

BIOGRAPHY AND ARTIST STATEMENT



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BIOGRAPHY: I was born in Arkansas to two struggling college students, including a dad who had just returned from WWII and was getting his education on the GI bill. Because he returned to the military as an officer after earning his degree, we lived all over the world. Both parents are artists; my mother taught oil painting – I’m sure I was her favorite student.

I married Pete Graves in 1967 – a government employee who moved us all over the United States while our children were growing up. After 36 years together, Pete died suddenly. It was at this point I realized how short life is, and that my dream of watercolor painting should start right away. I retired from my sign painting/graphic art/splash art 28 year career and began working with my favorite medium.

I remarried in 2004 to Frank Federspiel; he lived next door and had lost his spouse as well.

ARTIST STATEMENT: I’ve been painting with watercolor since 2003. My work constantly changes as I keep learning and trying new techniques. I paint many subjects, and strive to glorify God through my work. I have fun painting, but take it very seriously – learning as I go, trying new techniques, methods, subjects and mediums. Besides the joy of painting, I have gained a great deal of friends because of this journey.