

# Harrold Herbert Zoch

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Although he was not born in Wilbarger County, nor does he reside there today, Harrold Zoch has his roots firmly planted there. He spent something like 20 years growing up near Lockett and later Oklaunion. He is the son of Walter and Pauline Zoch and has two sisters, Alice Borden and Helen Felfe, both born in Wilbarger County and now residing in Fort Worth with their families.

Theirs is a typical story of the migration to the cities and the demise of the smaller family farms.

Harrold's paternal grandparents, Traugott Zoch from Port Arthur and his wife, Theresia resided near Oklaunion engaged in farming from 1908 until their deaths in the middle 1960s.

Their children are Karl Zoch, Mathilde Lowke, Walter Zoch, Anton Zoch, and Clara Seal.

Walter and Karl had engaged in a farming operation in the lower Rio Grande Valley but his venture proved unprofitable during the Great Depression.

Harrold was born in Lasara near Harlingen. Walter and Karl later moved to the Lockett area with their families, renting farms there and later buying their own farms at Oklaunion and Elliott, respectively.

In 1950 Harrold joined the U S Army and served in the Korean War. In 1952 he joined the facility of Chance Vought Aircraft, Inc., working in the production machine shop and as an experimental machinist until his retirement in 1984. He is now a self-employed photographer in Grand Prairie doing copy and restoration work of old photos.

For several years Harrold was active in Parents Without Partners, Inc. and as a Boy Scout leader. He is now active in the membership of Nichiren Shoshu Academy Soka Gakkai International.

In 1983 Harrold married Paterna Lisbe of Palompon Layte, The Phillipines. Collectively they have four children: Judy Holman, a bank employee in Arlington; Arthur Zoch, who repairs foreign automobiles in Grand Prairie; Teresa Collins, who operates a hair salon in Dallas; and Rowena Jose, with the U S Army in Frankfurt, Germany. Harrold has four grandchildren.

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