

As a young child I was into Star Wars big time. I had every character toy, the sandblaster, Millennium Falcon and much more. I was fascinated with Science and owned a Chemistry set, Microscope and Telescope. I was interested in inventing things and some of my inventions included the now famous Bic Blowgun (if you want to learn how to make one just ask me), a 30lb draw recurve bow out of natural materials, several unique karate weapons hand designed and I even built several forts and tree forts in our woods behind our house. I was big time into Boy Scouts beginning as a Cub Scout and working my way all the way to Life Scout and earning the "Arrow of Light" order status. I loved Boy Scouts but when I turned 17 they ended.

I was interested for time in Indians and researched them heavily including doing my own digs at the nursery. At one time I had a collection of over 1400 arrowheads and Indian artifacts I had found in the nursery and surrounding fields. I was really interested in the Apache and Iroquois tribes. I have always been a history buff and love learning about the areas in which I live, or have lived. For example I know that the Nursery at one time was an Indian settlement for the Potawatomi Indians and they sold the land to Samuel Eddy in 1875. Samuel Eddy was the first settler there and befell bad times when his daughter fell off the back of their wagon and was run over. She died in 1878 and is buried in what is now known as Eddy cemetery across the road from my parents house. She died at the bottom of the hill located by the entrance to the cemetery.

As I grew older my interests turned more to Karate than other sports. I played Basketball, Baseball and Football but none offered the excitement of Karate for me. I ran Track and lettered in that sport, which is the only one I continued to play through my senior year. In school I was involved in the Thespian Society and participated in plays, never landing a lead role because I preferred to be one of the crowd as compared to the lead actor. My English teacher, who was the director of the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" my junior year cast me as Lane, the servant. She told me that this bit part I had had stole the show because I did so well...something I was told from other parents and students as well. Whether or not I stole the show it sure was a lot fun. I was a member of the Science Club, Art Club and Editor of the School newspaper my Junior and Senior year. I was actively involved in school politics and was three times elected to President, but I turned it down to stay involved with the student council on a more moral note. I got along with everyone, was not a judgmental person and pretty much an easy go lucky kind of guy...except when it came to my passion...Karate training and competition.

I loved Karate from the day I began training in 1978. The thrill of learning to kumite and the artistic impressions that came through in Kata...it was what I lived for. I trained from 1978 to 1986 two times a week and never missed a class unless I was ill. When I received my drivers license I began training five days a week and every other weekend as long as there was not a tournament planned. I trained so much that my instructor eventually put me in charge of the children's classes when I was 16 and a brown belt. I love teaching and his school grew because of our kids class. Karate was and still is my biggest passion in life. I love to workout, compete and train with other people.

Some of my adult interests are Japanese history and culture, customizing vehicles, reading (I read one book each week) and watching the History channel. I still love to do Karate but have turned it into my career now as I teach full time. Education is one of my primary interests, but not in any particular field. I just love to read and learn and have been known to spend hours on the internet doing research on anything that I am interested in. I don't think I am as easy go lucky as I was when I was younger, but I am still not judgmental of other people unless they do drugs or keep making the same stupid mistakes in their lives. I have strong political ideologies and am very outspoken on certain topics, but am also very open minded to learning if I am not 100% on a subject.