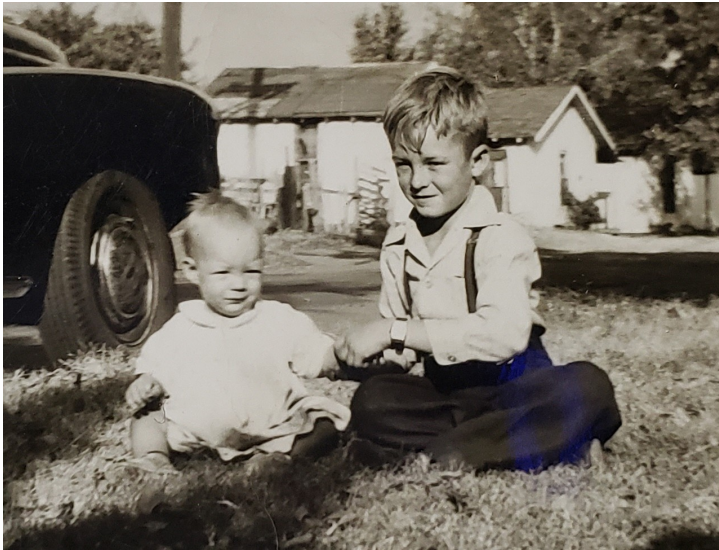




# The FIREY



David - Bill

# 2021

## *Calendar*

### *In Memory of David*



February 3, 1948 - October 1, 2020



Steve - David - Ray - John - Linda

## *Plus Excerpts & Writings of David - In His Own Words*

# JANUARY - 2021

We are publishing some of David's writings for what he was calling his Life Story and putting them in this calendar. The first Life Story he started burned up in the 2000 house fire, so he had to begin again. His sister, Linda, is in possession of the second rendition of his Life Story. We are sharing just a few selections in Dave's own hand (photo copied) and will type up his Life Story in future months. As Diana Firey was working with these various writings and poems of David, she really admired him as a thinker and a writer. We hope that all the family and some friends will enjoy these excerpts (some writings intact but others just excerpted) from Dave's storied life.

## David Firey - In His Own Words

### Camping with The Kids

I Remember camping out down at the Creek a few Times with the Kids. We Fished ~~in the~~ and had a Camp FIRE. I'm Sure they enjoyed it as much as I did. I was NOT too Big on Camping out since I got Back FROM Viet Nam.

But it was SAFER here than it was there. we always took plenty OF Food so we weren't depending on Catching our Supper. we used insect Repellent to ward OFF the mosquitos and we watch out For  
across } Snakes





FEBRUARY - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

Mom worked very hard as wife and mother. She sold WorldBooks, Stanley Products, Blackberries, And Insurance. I went with her one time to a Stanley Party. She really surprised me when she passed around a tube of Santal Lotion among a group of Black Ladies. She said "Don't pay any attention to what it says on the tube. Just feel how good it is on your skin". She unloaded a ~~big~~ bunch of it on them that day! I could hardly wait to get out of there so we could have a big laugh together.

That was Mom. She would find a way to make a way where seemed to be no way.

She cooked, canned, cleaned, loved and was the greatest mom anyone could ever have.

I remember one time Dad and I was at Applegates Feed Store in Sand Springs and I wanted a shirt out of a certain feed sack material. Yes, they made feed sacks out of material you could sew and make shirts out of. So he bought the feed sack even though we didn't have animals it was designed for. And Mom made me a new shirt like I wanted.





MARCH - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

Rock Creek Church was our Home Church. It was ABOUT a mile FROM our House. I Remember Riding my Horse over There a Lot OF Sunday mornings. Some time we would have our Sunday School class outside under a Shade Tree. my Brother Bill, 6 yr. OLDER Than me, was my Sunday School teacher for several years. I was a smart ELICK, Rude, and TRIED To Be Funny. But I Finally went Down Front at Altar call and There my Brother Bill Led me to the LORD. I was Later Baptized in The Creek nearby. From Then ON I was a Better Student.

I got my car and started driving my 4 younger Siblings To Church. By this Time I was 16 yr. Old. Grandfather HUFF came To Live with US when his wife Passed away in Texas. He always went Church ~~with us~~ AND Vacations with us.

