

# *Biography Template*

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## Early Life:

I moved around a lot as a child. My mother was ill my whole life (struggling with mental illness). I became mother, daughter, sister to 6 siblings; taking care of the house, laundry, getting the kiddos off to school, making supper, dishes and forgot what it was like to be a child myself. We had a lot of childhood memories but most are a blur to me.

## Family Life:

My first marriage at 26, gave me two wonderful sons, of which I am so proud of. The youngest was in the military for six years (was discharged for a medical injury) and the oldest works out of Minneapolis and gave me a granddaughter.

I was married a second time, and he passed away suddenly after 16 years of marriage.

## Major Accomplishments:

I have overcome many hurdles that would knock folks down, but I kept digging out of the hurdles. It taught me how to be a stronger and better person.

## Interesting Facts:

- I am learning how to hunt and plan to do a lot of fishing this summer.
- I love camping in the greater north part of Minnesota.
- My favorite hobbies are NASCAR, Wild games, and football.

## Footnotes:

- a. I have worked at Anoka Technical College since 2001 and in every department (with the exception of Professional Workforce Training Center and Financial Aid).
- b. I was a co-advisor and treasurer for PTK from 2013 – 2015.
- c. I love working with students and making sure they have their questions answered. I call myself “a one-stop shop”.