

Four generations on one block



Photo provided

The Crawford clan in the late '90s. Back row, from left: Paul, Sean, Candy, David, Ryan Crawford and Andy Baird; middle: Tim, Cal, Betty Crawford, Jim and Tyler Baird; front: Donna, Kayla, T.J. Crawford, Jeanette and John Baird. Not pictured is Katie Crawford who was away at school. The family has been a major presence on Ponderosa Lane since the mid-'50s.

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"What more can I ask for? I am one blessed person." Betty related how she grew up with family in Oakland. Her in-laws lived across the street, her mother had a house in back and her sister lived next door. "We called it the Crawford Compound."

Kayla was 5 when her parents sold the house on Ponderosa Lane, and says she never got over it. She remembers playing Manhunt in the neighborhood and the skate ramp across the street at her cousins' house.

"Every time we visited Grandma Betty I wished I still lived in the neighborhood," says Kayla.

Now, almost 25 years later, she does. And, from her front yard, she can watch her kids walk up the street and knock on Grandma Betty's door in their 21st century version of the Crawford Compound.

Other tidbits

Betty and Cal Crawford purchased their house in 1956 for \$13,000. They were the third owner in five years. It is now worth more than \$1 million. The original price of

the homes was \$9,000 in 1950, but for \$75 extra dollars you could get a brick fireplace.

Kayla and Wes Andrews' new home is one of the few in the vicinity to still have its original floor plan – three bedroom, one bath, 1200-square feet including the garage.

Andrews is a member of the family that owns and runs the popular Sideboard Restaurant in Lafayette.

One other family has had four generations on the block, but Grandma and Grandpa predeceased the Clarks before the great grandchildren were born.