

## **Bio – Dolores DeCampos**

I was born and raised in California, lived from 9 years old on in San Bernardino.

I graduated from high school and married shortly thereafter. I had studied secretarial courses in high school and found it difficult to find entry into the field.

Ultimately I went to work for the State of California, Division of Highways (now CalTrans), as a Junior Steno. I took a 9 month break and moved to Tacoma, WA to join my new husband. I was rehired upon my return to San Bernardino.

I worked my way up to Senior Steno, finally working in the San Francisco office. After my third child, I took some time off from work to care for him, and then discovered the field of medical transcription while attending Skyline College, where I earned my AA degree.

I stayed in that field for many years because of the flexibility of hours and days, especially when working for hospitals. My son passed away at 13 years of age, and I was able to go back into the secretarial/administrative assistant field.

I worked for the Bank of America, then Mills Hospital as medical staff secretary and then the U.S. Postal Service. Becoming disenchanted with working for the government, I went back to hospital transcribing.

After four plus years I was laid off but immediately found another job at Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Tired of the commute I took a job as medical staff secretary again, this time for Kaiser South San Francisco.

I then discovered that an employer I worked for many years ago needed another full-time transcriptionist. I had always admired this medical group and jumped at the opportunity to work for them full time. I did this until I retired.

They then asked me to come back and I stayed another 6 years or so and retired again. Last year they asked me to come back again “for a while,” and I’m still working part-time and it looks like I might be there another year. I enjoy doing administrative type work and each day when I come into the office is a new challenge. I enjoy it so much!