

My First 85 Years

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This Booklet was written and Dedicated to my Wife, Fran
who spent sixty two years putting up with me and still counting
I Love You
This booklet needs Fran's input to make it better

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My first home, The Good Ranch. I was born Sept 3, 1933 in Coalinga, California, a small Oil town 60 miles southwest of Fresno. My parents Mary and Titus, brother John and sister Miriam lived on a ranch 20 miles west of Coalinga. The ranch was a homestead of three sections so quite large. We had a two story house, 300 head of cattle, and lots of chickens, enough to supply Coalinga with eggs. The ranch was too much to handle for my mother so we traded for a boarding house in Boulder, Colo. The boarding house didn't work out so after two years we moved back to Coalinga and lived in town.

My Uncle Felix Good owned a lumber yard and as a contractor built most of the town of Coalinga.

In 1940 it looked like World War II was coming so all the jobs were building Army Bases. My Dad and brother built two trailers houses, my brother towed one and my dad or mom towed the trailer with the kitchen. We bought a new car, 1941 Plymouth and started to travel the western states, John had a 1936 two door Chevy.



Leadville in the winter time. Three miles to school, my job was to keep the driveway clear of snow.

I lived at many places in CA, AZ, Utah, Colo. I attended 15 different grammar schools. The longest we stayed in one spot was one year in Leadville, Colorado, 10,000 feet elevation. Lots of good memories there. I learned to ski on gentle slopes. I was in the 4th grade.

My dad worked on an Army Base, Camp Hale, where the troops were trained to ski and take care of mules used to carry heavy equipment. All of these troops and their animals were sent to Norway and parachuted all that stuff. They surprised Hitler's Army from behind. Those Norway countries were liberated from the Germans.

The war ended when we were living in Vacaville, CA. I had a paper route delivering The Oakland Tribune. I had started a new route and built it to 23 customers.

When the war ended we went to El Centro, CA where they were building a new church and a sugar beet processing Company. When it got too hot there we moved to Chula Vista where I graduated from Grammar school. We moved around San Diego several places and settled down buying a place in National City, Sweetwater Valley.

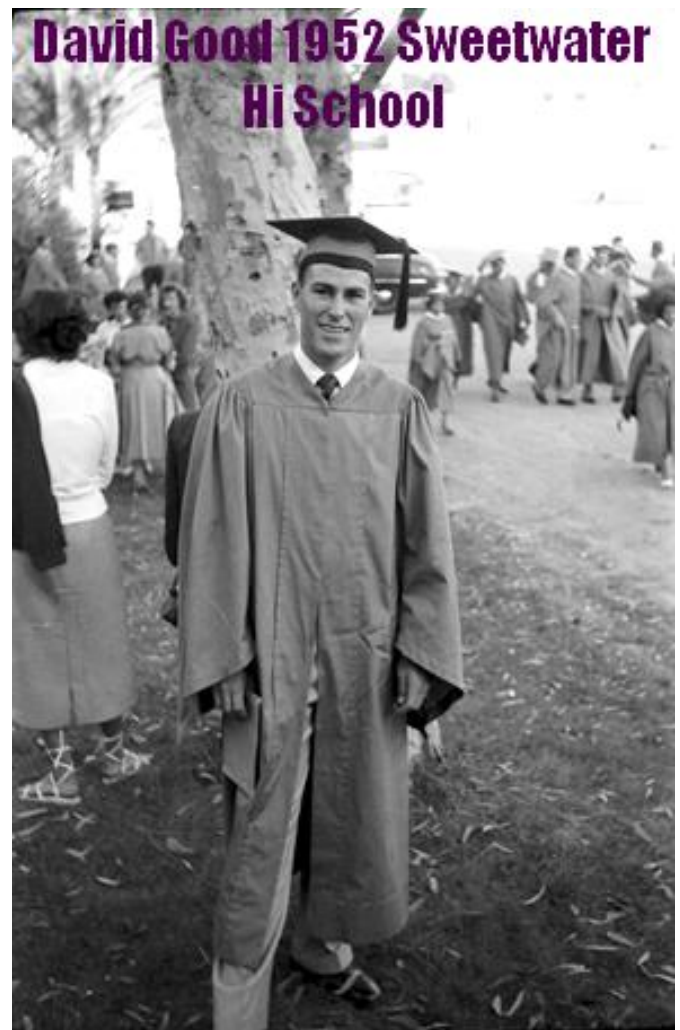
I helped my dad remodel the house while still living in the trailer. We never lived in the house, instead rented it out. We built a one bedroom house in the back yard and my brother John and Shirley lived in it for a while. An old garage was made into my place.

Junior Hi School was quite usual, I took an interest in electronics, so I built a one tube radio that worked.

Junior Hi School was quite usual, I met Rodney Kilcrease who was a very close friend and very popular. He was ASB Vice President in the 9th grade. The church we attended had a Radio Program that came on late night and he was the announcer. The late nights caught up with him and he died from TB a few years later. While he was recuperating, Rodney, his sister Iva Lee, and his mother moved to Coolidge, Arizona and I spent several summers there.



At Sweetwater Hi I liked Track and the 440 yard event and one Mile Relay were my best events. In my senior year I played Football. I made first string Defensive End. I loved Ping Pong, usually played Doubles and we won a lot of fun games.



Graduated 1952 from Sweetwater Hi.

I decided to attend San Diego Jr College. First year Radio and TV class was filled so I took electricity. Second year I got into Radio Repair and that class (4 hours a day and 5 days a week) really gave me a good foundation. I met some life time friends at SDJC. Jack Taylor gave me a ride to SDJC, so I got to know him very well. Jack got me to join the National Guard which turned to be a big help in the USAF. When he was to be married he asked me to be his best man. Well it didn't end here, a certain Brides Maid turned out to become my wife, Fran Emde now Fran Good.

Richard Chandler another friend at SDJC, got me a job delivering TV Sets (where he worked) but it didn't take me very long to start fixing the TV's. The draft, Uncle Sam was after me and Richard so we decided to join the USAF together on Sept 18 1954. Boot Camp was Parks AFB near San Francisco.



