



The life and times of: Clarice (Ring) Weinberg

I went to Wheaton College (Illinois), and ended up dropping out of school junior year. After 3 dull years as a secretary I returned to school. Finished at Simmons College (Boston) in 1972 with a major in math and then got a MS in math at Brandeis.

Then took some time to discover that teaching middle school math was not for me. Worked at an international development nonprofit (Oxfam America) while my first marriage came apart. Decided to find some way to use math to do something worth doing. Left Boston for Seattle (1976) where I finished my Ph.D. in biostatistics in 1980.

I have been Chief of the Biostatistics Branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (part of NIH, but in NC) since 1997. It took me a while, but I found my niche in the world. I still love my work. A famous statistician (John Tukey) once said something like “The best thing about being a statistician is you get to play in everyone’s backyard.” Others do the hard stuff and I get the fun of helping to figure out what it all means.



Marriage also took me a while to get it right. Richard and I were married in 1980 in Seattle and eventually had a daughter together. We met in graduate school.

Still a cat person, but our two elderly cats died last spring and so far they have not been replaced.

I sang for more than 30 years in a community chorus, but retired from that a year ago, due to cranio-cervical dystonia. Not a real serious condition, but it makes my voice wobble too much.

States lived in: Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Washington, North Carolina.

We still love the northwest – Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula and the area around Mt. Rainier.

I am not ready to retire.

My main challenge was losing my religious faith and the consequent alienation from my extended family.

Bucket list: I’d like to visit Costa Rica. Nothing else yet.

Most satisfying accomplishment: Learning how to make pie crust.

Sorry to have to miss the reunion — our daughter is getting married on May 30!