

## **Introduction**

The concept of writing down remembrances from some fifty plus years ago without making it the novel or stereotypical autobiography is my goal in writing this tome. It will ramble as thoughts come to mind and I hope will follow the tradition of the story teller; the sage at the campfire telling the history and stories of the clan. It is my thought to divide my thoughts, my writing, into general categories so that I have some basis from which my ramblings will flow. As the words unfold there is bound to be some overlap into one of the other areas or chapters that I intend to cover as a separate area.

So be it. This will be a conversation with the reader. It will give a flavor of my perspective and perhaps some insight to the person I am or was depending on when this might be read!

The reading is meant for my family and close friends. Some of you might be able to identify specifically with the events that I relate, some will not, but that is nature of stories told. It will be new to some and retold with different words for others. It will be like the joke that you didn't think you had heard until you hear the punch line. Read on. The chapter or topic headings are not necessarily in chronological order, because my thinking is not. One event will lead to another. You'll see.