About a month before I Joined the Air Force I met Fran and she stuck with me while I was off to Boot Camp and Radio School. I got leave time at Christmas, and I came home. Fran and I went to Disney Land for a day. Disney had just opened. I will never forget that adventure, 1954.

I started to take flying lessons while a senior in Hi School. A really nice guy helped 30 of us guys to form a flying Club. Our plane was a Piper J3, top speed 72 knots, 65 HP. After Hi School most of the members got drafted. So the club closed and I started flying a PA 11, which belonged to the same nice guy, and got my Private Pilot License. After I got my Private License I had to take all my friends for a ride. Fran Emde was one of the first, 1954.



National Guard Early Warning Radar Camp Irwin



National Guard Early Warning Radar at Camp Irwin near Death Valley. Yes it was HOT in the middle of the desert. Our job was to watch for bogies and warn the anti-aircraft battalions to get ready to shoot.

All that stuff did work and the anti-aircraft big guns made a lot of noise.

My two years in college and National Guard made things click in the Air Force. In Boot Camp I was the Flight Leader and in charge when the TI wasn't around. I had to march the troops to the chow hall and classes. Some interesting situations.

The USAF sent me and my buddy Dick Chandler to Radio School at Scott AFB, in Illinois for eight months. Since I had a good radio class at SDJC, the USAF school was a review for me and I was the honor student. The good part of that was I got my choice of assignment after graduation and March AFB was my choice. . I got a job in the base theater and saved up for a car later.

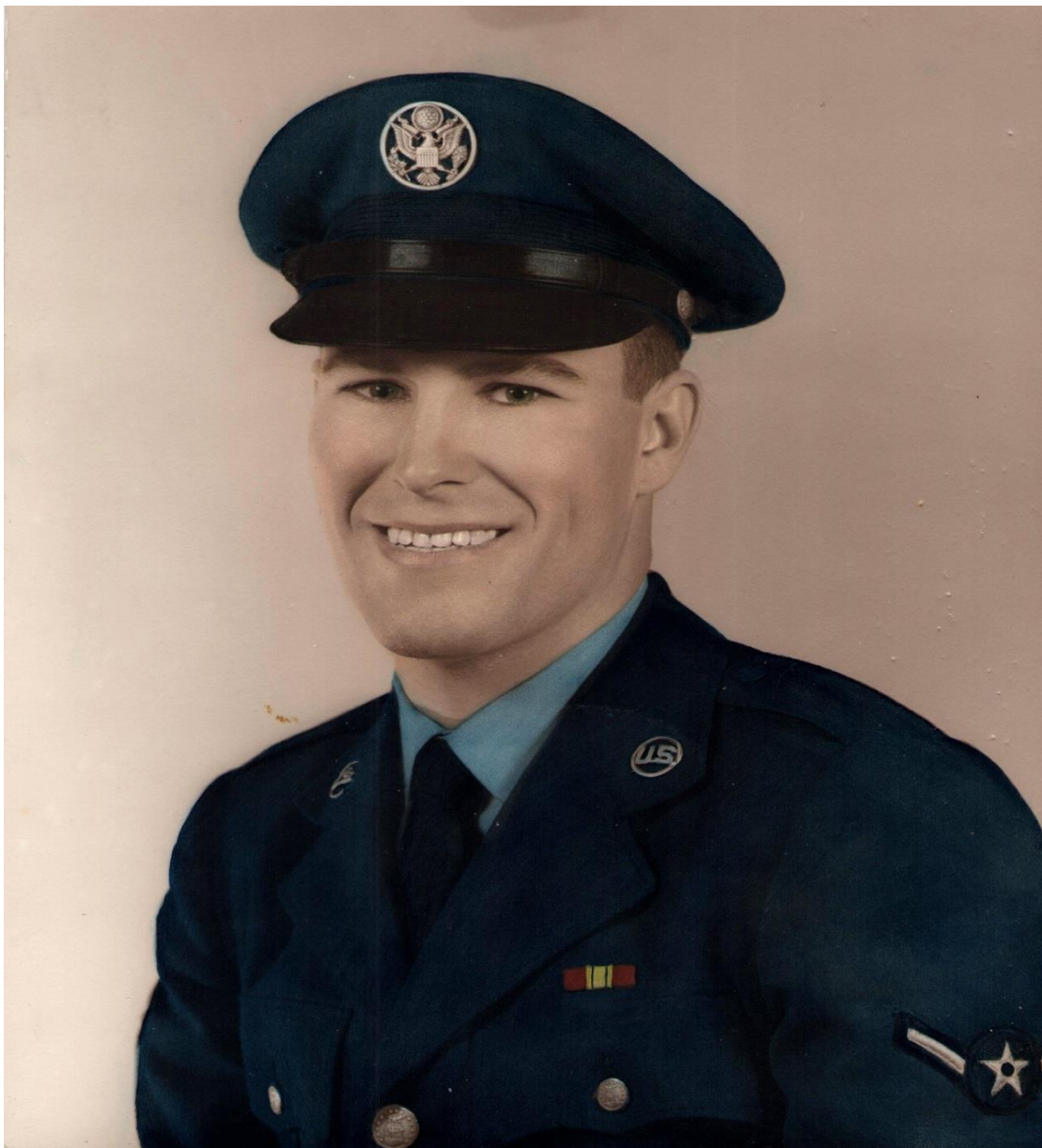
Dick and I rented a plane at a local airport and flew along the Mississippi River several times. Really a good time.

I had a Military Driver's
License in the
National Guard



Fran and I were married May 6, 1956 in Chula Vista. Fran's Uncle Ira Harbison, the Judge of National City married us. Steve Ballard was a cousin to Rodney and we had become good friends. I was Best Man at his wedding and later he was Best Man at my wedding.





Just finished Boot Camp at Parks Air Force Base with my first strip

I was sent to Scott AFB for Radio School



Our Home in Riverside 1956 - 1958

We moved to Riverside close to March AFB. We really enjoyed Riverside as it was close to Idyllwild, Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. Riverside had a nice park and lake that was a cool place in the hot summer evenings.

