



My name is Marie and I was born and grew up in the Bronx, NY where I graduated from Monsignor Scanlon HS, aka St. Helena HS. I left the Bronx in the mid 70's and moved to the South Jersey/Philadelphia area where I completed my Mathematics and Engineering degrees.

My husband, Albert, and I were married in 1982. In 1986, we relocated to Baltimore, MD for employment and boating opportunities. After talking about moving to Florida for many years, we finally did in April, 2002. I retired from Douglas Machines Corp. as a Sales Engineer in 2011.

My interest in photography started in 1995 when I worked for a machine tool manufacturer in the marketing department. They handed in me a Pentax 2000 and said "go take pictures for brochures." Well, it was trial and error, but somehow I figured it out. Then they loaded Photoshop CMS into my computer and paid for the classes. Unfortunately, due to the downturn in the auto industry, there was a lay-off. I was never able to resume photography seriously on a regular basis until just before retirement.

I started shooting digital on an Olympus Bridge and progressed to a Canon T3i. I now shoot with Canon 7D Mark II. My focus has been nature/wildlife photography. I love the challenge of capturing images with a camera as seen through my eyes. Most of my photography is shot in Florida, some photos taken in my own backyard. Belonging to the West Pasco Audubon Society and West Pasco Shutterbug Camera Club, where I am treasurer, has also given me the opportunity to successfully shoot images of song birds, raptors, sunsets, cityscapes, landscapes and marine life.

My photos have been exhibited at The Gateway Gallery in New Port Richey and the Annual City Hall Community Art Show and I have organized an annual exhibit in New Port Richey City Hall featuring the West Pasco Shutterbugs. Also, I have competed in the Hospice Calendar competition and Tampa Bay Magazine. I participate in photographing the Cottee River Christmas Parade as the Shutterbugs are the official photographers for this event. Two of my photos have been published. The first one was a photo from the Christmas Boat Parade. It appeared in the Suncoast Newspaper. The second one was a photo of downtown Tampa that I

entered into the Tampa Bay Magazine's annual contest. To my surprise, it was printed on the table of contents page.

I enjoy preening and pruning my yard plants, and participate in fund raisers for a women's Italian American club, LIADO.

I joined Chasco Camera Club with the intention of improving my photography through competition and critique from other photographers.