

New Vice-president Elected

Following is biographic data for Don Back who was elected vice-president of the society by unanimous consent at the business meeting on Oct. 8th

Don Back was born in his home (and delivered by a midwife, Fanny Blair.) in Jeremiah, Kentucky in March of 1936. He is the seventh of ten children and is the fourth son of Lloyd and Sally Adams Back. Lloyd Back died in 1945. Of the ten offspring, only Donald and his sister, Martha Lena Back Gibson, survive.

When Don's father, Lloyd, died, it became the responsibility of the oldest unmarried son to help support his mother and the remaining children. This was passed down from Edwin, to Norman, to Stanley and then upon Stanley's marriage, to Donald. At that time in 1954, Donald was attending Stuart Robinson High School. He volunteered for the United States Air Force to be able to place his mother on QD Allotment, where the government matched monies Don designated for her. Upon volunteering for the service, Don tested and was accepted for an OCS candidate, but was disappointed when he could not follow through because at 20-70 his left eye failed the vision test and could not be corrected to 20-20.

Donald married Betty Ann Baxter in November, after finishing his four-year tour of duty in 1958. They settled down to work and raise a family in Harrison. OH. Donald and Betty were blessed with three boys and one girl. Their youngest son died in an automobile accident while riding as a passenger with his friend. The remaining two sons, David Alan and Daryl Len, and only daughter, Elizabeth, are living near Harrison in Ohio or Indiana. The oldest, David, married Carol Apted and one son was born to them, Anthony David. The second son, Daryl, married Tammy Anderson and is the stepfather of two children. Elizabeth married Jeffery Allen Smith and the two of them have five children: Hannah Elizabeth, Sarah Angelyn, Rebekah Lynn, Joshua Allen and Lydia Grace. Don obtained a good job at the Proctor and Gamble Company where he worked his way up to a management position and remained until his retirement in 1992.

Don has been a dedicated member of the Harrison Avenue Baptist Church since first residing in Harrison. He was ordained a deacon in 1974. He became a member of the Bible distributing organization, The Gideons International, after retiring and has spent many hours volunteering therein since then.

Donald and Betty became interested in the Back-Bach Genealogical Society upon purchasing "The Back Family History" books. Receiving an invitation to attend the first annual meeting that was held at the Ramada Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, they accepted the invitation and have been blessed to attend each meeting since that time.