

# **Bobby Lee Floyd, Born 08/12/1942, Cartersville, Georgia**

## Education:

- 1) Bachelor Science Degree in Psychology with minors in Sociology and Biology
- 2) Advanced studies York University (Toronto, Canada) in Management
- 3) Three months intensive studies in French language at La Prairie, Quebec, Canada
- 4) Six months of night courses at Woodrow Wilson Law School
- 5) Three months of courses at Southern Polytechnic State University

## Accomplishments:

- 1) Eagle Scout
- 2) On my own since the age of 19
- 3) Married and in love with same person for 47 years
- 4) Supporting my wife while she finished College with a BA with honors at the age of 42
- 5) Drafted US Army, basic training (Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.) was given the temporary rank of Corporal, in advanced training at Fort Bliss Texas (El Paso) was in charge of company and appointed to the temporary rank of Staff Sergeant and also received the outstanding graduate award. Honorable discharges are from the Army, Georgia Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves with the rank of sergeant. Nine months service in Vietnam. Four days R and R in Tokyo, Japan.
- 6) Graduated at the age of 30 with the help of GI bill, Honor roll the complete senior year. Last quarter all A's; Started the psychology experimental lab at the university (rented building, hired students, bought animals and demonstrated to college students) Also while in university was the associate director of the Student Center (hired students to man information booth, my wife and I were responsible to entertain guest speakers in our student center apartment and provided accommodations (examples are Governor Jimmy Carter, US Senator Talmadge, Governor Lester Maddox, Mr. Thigpen author *Three Faces of Eve*)
- 7) Was an inventory controller for the largest phone company in Canada. (1year)

- 8) Started and was the General Director of sheltered workshop in Quebec, Canada (the only American citizen working for the Quebec government at the time) Staff of 6 full time instructors and social workers, worked in the French language. 50 mentally handicapped adults in training also had numerous volunteers. 7 years
- 9) Organized, Started and Ran the first ever-special Olympics in Quebec (for 7 years).
- 10) President of the admission board for the Montreal area for anyone placed in Institution or Workshops for the Mentally Handicapped, one year.
- 11) Gave seminars on handicapped (mental retardation) at numerous educational facilities
- 12) Regular guest on local Sunday morning Television Programming regarding management and dealing with any handicapped person.
- 13) Organized, started and hired the staff of the first ever group home for the mentally retarded in Quebec.
- 14) Vice president of the volunteer bureau in Beloeil , Quebec. 2 years
- 15) Owner and manager of Centre Recreation Center(1 year), IRIS Inc (president) 3 years, Owner and manager of a property and casualty insurance agency 17 years.
- 16) While in Sales I won numerous awards and trips. My wife and I and have traveled to Singapore, Taipei, Taiwan, Malaysia, Grenada, Margarita Island, Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Aruba, Puerto Rico, Homestead, Bonaire, Tobago, Barbados, Bahamas, and Caracas, Venezuela.
- 17) Prior to going to University, worked as an apprentice for Florida Power and Light Company (3 years), Pipeline Construction Co in Texas, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Kansas worked as welder's helper, and bookkeeper- timekeeper (2 years)
- 18) Bought a rundown historic plantation 35 years ago and have personally restored it (Buttercup Plantation). The original plantation adjoined Patrick Henry's next to last home in Long Island, VA.
- 19) Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in East Coast Windsurfing championship in 1992.
- 20) Certified windsurfing instructor and the first year after selling my last business and retiring in 2000, I taught Windsurfing at different shops in Avon, N.C., Wave, N.C., Ocean City, Md., and Rehoboth Beach, Del. for the summer.
- 21) I have half way complete writing my first book. The subject is historical construction (how to date items in historical homes). I have worked with a State Architectural Historian, Architectural historians and archeologists at Williamsburg, A retired Virginia Tech professor who is a specialist in Dendrochronology.( He had dated most of Williamsburg, Stratford Hall and 27 other well-known historic sites in Virginia including my own), other local archeologist,

contractors who specialize in old homes and dozens of other people who have tremendous knowledge in historical homes.

22) Enjoy blacksmithing, oil painting, sculpting, gardening, researching, my animals (15 birds, 1 cat, and 5 dogs).

23) Restored (myself) a classic 1966 MGB after attending classes at Vocational Tech School for that purpose.

24) Collector of antique forgotten tools and became involved in Blacksmithing in 2004. Taken numerous classes with top Master Blacksmiths in the country; have personally taught over 90 people the basics of this craft, most were one on one and free. I personally built my own Blacksmithing shop/studio with a rock forge; demonstrated this craft all across VA and NC at different venues over the last 10 years: Spent a year (off and on) demonstrating to school groups at Red Hill, Patrick Henry's last home; demonstrated at Thomas Jefferson's retreat home Poplar Forest for the last 5 years on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

25) I am presently president of Old Dominion Blacksmith Association that I organized and started in 2005. We have had over 250 applications from people who have joined (free) and with an average of 25 members that attend our monthly meeting/events at different locations. I also update, almost daily, our Current News page on our Web site that I built.

26) I used to be (with varying degrees) an accomplished golfer, tennis player, mountain biker, rollerblader, diver, fisherman and windsurfer.

27) Other jobs that I had to take to survive in my younger days were: Newspaper route, janitor, lawn work, grocery store bagger, ladies shoe salesman, magazine salesman, Kirby vacuum salesman, shipping clerk, washed cars, service manager at car dealership, repaired photo copiers and desk clerk at motel.

28) Places that I have lived are: (White, Georgia); (Marietta, Georgia); (Dahlonga, Georgia); (Atlanta, Georgia); (Wetumpka, Alabama); (Houston, Texas); (Borger, Texas); (Booker, Texas); (El Paso, Texas); (Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri); (York, Nebraska); (Sargent, Nebraska); (Scottsbluff, Nebraska); (Casper, Wyoming); (Bien Hoa, Vietnam); (Daytona Beach, Florida), (Beloeil, Quebec, Canada); and (Long Island, Virginia).

29) Other interesting things: I have personally met and talked with the then Prime Minister of Quebec (Rene Levesque) and John Beliveau (Hall of Fame hockey player). Before Graceland was open to the public, Elvis's uncle, who was the guard at the gate, gave me a personal tour of the exterior of Elvis Presley's (Graceland) home in 1966 one rainy Friday night about 10:00 am (Pricilla was living there then). Got to attend the 1965 Bob Hope Christmas show in Vietnam. Went numerous times to the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and observed the boxing /field and track events. I was lucky enough to meet and observed Mohamed Ali practice in the Bahamas (1981). Jimmy Carter the then Governor of Georgia shook my hand and gave

me my University diploma. Had dinner with Maria Von Trapp (The Sound of Music) in Stowe, Vermont at the Von Trapp Lodge before it burned down in 1980.