



MARIAN MIDDLETON WAS BORN AND RAISED IN A BRIDGE-PLAYING FAMILY IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN AND BEGAN PLAYING THE GAME IN HER EARLY TEENS. SHE ATTENDED ALBION COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, GRADUATING WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

AFTER GRADUATION, SHE AND A GIRLFRIEND TRAVELLED TO LOS ANGELES TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

MARIAN FOUND AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH MGM WHERE SHE WORKED FROM 1946 TO 1957 AS THE SECRETARY OF PRODUCER, JOHN HOUSEMAN, AND ALSO SECRETARY TO WRITER , SIDNEY SHELDON. HER JOB WAS EXCITING SINCE SHE HAD LUNCH EVERY DAY IN THE STUDIO COMMISSARY AND SAW UP CLOSE THE FAMOUS DIRECTORS AND STARS OF THAT TIME. CLARK GABLE WAS ONE OF THEM.

ALWAYS EAGER TO LEARN, MARIAN MET HER HUSBAND, BOB MIDDLETON, WHILE PLAYING BADMINTON AFTER NIGHT SCHOOL CLASSES IN BEVERLY HILLS. BOB, A GRADUATE OF CAL BERKLEY WAS WORKING FOR DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT BUT HIS DREAM AND VISION WAS TO OWN AND OPERATE A CROP PRODUCING FARM. AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE, THEY INVESTED IN PROPERTY NEAR TULARE AND RAISED COTTON, CORN, ALFALFA, SOY BEANS, OATS AND BARLEY. THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS GREW UP ON THE FARM.

BOB AND MARIAN RETIRED FROM THE FARM IN 1980 AND BUILT A BEAUTIFUL HOME HIGH ON A HILL OVERLOOKING PISMO BEACH. THEY TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY AND AVIDLY PLAYED SOCIAL BRIDGE. THEY WERE BOTH ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, SHE AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE LITERACY COUNCIL AND THE ARROYO GRANDE LIBRARY AND BOB AS A PUBLIC COMMENTATOR ON LOCAL POLITICS.

AFTER BOB PASSED AWAY IN 2005 MARIAN BEGAN TO PLAY MORE DUPLICATE BRIDGE AND NOW PLAYS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO AND ARROYO GRANDE.

MARIAN IS MOVING SOON TO BE CLOSE TO HER DAUGHTER WHO LIVES IN NEWPORT BEACH. SHE WILL RETIRE TO A LOVELY FACILITY IN ALISO VIEJO WHERE, EVER CURIOUS, SHE WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE HER LIFE ADVENTURE.