

I was born and raised in northern California, until I was nine years old, lived on the Navajo Reservation for two years than moved to Denver, Colorado. My Navajo clans are Tó'aheedliinii (Water-Flows-Together) and Kinyaa'áanii and (Towering House People). I have been happily married to Susie Silversmith, Navajo clans, Tsi'naajínii (Black-Streaked-Wood People) and Honágháahnii (One-Walks-Around), since 1978 and we begat two sons, Darrick and Jerald. Jerald married to Candice, and they begat three delightful grand- daughters. I am a grateful recovering alcoholic since 1985. I have been a Christian since 1985 and elder of the Denver Christian Indian Center since 1995. I am retired from Lockheed Martin/IBM, after 30 years, and currently work part- time as a Facility Security Officer in Window Rock, AZ. I graduated High School at Institute of American Indian Arts, 1974, Santa Fe, NM, and now attend in Asbury Theological Seminary for a Master of Divinity degree.