



After graduating from Liberty, Karen Wasser Stone studied nursing at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia. In 1965 she and 3 other nurses drove across the US and Ontario tent camping along the way and ending up in San Francisco months later. She met her husband while going to school at San Francisco State and University of California SF.

Traveling became an interest to both Karen and Bob. They took trips to Australia, Alaska and Hawaii. After Karen moved back east to Maryland they continued to plan vacations around Bob's job at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He worked with an international group on Counterfeit Deterrence which took them to many European countries. Karen went along and spent time visiting many countries. Karen's interest in birds began after their vacation to Costa Rica. The tour had both a photographer and naturalist as guides. Karen had an interest in photography and Bob in nature. Later they traveled to the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival and other birding festivals. They met Jim and Cindy Beckman, owners of "Cheepers, Birding on a Budget", and later took two of their guided trips to Panama and South Africa. In South Africa they focused on both animals and birds and thoroughly enjoyed the safari in Krueger National Park.

Karen and Bob now live in a cottage at the Lutheran Home in Tipton, They keep many bird feeders filled to enjoy nature. They have two sons; one in North Carolina with his wife and two children and the other teaching at Kutztown University living nearby with his wife and two children. They are happy to see all four grandchildren and their parents also love being outdoors in nature.

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