

FAMILY

I was blessed to have a wonderful family. I was the youngest of two kids. I was born on August 3, 1950 at 9:15 AM in Greenville Hospital in Greenville, PA.

My full name is Arthur Charles Williams. Named after my dad and his older brother Charles. My dad and I are not Jr. & Sr. His full name is Arthur Coolidge Williams. My grandfather who was a Republican at the time of his birth gave him the middle name Coolidge after President Calvin Coolidge. Later on grandpa became a Democrat and told my dad to not tell anyone his middle name.

Growing up I was mostly called Artie. Some still call me that. To a few relatives I am called Ace and to one relative I am called Artie Charlie. Now days most people call me Art. My line is, "call me anything but don't call me late for dinner". The other names I am called are Mr. Williams from my teaching days and Coach from when I was coaching.

My mom, Norma Jean (Stuver) Williams was born on June 18, 1926 in Greenville, PA. She was an only child. She attended Penn High School and graduated in 1944.

She was involved in sports playing softball, basketball and volleyball where she was the captain of all three. She also was an excellent roller skater and ice skater.

After graduation she briefly worked at Camp Reynolds as a clerk typist in the Camp Surgeon's office in the hospital area.

She was a great salesperson and worked as a Stanley Home dealer for over 30 years. She helped organize "Hi-Neighbor" a local ladies group and was a founding board member of RAYA (Reynolds Area Youth Association).

She coached the Transfer girls softball team which won a Mercer County Championship. She also coached girls basketball back in the early 1960's and in the early 1970's she started the Reynolds girls basketball team, which became a school sport in 1973.

She also was a Reynolds School District bus driver for 16 years.

My dad, Arthur C. Williams was born on May 18, 1925 and was from Transfer, PA. He was the youngest of four children. His sister Nora was the oldest, then his brother Charles and then his sister Naomi.

He attended Transfer High School. During 1943, his senior year he was working for the Mellon-Stuart Construction Company out of Pittsburgh, PA. They were contracted to build Camp Reynolds, a War World II Army Camp in the area. He was helping to build the roofs on the camp's water towers.

On May 4th he quit school and resigned his job at Mellon-Stuart and joined the U.S. Navy. He was a Fire Controlman aboard the USS McGowan DD 678, a destroyer, in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Checkout the website I made for him at www.ussmcgowan.com. It includes his war diary, photos, information about his ship.

He attended several McGowan reunions where he got to see several of his shipmates and the ship's captain.

He and shipmate Lowery were in the parade for the opening of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans in 2000.

He has a brick in the WW II Memorial in Mercer PA by the Mercer County Court House.

After returning from the Navy he worked as a carpenter with his father in law Troy Stuver for 10 years and then he worked at CB&I (Chicago Bridge & Iron Company) in Greenville for 33 years until his retirement. He was involved in the community; as a Charter Member of the Transfer Voluntary Fire Department, a

member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an Explorer and Scout Leader.

He enjoyed and followed sports locally and nationally and was involved with Minor League and Little League baseball. He was an avid bowler, golfer, tennis player, roller skater and ping pong player.

He was an outdoorsman, hunting locally and out west in Wyoming. With five friends in 1949 he built a hunting camp "Mi Mo Mo Wi Po" in Tionesta, PA. He also fished locally and in Canada.

He was also rode motorcycles, attending National BMW Rallies and went on a trip to Mexico with a PA State Trooper and the Head Juvenile Probation Officer in Mercer County.

He also hiked the Continental Divide.

On November 4, 1945 my dad returned to the US from the Pacific and was stationed in California. He came home on leave and my parents were married on November 15, 1945 in the Zion's Reformed Church in Greenville PA. Pic 1 Pic 2 Pic 3

He then returned to San Francisco to finish out his enlistment and was discharged on February 26, 1946.

After his discharge my parents lived briefly with my mom's parents in Greenville. Then in March of 1946 they moved to Reynolds Village which was located west of Route 18 across the road from the former Army camp.

Reynolds Village was the former civilian housing units for families and women who worked at Camp Reynolds. It was placed back in service after the war and only returning war veterans could live there. My sister was born while they were living there. They lived in Building B1, Apt A, in a four room apartment for \$20 a month.

In 1946, my dad graduated from Transfer High School with the Class of 1946, one other service man was in the class.

