

Anna Tews Bio

Ernie and I were both born in New York. My parents lived in Yorkville(upper east side) and Ernie's parents lived in the Bronx! So how did these two kids end up meeting on a train?

My mother moved us to live with her mother in Linden, NJ in 1943 as right after I was born my dad enlisted in the army (yes whole thing, invasion of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge then on to the South Pacific).

Ernie's parents first moved to Long Island then in 1954 moved to Edison, NJ. We both lived through the war years with black outs, victory gardens and air raids!

We were kids of the 50's with rock and roll but were very active in school! Ernie has been involved with scouting since middle school and I was in all the choral groups, yearbook staff ! Yes all the things that preppies did at the time!

After high school we both went to college in Newark and one day in January of 1961, he got out of school early and sat on the three quarter seat in the club car! I still had to go to work and asked him to please move his books so could sit down! The rest is history. We were married August the year he graduated from college in 1963.

His family was Lutheran and I was baptized a Presbyterian! For me, growing up in Linden, our block had a few families that went to an Episcopal Church and my brother and I tagged along ! Those playmates are my lifelong friends! So I was confirmed with all my friends by Bishop Banyard! A tall towering man with a booming voice in a church that had about 75 seats. After we were married we moved to Parsippany then North Plainfield and raised three boys! We lived scouting, church, boating, camping, traveling North America , Great Britain, Europe and North Africa, Marriage Encounter, working and I was able to finish my degree!

We retired to Little Egg Harbor in 2005 still traveling the parkway for two hours each way up to Holy Cross Episcopal Church as I still had every other weekend on altar guild! Winter snows came !

Our friend, John Goldsack was a Lay Cannon in the diocese and we asked him which Episcopal Church 'down here' would fit us and he said to try Church of The Holy Spirit on Green Street!

So here we are parishioners at Holy Spirit! Ernie served two terms as Junior Warden and along with Father Terry and Marlene Johnson, as a Lenten project, we started the community dinners! I served as president of the

ECW and joined the altar guild! You welcomed us and we love our church family!

Ask yourself was this all serendipity or the Holy Spirit guiding our lives for over 82 years? We believe it was the Holy Spirit!

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