We lived in a duplex and our neighbors were Joe and Raffie Lucero and their two kids which became four kids later. They became our friends even today. We talked them into moving to San Diego when they got out of the Air Force, 1958.

We bought a 1951 Mercury (Dreamboat) and really got around. One memory trip was to Yosemite. We took Bob and Joann Emde with us. It was a good week. On many Sundays we went to the motorcycle races, Steeple Chase at Riverside Park when Fran's brother Cliff Emde was racing.



Yosemite, Bob Emde, Dave, Fran, and Joann Emde. Camping a week with teen-agers was fun



Floyd and Florence came to visit us in Riverside. We went to the Lake at Riverside Park and each of us rented a battery operated boat for an hour. That is Nancy and Don

After I graduated from the Air Force Radio School, I was transferred to March Air Force Base.

At March AFB I was assigned to Flight Line Radio Repairman on B47 Bombers

The 320th at March AFB had 48 aircraft, very impressive to a new guy. As I got the hang of it I had a Top Secret clearance, and Flying Status clearance to fly on any aircraft. What a thrill it was to fly on missions as the 4th man on a B47 and get extra hazard pay. About 200 hours total flight time. Other aircraft that I flew on are B25, KC97 (refueling Aircraft) and a KC135.

Dave and B47. I repaired the radios



The KC135 was also a refueling aircraft. Boeing came out with their first passenger jet, Boeing 707. The first seven aircraft were put into service as KC135s and flew to March AFB. The Air Force Academy sent a bunch of Cadets to March AFB to give them rides on these new aircraft. Since I was on flying status I went along. We flew to Washington State and on the way back we refueled seven B47s, one at a time. I had a camera and took this picture of us refueling a B47. This was the first time a jet aircraft refueled another jet aircraft.



Tarague Beach on Guam.

I went to Guam, Anderson AFB for two months. I flew to Guan on a Super Connie, what a beautiful aircraft. I got to the beach every day. The water was so warm I had to get out of the water to cool off. Beautiful snorkeling in the water inside the reef. From there I went to Japan, Yokota AFB for 35 days. No beach there, it was cold. The B47 Pilots came from Guam to Japan for Relaxation so our crew would receive one crew each day and send one crew back to Guam. The rest of the time was open to visit Tokyo and other closer cities. Japan in December 1957 was cold and I wore my artic gear when I was on the flight line.

Some Japanese girls in traditional clothes 1957



On a tour around the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, I took this picture.

Tokyo was a very large city and no one spoke English, not even the taxi drivers

The Imperial Palace was huge. Took 4 hours to go around it in a rickshaw.



My trip from Japan was on a C124 Globemaster, took forever. What a slow aircraft but faster than a boat, a stopover at Wake Island, which was still cluttered with WWII aircraft engines and bunkers, then on to Hawaii to refuel and finally March AFB. Later I was sent to Alaska for one week.

C124 Globemaster

Wake Island, the runway was the whole island.



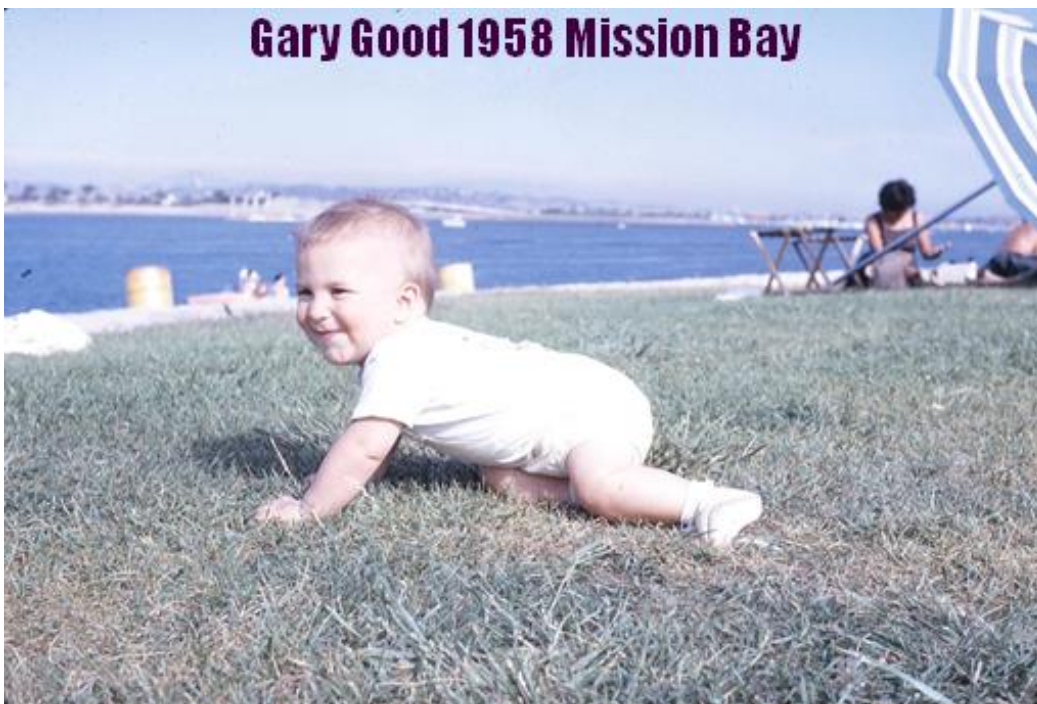
A Japanese Bunker, these were all over. An aircraft engine on the beach, Hope it was a Jap.



