

Married for 37 years, Bob and Betty's love for cars started in high school. Betty could not wait until she was 16 so she could drive. She worked at odd jobs to buy her first car for a whopping \$95.00. It was a really old Studebaker. Of course, it had just a couple of teensy problems...continuous smoke emitting from the rear, leaning to the side when navigating around curves, etc. What do you expect from a driver who used recycled oil and retreads? Bob's first love was a '55 Ford two door hardtop with a faulty transmission, doors refusing to stay closed and the rear window had to be wired shut. Boy, those were the days! Those cars certainly built character!

Bob grew up in Traverse City, MI, a beautiful little town located on Lake Michigan in the northern party of Michigan with 3 brothers and one sister. Their childhood consisted of swimming at the beach, fishing in the river and never being concerned about their safety. His mom was widowed when he was 2 years old so his relatives all pitched in to help out. He started his career in information systems at Gerber's Baby Foods in Fremont, MI and continued in this field at Foremost Insurance Company, Minnehoma Insurance and AgFirst Farm Credit Bank. During his 19 year tenure at Minnehoma, he was Vice President of the Information Systems Division managing a staff of 30.

Betty grew up in Toledo, OH. At age 22, she left with two girls she worked with at the bank, and they drove Rt. 66 to Los Angeles where all three of them got secretarial jobs at First Western bank. During her five years in the land of "wow", she had numerous adventures as they explored every inch of the state. Betty's career has always been in the administrative area working for insurance, banking, engineering, property management and presently as Administrative Assistant for GlenLakes, a real estate development firm. In the '80's, she owned a recruiting firm for nine years, placing individuals in administrative, managerial and sales positions. She also was a Director for a concierge academy which trained concierges for office complexes.

Bob bought his blue 1974 TR-6 in the early 80's in Tulsa, OK and that is when they first got involved with a club as they were part of the original founders. After riding in the TR-6 for a couple of years in 100+ heat, Betty set out to find an AIR CONDITIONED British car, which was no easy feat. But the British gods shone on her and she found her 1980 TR-8 in Tulsa from the original owner. He had fallen in love with a British girl and had to sell his other love, the British TR-8 so he could marry her. You should have seen the sad look on his face as she drove off with it.

What people would be surprised to learn.....Bob had the opportunity to meet the original Gerber baby recently as she now lives in Florida and is an author. She was appearing at our Brooksville library and she was thrilled to meet him as they had mutual acquaintances.

While in California and being young and foolish, Betty crashed several Hollywood premiere and charity parties. However, the big toppers were the Academy Awards where she rubbed shoulders with the best of them.