

I was blessed to have been born and raised in the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. I can't imagine myself living anywhere else. I graduated from Swain County High School in 1974, the home of the Maroon Devils. Soon afterward I married a wonderful man, Darwin Thomas. This September we will have been married 30 years. I have two great children, Mandy and Justin.

I attended Southwestern Community College and earned an associate degree in business. I worked in a medical practice in Sylva, N.C., for 12 years, until the practice closed. I have been privileged to work with Dr. Gurney Chambers and Becky Hoyle for the past year and look forward to working with them in the years to come. Working with SACS CASI and having the opportunity to talk with and get to know so many of you has been a great experience, one that I appreciate very much.