

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Our Family is a circle of strength; founded on Faith, Joined in Love Kept by God, Together forever.

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Gary Schaefer

Born in Belleville Il. Graduated from Belleville HS and Belleville Area College. Gary is a 2-time US Army Vietnam War Veteran. After the Army, worked for a Corrugated Box Company in Illinois, Alabama, and Georgia. Retired from Peachtree Packaging, where he was a Human Resource Manager for 28 years. The Schaefer's have 2 sons, and one granddaughter. Their granddaughter, Haley lives with her parents in Watkinsville, GA. Bought a small cabin in Blue Ridge 26 years ago and retired to this area. Visited CLCC many times as a visitor from the beginning of the church and became members in 2013. Hobbies are high school and college wrestling. Gary has been involved for 35 years and has been installed in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. At CLCC, Gary is involved with the personnel and safety committees.

Ron Coburn

Born and raised in Kentucky; earned BS Math at U of KY; MS Math Rensselaer Polytech Institute; began career computer programming at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp, 3 years; Bell-south 30 years, engineering, computer science, new technology planning, marketing, corporate planning, training organization, HR; retired 2001; "A lady wanted to buy one of my paintings and I wouldn't sell, but painted her one. She had a cabin in mountains and gave us a weekend here. Debbie said 'I want one' ". And here they are. Married to Debbie 50 years, one daughter, 2 grands; most time spent painting (oils), gardening and "knocking around". CLCC? "Debbie found it and brought me along"



Betty Schaefer

Born in Chester Illinois. Met Gary in high school and married after he was drafted into the army. Their oldest son was born at Fort Lee , Va a few months before Gary went back to Vietnam for the second time. Moved to Lilburn in the 1979 and in 1992 bought a small cabin in the mountains. At retirement, the cabin became their home. Also have a small house in in Statham, near Watkinsville, to be close to their granddaughter. Betty graduated from Georgia State after going to night school for 4 years after her sons finished school. Became a CPA and worked in accounting and financial software until retirement. Betty's hobbies are knitting, crocheting, weaving, painting. Also rides bike, swims and hikes. Betty is chair of the Prayer Shaw Ministry at CLCC and has been involved in the Finance Committee for several years.



Jim Tingle

Born Atlanta in a US Navy home; attended 14 schools, graduating in Guam; Navy scholarship to Georgia Tech; after two years' study, call to Christian ministry intervened; completed BA degree, Johnson Bible School; MDiv at Christian Theological Seminary; retired from pastorate in Minneola, TX; he and Dee married 24 years; bought family vacation home here when parents were gone. Collects and rebuilds hats; collects cameras and participated in camera shows; plans interesting day trips every week His brother, also a minister, told them of CLCC and Dr. Craddock; attended both previous locations; on retirement they joined and found it to be "a warm, loving Christian Community and we're delighted to be here."

