

Sue's 47-Year Adventure with HPE!



Sue's remarkable journey traces back to her high school days when she embarked on a student program with Digital Equipment Corporation, dedicating one day a week to work with the company. Following her graduation, she was offered a full-time position as a clerk typist, marking the beginnings of her career in the administrative field. Sue quickly recognized the potential and opportunities that lay ahead, solidifying her conviction that this was the place for her. That's how she began her incredible 47-year journey, spanning Digital, Compaq, HP, and ultimately HPE. Now, as Sue prepares for retirement, with her last day set for July 31st, we have the chance to read her story and get to know her better.

Can you describe the day-to-day responsibilities of a clerk typist?

Sue Hunt: Well, back then, as a clerk typist, my main tasks involved filing and typing. I had a trusty typewriter as computers weren't commonly used at that time. This was around 1976, so my days were primarily spent assisting the manager.

I would work on typing assignments she gave me, handle filing duties, answer phone calls, and take messages. It was a very junior role with basic responsibilities.

Over the course of your 47-year tenure, there must have been significant changes within the company. Can you share some notable transformations or milestones that stand out to you?

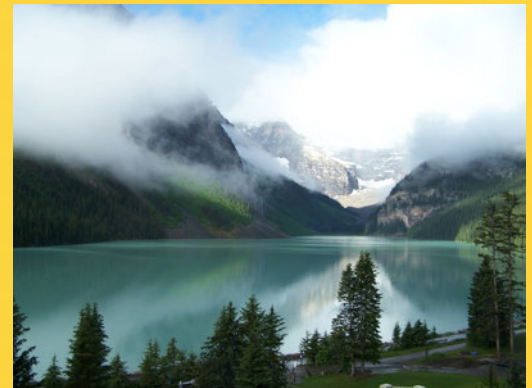
Sue Hunt: Absolutely. When I first joined the company, I was thrilled to have a typewriter. Witnessing the introduction of new technologies throughout the years was incredibly exciting for me. One major milestone was when I was promoted to an Executive Secretary, which was my dream job at the time. This happened in 1985. However, there was a surprise awaiting me after one of my vacations.

I had been on a cruise to Australia and New Zealand, and upon returning, my limo driver informed me that Digital Equipment Corporation had been acquired by Compaq Computer.

It was quite a shock, but I quickly realized that I would need to gather more information upon reaching the office. Another significant milestone for me was navigating through the multiple mergers and layoffs the company went through. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to secure my job amidst these changes.

You've mentioned your passion for cruising, and I recall you've been on quite a few cruises. Could you share a bit more about this interest of yours?

Sue Hunt: Absolutely! Cruising, to me, is the ultimate type of vacation. I've been on a total of 61 cruises, all with Princess Cruise Lines. I've never ventured to another cruise line, so I have built up a good status with Princess. I love the spontaneity of being able to decide on a whim to go on a cruise.



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As for destinations, I've mostly cruised in the Caribbean, which I absolutely adore. The warm climate and beautiful islands make it a perfect getaway for me.

That sounds wonderful. Out of all the cruises you've been on, do you have a particular favorite?

Sue Hunt: Choosing a favorite is a tough one, as every cruise has been special in its own way. However, if I had to pick, I would say the best cruise I've ever been on was the one that took me to Hawaii and Tahiti. It was an incredible experience. Flying from Massachusetts to Hawaii was quite a journey, but to be able to visit Hawaii and then continue the cruise to Tahiti was something truly memorable. I've also done an Alaska cruise, which was very special, although I must admit that I'm more of a sun person. So, destinations like Hawaii, with its stunning landscapes and warm climate, hold a special place in my heart. I've been fortunate to visit Hawaii four times, and it's a destination that many people dream of exploring. While the Caribbean is closer and equally beautiful, Hawaii's allure is truly captivating.

From starting as a typist to now being an executive assistant, how have you seen the role evolve over the years?

Sue Hunt: When I began my journey as a clerk typist, it was the entry-level administrative position. However, I was fortunate enough to quickly progress to the role of secretary, with different classifications like Secretary 1, Secretary 2, and Secretary 3. Each promotion brought additional responsibilities and the opportunity to work more independently. As the years went by, I began to feel like a valued team player, thanks to the supportive culture at HPE. I have had the privilege of supporting three different

organizations: Global Sales and Country HR with Katie Anderson, the HPE Services team with Dan Domenech, and the Global Operations organization with Sherise Curd.

