



## Meet Arlene Richman

It all started when I was 15 on the middle, grassy hill at Farwell Beach in Chicago. My girlfriends and I wanted to learn the game of Bridge. In our exuberance, we played out all the bids with our hands (pointed ring finger for diamonds, shoveling for spades, etc. etc.). All summer long we would get together laughing and playing out this game in our own way. My love of Bridge has always reminded me of these happy and carefree days.

I married my wonderful and talented husband when I was 20 and we raised three beautiful daughters. Al was a copywriter at an advertising agency, but his love was always elsewhere. He majored in Theatre at college and while working, we formed a group of friends who went along with Al's idea of "putting on a show." This eventually led to producing, acting, singing and directing many book shows. We later started Pub Playhouse producing dinner theatre "shows in the round" at Holiday Inns on weekends.

During this time I played Bridge, and became a Life Master. Within a month of this achievement, we moved from the suburbs to the city and I had an accident that kept me incapacitated with a full leg cast for six months. Since I also didn't have partners in the city, I stopped playing for 24 years. Life without Bridge went on.

I always loved sewing, and I created "Designs by Arlene" and showed my creations at local arts and craft shows. When Al retired, this hobby became a business, and we traveled practically every weekend throughout the U.S for 15 years. It was an amazing time for us, and we met such wonderful artists and crafters.

In 2004 we moved to Florida; in addition to doing art shows, I resumed playing Bridge once or twice a week. I was happy to play at local clubs

and never pursued going to tournaments again. In 2015 we moved to Tucson and met the amazing Adobe Family.

Bridge has always been stimulating and fun and it keeps me young. During 2020, thank God for the virtual games

To all of the Adobe players, Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Arlene