

A sunset over a desert landscape. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of saguaro cacti and trees against the bright sky.

# Remembering Randy Keith Pennington

**July 2, 1956 - July 18, 2023**

# The Early Years























# More High School Shenanigans







## Mountain

# SHADOWS

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Sahuaro High School — Tucson, Arizona February 16, 1973

## Sahuaro Dominates All-State Choir

More vocalists from Sahuaro qualified for the 1973 All State Choir than from any of the other forty five AAA high schools.

**TWENTY-FIVE** students were selected to perform in the All State Choir March 3 through the 25th, in Tempe.

The twenty-five Sahuarans represent 35% of the Tucson delegation, and 13% of the top 200 vocalists in the state.

All the entrants were judged on sight-reading, which counted for 40% of their score and their vocal presentation counted 60%.

Among the All Staters chosen from Sahuaro was freshman Robin Brewer, a

among five other girls from Arizona to soon audition for a solo part of the All State Choir.

Singing baritone are Brian Eustice and Chris Warwick. Britt Ripley, Bob Fee, and Mark Rhoades will sing bass, with Craig Hoffman singing first tenor. At second tenor are Jim Baum, Tom Low and Randy Pennington.

**THE GIRLS** representing Sahuaro in the All State Choir are: at first soprano, Stephanie Butler and Vicki Van Horn. Patty Butcher, Laura Santi, Margaret Knight, Colleen Flom, Laura Clayton and Robin Brewer are second sopranos.

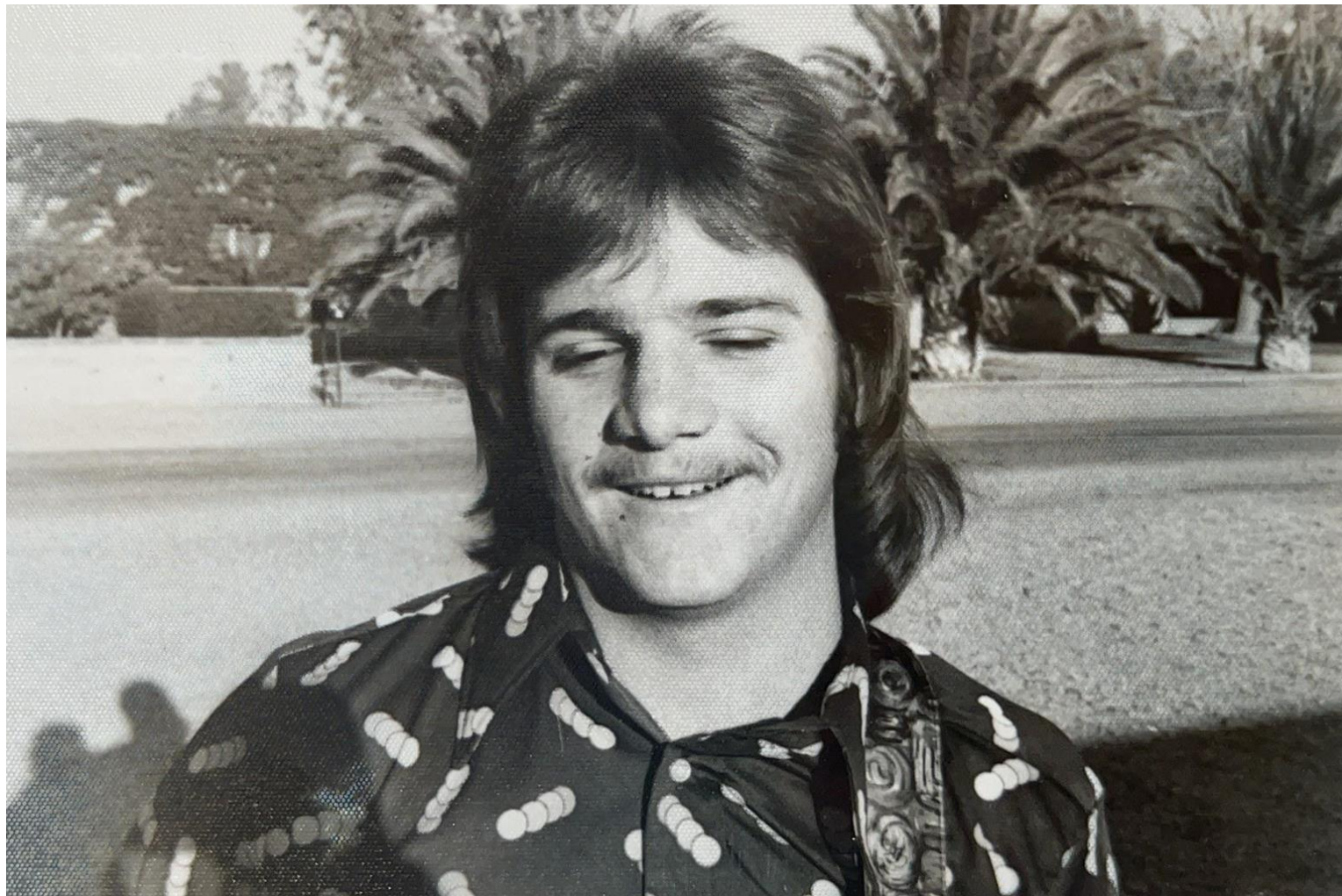
Achieving a position at first alto are Chris Yadeo.

