



Meet Liz Detloff

I have been playing bridge for just over 4 years. I am addicted to the game and cannot wait until the clubs are open so I can play both in person and online.

I was born in Ontario, Canada . My parents emigrated to Canada from England after graduating from University (my dad as a Mining Engineer, my mother as a Registered Nurse). I am an only child. All my family (except for my immediate family) live within 20 miles of each other in Yorkshire, England, except for two cousins who escaped to London. On my mother's side, we have a family farm that has been in the family for over 300 years.

I moved a lot at as child due to my father's work. We lived in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Quebec. I had to learn French quickly when we lived in Thetford Mines, QB, as no one spoke English, and I had to help my mom ask for things in the store. I ended up going to a Catholic school (it was the only school that taught in English). Since I was not Catholic, they let me attend French lessons 4 days a week and only go to mass on Fridays. I still remember those nuns!

We emigrated to the US (Knoxville, TN) when I was in 3rd grade. My dad was transferred to Arizona, and we ended up here on Christmas Eve 1974. Fortunately, they bought a house in NW Tucson rather than moving directly to San Manuel. My mom decided that, once we moved to Tucson, she was done with moving until I was out of high school. We ended up not moving anywhere else, and my dad worked out of town.

My introduction to bridge came from my mom. She loved playing bridge. I helped her set up the tables for games she had at our house. The only thing I liked about bridge as a teenager was sneaking the bridge mix and having the house to myself for an hour on Tuesday afternoons whilst she was at a game. She tried to teach me, but I was a teenager so that was a no go!

I have worked in many fields (with mentally handicapped adults, as a paralegal, and in IT for Weiser Lock, where I was responsible for the data and telephone lines for the US, Canada and Mexico). I "retired" from there after I had my daughter. I have a

bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management and a master's degree in Computer Information Systems.

My mom died before I remarried so she missed out on having a grandchild. I have one daughter who graduated from the U of A in December. She is currently attending online Oklahoma State University's court reporting program. She loves it and hopes to be certified within the next year.

Belinda (Singer) Wyatt is responsible for my playing bridge now. Our mothers were bridge partners. Belinda bugged me for years to take Barbara's intro to bridge class. She said we could honor our mothers by playing. I finally agreed when my daughter was in her last year of high school. I quickly became addicted.

My husband and I continue to run a small computer consulting business. He is a programmer, and I do the books.

I felt at home at Adobe when several people told me that they knew my mom (she played at the club before it moved to its current location). It was comforting to hear the stories.

My goal is to become a Life Master at bridge. If any LM is willing to work with me to reach that goal, I would be delighted. I have 240 points.