

## David Engel

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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### Responses to previous topics:

Nancy Arnold Finneran Witt - [nancystew@copper.net](mailto:nancystew@copper.net)

First off, want to bring up a wonderful movie that I saw Friday; it's based on true story: RICHARD JEWELL and movie made by Clint Eastwood. Well worth seeing.

1. Grandma, is your family coming to your home this Christmas? - Had nice Thanksgiving with 12 family and then different group for Christmas eve.

3. It's a Wonderful Life! What would the world be w/o you? - Ah.....not much except for family and friends.

4. Did you keep Christ in Christmas? How? - Yes, had head cold so didn't go to church, but husband went to church for me, and I like to communicate with family and friends with cards.

Whatever else you'd care to write about: Does anyone have any bone density problems? I do and take a weekly pill, elendronate sodium.

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This week's topics:

1. How many of you have changed your careers? From what to what?
2. Have you worked the same job through to retirement? What was the job?
3. Have you changed your religion from what you originally were? Why?
4. The high school had guidance counselors. How good was their advice? What did they advise you?
5. What was your favorite job. The worst one?
6. Ever make New Year's resolution? What was it? Keep it?
7. What problem are you currently grappling with?
8. What was your last "selfie"? Who was in it?
9. Do old people get angrier easier. Example?
10. What do you think the new decade will bring?
11. Whatever else.

and responses:

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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)



After graduating (UW 1970) took my first construction/ engineering job with Bechtel in

Washington state. After 42 years with them on multi projects involving seven locations ranging in length from nine months to 15 years we retired. It was a great life.

PS: Better yet, still have the same wife....1969 and still counting.

PPS: Having memory issues. Seems like all was OK until about age 70. Not remembering names came first and lately visualization of things like spatial relationships such as how do I get around on normally familiar roads.

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Terry Stake - [mrtbass7106@gmail.com](mailto:mrtbass7106@gmail.com)

I worked my entire career as a sportscaster and salesman for WFHR radio. It was my favorite job as well. I worked at Dahls floral Garden in high school and it was my worse job. I was born into the Lutheran faith Wisconsin synod. I still am a Wisconsin synod Lutheran. Never made a new years resolution as I knew I couldn't follow through

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Bob Schmidt - [2803chopper@gmail.com](mailto:2803chopper@gmail.com)

1. Career changes...Once..was a headhunter for accountants in Chicago in early 70's and then worked for the same bank for the next 39 years.

2.Changed careers in retirement and am finally getting paid what I deserve. I'm working for free, delivering meals for Caring Corp. on Mondays, Phoenix Rescue Mission on Tuesdays and church thrift shop on Wednesdays.



3. Started out Episcopalian at St. John's in Rapids. Then my dad got in a pissing match with Father Marciel over the Masonry (secret organization in the churches eyes, which was a bad thing). So, off we went. My brother and I had to redo catechism at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rapids

(seemed unfair). Returned to Rapids in 1975 and rejoined St. John's Episcopal. Now belong to Good Sheppard of the Hills Episcopal Church in Carefree, AZ.

4. Mr. Johnson suggested I go to barber school. Nothing wrong with being a barber but I chose to go another route.

5. Favorite and worst job was the same one.

7. Current problem I'm grappling with...How to run out of money on by 98th birthday.

9. Old and angry.. If you leave the tv off, you don't get angry, regardless of age.

10. New decade? Will be prosperous if Trump is reelected.

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Randy Cox - [wi9cox@icloud.com](mailto:wi9cox@icloud.com)

Drove redi-mix for 29 years till retirement. No accidents, one ticket for going too slow in Las Vegas. Don't like religions but have faith. No favorite or worse jobs but did like handyman work. Problem I'm grappling with - been the healthiest of nine kids and then two months ago the VA does surgery on me to take a tumor off my liver and than they tell me I have angiosarcoma- Whoopi ky yea !

Do older people get angrier- no and yes- because we are wiser we understand things better so our temperament is better except when we are in pain. Who knows what the new decade will bring, some good some bad, I like living with the values of the past. Well, time is just about up for us but it's been a good run- love you all.

**Ed note: Please keep Randy in your prayers.**

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Geno Hafermann - [genehafermann@charter.net](mailto:genehafermann@charter.net)

2. Worked my whole career as a Geodetic Engineer and retired in 2014 after 43 years in that job with Wisconsin DOT. Loved my job.

