

PEOPLE OF ARROWHEAD

by Bill and Kathie Martsof

We met through mutual friends when I borrowed her horse to take another girl on a date. We met again just before I was discharged from the Marines . Kathie's friend, Mary, and I had a friendly wrestling match at her friend's house and , well just to say that Kathie grabbed my leg and has never let go, lucky for me. We were married 6 months later after I got my discharge.



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I (Bill) was born in Pennsylvania near the town of Beaver Falls. Graduated from high school and moved to Colorado. Went to Mesa junior collage while working as manager of the Arctic Circle . I received my draft notice, enlisted in the Marines, my duty stations included Chu lai -Vietnam and El Toro ,California as an aviation electrician.

I (Kathie) was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colo. Went to Grand Junction High School and Mesa Junior College. While our two children were still at home, I returned to Mesa State and got a degree in Accounting. Now I'm working and Bill is retired – go figure!

How did we find Arrow Head? I all started by looking for a second home in Lake Havasu, AZ.. Kathie didn't like the hot summers and too far from home.

We traded in our sun tan oil for Chap Stick and started looking in Colorado for a mountain home. We looked at Vega Reservoir area up by Colburn. Vega was ok but not what we were looking for. Next we looked around Crawford, but again not to be done. We also looked at cabins on the Grand Mesa and found again to be lacking in many things.

We were about to give up for the year when I was talking to Dwight Marney while he was trimming Kathie's horse. He invited us up to take a look and introduced us to Lucia. We liked the area, nice drive up the canyon and cabins well spaced. Lucia put the pressure on, twisted my arm and offered to buy lunch. Now you're talking -- lunch at the Inn. We talked and had fun, Lucia talked about what they had to offer. Another twist of the arm - gentle of course, but I still think I can take her at arm wrestling. We decided to go for it. Why not? Good neighbors, lots to do, horse back riding, fishing, and don't forget gold panning!

Want to learn how to pan for gold? Just ask Bill!

