

## **Ky Gardner**

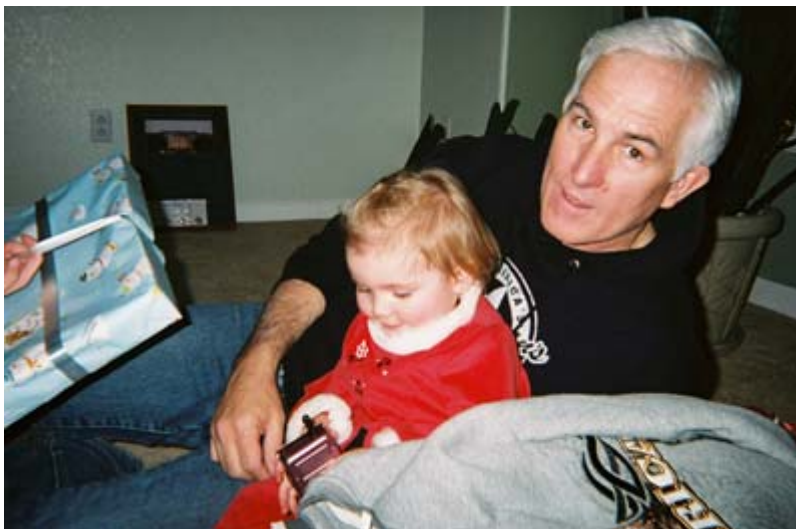
This month, we are featuring Ky Gardner, one of our newer employees. Ky's hometown is Afton, Wyoming, situated in Star Valley. He spent some of his childhood in Washington D.C., and then in 1974, Ky and his family relocated to Colorado.

Ky left Colorado to attend Brigham Young University for 3 years of undergraduate studies in Geological Engineering. Ky began his professional career in Colorado at Martin Marietta (later Lockheed Martin) in 1979. He worked there as a Senior Test Engineer for Space Flight Systems until 2000. Ky furthered his career as a Principle Test Engineer at Raytheon. From 2004-2008, he was at Ball Aerospace working as Principle Test Engineer and Integration & Test Lead. His key project was the Global Precipitation Measurement Instrument.

In January of 2008, he joined MicroSat Systems (MSI) in the Systems Engineering Department as an Integration & Test Lead. Ky values the hands-on work that MSI offers. He enjoys being able to experience all aspects of the satellite build in one location - from the conception, construction, testing, and sale of the satellite. At MSI, he works on the integration of hardware, as well as the fabrication and test of equipment. One of his recent projects was integrating a telecom system.

Ky has been married to his wife Vickie for 30 years. She is the Director of Contracts & Procurement at Qwest. In addition, she is a published author that writes children's books, such as Mack & Zag. Ky and Vickie have two children: Nicole, 27, and Chris, 25. Nicole - an accountant at Reardon Construction - has two kids with her husband, Eric. Jayden is 6 and enjoys fly-fishing (and tying flies during the off-season) with his grandpa. Shylah is a mere 17 months, and her hobbies right now include walking, talking, and eating. Ky's son, Chris, is both an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin and a student at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

One of Ky's favorite hobbies is to cook. And although he has always been the main cook of the household, he hopes to one day go to culinary school to perfect his abilities. Ky spends a lot of his spare time fly-fishing, camping, hiking, and bow hunting. He is planning a moose-hunting trip to Canada and an African safari with his son.



*Ky and his Granddaughter Shylah*