

Pioneer Parishioners

Buck & Pat Schott

Clarence (nicknamed Buck by his grandmother) was one of 5 brothers raised in the Redwood City/San Carlos area. Buck says, "In 1946, my dad and uncle owned and operated a Mobil Gas Station at Winslow and Broadway in Redwood City; and then they ran a garage on El Camino called Schott Brothers Automobile Service. It specialized in Nash and Nash Rambler cars."

Buck and Pat were high school sweethearts. He notes, "We met when I attended Serra and she was a junior at Notre Dame." After graduation, Buck was drafted into the Army and served as a guard at a top secret western base where atomic bombs were produced and protected.

According to Buck, "Just before I got out of the Army in 1953, Pat and I were married at St. Charles Church by the same priest who had baptized me, Fr. O'Donnell."

He continues, "We moved into an apartment and I started working for the Phone Company. Pat worked there too. In fact, her dad, mom and a few cousins also worked there. I stayed 32 years." He adds, "I was then recruited by Rolm Phone Service and worked with them some 12 years. In addition, I recently worked with Mercedes Benz as a shuttle car driver." He notes, "After the kids were grown, Pat went back to college and started her new career as a Travel Agent."

Buck and Pat became St. Matthias parishioners when "the little country church was just beginning and holding services in the hardware store." They had 5 children. Three attended St. Matthias School." He says, "We still mourn the loss of our oldest daughter, Denise. She died in 2003 after a long, brave battle with Lymphoma."

Among their activities and services for St. Matthias was a 9-year stint as adult advisors for the Teen Club. He reports, "Fr. Casella started the Club to get kids more involved with our church. The Club grew to about 125 enthusiastic members. Activities included ski trips, dances and beach parties with a group of us serving as chaperones." He adds, "I still remember the delightful dance we held at the church before the roof was added."

Buck and Pat own a little cabin in Twain Harte where they go for relaxation and great family get-togethers. They have 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

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He adds, “ It was located on the property that houses Antiques Unlimited today.”

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“Dad worked in the Ship Yards during WWII. After the war, he became a business man.”
Buck continues,

We also served as chaperones for ski trips, beach parties and other outings.”
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my first career

He adds “In fact, we received recognition from the archbishop for our 9 years of
service.”

Just when I thought I was retired and could concentrate on family and golf, I got an offer
from Auto Baum

during the Korean War