

~ Stephanie Parker ~

My life began in New England in a small city called Pawtucket, Rhode Island. I am an only child and my parents separated and divorced when I was about three years old. My life dramatically changed in 6th grade when my mother joined the Army and we moved to San Antonio, Texas. I was about 10 years old. I thought everyone in Texas wore cowboy boots, a hat and jeans. To this day I am still disappointed to find that they dress like everyone else. Before I graduated high school I attended about 12 different schools. Yes, this made for a difficult childhood always being the new kid. It often seemed that I would start to make friends and feel comfortable only to move again. My favorite times were at St Thomas Moore, my 7th grade year. To this day I still have a number of friends from this school.

I went on to college and put myself thru school. I graduated with an Undergraduate Degree in Accounting (3.5 GPA). While I am not sure that I ever really wanted to be an Accountant, it did provide me a good living and I worked my way up from and Accounts Payable Clerk to Associate Vice President of Finance for a non-profit. Actually, I always wanted to be a lawyer. I did study and take the LSAT but I froze come test day and did not get into my law school of choice.

I have lived in many states, Rhode Island, Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Connecticut and now in Ohio. We actually have a summer place in Pennsylvania so I guess we should count that state too. I moved to Ohio because I reconnected with my high school sweetheart about 25 years after we graduated. So today I am happily married to Robert (Bob) Parker. We met in High School in a class called SPARKS. While I will not bore you with the details, I thank Dr. Towers to this day for selecting me to be in this class. I truly did not deserve to be in the class so I know God was looking out for me. If I had not been selected for this class, we would have never met.



My husband and I were married in 2013 at the West Point Chapel in West Point, New York. It was a beautiful Fall day. The weather was very nice and the day went off without a hitch. He is my partner in crime and I enjoy being with him just talking about the day's events. He calms my nerves like no one else can. He makes the simple adventures in life very interesting. Today, we have three dogs and one cat. He is an Engineer and I could not imagine him doing anything else. I truly live a blessed life. It was a long road getting here but worth the trip. ~ Stephanie Parker