and at second alto Marla Christensen, Lynn Nixon, Debbie Jones, Janice Erman, Jennifer Hicks, Jane Johnson, and Helen Gregory.

**IN TEMPE**, the vocalists will have two days of continuous rehearsals with one of the country's top conductors for the final concert on the 25th of February.

Sahuaro took home more honors as four more students qualified for All State Orchestra. Dale Lupu will play the viola, Claire Bockman, the violin, and Virginia Lamberton the viola. Frank Steele, who also made state honors on the trombone.





# Early 1980s









# The Carpenter's Christmas Special (Frank Pooler, Randy's Choir Director and Mentor, with Karen Carpenter and the CSULB University Choir)



# Brother & Sister - 1980s





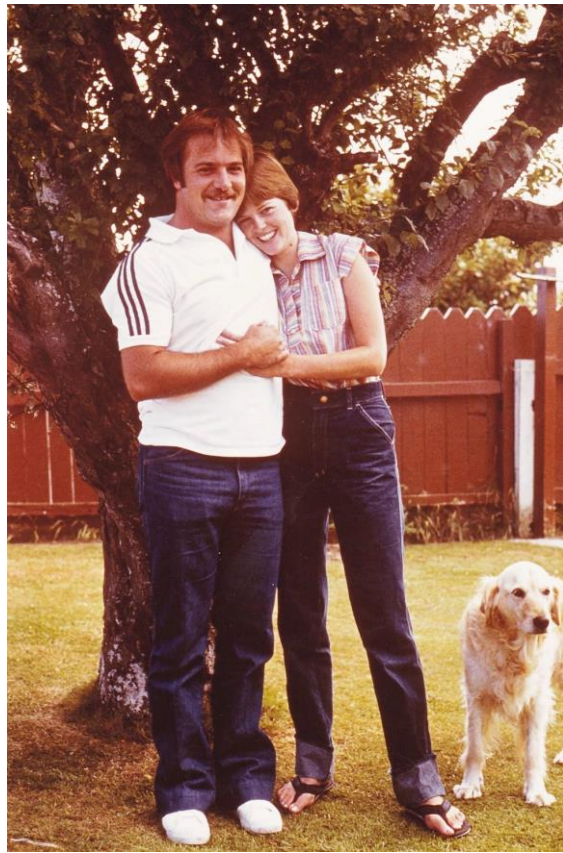
# Randy & Shellie



CSULB University Choir & Festival Singers Concert, Wellington, New Zealand,  
during the CSULB tour of Australia and New Zealand, 1981







Randy & Suzanne's Engagement January 1982  
Lower Hutt, New Zealand

Randy with his parents, Bobby and Sue  
Wedding Day, January 15, 1983  
Lower Hutt, New Zealand





# Wedding Day - January 15, 1983

## Laing's Road Methodist Church

### Lower Hutt, New Zealand







Frank & Marie Carter (Suz's parents)  
Suzanne & Randy  
Sue & Bobby Pennington (Randy's parents)



