

FLOYD'S VOICE – VOLUME 2 - OCTOBER 1–10, 2021

FLOYD'S VOICE Friday, October 1, 2021 - ISRAEL

In the 1960's, the book and film *Exodus* was a springboard for Floyd's continued and lifelong interest in the Middle East and the Israeli conflict. Also, the book *From Beirut to Jerusalem* was a major source for his understanding of the complex dynamics of Israel's position as target for the consistent threat of conflict within the Arab world.

Floyd followed the history of Israel. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and its rejection by the Arab world led to formation of the PLO in 1964 and the major conflict in the famous Six-Day War in 1967.

1917 Balfour Declaration - British endorse "national Home" for Jewish – Palestine
1936-39 Arabs of Palestine revolt against Jewish homeland in Palestine

1947 United Nations partition Palestine into 2 states for Jews & Palestinian Arabs

1948 Britain withdraws from Palestine – State of Israel established

1956 Israel attacks Egypt to occupy most of Sinai Peninsula, later withdraws

1964 Arab heads of state establish PLO Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo

1967 Israel launches preemptive strike against Egypt, Syria, and Jordan as they are

preparing for war against the Jewish state. The Six-Day War ends with Israel occupying Sinai Peninsula, Golan Heights, Gaza Strip, and the West Bank.

1969 Yasir Arafat elected chairman of executive committee of the PLO.

Leon Uris was one of the highly renowned authors from America who wrote several successful novels based on historical fiction. His first book was *Battle Cry* (1953), and a number of historical fiction books in the 1960's: *Exodus* (1958) Founding of State of Israel; *Exodus Revisited* (1960); *Mila 18* (1961) Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; *Armageddon* (1964) Berlin – End of War and Rise of Soviet Power; and *Topaz* (1967) Cuban Missile Crisis. The book *Exodus* became a 1960 American epic film on the founding of the State of Israel. The song *Exodus* also became classic in the 1960's.

Floyd was able to visit Israel twice, and those visits to the major sights of the Holy Land were among his most meaningful historical trips. Floyd's research of Israel and the Middle East expanded to his understanding of all areas of Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan. His reading of the conflicts in that area of the world led to an extensive library of books that will be forthcoming in covering decades from 1970 until present time.

Floyd and I renewed our marriage vows during our 25th anniversary year in 1991 while we were in Jerusalem, with James as witness. We were truly blessed.

With Loving memories forever, Kathy

Books Related to Israel and Available for Adoption:

- Exodus Revisited*** by Leon Uris c. 1960 224 Pages
- The Source*** by James A. Michener c.1965 1,088 Pages
- O Jerusalem*** By Larry Collins and Dominique LaPierre c. 1972 638 Pages
- From Beirut to Jerusalem*** by Thomas L. Friedman c. 1989 525 Pages
- Peace Process – American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1967***
by William B. Quandt c. 2001 488 Pages
- A Season in Bethlehem – Unholy War in a Sacred Place*** by Joshua Hammer
c. 2003 287 Pages
- Jerusalem Countdown – A Prelude to War*** by John Hagee c. 2006 263 Pages
- Jerusalem 1913 – The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*** c. 2007 225 Pages
- Spies Against Armageddon – Inside Israel's Secret Wars*** c. 2012 353 Pages

FLOYD'S VOICE

Saturday, October 2, 2021

SONGS OF THE 60'S

Last, but certainly not least, remember the music of the 1960's? It is amazing how 60's songs continue to be popular in American culture even today. Who would have guessed that the songs so popular on the radio in the 1960's would have become classics, and still popular 50 years later? (Can you believe, these songs are 50+ years old?)

We have an entire collection of LP record albums that we have kept, never expecting that those large records would ever again be popular. Likewise, the albums we still own have been played so many times that they don't have the neat clean covers that would make them collector's items. Our LP albums were certainly listened to incessantly and enjoyed tremendously. It is also amazing that "vinyl records" like these have now become popular again!

The most popular albums that Floyd enjoyed were The Beach Boys and Beatles. His favorite song was *American Pie*. Also, the 1960's is known as an important

period of speaking out for civil rights. For example, Peter, Paul and Mary sang meaningful songs with thoughtful social justice messages. Lyrics from Blowin' In the Wind, Where Have All the Flowers Gone?, If I Had a Hammer, and Sound of Silence are still messages that can relate to social justice today.

REMEMBER THESE SONGS FROM THE 1960'S?

DON MCLEAN

American Pie

BEACH BOYS

Little Deuce Coupe
Be True to Your School
California Girls
Surfin' U.S.A.
Shut Down

BEATLES

She Loves You
I Want to Hold Your Hand
All My Loving
A Hard Day's Night
Please Mr. Postman

SONNY AND CHER

I Got You Babe

CHUBBY CHECKER

The Twist

PETER, PAUL AND MARY

If I Had A Hammer
Blowin' In the Wind
500 Miles
Where Have All the Flowers Gone?
Puff the Magic Dragon
Leavin' On A Jet Plane

SIMON AND GARFUNKEL

Mrs. Robinson
Sound of Silence

HERMAN'S HERMITS

Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely
Daughter
There's A Kind of Hush
I'm Henry VIII, I Am

DAVE CLARK FIVE

Glad All Over
Can't You See That She's Mine

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FLOYD'S VOICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

“IF ONLY YOU HAD KNOWN”

