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Although he was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Ian has been a U. S. citizen residing in California for most of his life. After graduating from Santa Cruz High School, he attended the University of California, Berkeley. He dropped out in the middle of his sophomore year to join the U. S. Navy. Ian chose to be involved in electronics, became a Data Systems Technician, and worked with computers and similar digital equipment during his four years on active duty. While serving on the USS Arlington AGMR-2, Ian became a Vietnam Veteran as the ship took multiple rotations on station in the Gulf of Tonkin and a month off of Korea during the USS Pueblo incident. Ian was discharged from active duty in June, 1968.

Following his release from active duty, and with the help of the GI Bill, Ian returned to Berkeley, changed his major to Electrical Engineering (Computer Science), and graduated with honors four years later.

Ian worked for 30 years in private industry, joining Amdahl Corporation in 1972. Over the course of his employment, Ian was part of a computer design engineering team, several field service teams in the USA and Canada, headquarters technical support, field service management, regional budget manager, corporate customer relations, and finished his career doing support services offering development. He volunteered to be part of a corporate reduction-in-force in 2002, has never looked back, and has enjoyed “retirement” ever since.

Ian joined the Elks in January, 1990. He was the Exalted Ruler of Fremont Lodge in 1994-1995. Ian has served his Lodge and the Bay District in numerous capacities since 1995. He has been the House Committee Chairman; the Scholarship Chairman at the Lodge and District level; the Public Relations Chairman at the Lodge and District level; the District Government Relations Chairman; the District Ritual Calculator Committee Chairman for many years; the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and then President of the Lodge and District PER Associations; a Lodge Trustee for 2-1/2 years; the auditor to DDGER Don Schafer; and the Lodge Bulletin Editor for several years. He was the CHEA VP for the Bay District in 2006-2007 and served as the DDGER for the Bay District in 2008-2009.

Ian and Wanda were married on July 4th, 1971, and have lived in Fremont since 1979. In 2008, Wanda retired from teaching second grade in Fremont. They are enjoying life with their two cats, are relaxing, and plan to do some traveling in the future.