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Children: Patti Blake, Scott, Mark and Kirk.
Grandchildren: Brandon, Erin, Brooke, Sean, Madison,
Rebekah, and Amanda.
First Baptist Church, choir thirteen years.
Former Lions Club member; Plainview Community Concert Association.

Professional organizations, to name just a few, include Phi Beta Mu, the
National Band Masters fraternity, named to its Hall of Fame in 1993;
Phi Mu Alpa Sinfonia, the National Music fraternity; Texas Music Educators
Association, serving in all District and Regional capacities; American and
Texas Band Masters Association, named Texas Band Master of the Year in 1982;
Foundation of Educational Administration, PTA life member, APTE, Classroom
Teachers ~~plus many more on the local, state and national level.~~

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those two traits are present, everything else will fall into place. I
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