

## **A Brief Bio — Andrew (Andy) Petro**

Many years ago a boy-child was born to Ukrainian parents in the hills of Pennsylvania. During World War II, when Andy was a young boy, his family moved to Michigan so his father could work in a defense plant. Andy never liked living in Michigan, and for some unknown reason had a desire to live in California. Years later, Andy left college after two years because he couldn't make a decision to choose a major. So, he joined the Marine Corps and went off to boot camp in San Diego, where he knew he would learn to make decisions. In 1962, after being discharged from the Marines, he decided to married Doris in Michigan and the very next day they decided to drive off to Southern California. That is where they began their life together and he began his career in technology. His first professional job was at North American Aviation working on the Minuteman Missile project. Concurrently, he decided to get his degree in mathematics at Long Beach State University, and later a MBA at Pepperdine University.

During their life together they purchased 14 houses in Southern California, New Jersey, Colorado, Virginia, and Northern California. They also raised three sons, Andrew, Paul, and Peter — who quickly moved away to live in Alaska, Colorado, and Northern California. Presently they have two grandchildren, Alexander Maxwell living in California, and Lucy Mae living in Alaska.

Andy's career was always technology oriented and he has held many executive and managerial positions in programming, systems design, project management, training and education, and systems sales and marketing for numerous companies. He loved working with small, start-up companies and spent a lot of time traveling around the world accumulating frequent flyer miles. This enabled them to vacation in Hawaii for the past 25 years. Andy's marketing career at Intuit, Inc., came to an abrupt end when the division he worked in was sold to another corporation. And that corporation severed anyone who had outstanding knowledge about their products and customers and had worked for Intuit for many years.

Andy also taught programming and systems design in the business school at Sacramento State University. In addition, he also taught at UC Davis and National University.

Andy has a lot of hobbies including: writing poetry; walking and running; stamp and coin collecting; reading—quantum physics, science fiction, philosophy, historical biographies, and spirituality; creating stained glass windows; and oil/watercolor painting.

Late in life, Doris and Andy were one of the first couples to move into an active adult community in Williamsburg, Virginia. But, were drawn to lovely Lincoln Hills, when they heard it was like living in Disneyland — for old people.