While living at Reynolds Village, my dad worked for the Trimble Company along with his father-in-law. The Trimble Company was the main contractor to dismantle and transform over 1000 buildings and barracks into living quarters. He worked there from June 3, 1946 to December 27, 1946.

On September 18, 1947, my parents purchased 10 acres at a \$100 an acre from W. H. Dunkerley and Georgia Dunkerley who had repurchased their property the government had taken for Camp Reynolds. The property was located on C Street, now Crestview Drive.

Then on December 17, 1947 they bought building T-1151, an officers' administration building at the camp, from the Harris Wrecking Company from Cleveland, OH for \$495. My dad along with his father-in-law converted the building into a house, a garage and a shed. They moved from Reynolds Village to their property in early 1948.

In 1960 they built a 2300 square foot multi-leveled house on the 10 acre property which had an artesian well, a pond, seven springs and woods.

Both of my parents were involved in Christian work from their youth. Early in their marriage they were youth leaders at the Transfer Baptist Church in Transfer PA and then at Greencrest Park Baptist Church.

They hosted home Bible studies for the youth and were involved with Camp Judson, counseling during the summer for many years.

They attended many Christian events and Jesus Festivities. My dad also served in a local Prison Ministry.

They traveled throughout the country in a truck camper and on a motorcycle throughout the United States for many years.

My mom passed away on April 23, 1990. My dad remarried two years later and moved to Meadville, PA. He passed away in August 2006. Both of my parents are buried at Rickert Cemetery in Transfer PA.

My sister, Sondra Jean (Williams) Wiggins was born August 28, 1947 in Greenville, PA. She attended Reynolds High School and graduated in 1965.

She was involved in softball, and basketball. After graduation she attended Slippery Rock State College where she majored in Physical Education. After graduation she taught P.E. at Dayton High School in Dayton PA for 18 years.

While there she played on a local ladies softball team and counseled at a Girl Scout camp called Camp Red Wing for a summer.

She retired from teaching and started a Christian Coffee House called "His Place" in Dayton. After His Place closed she taught Adult Education for 33 years. She was also a Water Safety Director at Camp Judson, and attended several Jesus Festivals.

In 1995 she married John Wiggins and they live in Shelocta PA. John was a junior at Penn State when he had a stroke. He is at Saint Andrew's in Indiana PA and is confined to a wheel chair but is able to be out and do things. They are involved with model trains and are involved in Christian activities.

My grandparents on my dad's side were Peter "Pete" and Mabel (Wright) Williams who were from Transfer.

Mabel was the switchboard operator for the Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company's Transfer Exchange from 1940 to 1948. The switchboard was located in her living room. She was also a Blue Star Mother.

Pete retired from the Valley Mold and Iron Corporation in Hubbard, OH. They were believers in Jesus and were involved in a local church. They also were avid fishermen.

My grandparents on my mom's side were Troy and Ruby (Deifenderfer) Stuver who were from Greenville.

Troy was a carpenter his whole life. He was the Army camp's Carpenter Foreman for Area 6 when working to build Camp Reynolds for the Mellon Stuart Company from August 3, 1942 to June 30, 1943. After the camp closed, he worked for the Trimble Company which had a contract to tear down over 1000 buildings. He also worked on the building of the Linesville Spillway among other projects.

Ruby taught school in 1921 at the Rock View #1 School which had been taken by the government when Camp Reynolds was built. She also did sewing for those in the Greenville area and was an excellent baker and cook.

They were involved in the Zion's Reformed Church in Greenville, PA.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

I was fortunate to grow up in a Christian home where both my mom and dad were Christians. Christian meaning, that they placed their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, believing that He died and was resurrected for the forgiveness of their sins.

My parents were youth leaders at a Baptist Church and were involved with Camp Judson, a church camp located in North Springfield PA. They were counselors and sat on the Camp board over the years.

I did not become a Christian until I was 12 when the Holy Spirit convicted me of sin in my life and our pastor came over one evening and shared the Gospel with me and I placed my faith in Jesus. Since that time I have been growing in Him by the help of the Holy Spirit, ever so slowly at times, but growing, becoming all that I can be in Him and sharing Him with others as opportunities arise.

Growing up as a family I attended church, youth group and went to church camp in the summers.

