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Subject: Personal background summary

- 1970 Graduated from Central Aroostook High School, Mars Hill, Maine. Salutatorian and President of the National Honor Society.
- 1971-1973: Three semesters at Eli Whitney School of Nursing at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- 1974: Moved to Fairbanks Alaska to attend the University of Alaska and work on the pipeline.
- 1974-1981: 48 credits in Business, Health, and Nutrition, and Accounting
- 1980-1988: Director of Foodservice, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- 1982 Purchased the Wendy's Franchise (First women in the US to own) and built three Wendy's restaurants. Sold all three in 2005.
- 1985-1993 Owned Clinkerdaggers Restaurant for eight years.
- 2000-2003: Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor: Served on Alaska Port Authority Board
- 2005-2010: Enstar Natural Gas Board of Directors
- 2008-2011: Fairbanks Pioneer Home, Certified Nurses Assistant, Medical and CPR certification
- 2011-2016: Special Assistant to Congressman Don Young

Subject: Organizational membership:

- Board of Directors, Alaska Crippled Children and Adults
- Quota Club International Board of Directors (Speech and Hearing-Impaired work)
- Rotary Club of Fairbanks
- Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Board of Directors
- Vocational Educations Statewide Advisory Board, University of Alaska, Chair
- Agricultural Commission, Chair, State of Alaska
- Fund Raising Committee, Morris Thompson Center
- Participated in numerous ad hoc and special committees and usually in the fund-raising capacity.

- I have worked for many years with Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Congressman Young on projects, case work, and campaigns. Sometimes as an employee and sometimes a volunteer.

Subject: Current status

2016 to present: Caregiver to my husband of 25 years, Vernon H Boyles, who had Diffuse Lewy Body Disease and the lack of expert medical care and professional knowledge here in Alaska, forced us to relocate near medical staff who understood this fast moving and difficult to diagnose disease that is often confused with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. The support of the expert doctors at Banner Alzheimer's research in Phoenix allowed me to keep him home and care for him longer than the predicted time. He died of the disease that robbed him of so much every day and finally robbed me of him, April 1, 2019, 24 months after diagnosis.

Vernon and I lived in Interior Alaska all our adult lives and loved our home. My Lewy Body educational story is overwhelming, as is the caregiving, because that disease is devastating, dangerous, unpredictable, and medications available to control the symptoms are new and not yet developed. Alzheimer's disease like so many mental health diseases are epidemic and our home, the State of Alaska, must be prepared to address them.

My mentor, Dr. William Wood, told me more than once that our State is rich in land, resources, and brilliant strong people. If we do not develop and protect them, they will cost us more than money.

At this point I can afford the time and will do whatever I can to help our home, Alaska, in any way I can.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Boyles