

Meet The Neumans



When introducing ourselves as Terry and Jerry Neuman, the inevitable first question is “which is which”? We always respond, “It doesn’t matter; we answer to either”. But if you really want to know, Jerry is the tall one.

After 45 years in Tucson we may feel like natives, but it was

a long, circuitous journey that brought us here. Jerry was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Terry grew up on the north side of Chicago. We met while attending Michigan State University.

In the fall of 1967, Jerry began medical school at the University of Michigan. This was followed by Terry’s graduation, our marriage, and three years in Ann Arbor where Terry held a management position with Michigan Bell. Next came a four-year stop in Los Angeles as Jerry completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency.

A two-year commitment to the Air Force brought us to Tucson and a decision to stay after Jerry’s military service was completed determined our future. We raised our five children here and became active in the community. Jerry started a solo ob/gyn practice and delivered close to 3,600 babies by the time he retired.

Bridge has been a part of our life during the entirety of our 52-year marriage. In the beginning, it was the only entertainment we could afford. When in medical school, it provided one-hour study breaks with neighbors several times a week.

In Los Angeles, it consisted of a monthly get together with other USC residents and occasional games with friends.

Once in Tucson, we quickly became part of a monthly social duplicate game, which is ongoing today. Some of the members have moved, some have passed away, but most of the core group is still playing together after 45 years.

We never participated in a sanctioned game until Jerry retired. It is now the favorite part of our day. After retirement, and before Covid, we traveled extensively throughout the world but some of our most enjoyable trips have been to regional bridge tournaments in the southwestern United States.

We are looking forward to the time we can again sit across the table from opponents but, for now, online bridge is helping to keep us sane during the pandemic.