

Family & Pet Friends

Sons: Christopher & Michael
Stepchildren: Michael, Matthew, Kevin & Kelly
Grandchildren: 4
 I am very lucky to have a great wife and family. Sharece and I travel to Kansas City a lot to see the kids and grandkids and they in turn visit us a lot out here in Sunny California.

Pets like family: Izzie was a stray dog that was running with a pack of dogs close to my work. I brought her home one day and she has been with us ever since. She is the most perfect dog we have ever had.



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Career / Post High School Education / Military Service

Career: Lead Field Engineer, Parsons Brinkhoff/ Union Pacific Railroad, full-time. I love my work. I'll probably be working until I'm 150 years old.
Post HS Education: Univ. of Illinois, Assoc. Civil Engineering; K-State Univ. Civil Engineering
Military Service: U.S. Navy, LCDR, 1958–1966; Vietnam



Hobbies / Interests / Sports

Sports: Golf & football —lots and lots of football. *Hobbies & Interests:* Collecting coins & guns, sitting by my pool & Sharece

Proudest Achievements

- My family, of course—my wife Sharece; my two sons, Chris & Mike; my grandchildren Isabell & Christopher; Sharece's children, who I am also very close to—Michael, Matthew, Kevin & Kelly; and her two grandchildren: Dylan & Harley.
- I am also very proud of my successful business that I had for several years while living in Kansas City.
- When I moved to CA, I was given the opportunity to be a member of the lead engineering staff for the Alameda Corridor in midtown LA, which was the largest transportation project in modern history (\$4.1 billion).

MHS Memories

My senior year was fairly tumultuous, taking into account that I was the first senior expelled by old "Chrome Dome" (not too proud of that accomplishment).

L-r: Son Chris holding grandson Christopher, Bill, son Mike with granddaughter Isabell



Travel

I traveled the world when I was in the Navy and have been in every state with a company I worked for in the '80's. Sharece & I used to visit CA 2-3x/year and then decided to move here. We love Vegas and go there often; visit Sharece's son Matthew in FL; are in Kansas City quite often and go to Manhattan once or twice a year for K-state football games. I've kept my season tickets for many, many years.

1950s Pop Culture

Favorite songs in HS: "Could This Be Magic" & "Don't Be Cruel"; *Now:* All of them. *Favorite singers in HS:* Elvis; *Now:* Elvis + Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis & a lot of Blues (Bobbie Bland, Buddy Guy, B.B. King). *Favorite movies in HS:* *The High & the Mighty* with John Wayne

Town Memories

My early teens, Mike McDonald & I would spend all day sliding down fire escape silos outside buildings on the KSU campus. Then, we would play half-court basketball in Nichols Gym with the K-State basketball players Cruising Poyntz. I remember watching the water rise in the 1951 Flood—helping my cousin evacuate before the water reached their house.