

## Las Vegas's Mother Is Requested The Honor Of Her Presence At White House Wedding

Mrs. Maceo Clardy of Phoenix, Arizona, who is one of the select 500 family friends invited to the White House wedding of Lynda Bird Johnson and Charles Robb, is the mother of Janis Marshall, wife of Ernie Marshall. The young couple reside at 2317 Webster Street in North Las Vegas and naturally are thrilled over Mrs. Clardy's coming trip to Washington...The VOICE took the liberty of reproducing the Arizona Republic's combination news-human interest story because there's a real warm message about human relations here that "got to us" as they say in certain circles.

### She Cared for Capt. Charles Robb

# Mrs. Clardy's Unexpected Trip to Washington, D.C.

By JEANNE TRO WILLIAMS

Monday night the telephone rang in the home of Mrs. Maceo Clardy, 4443 S. 28th St. It was from Milwaukee—Mrs. James S. Robb inviting Susan Clardy to the wedding of the Robb's son, Charles, to Lynda Bird Johnson.

"Oh, I was so excited! I could hardly believe it," said Mrs. Clardy, "I knew I'd get an invitation to the wedding, but I didn't dream they'd send me round-trip tickets to fly to Washington."

It's proper that tiny (an even five feet tall), chirruping Mrs. Clardy should see Capt. Chuck Robb married. "I took care of him from the time he was born until they moved away in 1947 when he was eight," she said.

She's not a bit surprised her "Charlie" is marrying the President's daughter. "He was a good kid all around. A cute little baby, and never any trouble getting him to do his homework, or to go take a bath."

**SHE REMEMBERED** he always wanted to be read to. "When the Robbs would go away to Washington they'd leave Charlie with me. I spent more time reading to him than I did doing the work."

Mrs. Clardy remembers "One time when the Robbs were in Washington, I heard Charlie and Wickie (a brother) laughing in the bedroom. Told myself I'd better go see what was going on. When I take care of kids, I KNOW what's going on. They were up on Charlie's bed with a lighted candle! Could have burned the place down."

For the past 17 years, Mrs. Clardy has worked for Dr. and Mrs. John A. Eisenbeiss, 77 W. Northview. Their two children are grown.

"I've only been with three families. After the Robbs left, I worked for a family who moved after a short time. Then I came to the doctor's family. I've been lucky, always worked for wonderful people."

**SHE'S THE** mother of a son and daughter, two grandsons. Son Gerald Jerome Clardy is coordinator at Arizona State University's athletic department; daughter Janis Marshall is married.

She's "considered sad" when children she's cared for grow up or move away. "It's a pang. They get to be almost as close as your own. Not quite, almost."

She's looking forward to the plane trip, plans to wear a navy two-piece suit to the wedding. "My son's been after me to get on a plane. He's so pleased I'm going."

The Robb family, which had grown to three sons, Charles, Wickie and David ("I never saw the little girl, Trini, she came along later") moved from Phoenix to a ranch in Patagonia, in southeastern Arizona.

"I went with them at first, to help them settle in. We were going to move with them, but my good husband had a new job, so we stayed in Phoenix.

"The ranch house was old, and had a long hallway. Mr. Robb caught Charlie and Wickie tearing out the hall floor. He said, 'Charlie, what in the world are you doing?' Charlie said, 'I'm just fixing the floor, Daddy.' We always laughed about that!"

**MRS. CLARDY**, a chipper 66 years old, has kept in touch with the Robbs, "Usually Christmas cards every year."

She got another phone call early Monday. It was a television network, from Chicago. Yesterday the filming crew flew into Phoenix, commentators, camera crews and all.

She's looking forward to one large event in Washington, in addition to seeing the Robbs again. It has to do with the President. "I just HAVE to shake that man's hand," said Susan Clardy.



Republic Photo by Earl McCartney

Mrs. Clardy's going to the wedding

## Silver Anniversary For The Senior Prudhommes



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prudhomme, Sr., celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at their home here in Las Vegas on October 28.

Rev. I. W. Wilson, the Prudhommes' pastor (Bethel Baptist Church) blessed the home and was joined by a large gathering of relatives and friends in a prayerful wish for continued health and happiness for the esteemed couple.

Family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Session, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Graves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tatum (and grandson), Mr. and Mrs. Eloise Robinson of Los Angeles (All the mesdames mentioned are sisters of Mrs. Prudhomme)...The Prudhommes' children and spouses and grandchildren celebrating the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Broyles, Mr. Joe Prudhomme, Jr., and Mr. Thomas Prudhomme, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Broyles. Other close relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith (and family), Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cooper, Mrs. Hazel Morgan, and Mr. Virge Sullivan and family from Los Angeles.

A host of friends helped to swell the number of well-wishers. Included among the number were Mrs. Leroy Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Johnson, Mrs. Ernestine Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones, Mr. Charles Turner, and Mrs. Jessie Lee Windom.

Close friends pictured below, from left, are Ophelia Graves, Louisa Session, (Mrs. Prudhomme), Eloise Robinson, and Willie Mae Tatum.



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