



# Art Mattson

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# Art's Parents



Beatrice (Bea) and David Jacob (DJ) Mattson with Stephen





DJ with Daniel and Tim

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Duluth police officer, DJ Mattson.



# Art's Childhood



Art with a kitten (1935)



Art and John



Toddler Art in a hat (1935)





Art with a bird, colorized



Art and John with a bird, colorized





Art on scooter with neighbor kids Helen Mæ Peterson and Barry Hoff.





Art and John on front steps of their home in Duluth (1935)







The Bear. Art is on the far right.





Shoveling snow. Art is on the left.



[Top] Art and John with the bear.

[Bottom] Lloyd, John, and Art (Left is 1935)





John and Art



John and Art (colorized)





Art, Bea, Hazel, and John (1938)



Art and John





Art and John (1941)



John and Art with their Bibles.





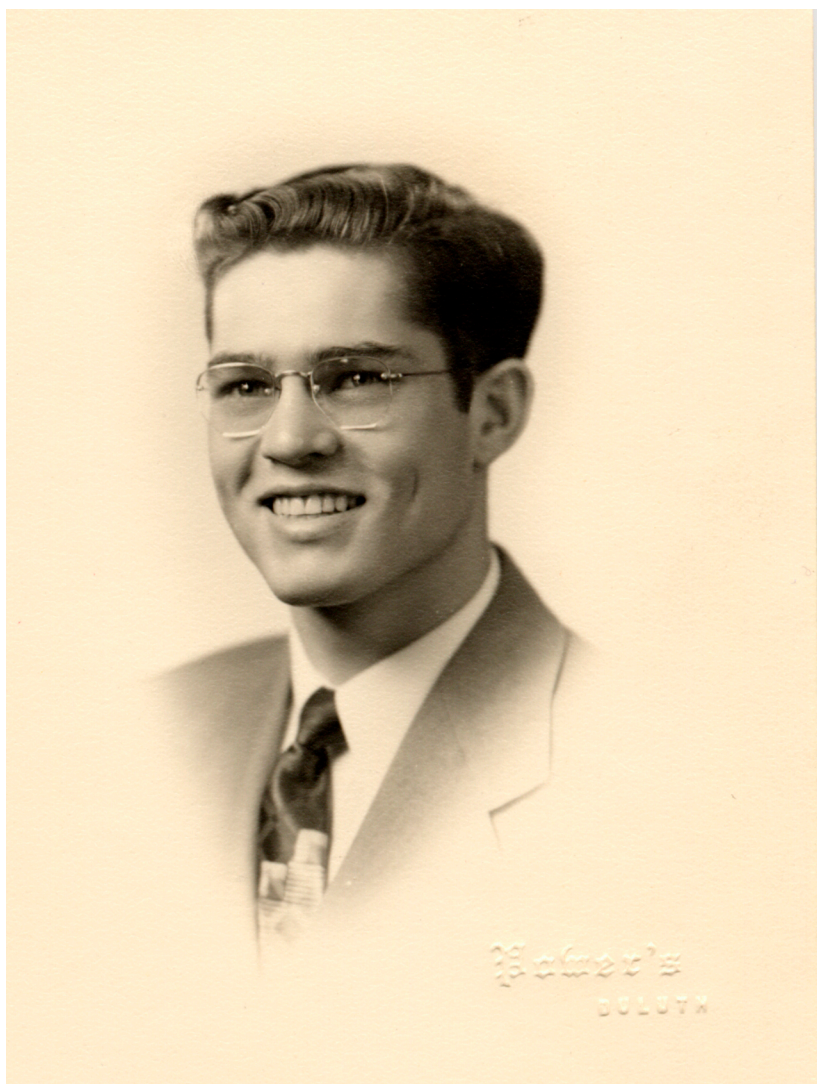
Art in his football helmet.

# Art as a Young Man



Art in his high school football uniform (1950)