I have Very Fond memories OF our Vacations: We would go To Texas most OF the Time (August) To Mom's Family Reunion. We would stop at a Town AND Buy sandwitch stuff AND a Big watermelon. Then stop at a Roadside Park AND have a Feast. US Boys would Look For Rocks AND shells.





APRIL - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

## MILITARY MEMORIES

I had a chance To Go AirBorne - you had to Do the Training and make So many Jumps Per Month To keep your Rating. It Paid \$500 more per month. "No Thanks" I would Never jump out of a perfectly good airplane unless it was ON FIRE!

During my Training at Fort Ord I Did a Little Contracting. I would Do a Beautiful Spit Shine on other guys Boots For 25 cent A Pair. I made Some extra money And when they woke up ~~the~~ their Boots would Be Ready To go.

I Remember when we were getting our Shots. I was Picked To swab the shoulders Before they gave us them shots. Then I Looked and the Line was gone. they Said: "Now its your Turn". I Fainted (the only Time I ever Fainted in my Life) And when they Brought me To I Told them To give me mine. They Said we gave them To you while you were Out.

I Never Volunteered For anything But Sometimes they would Pick Volunteers. you had To go along with them or they would Be pretty Rough on you.

Our Flight From Seattle To Alaska was 4 hr. And 40 min. Then we were Diverted From ONE air port To Another City (Anchorage) Because of Crosswinds. We Sat on the Ground For 4 hr. Then we headed For Japan, a 7 hr. Flight. From Japan it was another 5 hr. To our Destination in Vietnam.



MAY - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

"I like to buy junk and sell antiques" - David Firey

## "Pack RAT with A. Pick-up"

I always Liked yard Sales and Flea Mkts. I started going just To Buy things we needed And could Save money on. It soon Became a Business. I started Putting new handles in Tools And cleaning them up or painting them. I found out I could INcrease their Value and sell them For a profit. I have Been Doing that For nearly 50 yrs. Auctions Became a Source OF Products and Fixer-up things I could Sell. One time I Bought ~~\$880~~ job Lot at Varnell's auction in Mannford. They cleared out their Back Room, Clocks OFF the walls, Mexican Pots, Pot Iron stuff, Antique Secretary (which we kept for many years) An old Cook Stove And 2 Truck Loads of stuff. We went to another Auction And sold the Second Load Right During PRime time. We made a Profit though it took A while to get Rid of All the stuff.

I DID a Roof up ON the Lake And the man was having a Big Sale. I Bought \$750 worth From Him. (that was most OF my Profit ON that Job). there was a lot of metal Shelving For my <sup>new Garage</sup> I had just Built.

I Found Wholesalers who would Sell stuff I could make money ON. I Bought jewelry, Sunglasses, tools, out Dated medicine, you name it, ONCE I Bought 5500 <sup>Barber</sup> ~~Barber~~ Combs For ~~25¢~~ 5¢ EACH. I Sold them For 25¢ EA. ONCE I Bought 1,000 Switch Blade Combs For \$20.00 I Repaired most OF them and sold them For 50¢ EACH. Andy took some To School And got a dollar a piece For them.

ONCE I Bought 15 BARRELS OF wooden Handles (Axes, Shovel, Pick, Hoe etc) For 45.00 Per Barrel. I made a lot OF money ON them at The Flea Mkt.



JUNE - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

We were working on a Roof Job one Time and the Compressor Blew up. ~~It~~ I had wired the Pop-OFF Valve down ~~to~~ Because it was weak and kept popping OFF. When that happened our pressure would drop and we could not keep our guns going without waiting for the Compressor to catch up. Fortunately we were all up on the Roof. There was a Big explosion and the Compressor went up about 15 Ft. in the air. The tank ruptured and spread out like a pair of wings. The motor and pump were still attached when it came back down on the ground. One of the braces on the tank blew off and damaged the siding and another one broke a window. I had to go buy another Compressor and repair the house. This incident was because of my improvising to avoid spending \$9.00 for a new popoff valve. After that happened I kept a Brand New spare valve with me. ~~It was a good insurance policy~~ and I learned a valuable lesson that day.

