Church Point Pharmacy Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary

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The one person who has been around C. P. Pharmacy all 50 years, and in and out daily, is Steve’s mom, Lillian. She is a retired school teacher and occasionally waits on customers when it gets busy. She supplied the information for this article. It was difficult watching her husband’s store close and move to the new location. She has watched the store grow and change, knowing change is not always easy but often necessary. She enjoys good health and intends to be around for awhile.

C. P. Pharmacy is more than just a pharmacy. For almost two years it has utilized the compounding lab for compounded prescriptions. The Diabetes Shoppe, located in the pharmacy, caters to the diabetic’s unique needs.

A counseling room is waiting for Nicole after she takes the natural hormone course in Nov. There is a large gift section that has a large warehouse next door to hold the overstocked room for more unique gifts to be displayed. In the front of the store is a selection of French books for children learning French. Nicea has added many Family Pharmacy Brand Generics throughout the store to save their customers money.

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Church Point Pharmacy, 1952 - 2002

Church Point Pharmacy is celebrating its 50th birthday in the year 2002. The pharmacy is now owned and operated by Steve Barry, a pharmacist for the past 27 years. He has three other family members working with him, his wife Nicea DeJean Barry runs the gift section, and for the past two years has done bookkeeping. Caroline, a high school junior, who plans to attend pharmacy school and then med school, works every other Saturday and during the summer. Catherine tells people she is a clerk in training. William loves sports too much to give work much of a thought. When the drugstore first opened 50 years ago, Walter and Lily were expecting Steve.

Walter Barry moved to Church Point in Jan. 1952 with his wife Lillian and two small children, David and Jan. C. P. Pharmacy opened two months later. The grand opening was celebrated on March 1st. The pharmacy was located at 205 N. Main St. across from OLSH church for the next 35 years. Oct. 1, Steven Charles Barry was born. Little did his parents know that he would enter the pharmacy profession and carry on the store when his father was gone. Lynne was born three years later, completing the Barry family.

Many people have worked at C. P. Pharmacy through the years. Walter Barry was the first pharmacist and Rose Marie Melancon Andrus was the first clerk to work there. The first delivery men were John O. Williams and Bozo Melancon. Lillian Barry’s brother, Ken Lavergne, a pharmacist, has worked there as needed over the years.

For 38 years Wilbur Olivier worked first for Walter and then Steve. He holds the record for the longest worker. Wilbur started out as a delivery man, clerk and did many odd jobs at the pharmacy. He gained much knowledge working at the store and moved to the position of pharmacy clerk. Due to illness, he is unable to work.

His presence is missed by his coworkers and the many customers of the store.

Clerks or delivery men who worked for the Barry family through the years include Bertha Brasseaux, Cecile Brasseaux, Nora Daigle, Joyce LeBlanc, Delia Thibodeaux, Jean Thibodeaux, Carlton Royer, Ronald & Cooper Brasseaux, Mrs. Cleve Daigle, Leo & Loris Brasseaux, Germaine Daigle, Deidra R. Daigle, Eloise D. Bourgeois, Alyce D. Doiga and Laura Barousse.

Most of these clerks worked through the years for Walter until he became ill in 1986. He died in Dec. 1987 of ALS, a rare muscular dystrophy disease. He owned and operated C. P. Pharmacy for 34 years.

In 1988 Steve moved the pharmacy to the current location at 300 N. Main St. Currently the store has six employees. Beverly Quibodeaux has been a clerk there for the last 13 years and Catherine Lavergne for 10 years. Sandra Venable who will take the pharmacy tech test soon, has worked there for nine years, also as a clerk. The newest employee at the drugstore is Nicole Doucet Alleman. She just completed her first year at C. P. Pharmacy. The remaining employees are Barrys, Nicea and Caroline.

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