

Ron Nordstrom

I was born on May 19th, 1950 in the small railroad town of Wainwright, Alberta, Canada. We moved in 1954 to Edmonton, Alberta and lived there until 1962. Then in 1962 my mom, my three siblings, and I boarded a Greyhound bus with 24 boxes and left to meet my dad in Santa Ana, California. It was wonderful to be near Disneyland and the beaches of SoCal. Quite the change from Canada.

I graduated from high school in 1968 and then did one semester at Santa Ana Junior College. I then joined the Navy in 1969. After boot camp in San Diego I was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, where I boarded the carrier USS Saratoga. I did two cruises to the Mediterranean, then down around Africa to Vietnam for my last one. While onboard I was an electrician's mate and was in charge of the ship's movies. I traded movies between ships and issued movies and projectors to the crew every day.

After discharge in 1973 I worked for several manufacturers in Orange County doing electrical work. In 1975 I met my wife, who was working as a court reporter, and on July 4th, 1976 we got married in San Juan Capistrano. We lived in the City of Orange and after our honeymoon I joined the electrician's union.

Five years later in the spring of 1981 we moved to Santa Rosa with our two kids. Five months later on Halloween we moved to Healdsburg. We have a son who lives in Sweden and owns a pub and brewery there, and a daughter who is an interior designer. Our daughter and two grandkids live in Petaluma. We live in the same house and will have been married 48 years this July 4th.