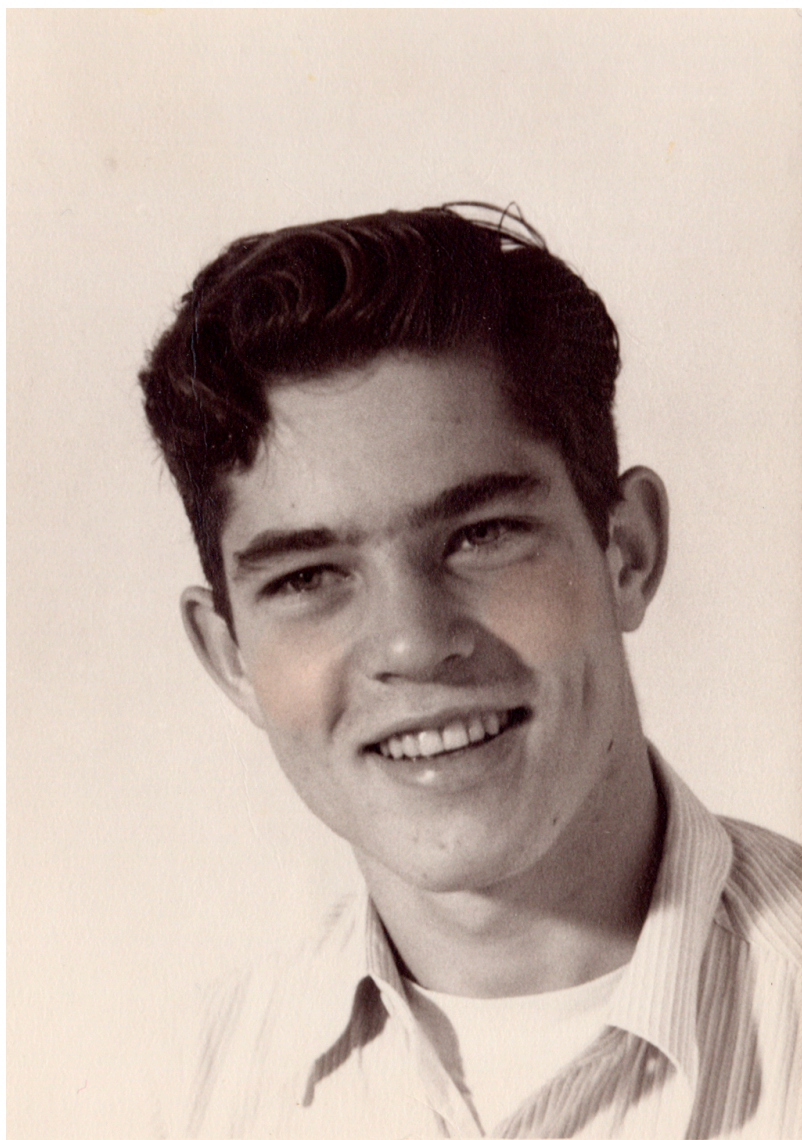


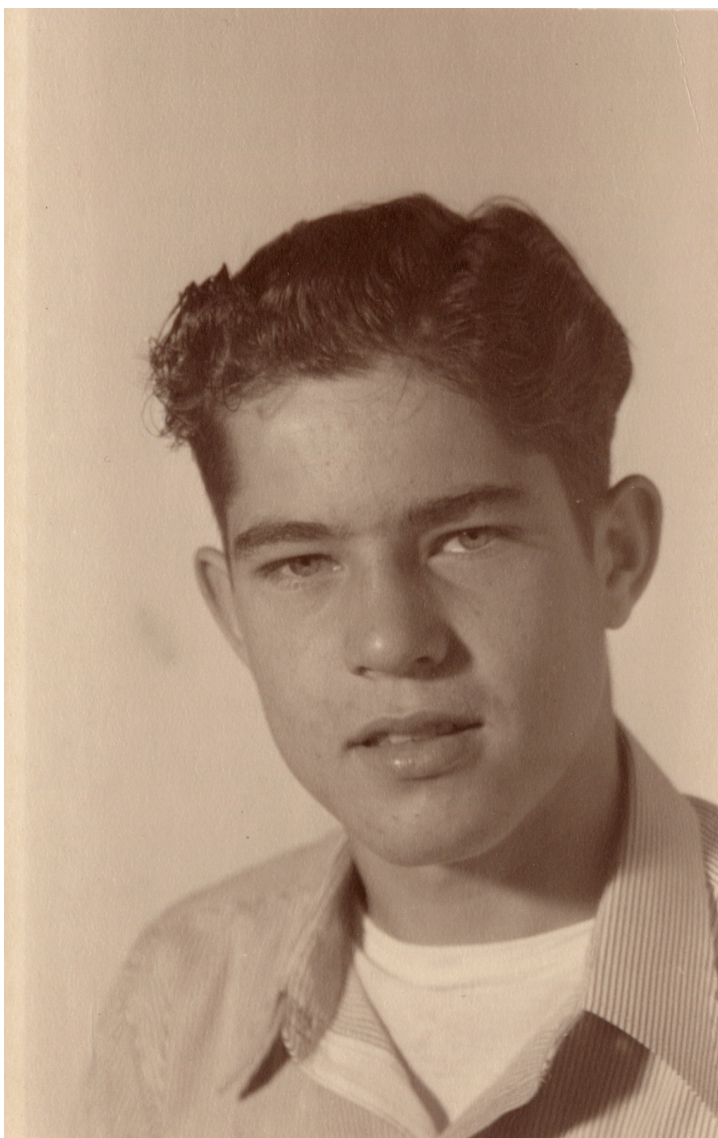
Art's high school senior portrait (1952)



