



Chuck Cartwright

Chuck Cartwright was born in Columbus, Ohio where he met his future wife, Lori, while they both attended high school. They dated for three years and they married in 1955. Their first son, Mark, was born in 1957, and then Glenn in 1960, both in Ohio. When they heard the phrase “GO WEST YOUNG MAN’ they did just that, moving to Los Angeles in 1960 when Mark was three years of age and Glenn just six weeks old.

Having previous retail experience in Columbus, Chuck joined JCPenney in 1961 as a Department Manager in El Monte, CA with Store Manager Ray Scott. In 1965, he was promoted to Sales and Merchandise Manager. In 1967, Chuck was promoted again, this time to Merchandise Manager in Huntington Beach, CA one of the company’s first full line stores. Two years later Chuck was assigned to the company’s new program of “Operations Manager in Training.” Then in 1970 Chuck was promoted to Operations Manager at the new Fashion Valley store in San Diego, California. Chuck and Lori made many new “Penney Friends” and they still look back to the San Diego years as some of the very best. In 1972, Chuck was promoted to Sales and Merchandise Manager and he was assigned to Huntington Beach for a second time where he worked with Manager George West. This relationship with West lasted many years beyond Huntington Beach.

In 1974, Chuck was promoted to the Los Angeles Area Staff. During the next two years, Chuck helped open many new full line stores. It was an exciting time to be part of JCPenney. Staff members like Bill Shaver, Stan Newton, George Scott, and Wayne

Schlaefli among others remain friends to this day.

In 1977, Chuck was promoted to Store Manager at Newport Beach, CA. He liked to claim that he had the only Auto Center in the country with an ocean view. After Newport Beach Chuck was assigned to Santa Barbara as Store Manager. In 1981, Chuck was promoted to Regional Merchandise Manager for Home Lines at the Chicago Office. In 1985, Chuck was assigned to his third store as Store Manager in Racine, Wisconsin. Chuck and Lori attempted to develop a loyalty to another Big 10 school, the mighty Wisconsin Badgers, but in earnest they were still Buckeye fans. In 1987, Chuck was promoted to the Brickyard Mall in Chicago. Five years later Chuck was promoted to his fifth and final store manager position when he was sent “out west” again to the Washington Square store in Portland, Oregon.

In 1995, Chuck and Lori retired to St. George, Utah to fulfill their dream of life after JCPenney in a semi-rural “high desert” lifestyle. Years of working and living in Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago and Portland had certainly provided plenty of “metro living” to Chuck and Lori, enough to last several lifetimes. Their main retirement activities have been golf and RV travel. They have driven twice to Alaska; cross country to the Atlantic five times; and they spent a summer crossing Canada to the Maritime Provinces. They are now settled down to a little quieter lifestyle, having recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They continue to seek out and enjoy the company of their family, Mark, Lori, Glenn, and granddaughters Amie Ann and Lindsey Rae, all living in nearby California.