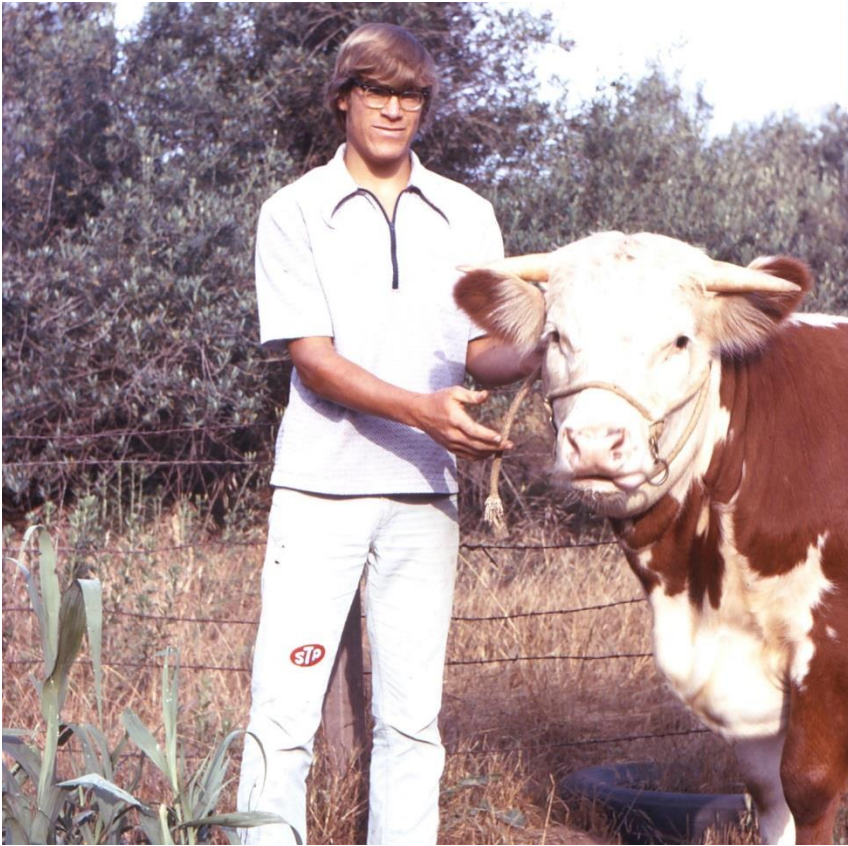


I had many chances to take advanced classes in the USAF and good duty but getting out of the Air Force sounded better.

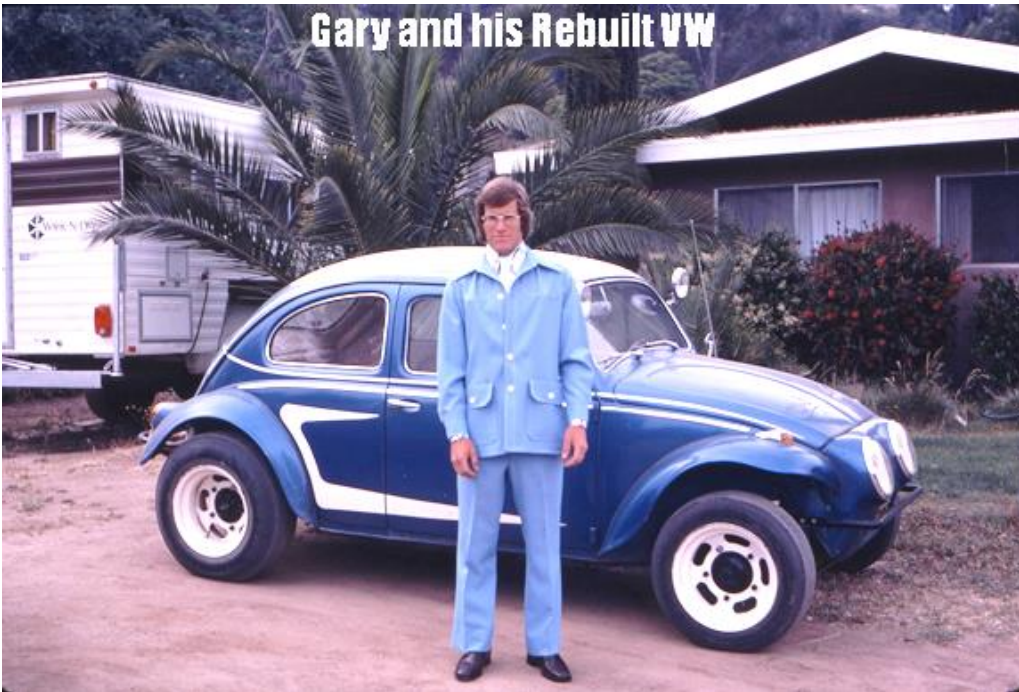
After The Air Force we bought a home in National City. Fran went back to the Telephone Company again. Gary was one year old and he wore out several baby sitters. We lived there for one year while building our home in Escondido. Moving to Escondido was a new beginning for Fran and me. We bought some land from Fran's brother Bill Emde and built our home there. We are still there.



Our first child Gary was born at Loma Linda Hospital Nov 1, 1957. He was an Air Force kid.



Gary's Herford, We got him off the range at 4 months old. He was wild, but Gary tamed him



Gary and his Rebuilt VW

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Gary's first real job was at Wavetek as an electronic tech, and soon took charge of that dept. He moved on to Qualcomm where was assigned to the Global Star Phone project. He trouble shot it and got it to work. He was a Staff Engineer and had a lot of Engineers working for him, designing circuits and patents for battery life in cell phones.



Jackie and Gary at daughter Samantha's wedding in Texas 2019

Daniel was born at Palomar Hospital 1960

Danny was a very good swimmer and had lots of trophies.

Daniel was number two



His best subject in High School was drafting and swimming. After graduating from Escondido High School he got a position at Tex Engineering and learned Computer Drafting and Printed Circuit Design. Later he was Designer for L3, Lockheed on space satellites, Printed circuits and mechanical parts . He was designing space craft.



Danny's VW. It started out with the engine in parts in the back seat and no windows.

All three boys rebuilt their first cars, all VWs and learned how to use hand and power tools.



Meredith and Dan

In Loving Memory of our son

Daniel Joseph Good

1960 – 2013

Our third son

Keith was also born at Palomar Hospital 1962.



