



## chapter 6.8

### STEPHEN WILLIAM HARTLEY

Lawrence & Mina's seventh-born (b. 1957)

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I was born on August 10, 1957, in Wichita, KS, the seventh child of Lawrence and Mina (Bindseil) Hartley. Mom and Dad kind of had us kids in two bunches. My five older brothers and one sister were all born in a seven-year period from 1945 to 1952. Then five years went by before I was born in 1957, then Richard in 1960, and Barbara in 1962. So by the time I was school age, some of the brothers were almost out of high school at Andover KS.

#### **Childhood Memories**

I have several memories from my childhood. I remember when my dad would eat eggs for breakfast. He would eat mustard on his eggs with bacon on the side. Another memory I have was my dad making beer at the house. I remember sitting around the house playing the board game "Scrabble" with my mom. My mom enjoyed teaching me how to speak German. And I remember working on cars with my brothers.

Grandma Hartley would come visit us in Kansas from her place in Ava, MO; she would fix poke greens. Grandma would go out by our fence line and pick poke to take inside and cook. My Grandma Hartley lived in Ava, MO, and I remember going to her house and push mowing her yard. My siblings and I grew up in the country outside Wichita, and Grandma Hartley lived in Ava, MO. So when we were visiting her, we would go walk the streets and see the town. That was a neat experience for us.



Above, Stephen, age 8,  
third grade

#### **Sandy and I Build Our Family**

I married my high school sweetheart Sandra Rogers on April 14, 1978, after five years of dating. I was 20 and Sandra was

19. We bought our first and only home in 1981; to this day we still live in it!

My junior year in high school I worked at Branine's Chevrolet in Mulvane, KS as a mechanic. I worked there from 1974-1981. After that I started working as a mechanic for Kansas Gas & Electric (KGE) in Wichita, KS. Since then KG&E changed their name to Westar Energy. I am going on my 34th year at Westar Energy.



### Stephen's Life in a Nutshell

- Born Wichita KS in 1957
- Grew up in Mulvane KS south of Wichita
- Graduated Mulvane KS High School
- Married Sandra Rogers in 1978
- Children:
  - Cindy Jo
  - Cheryl Kay
  - Christy Marie
- All his girls are married and are school teachers
- Lives outside Mulvane, KS in the home he bought in 1981

At left, Sandy and Stephen on their wedding day in 1978

Sandy worked at Otasco (a retail chain) when we first got married and until after our first daughter was born. Then after our second daughter was born she worked several jobs for a short period of time (bank, donut shop, Hardies, and La Petite). She stopped working again until after the third daughter was born then she went to work as a para-teacher for Mulvane schools until 2001.

In 1999, Sandy went to work for Wal-Mart in the shoe department. After being there for 1½ years she became the shoe department manager; at that time she quit working as a para at the schools. In late 2003, she became an assistant manager for Wal-Mart, and she worked that job for 3 years.

During Sandy's time as assistant manager at Wal-Mart, a lot of life changes occurred. In December of 2005, Steve was diagnosed with cancer. Then in June 2006, Sandy's sister was diagnosed with breast cancer, and one month later Sandy's mom was also diagnosed with breast cancer. Sandy decided at that time to step down from assistant manager to sales assistant at Wal-Mart to help her family out.

### Below, 1978—Sandy & Steve's wedding

L-R: Mina (Bindseil) Hartley, Sandra (Rogers) Hartley, Stephen Hartley and Lawrence Hartley





Above: 1985—Sandy (holding Cheryl) & Stephen holding Cindy Jo

Below: 1985—Sandy holding Cheryl, Grandma Mina (Bindseil) Hartley, and Stephen



In November 2007, Sandy accepted a job working for Wal-Mart pharmacy as a pharmacy technician.

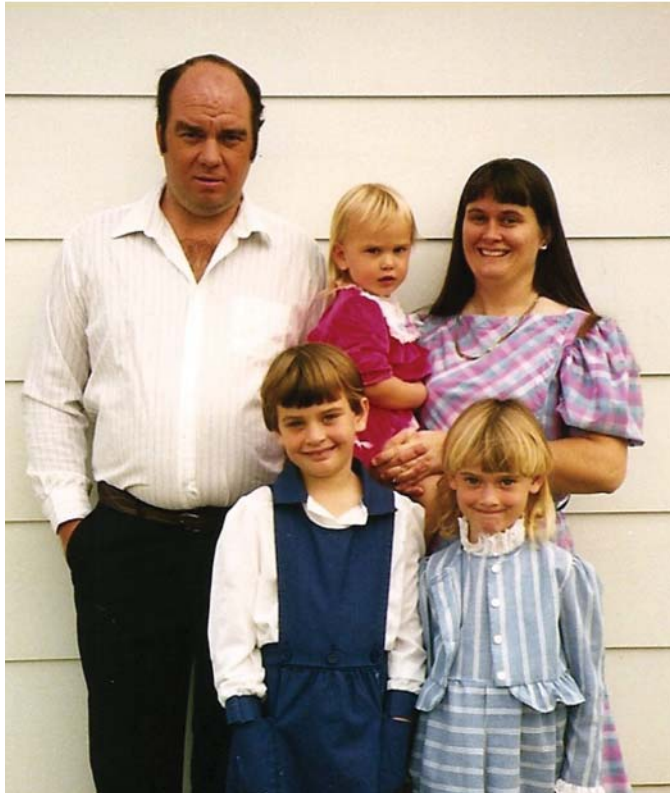
Sandy and I had three daughters: Cindy born on August 19, 1982; Cheryl born on October 28, 1984; and Christy born April 14, 1988.

### Where Are the Kids?

**Cindy Jo Hartley**—Cindy has been an elementary school teacher for nine years. On November 17, 2012, Cindy married Matt Corpstein. They bought their first home together in May 2014.

**Cheryl Kay Hartley**—Following in her older sister’s footsteps, Cheryl has been an elementary teacher for six years. On June 3, 2006, Cheryl married Joshua Devon “Josh” Maki, and they bought their first home about two years later. They were blessed with twin boys: Caden Ernest and Collin William, born on May 21, 2010 .

**Christy Marie Hartley**— Our last daughter, Christy, was born on our 10th anniversary, April 14, 1988. Believe it or not all of our daughters became elementary school teachers!! Christy has been an elementary teacher for four years now. Christy married her high school sweetheart Zachary Eugene “Zac” Price on June 18, 2011, after five years of dating...does that sound familiar? Zac and Christy bought their first home in April 2012.



At left, ca 1991-92.  
Stephen with Sandy (holding  
Christy) and Cindy and  
Cheryl in front

At right, 2012  
Front: Cindy Hartley  
Corpstein, Christy Hartley  
Price, Sandy Hartley,  
Cheryl Hartley Maki  
(holding Caden Maki)  
  
Back: Matt Corpstein,  
Zac Price, Stephen  
Hartley, Josh Maki  
(holding Collin Maki).





Above, May 2014—At the home of Stephen's daughter, Christy (Hartley) Price. The gathering was to celebrate Christy having completed her Masters in Education degree. Back: Edward, Dayton, Virgil and Richard. Front: Stephen, John, Barbara, and Susan.



At right, 1978—At the wedding of Stephen and Sandra (Rogers) Hartley. Michael Hartley escorts his mother, Mina (Bindseil) Hartley to her seat. Behind them, to the left, was Michael's father, Lawrence Hartley

## More Photos from the Lawrence Hartley Family



At right, 2012 Reunion  
Back: Richard,  
Dayton & Stephen  
Front: Susan, Barbara,  
John & Virgil  
(Edward not in the  
picture)