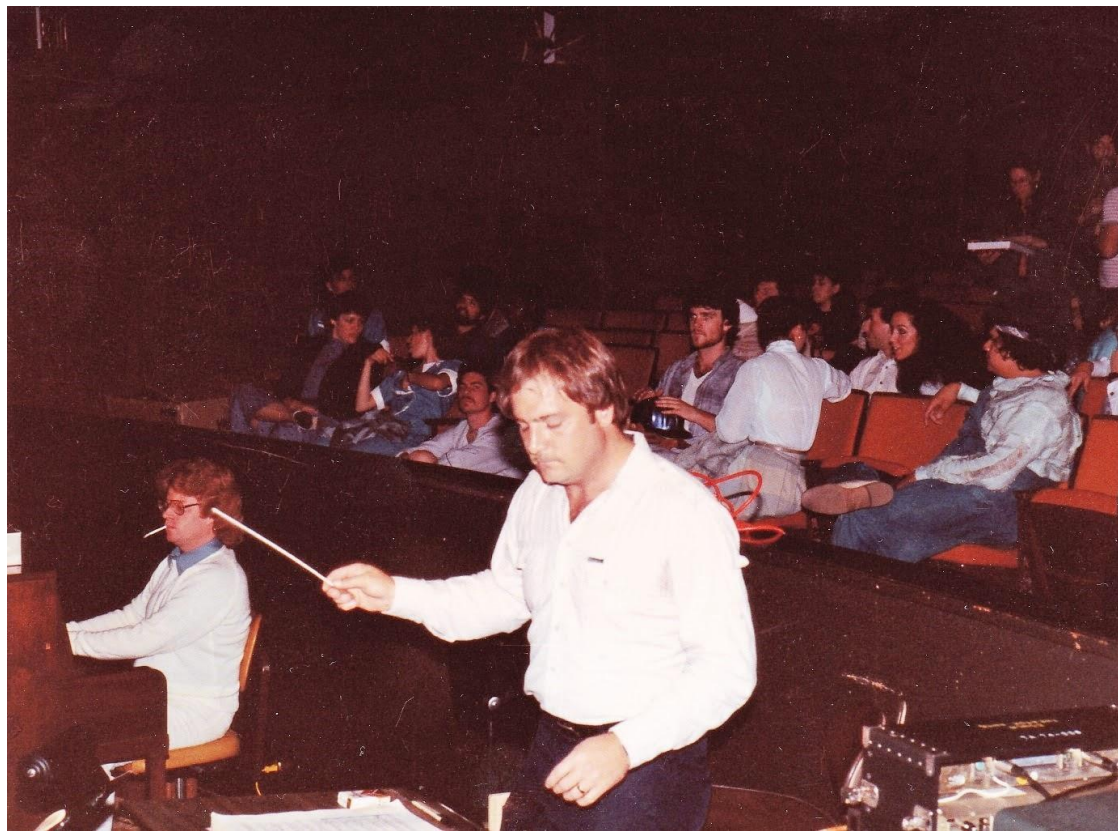


January 15, 1983 - Lower Hutt, New Zealand

# Back home in Tucson for Sahuaro High School's Reunion - 1984 Suz, Randy, & Babe

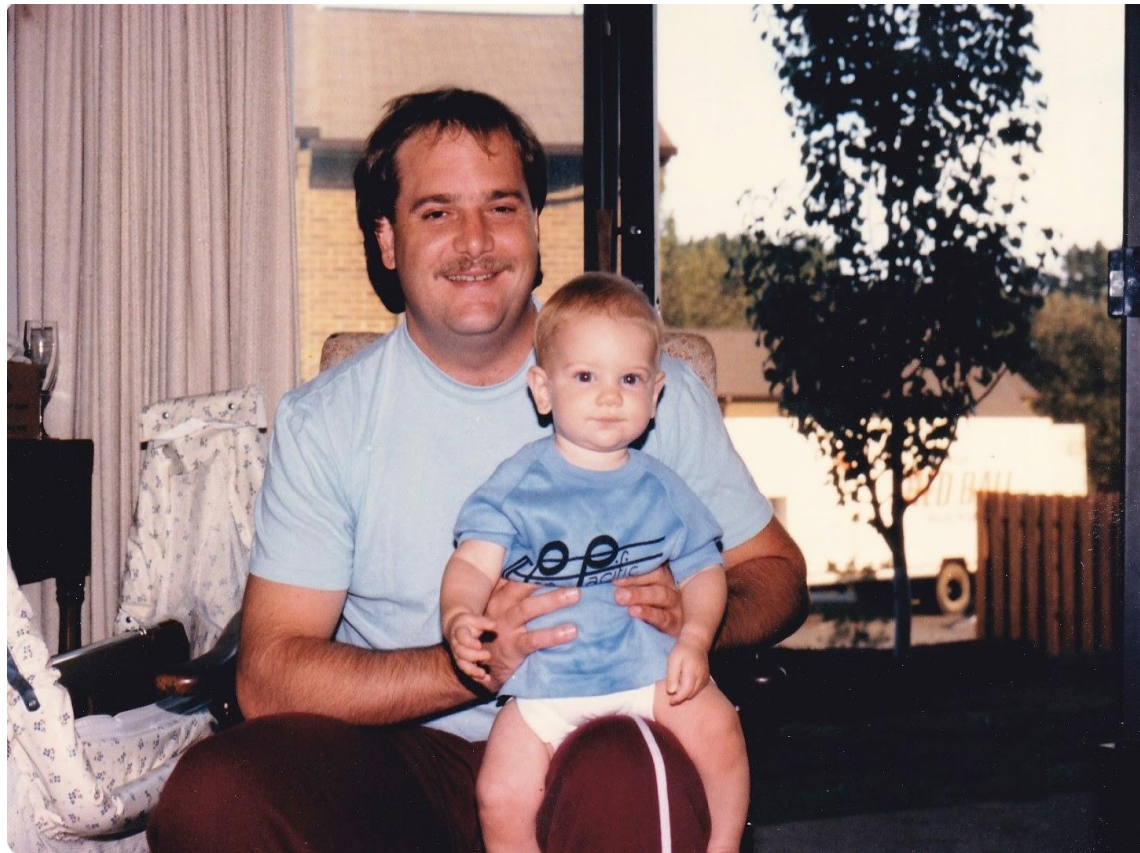






