

When it was suggested to me to write the story of my life and work, I hoped to finish it in 6 months before my big 90th birthday. However, my age did not cooperate with my plans. I had to work at a much more relaxed speed than I was used to. I am, thus, finishing my story well into my 90s. Going back through my writing, I realized that it is similar to my previous papers. It is written like a documentary with simple scientific English and explained in places by numbers. The story is mainly about my work and much less about my life. But, my work was my life. In certain situations my work became an obsession for me, particularly in writing my books that had deadlines. The formation of the Dotter Interventional Institute also totally took all of my efforts, as did the organization of some meetings. Looking back on my work, I am satisfied with the results. I was blessed with a wonderful wife, children and grandchildren. I am fortunate that my life's work and passion was in an exciting, stimulating discipline through which I developed many cherished colleagues and lifelong close friends. As the son of parents who were manual laborers, I achieved the highest scientific recognition in my old country. In my new country, I became one of the early pioneers of interventional radiology and developed procedures and devices that are still widely used today. I disseminated interventional radiology in the US and worldwide. I helped many, many patients. My mother would be pleased with my life and its results.