Last Sunday I shared the positive impact that Joel Osteen's weekly sermons had on Floyd, and how Floyd would faithfully watch Joel every Sunday morning. I continue to faithfully watch Joel Osteen, and hope that through Joel we may receive messages that would also be **FLOYD'S VOICE** from heaven. Today's sermon from Joel Osteen was a perfect example. The theme for this morning's sermon was **“If Only You Had Known.”** It reminds us that God has a **destiny** for us that is beyond what we know, and to have **FAITH** that what happens has a higher purpose in God's plan for us. According to Joel's sermon today, **“God won't do anything to keep you from your purpose.”**

In all honesty, it has been impossible to understand how Floyd passed so quickly and unexpectedly. He had been under care of two excellent specialists, and being monitored in a maintenance phase of some underlying medical issues. Yet, we had no expressed concern about any impending threat. The Thursday before he died, he had a thorough meeting with one specialist to review results from some testing a few weeks before. Nothing had shown grave concern and just a need for surveillance and maintenance of current protocol. 4 days later, Floyd's condition declined quickly at home, leading to sudden heart failure. We have copiously, and with anguish, reviewed every aspect of the final circumstances, and nothing had indicated the mortal threat of the kind that actually occurred. I kept repeating, **“It doesn't make any sense.”** It has become almost a forced alternative to me to have **FAITH** that the only thing that makes sense is that God had called him home, and it was his time. It has truly been a test of faith to truly acquiesce that **God was in control**, not the medical community...and not me.

I bring up this issue of God's time in relation to Joel's message today of **“If Only You Had Known.”** Somehow what happened is part of a **Divine Plan**. Floyd had fulfilled his purpose here on earth, and was recruited to help the world he loved so much, but from the eternal Angel side. His frustration with the situation in the world with the pandemic was manifest in his Global Updates. He could no longer travel out into his beloved country, and world beyond, to make the difference that was his calling. I can only think that his **“Wheels Up”** exit became an assignment to spread **GRACE, GOODNESS, INTEGRITY, PATRIOTISM**, amid the lens of **POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE** from an evolved heavenly side of Floyd's boundless Spirit. Also, he left behind his words, which he shared with his **Global Update** every day. It is the legacy in **FLOYD'S VOICE** that he has inspired me to continue to share. That is why it seems only fitting to **RESURRECT** Floyd's daily **Global Update** email, and reach out to his loyal following.

The theme of **“If You Only Knew”** is also a huge message for me and Floyd's son. We have been so profoundly impacted by the sudden whisking of Floyd from our lives, that it leaves behind a void that is called to be filled with increased purpose. According to Joel's message, sometime in the future we will see how our loss that **“makes no sense”** does contribute to the destiny of our lives. Joel often tells the story about “When my father went to be with the Lord.” It was a springboard for Joel to step into the ministry of Lakewood Church, a destiny beyond his ability to perceive until God intervened by creating the void left by Joel's father.

As I explained when I recently resurrected Floyd's email through **FLOYD'S VOICE**, I feel a calling to share his words through the power of story. Floyd's life is a living everyday example of the **American Dream**, and hopefully it may inspire others, which would be Floyd's wishes and legacy. You will note that I am framing Floyd's story through his identification with books, plus the structure of **Generation Theory**. I have studied quite a bit about the valuable insight that can be shown in framing a life within the parameters of generations, and Floyd and I discussed the impact of generations many time.

Generations – The History of America's Future 1584 to 2069 was written in 1992 by William Strauss and Neil Howe. A subsequent book by these authors was the 1997 **The Fourth Turning – An American Prophecy – What the Cycles of History Tell Us About America's Next Rendezvous with Destiny**. The focus is on generation types in the historical context of **FOUR TURNINGS** and defines the sequence within Turning periods of 20-22 years, with a full cycle of 80-90 years. The **FOUR TURNINGS** are **HIGH, AWAKENING, UNRAVELING, AND CRISIS**. To some it can be seen as predicting a potential future that seems to have been fulfilled enough to give further consideration. This is how the current generations and turnings are frequently outlined:

GENERATION	BIRTH YEAR SPAN	TURNING - ENTERED CHILDHOOD	TURNING YEAR SPAN
Missionary Generation	1860–1882 (23)	1st Turning: High: Reconstruction, Gilded Age	1865–1886 (21)
Lost Generation	1883–1900 (18)	2nd Turning: Awakening: Missionary Awakening/Progressive Era	1886–1908 (22)
G.I. Generation	1901–1924 (24)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: World War I, Roaring Twenties, Prohibition	1908–1929 (21)
Silent Generation	1925–1942 (18)	4th Turning: Crisis: Great Depression, World War II	1929–1946 (17)
Baby Boom Generation	1943–1960 (18) ^[82]	1st Turning: High: American High	1946–1964 (18)
GEN-X Generation ^[c]	1961–1981 (21)	2nd Turning: Awakening: Consciousness Revolution, Fourth Great Awakening	1964–1984 (20)
Millennial Generation ^[d]	1982–2004 (23)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: Neoliberalism/Culture Wars, Tech Bubble, 9/11	1984–2007 (23)
Homeland Generation ^[e]	2005–2025 (16)	4th Turning: Crisis: War on Terror, ^[f] Great Recession, COVID-19 pandemic/recession ^[83]	2008–2020 (13)

AMERICA'S MOST RECENT TURNINGS

1ST Turning – HIGH - post-World War II American High, beginning in 1946 and ending with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

2ND Turning – AWAKENING – “Consciousness Revolution” which spanned from campus And inner-city revolts of mid-1960’s to tax revolts of early 1980’s.

