

Kert Phillips



Alias: Kert

Family: Divorced, 2 children, my son is 22 and a junior at Southern Methodist, my daughter is 20 and a photography student at SCAD in Savannah

Anything you would like to share about your family: Kevin – my son, came in 237th in the Boston marathon with only 6 weeks of practice. He went to Woodberry Forest and graduated as best athlete, and won 4 academic awards. He holds the Virginia prep record for 10k cross country, and several distance track records also

Your profession/vocation/occupation: Partner and semi-retired Real-Estate developer and property manager. I have begun a second career as a numismatist – “ a rare coin and currency dealer”

College, reform school; major(s); degree(s): UNC Chapel Hill, I am a licensed Real Estate Broker, Unlimited building contractor, and public utility (water and sewer) contractor. Life member of ANA, SPMC, PNG and other anagrams associated with coin dealing

Military service: I was a guerilla farmer of “medicinal herbs” during the late 1970’s and early 1980’s

Your avocations: I am a staunch independent in my political beliefs. I also spend time every week helping recovering addicts by leading groups, and helping them to work on reducing the pain and chaos in their lives.

Your hobbies, interests: History, coins and historic banknotes, and photography. Helping others to find the peace that I have through sobriety.

Your greatest contribution to the betterment of mankind: My children, and their great maturity, ambition and self control, (which I did not master until more than a decade after school)

What has your time and education at Asheville School meant to you: It gave me many tools, which I am still learning to use in the day to day existence of my life.

What are your most vivid memories of Asheville School: The late night visits to the tracks. We had some great times there, and it made the mundane daily existence bearable.

What else would you like to share? After many years of being irresponsible, I have found a great peace in where I am today. I am very blessed to have the children that I do, and I remind myself, and them of that every chance that I get. I had a bad marriage, and my ex-wife died 3 years ago deep in her chosen life of drugs and alcohol. I escaped this lifestyle years ago, and neither of my children even drink socially. Addiction is rampant in my family, and I am grateful that I have shed those chains of bondage.