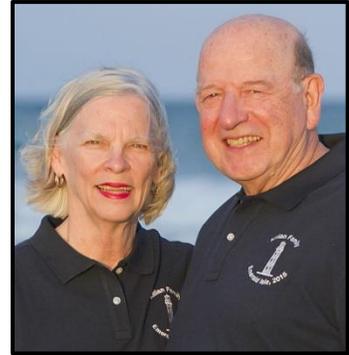




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I married Charles Killian during graduation week 1967. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in May. Together we reared three daughters and a son: Leigh Killian Altman (1968), Susan Killian VanderKam (1972), Teresa Killian Tate (1975) and Charles “Chip” Killian Jr. (1980). Our oldest daughter started college the year our son started first grade!

All of our children graduated from the NC School of Science and Mathematics High School in Durham and from their chosen colleges. Susan and Chip went on to earn PhDs in chemistry and computer science respectively. Leigh is an engineer, Susan is a chemistry instructor, Teresa’s chosen profession is journalism, and Chip works for Google. We have 10 grandchildren – four girls and six boys. They range in age from 1 to 19 years.

After graduation, I worked as a computer programmer for the Norfolk Naval Supply Center during the year before our first child was born. Fifteen years and four children later, I began working for Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in the Math Tutoring Lab. During my 28 years, I always worked in the tutoring lab, but I also taught many developmental and technical math classes. When I retired, I was coordinator of the Academic Learning Center, which included the math and English tutoring labs, the testing lab and several open computer labs. I have been active in both the NC Math Association of Two Year Colleges and the NC Tutoring and Learning Association, which I helped organize.

Through the years, I have volunteered with the Girl Scouts, high school swim teams as statistician, the church choir, and the Church Pall Stitchers. I am an active member of PEO, which supports education for women. Recently I spent two weeks in the Philippines as a member of a Rotary team for a Wheels of Love Project delivering wheelchairs. I enjoy quilting, heirloom sewing, playing bridge, playing with grandchildren and being retired!