Through the years I have done the following... taught Sunday school, was youth leader, a deacon, preached sermons, counseled at Camp Judson, hosted home Bible studies, started an elementary Bible Club at a school where I taught 5th grade, attended the Barn Ministry (a local gathering of believers) in Mercer PA, attended Creation (a Christian gathering), attended multiple Jesus Festivals (74-75-76-77-78), was a counselor at a local Billy Graham event featuring the movie Time to Run in Greenville PA at the Jordan Theater, taught Computers at a local Christian school, taught a Multimedia class at Lane Bible College, filmed & produced several videos for Crossing Paths Ministries and filmed many Bible studies for them.

I got to see Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith when they first started in their ministries at a Jess event. I also got to see Keith Green (Last Days Ministry) at a Jesus event and attended one of his Memorial Concerts. Over the years I have been blessed to hear many great Bible teachers and hear many inspiring singing groups.

In the present, I have daily devotions and spend time in the Word and cross paths with my cousin, JK to fellowship in the Lord. I continue to strive to be all God wants me to be and engage with the people He has put in "my world".

I also created a Bible Resource Page, with the purpose to aid people to Know Him, Grow in Him and to Share Him. It can be accessed at my ACW Productions website at the following link <https://www.acwpro.com/BR/>

EDUCATION

Transfer Elementary School

1957-1963 / Grades 1 - 6

*** Notes:**

- School was built in 1954
- School was 2 miles from my place
- I repeated the Third Grade
- There was no kindergarten or pre-school at that time

Reynolds Junior Senior High School

1964 - 1969 / Grades 7 - 12

*** Notes:**

- Graduated June 1969
- Ranked 117 out of 189
- Took General Courses
- The school was built in 1959
- Opened in the 1960-1961 School Year
- The school was 1 mile from my place

Edinboro State College

Notes: 1969 - 1974

- Graduated 1979 / Bachelor of Science in Education Degree
- * Majored in Elementary Education
- 80 Credits at Off Campus Center in Farrell PA
- Commuted 1 Semester to Main Campus
- Sat out one Semester
- One Summer School Session / Swapped mowing for an apartment
- * Student Teaching at Lakeview School District in PA
- Stoneboro Elementary - 6th Grade
- Oak View Elementary School - 2nd Grade .

West Virginia University

Notes:

- Received my Masters of Arts Degree in 1979

SPORTS

Baseball

Minor League

- * River Side Market / Maroon T-Shirts
- * Field by the Reynolds Bowling Alley

Little League

- * Pitcher & Center Fielder
- * Pitched a No-Hitter
- * 2x All Star
- * Little League Field in Transfer

Bath Ruth

- * Pitcher & Center Fielder
- * All Star
- * Field at Harvest Home

American Legion

- * Played one year
- * Pitcher & First Base
- * Field at Delaware Grove

Basketball

5th & 6th Grade - Transfer Elementary

- * Played at Transfer Elementary
- * Coaches: 5th Mr. Krieder / 6th Mr. Amanto

Junior High - 7th & 8th Grade - Reynolds High School

- * Coach Petracca

9th Grade Team - Reynolds High School

- * Coach Driscoll

High School - Varsity - Reynolds High School

- * Coach: Mr. Garrett
- * Captain my Senior Year
- * Team Record - 3rd Best in School History
- * 3 Year Letterman (Freshmen couldn't play Varsity)
- * 3x Rebounding Leader (Only one to do that)
- * All-Tourney team
- * Records
 - Held career rebounding record with 806 for 39 years
 - Only player in school history to be both the career scoring and the career rebounding leader at the same time.
 - Most Rebounds Trophy - 3 Years

Mercer County All-Stars

- * Played in the Hoyle Tournament in Sharon, PA

College - Edinboro State College - Farrell PA Campus

- * Played in old Farrell Jr High Gym
- * Coach: Bob Groucsh
- * Won CCC Championship / 1970-1971 Season
- * Got \$2 for food on road trips