3rd Turning – UNRAVELING – Long Boom and Culture War, beginning in the 1980s and ending sometime around 2005.

4th Turning – CRISIS – Since the **4th Turning** book was written in 1997, the authors could only suggest the future in the current 4th Turning. A **CRISIS** catalyst involves scenarios that might be imaginable, and the authors suggested plausible circa-2005 scenarios. Their suggestions included a global terrorist group blowing up an aircraft, and the spread of a new communicable virus. It seems their **CRISIS** suggestions were manifest in 2001 with the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, the financial collapse of 2008, and now the 2020 Covid pandemic.

Based on Strauss and Howe it could be suggested that we have been in the 4th Turning **CRISIS** period, and based on the 20-22 year timeframe of Turnings, we still have a few years left of **CRISIS**. They predicted that the climax of the **CRISIS** period will come through a grave moment of opportunity and danger, in the form of economic, social, cultural, technological, ecological, political or military distress. In 1997, the book stated that “***the very survival of the American society will feel at stake.***” Does this sound familiar?

Floyd had a deep understanding and appreciation of **history** and with awareness of the concept of **Turnings**. He saw ahead, and I feel he personally knew in the year following September 2020 when he died, that things would get worse. Yes, and things have gotten worse, with divisiveness thwarting resolution. Perhaps God felt Floyd could inspire others more through his Spirit from on high? I hope that is so! I honestly believe that **FLOYD'S VOICE** shared in his **Global Updates** may have left a greater insight within each of us. It may be **our destiny** to make this a better world in a time of **CRISIS**. One person can make a difference, one positive thing at a time! We're trying, Floyd!

Love, Kathy

FLOYD'S VOICE Monday, October 4, 2021

THRESHOLD

I discovered the word THRESHOLD as a profound word that is like a mega conjunction in life! There is the old saying, "***When one door closes, the other one opens.***" Yet I learned a added ending to version that says, "***...but it's Hell in the Hallway.***" There are so many ways we experience a **THRESHOLD**. It is where we stand on a line that is a little bump separating one room from another. In this **FLOYD'S VOICE** progression, we are now on the **THRESHOLD** of leaving the 1960's and moving into the 1970's. This also becomes a transition from the birth years of the Boomer Generation to the Gen-X Generation. It is good to integrate the concept of **THRESHOLD** in terms of the progression of history, as well as defining of a personal life. Each transition from one generation to the next is a **THRESHOLD**, and defining moments in history also become a **THRESHOLD**. Our country is certainly experiencing a **THRESHOLD** right now, from what was before the pandemic to what is reality now, and the future.

There is a final review of the years through the 1960's in two books. One is a review of pages from LIFE magazine that was published in 1973, with large full page photos of events from 1936 to 1972. LIFE was famous for its large size photograph format that prided itself in fantastic pictures of American LIFE. The sections of the book on Leaders, Soldiers, and the Black Cause are an archive of iconic portraits of American history. There are various sections on science, athletes, entertainers, and trends in American LIFE. Between 1936 and 1972, there were several major **generational thresholds**, from entering World War II, to victory in 1944, then moving through the Post-War **threshold** to the Korean War. The assassination of President Kennedy became a **threshold** to the complexity of the 1960's, with crossing the **threshold** into the Vietnam War. A major Civil Rights **threshold** that was crossed with the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Another historical book in the collection is ***The Great Adventure Films***, which was published in 1980, with a notation that it was given to Floyd as a gift in 1983. There are fifty films reviewed, starting in 1920 with the film ***The Mark of Zorro***, starring Douglas Fairbanks. A great number of the films covered the classics, like ***The Adventures of Robin Hood*** (1938). Floyd would always humorously mention ***Gunga Din*** (1939). ("Gunga" became one of his funny words.)

Later in the 1950's there were adventure films that impressed Floyd as a boy. For example, ***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*** (1954). A film that planted seeds of travel in Floyd was ***Around the World in 80 Days*** (1956). From the time Floyd was in high school, he would always express a dream to travel around the world, a lifelong goal he was able to fulfill. He was always interested in war films, like ***The Bridge on the River Kwai*** (1957), which set the stage for his knowledge of history in Southeast Asia, especially Thailand. ***The Magnificent Seven*** (1960) was another classic Western, and early films with such famous stars as Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, and Charles Bronson. Floyd would also often refer to ***El Cid*** (1961), one of the early Charlton Heston films. Sometimes Floyd would seem to take on the thinking like a modern day El Cid. ***Lawrence of Arabia*** (1962) was quite influential.

Movies can tell a lot about the personality of an individual, and Floyd's life was definitely influenced by the films he viewed in his youth and continued to enjoy throughout the years. What films would be listed to describe your unique personality?? The power of films can be truly meaningful!

