

I AM ST. HELENA HOSPITAL

Glenice Steck: A Real SHH Baby

Glenice Steck is an executive secretary, working for CFO Buck McDonald in Administration. She has been working for Buck since 1997, but her history with St. Helena Hospital goes back much further than that.

Glenice's mother worked in Housekeeping at SHH, starting when Glenice was four years old. Glenice recalls riding around in her mom's housekeeping cart, once even spending the night with her while she completed her rounds. Glenice remembers the fish pond and the oak tree that were in the front of the hospital, and even that there was a store where patient parking is now located. "The first time I worked here, there was no ancillary building!" she exclaims.



Glenice came to work in Housekeeping at SHH when she was 17 years old. She reports that one evening the supervisor of the night cleaning crew came in and went with the crew from room to room. "I guess he was afraid a bunch of young girls weren't doing a good job," she laughs.

She worked for a year and then left for six years to go to school and get her life started. She returned to work to do billing in the business office. She did a stint of coding for a while, then went to work in nursing education and eventually worked for Arlene Taylor, Sharlet Waters and Chaplain Judy Crabb.

Glenice is married to Tom Steck. They have a daughter, Bonnie, a son, Chris (who now works in Nutritional Services), and a 2-year old granddaughter named Aurora.

Glenice loves to quilt, a hobby to which she was introduced by Marsha Wold of Home Care Services. She also crochets and knits, but says "I prefer crocheting because every time I knit something, it doesn't fit!" Other interests are showing her two terriers, Oreo and Quigley, in dog shows. She and husband Tom also enjoy hiking and do lots of walking.

Glenice describes her co-workers as "my extended family." She recalls the emotional support she has received during stressful periods of her life, once when her daughter was 16 years old and was in a bad accident, and again when her father passed away. She remembers fun times working with Arlene and Sharlet, and in talking about the present, says, "I love working with Tracy (Pacini), Buck (McDonald) and the whole administrative team. St. Helena Hospital feels like 'home' to me."