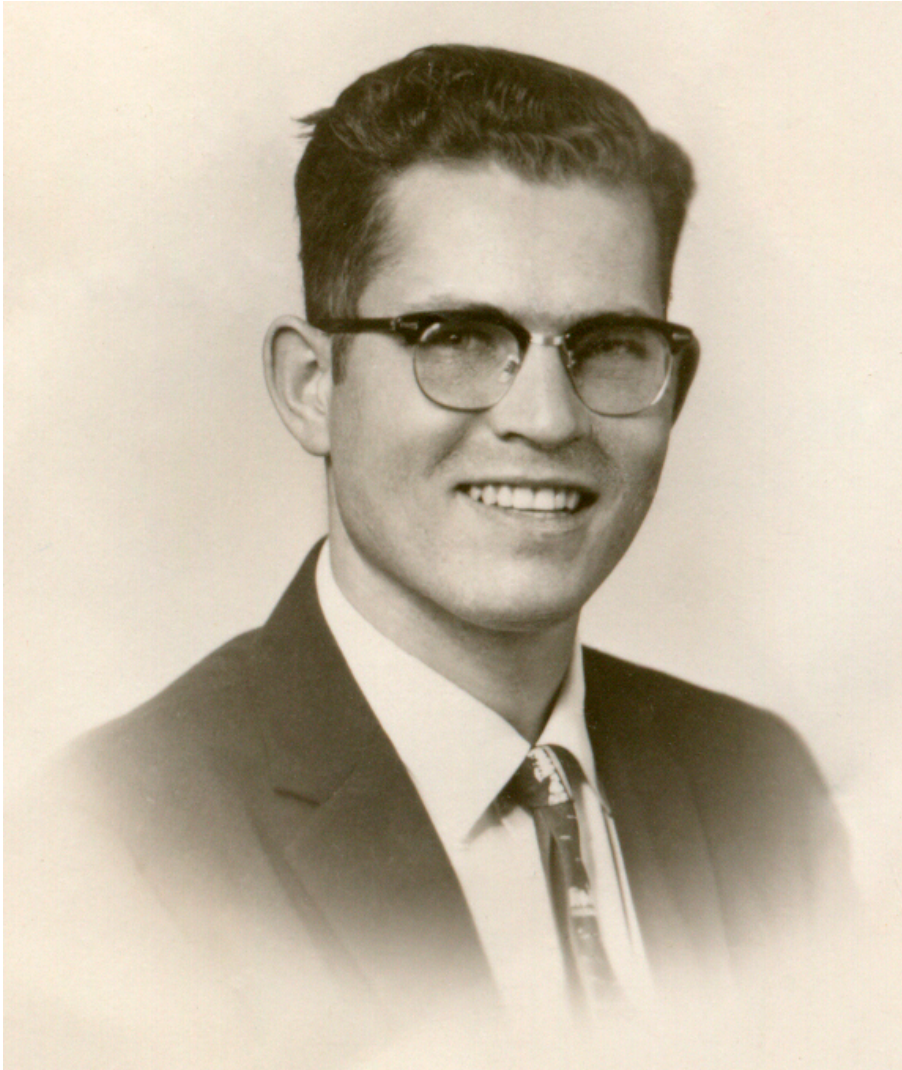
Art with DJ, high school graduation











College graduation

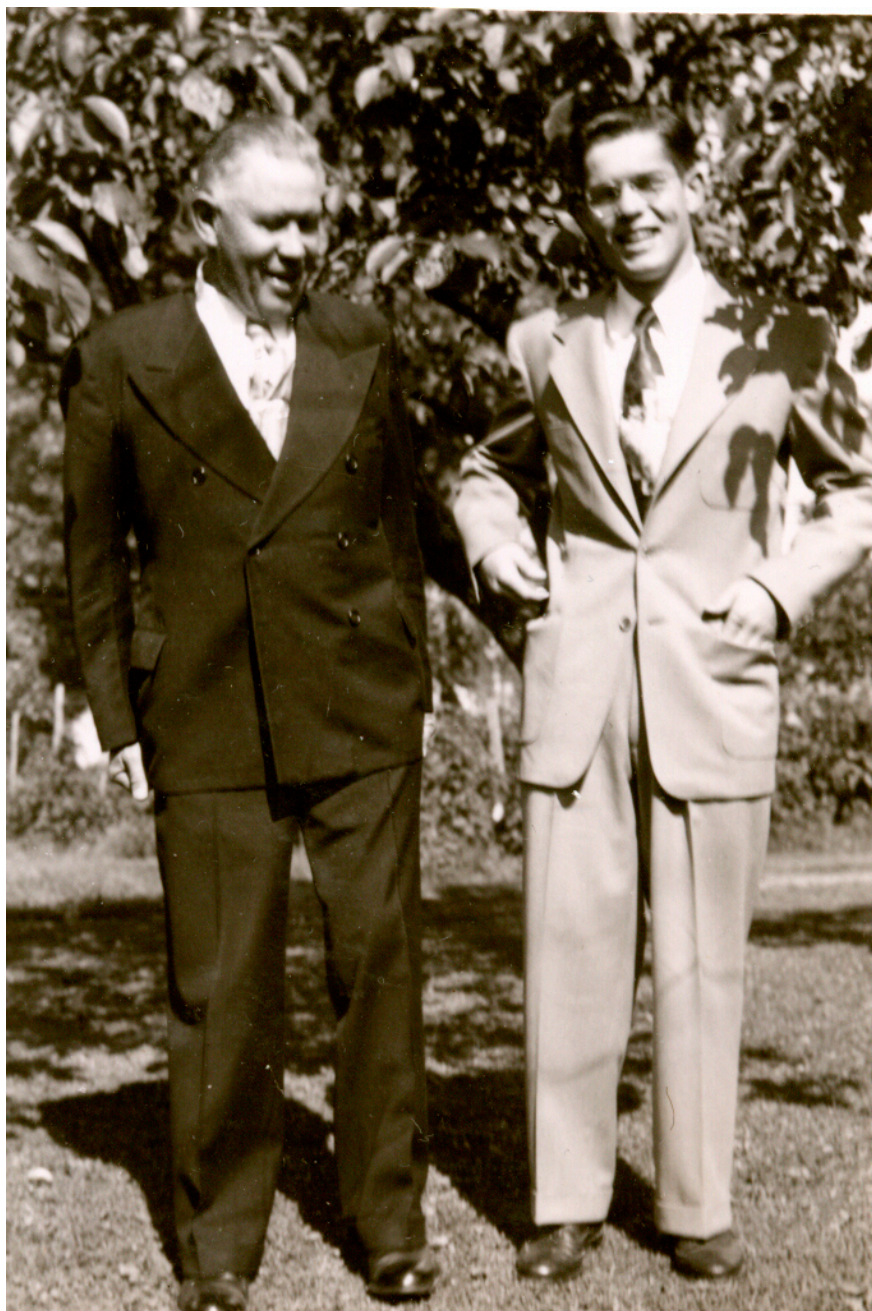


Art, college graduation (1957)





