

I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the middle child of five siblings. I attended Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne and then attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. I graduated from Purdue University with a bachelors degree in electrical engineering.

I moved to Houston, Texas, and worked for Compaq Computer Corporation for three years as a software engineer. I moved to the Chicago area and started a job with Motorola in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I worked for Motorola for 19 years, 13 years as a software engineer/manager and 6 years in human resources information systems. I attended the University of Illinois Chicago part time and earned a masters degree in electrical engineering and computer science. I also attended DePaul University part time and earned a masters degree in finance.

I have been working for Zebra Technologies since 2013 in human resources information systems, currently as a senior manager.

I met my wife, Alice, when we were both undergraduates at Purdue University. We were married in 1995 in Evanston, Illinois. Our oldest daughter, Hannah, was born in 2005. She is currently a freshman at Purdue University on a pre-med track. Our son Samuel was born in 2007, he passed away after two months. We adopted our youngest son, Jacob, from Russia in 2011. He is currently a freshman at Libertyville High School. Alice passed away in 2021 from complications due to breast cancer. Both Alice and Samuel are buried at Lakeside Cemetery.

We attended Trinity Community Church in Libertyville for many years. I served in a variety of roles there including serving as a church elder for a few years. We are currently active members at Center Church in Libertyville.