

## **“ Profile Story “**

***This week's feature : Loren and JoAnne Easterday***



Loren was born in Minneapolis, MN and grew up with an older sister, Lois, who passed away 4 years ago. The family moved to Massillon, OH in 1941 as his parents had deep roots in Stark County. His education included Massillon Washington class of 1958, Case Institute of Technology class of 1962, and Kent State University class of 1965. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and an MBA. His career took him into the business of Textile Fibers for 15 years and approximately 25 years in Custom Profile Extrusion.

JoAnne was born in Canton, Ohio and grew up with a sister Kathleen who lives with her husband in the Los Angeles area. Her family had moved to Massillon, OH where she became a Tiger football fan as did Loren. She attended Washington High School, Kent State University, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Blue Ridge Community

College. Her varied career included 4th grade Teacher, Writer at a newspaper and a member of City Council.

JoAnne's sister was the matchmaker for them to meet. Kathleen's beau had a friend that would come along to pick her up for a date, and JoAnne began to spy on Loren and thought he "was the one for me". She claims it took 6 years to "capture" him and they have been married for 56 years! Loren says that it was the wonderful cherry pie that JoAnne could bake that brought them together. Either way, it became a sweet union.

Their children are Patrick, 55 years old who is married to Kim, living in Chicago and working as a Construction Project Manager. They cherish the grandchildren Ryan, 23 and Kaitlyn, 21. The younger son Brian has passed away at 52 years of age last December leaving a widow Pan.

Loren was raised Lutheran and JoAnne was raised Catholic, so they had not attended church together in Massillon. They attended separate churches for their first 15 years of marriage. Got to a lot more parties that way. They joined Prince of Peace about 2 years ago, following Bethany and Brad Pearce. The Sermons with magic, jokes and the Good News showed them POP was headed in the right direction.

Both are dedicated to singing in the traditional Choir, Wednesday Bible Study, and Tables for 8. Loren has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, working with our church team. His hobbies and interests include flower gardening with JoAnne, and being involved with her in the Lorain County Garden Tour twice. He has worked with stained glass for about 20 years in both lead and copper foil. JoAnne has interests to pursue in her free time that include pressed flower designs, Mah Jongg card games, and reading historical fiction books. They are high school football fans that cheer for The Avon Eagles and Massillon Tigers.

Something that people may not know is that JoAnne always enjoys the feel of silk binding on blankets. Her admiration of the seasonal decorations on the altar at church reveal the wonderful group of designers we have on

Altar Guild. It is always an uplifting experience. Perhaps unknown to our congregation also is that when Loren wore a younger man's clothes, he would officiate high school football games for 20 years.

You will enjoy meeting Loren and JoAnne at the traditional service. They have come to worship God knowing His Love for them and one another!

*By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter*