

Carroll Davis Retires

After a working career of 61 years, Carroll decided to call it quits and smell the roses for a while.

Carroll began his career in 1933 testing milk for Baltimore County. His sales career began in 1938 when he went to work for Southern States in Bel Air, Md. Shortly thereafter, due to the increase in sales at the store as a result of some of his innovative ideas, he was promoted to manager. He was so good as a manager that Southern States transferred him to straighten out the store in Middletown, De. It was at this time that he married Thelma Smith in 1941. His war began about the same time as World War II.

Carroll changed jobs in 1948 where he was employed by Harry T. Campbell & Sons, which later

became Flintkote, and subsequently Genstar. He began calling on golf courses in the mid 1950s selling bunker sand and lime, and was best salesman of the year in 1962. At this time Carroll became known as "The Sand Man," or to some of the younger superintendents, Mr. Davis. He served in this capacity making many friends in the industry and teaching many people about sands until October, 1980 when he became sixty-five and retired from Genstar.

He was employed by Egypt Farms at that time until December 1993 doing what he loved best, serving the golf courses of the area and visiting his friends.

Carroll has three daughters and six grandchildren who keep him busier than he wants to be at times. He and Thelma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1991, and she is still telling him

what to do and is still commander in chief of the Davis War Department.

I consider Carroll one of my best friends, and even though he was an employee of my company, I never thought of him in that capacity. We worked together on many projects as partners over the years, and Egypt Farms would not be where it is today without Carroll's input and help.

We all will miss the "Sand Man" and his jokes and good humor on a regular basis, but I expect to keep him as active as he wants to be by taking him to some of the outings and continuing his relationships with his friends.

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