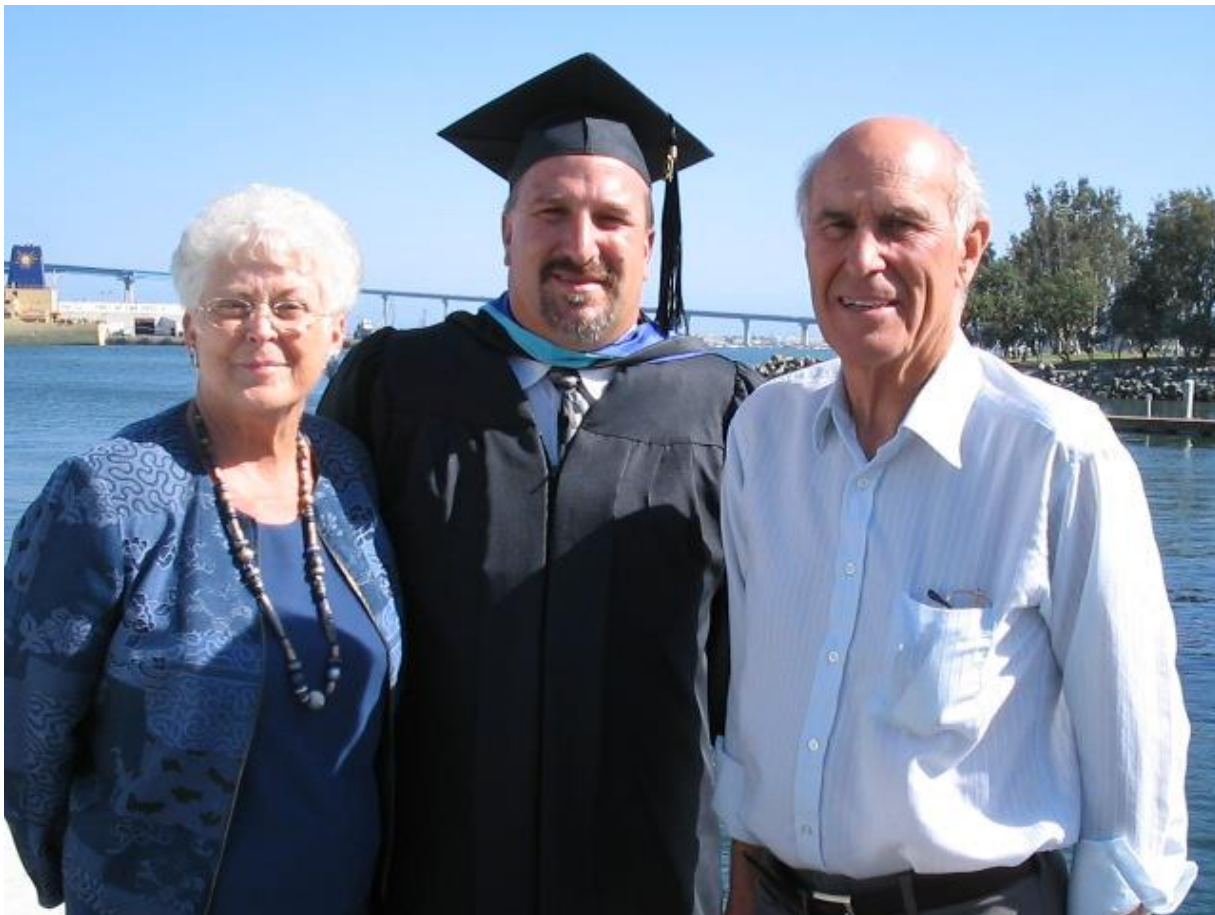


All three of our boys had cities built in the hillside of our backyard. This was Keith's city during a remodel.

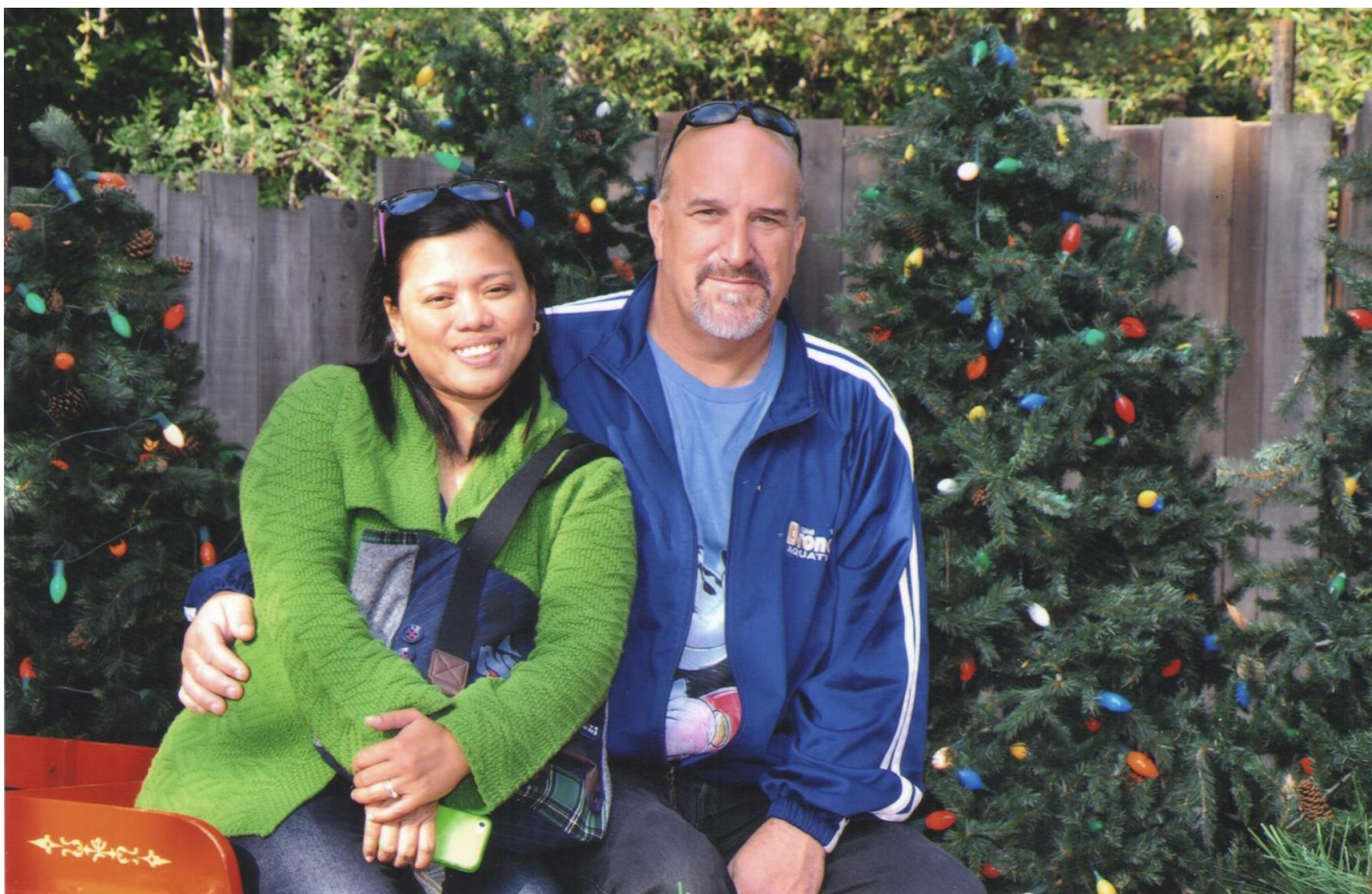
Keith became a very good swimmer and won many trophies and high school swimming records that lasted for many years.

