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00:00:00 Speaker 1

About.

00:00:04 Speaker 1

You were self-employed till 59, was it?

00:00:08 Speaker 2

Until December of 1959.

00:00:10 Speaker 1

OK. And then you, you took a job with a promotions company.

00:00:15 Speaker 2

The promotion Department of far away newspapers.

00:00:19 Speaker 1

OK and.

00:00:21 Speaker 1

Was that when you started working close to the 200 block of East Berry St. maybe?

00:00:27 Speaker 2

Exactly.

00:00:28 Speaker 1

When you worked close to where you met Alita.

00:00:31 Speaker 2

Oh.

00:00:33 Speaker 2

No, I met her while I was working for Craig.

00:00:37 Speaker 2

Oh yeah. Before we'd been married about nine years.

00:00:37 Speaker 1

OK.

00:00:42 Speaker 2

No, not 9.

00:00:43 Speaker 2

We've always married 54.

00:00:45 Speaker 1

OK. And so?

00:00:49 Speaker 1

You you're working.

00:00:53 Speaker 1

For Craig, then, you took the promotions department job.

00:00:59 Speaker 1

Can you talk about your managerial leader then?

00:01:01 Speaker 1

Little bit.

00:01:02 Speaker 1

How that came about?

00:01:05 Speaker 2

It's been 50 years ago.

00:01:07 Speaker 2

Still together.

00:01:08 Speaker 1

Yes, something worked.

00:01:12 Speaker 1

How'd you meet her?

00:01:14 Speaker 2

How did I meet her well.

00:01:15 Speaker 1

How did you meet her?

00:01:19 Speaker 2

We were on the second floor of a little building on East Berry St.

00:01:27 Speaker 2

There was a advertising agency in the front room of this building and we were in the backroom of the building.

00:01:35 Speaker 2

And the we had the crop go past their door to get to our door.

00:01:42

Yeah.

00:01:43 Speaker 2

And Craig and I was out one afternoon together.

00:01:47 Speaker 2

And we knew ***** had been looking for a new secretary, and we were coming up the stairs. And being Craig was the boss. He was ahead of me.

00:01:58 Speaker 2

Was behind him.

00:01:59 Speaker 2

And even when he went past.

00:02:03 Speaker 2

Gimm advertising door.

00:02:05 Speaker 2

He stopped abruptly and he said now there's a neatly turned ankle.

00:02:10 Speaker 2

And I of course ran into him and ran. Looked in. There was a lady perched.

00:02:15 Speaker 2

Up on the.

00:02:17 Speaker 2

Task being interviewed for the job. So thou art my first sight over that.

00:02:20 Speaker 1

Huh.

00:02:23 Speaker 2

Oh, I'd seen her before in high school, but.

00:02:25 Speaker 2

I didn't remember.

00:02:26 Speaker 1

Oh, so he went to high school together.

00:02:27 Speaker 2

Yeah, but I don't remember. I, in all truth through.

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The.

00:02:30 Speaker 2

Day here, behind me and I. But that was the first I saw of her.

00:02:32 Speaker 1

OK.

00:02:36 Speaker 2

Then she got. I discovered that she lived out.

00:02:39 Speaker 2

She lived on Leith St. and I lived out there in Lexington.

00:02:43 Speaker 2

So it wasn't a job for me to take her home with night so.

00:02:46 Speaker 1

They're just convenient.

00:02:48 Speaker 2

Alright.

00:02:49 Speaker 2

I had an old Ford.

00:02:52 Speaker 2

The front bench, the front fan door was not attached to the thing was supposed to be rattled.

00:03:01 Speaker 2

I didn't hear much of what she said.

00:03:03 Speaker 2

First couple of knives.

00:03:05 Speaker 1

First couple of months.

00:03:07 Speaker 2

Then we.

00:03:09 Speaker 2

I started digging at her to marry me and she had just broken up with a radio announcer she'd been engaged to.

00:03:17 Speaker 2

Radio announcer.

00:03:19 Speaker 2

That she did want to marry anybody.

00:03:22 Speaker 1

Uh.

00:03:24 Speaker 2

Took me 5 years before I talked her into marriage.

00:03:29 Speaker 1

So something worked.

00:03:32 Speaker 1

And so you were married a third Presbyterian Church.

00:03:32 Speaker 2

I know.

00:03:35 Speaker 2

Third Presbyterian Church and it was.

00:03:37 Speaker 2

It had burned down since then.

00:03:40 Speaker 2

It's not there anymore.

00:03:42 Speaker 2

There's audit Harrison St.

00:03:44 Speaker 1

OK.

00:03:45 Speaker 1

Now it's on the 23rd of October 54.

00:03:48 Speaker 2

It was 23rd of October 1954, yeah.

00:03:52 Speaker 1

OK. And she's been a secretary at numerous places since then, OK.

00:03:57 Speaker 2

Oh yes, she she worked.

00:04:01 Speaker 2

This advertising agency was called ***** Cult.

