

After my father accepted a call to come to Nebraska as state evangelist, we moved from Illinois to North Platte, probably in early November, 1958, when I was a Junior.

Began dating Barbara Thayer after Thanksgiving break that year; we dated through the remainder of that year and through our Senior year, both graduating in 1960.

We were married just before my senior year in college, in 1963, attending all four years at Union College; I took a BA in Mathematics.

Vietnam was calling, and I passed my physical to join Uncle Sam's Army in 1965, but Don Wesslen, the principal of PVA during that time, had other ideas. He arranged for me to have an exemption for teaching, and thus I began my first 10 years teaching at PVA from 1966 – 1976.

During those years, I taught pretty much the full gamut of math and science classes, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Senior Math, Chemistry, and Physics, with an occasional year here and there of Business Math.

Those were indeed wonderful years; both our children were born during that time, over at Grand Island Hospital. Our older son, Harold Tad Williams, is now a lead programmer for the travel company, Expedia, and lives near Seattle.

The younger son, David Vonn Williams, took a business major at Union, got his CPA, married in 1993, and have three children, Katie, Jason, and Ashie; they live near Southern Adventist University and Chattanooga.

From PVA, we moved to Champion Academy, teaching pretty much the same classes as at PVA, staying for five years from 1976 – 1981.

Then Maplewood Academy beckoned, and we moved to the cold north country for 8 years, from 1981 – 1989.

Returning to Champion in 1989, I finished up my teaching career with 23 more years here, for a total of 46 years loving and teaching our young people.

Here at Campion those last years, I specialized in upper division classes, teaching multiple sections of Chemistry and Physics, along with Senior Math and Calculus I.

Teaching my final class in 2012, I miss “my kids” and my classroom work, but find blessing in preaching in many of the surrounding churches here in Colorado and elsewhere.

Barb and I sent down deep roots here in Loveland, hence we were reluctant to move away from the Campion area, so we bought a retirement home here and settled in. We are blessed with many friends and relatives nearby.