Keith won an award for his picture of The Star of India from The Officers Club at Mira Mar Naval Air Station. His talent for Photography and Swimming was put to use in his career as High

School photography as a teacher and Head Swim Coach



Keith's graduation with a Masters Degree from National University. A big day for all of us.



Len and Keith Good

We spent many weekends in the desert with our families and good friends with our new buggy



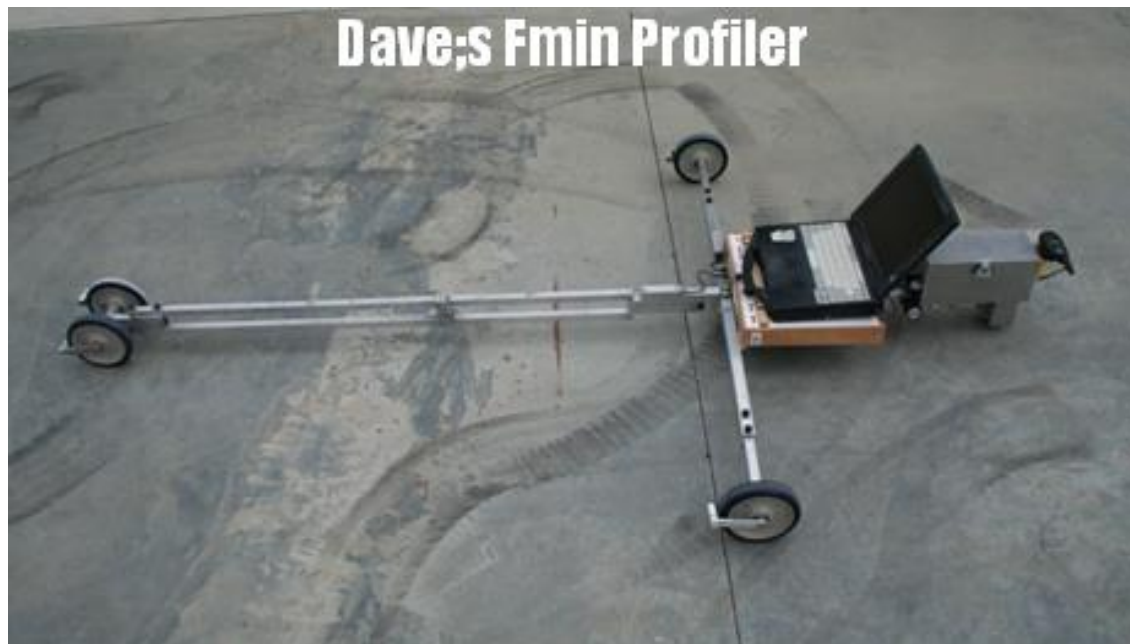
I got a job at Kintel later called Cohu Electronics. Cohu Electronics products were Precision DC Amplifiers, DC and AC Voltage Standards, Digital Voltmeters and Closed Circuit TV. I started there in Test and Calibration Dept. After two years I transferred to the Engineering Dept. and helped develop several new instruments. Cohu Electronics was into Closed Circuit Television and we got the contract to supply all of the video cameras, monitors, and a video switcher for Houston and Cape Canaveral. The video switcher made it possible for any monitor to view any 100 cameras during a missile launch. This is around 1964. I designed and built the power supply for this switcher. I also worked on a solid state DC Precision Amplifier, A Multimeter that could measure .001 ohm, one microvolt or one micro amp and a Digital Voltmeter.

I learned a lot about Printed Circuits and layout at Cohu. So I went to Simpson Instruments in Escondido to moonlight and designed a small PC Board for one of their meters. They really liked it and asked me to manufacture ten pieces, so Cohu made those first ten. But then they wanted one hundred so I had to learn how. Then quantities got to 5000. Then word was out and I got several other customers, asking for printed circuits. There was a soldering process I couldn't do, and I met Keith Oxford to do this process. We became good friends and he wanted to start a new business. I left Cohu then, and was the General Manager of Oxford Products. So we together started Oxford Products. I had learned to silk screen the circuit patterns on the PCBs, something he didn't do before. In three years we outgrew that building and built a 20,000 square foot building on Convoy Street in SD. Keith Oxford was really good at chemistry, and with my electronic background we built, patented, and sold a lot of machines. Some customers were heavy hitters like RCA.

