

# About me

My name is Frederick Grant Duerr. I was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, the only son of Fred C Duerr and Louise Esther Rosenbush. I was named after my father and my maternal grandfather.

I grew up in rural Minnesota, was educated through grade 8 in a one-room school, did not finish high school in Stillwater, Minnesota, and entered the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Although I was somewhat talented and fond of music, I realized that I was not good enough to be a music major. Thus, I majored in chemistry, zoology and botany, and earned a Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in March 1965.

I became a tenured faculty member of the University of South Dakota, University of Saskatchewan (Regina), and University of North Dakota until I retired from full-time university teaching. I then taught various science classes as a part-time instructor at National University, Walla Walla Community College, University of Walla Walla, and Oregon Coast Community College.

Lately I have received several (all right, a few) requests from friends, relatives, colleagues and strangers, asking, "How are you and what are you doing, now?" I suspect advancing age, with the accompanying reduction in the number of old friends and cronies has something to do with this. This web site may assuage any guilt I may have in being tardy answering their inquiries. I may also be guilty of telling people more than they wanted to know.

I quit active teaching in 2010 and have been slowly going nuts from lack of academic activity ever since. Perhaps building a web site is my feeble attempt to continue my more than 50 years of academic activities.

In any event, it is my observation that much of the general population, for some reason, does not understand information on health and environmental issues. In addition, because humans can be very gullible, the general population has

governmental and environmental regulations imposed on them by persons, who themselves are ignorant. I hope that within this website, the reader can find factual information to help them understand issues imposed on them by others and assist them in making up their own minds.

In sum, I may do a bit of “wailing at outrageous fortune.” We shall see what we shall see. It beats doing yard work and figuring out what to do with the 30,000 + books in my garage.

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