

Tony and I have known each other for 40+ years and have been married for 26 of them. We are native North Carolinians, me growing up in Raleigh (you won't meet many of us!) and Tony growing up in the Burlington area.

We decided to get married when I was selected in 1988 for a Presidential Management Internship with the National Institutes of Health in the DC after finishing a Masters in Public Affairs at UNC-G. That began my Federal Career in management and human resources work. Tony was a cabinet-maker, and he worked in that career in Greensboro, DC and Raleigh. Tony completed a Degree in Extension Education in 2008 and worked in Agricultural Research at NCSU.

Tony has two children, one lives in Denmark and the other in the Philadelphia area. We have four grandchildren. My daughter is a person with special needs and lives in a group home in Holly Springs.

After retirement four years ago I became more active as an artist creating ceramic sculpture and functional vessels. I show my work at the Cary Gallery of Artists and local arts events. I am an advocate for the arts and inclusion of people of all abilities in the arts. In that role I am the Assistant Director for the Grace Notes Choir that includes my daughter Haley and her friends with developmental disabilities. Tony plays guitar for the Choir.

I have also become an advocate for "Aging Successfully." In that role I have co-taught a 6-week program on the importance of planning for your senior years and living in community, particularly cohousing. I have made presentations at churches, community centers and potlucks on that topic over that last two years.

Tony loves agricultural experimentation, gardening and playing music. I am a Yogi and love hiking, gardening, cooking and travel. Tony and I are proud new members of Village Hearth!



