

Colorado Connection for Jim Kummer

Jim's parents both graduated from North High School, in the late 30s. Francis Kummer was born in McCook, Nebraska, and Tennie Lee was born in Pittsburg, Kansas. Both of their families relocated to Denver, Colorado in the early 30s. They met in school, and married in 1940. After marrying, they lived for a short time in Boulder, where Jim was born in January, 1942.

Six months later they moved to North Denver. Jim's dad worked at the arms plant during the war - he'd had polio, and so was 4-F. While living on 43rd and Decatur, Jim attended Columbian grade school until third grade, when his family moved to 38th and Meade. Jim then attended Edison grade school. Next was Skinner Junior High, followed by North High School. By then Jim's dad was working at the Martin Plant, in the factory. As a senior, Jim was awarded the Martin Company scholarship, which was available only to children of employees.



Francis Kummer



Tennie Lee