

INTERVIEW WITH CHUCK WRIGHT

Charles (Chuck) B Wright was hired as a Field Assistant in September 1965, assigned to Southern Operating District (SOD) in Otay. He was promoted to Lineman in 1969 and worked as a Relief Electric Troublemaker, OH and UG Working Foreman at SOD and then moved to Dells (Metro) after SOD closed.

Chuck worked as Construction Methods Foreman, Senior Line Foreman, Field Services Supervisor, Underground Electric Supervisor, Project Coordinator and retired as Electric Distribution Operations Manager.

After retiring on January 1, 2001, he played golf 5-7 days per week and did part-time maintenance at Steele Canyon golf course. After 14 months, Jorge DaSilva gave him a job in Construction Services, developing safety and training programs for contractor crews. He also conducted frequent field visits to ensure compliance with these standards. Chuck worked there for another 3 years and finally retired for good....or so he thought.

He back moved to his home town in Rockmart, Georgia in 2005 and in 2007 he became the interim manager at his country club in Cedartown, GA where he worked for 2 years.

Two amazing things have happened to Chuck since moving back to Rockmart. First, he had a good friend when he was in the Navy in 1959 and they had lost contact after his friend got out of service and returned to his home town of Miami, FL in 1961. Chuck spent many hours over 47 years trying to find him. He finally found him in Rockmart just after he moved back. He was building the local Walmart store and was pictured on the front page of the weekly newspaper! The two friends are happily reunited.

Secondly and most important: he was standing outside the principal's office (who's not surprised at this?) at the beginning of his sophomore year in high school and he saw the prettiest girl ever. Her name was Shelba Ann Statham and Chuck was instantly in love. His middle sister was born a few weeks later and he talked his Mom into naming her Shelba Ann.

Shelba Ann Statham and Chuck began dating a year after he moved back to Rockmart and after 3 years, they married. Chuck says she is still the prettiest lady, inside and out.

Chuck and Shelba Ann have 2 rental homes and they have an acre lot so he works harder today than he probably ever did....but in much shorter spurts!!!

His son Greg and youngest daughter Courtney are still in San Diego and Chuck and Shelba Ann visit San Diego fairly often. Greg is an electrician with Fuller Electric and Courtney is the Special Education Administrator with Oceanside School District. His oldest daughter Denise is in Seaside, Oregon and has a business there. He's been blessed with 3 grand girls and 1 grand boy!

Chuck says the best thing about retirement is that he can set his own schedule (except for doctors) and do whatever he wants to do.....unless something breaks! But, most things he can fix and he knows how to call the plumber!!!!

"For me, there is no such thing as retirement, I have to stay busy. If I'm out of projects I find something to do for others less fortunate. That is so gratifying," says Wright.

"Most of the male members of my family play guitar and sing old gospel and cow jazz songs. My cousin and I play and sing each month for 3 nursing/assisted living homes."

Chuck has many fond memories of SDG&E but his favorite was when a very good friend misplaced his company his car! But his memories of all the wonderful friends he made over 35 years causes him many

teary eyes when he thinks back. "SDGE was all I ever really knew and I know there was no better place for this boy to spend his life's work."

Living in the town where he grew up gives Chuck pause for good memories, too. High school football is big in Rockmart and he's always likely to run into someone who remembers when he played. He'll always take time out of his busy day to make time for his friends. "Give me five minute's notice and I'll meet ya! 15 minutes later I will have shown you my whole town!"