Football

8th Grade Intramurals - Reynolds High School

Jr. High - Reynolds High School

- * Tiger Squad

Varsity - Reynolds High School

- * 6' 3" 215 Lbs

- * Fullback & Outside Linebacker

- * 3 Year Letterman

- * Senior Year: Class B County Champions

- * Senior Year: Class A County Co-Champions

- * 72 Yard TD Run

- * 69 Yard TD Reception

- * Best Back Trophy

Bowling

- * Bowled in the Teddy Bear League at Reynolds Bowling Alley

- * Had the High Average 117 & High Series

Ping Pong

- * Harvest Home Tournament Champ

Neighbor Hood Sports

- * Baseball - Small's & Moore's

- * Football - Smalls

- * Basketball - Holzshu's

- * Whiffle Ball - Our Place / Holzshu's

- * Ping Pong - Our Place / Holzshu / Small's

Volleyball

- * Marsh Fork Tournament Champions

- * Whitesville School Tournament - 3rd Place

JOBS

Home Chores

My earliest work experience was doing chores around the house. My main chores was taking out the trash, burning the papers and keeping my room straightened up. My mom was a Stanley Dealer so there were plenty of boxes to burn. I would situate them like houses and start the fire and then would try to beat out the fire with a stick. Now onto paying jobs.

Picking Strawberries

In the early 1960s my first paying job was picking strawberries at McCloskey's farm one summer which was about 4 or 5 miles from my place. I made 10 cents a quart.

Grit Newspapers

In the middle 1960s I sold Grit Newspapers to my neighbors delivering them on my bicycle which was a 3 speed. I still have my Grit bag and remember having a belt coin changer.

Trimmed Pine Trees

In 1966 I trimmed Pine Trees for VT New one summer in Hartstown, PA. It was around 18 miles from home. My friend Ken from Fredonia got the job along with 2 other Fredonia guys, Jerry and Walter. I was in the 10th grade and drove our 1966 Red Station Wagon to work.

White Rock Silica Sand Co.

In the summer between my 11th and 12th grade year at school my football coach got me and my cousin a job at White Rock Silica Sand Co. in Greenville, PA. It was approximately 6 miles from home.

The office and the crusher building looked like an abandoned western town. There was also a cement block garage. The main quarry was up the road about half a mile and another quarry across the road.

We started out working on the crusher that had a broken pin (about 9 inches in diameter). While we were working on that the owner and the quarry foreman came in said they needed someone to work in the quarry. The foreman said give me the big one. I was 6' 2" and weighed 200 pounds so off to the quarry I went.

My cousin ended up working with the crusher where he would scrape the rocks coming down from the bin into the crusher.

We rode up to the quarry in an old dump truck with no door on the drivers side. They would dynamite a large section and then the foreman with his end loader would move the rocks that were too big to break with a sledge hammer in an area off to the side. They only a blast every few years. My job was to break up the rocks into smaller pieces. The foreman would load the dump truck and then I would drive it down to the crusher where I had to back in the bin and dump the rocks into the bin. Then I would head back up to the quarry. At times I'd have to wait a little bit till the bin thinned out so I could get a break on occasion.

I got an education on breaking sandstone rocks. The sledge hammer was flat on one end and the other end was a wedge. I wanted to make a good impression so I was working away. Sand was flying off the rock but I was barely breaking the rock. Finally the foreman Rudy who around 60 something got off the end loader and took the sledge hammer and held it over his head and dropped it on the rock several time and the rock split in two. Then he did the same with the flat edge and broke the two slabs into several smaller pieces. I was amazed, he then explained to me about the grain of the rock. I was just hammering away against the grain. That was a valuable lesson. After that I could some pretty large rocks.

Periodically I go over to where the big rocks were and drills holes in them with a jack hammer. Then at another time we would dynamite them. 2 or 3 of us sit around and get the dynamite ready. The dynamite sticks we were using was around 40 to 60% nitro. You could get a headache after a while. We would break the sticks in half first. Then we would the fuses to a certain length to that would last a certain amount of time. Then with a special crimping tool that sharp pointed end on one of the handles.

we would slip a blasting cap over the end of the fuse and crimp it to the fuse. There was only a half an inch to crimp the cap without setting off the cap. Then we would get the dynamite and with the pointed end we would poke a hole in the dynamite and put the fuse with the cap into the dynamite. At that point we would go to the

big rocks and start to put the dynamite into the holes. Occasionally we would a stick and a half in some of the rocks just to see what would happen. It basically turned the rock into sand instead of small pieces. We would then park the dump truck facing away from the rock pile about 40 yards away with the bed up. Then we would get the liters which were like sparklers but thicker and bend them at a certain point which indicated it was time to head back to the truck. We would start in the back and work our way towards the front. We got to be competitive to see who could light the most fuses, not a good thing to be competitive at. We would keep pushing the limit and stay a little longer to get a few more fuses lit. Once I stayed too long and the dynamite started going off in the back moving forward. A rock hit the back of my hand as I was heading for the truck, that ended that competition. I made \$1.65 an hour.