We had to pigtail out of outside Electrical Boxes a lot of times. Most of the older houses did not have any <sup>outside</sup> electrical outlets. On one occasion we pigtailed out of the A.C. Box outside an older home. Something went wrong and we fried the unit. ~~we~~ I got off light for only \$250 to have it replaced.





JULY - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

When I would get home about 12<sup>PM</sup> OR 1 AM From the ~~Auction~~ Auction I would hook up some Lights And go To Sorting. I'd Fill up some Boxes with "Keepers" And another Pile For Goodwill. I would Fire up my TRASH Barrel For the TRASH that would Burn. I ALSO had a Big scrap metal Pile where I would ~~throw~~ throw Scrap To Be Sold Later. I called this "PROCESSING the STUFF". JANA SAID I WAS "SORTING SHIT." She Liked a Lot OF the STUFF I Bought. We Furnish and Decorated with those Treasures For many years. I guess it gets in your Blood.

I Told those people at the Jennings auction that we all had the same Disease: "Junk It's". We Joked about it Saying: "We Bought Junk And Sold Antiques!"

I Remember when the auctioneer would Turn And ask IF I Could Use what they were Selling "IN my Program"! I thought that was cute and I have used that ever Since.

Gene Varrell had the auction west OF MANNFORD For many years. He said "IF you Don't Speculate you won't accumulate". Well I Guess I Learned To Speculate Because I sure have accumulated a Lot OF STUFF over the years.

once he was doing an estate Auction IN MANNFORD. He told them to start me a pile around a Tree IN the Front yard. You should have Seen the mountain OF STUFF around that Tree! It ~~was~~ ~~included~~ included an old upright Piano. They are Heavy. I Never Bought another one.



AUGUST - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

"A Better Way To EAT"

When I Told mom we did not need To go To all the Trouble OF Cooking And preparing Food That we could just Take Vitamins, minerals and Supplements And DO just Fine, She set the Table a Little differently once. At my ~~place~~ place at the Table she ~~put~~ put a Few Vitamins and Such on my plate with NO silverware, Just a glass OF Water. I got upset and I got the message. I Realized That it was OK To Supplement But that we also needed Food. That's the way the Creator made our Bodies.



(September and October - My Year In Vietnam by David Firey online separately - Horizontal)



NOVEMBER - 2021

## David Firey - In His Own Words

I Am So Thankful For The Lord's Keeping, Protecting Power through out My Life. I worked on a Lot of Steep, Very Dangerous Roofs, ~~And~~ I had several Close encounters with car wrecks, Fire, Divorces, Death of Loved ones, Vietnam War and numerous other situations and challenges that should have killed me or demoralized me.

July 18, 1973

Home Sweet Home

Lord, we've come a long ways together; some places I've gone, I never invited you to come along, But I always knew you were there.

Now, Lord, take my feeble hand and guide me through this life on to the home you've prepared. Earthly dwellings are so lowly to call home, but our home in heaven is the real Home Sweet Home.

I'm Reminded of a sermon I heard once about The "Dash". Our Lives are what we do during the Period between our Birthdate and our Death Date. The "Dash" is what we have to make our mark and our Contribution to our Family, ~~and~~ to Society and to God. So Now I'm just Writing a little about my Dash that others may not know. My hope is that someone will get some help by my mistakes or successes.



DECEMBER - 2021

# David Firey - In His Own Words

"A BLUE CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM"

By: David Firey  
December 25, 1970

Today is Christmas Day,  
And home is 10,000 miles away.

I'm in a foreign land,  
With a rifle in my hand.

Always before I spent Christmas at home,  
Now I'm here so blue and alone.

These other men too,  
Are all so blue.

There's no feeling so blue that I can think of,  
Than to spend Christmas away from those you love.

At home the fireplace is going,  
Outside a new snow is falling.

And when the door bell would ring,  
There would be friends with carols to sing.

But this prayer I pray,  
That next year, I'll be home on Christmas day.

Even though I'm far away,  
I won't forget the meaning of this day.

Christmas means that Jesus came,  
That the world would never be the same.

He was born to live,  
His life to give.

For you and me,  
That from sin we'd be free.

This Christmas I'm away,  
But in passing, let me say:

I pray to spend the rest,  
At home with the ones I love the best.