3. Sort of. I have always been a Christian, but I changed from my Lutheran background to United Church of Christ about 45 years ago. I didn't see eye to eye with the strict Lutheran positions related to women in the church, related to gays in the church, related to closed communion, related to "if you don't accept and believe our interpretation of the Bible then you aren't

acceptable to us”, etc. etc. I have evolved to be very a very ecumenical Christian.

4. I don't remember any guidance advise I got at the HS level. And I decided what I wanted for a career based on courses and professors I had at the college level.

5. My favorite job was my career as a Geodetic Engineer. Although I also appreciated the work ethic I learned working on a dairy farm and appreciated the skills I learned working for my uncle's home contractor business while in school.

6. I expect I have thought about exercising more and eating healthier after the New Year, but ...

7. Mostly dealing with old people health issues, but doing as well as can be expected and much better than many.

8. I hardly ever take selfies as I don't care for seeing myself that close up.

9. I think the older we get the less tolerance we have for noise and turmoil and if we don't get enough rest we may exhibit anger easier.

10. I really don't care to speculate on what the next decade will bring, but hopefully staying healthy and being helpful to others will make the journey fun.

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Candace Caylor - [klorkatz@att.net](mailto:klorkatz@att.net)

1. I changed my career just one year after graduating from UWSP in 1968 with a BS degree in Sociology. I worked one year as a social worker at Edgewater Haven. That was where I worked as an aide my last two years of college and realized I wanted to be a nurse. I received my BSN from Alverno in 1972. I found my place as an ER nurse and never regretted my career change. I guess this also answers question no. 5 as it was my favorite job.

10. What I hope the decade doesn't bring is more hatred, terrorism, division in our country—specifically politically, and intolerance for anyone different from us. Is that too much to ask? I don't know. Only time will tell.

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Lenore Haferman - [lenorehaferman@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorehaferman@yahoo.com)

I had a lot of jobs leading to teaching. I got there I stopped to raise kids, then went to other jobs, right now I only have two jobs.

We do not go to church any more, I guess you could say our church is nature and the beauty of the world.



My favorite job was to water ski for the Worlds Fair, and then Bartlett.

I hope for the government to make big changes and work together.

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Len Ironside - [ironside.len@gmail.com](mailto:ironside.len@gmail.com)

After graduating from college I took a job teaching and coaching in Wausau. I stayed at that job for four years. Loved it. Just what I wanted to do, but never planned to do it all my life. Planned on teaching until 30 and then go do something different.

At age 28 my brother called and said dad wanted to retire from his little used car dealership. So I moved back to Rapids and joined him. After a few years, General Motors came to us and asked if we would be interested in purchasing the Oldsmobile and GMC dealership in Rapids? Originally we said no, but after much thought we said yes. Negotiations began and we eventually purchased the dealership.



The Rapids area was good to us, and we sold many Oldsmobiles and GMC Trucks. We stayed in that business for almost 32 years. Retiring almost five years ago.

Over that time, life couldn't have been much better. I certainly appreciate everything the Rapids area has done for me and my family.

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## In Memoriam



October 6, 1947 ~ December 25, 2019 (age 72)

Nancy A. Holderman (nee Feith) was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin daughter of Wilbur "Mickey" and Mary Jane Feith, and older sister to Barb (Jim) Muhl.

She graduated from LHS in 1965

She spent her entire adult life in the Madison area, and became the proud mother to her only child, Heather Holderman. Nancy was hard working, a trait she passed on to her daughter, having worked for over 40 years for Verizon (formerly GTE) as an Inventory Manager. Nancy was a

grandmother to Harper Lily, and affectionately became known to her as “Pumpkin Grandma”. Nancy passed away on Christmas day, spiritually fitting, as Christmas was her favorite holiday. We know Nancy now rests in peace following a valiant effort to maintain her spirit while battling dementia in her final years. She was loved by her family and friends, and her ever-present smile and laughter will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 5001 N. Sherman Ave., Madison. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 10:30 am until the time of mass. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be written in Nancy Holderman’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), and acknowledgements to Heather Holderman at 31 North Aberdeen St., Unit PHN, Chicago, IL 60607.