

## GEORGE BURTON

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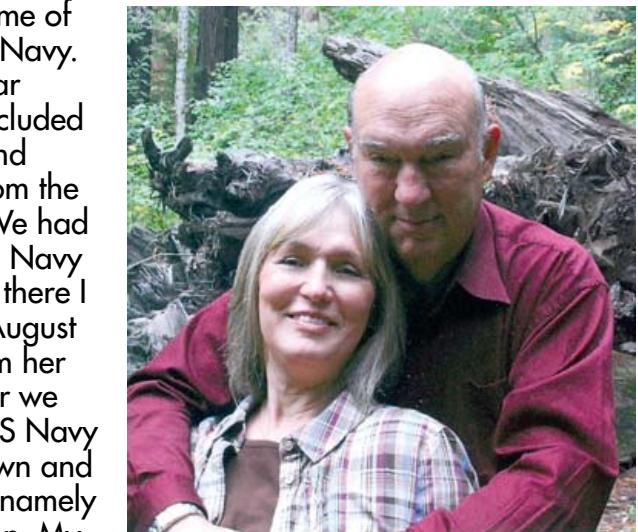
Grandchildren: Kim (29), Scott (26), Laura (16), Rebeka (12), Jill (11), AJ (10), Jake (10), Sam (9), Jonah (9), Merrik (7), Tyler (7), Ben and Dan (5), Molly (4), Joseph (1-1/2), Landon (8 mo.), and another baby boy due in November

Great grandson: Justin (10)

Hello Everyone

I can't believe our 50th HS reunion is this summer. As some of you may remember shortly after graduation I joined the US Navy. I had some fun while attending Navy Electronics and Nuclear Power schools, along with two cruises to Viet Nam which included visits to the Philippines, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. During the Pueblo incident the ship I was on went from the Philippines, where it was hot, north into the Sea of Japan. We had to chip ice off of the ship. Later, I was then transferred to the Navy Communication Station, Transmitter site in Dixon Ca. While there I met my wife, we were married on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1971. This August 19<sup>th</sup> is our 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Claudia had three children from her first marriage, Kris, Steve & Jeff; I adopted them shortly after we were married. In the summer of 1972 I called it quits with US Navy and joined the US Coast Guard. Viet Nam was winding down and I felt that the Coast Guard had a better peace time mission, namely search and rescue. Dixon, CA. was my last Navy duty station. My first Coast Guard duty station was in Empire near Coos Bay OR. After Empire we went to Phoenix AZ where I received my AA in Electronics Technology from DeVry. After two years in nice "warm" Phoenix, we left in late August; 115 degrees or so. Then we were off to Caribou ME. That first winter treated us to 150 inches of snow along with a minus 50 degree chill factor. After three long winters there, I was transferred to the USCGC Westwind, an Ice Breaker, out of Milwaukee WI (also COLD). If Milwaukee wasn't cold enough, the first summer on the Westwind I went north, way north. We actually went to 83 degrees, 45 Minutes north, along the East side of Greenland. If you look on a globe or Google Earth that is north of Greenland. We were finally stopped due to the thickness of the ice. When I left the Westwind, I went to a warmer climate and my final duty station in Point Reyes Station CA. There I was assigned to the Coast Guard Communication Station, where I managed the radio transmitter facility. I retired from the Coast Guard as a Master Chief Electronic Technician. My next career was with Pacific Gas & Electric, working in their telecom department. I worked in what they called General Construction. Our department installed new communication equipment and removed the old, all over California. After one year with PG&E we moved to our current home in Willits in Northern CA. Due to a work related injury, I went on long term disability and retired from PG&E in 2010.

Willits is 134 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge on US 101, not far from the ocean. While my wife and I both enjoy our home and the beautiful area in which we live, it is time to move on. California has changed; it is NOT the same as it was when I first lived here in 1963 or when we moved here in 1981. However the idea of cleaning things up, disposing of what is not worth moving, packing the remaining things and moving is almost too much to think about. We escape when we can in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. We bought our current 5<sup>th</sup> wheel in 2007 and it has around 45 thousand miles on it. We have traveled to 38 of the 50 states. Does anyone know how to drive to Hawaii?



Our children are scattered all over the US, the nearest is our third son Matt, he and his family live south of Fresno, CA. Going east we find our oldest daughter, Kris and Evan live east of Salt Lake City, UT. Steve and his family live south of Salt Lake City, UT. Jeff and his family live west of Durango, CO. From the Mountain West, we go northeast to the Boston area where our daughter Allison and her family live. From there we head south to Georgia where Rachael and her family are currently living, her husband is stationed there with the Army. Continuing south we find our youngest son, Tim (yep, Tim Burton but not the movie director ) and his family is stationed in the NW part of Florida. He is also in the Army, serving as a Green Beret . We are hoping he will be transferred to Monterey CA. next year so he can finish his Masters degree. He is also on the promotion list for Major, we hope that promotion will put him in safer locations.