I wanted her forever. Now most people's minds go right into the gutter when I say that but it was not that way. In her bedroom were shelves crammed with books. Not just any books but titles that I had in my own room. We were married September 19, 1992

I started installing Astroturf in 1994 and have been doing that ever since. It has got me around the country a lot. Over the years I have worked in 38 states. I started Barefoot Turf, my own turf installation subcontracting company on April 1, 2009... so far, so good.

The future? I find myself planning to start college in my next off season, that will be Winter "011".