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Mary Beth's passion for flying led her to a 20-year dance career. She performed and choreographed and taught everything from modern jazz to the swing and chocolate hustle. Dancing leaps are the closest to flying!

Another passion is her family. Jim, her husband of 37 years, is a Geologist. Her son Matt is a California State Historian and lives in Monterey. Her daughter Lorena is a Family Practice Physician. Her son-in-law Jake is a biology teacher at Watsonville High. Lorena and Jake's daughter, Lily, is 18 months old and also loves flying!

Mary Beth's interest in astronomy, airplanes and space led her to volunteer as a docent for the NASA/Ames Aerospace Encounter Program. She was soon hired as an Education Specialist developing curriculum and writing an aeronautics activity handbook for teachers. Her volunteer work further includes her Presbyterian Church, Environmental Volunteers, the Deer Hollow Farm Education Program, and ushering for the Mountain View Performing Arts Center. Mary Beth's B.A. degree is in Sociology and History and her M.A. is in Exercise Physiology and Dance.

She is presently working as the support staff for the Astrobiology Academy 2002. Her work at NASA has included planning and attending scientific conferences. Hobbies of Mary Beth's include skating, gardening, swimming, hiking, biking, wind-surfing, traveling, and hanging-out with Lily and her whole family.