

Darlene Quinn

Personal Fact Sheet

Personal:

- Only child
- Born and raised in Long Beach, California
- Fantastic Mother who read every draft of my early fiction, who passed away before her time in 1994 and a very supportive father who passed away in 2010 at the age of 92.
- Married, 2 children (an adopted son and a hearing impaired daughter), 2 step children, and 11 grandchildren. (Got acquainted with my husband, Jack, at our high school reunion)
- Resides in Long Beach, California

Education:

- Graduate Business Courses: University of Washington--Seattle, WA
- Bachelor of Arts: Education/Psychology University of California-San Jose
- Graduated from Wilson High School in Long Beach, CA

Professional Experience:

- Speaker: Writers Conferences & Associations; Community Colleges; Marketing & Business Groups; Book Clubs; Social & Philanthropic Groups; Fund Raisers; Friends of the Library Groups; Educators. . . .
- Director of Personnel/Organization Development---Bullocks Wilshire
- Corporate Director of Training—Bullock's (Major West Coast retailer—Taken over by Macy's in '87)
- Member of the magnet school task force in Greater Los Angeles.
- Taught seminars on interviewing skills, time management, listening and negotiating skills & Published articles for “Inskeeping World” and “Savvy Magazine”
- Director of self-improvement, modeling and charm courses, as a private contractor for Bullock's and Robinson's Department Stores
- Created courses in public relations, personal appearance, and self-esteem for hospital personnel
- (Pacific Hospital, Pioneer Hospital and Artesia Medical Group)
- Assisted in research on Frontal Temporal Dementia for UCSF (my late husband fell victim to FTD ten or more years before he passed away in 2005)
- Pageant coordination for Miss Long Beach portion of Miss Universe Contest.
- Coordinator of Debutante Ball and commentator for Deb Fashion show.
- Speaker and commentator for community organizations.
- Worked with the underprivileged in Orange County (self image, public relations, beauty, and fashion.)
- Taught in the public school system (K-8th)

Activities and Organizations:

- Reading and storytelling is a lifelong passion.
- Love to go out dancing and have the perfect partner to do so.
- Took up skiing, again, recently.
- Current Organizations: Southern California Writers Association, Long Beach Yacht Club, Romance Writers' of America, Assistance League, Balboa Ski Club, National Writers' Association, Greater Los Angeles Writers Society, Toastmasters, Chairman of our Wilson Reunion Committee, Stanford Who's Who, Presidential Who's Who. . . .
Past: President of Parents Adoption League, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Ocean Club, and on John Tracy Clinic Board of Directors (for the deaf and hearing impaired).

Darlene Quinn is the Winner of National and International awards for General Fiction, as well as excellence in Fiction and Literature.