

Bonnie and Jim Shaver - 2015

Bonita Elaine Calvert and Jim Shaver have been married for 44 years. Bonnie only uses Bonita on legal documents as she has always been called Bonnie. Please note; she also uses Bonita to make Hispanics laugh (you have to know what bonita means to get the joke.) Bonnie was born in Fresno California and moved up Highway 99 to the small farming town of Madera when she was a toddler. In 1952, following the sudden death of her father, Bonnie, her mother and her sister and brother moved 10 miles south of Fresno, to her grandfather's farm. After his unexpected death in 1956, her mother married a widower from an egg ranch up the road. He had two children the same age as Bonnie and her siblings. The egg ranch has converted in more recent times to Fresno County's big cash crop - raisin grapes. Jim was born and grew up in Fresno California. Jim and Bonnie moved from California to Fishers in 2011 to be near their daughter and son-in-law. Jim is retired from Kings County Office of Education and Bonnie retired at the end of 2009 after 15 years working as a Human Resources Analyst for the County of Kings California. Jim says he loves retirement because there are so many things to do in Indiana and they are close to their grandchildren. Bonnie says retirement is the best; that they love their new home in "Hoosierville" and they love the weather. They enjoy the constantly changing and green landscapes and trees which are like heaven compared to the dry, dusty San Joaquin Valley of their youth. Bonnie's #1 interest is her grandchildren. She also enjoys going to the Fisher's YMCA and exploring their new hometown and state. In the future she looks forward to doing more traveling. Jim enjoys racing, as a spectator, driving his Vette, playing golf and shooting. Jim and Bonnie have been members of CI since shortly after moving here in 2011. Bonnie says that in the past they were members of the Corvette Club of Tulare/Kings Counties in California. It was a small but fun club. Jim says that, in the past they were members of Sierra Corvettes in Visalia/Hanford California. Jim has always loved Corvettes. He sat in a 1970 and thought he would never be able to have one because it was too small. But the C6 Z06 changed all that. Bonnie admits to NOT being a 'car' nut but she did love the Route 66 Show, if that counts. Several years ago, Bonnie's sister bought a Corvette and Bonnie says that "They currently own a silver 2009 Z06, which is very fast according to Bonnie. It is the only Vette that they have ever owned. Both Jim and Bonnie agree that what they like best about

CI are the people. They also enjoy all the activities, including the od trips which provide an opportunity to see and learn about their new home state. Their favorites among the activities are Drive n Dines, retiree luncheons, getting to know new people and the IMS track events. While Jim did not have a favorite Corvette story to share, Bonnie had no problem coming up with something. I will repeat it verbatim. The flat tire stories are hilarious. What fun those times were. One was a long road trip home from San Diego. We had to stop frequently to put air in a tire. What should have been about a six-hour drive turned in to a very long night. The second was on a scenic trip up the Sierra Nevadas to Yosemite. Due to extensive road repairs we were forced to drive on very sharp gravel for several miles. When we got to the spectacular Inspiration Point view of Yosemite Valley, we discovered a tire was flat. That kind of took the spec out of spectacular.