

“Oh Hollywood!”

Bob Reeves

Born and raised in Los Angeles, I grew up in Hollywood during the glamour years. I attended Hollywood High School, which was cool, because our graduation ceremony was at the Hollywood Bowl. I remember we had a “streaker” run in front of the stage at my graduation. That should give you an idea about how long ago it was...the 70’s.

My Mom who was raised on a farm in Ohio with five sisters and a brother, moved to Hollywood at a young age to pursue a modeling career. She was a WWII Pin Up Girl, and landed the top modeling job on a very popular TV show called Queen for a Day. She was on the cover of TV guide 4 times, and I remember riding a tri-cycle across the stage for the Queen for a Day winner, and waiving to the crowds from a car in the Hollywood Christmas Parade at a very young age.

I guess it was fate that the entertainment world would become an even bigger part of my life. I married my high school sweetheart Lily, at the tender age of 19. Little did I know that her little sister Rita, who was 14 when I met her, would end up being an accomplished actress in her own right, but be best known as the wife of Tom Hanks. I had the daunting task of throwing the bachelor party for the guy that starred in The Bachelor Party. But here is the real kicker, Rita and Tom produced the movie “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” which was exactly my experience when I married into this Greek family. So funny, and so true.

Not surprising, my two daughters, Kristen and Carly are both in the entertainment industry. Kristen does red carpet interviews for an internet company and Carly is an actress who like so many also waitresses at a Beverly Hills restaurant.

Getting married at 19 didn’t come without it’s challenges, and as happens too often, it didn’t last. While Tom & Rita are still a big part of my two daughters lives, not so much for me anymore. And yes, Tom is really a “nice guy” like he seems. I have a lot of fun stories.

In April, I will be celebrating 25 year marriage with my wife Roberta. We have a daughter named Kelly who is 23 and graduating college this year. As you can tell, family is a “big deal” to me.

I grew up in the food industry having been raised by my stepfather who was the president of Boys Markets, when I was in college. When I graduated I went to work for a Southern California food broker and worked there for 23 years. I spent 8 years with ConAgra before landing my current gig, with The Shelby Report.

I’ve traveled to many exotic places around the world from Australia, Tahiti to Western Europe. I’ve been on game shows like Hollywood Squares, and won enough money to buy my first home at 22 years old. (Baby Boomer) I drove cross country in a red Fiat Convertible sports car, camping along the way and staying with relatives I’ve never met.

I love living in Southern California where I can snow ski and play golf and enjoy the beaches. My roots in Hollywood follow me everywhere.



“My Big Fat Greek Wedding” My daughter Kristen’s wedding at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in L.A. with my Mom, wife Roberta, son-in-law Mike, daughters Kelly and Carly.



Tom dancing after the wedding with my daughter Kelly.