


# Whatever Happened to Sue Linder Clavin

Then	Capsule Summary	Now
	<p>Born in: Sioux City, Iowa  Grew Up in: Iowa  High School: Sioux City Central High School  Undergraduate Degree: BA Math, Colorado College, 1968  Entered Purdue: Fall 1968  Purdue Degrees:  - MS CS May 1970  Lived/Worked in: Southern California and Colorado Springs, CO  Currently Living in Colorado Springs, CO</p>	<p>Check out my video on pot-bellied pigs at:  <a href="http://video.about.com/exoticpets/How-to-Keep-Pot-Bellied-Pigs-as-Pets.htm">http://video.about.com/exoticpets/How-to-Keep-Pot-Bellied-Pigs-as-Pets.htm</a></p>
Purdue and Personal Highlights	Career Highlights	
<p>I don't know of any major Purdue highlights as I was at Purdue from Fall 1968 to Spring 1970. I was just part of the "gang" during those 2 years. In 1970 I married Tom Clavin, who was also a 1970 CS graduate. We lived in Southern California where Tom worked for Computer Sciences Corporation and I was a volunteer at a local YMCA. That volunteer job turned into a first career for me as I spent nearly 12 years working for YMCAs in Culver City and Torrance. After Tom and I divorced I moved back to Colorado Springs and started working for Digital Equipment Corporation. (See more details in the next panel). I have lived in Colorado Springs for the past 31 years, and love it here. I continue to return to Iowa each summer to enjoy time at Lake Okoboji at a family cabin on property purchased by my great grandfather in 1920. My "children" are my pets. Over the years I have provided homes to several cats, but my favorites are my pot-bellied pigs. My first pig was Hamlet, who passed away several years ago. I currently play "Mom" to Heidi (age 20), Queenie (age 13) and Olivia (age 1). I am officially retired but I continue to work part-time at the local Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts where I teach crafting classes and occasionally assist the management staff with computer related questions and issues.</p>	<p>I did not start a career in the Computer Science field until 1982 when I moved back to Colorado Springs and started working for Digital Equipment Corporation at their Customer Support Center. I was hired to support RSX software running on PDP-11s. After 2 years I moved into the Training Organization where I developed customer relations training and supervised the development of various technical training classes. Later I moved back into Customer Support as a Unit Manager of the group that did Software Problem Report escalations to Engineering, wrote articles for technical problem databases, and anything else that came our way. In my 20 years with Digital....no, let me start that over. I guess I was with Digital for 17 years and then 3 years with Compaq Computer Corporation, which consumed DEC in 1999. I retired just before HP consumed Compaq. Anyway, during my 20 years in the Computer Industry, I did a lot of different things. My main contribution was in the area of training for Digital and Compaq employees working in Customer Support. Besides course development, I also focused on various certification programs (UNIX, Microsoft, Project Management, Networks, Cisco). I managed teams supporting VMS and Networking. I served as the management interface with VAX and Alpha Engineering. I was an interface with our Personnel Department when we were retraining hardware engineers in the field and moving them into positions where there was growth (like UNIX and Storage). I became a "jack of all trades" and master of some. My favorite task was taking on something new or something that needed fixing/tweaking, finding the best solution and then implementing the project/program to success.</p> <p>Today I am on a computer nearly every day, but only for personal use. I am an avid genealogy researcher and use my computer and research skills to help friends and ancillary family members gather information and sourcing for their family trees.</p>	