

"She had the prettiest smile on the block: He had the only bike with two-tone electric horns."



That was 1936 in Springfield, Ohio, the year we became childhood sweethearts and started our journey through life together. After Don entered the US Navy in December 1940 we were married Nov. 9, 1941 at Macclenny, a little hamlet west of Jacksonville, Florida at 9pm by the town Justice of the Peace. Two Navy shipmates and their wives stood up with us followed by a reception at the Navy's favorite "juke joint", the Quincywillow night club. There we danced the night away (or at least part of it).

From that beginning our lives have been influenced by a constantly changing scenery of wartime and post-war military and civil aviation career assignments in various parts of the world. Those were exciting, challenging times; even the recall to the Navy service in the Aleutian Islands during the Korean Conflict. It most certainly instilled in us a thirst for travel and change which, yet today dominates our life style. Since retirement in 1977 we have 'trailered' over 100,000 miles in the U.S. and Canada and played over 400 golf courses.

Our Ronald was born in Sept. 1942 at Navy Jacksonville, Fla. and our Diana in July 1953 at Cleveland, Ohio. They, their children and loved ones are the joy of our lives.

Returning to Springfield in 1998 after a 58 year absence we lived in the private sector until moving onto the Springfield Masonic Community campus in 2005.

We have been blessed by our Creator with a deep and abiding love of each other and our lives have been enriched with the love of our family and the many friends developed over the years in so many locations.

This is our anniversary announcement. Not in the traditional style but one that fits the circumstance.

Aloha Nui Loa