

# The Village Voice

*Bradford Village—Villagio Senior Living*

## Learning About New People Is Fun

Lura and Robert Fabian have been in our community for a while, but some of you may not have had the opportunity to get acquainted, so we thought that they would make a good feature story for this month.

The Fabians were married in 1978 in Carrier, Oklahoma. As we understand it was not any easy task to convince Robert to even meet Lura, but after some coxing from friends it happened and the rest is history. This was quite a turn for Robert as marriage was not in his wheelhouse!

Lura lived her entire childhood and high school years in Carrier as her father was a farmer in that community and her mother taught school in Enid. After high school Lura attended what is now South-

western University in Weatherford, OK with the goal of becoming a Registered Medical Technologist. After several years she decided to go to OU to get a Master's degree in Microbiology. That she accomplished and moved to Wichita, Kansas to work in a laboratory and this is where she met Bob.

Robert was born and raised in El Dorado, Kansas. All of his primary and secondary schooling was in El Dorado. After high school, Robert attended Butler Community College before graduating from what is now Kansas State University with a BA in Biology. He then attended the medical technology school at Research Hospital in Kansas City becoming a Registered Medical Technologist. This couple studies all the hard subjects and the decides to change

fields! The only thing about this change in career for Robert was that it was to geology. Not good timing as this was in the mid 80s and Penn Square Bank was going under and Oklahoma was experiencing another oil and gas down turn.

Joining the Kansas Air National Guard in 1972 during the Vietnam era seemed like a better option that the army. He trained as a flight simulator specialist at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1975, Robert began working in the medical technology lab at St. Francis in Wichita, Kansas. Oh yes, this is where he met Lura! Worked in the Same lab, but different departments. After marriage, they moved to Tulsa to work for several years.

Oh my! Here we go again. Lura decides to change careers! While living in Lawton, Lura decides to return to school and attend Cameron University. This time Lura leaves science and goes into accounting.

The Fabians moved to Edmond in 1989. Robert went to work for the State of Oklahoma going to the Water Resources Board for 27 years and Lura went to work for the Correction Department doing accounting. Oklahoma was privileged to have them work for 20+ years before they retired. Thank you!

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Lura said her most significant event in her life was dubiously taking the night shift at the hospital. Good decision as this is where Bob appeared in her life. Lura said, “it worked from the beginning and continues to grow”.

Robert shared two very significant events in his life. The first was when he married Lura. “I never thought I would marry as I was always extremely shy around women. This was the most positive thing that ever occurred in my life.”

The second event in Robert’s life was one that affected all of us, but I do not think any of us were on site to have a first hand experience. Robert worked in the Oklahoma Water Resources Building at the time of the Murrah bombing. The Water Resources Building was destroyed but did not collapse. Two of the employees were killed, several sustained significant injuries. Robert said that his injuries were minor.

Both Robert and Lura enjoy gardening and hiking in national parks and state parks and traveling to places in Oklahoma and Kansas that they have not had time to enjoy until retirement. I guess you can say about Lura that “you can take the girl off of the farm, but cannot take the farm out of the girl.”

The Fabians have two lovely gaillardia plants in their beautiful flower bed in the front of the yard. Did you know that the gaillardia plant is the state flower for Oklahoma?



How are you doing during this shelter in place? One of our residents said that he would not shave until we got to go back to the dining room. He has now trimmed his facial hair. Oh how much nicer he looks!



Richard Cutter



It has been said that we all have a twin somewhere.

Here is a note that was received regarding “Glo’s Beauty Box”:

Who said a beauty shop has to be fancy! We’ve had some of our best haircuts in people’s garages!

Thanks for opening your shop to anybody off the street! Haha

Good haircut! Great time! Low Overhead! Terrific beautician!

(signed) Your customers

We are getting a little stressed with our “stay in” policy. Maybe we can take advice from a recent Family Circus cartoon in the Daily Oklahoman.



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