

Randy & Laurette Valdez



Laurette and her husband Randy have served as proud members of the Plant City Arts Council for several years.

Laurette is a graduate of Southeastern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Before moving from Tampa to Plant City in 2007, she taught for several years in both public and private schools and is now retired. In years past, she served in her local church in Tampa as a Sunday School teacher and Missionettes Director. After moving to Plant City, Laurette was

privileged to serve as Vice President in the Plant City Lions Club Auxiliary. Laurette has several passions, one of which is cooking. Another unique passion has been collecting salt and pepper shakers with a little over 600 sets on display in her home.

Randy is originally from Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Secondary Education. Graduating from college in 1971, and during the draft, he chose to join the United States Air Force Security Service. After graduating from the Defense Language Institute in 1972, he served for two and one half years as a Russian linguist. After serving in the Air Force with an honorable discharge, Randy chose a different career path and returned to college to pursue a career in dentistry. Graduating from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree, he then attended The University of Alabama School of Dentistry and graduated in 1981 with a degree in Doctor of Medical Dentistry. While practicing in Alabama, he received his Florida license and relocated to the Tampa, Florida area in 1983. During his dental career Randy has practiced dentistry in both private practice and community health dentistry. The latter half of his career was primarily devoted to community health dentistry as the Dental Director of Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. until his retirement in early 2020.