



Joan Stark Anderson & Larry Anderson

Larry Anderson and Joanne Stark married in 1965 and lived in Michigan until 1974. Larry received a job offer to work in Washington DC for a company that published National Geographic Magazine. He and Joanne, along with their two children, Karin and Scott, rented a 5-level townhome in Burke, VA until they got the “lay of the land” in the DC area.

Larry began his Washington DC career while completing his business degree. Joanne, a stay at home mom, continued her studies and became a volunteer ‘extraordinaire’.

After purchasing a house in 1976 the Andersons became active in the neighborhood swim teams and soccer teams because of their children’s interest. Larry even became a coach for soccer and later, football.

After about 10 years Larry became a director at the National Wildlife Federation and began giving speeches around the country. Joanne became bored as the children needed her less. She decided to work outside the home and luckily began a wonderful career with Fairfax County Public Schools as a retirement counselor. She stuck with it and retired after 25 years service.

Larry moved from the National Wildlife Federation to become a director with the AFL-CIO. He retired in 2009.

Our lives have become richer with our 4 grandchildren. Scott’s boys, Jack (13) and Jon (10), are avid baseball players and we love watching them excel. Karin has 9 year old twins who are both into ice skating. Adam is a select hockey player and Macie is a competitive figure skater and swimmer. Larry loves going to the rink to skate with the kids at least 2 nights per week. All the grandkids are awesome individuals.

Retirement allows us the ability to travel and enjoy a healthy lifestyle with each other – even after 48 years. We are blessed.