Bea and Art, college graduation



DJ and Art, college graduation



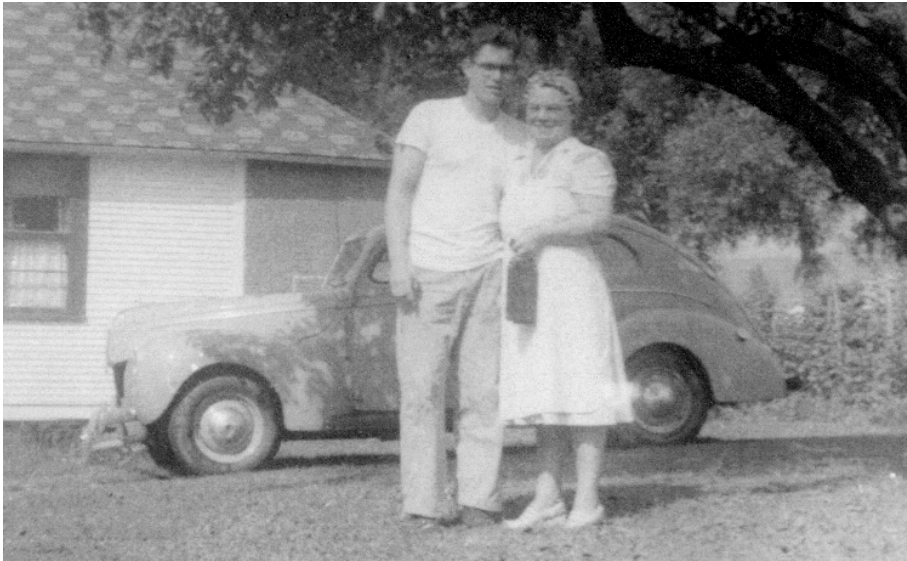


The Mattson family: [Back, from L] John, Bea, DJ, Art,  
[Front] Hazel, Lloyd



Art at the lake





[Top] Art and Bea with Art's first car, Duluth.  
[Bottom] Art with his car, West Covina.



Art and Bea, La Puente (1958)





# Husband and Father



Art, Joyce, and Stephen, 1954





Art and Stephen with razors



[Top] Art with Stephen (1954)

[Bottom] Art with Kathleen (1964)









Daniel, Tim, and Art with ivy in West Covina.



