



Interview on Joe Tembrock

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Introduction

My interview is on a man named Joe Tembrock. He's my best friend's father. He's forty eight years old, and is a very happy man with a wonderful family. He has gray, curly hair, wears glasses, and he likes to wear saggy shorts, with a fishing hat.

Early Life

Joe was born in Fargo, North Dakota in 1940. He has three brothers and one sister. Joe is the oldest of the children. His brother's names are William, who goes by the name of Bill; James, who goes by the name of Jim; and Paul. His sister's name is Marlyn?

Some things Joe enjoyed doing with his family are playing volleyball, and rough housing with his dad. Joe said, "I remember one time my brother Bill broke his glasses when we were wrestling with my dad." Joe went fishing quite often with his dad, and sometimes they went hunting. His family enjoyed spending time at their cottage on White Earth Lake. They also enjoyed playing lots of cards.

When Joe was a kid, he had to work a lot. He had to manage two paper routes for ten years! He remembers when his family would pick raspberries, Joe said, "We would go out where there was a forest fire, on White

Earth Lake, and there were lots of raspberries. It would take forever to pick them because there were so many. I remember my brother Bill would pick some, and then he'd eat his! We would end up bringing back lots of raspberries, and making jam."

Schooling

Joe didn't do a whole lot of work in grade school, and even less in high school! The schools he went to were small, and lots of people dropped out. Because Joe didn't work very hard in his previous years, he had to work extra hard in college. He enjoyed college a lot.

During high school, he enjoyed science the most; and in college, he loved geology, and biology. "Math was the hardest," Joe claimed, "especially when you get up around calculus!" Joe played lots of sports in high school: basketball, football, and baseball. "I didn't like football too much because I got creamed once or twice." Joe stated. "That's when I quit, and joined the band!" he added.

Joe liked to sit around and talk with his friends. Once in a while they played pranks at school: "I don't know if it was me or not, but one time we put a tack on the teacher's chair!" Joe's best friend in high school was a boy named Bob Theeland, he went by the name of

Kiddy. He's now Joe's brother in law! Yes, he married Joe's sister! "Bob and I liked to play the game with paper, rocks, and scissors. We would play with boys that lived near us. Since they helped their parents on the farm, they had really strong arms. We played where the loser would take a blow in the arm or wrist from all the other players. I usually went home with sore arms!"

Career

"In college, I wanted to be an engineer, but then I realized that math and I didn't agree!" Joe then decided to go into accounting and business. He got a little experience from working in his father's bank. Now Joe works for HP, and does well. Joe has many other careers along with this one. He works with nonprofit groups. He was one of the founders of St. Joseph's program called, "Outreach", and also was one of the founders of "Cupertino Community Services". Joe also founded "Sacred Hearts Community Services". He would like to change careers. Joe dreams of working with his hands. He says he might enjoy being a carpenter. He would also like to grow grapes, make wine, and have a place in the country.

Day to Day Living

Joe's schedule goes like this: sleep, eat, bicycle, work, and rough house with his son, Joey. Joe particularly likes his bike ride in the morning. That is his favorite part of the day. Also if he gets a lot done at work, and has a nice dinner, he enjoys the evening a lot too. Joe's favorite season is Spring, mostly because everything is blooming. Joe likes nature because it's always changing. His worst encounter with nature was the Alaskan earthquake in '64. It was the largest quake recorded.

Joe feels his health is very important. In order to keep healthy, he rides his bike to work and back every day (a total of six miles), he eats two to three apples a day, tries to stay away from salt, sugar, and fat, and he attends aerobic classes twice a week. He likes just about every type of food, except junkfood. He hates to see food go to waste. He especially likes "chicy" (chicken), fish, and vegetables.

Everyday, Joe likes to read a little in the Bible. He also enjoys reading National Geographic, The Smithsonian, Time Magazine, the newspaper, and sometimes, New Covenant. Joe has traveled just about everywhere in the U.S. He's also traveled to England, and Israel. Joe especially likes to vacation in Minnesota. There he sees some of his family, and stays on White Earth Lake, in his father's cottage. Joe also

gets to get a little fishing in on his trip. He also likes traveling to the mountains. (Last summer, he, his son, and I, went on a four-day, thirty mile hike in Yosemite.) The most interesting event Joe has experienced lately is removing a fish hook from my back! (when we were fishing on our cutting, I happened to hook myself in the back. Since we were at least twenty miles from any sort of ranger stations or anything like that, Joe had to take it out.) This is one of the things that has brought Joe and I closer together.

Joe's advice for getting along with other people goes like this: "Listen, realize that everyone is unique, respect others, and I believe what it says in the Bible about love God and your neighbor, as you love yourself." Joe thinks the greatest person of this century is John F. Kennedy; of the past, Jesus Christ. Joe feels our biggest problems are nuclear threat, and the rate at which we're using up our Earth's fossil fuels. He thinks these things can be controled if we would consider it every once in a while, and vote for people who will solve these problems.

Heritage

Joe feels arts and crafts are an essential part of good living. He stated, "Yes, it's a way to be creative, to reach our fullest." He enjoys cooking,

woodworking, growing gardens, and fishing. Joe thinks family recreation is an important fact. He feels families should spend a great deal of time together. He particularly enjoys storytelling, and collecting pictures. He feels it's important to appreciate where our ancestors have come from. He thinks working hard, having fun, and treating people honestly are essential to a happy life. To get by in this world happily, Joe thinks it's important to have fun, do your best, don't be afraid to try things, and don't put too much money into materialistic items, it's not important to have the most or the best.

Excellent



This is a picture of Joe on one of his birthdays. His son, Joey, is behind him.



Here are two pictures of Joe doing two of his favorite things; woodworking, and fishing. He's fishing on White Earth Lake, in Minnesota. He's probably staying in his father's cottage.





This is a picture of Joe and his family. From left to right: Mary, Joey, Becky, Joe, Judy, and Amy.