

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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John Jarrad

John was born, raised and educated in Cobb County. His adult career was a manufacturers' sales rep for forty-one years, the last thirteen years as owner of the company based in Gwinnett County and serving the entire southeast region. He and Linda retired to the mountains (Ellijay) in 2002. He has two children.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing in earlier years and current favorite things are Georgia Bulldog football and his four grandchildren, all of whom are close by.

They were encouraged to come to Cherry Log Christian Church by several friends, Charlie McCann being the most persistent one.

Linda Jarrad

Born in Oak Ridge, TN; raised in B'ham, AL; moved to Atlanta age 13; Shorter College BA Ed; MA Early Childhood Ed, UAG; married 1967; 30-year teaching career using creative arts; two daughters, 4 grands; bought Coosawattee lot in 1984, built home 1984, retired there 2002 and became "professional volunteer"

Works with Kid's First, developed program for pre-K using art, reading, music, etc.; works with Craddock Center programs (a story-teller); CLCC bus ministry, working on program for pre-K's in Tower Road; Gilmer Food Pantry; she and John enjoy traveling (aiming for all 50 states); avid reader

Attracted to CLCC by mission activities, outreach and choir.



Joyce Pruitt

Born, raised and educated in Atlanta (East Point) and is a PK; operational management for courier services 15 years; house painter all her adult life; currently studying for her BA in psychology through Saint Leo University; her passion for people is seen in her 20 years with "Water Ladies, Inc.", a non-profit group ministering to homeless of Atlanta – distributing tote bags of clothing, food, water, toiletries (still keeps a supply of totes in her car); harbors a vision of transitional housing.

Makes aromatherapy soy candles, loves animals (currently 4 cats and all rescues)

CLCC: "...a place where I feel safe, welcomed, wanted and loved just as I am."

Born and raised in northwest Chicago. He is the youngest of 6 children. Father and bothers were policemen, so Ray followed in their footsteps. Ray was a patrolman for 30 years in the Village of Hoffman Estates, a Suburban bedroom community northwest of Chicago. He worked as a police officer from 1976 to 2006 before retiring. Ray met Donna, who also worked for the Village. They were married in 1986. Ray and Donna found their way to north Georgia while visiting oldest brother, who retired and moved to St. Simon's Island. Ray likes to fish, so Donna found a new development, Tranquility, on Carters lake. They visited the area and bought a lot. They began building a house and moved here full-time in 2011. Donna became friends with CLCC members and soon began attending the early service. Ray said that he likes the friendly, relaxed environment of the Celebrate Early Service and the community of friends at CLCC.