FINALLY.....TOMORROW WE WILL BE CROSSING THE **THRESHOLD TO THE 1970'S.....**

FLOYD'S VOICE –

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

1970'S and THE GEN-X GENERATION

Those who are Gen Xers were born between 1965 and 1975 and are now ages 45 to 55, and a major influence on our mature adult influence. The oldest leaders are politics are from the Silent Generation, with a most influential representation from the Boomer Generation, many of whom are nearing or in process of retirement. The Gen Xers are evolving in leadership positions in government and ranks of top leadership in private organizations and corporations. Yet, Gen Xers represent a smaller a general more reserved segment of the population.

In childhood, Gen Xers were characterized with the highest number of divorced parents, dual income families and rearing in a latchkey program. They learned early to be independent and to fend for themselves in order to survive. The individuals they looked up to would be found in movies, TX, or in a rock group. Their economy had been recessed most of their lives as a result of oil shortages, terrorist attacks, and soaring inflation. They grew up scared and untrusting as a result of events like Watergate, Iran Contra, threat of nuclear warfare, bomb scares, Castro, and even AIDS. They learned to not trust anyone or anything, with family members laid off without an ounce of care. They learned to never put all eggs in one basket and keep options open.

Technology was emerging with Gen Xers, and they were the first generation entertained by video game systems, and they can't remember not having microwaves or TV's. Computers took off in their generation, but not until their late teens or early 20's when they became more common. They witnessed the birth and growth of the internet, answering machines, voicemail, walk mans, boom boxes, beepers, cell phones, and laptops.

SOURCE: *Bridging the Generation Gap – How to Get Radio Babies, Boomers, GenXers, and Gen Yers to Work Together and Achieve More.* By Linda Gravett, Robin Throckmorton c. 2007

FOCUS ON THE 1970'S DECADE

January, 1969 Inauguration of President Richard Nixon

April, 1970 - Safe Splashdown of Apollo 13

May, 1970 – Tens of Thousands die In Earthquakes – Peru and Turkey

May, 1970 - Racial Violence in Smaller Areas of U.S.

September 28, 1970 – Egypt's President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, dies of heart attack.

October, 1970 – Campus Disorders over Movement of U.S. Soldiers into Cambodia

October, 1970 – Women's Lib Declared Battle of the Sexes

November 9, 1970 – France's General Charles De Gaulle dead at age 79.

November, 1970 – Planes Seized in Flight Blown up by Guerrilla

November 13, 1970 – Thousands die when East Pakistan Hit by Cyclonic Tidal Wave

December, 1970 – Continued Bombings in Northern Ireland

1970's – Arabs, Jews Hail 1970 with Bombs and Missiles

1970's - Nixon Ended War in Vietnam and Improved Relations with China

1970's - Many baby boomers, raised in middle-class homes in suburbs of the so-called "American Dream" joined student, women's or hippie movements. This trend was fundamental in ending war in Vietnam and changing social norms of 20th Century.

1970's - Many countries in Western Europe legalize abortion.

1970 - Women's Lib Demonstrations

1971 - USA hit financial crisis. Gold reserves shrinking, inflation and unemployment rising, dollar devalued.

1972 - Munich Olympics Terrorists. Israel withdraws from Olympic Games.

1972 - Re-Election of President Richard Nixon

1973 - European Economic Community had become European Community and originated with France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Netherlands. In 1973 was joined by Denmark, Ireland and United Kingdom.

1973 - Abortion becomes legal in USA.

1973 - End of US involvement in Vietnam War

1973 - Watergate Scandal

Between Oct. 1973 and January 1974 OPEC raised price of oil for \$1.50 a barrel to \$11.56. Crisis ended in March 1974 but effects long lasting related to energy supply.

1974 - US Passport Office allows married women to use their maiden names,

1974 - Resignation of President Richard Nixon over Watergate Scandal

1974 – Inauguration of President Gerald Ford

1975 - USA and USSR cooperate for first time on Space Project

1975 - Cambodia – Takeover by Khmer Rouge guerillas.

1976 - First Personal Computers – Tandy and Apple

1978 - Polish-born Karol Wojtyla became the first non-Italian pope to be chosen since 1522

1978 - Jonestown Mass Suicide

1979 - U.S. Corporations Begin Massive Layoffs

1979 - Vietnamese Army invades Cambodia and removes Pol Pot and Kymer Rouge

The GEN-X Generation truly emerged in their childhood years within some powerful international and social dynamics of the 1970's. There are a number of books that specifically address each generation. ***What's Next, Gen X – Keeping Up, Moving Ahead, and Getting the Career You Want***, was written in 2010 by Tamara Erickson is a Career Guide published by Harvard Business Press. Erickson lists Gen-X as being born 1965 (or 1961) to 1979. (The exact span of generations varies slightly from different sources.) What is important about any generation is the **FORMATIVE TEEN YEARS**, and that for Gen-X is the 1980s and early a990s. In the current year 2021, they are ages 42 to 60. Those are the years of major career development, and the culmination of final levels of achievement, including children reaching maturity. Many from Gen-X are moving into positions of top authority and recognition in politics. I feel the future of our world could rest on the minds of Gen-X and their seasoned experiences with wisdom, problem-solving, safety, and diplomacy. If you are a Gen-X, or have a Gen-X in your family, you have my sincere support and encouragement to take up the mantle to help guide our world with your reserved Gen-X wisdom.