Directing the pit orchestra of CSULB's "Working" 1984

Randy and baby Brock, Winston-Salem, N.C. 1985



# Randy & Brock, Tucson, 1987





# A visit from Suz's parents, 1990



Randy, Brock (7 yrs), and baby Keith - 1992

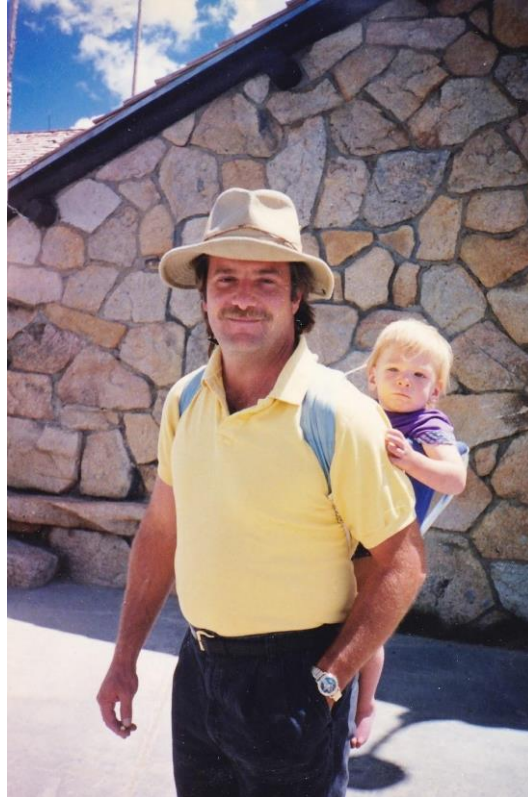


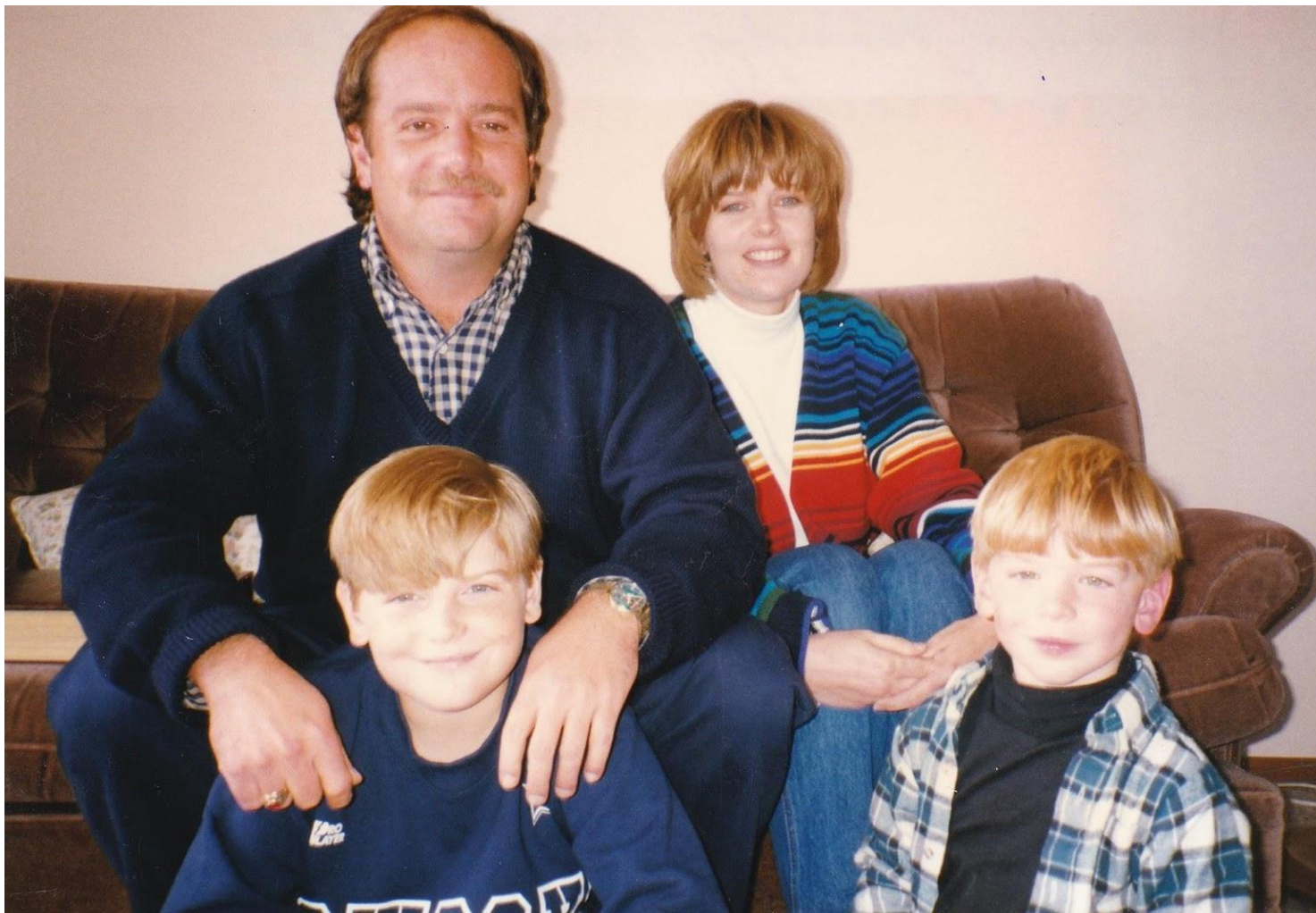
# Suz, Randy, Brock, Keith & Bingo Alamosa, CO 1992





