

Maribeth Ward – NOTIS Reunion Bio

I started at NOTIS in 1987 as Vice President of Customer Service. I stayed through the merger with Dynix and then took a job with Ameritech. After my years at Ameritech, I decided to teach high school computers and math. So after 25 years in industry, I moved to the public sector and taught computer science for the next 19 years. I semi-retired 2 years ago, and now teach Pre-k several days a week. Pre-K is very different from high school, so I consider this my third major career change! I really enjoy the 3-4 year olds.

Although I am active physically, I no longer run. I am proud of the fact that I have completed 25 marathons. I continue to hike, swim, do weight training, and walk. Ten years ago I climbed Mt Fuji, it was a great experience, although I was humbled by the young Japanese children who climbed with us to the top!

My daughter Shannon and her husband Ryan live in Chicago. They have 2 children, Audrey (8) and James (5) and we see them every weekend. We feel very lucky to have them in our lives.

Sadly, my son Jack died last year at age 35. It has been an extremely difficult year for me, even though his death was not a complete surprise. Jack suffered from crippling depression for the last 10 years, and was never open to getting help. I have set up a website in his memory <https://www.forevermissed.com/jack-heston/about> that includes his obituary.

My two pictures are below. In the second picture I am the one with the gray hair :)



