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Gerrit and Marge Diepering moved to the Heather community in 1998 from Franklin, Indiana. In the early '60's, Gerrit worked for Western Electric and was responsible for the development of the picture phone which was the beginning process of using metal deposits to form thin film. Prior to retiring in 1998, he was a Mechanical Process Engineer in Parentarel (injectables) Products for Eli Lilly & Company for 24 yrs. In this capacity, Gerrit developed and designed automated equipment and got a patent for a trunkatd cone. Gerrit is a naturalized Dutch citizen and has lived in the Far East and Europe for numerous years.

Marge loved her career as a professional beautician until 1990 when she retired. She now enjoys collecting antique dolls, sewing and crocheting. Her beloved cats really appreciate the extra time she can now devote to them. Gerrit and Marge are kept pretty busy with their four children and three grandchildren.

Gerrit was fortunate to be in charge of garage security at the Indiana Motor Speedway for the month of May, 1994, the Brickyard 400 in 1996 and the Formula One Racing Team in Indianapolis in 2000. He got interested in racing because he was living in Indianapolis and always watched the races. He was fascinated by the evolution of racing into high tech. Gerrit had the opportunity to meet and work with a lot of the sponsored drivers and the independents. He feels A. J. Foyt was the best and he employed the top mechanics who could explain the process as they changed each year. Gerrit had a good friend in the service who was fortunate to join an independent team as a mechanic. He has a lot of interesting stories to tell you from the track. Just ask him!

Gerrit saw his first MG in 1952 at an auto show and always wanted to own one. He finally realized his dream in 1961 when he bought his beloved 1961 red MGA-MKII roadster from the factory for a whopping \$1,798.00! He really enjoys the pure simplicity of the British car and drives it every chance he gets.