It's rather ironic that I am encouraging Gen-Xers to guide our world, as one book in our Generation library has this amusing title, ***X Saves the World – How Generation X Got the Shaft but Can Still Keep Everything from Sucking*** by Jess Gordinier, written in 2008, when our world was really struggling with financial distress. The book has four sections: (1) In Bloom 1991-1999; (2) Idiots Rule 2000-2006; (3) Intermission 2006; and (4) I Will Dare 2006-Present/2008 Publication. It is truly insightful to look at your life from the perspective of your Generation and feel a sense of community, as well as a sense of humor!

In terms of Floyd, his was the Dad of a Gen-X, and carefully followed the challenging world in which his son was growing up in the 1970's and 1980's.

Lots of profound family memories,
Kathy

FLOYD'S VOICE –

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

AROUND THE WORLD

The classic book and concept of *Around the World in 80 Days* planted a seed in Floyd's mind that in his life he dreamed he would travel around the world. That was combined with the Positive Mental Attitude he had integrated through the books by W. Clement Stone. Therefore, travelling around the world was more than a dream for Floyd. It was an eventual goal.

In 1969, Floyd had been tremendously influenced by the book *Europe on \$5 a Day* by Arthur Frommer, and had read the book copiously. He began to look into the cheapest airfare to get to Europe, and found it was on a propeller jet that left John F. Kennedy airport in New York, made a fuel stopover in Reykavik, Iceland, and landed in Luxembourg. Then he investigated the very cheapest car he could lease in Europe for two months. So began an odyssey that transformed the dreamer Floyd into the international traveler. To get the cheapest airfare, Floyd and Kathy took an Icelandic Airlines flight on March 15, 1970 and returned two months later on May 15. They spent two months with Floyd driving a tiny stick shift Citroen Diane canvas top vehicle 10,000 miles throughout Europe, doing their best to stick to a budget of \$5 per day per person, or \$10 per day for hotel, food and fuel. That budget was all the money they took with them.

The memorable 2 month driving trip through Europe left an indelible impression on Floyd's entire life motivation. They planned a figure eight route that took them south to Italy during the cold, damp months of March, and gradually worked their way back up north as the weather warmed up into spring. Landing in Luxembourg, they picked up the very small Citroen Diane car in Paris. They then drove south through the Black Forest in Germany and into Switzerland. They drove south across the Swiss Alps when there was still a lot of snow in March, and they had to put the car on a train to go through a tunnel as roads high in the Alps were closed due to deep snow. They arrived in Rome in time for Easter Sunday so they could fulfill a dream of being in St. Peter's Square with the famous appearance of the Pope for the Easter blessing.

After seeing many of the major sights in Florence and Venice, they headed north from Italy up through Austria to Vienna. Another dream was to the famous Lipizzaner horses perform in the Spanish Riding School in Vienna.. They then drove into Germany and drove through East Germany to get to Berlin, and see the Berlin Wall, and take a tour through Checkpoint Charlie to East Berlin. They also visited the Netherlands at the time in early spring to see the tulips in bloom, and then drove back south to Monaco, They had bought ahead of time standing grandstand seats for the 1970 Monaco Grand Prix auto race, where from afar they saw Princess Grace and Prince Rainer. In the last few days of the two months, they ended up in Geneva, Switzerland, and where they had finally run out of money and needed to wire Floyd's credit union for additional cash. They returned on the Icelandic flight from Luxembourg to New York, to Chicago, and came back feeling they would never be the same after their eyes were truly opened to the world.

The 1970's trip through Europe launched a passion for travel that dominated all of Floyd's life. Every birthday and Christmas would bring new travel books into his hands and his mind. He received National Geographic for over 60 years of his life. Sometimes he would discover books about other adventurous individuals who would embark on long journeys across the world by walking, bike, car, train, and even horse. One of the most impressive books was *Miles From*

Nowhere – A Round-The-World Bicycle Adventure, in which a young married couple rode their bikes 23,000 miles around the world, traveling two years and across 25 countries. They lived in Santa Barbara, and the thing that sadly impacted us with the fragility of life was after their triumphant return home. Barbara Savage suffered head injuries in a cycling accident near her home in Santa Barbara. We would become personally attached to those we read about in books, and grieved at what through the book had made the person feel like a lost friend.

These are some of the books in our library that convey such impressive adventures:

A Walk Across America By Peter Jenkins c. 1979 291 Pages

Miles From Nowhere – A Round-the-World Bicycle Adventure by Barbara Savage c. 1983 323 Pages

Walk West – A Walk Across America 2 by Peter & Barbara Jenkins c. 1984

The Road Unseen by Peter and Barbara Jenkins c. 1985 239 Pages

Around the World on Hot Air and Two Wheels by Malcolm Forbes c. 1985 269 Pages

Coast to Coast – Wandering Wheels by Barbara Stedman c. 1988 219 Pages (Bike Trip)

Worldwalk – An Incredible Tale of Adventure and Inspiration: One American's Four-Year Journey Alone and on Foot by Steven M. Newman c. 1989 527 Pages Steven was the first person to walk around the world alone.

22 Days Around the World – The Itinerary Planner by Roger Rapoport and Burl Willes c. 1990 192 Pages

Around the World in Eighty Days By Jules Verne c.1991 253 Pages

The World Is My Home – A Memoir By James A. Michener c. 1992 519 Pages

Around the World In Eighty Days with Michael Palin – Companion to the Major PBS Series. c. 1995 263 Pages

On The Trail of Genghis Khan – An Epic Journey Through the Land of the Nomads by Tim Cope c. 2013 509 Pages This was author's 6,000 mile journey across the Eurasian steppe by horse. NOTE: Floyd actually was so impressed with this journey that he personally contacted the author and received a welcomed response.

