

SEASONS OF MY LIFE

By Joan Mish

As you grow older things do change!

First my children ruled my life. Having five of them did take a lot of time and moving four times while some of them were growing up was a bit difficult. I couldn't have done it without close friends. One neighbor took care of my two youngest when I took my first part-time job at the library doing story telling. She took the kids down to Madison, the capitol of Wisconsin, to protest some action. I forgot completely about that until she and her husband came out to Denver to attend a sports event her grandkids were playing in. We had lunch together and she had a copy of the front page where the kids were sitting on the curb right near the capitol.

Then, I went back to school to get my masters in library science and I started working in the school district. And on taking the 50-mile ride to get to the University, time was tight and the cops stopped me once to give me a speeding ticket. I think that was the only time I had a ticket for speeding. But I did get stopped by the police once when one of my front lights on my car had died. I didn't get a ticket and since I was traveling across the country alone I was very grateful.

Now that I am here in Denver my daughter is in charge usually. But she has three teenage children and she works full time. The grandkids are very busy and I try to attend their Irish dance recitals and soccer games if they are during the day. A big change in my life since coming to Denver is driving at night. I don't know the streets well and there are lots of twists and turns on many streets.

Our lives change constantly and we must always try to remember to be flexible!