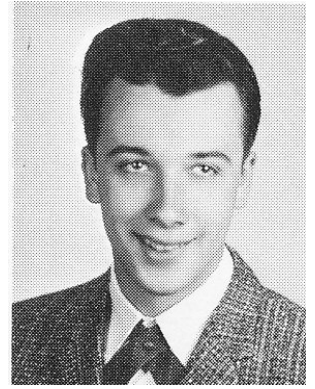


Joe Klobucar

Electrical - Class of January 1959



To those of you who have reported experiencing frequent bouts of insomnia over the last 50 years wondering what happened to Joe Klobucar - I apologize. So, to help you finally get rid of the melatonin, sleep teas and aides I happily submit the following *What's Happened* report.

Work History: After graduation I attended an electronic trade school in downtown Detroit while working at Blue Cross on Jefferson Avenue to finance the endeavor. I graduated in April 1961 and accepted a job offer with North American Aviation (NAA) in Downey California. I worked as a final test Technician on the guidance system for the Minuteman Missile. Later I moved into the Engineering Development Labs for the start-up of the Apollo Program. Then one fateful day in October 1963 I received a letter from the President of the United States saying that he needs me. I spent the next two years in the Army and closed out my military time with a 13-month tour in Korea. I returned to NAA and soon became a Quality Field Representative overseeing the manufacturing and testing of subcontractor products for the Apollo Program. I moved into supervision and closed out my time with NAA (now Rockwell International) in 1981. I had a wonderful job and plenty of job security, but the congestion and freeways of So. California was more than my wife and I wanted to deal with. I accepted a job with Aerojet outside Sacramento and went from electronics to rocket propulsion. I worked initially as a Quality Engineer, became Manager of the Inspection Department and closed out my career as Operations Manager on the Atlas V Program. I retired in 1999 (age 58). I have wonderful memories of my 38 years in the Aerospace business, but retirement is wonderful also.

Personal Stuff: While working at Blue Cross I was introduced to my wife-to-be (Kay) in January 1961 on a Blue Cross Ski Club Trip. We briefly dated until April 1961 when I left for California. We wrote letters and saw each other during vacation trips back and forth between Calif. And Mich. We continued to write while I was doing my military thing and upon my return decided to tie the knot. We were married in May 1966 and have been happily married ever since. We have two wonderful daughters who have given us three great grandsons (current ages: 5, 8 & 8). Our daughters and their families live locally so we see each other often.

When we moved to Northern California (Aerojet job) we bought ten acres of land in Colfax where we still live. (Colfax is a small town established during the Gold Rush period located about 50 miles north of Sacramento). We always wanted to build our own house, so we started in 1982 and moved into it 1984. We have since built a barn, which primarily houses my woodshop. We also completed, as a family project, our oldest daughter and husband's house on the 5-acres next to us.

Kay and I enjoy working around our property, pounding nails and extracting splinters. We are both very active in our community and church. Kay taught religious education and was director of our Religious Ed. Program for ten years. We have welcomed seven foreign exchange students over the last twenty years and have remained very close to three of them. Kay's hobbies are gardening, bowling and raising chickens. My hobbies currently include golf, bowling and woodworking. We both have always enjoyed camping and the outdoors.

I'm out of space, so for those of you who have stuck with this verbose outpouring I hope that you enjoyed your nap along the way. I very much look forward to seeing all of you at our **June Reunion!** I wonder if any of us have changed??

