



After graduating from Liberty, Diana studied at Mansfield University, graduating in 1965 with a degree in Home Economics Education. From '65 to '68 she taught physical education and home economics at Bethlehem Catholic High School (Beca) and also coached girl's basketball. Diana organized Beca's first girls drill team that performed at football games during half-time. They also marched in Bethlehem's annual Christmas parade. And yes, they always used "pom-poms". Following her teaching at Beca, Diana taught home economics at Broughal Junior High School, now known as Broughal Middle School.

Diana, realizing that her career advancement in teaching required education beyond the Bachelor's degree, applied for and was accepted at Penn State University's College of Health and Human Development where she earned a Master's degree in General Family Studies This included studying everything from infancy to elderly. Although Diana was able to grasp all her courses, she realized she needed some extra help in learning statistics. Luckily, she met a fellow student from Philadelphia named Stanley Kratchman and he became her tutor. Stanley was the proverbial "whiz kid" who earned several degrees; specifically a BS in Business Administration and MBA from Drexel Institute of Technology and a Ph.D in Accounting from Penn State. As fate would have it, Diana and Stanley fell in love and were married in Bethlehem on June 12, 1971. The new couple moved to Chambersburg, PA. where Diana, as a substitute teacher, taught home economics at Chambersburg High School.

College is not low-cost so the summer following graduation from Liberty, Diana took a job in a sewing factory to help with expenses. This led to a second teaching opportunity. She obtained a position with the Franklin County Vocational Technical School. (Chambersburg, PA.) instructing students "power trade sewing" from beginner to fashion designer. Power trade sewing is learning how to operate and use professional sewing machines including the opening and management of a sewing business.

In 1974 Stanley received a three year professorship at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. During this time Diana took a hiatus from teaching to raise their first daughter. In 1977 Stanley was offered a position teaching accounting at Texas A&M University in College Station which required a move to the "Lone Star State".

In 1998 Diana decided to become an entrepreneur and open her own business. Being a mother and former school teacher she recognized parents did not always have time to do things for themselves. Seeing a need to be fulfilled, Diana opened "Drop-In Childcare", a business that provided childcare 3 to 4 hours a day. Although the venture was enjoyable and gratifying it was not financially profitable. After 5 years of working 14 hours a day, 6 days a week Diana decided to close the business. Although she missed the families she worked for she was able to keep in contact with the children through high school and college.

Stanley and Diana have two daughters; Michelle, born in 1974, has two daughters and lives in Brooklyn, NY and Crystal, born in 1977, lives in Kilgore, Texas with her four daughters, son, and grandson. Yes, Diana is a "great-grandma".

Although Diana and Stanley are officially retired, Stanley teaches part-time at Blinn Community College in Bryan, Texas and Diana remains active in Beta Sigma Phi, an international woman's organization that provides social, cultural and civic enrichment for its members. It is also a service organization that helps others in the community.

Diana seldom gets back to Bethlehem; in fact the last time she was there was for the class of '61 reunion. She does cherish her leisure time and the opportunity to serve others. In 1996 the Summer Olympics were held in Atlanta. Runners were selected to carry the Olympic Torch across the country and through selected states to its final destination. On May 21, 1996, Diana had the honor of carrying the Olympic Torch through College Station, Texas on its journey to the Olympic Games in Atlanta. She was selected as one of the runners for the volunteer work she does in the community.



On occasion, Diana and Stanley travel to New York to enjoy Broadway shows and visit their grandchildren. Each year they go to the American Accounting Association conference held in a different US city.

Together, the Kratchmans have an interesting and rewarding life. They are active in professional, civic and cultural organizations, raised two wonderful daughters who gave them grand-children and a great grandchild, lived in several states, and enjoy the retired life.