FLOYD'S VOICE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

JAMES BOND - 007

The enchantment with Europe was magnified with the onset of the James Bond films. The first 007 movie was *Dr. No*, in 1962. It was *Goldfinger* in 1964 that really brought into prominence the fame and enchantment of Sean Connery as James Bond. Here is a list of the James Bond films that have been such an attraction especially to young men over the decades from the 1960's until Present. It was always a discussion in our house between Floyd and James whenever a new Bond film was coming out. Plus it became a family bond for the guys to watch some of the 007 movies over and over. The first one was in 1962, and last one in 2015. That's over 5 decades of James Bond! They still recall Sean Connery as being the best! How many Bond fans are out there?? James Bond became a lifelong enjoyment for Floyd and all our family! Me too!

1962 <i>Dr. No</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1963 <i>From Russia With Love</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1964 <i>Goldfinger</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1965 <i>Thunderball</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1967 <i>You Only Live Twice</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1969 <i>On Her Majesty's Secret Service</i>	<i>George Lazenby</i>
1971 <i>Diamonds Are Forever</i>	<i>Sean Connery</i>
1973 <i>Live and Let Die</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1974 <i>The Man With the Golden Gun</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1977 <i>The Spy Who Loved Me</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1979 <i>Moonraker</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1981 <i>For Your Eyes Only</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1983 <i>Octopussy</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1985 <i>A View to a Kill</i>	<i>Roger Moore</i>
1987 <i>The Living Daylights</i>	<i>Timothy Dalton</i>
1989 <i>Licence to Kill</i>	<i>Timothy Dalton</i>
1995 <i>Goldeneye</i>	<i>Pierce Brosnan</i>
1997 <i>Tomorrow Never Dies</i>	<i>Pierce Brosnan</i>
1999 <i>The World is Not Enough</i>	<i>Pierce Brosnan</i>
2002 <i>Die Another Day</i>	<i>Daniel Craig</i>
2006 <i>Casino Royale</i>	<i>Daniel Craig</i>
2008 <i>Quantum of Solace</i>	<i>Daniel Craig</i>
2012 <i>Skyfall</i>	<i>Daniel Craig</i>
2015 <i>Spectre</i>	<i>Daniel Craig</i>

***Fond memories of my own 007 husband! My lucky number is, of all things, 7!
Love, Kathy***

FLOYD'S VOICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021

FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

One of Floyd's favorite films of all time was Grand Prix, which covered a year in following the circuit of Formula One Racing in Europe. It was truly a classic movie. It also planted the vision for Floyd of personally seeing the Monaco Grand Prix race. In planning the two month trip to Europe in 1970, the scheduling of the itinerary was structured around actually attending the Monaco Grand Prix, which was on May 10, 1970. Way ahead of time we ordered cheaper grandstand tickets, which meant literally standing squished in a crowd in the grandstand. It was humorous that we were so crammed in that if anyone swerved back or forth, the whole bunch would move! But it was a great viewing spot, right along the main straightaway in front of the famous start/finish line, the pit areas, and just down from the viewing area for Prince Ranier and Princess Grace. We also booked way ahead of time a cheap hotel called the Hotel de la Poste, where we could walk through the streets of Monaco to get to the viewing area. It was definitely a moment of a lifetime, and an event that Floyd was always so proud to acclaim as one of his international racing achievements!

Once we came back from Europe, we were hooked as passionate followers of Gran Prix Formula One racing. The only Gran Prix race in the U.S. was held in Watkins Glen, New York, every October. In the years 1971, 1972 and again in 1973, we took a long weekend from our jobs to drive all the way out to Watkins Glen in our treasured 1971 silver Mustang Mach I. It was 630 miles and ten hours of driving all in one day each way over the weekend.. Again, it was an experience of a lifetime. We had paid for paddock tickets which were seat located on the roof above the pit garages for the teams. It also allowed us to go into the garages during time trial day, and get very near the cars and even see some drivers close up. We have pictures of Jackie Stewart and Graham Hill. Plus we were able to get actual autographs of Jackie Stewart, Graham Hill, Peter Revson, and Francois Cevert. These autographed program pages are framed treasures in Floyd's racing collection.

The 1973 Watkins Glen Grand Prix unfortunately had a very sad outcome. Francois Cevert was killed in practice. Cevert was Jackie Stewart's team partner for Colin Chapman's Elf Team Tyrrell racing team, and Team Tyrrell withdrew from the race. Stewart had planned to have this be his 100th and last grand prix, yet even with not driving that last race, Jackie Stewart still easily had earned enough points to be the 1973 Champion.

Floyd had developed total admiration for Jim Clark, who had tragically died in a racing accident in 1968. There had been a large number of deaths of racing drivers in the years between 1968 and 1973. The death of Francois Cevert seemed to be the breaking point for Floyd's idol, Jackie Stewart. Having Stewart drop out of his last race and retire from racing left a sad taste in the passion of Formula One fans. That was definitely a sad aspect of the sport for Floyd, as well.

