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FACES & NAMES

How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

Since April of 2010

Who's in your immediate family, at home here or elsewhere?

Norma: I have two daughters and a son, scattered over the southeast! I have 5 grandchildren and 2 great grands. Joe: I have four sons who live within ten miles of each other in the Canton, Georgia (Cherokee County) area. Eleven grandchildren also live near Atlanta.

Do you have any pets?

We have two spoiled Shih Tzus. Bogey is 15 1/2 and Annie is 2 1/2.

What was your passion at 16?

Norma: At 16 my passion was horses which remains to this day. Of course, there was music (Beatles) and boys. Now I enjoy reading books of all genres. I have also been doing genealogy for many years which has led to finding cousins in England to visit, tromping through old cemeteries and dusty courthouse basements. Joe: At sixteen I was all about being a new driver, track and field and boating and was brought up in Jacksonville Beach. My other passion was track and field and cross country running. I held our school record for the mile run. I haven't mentioned interest in girls for fear that Norma might read this piece.

And now?

Joe: Golf with friends at Magnolia Point is a passion. A life-long passion has been flying. After starting as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, I owned several airplanes and was a part-time commercial pilot for several years. The most rewarding job was flying air ambulance missions but I also enjoyed flying for NASCAR teams and for the high rollers at casinos.

What advice would you give to a 16-year old today?

Norma: Enjoy this time of your life but with eyes to the future as far as education, volunteering in the community and a little work experience wouldn't hurt. Joe: Get a "useful" education and graduate from college with little or no debt. And learn to speak and write English. Speak plainly and use good grammar. Learn to create perfect documents.

What do you like most about your home?

Norma: My favorite place in my home would be my "office". It has everything I need for my reading and genealogy hobbies. I also love the screened lanai with the porch swing. Joe: the building is certainly more than adequate for two people. I like the open plan. I am a project person so having an air-conditioned garage might be the most attractive space for me.

Do you have any household projects in the 'planning' or 'dream' stage?

Joe: We plan to do some bathroom upgrades soon. Fortunately, I am a retired general contractor, so I am able to do the work myself and cost is not much of a consideration.

Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

I think so. We have wonderful neighbors.

NORMA &
JOE CHAO

