



## **BARBARA PURCHASE**

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ALAN PURCHASE

Alan and Barbara were raised in Oakland, CA. Following high school Alan enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served with the 8th Air Force in England as a navigator. After VE Day his squadron was assigned courier duty flying between Europe and North Africa. After discharge in 1946, Alan studied engineering at U. C. Berkeley, graduating in 1949.

Barbara graduated from Stanford in 1948 and worked for an R&D company in Redwood City. She met Alan through a Stanford friend in 1946 and they married in 1949. Alan worked in the industrial division office of AllisChalmers in S. F. and they spent 1950 touring the company's various plants in the U. S. Upon their return they settled in Los Altos where they raised three children and lived for over 50 years.

Alan worked for several Silicon Valley electronics companies and earned an

MBA from Santa Clara. He then joined SRI International's Economic

Division and subsequently became Director of the Electronics Industry Research Center. He retired after 18 years and operated his own consulting practice another ten years. Barbara did volunteer work until the children were grown and then was office manager of a local swim and tennis club for ten years.

Alan enjoys tennis, golf and skiing. Barbara enjoys bridge and they both enjoy traveling and photography