In 1976, we had planned a trip to Germany, and the time coincided with the German Grand Prix at the famous Nurburgring track. This is a road course that had the reputation for one of the highest levels of danger. We ordered tickets and booked a hotel ahead of time so we could attend the two days of time trials and the race. Our son James was 5 at that time, and it was a thrill for him to join his Dad in a very special racing experience. The time was August, but the weather was extremely cold in Germany. One of the leading drivers, Niki Lauda, had a terrible crash that left him disfigured by facial burns for the rest of his life. Lauda had been the Formula One champion for 1975, but due to the accident, he lost the 1976 championship to James Hunt. It was amazing that Niki Lauda did recover and again won the Formula One Championship in 1977. The intense story of the rivalry between Niki Lauda and James Hunt was captured in the 2013 film *Rush*, which is worth seeing to understand the behind-the-scenes dynamics of Formula One racing.

It was truly ironic and sad that we had attended the 1973 Grand Prix where Francois Cevert was killed, and then the 1976 German Grand Prix, where world champion Niki Lauda was so tragically injured. Floyd, like a lot of Formula One Racing fans, developed a more maudlin perspective of the sport as it had become too related to death. Floyd never followed Grand Prix racing as intensely after 1976, especially with his hero, Jackie Stewart having also retired and become a TV sportscaster. His interest in Grand Prix racing eventually evolved to American NASCAR racing on an oval track, which had precautions making it a safer sport than Grand Prix road courses.

Floyd's intense interest in racing was truly a part of his soul. He admired precision, perfection, speed, skill, and high speed competition. It was these values that he also applied in his life and in his professional work. His involvement was always at the highest caliber of his ability with full intent to fairly win.

Floyd, you drove a winning race, and crossed the finish line, with us waving the checkered flag in your honor and memory!

Love, Kathy



FLOYD'S VOICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

Floyd loved to read books about current events and real heroes. His collection of racing books includes many biographies, and a booklist of biographies is shown at the end. This is a list of many of the famous Formula One drivers up through the year 2000. As noted in yesterday's article about Formula One, the glamour of Grand Prix racing was tragically tainted by the deaths of so many of the best drivers. The list shows 37 drivers in alphabetical order. 13 of them were killed in crashes – 2 in 1960's, 9 in 1970's, plus Graham Hill in small plane crash. Niki Lauda survived his horrific crash to race again. Ayrton Senna was a brilliant world champion who was tragically killed in 1994. The amazing number of deaths in 1970 was truly a sad shadow on a sport that Floyd had truly loved.

FORMULA ONE FAMOUS DRIVERS

37 Listed – 13 Killed – Approx. 1/3

CHRIS AMON New Zealand Ferrari

MARIO ANDRETTI USA Lotus-Ford 1978 CHAMP

LORENZO BANDINI Italy Ferrari

JACK BRABHAM Australia Brabham-Ford CHAMP 1959, 1960, 1966

FRANCOIS CEVERT France Tyrrell-Ford 1973 Killed in Practice at Watkins Glen WE WERE THERE

JIM CLARK Great Britain Lotus-BRM/Climax/Ford CHAMP 1963, 1965 1968 Died Formula Two Race

PIERS COURAGE Great Britain Brabham-Ford 1970 Dies in Crash at Spa in Belgium

JUAN MANUEL FANGIO Argentina Mercedes CHAMP 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957

EMERSON FITTIPALDI Brazil Lotus-Ford 1972 CHAMP 1972 1974 Youngest World Champ

DAN GURNEY USA Eagle-Weslake

MIKE HAKKILNEN Finland McLaren-Mercedes CHAMP 1998, 1999

DAMON HILL Germany Williams-Renault CHAMP 1996

GRAHAM HILL Great Britain Lotus-Ford 1975 Died Light Plane Crash CHAMP 1962 1968

PHIL HILL USA Ferrari CHAMP 1961

JAMES HUNT Great Britain Hesketh-Ford CHAMP 1976

JACKY ICKX Belgium Lotus-Ford

ALAN JONES Australia Williams-Ford CHAMP 1980

NIKI LAUDA Austria Ferrari 1976 Crash in Nurburgring, Germany - CHAMP 1975, 1977, 1984

NIGEL MANSELL Great Britain Williams-Renault CHAMP 1992

BRUCE MCLAREN New Zealand McLaren-Ford 1970 Killed in Belgium Testing CanAm car

STIRLING MOSS Great Britain Lotus-Climax

RONNIE PETERSON Sweden Lotus-Ford 1978 Died in first Lap at Monza

ALAIN PROST France McLaren-Honda CHAMP 1985, 1986, 1989, 1993

CLAY REGAZZONI Sweden Ferrari

PETER REVSON – 1974 Killed in crash during practice at South Africa Grand Prix Johannesburg

JOCHEN RINDT Austria Lotus-Ford 1970 Fatal Crash at Monza Practice CHAMP 1970

PEDRO RODRIGUEZ Mexico BRM 1971 Killed in Minor Sports Car Race at Norisring

KEKE ROSBERG France Williams-Ford CHAMP 1982

JODY SCHECKTER South Africa Tyrrell-Ford 1979 CHAMP

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER Germany Benetton-Ford CHAMP 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

AYRTON SENNA Brazil McLaren-Honda CHAMP 1988, 1990, 1991 - 1994 Died in Japan Crash

JO SIFFERT Sweden Lotus-Ford 1971 Killed at race at Brands Hatch

JACKIE STEWART Great Britain Matra-Ford CHAMP 1969, 1971, 1973

JOHN SURTEES Great Britain Honda CHAMP 1964

JACQUES VILLENEUVE Canada Williams-Renault CHAMP 1997

WOLFGANG von TRIPS Germany Ferrari 1961 Died in crash at Monza

ROGER WILLIAMSON 1973 Killed at Zandvoort in only his second race

FORMULA ONE – BIOGRAPHIES (In Order by Copyright) (Floyd's Legacy Library to His Son)

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Chapter 6 MONTE CARLO is entire description of the 1970 race we actually attended in Monaco!