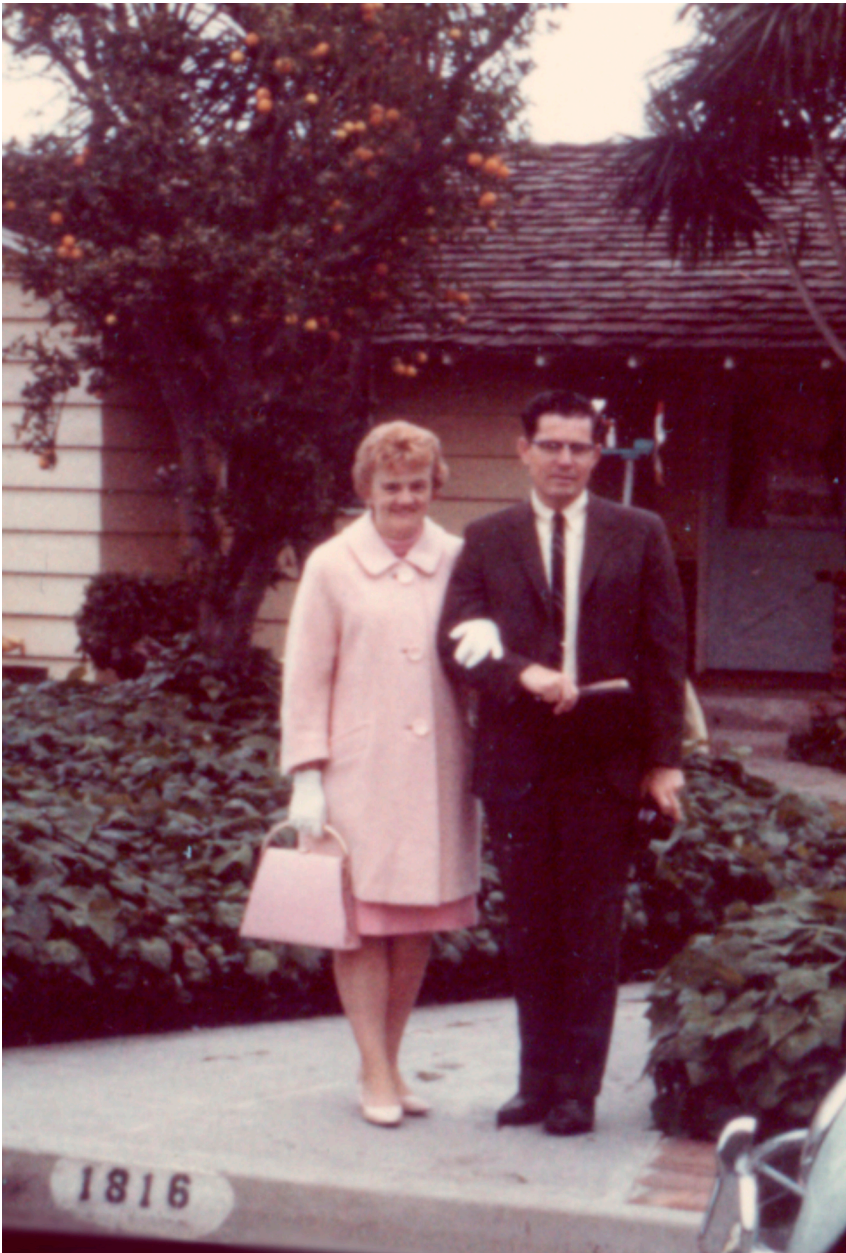


Art with Kathleen, Daniel, and Tim



Art with Kathleen



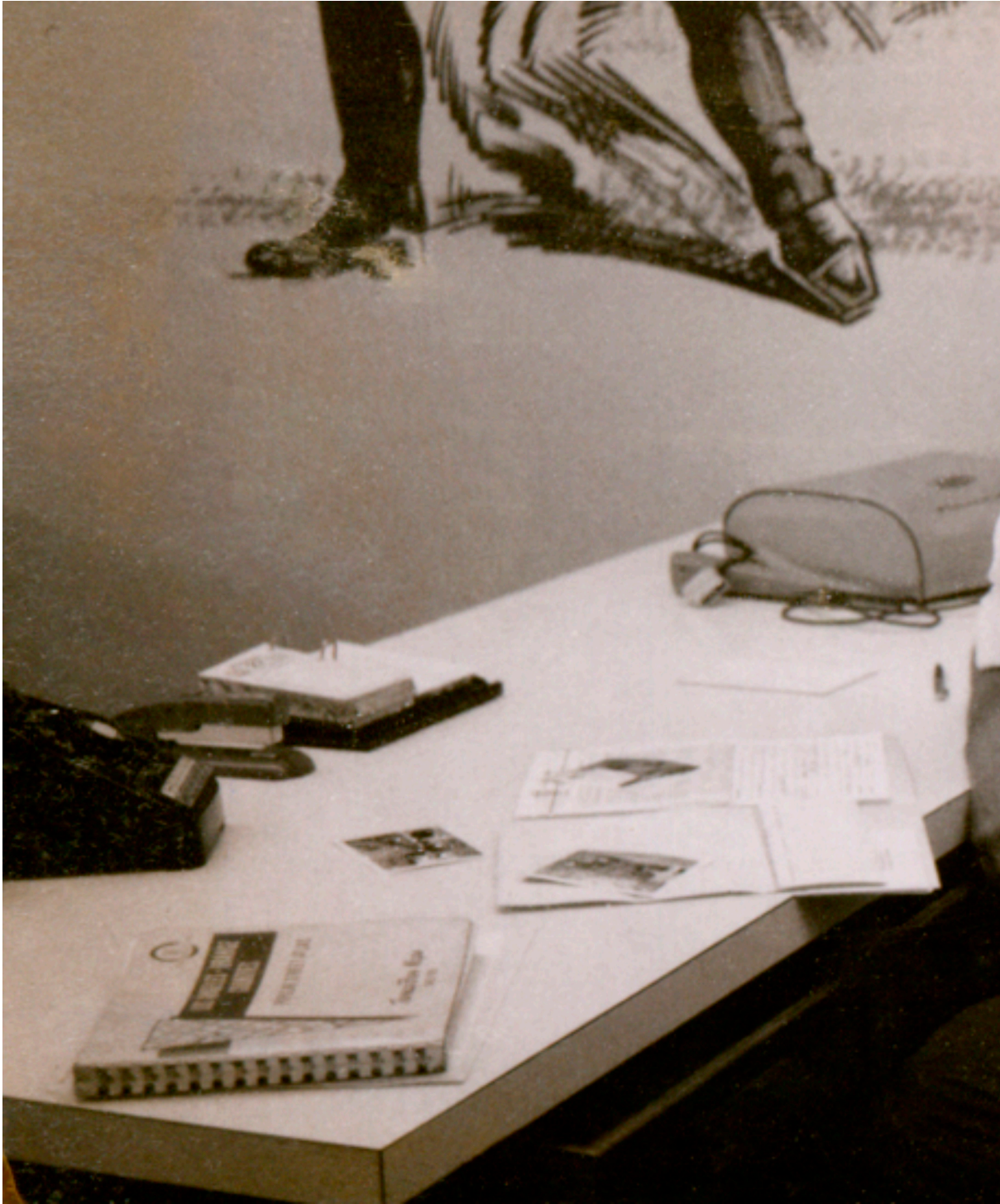


Joyce and Art, 1816 E. Greenville Drive, West Covina, California.



Art shoveling to put in a pool.







Art at work; most likely at S.W. Eller Company.





Art and Joyce.

Uncle Swen read a letter in "Dear Abby" from a woman who said one day when she didn't have the laundry done, her husband wore her pink silk nightie to bed because he didn't have any clean pajamas. The next day he said he thought her nightie was so comfortable that now he wears it all the time. She asked Abby if she thought this was okay, and Abby answered, "It's okay with me if it's okay with you."

