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Arlon & Florine Enmeier

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San Clemente Roots:

Arlon & Florine Enmeier

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The Enmeier family are true San Clemente locals, having lived here since 1972. According to Florine and Arlon, it has been a wonderful place to establish roots and raise their family.

Florine (Van Dam) grew up on the Valley View dairy farm in La Mirada. She received her bachelor and master’s degrees from Whittier College and enjoyed teaching elementary school children from kindergarten to fourth grade at Ole Hanson Elementary, Concordia, Capistrano Valley Christian and Stoneybrooke Christian schools. She recalls teaching at Concordia when the H.H. Cotton Horse Ranch was just over the playground wall. That area is now Cyprus Cove, where they have lived since 1981. Florine recalls, “We were among the first

families of Cypress Cove and the children remember climbing trees and riding bikes across acres of open lots.”

Arlon, grew up on a wheat and cattle farm in central Oklahoma. He received his bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University and immediately headed west to California. The U.S. Army called him for duty, and he served in the Army band for three years as a conductor and musician. He later earned a masters degree from Pepperdine University and a certified financial planner (CFP®) designation from USC.

The Enmeiers met on a blind date and will be celebrating 50 years of marriage this coming June. The blind date was orchestrated by Arlon’s former roommate who had married Florine’s former roommate and they both thought the two should meet. The rest, as they say, is history. When they were planning their wedding, the young couple had to move up the date since the army sent orders for a transfer to Alaska. “After the wedding and a short honeymoon, we packed up Arlon’s Triumph TR4 sports car and headed north,” says Florine.

The couple were stationed at Fort Richardson (near Anchorage,) Alaska and Florine taught fourth grade on base. Students often had to remain inside during recess because there were moose roaming the playground! Arlon had opportunities to fly with the army band to many small Alaskan towns and experienced local cultural events. “It was a unique first year of marriage and we treasure those adventures,” remembers Florine.

After being discharged from the army, then teaching music at South Pasadena High School for two years, Arlon was offered a teaching job at San Clemente High. He directed band and orchestra at SCHS for five years, then at the new Capistrano Valley High School for an additional three years, and finally at Dana Hills High School for one year. He continued to follow his business interests with a career change into financial planning.

Arlon has now been working as a wealth manager for 30 years. He is the principal of a busy financial planning office downtown, across from the library on Del Mar, along

with his oldest daughter, Corrine, who joined him in the practice in 2014. He’s now living the dream—working in beautiful downtown San Clemente, doing what he loves to do and passionately serving the people he cares for the most while working with his daughter!

In addition to being busy with work and family, he continues his love of classic cars and recently acquired a cherry red and white 1959 Corvette convertible.

Arlon and Florine have three children—Corrine, Alicia, and Mark—who were all born at San Clemente General Hospital and attended Concordia, Shorecliffs, and San Clemente High School.

Their daughter, Corrine Enmeier-LaFollette, and her husband, Matt, have three children as well. Cora is a freshman at SCHS; Annalise is in sixth grade at Bernice Ayer Middle School; and Anderson is a kindergartner at Lobo. Matt teaches Career Technical Education at Bernice Ayer. He also enjoys traveling yearly with high school buddies to take in baseball games at major league stadiums across the country. They are actively involved at Pacific Coast Church and love Linda Lane beach gatherings with their many friends. On weekends, one can usually find them at soccer, lacrosse or baseball games, or enjoying the beach and hiking trails. Corrine has achieved the designation as certified retirement counselor® and enjoys learning the financial planning business from her father. She also teaches financial classes to young adults through the San Clemente Parks and Recreation Department and at Saddleback College.

Their other daughter Alicia Enmeier-King has her master’s degree in nursing from San Diego State University and is currently the director of health services for Claremont Unified School District. Her husband, Corey, has a MBA and is an account executive with Allied Financial. They currently reside in Chino Hills with their daughters Madison (9) and Hannah (6.) They recently competed in a Spartan race as a family, and Corey is an avid cyclist.

Their son, Mark, and his wife, Stacey Stauss-Enmeier, are both homegrown San Clementians. Mark received his bachelor and master’s degrees from UC Santa Barbara and currently teaches advanced placement courses at San Clemente High in the Social Studies department. Stacey’s degree is from Vanguard University and she has been instrumental in the establishment of residences for developmentally disabled adults. She is an active MOPS leader at San

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Clemente Presbyterian Church where Mark also leads groups. Their son, John Arlon (5,) and daughter, Gracelynn (1½,) love to play with neighborhood friends and cousins.

“The Fourth of July finds us decked out for our neighborhood parade, followed by beach time—a happy tradition for all of us,” says Florine. She adds, “Each year we plan a vacation for the entire family. Some of our favorite places are Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead and Cayucus. The days go quickly with outdoor play, board games, good food, energy and laughter.”

For the Enmeiers, travel has always been a big part of their family story. Trips to six continents have included China, central Turkey, Cambodia, South America, Patagonia, Botswana, African safaris, a riverboat cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and a recent cruise from Dubai to Rome via the Suez Canal. “We have had several wonderful experiences joining the crew of bareboat sailing trips through the Greek Islands, the islands off the coast of Italy, and the British Virgin Islands. Arlon also crewed several years on the Newport to Ensenada yacht races,” adds Florine.

They have worshipped at San Clemente Presbyterian Church since their children were young, and enjoy supporting several of those ministries. “We are also pleased to be able to support our local Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) and all the wonderful work they do in our community,” says Florine. Finally, she shares, “Over the years, we have watched San Clemente grow and change, yet it still retains its small hometown appeal to us. Friendships built over the years in our own neighborhood and in the community give a true sense of belonging and deep connection to the town we love.”



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