Mercer Alloys

After my high school graduation and before I started college I worked at Mercer Alloys for the summer. It was located about 2 miles from my place. In my first week there was a strike and I got docked 2 or 3 days pay. I started out as a general laborer on day turn and when the option came to go to afternoon turn or midnight I took midnight, as I was a late night guy. One night the operator of the Pig Machine, which was located across from the Furnace) got way behind because he hadn't powdered the molds enough. As they were pouring the melt into the molds the ingots were sticking and not falling out and had to be chiseled out and caused a delay in the process. After we got caught up the foreman made me the Pig machine operator the rest of my time there. The Pig machine was a conveyor of molds tilted at an 45 degree angle. I would coat the ingots with lime and when the furnace was ready they would pour the melt in the ingots. When the conveyor moved to the top the ingots would drop into a bin. There was a 10 ft. pole that was suspended from the ceiling that I could use to bump an ingot that didn't fall out. Once the melt had been poured I would take the bin to get weighed with a high lift. After that I would move it out in the yard. I then would coat the ingots again to get ready for the next pour.

At times the furnace would break down and there would be a delay of up to several hours. It was kind of boring with nothing to do during that time. So I asked the foreman if I could dump the ash pots from the furnace. He said that would be fine and showed me how to work the Pettibone, a large machine with forks and had a swiveled in the middle. It took me a little while to get the hang of driving it but I eventually got the hang of it. did. It helped to fill in the time.

One night after taking my girlfriend home from a date I cut it close to get to work on time. I had to cross railroad tracks to get to the plant. That night there was a train on the tracks. It hadn't moved form a while so I parked my car on the other side and climbed between 2 railroad cars to get to work.

Jobs during College

I had started college in August 1969 at the Edinboro State College (now University) Off Campus Branch in Farrell, PA and worked at the following jobs while I was in college.

Minute Man Gas Station

I worked at a Minute Man Gas Station in Greenville, PA, 6 miles from home on weekends, Friday & Saturday nights from Midnight to 7 AM.

Bish's Golden Dawn

I worked as a stock boy at Bish's Golden Dawn Grocery Store just over the PA border into Ohio. It was about 12 miles from home. I would stock the merchandise and pack groceries for people and take them out to their cars and sometimes carry them to their houses nearby. It was one of the hardest jobs I had because I was on my feet for 8 and a half hours with only a half hour break. I have photos of my stamper which was used to put prices on the stock and kept my cutter for years.

White Rock Silica Sand Co.

I worked at White Rock Silica Sand Co. again during the winter. I made \$1.75 an hour.

I went to summer school and I mowed grass for a guy that owned several properties in exchange for a room to stay in. The room was above the Gorg Record Shop. This was in the 1970s. As I welked up the stairs to my room I'd see smoke coming out under the other doors of the pot smokers. My room had a twin mattress on the

floor a coat rack and a cement block. I brought a card table and a chair.

Camp Judson

For 2 summers (June, July & August) I worked as a counselor at Camp Judson our church camp located at North Springfield, PA.

Chicago Bridge & Iron

After graduating from college in 1974 I had applied for a elementary teaching position but there were no local jobs available. So I got hired at the Chicago Bridge & Iron where my dad worked. I worked there for 7 days before I was hired to teach 5th grade in WV

Teaching 5th Grade in WV

In August 1974 I was hired to teach 5th Grade in Whitesville WV. I had given up the idea of getting a teaching job and got hired at Chicago Bridge & Iron where my dad worked as a foreman in the Structural Shop. While there I got a call from Boone County WV and went down and interviewed and was hired to teach 5th grade in Whitesville WV. I taught there from 1974 to 1990. I also taught Computers to the 8th graders. After returning back to PA I subbed for 26 days from 9-1990 to 3-1991 locally in the Reynolds, Grenville and Sharpsville school districts.

Started ACW Productions

I started ACW Productions (which I still operate today) my last year teaching, 1989-1990 in WV.

Teaching at Sharon Christian Academy

In 1994 & 1995 I taught computers to the high school students at Sharon Christian Academy in Sharon, PA. I also coached the girls varsity basketball for 2 years and the boys for 1 year.

