

The title of this autobiography is “Stuff That I Have Done”. As a kid, I was artistically inclined and, when not outdoors, spent a lot of time drawing, mostly pencil, pen and ink, water color and pastel. Coming from a large musical family, I, my siblings and cousins all had piano lessons growing up. In addition to our lesson music, we always enjoyed playing by ear and learning the favorite pop songs of the time and later playing in bands throughout the years.

A love of classical music ultimately led me to acquire a bachelor of Music Degree at Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Winchester, VA, their Lizette Black Award for the Most Outstanding Graduating Pianist, and a Master of Music Degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music on a full scholarship and teaching assistantship.

Since graduating I have worked a variety of jobs and musical activities including:

- * Teaching piano lessons
- * Piano recitals, including the Smithsonian Performing Arts Series at the Renwick Gallery, Washington, DC
- * Worked in group homes for the mentally and physically challenged
- * Worked numerous temp jobs, both industrial and clerical
- * Day Labor (show up at 5 am and get sent out on all kinds of construction jobs)
- * Organist & choir director for churches of many different religious denominations
- * Sang in chorus for performance under the direction of John Rutter
- * Sang in Tampa Bay Master Chorale, including concerts and recording for Telarc Compact Discs with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Boy Choir and the Ohio State University Chorus and Boy Choir under the direction of Robert Shaw.
- * Organist/accompanist, guitarist, and wooden flute player for combined choir and “world music” concerts in Milan, Florence, Assisi and Rome, Italy, including St. Peters Basilica and St. Ignatius, the largest cathedral in Rome, and at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi
- * Played guitar and wooden flute for St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, FL
- * Taught several courses in music appreciation at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus
- * Played keyboard in bands for shows and concerts at Vinoy Park, the Pier, Skippers Smokehouse and various community centers, Tampa and St. Petersburg, FL
- * Played piano for parties, receptions, including for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Council Oaks Restaurant in Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Tampa.
- * Favorite quote: “Music is what feelings sound like.” - Georgia Cates
- * My quote: “Music cuts through all the bull and gets right to the soul.”
- * My idea for a better world - more BACH! (more classical music) and more DANCING! Especially dancing to FUNK!

