

I graduated from Wells College with a degree in Mathematics in 1960. I then went to work as a computer analyst (scientific programmer) at United Aircraft Corporation followed by similar jobs at several other companies. I have worked with computers my entire working life. In 1976, I went back to school and earned a Master's Degree in Computer Science in 1978 from RPI at their Hartford Graduate Center.

On August 20, 1983, I married Tom Johns and we moved to Madison, Alabama, the following month. I started working for a NASA contractor in 1984. I have worked on the Space Shuttle, Space Telescope, Space Station and also mission support where I worked on the graphics displayed during missions in the Payload Operations Control Center. In 2001, I retired and have spent more of my time playing with my dogs and my computers.

When I was married to my first husband, Dennis Posey, we had a Collie named Heather with whom I used to jog for a mile early every morning before work. We also raced sailboats, seemingly all of the time I wasn't working. We were married for nine years from 6/16/62 – 8/71. I purchased a thirty foot cruising catamaran when we divorced and spent many hours cruising Long Island Sound from Niantic Bay Yacht Club, mostly to Block Island and occasionally to Montauk, Shelter Island, Fisher's Island, and Martha's Vineyard. Dennis died in 2014 of pancreatic cancer. His father, Robert Kelley Posey, was one of the Monuments Men during WWII about whom there was a really excellent book written and a movie produced.

Also in April of 1983, I bought my first Golden Retriever, Jade, from Maureen Dabrowski (Maugold), a co-worker at Gerber Garment Technology. At her suggestion, I started training Jade in obedience, something I still am doing. I have had many Golden Retrievers since Jade, many of them bred by Maureen. I have titled many of them in obedience and a few in agility but my husband Tom does most of the agility training and handling. The Golden Retrievers are:

Nessa - Maugold Clark Aureate Nessa UDX BN PCD GN PCDX GO PUTD VER NA OAJ OD CCA CGC, and her get  
Tryssie – MACH3 Aureate Maugold Spiritus Trys UDX8 PCDX GO PUTD VER OM1 MXB2 MJS2 MXP MJP OF CCA CGC,  
Limey - Aureate Maugold Invernesshire UDX GN PCDX GO PUTD VER AX MXJ CCA CGC (11/24/06-7/29/14), &  
Merlin – MACH2 Aureate Maugold Micah's Magic UDX GO VER MXG MJC CCA ADHF CGC (11/24/06-8/20/14),  
Tom's dog Magic – Sunfire Aureate Spellbound CD BN PCD NA NAJ CGC CCA (2.5 years),  
Quest - Clark's Aureate Inverness Quest BN (1 year),  
and always remembered: Jade - Maugold's Aureate Jade UD CGC TT (2/27/83-7/13/95),  
Rhett - Maugold's Aureate Rhett CDX CGC TT (3/11/85-2/11/95),  
Trys - Sunfire's Storm Trysail UDX MX MXS MXJ MJG CCA CGC (3/5/95-1/22/06),  
Dylan - Maugold's Poet of Laugharne UDX3 MX MXJ AXP AJP CCA CGC (6/18/96-4/10/07), &  
Micah - MACH4 Breezie Micah's Masterpiece UDX4 GO MXC2 MJC2 MXP MJP ADHF CCA CGC (10/1/1998-8/11/2011)  
I bred Nessa to Micah and, in November 2006, we had a litter of ten puppies of whom we kept three. I still have Nessa who is twelve and her daughter Tryssie who is nine and a half as well as a one year old puppy dog Quest.



Nessa on the right and her three children, Merlin, Tryssie, and Limey