Lane Bible College

I also taught a Multimedia Class at Lane Bible College for 1 year.

Reynolds Drive In

In 2021 a local businessman asked about helping out at Reynolds Drive In. It is located about 1 and a half miles from where I grew up. I was one of the projectionists for 4 years and my last 1 year I just went down during the week and downloaded the movies from the studios. I enjoyed the time there and especially the free burgers & fries.

COACHING

I first starting coaching sports by helping my mom coach the Reynolds Girls Basketball team in 1969. Girls basketball did not become a school sport until 1973. At that time you had to be on the school staff to coach at Reynolds HS.

While teaching in WV I coached the Whitesville Football Midgets for part of a season and was an assistant coach of the Sylvester Little League team managed by Larry Asbury.

At Whitesville Jr. High School I coached the following:

- The boys elementary basketball team for one year.
- Head Coach for 5 years of the JR High Girls 9th grade & 7th & 8th grade basketball teams.
Note: The 9th grade girls team was undefeated in 1977, 9-0.
- Assistant Coach for 5 years of the JR High Boys 9th grade & 7th & 8th basketball teams.

At Sharon Christian Academy I coached the following:

- Head Coach of the Girls Varsity basketball team for 2 years (1994 - 1995).
- Head Coach of the Boys Varsity basketball team for 1 year (1994 - 1995).

Conducted a basketball camp with my friend George Subasic for my sister's girls varsity basketball team at Dayton High school in Dayton, PA.

TEACHING

I taught 5th Grade at Whitesville Junior High School in Whitesville WV for 16 years in a self-contained classroom. The school had three floors. My room 203, was on the second floor.

I was the only 5th grade teacher my first year but in the second year they hired another 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Donna Bailey which I really enjoyed working with. We used to switch Social Studies and Science classes, I would teach Social Studies and she would teach science. We also had Gym class together.

I also taught computers to the 8th Grade. In doing so I had to give up one of classes, so I give up Science.

While at Whitesville I a taught a Tennis class to Trish Thompson and Jerri Johnson.

In April 1990 my mother died and I resigned from my teaching position and moved back home to PA.

In the next two years I subbed 26 days from 9-1990 to 3-1991 at three different school districts, Greenville, Reynolds, and Sharpsville, all in elementary except one time in junior high school.

In 1994 and 1995 I taught computers to the high school students at Sharon Christian Academy in Sharon PA..

Next I taught a Multi-Media Class at Lane Bible College in Transfer.

In 2019, 2020 & 2026 I taught 3 classes on the History of Camp Reynolds at Slippery Rock University's Institute for Learning in Retirement. I also taught a class on my Dad's Experience on the Destroyer the USS McGown in World War II in the Pacific Theater at Slippery Rock University's Institute for Learning in Retirement.

I also taught several individual computer classes at my place in PA over the years.

PLACES LIVED

In 1947 my parents bought 10 acres of the former army camp, Camp Reynolds. They then bought a barrack which my dad turned into a house, a garage and a small shed. I came along in 1950.

In 1960 we built a multi-level home and I lived there till 1974 when I went to WV to teach 5th grade.

I lived in WV till 1990.

Note: I came home from WV in the summers and the holidays.

My first 2 years in WV I lived in Gifford and Nola Webb's Rooming House in Whitesville. It was located across the street from the Boone Theater. I had a large room and a shared bathroom, kitchen and living room. The second year they remodeled to make more rooms and I ended up with a smaller room.

The next year I rented a house behind the Laundromat. It was a steep hike up the hill, around 30 steps or more. It was my first time seeing cockroaches. I think they rearranged my furniture at night.

My parents had brought down a refrigerator with some other things. They parked on the street by the Laundromat and we were trying to figure out how to get the refrigerator up the stairs. About this time a truck pulled up and Bear Daniels got out. He asked if he could help and we explained that we were trying to figure out a way to get the refrigerator up the stairs. He grabbed the refrigerator by himself and carried it up the stairs to the house.

The following year I rented an apartment in Pettus Bottom, in Raleigh in County about 2 miles out of the town of Whitesville (Boone County). You had to cross a bridge on the right. After crossing the bridge you turned right and about 40 yards there was a Block Plant (no longer in operation) on the right.

There was a flight of steps on the outside to get to the apartments.

