

## **John Crooker**

I was born in Fairmont, MN in 1944 at age 9 my family moved to the Los Angeles area (Glendale).

I went to school there through years of college.

I worked at Safeway Grocery stores as a courtesy clerk and worked my way up to Assistant Store Manager.

In 1967 I was drafted into the Army and spent a year South Vietnam as an infantry man in the First Infantry Division. While there I was awarded the Bronze Star and The Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon my discharge I returned to Safeway.

In 1971 I married my wife Judy, this past September we celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary.

In 1972 I went to work at a local food broker selling products to the food stores in Southern California that lead to my employment at Stouffer Foods.

I was with Stouffers for 10 years and promoted to sales manager and moved to St. Louis. MO, I traveled throughout the entire United States.

I spent time with several different food companies in sales management; Nabisco, Jeno's Pizza, Valley Lavash.

I relocated to Sonoma County in 1994 and opened a consulting business for small upcoming food companies i.e., Thanksgiving Coffee Company, La Tempest Baking Co.

I retired in 2001 after 30 years in the food business and the rest they say is history.

At SIRS I was Little Sir in 2019 and 2020 - 2021 I served as Big Sir.

My hobby is designing and constructing websites, our SIRS is an example of my work.