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My wife Rae Ann and I had spent our 37 years together living in Minnesota. On September 1, 2012 we moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, as we were looking for a milder climate with all four seasons and beautiful scenery. Rae Ann found work immediately at the Community Restorium here in Bonners Ferry. She loves working with the residents and staff there.

As for me, I am currently looking for employment where my communications and general customer service talents can be utilized. I enjoy dealing with people from all walks of life and would like to be a part of a business that values their customers above all else. At this time in my life I believe that money is not as important as happiness.

A brief career history follows. Of course I would be happy to share more detailed information about myself, including references from people I have worked with, personal references and so on.

2007 - Present I've been self employed as a salesperson/consultant. Over this period I worked with different smaller companies to improve or widen their sales. I worked with the Hasting Co-op Creamery of Hastings, Minnesota to increase their sales area. At Shelton Enterprises of Duluth, Minnesota I helped them to introduce a new locally made frozen pizza line. I also helped their convenience store by re-setting, designing sales fliers and computer data updates. At the Willow River Mercantile, where I began my working life, we rebuilt the store inside and out. We did a complete re-set of products, shelves, fixtures, walls and more to update the stores operations. Again I designed sales fliers, signage and other Point of Sale items. I worked with a dairy wholesaler, Grandy Dairy of Stanchfield, Minnesota, expanding their sales area, creating signage and fliers. Last summer I worked with RJM Distributing of Ramsey, Minnesota. Expanding their sales territory into Northern Minnesota.

1999 - 2007 Hometown Distributing, 4442 Haines Rd., Duluth, MN 55811 A small tobacco, candy and grocery supplier to Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. This company had been started by a former Lloyd Currie and Sons employee. I became a part owner of this company. I was again an outside salesperson, buyer for several lines, accounts receivable head and ran the DSD (Direct to Store Door) division featuring Keebler, Sunshine Biscuit, Archway, Salerno and other cookie and cracker brands. In 2007 we sold the company to Sullivan Supply of Hibbing, Minnesota.

1996 - 1999 Worked for several other Minnesota based wholesalers as an outside salesperson. This business was now changing rapidly and I left these company on my own accord looking for a better fit for myself.

1989 - 1996 Lloyd Currie & Sons, 4907 Lightning Drive, Duluth, MN 55811 A tobacco, candy and grocery wholesale supplier. Outside salesperson Duluth to Minneapolis-St. Paul. Called on convenience stores, small grocery stores and many other retail operations of various sizes. Became the grocery buyer for the company as well in 2004. Lloyd Currie and sons was sold to a Minneapolis based company in 2006. I left as I wanted to remain in Northern Minnesota.

1975 - 1989 Willow River Mercantile, 8129 Willow St., Willow River, MN 55795 A family owned store. Began as clerk at this busy grocery-hardware-appliance retailer. Over time I also became a buyer for cooler and frozen items as well as consumer electronics.

Over the years I have had many extra side jobs to keep me busy. In the 1980's I drove school bus for my old school in Willow River for seven years. In the early 1990's I sold cellular phones and service for Century Telephone, now Century Link, for several years. I was a fifteen year volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Northeastern Minnesota. I was a volunteer fire fighter for both the Willow River Fire Department and the Minnesota DNR. I served on my hometown, Rutledge, Minnesota, City Council as Mayor and Councilman. I was Emergency Management Director for the City of Willow River, Minnesota. I also was a member of the Willow River Commercial Club for many years where I served terms as both President and Vice President.

I currently create brochure style websites for small business. I have two operational right now, www.davesoil.com and www.tandmathletics.com.
