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Meet the Engelhardts

When Joan and Rob Engelhardt bought into Bergen in April of 2019, they envisioned it as a jumping-off spot to the mountains as they transitioned toward retirement. Until now they've maintained a home in Broomfield, using the Evergreen condo as a getaway. Their Broomfield home is in the midst of being sold. Over their 21-year-marriage they've also lived in Oregon, California, and Illinois.

Rob's job now involves working on Cape Cod, so he's there three weeks a month and here in Evergreen the other week. And since COVID started, Joan works remotely for the Department of Natural Resources, doing so from Evergreen. She's always dealt with accounting, specifically with state grants on this job. "We're trying to figure out when to retire," Joan says. "We need to have a plan...."

Both Joan and Rob are outdoorsy people. She hikes, snowshoes, cross-country skis. He does a lot of bicycling and had even often biked to and from work when he worked in Denver, wine country (CA), and Oregon. He still opts for a bike when needing to cross town. They enjoy hiking together.

"We met playing volleyball at church," Joan says. "Rob was on the good team, and I was on the OK team."

Joan spent her first six years in Minneapolis. Her family relocated to Colorado in 1968 when IBM transferred her dad to Boulder. She attended parochial schools in Boulder, traveling into Denver for high school classes. She didn't travel as far for college, choosing the University of Colorado, which was just a mile away from home. "I never thought to look anywhere else."

"My parents were big on camping because of having a big family," Joan says, explaining that she was one of six kids growing up. "We went to Rocky Mountain National Park because of its proximity." The Great Sand Dunes proved to be another popular destination.

Rob, who hails from the northern suburbs of Chicago, spent time on the shores of Lake Michigan and visiting the lakes in Wisconsin. He also enjoyed hiking, skiing, swimming, wind surfing, sailing, and hanging out on the beach. And he got lots of exercise on the golf course while in high school and college – caddying, that is – at two country clubs. "He used to caddy barefoot," Joan points out, "carrying two sets of clubs."

After college, Rob moved to Southern California just a stone's throw from the beach, playing beach volleyball and doing a lot of bicycling. "My favorite place is Yosemite; my second favorite is Devil's Lake, Wisconsin," Rob says.

In the past Rob traveled a lot with his job as a program manager (he's now a director of engineering), with trips every few months to either Europe or Asia, enjoying opportunities to add scuba diving to his list of outdoor activities. Joan

and their daughter have sometimes piggybacked on his business trips to see the world, including such places as Australia, China, and Sweden. Visiting their daughter when she spent a semester abroad enabled them to see France, Germany, and Spain. Now they travel to Seattle to see her.

"We got hooked on national parks ... I like to see the variety of what the US has to offer," she says. "You'd have to go to the Everglades to see something really different ... or dead armadillos in Arkansas," she adds with a laugh. Joan and their daughter have been to all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

"Now we're trying to hit all the national parks," including those in American Samoa and Guam.

Rob adds that they like Evergreen. "The people are nice ... it's fun," he says. "It seems so much more relaxed, a whole different atmosphere."

Profile by Linda Kirkpatrick, photo supplied



Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle.

-- Charles Glassman

Memo from the Manager

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- Donna Frantz, Treasurer
- Madeline Olney, Secretary
- Pat Eskew, Member-at-Large

-- Kathy



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