



PROFILE

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The gentleman shown above and on the front of this newsletter has also been known as Chuck, Goldy, and Charles T. Jr. along with his last name – Goldsmith. ALSO he's been referred to as "Toymaker Extraordinaire".

We are fortunate to have Chuck as another new member coming to us from College Avenue Baptist Church and we're very happy that he has shared bits of his exciting life with us.

He was born in San Diego May 25, 1923 and says he has lived "all over the world" during the 24 years he was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He attended San Diego High School. His favorite subjects / activities were in sports and music (band). He also attended the Air Force Academy through Correspondence – Reserves. He served 10 years active duty and 14 years reserves in the U.S.A.F. starting as a Private and ending as a Major.

Chuck also spent 24 years as a U.S. Post Office carrier and 20 years in the maintenance of Shadow Mountain Community Church and Christian High School.

Volunteer work has included many of the tasks in and around the beginnings of CCT (Christian Community Theater) when it was located on Mt. Helix – stage set-up, trash pick-up, parking cars, to name just a few. While volunteering at CCT, another life-long dream became reality for Chuck – he salvaged the unusable scraps from their theater props and used them in becoming a Toymaker Extraordinaire, his lifelong dream. Because he had grown up with very few toys, his passion was to someday become a toymaker, to make the beautiful toys he saw in store windows, and to give them to unfortunate children just as he had been.

His youngest daughter, Becky, before her death from a brain tumor in 1999, recognized her dad's talent and was his biggest encourager - her memory became the driving force behind his toy making. "When I give a toy, it's in honor of my daughter. The Lord gives me the wisdom and strength to continue doing this." As of May 25, 2012, Goldy's 88th birthday, 25,000 toys have been made and shipped to needy children all around the world. He has never taken a cent in return. Through faith and love and a childhood promise, Goldy has dedicated his life to this selfless act of joy. He feels driven to put a toy car in the hands of every child growing up, as he did, having very few toys. To date, his toys have gone to children in Russia, Bulgaria, Venezuela, Brazil, China, Spain and South America.

Chuck and his now deceased wife, Margaret, were blessed with the following children and grandchildren: Diana (by marriage) – Gary, Bryan, Randy, Madison and Gwendolyn. Steve: Mathew, Jason, J.R., Ashton. Beverly: Brant and Brianne. Rebecca: Deceased, Richard: Jesse and Corrine.

Their favorite vacations included going to the Seattle World's Fair, two trips to Hawaii, a trip to the Grand Canyon and visits to Arizona, Colorado, and Boston. They also took trips to see the lovely fall foliage in Canada and the New England states.

He shares that the family pets included litters of dogs and cats. Also, a bird and a turtle (donated to the zoo).

He chuckles as he reminisces about one of his most embarrassing moments (it happened when he fell asleep during a class in high school).

Past churches he has attended include Trinity Methodist Church, San Diego (during his boyhood), as well as Scott Memorial and College Avenue Baptist Churches here in San Diego. His favorite scripture is Proverbs 2:5-6.

Besides the Bible, his favorite book(s) are about flying as well as any and all aircraft. He enjoys reading Reminisce Magazine. He loves to browse through Air Force medals and display stories at the Veterans Memorial Building in Balboa Park. He also loves watching sports. His hobbies include making toys. He belongs to the San Diego Woodworkers Association.

His future goals or dreams are to keep making toys and he says that "as long as the Lord gives me the strength and wisdom, I would like to continue helping people whenever and wherever I can". Chuck, we are indeed blessed to have you as a fellow member here at Del Cerro.

~~~~ Millie Shriver ~~~~