

Joe McInerney

Becomers Mystery Person of the week - July 29, 2007

I was born on Nov. 13, 1930 in Detroit Mich. Had 4 older sisters and 1 Younger brother

Attended Catholic school until about the 3 grade - got kicked out (for spitting a spit ball at the nun.)

Started working at the early age of 9, delivering ice with dad until I was 18 years old. Would get up early, go to work, come home, change and go to school. After school, meet my Dad, work with him until we got done. Worked every weekend. I could carry up to 250 pounds of ice at one time.

In high school I was very good at art. I won the city art contest for outdoor billboard advertising. Was on the honor roll for my city high school. Played all sports - baseball, foot ball, basketball.

I paid \$1.00 for my first car. (It was a 1930 Ford coup with a rumble seat.) Got married in 1950. had 3 children. It lasted 22 years.

After school went to work as a draftsman for Ford, GM, Chrysler. GIs were coming back from the war, so I was bumped each time. I got a job at A&P supermarkets and worked up to store manager... I was robbed at gun point, was shot at and was cut in my stomach by a knife. Spent the night in jail in lockup because I killed the man that was going to kill me. It was self defense, so I was not charged. I shot a man in the head when I was hunting one day. He did not die. Lost the right to hunt for five years.

I moved to Garden Grove in 1963 . Worked for Alpha Beta, Lucky, Gemco. Retired after 49 years in the super markets.

Married Vera in March of 1974 in Las Vegas at the Chapel of the Bells. I went to work for Nestle' Food Co. for 10 years. Was downsized, but worked for brokerage company doing the same jobs for 6 years. Was downsized, went back to work with Nestle' for two more years and downsized again. Retired. I did all kind s of jobs & displays & special events

Love to travel. Been to Tahiti, Hawaii, England Wales, Ireland, Europe, Alaska, Canada, Panama, Italy, Scotland, Venezuela, Germany, France, Greece, Turkey, Netherlands. Been on 17 cruises..

Been on stage singing with Tony Orlando at the Hilton in Vegas. Kissed by Juliet Prouse at the Hilton.

Had a popcorn & candy wagon business in Garden Grove. 1964-1971

We like to go to Las Vegas. (at least once a year on our anniversary.) We have 6 kids, 16 grandkids, 8 great grandkids.