# Randy & Keith - summer 1993





# Kentucky!

## Randy, Bingo, Brock, Keith & Mindy



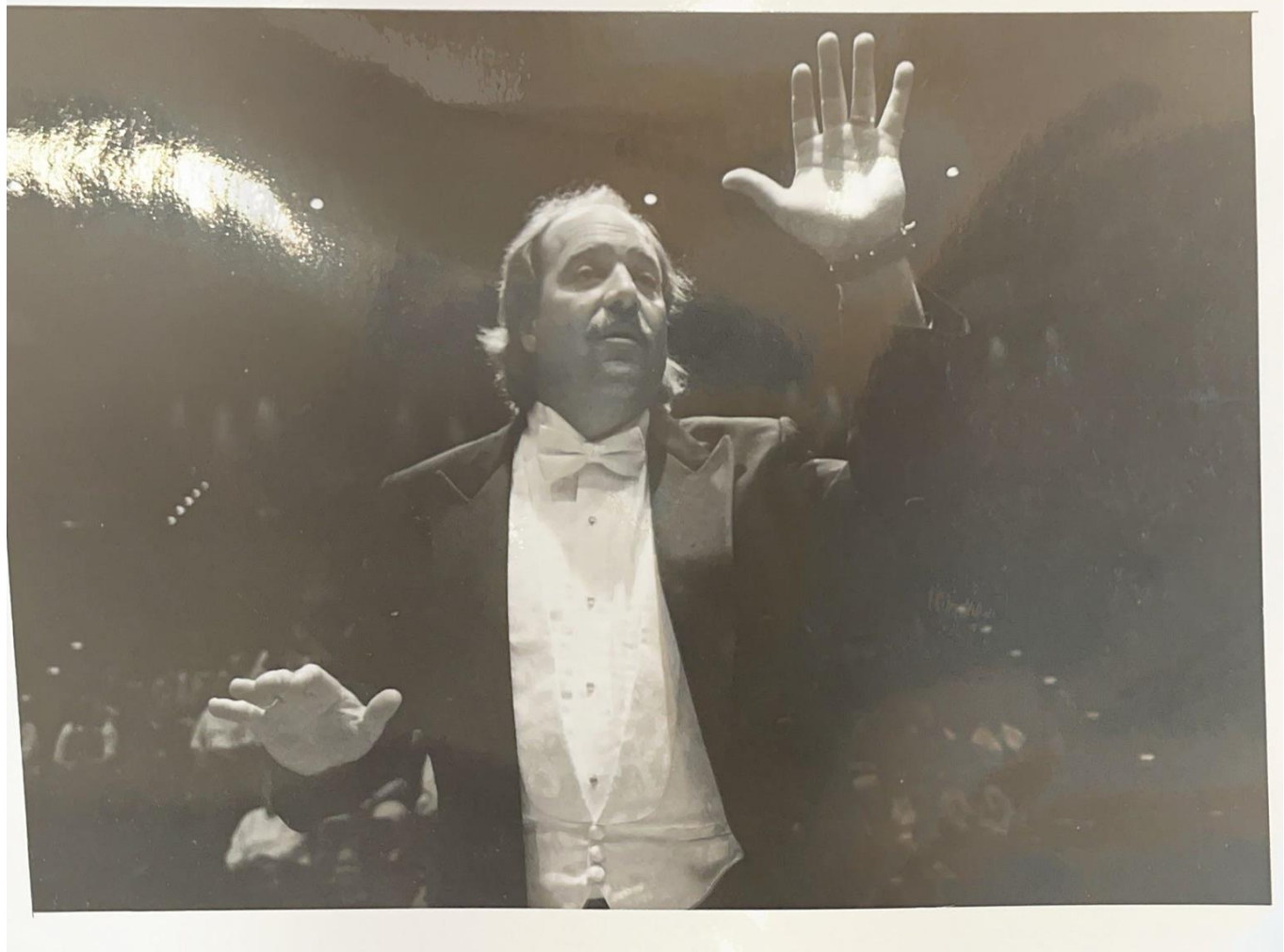


# Mom & Dad Pennington visit Kentucky



# Professor Pennington Northern Kentucky University

















# New Zealand Visit 2007

## Randy, Sally, Dad, Suz





# 2014 "Jazz & Cheese" Tour NKU Vocal Jazz, France

**TALLARD**

## Le concert des étudiants américains a enchanté l'église de Tallard

**M**ardi 10 juin, à 21 heures, a eu lieu un concert de jazz à l'église de Tallard. Par l'initiative de l'association "Jazz et cheese", des étudiants américains du Kentucky se sont joints aux choristes de Gap ainsi qu'à la chanteuse Kristin Marion et son mari, Philippe Martel, afin d'offrir au public une prestation juste et originale. Ce concert était un beau moment de musique, mais aussi de rencontre, entre les jeunes américains et le public français. « C'est la première fois que mes élèves jouent dans une si vieille église en France. C'est un moment magique et historique pour

eux, mais aussi une belle rencontre humaine et culturelle avec le pays », explique leur professeur de musique, William Brian Hogg.

Le concert s'est divisé en trois grandes parties où se succédaient Kristin Marion, les choristes du conservatoire de Gap, et les choristes de la Nord Kentucky university (Université formant les futurs musiciens professionnels), le tout accompagné par deux musiciens américains (basse et batterie) et un musicien français. Pendant deux heures, l'église de Tallard a été réchauffée par les exotiques accords effectués par les mains frétilantes de

jeunes américains, revisitant largement le répertoire de la musique jazz avec brio. « Chanter dans une église est une expérience spéciale et une chance rare pour un jeune Américain comme moi. Ce soir, nous rencontrons l'histoire et j'étais très excité à l'idée de jouer ici », confie Mac, jeune choriste de la NKU. Un concert particulier donc, avec néanmoins une légère déception quant au mince public.

La chorale de la NKU se produit ce week-end au festival de Montbardon. Informations sur [www.jazzandcheese.fr](http://www.jazzandcheese.fr).



Les jeunes chanteurs américains ont offert une prestation digne de professionnels au public tallardien.









