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## My Resume

I graduated from Key West High School in 1966, in the upper ten percent of my class. I knew that I wanted to become a nurse, so I took mostly science, math, and health classes. I also studied Spanish, choir, and speech.

I applied to the University of Miami School of Nursing and was accepted. I had to move up there for the four years, because the drive back and forth between Key West and Miami was too much. I moved into the dorm because it was right on campus, and all meals were included. I volunteered at the hospital there as a tray server girl while working in the kitchen. This gave me some interaction with the patients too, which I really enjoyed.

After graduation, I went back to obtain a second degree in Economics. I graduated



the first time in 1970, and the second time in 1974 with a degree in Economics.

after all of this, I went to work at Shiner's Hospital, and then the Ronald McDonald house for children with cancer, M.S., leukemia, and many other life-threatening diseases. I loved the work I was doing, but I became attached to the children and depressed because I couldn't save them. I moved back to Key West in 1976. That's when I went into business for myself, taking care of patients in their homes. I gave them their medications, shots, helped with kidney dialysis, meals, shopping, etc. I loved my work, and I loved the people that I helped.

I retired from nursing in 2013, and went to work with my grandfather in his part time business out of his home. He was eighty five years old when I left college. He lived to be ninety nine years!



He had been an abacist for the Monroe County Parks and recreation after he left the Navy. He taught me everything I know about trees, plants, and wild life. He taught me how to propagate the soil, weed, feed, trim, and more. I miss him, and I miss helping him.

I ~~would~~ very much enjoy working on your tree commission, and I hope that I'm selected. I will do my very best as I always have. Grandpa will be right there with me advising me as I work.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Rodriguez Martinez  
3rd Recreation Council