After 20 years, Oxford Products sales started to drop off when Taiwan and China started to undercut what was a fair price for a Printed Circuit Board. Keith Oxford sold out and the new owner couldn't deal with it either. We had 72 employees.

I got a job at San Diego Circuits in Carlsbad as a salesman. That worked out to be General Manager soon. The owner was Leon Eden, a real Englishman. We tried to start a PCB shop in Tijuana but could not finalize that. But I did make friends and got a job with a large PCB shop in Tijuana, Besk. I drove 10 miles into Mexico for one year as a technical advisor to the owner George Batiste. Together we went to an auction in LA and bought two million dollars on all kinds of equipment. Hauling it all to TJ thru customs. A drilling machine, \$500,000 was the biggest item. We got it all installed and I had to make all that stuff work. I also set up a production scheduling system to know where orders are located.

About 1991 I got a position at RVA Company in Escondido as Electronic Manager. RVA built and installed leveling jacks for large motor homes and most of the systems on the Motor Homes were mechanical and hydraulic. I designed an electronic push button system and RVA sold kits to Monaco and Safari to be installed on new motor homes. Our sales were about 80 to 100 kits per week. RVA did have an automatic leveling system. I upgraded that with a new leveling sensor and learned how to use this sensor in a different new way. The Fmin Profiler started here.



At home I built a rolling Fmin Profiler to measure the profile of floors in big warehouses. I met many people who were measuring floors with an instrument called Profilograph. It was accurate but weighed 300 lbs. and was unreliable. I could see a need for a Digital Profiler. My son Gary helped me by writing code to make this happen. Very Narrow Isles in warehouses need to be very flat. I joined AllFlat and David Fudala who was familiar with the old Profilograph. We got a contract with Ross Dress For Less warehouse near March AFB to measure and grind bumps to meet floor flatness requirements. The Fmin Profiler was a hit and I had to build more Profilers, five that were in use at Allflat. We did jobs all over USA, Mexico, Australia, and Lima, Peru. I got the job in Lima, what a great place to visit. Finally after eight years, construction of warehouses of all sorts really dropped. AllFlat is still using the Profilers and I have retired to tinkering in my shop. A patent was applied for but the cost and hassle was finally too great.



My Shop where I designed and built the Profiler, the FlatPass Rolling and FlatPass Wet.

Vira's Papa's Model T was rebuilt at the far end of the shop.

Not shown: welding equipment : Mig Welder, Tig Welder, Gas welder, Bandsaw.

John Good and Shirley riding in Elvira's Model T Ford that I rebuilt for her. Took about three years to finish it.

FRAN'S Childhood friend Elvira had her dad's 1926 Ford pickup, Papa's T. They drove from Arizona and settled in Poway.

Vira was six weeks old. She asked me to restore the T which I did. I drove Papa's T in the Poway Parade for three years and won an award each year. Vira sat in the back and waived at all her friends. It had an Ooga horn which the crowd liked.

Vira inherited her parent's property, which was the Haley's Trailer Park. She sold it to the City of Poway and it is now the Creekside Shopping Center. The water tower was donated to Poway Historical Society and now stands at the Old Poway Park.

Vira helped me build the great shop and garage for the Model T. Also a hobby room for Fran and her crafts.

Later Vira moved to Sacramento and eventually gave Papa's T to her kids.



AllFlat (where I worked) got a booth at World of Concrete in Las Vegas to popularize the Fmin Profiler. I met hundreds of people with many questions. One guy, Mark Moore, called me many years later and wanted to develop a similar measuring device, which we called a FlatPass, to measure Floor Flatness. We sold about 20 instruments over several years. My nephew Brian Claggett, wrote the program code for the FlatPass. A patent was applied for but the cost and hassle was finally too great. These were all built in my garage. I jobbed out the covers.



Uno, our baby Emu, Feb 2005. We tried to hatch a bunch of eggs and Uno was the only one that made it.

Sure glad they all didn't make it. We had lots of fun with this little guy. He loved to run and fast.

After a while he was hard to control so we donated Uno to Bates Nut Farm. San Diego Zoo had previously donated a female so Uno had someone to talk to. He is still there but she is gone now.





Fran and Dave's 50th Wedding Anniversary



Miriam Good Jones Jun 3,1922-Dec 17,1945



Mary Miller Good My Mother Nov 6, 1895-Sep 8,1992



My sister was 11 years older than me. She had an accordion she loved to play in church. She married Orval Jones,(who was in the Army at this time) and she lived in La Jolla near to the end of WWII. While traveling through San Clemente she had an auto accident and was killed. June 3,1922 – Dec 17,1945.

My mother Mary Miller Good was born in Switzerland. Nov 6, 1895 -Sep 8, 1992. When she was eight years old her family with one sister and two brothers came to America thru Ellis Island. None of them spoke English, German only. All the kids learned English very fluently, but the parents did not. They finally moved to Denver and raised chickens and vegetables. My father had a hard time talking to my grandfather because of the language difference. Albert Mueller Nov 17, 1867-Sep 7,1956.

My mother, Mary only had a 4th grade education. When she was in her 50s she went to Berean Bible School for four years and earned her degree as Ordained Minister. She always wanted to be a missionary. She was always volunteering for everything going on at her church including painting the walls.



My father Titus Emanuel Good did a lot of traveling before getting married.

He was a building contractor and had a degree from MIT. He spent a lot of years in San Diego.

That is the reason the Good family is still here in San Diego County.

He was the superintendent on Hotel San Diego as it was being built, 1918 and four other hotels downtown San Diego.

He modified this truck into a motor home. Gotta be a first.