There were four apartments on that level, 2 on the right and 2 on the left. There was also an apartment on the 3rd floor which Mrs. Bailey (the other 5th grade teacher) and her husband lived. I lived in the second apartment on the right. It was nice and spacious. I had a kitchen, and bathroom off the kitchen. It had a nice size living room another room and a bedroom. I liked it there.

While living there I bought an old house across the street in 1977. It had started out as a regular house and over the years they had keep adding onto it. It had 13 rooms. I turned it into "Art's Rooming House" for guys that were doing construction work at the mines. I brought used beds from Holiday Inn. Once the construction work slowed down I moved from the Block Plant over to one of the apartments in the rooming house in 1979 and stayed there a couple of years.

In 1980-81 I torn down the rooming house with the help of Truman Long (Flame) and Ross (Pyro) a friend from PA. My dad, mom, sister and my friend Ross came down and we built a 28' by 26' house. I lived there until 1990.

In 1990 my mom died and I moved back to the homestead after the school year ended. I lived there until I sold the place in May 2006.

I then moved to Shelocta PA to live with my sister and her husband from May to December 2006.

In December 2006 I moved to a apartment in Greenville PA. Owned by my friend Ben at the time who had a printing shop two buildings down the street from my apartment. I still live in that apartment.

TRAVEL

Total Miles Traveled on Trips: 31,254 / By Car: 14,994 / By Motorcycle: 16,352

Out West Trip

In 1964 my family took a month long trip of 7000 plus miles out west in our new 1964 station wagon. Our route took us across the top of the US out to the state of Washington, then down the west coast to Mexico and then angled toward TN and then back to PA. We bought a lot of items in Mexico.

New England Trip

My family took a trip of 1694 miles to the New England States on motorcycles. My mom rode with my dad and my sister rode with me.

Nebraska Trip

Me and my dad took a 2100 miles trip on motorcycles to Nebraska.

BMW National Rally Trip

Me, my dad and my cousin Tim went to the 1975 BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) National Rally, known as the Ozarks Hillbilly National which was held at Branson, Missouri at Jellystone Park. Traveling a total of 2950 miles on motorcycles. We traveled from PA to IN to MO To FL and back to PA. The rally hosted 2,096 rally goers on 1,432 bikes, with 1,335 being BMWs.

Minnesota Trips - To Visit the Edwards Family & Sue

Me - 2x 1052 miles / Motorcycle

Me & Group - 526 miles / Station Wagon

Me & Mom - 526 miles / Car

Florida Trip

Me and my sister by car, 2080 miles to visit friends in Florida.

Michigan Trips

I took 2 trips to Michigan, 1052 miles once in my car and one on my motorcycle to visit Dan & Annie Rickert.

Wyoming Trip

I took a trip to Wyoming, 3400 miles on my motorcycle to Lander to see where my dad hunted..

Virginia Beach Trip

Me & my friend George took a trip of 1530 miles on motorcycles to Virginia Beach and up to MA to the Basketball Hall of Fame and then to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown PA and then back home.

Myrtle Beach Trip

Me & My cousin Tim, 1550 miles on motorcycles to Myrtle Beach.

Canada Trip

Me & Dad in a Station Wagon, 1250 miles on a Fishing Trip to Gowanda Canada. I was 12

Alabama Trip

Me on Motorcycle, 1550 miles to visit Deb Subasic

North Carolina

Me by car, 1080 miles to Durham to visit a former student, Jack Haddad

Terry Saltsman

Me by car, 728 miles to Anderson IN / Took him to his wedding.

Me by car twice, 820 miles to Wellsville NY to visit

Rochester NY

Me by car, 450 miles to Rochester to visit Mark Edwards

WEDDINGS

Best Man I was the Best Man in 4 weddings (or should I say 2nd Best).

Mark Schuver's Wedding - 6/20/1970 / Married in Greenville PA

- * Mark was my best friend growing up.
- * Our mothers were best friends in HS
- * They built a house about 3/4 of a mile away from our place.

Dan Swartz's Wedding - 5/25/1980 / Married in Clarion PA

- * Dan was a 1975 graduate of Lakeview HS and was in my youth group at the Greencrest Church and involved in the Action group. The church was a mile from my place. He was married in Clarion PA where he and his wife graduated from Clarion College. He lives in GA. He and his wife Grace both worked with Campus Crusade for Christ for 20 years. They still reside in GA where he owns a trucking company with multiple trucks.

