

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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WHO IS SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My grandmother inspires me so much. She is 96 years old and though she has had a very hard life, she is one of the strongest, sweetest, and most loving person you would ever meet. She would do anything for anyone and is the backbone of our family.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

Spending time with family, sports, working puzzles, car shows, baby-sitting and pet-sitting.

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR MOST IMPORTANT STRENGTHS OR ATTRIBUTES?

I try to be positive and friendly to everyone I meet and treat people the way I would want to be treated.

YOU HIT THE JACKPOT AND WIN THE LOTTERY ... WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU BUY?

I would buy a 1977 Trans Am (the Smokey and the Bandit car) and then I would help out my family, friends, and church with the rest of it.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

The Smoky Mountains in Pigeon Forge, TN. I call it "my happy place."

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

Having that feeling that there is a spider on you when nothing is actually there.

WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN, OR A FAVORITE SAYING?

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have."

SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE OFFICE YOU ARE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

I am very passionate about spending time with my son and daughter and the rest of my immediate family. We always get together for holiday and special occasions like my parents' birthdays and sometimes we do a cookout just to see one another.

WHAT'S THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I work with a great group of people and I am always learning something new.



- PROCUREMENT SUPPORT III
- JOINED VIRGINIA TECH IN: 1989 (joined Procurement in 2001)
- KEY DUTIES INCLUDE: Working with anyone that walks into the office and answering phone calls for Procurement.

I also work with buyers on purchase orders, change orders, encumbrances, contract renewal letters, posting and removing bids, RFPs, and more.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I worked for Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation here in Blacksburg.

WHAT'S ONE FOOD OR DRINK YOU ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?

Chocolate and sweet tea

IS THERE ANYWHERE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE?

The Grand Canyon

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

I like all sports. My favorite teams are the Washington Redskins, Boston Celtics, Virginia Tech, and being Irish, I also like to watch Notre Dame sometimes.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Jumping out of an airplane.