Joyce thought the story was pretty funny, so Art put on Joyce's nightie as a joke. I'm not sure who took this photo, but I'll bet it was Swen.



Art with the Eneroth's dog, Heidi.







Packing the car for a long car trip (1976)











Art on skis, Ivanhoe Lodge in Big Bear, CA (1973)



Art and Jenny at Buckthorn Drive, Big Bear, California







Art's plane for commuting between Big Bear and Riverside.







Art at work



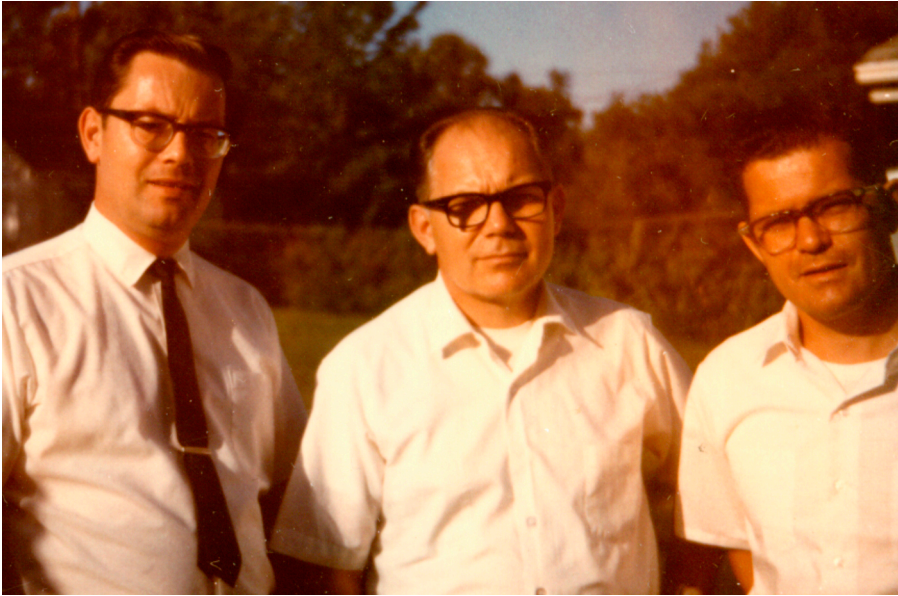


Art and John: snappy dressers



Lloyd and Art

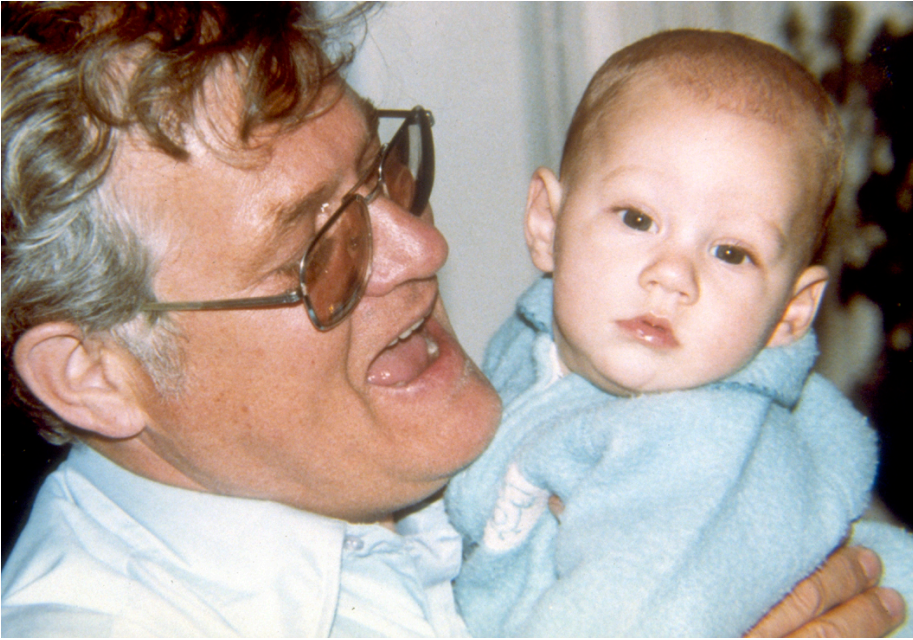






The Mattson siblings: Art, John, Lloyd, and Hazel (1988)







Art with his first grandson, Christian.





