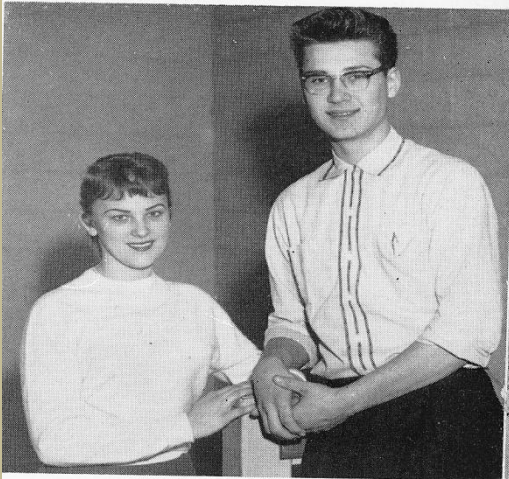
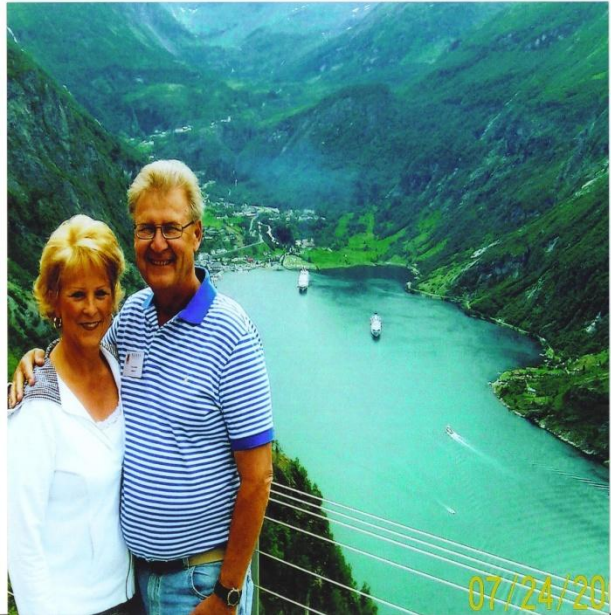


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Darlene Carlson and Fred Geiger



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PROFILE:

CHUCK (FRED) GEIGER – 12/6/40 TO 12/12/06

(WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE, DARLENE GEIGER (CARLSON-6/09))

CHUCK WAS BORN IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS AND WAS RAISED IN SCHILLER PARK, ILLNOIS. HE ATTENDED LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FRED (CHUCK) AND I MET IN 7TH GRADE. WE GRADUATED FROM LINCOLN AND ATTENDED 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AT LEYDEN AND GRADUATED TOGETHER IN 1959. WE WERE MARRIED ON OCTOBER 14, 1961.

WE MOVED TO CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS WHERE CHUCK ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND GRADUATED WITH A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE IN 1966. I RECEIVED MY PHT (PUTTING HUBBY THROUGH) DEGREE.

OUR FIRST CHILD, CHARLES FREDERICK, JR., WAS BORN ON JUNE 28, 1966 IN CHICAGO.

CHUCK BEGAN HIS ENGINEERING CAREER WITH YORK-BORG WARNER IN CHICAGO AND WAS WITH THEM FOR 3 YEARS. WE HAD OUR SECOND CHILD, HEATHER, ON NOVEMBER 6, 1969 IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA WHERE CHUCK TOOK A NEW POSITION AS SALES ENGINEER WITH CENTRAL ICE MACHINE COMPANY AND WORKED FOR THEM FOR 35 YEARS. HE SOLD AND DESIGNED COOLING SYSTEMS FOR MEAT PACKING COMPANIES, AND WOULD BE AT THE INSTALLATION OF THOSE PROJECTS.

CHUCK WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY HIS PEERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HE WAS A HARD WORKER, HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, WAS LOYAL AND A MAN OF INTEGRITY.

