

# **Gary H. Johnson Timeline**

## **Prior to 1981**

Grew up on a farm in Galesburg IL.

## **May 1981**

Graduated from the University of Illinois with an Ag Econ Degree.

## **June 1981**

Started as a Loan Officer at PCA Freeport. Was lucky enough to work with two exceptional bankers; Doug Cross and Greg Cross.

## **May 1983**

Married Linda Brown, a Monmouth girl. Moved to German Valley in 1984. Had our first child, Todd, in 1985 and Morgan in 1988.

## **December 1987**

Joined German American State Bank as a loan officer! German American State Bank was a \$25 million dollar bank when I first started, now it is a \$250 million dollar bank. Special thanks to Jim Schneiderman, who was the president at that time, and the great board of directors. Kerry Hoops was hired shortly after, making us a dynamic duo.

## **1985-1988**

Saw some crazy times while surviving a financial recession. Rates sky rocketed....13% CDs and 16-18% loan rates. Hello IFDA! Grain embargo happened lowering prices to \$2 corn and \$5 beans.

## **February 2000**

Completed new home in German Valley further growing my roots within the community.

## **2007-2008**

Mortgage loan crisis happened with prime rate rising to 8.25%. Remember countrywide loans – government bailout.

## **2007-2014**

These were the glory years in ag. Remember \$6.54 corn and \$13.50 beans? Those were the days! During this time prime rate dropped to 3.25% from 2009-2015. Say hello to new bins, buildings, equipment and farms!

## **November 2016**

Cubs win World Series after 100 years! Yep, only 10 behind the Cardinals.

## **December 2017**

Gary celebrates 30 years with German American State Bank!!!

## **March 2020**

Covid-19 hits and the world is forever changed. Welcome SBA Paycheck Protection Program, masks and zoom!

## **August 31, 2020**

My last day at German American State Bank after over 32 years! A big thank you to all the customers, staff, officers and directors. Could not have done it without you!

