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LLOYD AND BERNICE ABSHIER

Lloyd was born in Durham in the house where they now live on January 24, 1921, he has one brother and one sister living in Paradise.

Bernice Bille was born on Bille Road (named for her family) in Paradise July 25, 1922, she has two brothers and two sisters. She went to elementary school in Paradise and as there was no high school there she attended Chico High School.

Lloyd went all through school in Durham, being student body president in his senior year of High School. Because of a brother's illness his family moved to Paradise for five years and Lloyd rode down to Durham each day with his Dad to attend school. While still living in Paradise he and Bernice met at the Brown Bear skating rink. They were married in Carson City, Nevada August 27, 1939

Lloyd worked in Wes Sitton's Market for three or four years. They had two children before he signed up for the Navy where he spent three years. On returning to Durham from the Navy he went to work with his Dad in the Blacksmith Shop, when his Dad retired Lloyd had full run of the shop. If those machines could talk what stories they could tell. Lloyd retired in 1987 but still returns to work for son Steve.

Bernice did lots of baby-sitting and child care in her home. She has always been very crafty, making quilts bedspreads and table cloths for all her family, still embroidering baby quilts when the need arises. She has always done lots of canning and jelly making...whatever Lloyd raises in the garden Bernice puts it in jars or the freezer.

Lloyd and Bernice, in conjunction with Louis and Imogene Edwards, have 440 acres northeast of Chico where Ishi's cave is supposed to be, they have enlarged the Apperson cabin and have entertained many friends and relatives there.

They have four children, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Lloyd and Bernice were Charter members of the Durham Good Sams.

They have taken three trips to Hawaii and one to the Caribbean. They attended the Rose Parade Samboree in 1979 with the Coons and the Lucas's.

They served as president and secretary in 1979 and wagonmaster in Every year since the beginning Lloyd and Bernice have trailbossed the trip to Ft. Bragg, and several years provided Abalone dinner (from the Ocean) to go with our Potluck. Bernice started the Durham Good Sam picture history books and has continued this project through the years. Lloyd and J.C. Floyd, for years, have collected aluminum cans around Durham, proceeds going to D. G. S. (others have collected cans but this was a continual project for L. & J. C.) until J. C.'s death in June 1997 then George Atteberry took his place collecting cans.

The Durham Good Sams voted Lloyd and Bernice Lifetime membership in the Club.

When the President asks the card chairperson if anyone has been ill or needs a card..you may hear someone say "I have been feeling a little poorly lately" that will be Lloyd.