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Have you ever trekked across the United States (if so, then you know what a challenge it can be)? This was my first time, with a large puppy in tow, so join me for a quick look at my itinerary...

After 63 years of being blessed with a large family in New York State, my family dwindled due to being called to eternal bliss with Jesus and employment moves. So, after the calm of Christ's resolve, I packed up the Jeep, took I-70 from New York State to beautiful Washington State in 5 days at which I'm ecstatic to say, "I'm now a Washingtonian."

Even though I fell in love with the Pacific Northwest years ago while visiting a current resident of Chehalis, I can tell you the moment of pure clarity came to me on my fifth day of driving as I spied the majestic mountains in front of my gaze. The sign said "Welcome to Washington." I was home. My lifetime ministry focused on working with patients and families during their hospice experience. Much of this was on a volunteer basis during and after retirement from a local school district for almost 30 years.

Both of my children are grown and have flown to different parts of the continent. I hope when the house gets completed, they will come to visit. When the nights get cold and quiet, I turn to sewing or baking as I enjoy the creating of a quilt or cranberry scones. And when the "mountain is out" I like to take my canine friend on long hikes, to breathe in the beauty of what God has be-stowed.

I'd like to finish by inviting you to call or stop by the office; I'd love to meet you....and with Psalm 112:4..."Even in the darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous."