



## Kent Hay

Upon graduating from UA I attended Ohio State in the college of agriculture, pre-veterinary medicine. I joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and in 1968 I met an incredible lady (Kathy) on a blind date. On February 1<sup>st</sup> of '69 we were married.

I started veterinary school the fall of '69. Upon graduation in '73 we already had two sons. We moved to Chicago where I joined a 4-person veterinary hospital. We were back in Ohio for 2 years after my dad's sudden death in '76. That did not go well, so we returned to Chicago, and I rejoined the practice where I started in '73. I bought the practice in '91 and sold it to retire in '04.

Our two boys grew up to be fine young men thanks to my wife's guidance. Our older son lives in a suburb of Chicago, is married and has 3 wonderful children ages 15, 13, and 11. Our younger son lives in Colorado, is married, and has a wild, crazy, and fun 3-year-old.

When I retired we full-time RV'd in a slide-in truck camper for 19 months. We traveled mostly in the western states and hit many national and state parks. In November of '05 we found a log home in the mountains of Colorado 20 miles west of a small town called La Veta.

I love bicycling and have done a number of one-day century rides and several week long rides in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and New Mexico. There are 52 14,000 foot plus mountains in Colorado, and I have hiked to the summit of about 19 of them with my sons, neighbors, and wife. Kathy and I love to backpack and camp. Our favorite place is the Grand Canyon. We have a 6-night trip reserved to go into the canyon this May. It will be our 8<sup>th</sup> overnight trip into the canyon together. I have done several others with our younger son.

We are enjoying southern Colorado with all the beautiful places to visit and explore. I do some relief work for a local veterinarian. We visit our grandkids in Chicago at least 4 times a year. We attend many baseball, soccer, basketball games and gymnastics meets there. We are about 3 hours from our little guy in Colorado. He loves to hike and camp. We did a 2-night trip into the Grand Canyon with him and his parents last May.



We love our little town. We attend as many girls' volleyball games, and boys' and girls' basketball games as we can. We have become athletic boosters for the school and are on the Colorado Pre-School Program Board. It is so much fun to visit the pre-school and kindergarten classes. We belong to an active church that does a great deal of mission work, so we are not bored in retirement.