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Born in Wichita, KS, I've journeyed through all 48 continental states, yet each place brought a unique blend of excitement and uncertainty. Sailing from Key West, Florida, to Falmouth, Maine, and back in 89 days on a 44-foot double ender single mast was both exhilarating and daunting. Spending summers from 14 to 18 on a saddle breed horse farm in Howell, Michigan, was a mix of freedom and responsibility. Raising two stepdaughters from ages 8 to 18 was fulfilling, yet I often wondered if I was doing enough. As an assistant 4H leader in Howell, MI, I felt both pride and pressure. I'm the fifth of six kids, and losing the littlest when I was seven left a void that never quite filled. Married twice, I've lived in my current home since 2004, caught between the comfort of stability and the lure of change. I used to be a pretty good golfer, as the trophies on the mantel remind me, but lately, I can't help but question if those days are behind me.