00:04:07 Speaker 2

And after she'd worked there then after that.

00:04:11 Speaker 2

They disbanded that.

00:04:12 Speaker 2

And then she worked for for Culp.

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He was in the promotion in a lot of different areas, Indiana Tech and.

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Purdue and I pfw.

00:04:24 Speaker 1

OK.

00:04:25 Speaker 2

She worked and she worked out at Indiana Tech in the Foreign Students Office.

00:04:32 Speaker 2

For a while.

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And she was the secretary to the president.

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Of.

00:04:39 Speaker 2

Wgl and she was secretary to president when, when Wayne Television first come to town, was called WINT.

00:04:49 Speaker 2

And she was there, the secretary to the President of that.

00:04:54 Speaker 2

And then we were, as a matter of fact, we were married while she lived there or worked there. And our wedding picture was on television.

00:05:03 Speaker 1

Oh really?

00:05:04

Yeah.

00:05:07 Speaker 1

When did you get your first television?

00:05:10 Speaker 2

Did I?

00:05:10 Speaker 1

What? When did you get your first television then?

00:05:13 Speaker 2

I didn't do any.

00:05:15 Speaker 2

Did you give your first second?

00:05:16 Speaker 1

Oh no. When did you buy your first set?

00:05:19

My.

00:05:19 Speaker 2

Oh my.

00:05:19 Speaker 2

First dalmatians. Oh.

00:05:23 Speaker 2

Elita had one when we got married.

00:05:25 Speaker 1

Oh.

00:05:27 Speaker 2

She had one, but we got married.

00:05:29 Speaker 2

I didn't have any until I married her.

00:05:32 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:05:33 Speaker 1

When did you purchase your own first car?

00:05:36 Speaker 1

Was it was it that the Ford with the.

00:05:39 Speaker 1

Dependent.

00:05:39 Speaker 2

Yeah, I didn't have a Ford car before the war.

00:05:44 Speaker 2

And there was a kid that had been in my dad's scout troop.

00:05:49 Speaker 2

Who had got a job out of town someplace and he was moved and he'd been a good friend of mine in the county troop and and in the school. And he had this old Ford he didn't want. Take it with him.

00:06:02 Speaker 2

Go buy a new car and go. So I bought it from him.

00:06:06 Speaker 2

I think I paid about 350 bucks.

00:06:08 Speaker 1

There you go.

00:06:11 Speaker 1

And so.

00:06:13 Speaker 1

You worked for.

00:06:16 Speaker 1

The promotion department told you you're.

00:06:19 Speaker 2

Tired.

00:06:20 Speaker 2

I never got any promotion or anything I did.

00:06:23 Speaker 2

I was the arc department and the promotion department until when night read or bought it, they turned it into marketing services.

00:06:33 Speaker 2

And they employed it. Art director and I just kept getting lower on the chart and pulling. Like I told Miss Bollinger after she sold it.

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Uh.

00:06:43 Speaker 2

Wasn't fun anymore, so I retired.

00:06:46 Speaker 1

Hmm, well, what do you? What you been doing since then?

00:06:50 Speaker 2

Well, I for a while I did a lot of freelance work even after I retired.

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Think 1998.

00:07:01 Speaker 2

Was the first year.

00:07:04 Speaker 2

In about 45 years that I didn't make a dime, do an art work.

00:07:08 Speaker 1

No.

00:07:10 Speaker 2

Now since then I I still have.

00:07:14 Speaker 2

Three jobs.

00:07:15 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:07:16 Speaker 2

The church and the Canal Society and.

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Birthdays and stuff like that.

00:07:25 Speaker 1

And so.

00:07:30 Speaker 1

I also trained thought so basically it's mainly been cartoons then that you do have anything else.

00:07:39 Speaker 2

Well, I like to do.

00:07:40 Speaker 2

I do some.

00:07:42 Speaker 2

That's my most if I do anything really conceivably called hard work.

00:07:48 Speaker 1

Oh.

00:07:50 Speaker 1

OK. Have you have you been involved in any other organizations or?

00:07:54 Speaker 2

No, I'm not a joiner, OK?

00:07:57 Speaker 1

So it just kind of kind.

00:07:58 Speaker 2

Add more. I tend tend to be more reclusive than gregarious, I think.

00:07:58 Speaker 1

Free when it's all around.

00:08:04 Speaker 1

OK.

00:08:05 Speaker 1

And and you don't have any.

00:08:07 Speaker 1

No.

00:08:08 Speaker 1

OK.

00:08:11 Speaker 1

Is there anything else that you think that we may have left out or anything that you feel?

00:08:17 Speaker 1

Like you, you should say it for before we conclude or.

00:08:22 Speaker 2

So I I think we've covered about everything.

00:08:24 Speaker 1

Thank.

00:08:25 Speaker 1

Got everything.

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Yeah.

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Well, that concludes the interview with Nathan L Tagmark.

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Thank you.