

# Autobiography

## - Ancestors

### ○ Dad

- grew up in small town
- has one younger sister
- has engineering degree & MBA
- worked for IBM out of grad school
  - lived in Europe for IBM
- worked in start up industry after IBM
  - was executive

### ○ Mother

- grew up in Michigan
- parents both deaf
- has one older sister
- went to Michigan State (biology major)
- worked in insurance industry
- led bicycle tours (where she met my father)
- went to Physical therapy school at UCSF
  - worked in physical therapy at veterans
  - children's' hospital
- became stay at home mom when I was born
- passed away when I was 14

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## ○ Personal Life – Elementary through High School

- Pre Elementary School
  - grew up in very nice expensive town
  - went to a pre-school from age 1 to age 4
  - traveled to Italy when I was 3
  - went to Mexico with another family when I was 4, near the time my brother was going to be born
  - brother was born when I was 4
- Elementary School
  - went to neighborhood school, could walk there
  - in kindergarten made friends that I am still friends with today
  - was slow to learn to read and then started to read lots of books
  - went to Sweden to visit distant relatives with family and cousin when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - started playing competitive soccer in 4<sup>th</sup> grade with friends who I played with for years on several teams
  - did competitive swimming third grade to fifth grade
  - went to Australia right before 2000 Olympics in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - went to Holland and France in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Middle School
  - to an all girls private middle school with 120 girls
    - they helped girls feel confident about themselves
    - made great friends
  - switched from long term soccer team to a team with a very intense coach, but it raised my skills a lot
  - mom passed away at end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade (very hard to deal with)
  - went to lake in Vermont with two other families after mother's death
- High School
  - Went from small private middle school to large public high school
    - one of top academic schools
    - also top sports schools
  - a group of friends left our soccer team, causing it to disband. I ended up on a high level team and my best friends ended up on another high level team. It was hard no longer playing with them and instead playing with people from all over the area.
  - played on the varsity soccer team from freshman year on
  - made friends with a group of five girls who I am still very good friends with today

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- **Professional Life – Elementary through High School**
  - **Middle School**
    - allowed me to become more confident to speak in front of others
    - allowed me to practice my creative talents
    - was able to start a business from the ground up in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (showed me that I would like to work in business world)
    - worked on my endurance and dedication to soccer throughout middle school which helped increase my academic work ethic as well
    - became a really good writer
  - **High School**
    - did journalism as junior and senior on school magazine
      - became one of the editors senior year
      - won Columbia University Journalism Award
    - Worked very hard throughout high school to get good grades
    - started making “to-do” lists every day to get things done
    - won scholarship during sophomore year

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## **○ Personal Life – College**

- moved to east coast to go to college
- have made a great best friend along with many good friends
- able to play soccer at college level and get a lot of playing time
- have great teammates on my team

## **○ Professional Life – College**

- being able to play on a team at the college level helps me build my “teambuilding” skills in the class room as well.
- group projects help me improve my communication with other people
- being able to balance soccer, social life and academics will be a good skill to have in professional world
- psychology major (will help me learn about people) and business mgmt minor (help me prepare for business world)