

Al and Alice Friedrich

Al and Alice Friedrich are an interesting and fascinating couple just new this month to Patriots Colony. They each grew up in southern Minnesota in farming families and in the 4H club. Each family had 10 children.

They knew one another in school and competed against each other in fairs. Al won the Grand Championship for his pig and Alice won a blue ribbon with her steer. Apparently, Al's win didn't make enemies of them as they dated in high school. With WWII going on, Al did not want to be drafted so he took a challenging test which got him into the Navy for a year and a half until the war was over.

Then they were married and began their family and their careers. Alice was a medical technician and Al graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Al had many years with companies like RCA, Northrup, GTE and others and apparently loved his career. He also became a member of organizations and soon served as President of the Navy League. Then he joined Toastmasters and was on the International Board of Directors of Toastmasters.

The family took up snow skiing and golf but, most of all, they loved to travel. When Al's work required that he visit other countries, Alice would pack up and go with him. They cruised many of the rivers of Europe and saw a lot of countries of the world. They have two sons; one has an MBA and the other is a veterinarian. They have one grandson who is an Arizona golfer. He plays and teaches golf and is 6'6" tall. The Friedrich's came to Williamsburg in 1999 and have just joined us at Patriots Colony. Let's make them feel welcome.