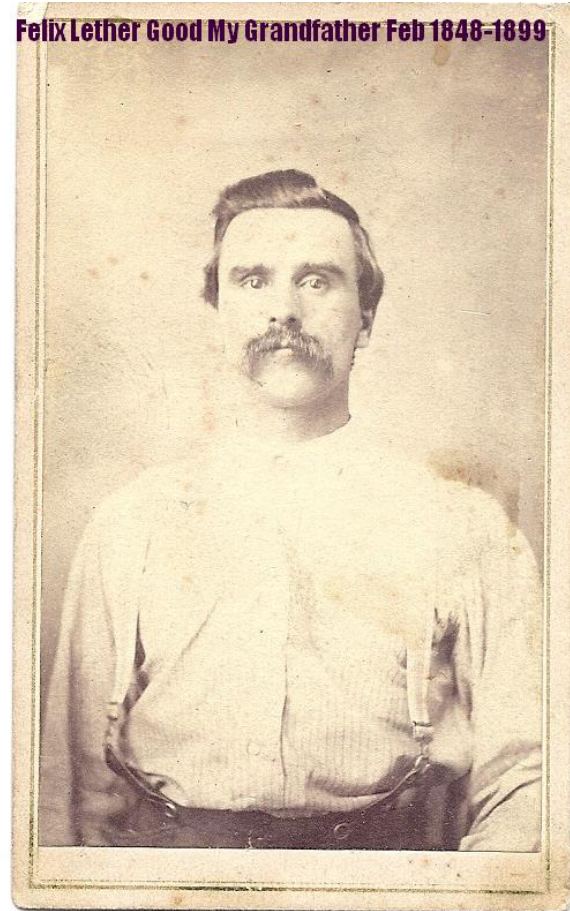
Born Stockton, MO March 28, 1881 Jan 10, 1952 National City CA



Nancy Elizabeth Day Good my grandmother

Jan 16, 1859-Mar 1939

I don't remember her.



Felix Lewther Good, My Grandfather Feb 1848-1899

Felix was a nephew to Queen Victoria

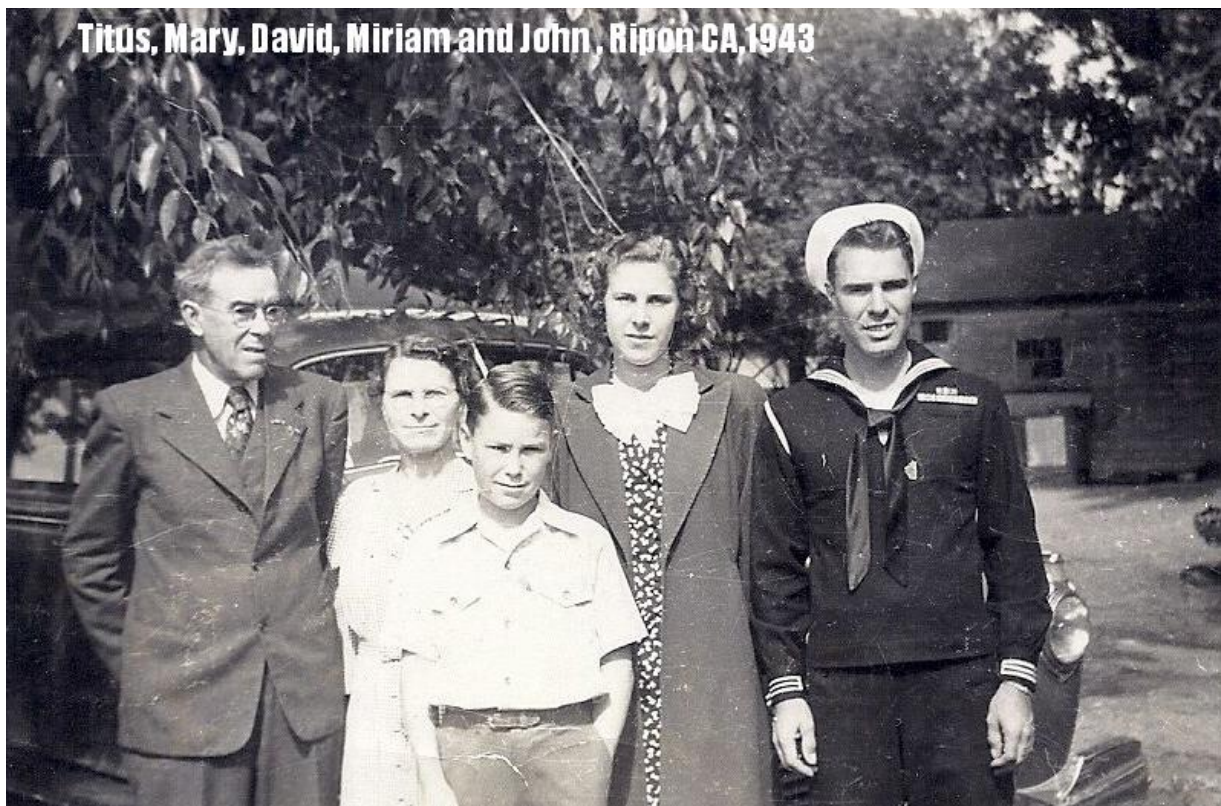
Family rumor has it that Queen Victoria sent him and his two brothers to the USA to check up on her massive land holdings in the USA. He met Nancy and never went back to England.



My Grandmother Marie or Mary Miller and Grandfather Albert Miller. They came to America from Switzerland about 1903 and my mother Mary was eight years old. Their Swiss name was Mueller

Marie Miller 1870 – 1960 and Albert Miller 1867 – 1956 Denver CO.

Titus, Mary, David, Miriam, and John. In the Navy John was a machine gunner on top of a destroyer. He shot down a lot of Jap planes that were shooting at his ship. Our family at Ripon, CA when John was on leave.





Good Family Thanksgiving 2018

Front Row, Meredith, Dave, Fran, Brie

Center Row, Maddie, Robbie, Samuel, Daniel

Top Row, Jordan, Sean, Wade



The Good Family 1964

Mary, John, Shirley, Marilyn, Keith, Fran, Dave,

Gary, Danny

Some of our dogs and pets thru the years



Gertie , Our first goat lived 22 years. She had a lot of triplets and twins



Athena



Uno and Torrie, Samuel and Jordan, Meredith and Dee



Sunshine, Sunny



Our Llama, Spooky and two baby goats.

