

## Biography of Albert and Carolina Kane



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I (Al) am originally from a little town in Maine called Surry located 6 miles from the City of Ellsworth and 18 miles from the beautiful Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor Maine. I was born August 12<sup>th</sup> 1954 in Bangor Maine. I am the oldest, and have 1 younger Brother and 2 younger Sisters. I attended and graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1973, worked a few jobs, and four years later decided I wanted more out of life so I joined the United States Army. I left home and later that evening landed in El Paso Texas; that same day back on November 29<sup>th</sup> 1977. It was still daylight here when we landed, and I remember my first thought when I stepped off the plane in El Paso, was where in hell am I; on the Moon! I was taking my first look out across the Southwest desert, which I'd never seen. I recall it was snowing heavy and the temperature was freezing when I left Maine that early morning. My next thought was where are all the trees and water here? In the weeks to follow I completed my basic training and stayed here for my first permanent duty assignment. Upon reenlisting I came down on orders for my first overseas assignment to Germany. I had several tours in Europe and returned back to Fort Bliss. So twenty plus years later on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1998, I retired from the Army at the same post I'd started from. I then put myself through truck driving school and afterwards drove the big rigs for a few months. I had fulfilled a childhood desire in doing this. I gave up driving and went to school instead through VA funding, and obtained a degree in Micro Computer Technology. I also hold a Management degree obtained while in the Army. In the last week of my computer course, I was interviewed by several Intel representatives and several weeks later received a written offer for a future job upon successful graduation and

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degree. I accepted the job and this is what brought us to New Mexico in 2000. I've ridden Motorcycles since I was a young teenager; I even built my first mini bike (Contraption). I've been a member of GWRRR since 2000. I love riding when my health allows it, and I love the outdoors, love Photography, enjoy traveling, like animals and wildlife, meeting new people, and best of all I cherish every moment spent with my beautiful Wife, who is the best part of me. Without her my batteries would be flat, and my motor wouldn't run. I have five children from my 1<sup>st</sup> prior marriage and three grand children on my side and three from the wife's side. I own a mint 2000 1500se Gold Wing, and I just recently purchased a new 2009 Gold Wing 1800 as seen in the photo above. Ok now for the wife's history. My wife (Carolina) was born in El Paso, and lived there all her life up until I married her and, whisked her away here to New Mexico. She presently is employed with Wal-Mart. She married me in June of 2000 in El Paso, and then upon saying I do, her life changed forever. A couple of months later, we packed up and came to New Mexico and were both still here. She also belongs to GWRRR. Carolina graduated from Riverside High School in El Paso in 1978. She started taking college courses in El Paso, until becoming a first time Mother requiring her schooling be placed on hold, but she recently decided to complete her education. She's now presently attending college again working toward the completion of her degree. She has two children from her prior 1<sup>st</sup> marriage as well, and three grand children between her Son and Daughter. She also has five step children and 3 grand children from my side. She enjoys dining out, traveling, movies, flowers, zoos, and just spending time with her family. And did I mention, "Trying to keep me in line".