



## GETTING TO KNOW TROY & LORETTA WHITEHURST

### The Life and Times of Troy & Loretta Whitehurst By Loretta Whitehurst

Troy was born on an Indian reservation, delivered by a midwife in Spring Creek, Oklahoma, August 28, 1937. He is the oldest of 8 children. Due to the dust bowl, his parents and sister, Elsie, moved to Bakersfield, California, when his dad, Troy, Sr., paid a guy \$55.00 to drive them in his 1955 Chevy. They were driven in style. His family settled in Healdsburg, where he attended school and had many jobs as a teenager to help his parents support their growing family.

Troy has had a life at sea being a Merchant Seaman and been to many foreign countries such as Japan, China, and through the Panama Canal. He has lots of stories to tell of his many experiences. He retired from Crowley Maritime and finished his career as a Deck Hand on the Blue and Gold Ferries, ferrying commuters and tourists from Vallejo to San Francisco and back.

Troy keeps busy with his garden, yard work, working on his 1951 Ford Victoria and hanging out with friends.

Loretta was born in Youngstown, Ohio, June 26, 1941 and has 1 sister. She spent a couple of years teaching before moving to San Francisco to get away from the harsh Ohio winters and to enjoy all that California sunshine and weather. Her love of travel took her to Europe for 3 months with a first stop being Sulmona, Italy to visit her aunt, uncle and family. From she toured and visited 13 countries before flying home from London, England.

At the time they met, Troy was working for Standard Oil as a tanker man and Loretta was working at Union Oil (San Francisco) in the credit department. They were introduced by a mutual friend and it took almost a year to have a first date. They were wed in Salem, Ohio, April 12, 1975 and lived in Daly City until they moved to the east bay in 1982. They have enjoyed living in the sun, after foggy Daly City. They love to travel and have been to many interesting and fun places. Such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, most of the Hawaiian islands and several cruises. They have driven cross country 5 times to visit family and friends in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Southern California, Texas and Ohio. Their favorite place to visit is Maui as their grandson, Nick, lives there.

Troy's daughters, Rebecca and Ramona, have given them 4 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. There are 3 great granddaughters and 3 great grandsons.