

## Bio: Susan Muniak

I was born and raised in the Bronx (New York City). My Mom, Dad, younger brother and I lived in a 5th floor walk-up until I was thirteen when we moved to Yonkers, NY which is a northern suburb of New York City. Both were Jewish neighborhoods. I graduated from Hunter College in 1967 with a degree in Chemistry. I started to work for the Reader's Digest after graduation as a Computer Programmer. In the fall of 1970 I moved, as a line from Hello Dolly says, "as far away from Yonkers as a girl can get" to San Diego, CA. On my second day in San Diego I met my future husband. Len is from Cleveland and was serving in the Navy and stationed in San Diego. Len was raised Catholic, one of 8 children. We were married in San Diego in December of 1971. My parents did not attend my wedding. Len's Mom and his sister and her family did attend. In 1971 marrying outside your religion was not widely accepted. Right after our wedding my parents did send out wedding announcements and accepted Len as one of the family.

When Len left the service we moved to Middleburg Heights. In 1976 our first son was born and we bought a house in Brunswick. Brunswick was affordable and was a "local" phone call to Cuyahoga County. Also Len could have a business in the basement of the house. I stayed home with the kids until 1986 when I went to Cleveland State University and obtained my Teaching Certification in Elementary Education. I subbed mostly in Medina. I never applied for a full time job. In 1986 I was appointed to the Brunswick City School Board. I was elected for 6 terms on the Brunswick Board and served for about 20 years as a board member for the Medina County Career Center. In 1990 I worked as an enumerator for the Census. In 2000 I was the Assistant Manager for Field Operations in the Lorain office for the Census. I then became a full time employee of the Census Bureau as a Senior Field Representative and worked through the 2010 census. I retired from the Census Bureau in 2010. I guess you can say I don't know what I want to be when I grow up!

In 2008 Len and I bought a condo in Port Richey, Florida where we now spend our winters.