

Meet Dave and Marty Chakmakian



Hello from table seven (We wish!). We are both anxious to get back to Adobe soon.

Dave was born in Philadelphia to parents of Armenian descent, hence the long and hard to pronounce name ending in ian.

Marty hails from the no longer there metropolis of Cardin, Oklahoma, and grew up in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

We met in college in Emporia, Kansas. It was fate — one of us there on an unexpected scholarship and the other on a lark with a good friend.

Neither of us planned to attend a small Presbyterian liberal arts college in the middle of nowhere. It turned out to be a wonderful experience.

We "learned" to play bridge in the rec center where there was an ongoing game with both students and professors dropping in and out around the clock.

After graduation we both ended up in Kansas City, Dave to attend medical school and Marty to get an education teaching second graders. We married two years later, and Marty earned her PHT (Putting Hubby Through).

In 1967 we moved to Philadelphia for internship, residency in Urology, and two children. That was a five year fog! We now have a daughter and son-in-law in Palo Alto and a son, daughter-in-law, and grandson in Phoenix.

Then in 1972, we found our forever happy place. We took a flying leap and moved to Tucson, where we fell in love with the desert, hiking, and tennis and eventually duplicate bridge. Dave practiced Urology for thirty years before retiring and Marty carpoled.

We are so happy that we dropped into the wonderful world of duplicate bridge after playing socially for years. We are looking forward to getting back to what we love to do together. We love the local bridge community, the interesting people, and the friendships we have made. In the meantime while we wait out the pandemic, Dave continues his passion for painting and Marty reads on.