WE BUILT OUR ONLY HOME IN OMAHA IN 1972. CHUCK TOOK PRIDE IN CARING FOR OUR HOME. HE LOVED PAINTING THE HOUSE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. BUT HIS FAVORITE THING WAS TO SPEND HOURS IN THE YARD LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING GARDENS, PULLING WEEDS, AND KEEPING A MANICURED LAWN. HE ALSO LOVED TO GRILL. OUR YARD WAS BEAUTIFUL. HE WAS VERY HANDY WITH MOST REPAIRS NEEDED AND HE SAVED US LOTS OF MONEY. HIS SECOND FAVORITE THING WAS TO USE HIS SENSE OF HUMOR – HE REALLY HAD A GREAT ONE. OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS HEARD SO MANY FUNNY STORIES THAT HE WOULD TELL ABOUT HIMSELF. THERE WAS LOTS OF LAUGHTER IN OUR

HOME. CHUCK AND I LOVED TO HAVE COMPANY AND ENTERTAIN. WE PLAYED A VARIETY OF GAMES. ONE OF THE GAMES WAS A DICE GAME CALLED "FARKEL", WHICH BROUGHT US A LOT OF LAUGHS.

WE HAD A SWIMMING POOL, AND MADE MANY MEMORIES – LOTS OF CHILDREN LEARNED HOW TO SWIM IN OUR POOL. WE HAD A SUMMER VACATION AT HOME FOR MANY YEARS.

OUR SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW HAD OUR FIRST GRANDDAUGHTER, HAYDEN, IN 1996 AND OUR GRANDSON, JACK, WAS BORN IN 1998. THEY LIVE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. OUR DAUGHTER HAD OUR GRANDSON, SHANE, IN 2002, AND SHE AND HER FAMILY LIVE HERE IN OMAHA.

IN THE LATE 90'S CHUCK WAS A STEPHEN MINISTER FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND WAS A COMMITTED FRIEND TO AN ELDERLY MAN DURING THAT TIME.

AROUND THE YEAR 2000, CHUCK AND I BEGAN A NEW RECREATION WHICH WAS BIKING. WE CALLED EACH OTHER "BIKER-BUDDIES". WE LOVED TO GO BIKING ON THE MANY BEAUTIFUL TRAILS HERE IN OMAHA. ONE YEAR WE TOOK A TRIP WITH OUR FRIENDS TO MINNESOTA. WE STAYED IN A B & B. WE WENT TUBING DOWN A RIVER THAT WEEKEND – BUT THE BEST MEMORY WAS WHEN WE TOOK A 15 MILE BIKE RIDE ALONG THE RIVER – SO THAT MEANT 30 MILES ROUND TRIP. WHEN WE FIRST BEGAN THE RIDE, WE

PASSED A RESTAURANT THAT MADE HOME-MADE PIES. THEREFORE, WE DECIDED THAT THE PIE AT THE END OF THE TRIP WOULD BE OUR INCENTIVE TO FINISH THE RIDE – THEREFORE, WE CALLED THAT RIDE “PEDDALING FOR PIE”.

CHUCK ALSO LOVED TO GOLF (EVEN THO HE WASN'T ALL THAT GOOD). THE FUNNIEST STORY HAPPENED WHEN MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND AND CHUCK & I WENT TO HAWAII. THE GUYS COULDN'T WAIT TO GOLF THERE. THE DAY OF THEIR RESERVATION, HOWEVER, THE WINDS WERE ABOUT 40 MILES PER HOUR. THEY REALLY COULDN'T GOLF – EVEN THO THEY COULDN'T KEEP TRACK OF THE BALL. THEY GOLFED ANYWAY – AND LAUGHED ABOUT IT THE REST OF OUR VACATION.

CHUCK MENTORED SEVERAL OF THE MEN I'VE MENTIONED – THEY LOOKED TO HIM FOR COUNSEL AND WISDOM, AND MISS HIM – SO DO I.

IN 2004, CHUCK RETIRED FROM CENTRAL ICE AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CAREER CENTER AT OUR CHURCH. HE COUNSELED MANY PEOPLE TO HELP THEM WRITE RESUMES, LEARN SKILLS FOR INTERVIEWING WITH POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS, AS WELL AS COORDINATING AND RUNNING CAREER FAIRS. HE ALSO LED SEVERAL BIBLE STUDIES. FROM 2004 TO 2006, CHUCK AND I WERE LEADERS OF A CHURCH PROGRAM. CHUCK HAD A STRONG FAITH IN GOD, WAS A DEDICATED HUSBAND AND FATHER, A PLAYFUL

GRANDFATHER, A GOOD FRIEND, AND WAS A VERY GENEROUS PERSON.

WE WERE BLESSED WITH KNOWING EACH OTHER FOR 53 YEARS AND HAD A MARRIAGE THAT LASTED FOR 45 YEARS.

