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After 38 years at General Motors I am semi retired. I currently sell both health and life insurance. I first joined the midstatesmen chorus in 1983 and my family, daughter Michelle, son Greg and wife Renita were a 100% barbershop singing family for 15 years. I sang lead. During that time I served in most positions on the board including president and sang in several quartets. Along with singing around the community our chapter had many activities that included traveling together. We went camping with the families which included putting on a show for the other campers. The annual fishing trip to St Joseph Island in Canada was a big favorite for us guys. We would fish all day sing half the night and then put on a show for all the Island people who provided a terrific pot luck dinner for us. I was fortunate enough to be president when our chapter won the silver division at district contest. In 1998 I started loosing my voice and ended up having surgery on my vocal chord which had developed a growth that needed to be removed. I stopped singing for fear of hurting myself again. Now 12 years later here I am again back doing what I love with people I enjoy being with. I switched to tenor to help my voice. Now I have 5 grandchildren and I want them to hear and learn to appreciate the unique four part harmony sound of barbershop singing.