

Who am I?.....The answer to the question as to who am I on the surface is a relatively easy answer. I am a 56-year-old hardworking faithful Catholic Christian Husband, Father, Brother and Son. When I really think deeper about the question, it is a much more complex question. One in which the answer has many layers and complexities. As each year goes by in my life, I find that not only do the layers naturally grow, the complexity to my surprise grows with the reality of a life lived. To really share “who am I’ would take far too long for purposes of this paper so let me just try to capture it at a high level.

Who I am today....I have lived a full life blessed with the best Mother and Father, 5 siblings (including two sets of twins), a wonderful wife, four kids, a son in law, a daughter in law and two granddaughters. In my professional life I have achieved a level of success and responsibility never even imagined as a Global Leader in one of the largest professional services firms in the world. Such success has been achieved from the foundation of a childhood based on continuous sage advice from my Mother and Father, early life mentors and lessons in the value of hard work starting with a newspaper delivery route at the age of 12.

The key influencers on my life...My Mother was and is always there for me to support me, love me and consistently remind me what I can achieve. She has been my Minister, my teacher and my go to when times are hard. Her unwavering positivity and belief in me and my abilities has played a key role in my success to date. She has taught me the life skill of listening, of enjoying curiosity and conversations with all, including strangers. In my life, this ability to converse with strangers and turn them into friends was one of the most beneficial and rewarding life skills my Mother gave me. My Father was such an impressive man who provided an example on how to live a life well lived. As a Physician and Father of six successful, tremendous children, he set the highest of bars for me. He was from a lower income family (son of a merchant and school teacher) and the dream of becoming a Physician was a big reach. His parents and the Marines provided him with his key foundation of success. He provided me with the

example of hard working paying off and no excuses for not working hard to achieve. He also provided me with the example of what it means to be a loving committed husband and to provide for, love, support and raise your children.

My siblings provided me a basis of what it means to unconditionally love one another and enjoy the best in life's relationships. Each of my siblings is a major blessing in my life and has played a special and unique role. I will not delve into each sibling but suffice it to say, if any one of the five was not part of my life, the void would have been a hole in my life that would have made me a much lessor person.

My wife Anne has provided me with the love, motivation and fuel to work as hard as I have needed to work to raise our four children and advance my career successfully. She loves me, supports me and doesn't provide me any false excuses for settling for second best. She has helped me to reinforce my faith and she has continued to be my source of life motivation.

The journey of my Life left...None of us know what of our life is left. How long it is and what great challenges, joys and opportunities will come our way. I don't. I do know that for me, the most important thing will be to stay positive and determined to make the best of the life I have been given. There are challenges and disappointments that I deal with today that I would never have anticipated. The longer I live the more I realize that is a life lived. You cannot let it bring you down. I have seen many in my life who have let life get the best of them and it is sad to see when it happens. They are inevitably humans with such talent to offer others and contributions to make in their life that will never be realized, a lost opportunity. I believe I must stay positive and determined to pull life up constantly to avoid it pulling me down. I have a focus on completing my career successfully. I am moving into the dusk in my current career so the completion of it will happen quickly. I still feel young and I feel I have a lot to contribute to others. It is now that I must determine what I do, how I do it and my goals for the journey of my life left. Fortunately, I am not alone in this journey...