The culture at HPE, especially since Antonio was appointed as CEO, has fostered a strong sense of being a one team, regardless of our roles. The positive atmosphere and feeling of being wanted and welcomed have been instrumental in the evolution of my role as an executive assistant.

Can you tell us about the most rewarding aspects of your role and how they have contributed to your overall professional growth and satisfaction?

Sue Hunt: One of the most rewarding aspects of my role has been the recognition and respect I have received for my knowledge and skills. Being acknowledged and appreciated for my achievements is incredibly fulfilling. The culture at HPE, particularly through initiatives like the Star Point recognition tool, emphasizes the importance of recognizing team members' contributions, which has played a significant role in boosting my motivation and job satisfaction.

Additionally, having the opportunity to assist and support team members at all levels has been immensely gratifying. Because, building strong relationships and fostering connections with colleagues has not only enhanced my professional journey but also created a sense of camaraderie and collaboration.

I owe a great deal of my professional growth to the supportive leaders I have worked with throughout my career. They have consistently challenged me to expand

my knowledge, take on new responsibilities, and share my expertise with others.

Their belief in my abilities has fueled my passion for learning and has contributed to my overall development. The combination of recognition, support, and continuous learning opportunities within my role has truly shaped my professional satisfaction and nurtured my desire to make a positive impact within the organization.

How have you managed to maintain such high motivation and commitment over a long period of time within the company?

Sue Hunt: I stay motivated by genuinely loving my job and embracing daily challenges. The dynamic nature of my role keeps me engaged. Working with talented team members who share a passion for their work also fuels my motivation. The positive changes implemented by HPE's leadership, particularly under Antonio Neri, have created an exciting and supportive environment that contributes to my commitment and enthusiasm.

How has the company supported your professional development and provided opportunities for your growth throughout your career?

Sue Hunt: HPE has been incredibly supportive of my professional development by emphasizing the importance of learning and growth. The company encourages team members to expand their skills and offers opportunities for advancement.

Additionally, HPE's culture fosters personal growth and fulfillment. The company demonstrates compassion and

understanding towards both professional and personal challenges. The comprehensive benefits, wellness programs, and supportive environment make HPE an exceptional place to work.

One personal experience that stands out for me is when my mother was facing serious health issues a few years ago. My manager at the time, Mike Dallas, was incredibly understanding and supportive. HPE recognized the importance of family and allowed me to adjust my hours and take time off to care for my mother. It meant a lot to me and my Mom appreciated the company's understanding. This experience highlighted HPE's values and the importance they place on putting family first.

Are there any specific moments or accomplishments that you are particularly proud of from your time with HPE?

Sue Hunt: Certainly. I take great pride in being a team player and having the opportunity to voice my opinions and be recognized for them. Regardless of my role within the organization, I have always felt that my voice counts and that my contributions are valued. This sense of inclusivity and collaboration has allowed me to make meaningful contributions and play a role in the success of HPE.

As you reflect on your remarkable 47-year journey with the company, what advice would you give to someone that has just recently joined HPE? And if you were to give advice in general, not just professionally, what would it be?

Sue Hunt: I would advise them to stay focused, be a team player, and embrace change. It's important to get to know your team members and adapt to the changes that will inevitably occur. Work closely with your leaders to develop your skills and seize opportunities for growth and advancement within the company.

Additionally, on a personal level, I would emphasize the importance of maintaining a work-life balance. Make sure to take advantage of your vacation time to recharge and spend quality time with loved ones. Taking care of yourself and finding that balance will contribute to your overall well-being and enhance your performance in the workplace.

What are your hopes and aspirations for the future and how do you plan to stay connected with everybody in HPE? Is there anything you would like to accomplish as the very first thing after you retire?

Sue Hunt: As I prepare for retirement after 47 years with HPE, I have several hopes and aspirations for the future. I am excited to focus on my wellness, fitness, and indulge in my hobbies such as photography, reading, crafts, gardening, and exploring parks and beaches in Florida. While I will miss the daily contact with team members, I plan to stay connected through social media. Staying in touch with the HPE community, especially those I have worked with in HR and beyond, is important to me.

As for the very first thing I would like to accomplish after retiring, it's the freedom from schedules and the ability to go with the flow. I am looking forward to a more relaxed lifestyle where each day brings new possibilities. Whether it's sleeping in, exploring local sights, swimming, or simply spending time at home with a good book, I am excited to embrace this new chapter of life.

And if you had to describe your 47-year journey in HPE in just one word, what would that word be?

Sue Hunt: Well, let me just try to give this a little bit of thought. One word... APPRECIATED!

Thank you so much, Sue. We'll miss you!

