

MEMBER BIO – SHELIA NICHOLSON



I was born in Illinois (yep, I'm a transplanted Yankee!), but raised in Texas. Wendell and I met in Lubbock, Texas while attending college there.

In 1972 we moved to Gallup, N.M. so Wendell could see if he wanted to work with his Dad in the propane business, or teach school. The propane business won out, and we have had a wonderful life here in the Southwest. Our children were both born here, are now both married, and have blessed us with four beautiful grandchildren. Joe didn't ask for pictures of them – so you'll have to wait!

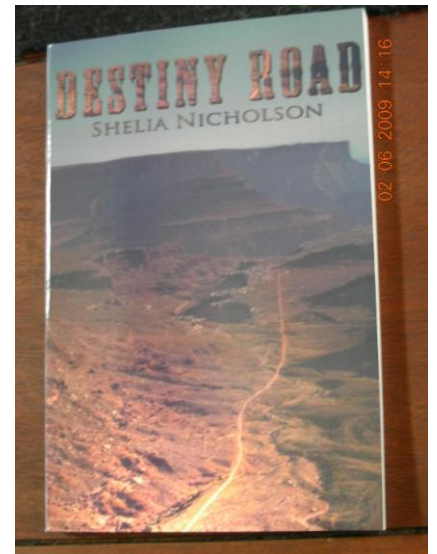
My hobbies are lengthy! I love to cook, sew, do art work, read and write about history and I have even published a book. It is a historical novel of the journey of a group of people that travel

west at the end of the Civil War. Wendell and I traveled almost every mile of the journey on the Gold Wing. It's a great bike ride and historically correct. It took me seven years to research and write the book.

Church has always been a very important part of our lives, so we have enjoyed visiting different congregations on our many trips. But I'm getting way ahead of myself!

After the "surprise" of Wendell buying a motorcycle in 1997 in the first place, we had a difficult time finding one that was comfortable enough to ride long distances. But, another problem arose, and that was his driving the thing nearly scared me to death! After a few "drops" in parking lots and a couple of minor injuries I again swore off riding.

To make a long story short, he took some motorcycle safety courses,



and Wendell encouraged me to take some also. We have now traveled in every state in the lower 48, three Canadian provinces (including Nova Scotia!), and Hawaii. The only state left is Alaska, and it is our hopes and plans to go there this summer! Our longest trip was over 8,000 miles, and took over 30 days!

Our daughter thinks we're crazy, but our son thinks it's great that we have found something to do together.

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