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BSEE (Stanford): 1962  
MSEE (Stanford): 1963  
PhD EE (Stanford): 1967  
IBM: 1967-1996  
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Camden '59  
Brother: Lawrence Walter Belser  
Del Mar '61

I have lived in Santa Clara Valley California since 1951 where I attended Cambrian Grammar School, Campbell High School and Stanford University. I worked for the companies listed above in San Jose for a total of 35 years. I am now retired and occupied as the chairman of The Committee to Promote Square Dancing, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Please see <http://www.c-p-s-d.org/> .

I was married from 1962 to 1976 to Anne-Marie Perntz, a Swedish woman who I met through my friends Jim Hoagland ('57) and Susan Quist ('58). Anne-Marie and I have two sons, David and Charles. I have three grandchildren: Julia, Charlie, and Joseph by Charles and his wife Karen. Since 1988 I have lived with Jackie Daemion, my significant other who is shown with me in the 2006 Rockin' Jokers Square Dance Club photo above. Jackie has three children and five grandchildren. I have a great extended family.

I lost my central vision in 1984, which was a turning point in my life. I became an inventor (64 US patents), a disk drive expert (May 2000 issue of Scientific American) and part of a start-up company called Quinta, which the Seagate Corporation purchased. The stock options I received from Quinta and Seagate gave me enough money to retire. My most significant career accomplishment was the 1969 design of IBM's Automatic Teller Machine (ATM), the first full function ATM.

I have read widely about personal growth and done many personal growth workshops including the Erhardt Seminar Training (EST) in 1976. This preparation was essential in surviving my vision loss. I describe my process in my autobiography, *Memoirs of a Late 20th Century Engineer*, and in my article, *Seven Steps for Personal Growth*, both published at: <http://home.netcom.com/~kbelser/> .

I speak Spanish, play the piano, square dance, ballroom dance, and manage my investments, all activities that can be done with low vision. I am also an avid traveler and have been to all continents except Antarctica.