# Family Times











# Proud Dad











# Suz's sister Jenny and brother-in-law Brian visit from New Zealand





# Family visits KY for Randy's 50th



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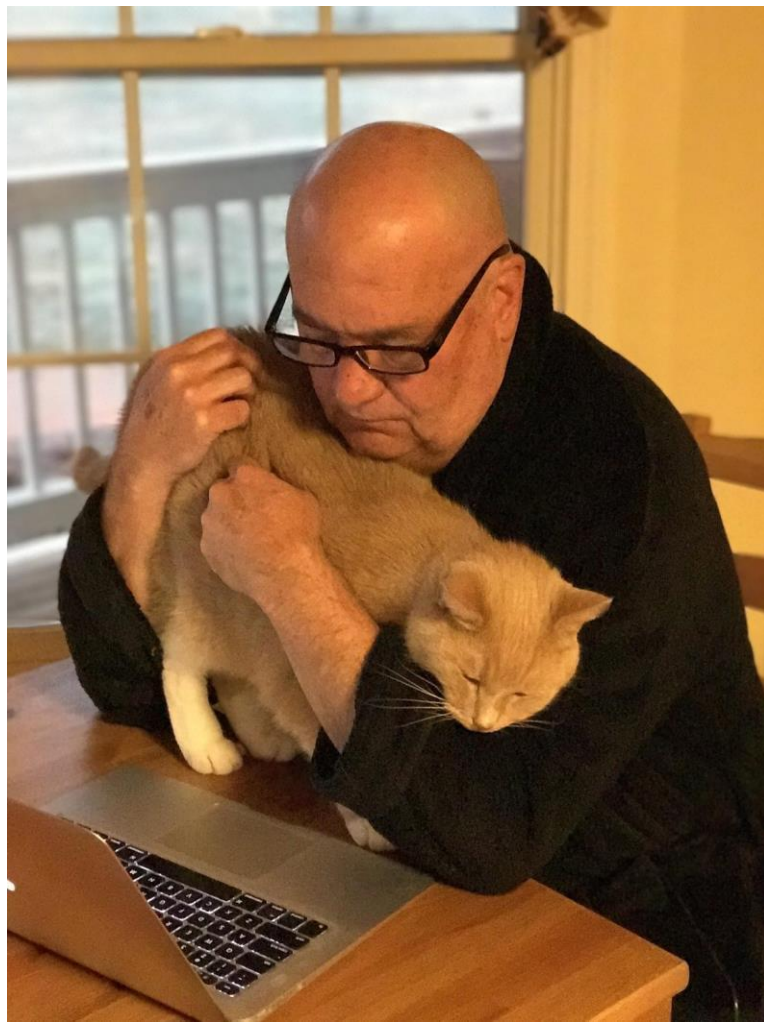




















# Costa Rican Adventures with Tammy & Eddie

















More Memories ...















# Keith & Lindsay's Wedding Day June 26, 2016 (with Suz's Dad)







# Back to Tucson - 2018



























# The “Von Pennington’s” Making Music Together









# Celebrating Momma Pennington









# 2020 New Zealand Trip to Celebrate Suz's Dad's 80th



# Suz, Suz's Dad, Sister Jenny, and Randy



# Fish & Chips on the Beach, NZ





# Suz, Jenny, Randy & Suz's Dad







Tammy and Eddie joined  
Randy and Suz in New  
Zealand





Randy & Eddie,  
Lake Taupo,  
New Zealand





Tammy &  
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# Making music with the Oro Valley Jazz Band









