



I was born in Alton, IL in 1946. I was a child of the 50's. As such I participated in many activities today's children unfortunately cannot. My childhood days were spent playing street ball, meandering the neighborhood on my bike, playing cowboys and Indians, or watching my favorite cowboy on the Saturday westerns. As I have grown older these stories from my "early years" became very fond memories.

I further experienced life at Alton Senior High school, college at Purdue University, and work at AT&T. Many of these stories unfolded from my "later years" to create this robust collection in this book.

After more than 30 years working for AT&T, I retired and now live in Vonore, TN with my wonderful wife of 60 years, Linda. After telling these stories repeatedly to friends and relatives during my years of retirement, I finally decided to write them down. I hope the reader enjoys the stories as much as I did in writing about them.

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