Glenn Kovach's Wedding - 9/21/1985 / Married in Sharon PA

- * A young guy (everybody I knew was younger than me) from church. We used to do some things together. On one occasion I invited him to go up to Lakeshore a campground we belonged to with my friend Debbie to swim and play tennis. He ended up marrying Debbie several years later.

Mark McCallester's Wedding - 10/12/1985 / Married in Warren PA

- * A young guy I met at Camp Judson. He had been in the Marines.
- * He has since passed away

Usher

Ron Joseph's Wedding 5/11/1974

- * College Friend

Paul Baker's Wedding

- * A young guy from church I knew. He was married in Sharon PA

My sister Sondra's Wedding 5/20/1995

- * She was married in Indiana PA. I also videotaped her wedding.

Passed Out Programs

- * At my friend Don Potter's 2nd wedding.

Attended

Terry Saltsman's Wedding

- * A kid I met at a local youth rally. He was 7 years younger. We competed at everything. I drove to Cleveland OH where he was in Chiropractic college and drove him out to Anderson Indiana where he was married

Johnny Kosmoski's Wedding / My Cousin

- * My mom and the grooms mother drove to VA for the wedding.

ART'S HIGHLIGHTS

Places Been To & Things Done

- * Washington DC
- * White House / US Capital / Lincoln Memorial / Jefferson Memorial / Washington Monument
- * FBI Building in DC / Smithsonian Museums / US Mint / Iwo Jima Memorial / Vietnam Memorial
- * Arlington Cemetery / JFK Eternal Flame Memorial / Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- * Arlington House / Mount Vernon
- * Disneyland CA / Knott's Berry Farm / Yellowstone National Park
- * Death Valley / Petrified Forest / Corn Palace (SD) / Badlands / Mt. Rushmore / Grand Canyon
- * Buffalo Bill State Park in Wyoming / Sea World (Ohio) / PTL Club
- * Virginia Beach / Myrtle Beach / Daytona Beach (Rode my motorcycle on the beach)
- * Swam in the Pacific & Atlantic Oceans / Waded in the Gulf of Mexico (Now the Gulf of America)
- * Traveled in 46 States / Traveled to Canada & Mexico
- * Watched Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns play
- * Attended the 1975 BMW (MOA) National Rally (Ozarks Hillbilly National)
- * Attended the 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 Jesus Festivals / Attended Creation 1980
- * Watched a Pirates game at the old Forbes Field
- * Watched a Pirates playoff game in 1972 at PNC Park Stadium
- * Handled a Detroit Tigers 1968 World Series Ring
- * Handled a Steelers 1974 Super Bowl Ring
- * Saw Web Ewbank and the 1971 New York Jets Super Bowl Ring
- * Baseball Hall of Fame - Cooperstown NY / Basketball Hall of Fame - Springfield MA
- * Football Hall of Fame - Canton OH
- * Stood in 4 states at one time at the Four Corners Monument. Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, & Colorado.
- * Toured the White House the weekend President Reagan returned after his assassination attempt
- * Attended 5 Jesus Events: Jesus 74, 75, 76, 78 & Creation 1980
- * Drove through a Giant Redwood in CA
- * Went into a Coal Mine on a "man trip" in the early 1980s.
- * Got Giant Pine Cones in Oregon / Slid down Mt. Washington in Washington State on plastic sheets.
- * Took my 5th grade students on 5 trips to Washington DC
- * Attended the USS McGowan's DD678 reunion with my dad. Met the Captain & some of his shipmates.
- * In 1960 my elementary school took the students up to Route 18, to see Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon drive by in a convertible while campaigning in our area.

Filmed & Produced

- * Grand Opening of the Grove City Outlet Malls in Grove City PA
- * 50th Anniversary of Camp Reynolds - WWII Army Camp in 1992
- * 50th Anniversary of Reynolds High School in 2010
- * 60th Birthday Party (for husband of HP's CEO & Republican Presidential candidate (2016)
- * TV Program for Crossing Paths featuring Pittsburgh Steeler Jon Kolb
- * TV Program for Crossing Paths featuring Ernie Shavers, Pro Heavyweight Boxer
- * TV Program for Crossing Paths featuring Murf the Surf, a professional thief