# Family Shenanigans











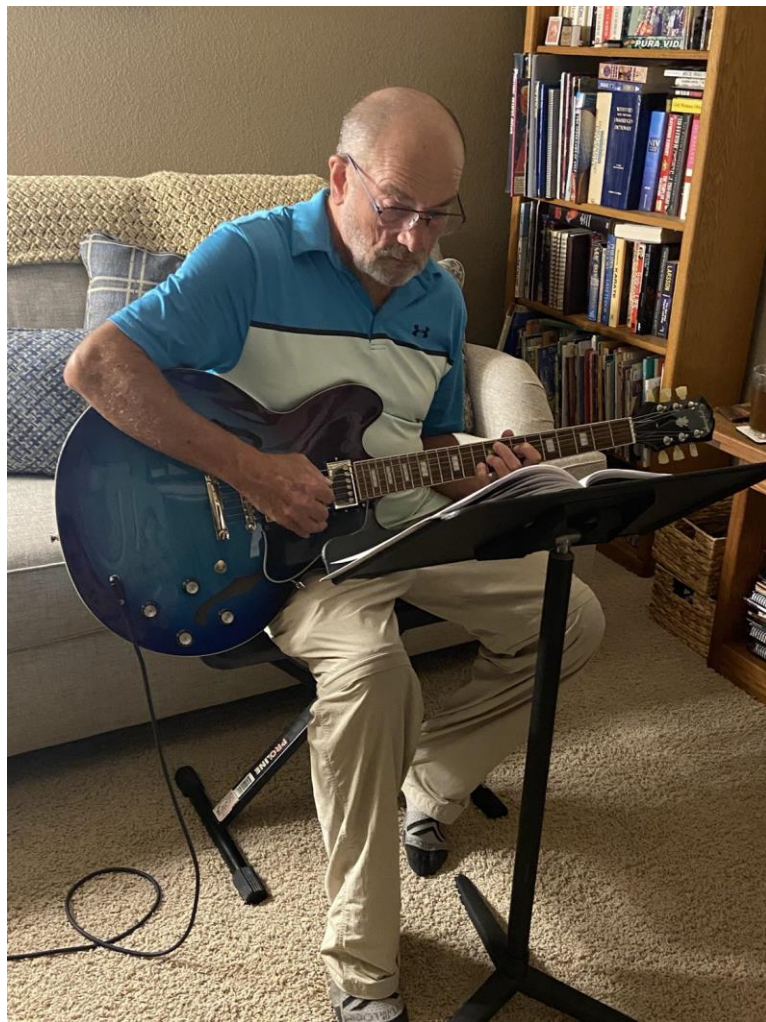








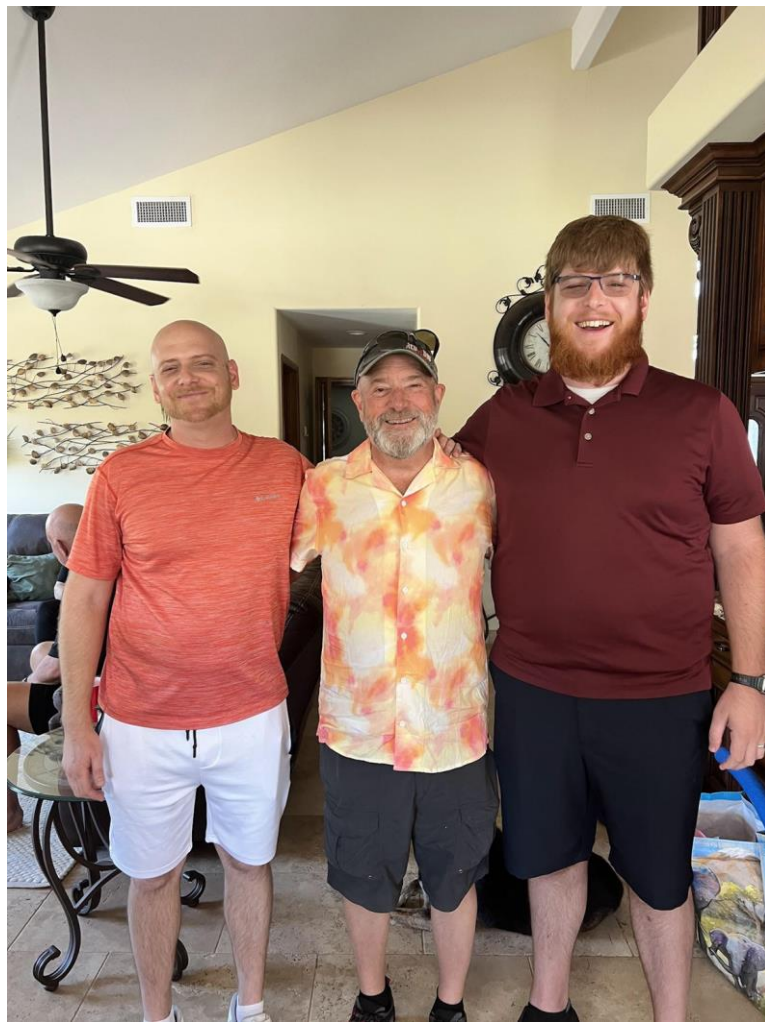




























# Brock & Wendy's Wedding - October 29, 2022









# Poppa Randy & Siwe



















# Loving Golf at The Highlands



# We Miss You!

