

## **Judy & Chuck Birtcil July 2010**

**Judy Birtcil was born on July 21, 1941 in Pomona, Calif. Her parents moved from Ohio to Southern California in 1938 because of her mother's ailing health and her needing a warmer climate. The family moved back to Ohio when Judy was 6 months old and then back to California about 5 years later. They settled in the central valley, in Lindsay, Ca. where they raised three daughters and a son. After graduating from high school, Judy graduated from College of the Sequoias in Visalia and then attended Fresno State. In 1960 she married Vic Durbin. They had 3 children. The family moved to Antioch, California in the Bay Area in 1970. In 1986 the marriage broke up.**

**Chuck was born in Chico on June 2, 1942. His father (Ed), born also in Chico, and his mother (Lorraine), born in Montana, met in Redding, Calif. in the early 1940's, when he was driving a produce delivery truck, and had stopped to have lunch at an eatery where she worked. Chuck had two brothers, Edd & Steve, both younger, one of whom currently resides in Chico. After graduating from Chico High school in 1960, Chuck graduated from Chico State University in 1964, moved to Woodland, Calif. where he lived for 19 years. While in Woodland he served in the Woodland Schools as a teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Asst. Supt. Of Personnel and Interim Superintendent of schools until 1983. Chuck and his family moved to the Pittsburg Unified School District in the east bay area in 1983 where he was Asst. Supt. of Personnel and lead negotiator with bargaining units and other employee groups for 11 years. Chuck's wife of 24 years, Jeanette, died of breast cancer in 1986.**

**In addition to Chico State, Chuck completed graduate programs at Sacramento State University in 1969, and later at BYU in Provo, Utah in 1973 receiving his doctorate in education.**

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**Judy was an organist. They were married in Pittsburg, California on Valentine's Day 1988.**

**In 1994 Chuck retired from education after 30 years, and we bought a home in Chico. Judy retired from education after several years as a substitute teacher and then 21 years being an aide. We moved back to Chico where Chuck was born and grew up. Judy had jobs as a demonstrator at Costco and then working for health clubs. She worked in membership and then bookkeeping and currently teaches water aerobic classes 3 days a week at In Motion Fitness. Chuck worked for a brief time as a buyer for a local manufacturing firm as a means of qualifying for social security benefits after retiring from education.**

**Our blended family consists of Judy's three children; Heather who lives in Missouri with her husband and daughter, Nancy who lives in the San Diego area with her husband and two sons, and John who lives in the Sacramento area. Chuck has two children; Brent who lives in the Sacramento area with his wife and son and daughter, and Christy who lives in Walnut Creek with her husband and two sons.**

**We have enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean and Alaska. More recently we have spent some time at Butte Meadows and traveling to see our children and grandchildren.**

**Judy met Charlene Meline taking classes at In Motion Fitness and Charlene and Dick offered to sponsor us as members of the Durham Good Sams Travel Nuts, since we had just purchased a motor home! We joined in 2002 and have enjoyed many fun and interesting trips with the group. In 2007 Chuck became President and Judy was Secretary. Chuck has also been Vice President and Wagon Master. We look forward to spending more fun times with the many friends we've come to appreciate in the Durham Good Sams.**