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I was born 8/11/42 in Lordsburg, NM during a solar eclipse, making me a double Leo with Capricorn rising. With my two brothers and one sister, I was raised in Albuquerque, NM. As a child, I intended to become a priest, but as I grew up, the ways of the world led me astray. I am a 1960 Sandia High School graduate, where I helped found and name Las Candilejas Drama Club and where I sang with a decent bass voice. I have a BA in French Literature from UNM (1964) plus two years graduate study in 16th Century French Lit. While an undergrad, I helped found the UNM chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. I spent 1967-68 at La Sorbonne in Paris, France, teaching English in a French Lycée in St. Denis. I am fluent in English, Spanish and French plus a reading knowledge of Italian and Portuguese. I have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe, primarily in France, Spain and Italy.

I Worked for 18 years with the Hartford Insurance Group (1969-1988), starting as a time & motion analyst, promoting in that department up to Asst. Director. I have lived in at least 36 states and voted in ten, primarily in Hartford, CT (69, 84), San Francisco, CA(72), NYC, NY (1973) and Chicago, IL (1974-1983). I then tried to start my own business (1988-1990) as a consultant, until I found that being self-employed is the same as being unemployed. I was hired (1990) for 14 years by the State of NM, CYFD as a Title IV-E Specialist, where I verified that abused and neglected children in state custody were made eligible for such government programs as Title IV-E, SSI or Medicaid. I retired December 1, 2004.

In 1988, I came home to take care of my parents in their old age until they passed away. When mom died in 1997, I answered an ad in a church bulletin asking for help with the NM Cuartocentenario parade, where I met Conchita Lucero and Millie Santillanes and my life has not been the same since. I joined the HGRC (Hispanic Genealogical Research Center) and helped launch the NMHCPL (New Mexican Hispanic Culture Preservation League) (1998), as a founding member, Board Member, Secretary, First VP, President and now, President Emeritus, La Verdad con Orgullo Newsletter Editor and Board Director.

My interests are many and varied. I am an avid reader. I have a collection of 1635+ videos and DVDs which I like to watch. I love fine arts, classical music and opera. I am a good Catholic and interested in hagiography, the study of Saints lives. I have an extensive collection of patron saints and a collection of groups of seven (7 seas, seven hills of Rome, etc.), which I may publish someday. I study mythology, astrology, astronomy, geography, dinosaurs, cooking, genealogy, etymology, NM history, ancient history, the classical writers, science fiction, Star Trek, Star Wars, Hispanismo, gardening etc. etc. etc. I am a walking encyclopedia of unimportant information. I love to sing and know the words to 100s of songs.

My personal philosophy is taken from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, *The Student's Tale*, "And gladly would he learn and gladly teach." My heroes are many, but include Thomas Jefferson, El Cid Ruy Díaz de Bivar, Cincinnatus of Rome, Leonidas of Sparta, St. Richard, Santiago, St. Sebastian, Don Quixote and Cervantes, Cortez, Don Juan de Oñate, Rafael Chacón and Bernardo de Gálvez. I belong to St. Bernadette Parish, the NMHCPL, HGRC, ACLU, Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, Amnesty Intl., the Democratic Party.

I have led a good life and hope to make it to heaven, someday, perhaps as Saint Richard, were it not for my pride and other sins. I love a good book, a good laugh and an occasional glass of single malt scotch.

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