# Art's Later Years



Art with JoAnn and Daisy





Art with peanut butter that Cindy brought him from China





Art in 2011 in Yachats, Oregon, for Christian's wedding.





Art humoring his kids by posing for this picture - Ilwaco, WA



Art and JoAnn





Art and JoAnn with Max



Art with stepson, David





Art in Prescott



[Back] Kathleen, Daniel, Tim, Cindy, and Steve;  
[Middle] Kathleen, Christian, August, Noah;  
[Front] Art





Art with Cindy and Noah in Prescott



Art (2019)



# Art Mattson

Arthur Raymond Mattson passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020, shortly before 4am. He had had a prolonged battle with Alzheimers Disease and died in his home, under the care of hospice. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn, his five children: Stephen, Cindy, Tim, Daniel, and Kathleen, and his stepson David.

Art was born on May 4, 1934, in Duluth, Minnesota. He graduated from high school in 1952, married Joyce Bonneville in March of 1953, and graduated from college with a Bachelor's degree in history in 1957.



Just a few days after graduating from college, anxious to leave the Minnesota snow behind, Art moved with Joyce and their first two children to California. They initially settled in LaPuente, then just a few years later they moved their growing family to a home on Greenville Drive in West Covina.

In addition to long hours at work, Art was an active member of the Bethany Baptist church and sang in the church choir. He also spent

much of his free time improving their home, including installing a swimming pool, laying thousands of bricks to build a massive patio, and spending countless hours trimming trees and keeping the Ivy under control.

The family later lived in Big Bear Lake and Riverside, California. At one point, Art got his private pilot's license and took to the air to commute from the family home in Big Bear to his office in the city. With three of his children now out of the nest, Art moved his family to Arizona in 1977.



For most of his career, Art had worked as an insurance adjuster, and in fact was a leader in his field who spoke at large events and was called on for disasters and other complex cases. But even though he excelled in his career, he never felt that his heart was in it. This was a lasting lesson for several of Art's children, who grew up knowing the importance of loving what you do.

Art and his family lived in Prescott, Arizona while he took a temporary break from the insurance industry to try his hand at owning a granola factory. Eventually he returned to insurance, and they moved to Phoenix. Art and Joyce separated in 1990.

He wasn't particularly sentimental, and Art even commented that he didn't understand what all the fuss was about from his friends who had grandchildren. So he was just as surprised as his family was when he turned into a doting grandparent when his first grandchild, Christian, was born in 1982. He had a total of six grandchildren: Christian, August, Michael, Noah, Hayden, and Jacob.

Art married JoAnn Damico Torres in 1995. After living in Santa Ana, California, Art and JoAnn eventually moved to Prescott, Arizona, where they built their dream home.



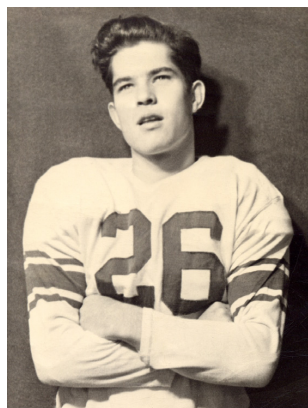
Art loved working on his home and yard in Prescott. Often, after finishing trimming the trees in his yard, he'd head to the neighbors' yards and start trimming their trees. Art retired from the insurance industry, but found retirement boring so went to work in a warehouse for the Prescott School District.

Later, Art and JoAnn moved to Gilbert, Arizona, where he enjoyed sitting on the back porch and visiting the nearby riparian reserve.

Through the years, Art worked very hard to support his family. He was a very generous, pragmatic, and temperate man with a mischievous sense of humor and a penchant for romantic comedies and novels of the old west.

Art never met a stranger, nor missed an opportunity to chat with every waiter, flight attendant, cashier, or random passerby he encountered every day. He had an exacting, dedicated approach to everything and always maintained a professional air, yet would never miss an opportunity to crack a joke.

Alzheimer's first affected Art's life when his father was diagnosed with it in the late 1980s. He and his brother, John, went together to visit their father, and Art returned, telling his family that it was an unpleasant way for anybody to go.



By the time Art was diagnosed, more than 30 years later, his disease had already progressed to the point that he had difficulty keeping it in mind, so we didn't have an opportunity to discuss his thoughts about it.



Art was greatly loved and respected by his family and will be sorely missed. His family asks that you consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association. This organization provided our family with critical information and support, and they contribute to do much-needed research into the detection and pathology of the disease in the hopes of eventually finding a treatment or even a cure.

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Take care. I love you all.

*Dad.*

Dad