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FLOYD'S VOICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

1971 – FAMILY THRESHOLDS

This morning was another Sunday sermon by Joel Osteen. The theme was Extra Mile Obedience leading to Extra Mile Blessings. He reminded us that when something just doesn't make sense, God is up to something in our lives. It is up to us to take on the challenge and go the extra mile to do the right thing when it's hard. Often that eventually leads to Extra Mile Blessings. There were many time when we had to go the extra mile to do the right thing. Eventually we did experience Extra Mile Blessings. Right now we are in a period of Extra Mile Obedience to Trust in God's plan for us and Faith in blessings somewhere beyond the current grief that is still the haunting vacuum of Floyd's sudden loss. We still have Faith there are blessings ahead, and Floyd would want us to be happy and blessed as he is in heaven.

After the two month travel in Europe in 1970, Floyd came back with a forever passion for global travel to continue. At the same time he reentered the typical life of a struggling young married man in the U.S. He continued his passion for cars by frugally saving and purchasing a 1971 Silver Mustang Mach I. It was truly a treasure, as well as a forever wound of grief when it was stolen in 1976. To this day we would still jump with excitement whenever we saw a car like the Mach I on TV in Muscle Car calendars. In 1971, Floyd also began his corporate career in transportation at the National Can Corporate office which had been located across from Midway Airport. The most treasured event of 1971 was the birth of his son, James!

Floyd and Kathy were still living in a small one bedroom apartment on the second floor of a home when James was born. It was not until a year later that they could afford their first house. Also, they had both been attending Jr. College at night while working full-time. Their working class families had no vision of typical college, so both continued taking college classes while working full-time. Now they added the caretaker juggling to give their son a secure and happy childhood. They both earned their Associate degrees at the same time when James was almost two. (See Grad. Photo 1973) Then they went on to continue working full-time and attending a four year college at night. Floyd was now majoring in Transportation at Elmhurst College, and Kathy would often drive to Elmhurst so James could see his Dad before the evening classes. James was literally involved in college from the time he was born. They even were responsible for establishing a decorating a babysitting room at St. Xavier College, where Kathy was attending school, taking James along.

It was obviously another story of achieving the American Dream through hard work. Yet Floyd was a dreamer with a global vision, and enjoyment in traveling with James. At age one, it was Jamaica. At age two, they travelled to London on a cheap charter flight. They laugh at how they packed a folding playpen filled with baby supplies so they could drive a cheap rental car with a baby crib fastened to the roof, and stay at B&B's in England and Wales. (See top of car in photo) The British customs agent at Heathrow Airport just chuckled at the ridiculousness of their checked baggage! They were forging new territory of young parents travelling with a small child and his red Teddy Bear. England became a special place they visited many times, and included in this day's book focus is a list of books on Britain that have been acquired over the years. In 1974, it had also included a driving trip up through Scotland. It was on the trip to Wales that they encountered Mr. Snowdonia, which was the basis for naming our pup named Snowdon. Also, our first English Crème golden was named Brighton in honor of the town on the Southern coast of Britain. They are ENGLISH Crème Golden Retrievers, and the ancestral home of the breed is in Northern Scotland, near Inverness.

In 1976, Floyd took Kathy and 5 year old James to a dream destination of the German Grand Prix. They were in the grandstands and firsthand witness to the news of the horrific accident of Niki Lauda. In 1978 they took 7 year old James hiking in Switzerland, and also to the Chateau Country of France. How memorable to spend the night at the little hotel St. Michael right across from the floodlights shining on Chambord. In 1979, they visited Hilton Head for the first time, which became a 40 year tradition of yearly returns to a special family retreat by the ocean.

Floyd continued his passion for cars, and his pride and joy was a 1976 Trans Am. That year, they had a 1971 Silver Mustang Mach I parked next to the 1976 Silver Trans Am, and that was a clue to Floyd's transportation identity. It was such a personal violation that year when the Mach I was stolen. In early 1977, they moved to La Grange, and that began a new chapter and threshold to thirty years of family life in La Grange. It also began Kathy's subsequent teaching career in La Grange School District 105.

What is meaningful about Floyd's story of the American Dream is that within one decade he had become an international traveler, a dedicated family man, a college grad while working full-time, and a corporate executive with tremendous expertise in transportation. He had come from the home of a truck driver, where no one in his family had ever had a clue of finishing college. Like so many Americans of that generation, he was the first college grad, working full-time while taking classes at night. Everything Floyd did was based on his vision of a dream, a goal, Positive Mental Attitude, dedication to saving, and hard work achieving all on his own. Plus he was fueled by his love for his family, and being a good father became a major purpose throughout his life. Floyd believed anyone could achieve what they believe with determination and hard work and saving, and his personal story was his living testament he often used to inspire and motivate others.