

## **Bio Sketch, Bro. John “PJ” Mortense**

Born and raised in the State of Oregon, (Go Ducks). Upon graduation from high school joined the United States Air Force, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant after 23 years of service. While in the Air Force, I served as an Air Policeman as well as a combat crew member with over 3,500 Combat Crew Hours in the position of an Emergency Actions Controller.



I was saved in 1969, while stationed in Great Falls, Montana, called to preach 1970.

Served as a bi-vocational pastor in Montana, Nebraska, and California remaining in the Air Force until retirement in 1982. Upon retirement I began full time ministry, serving as pastor in Redlands, California; Napa, California, and Eugene Oregon. I was called to Alaska where I spent eight and one years, five of which living on the Island of Popov, as pastor of the Sand Point Baptist Chapel. The remainder of my Alaska years was spent at Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna ,Alaska.

My wife of twenty years is Henrietta McKinney Mortensen a native of Mississippi who convinced me to move to Mississippi where we purchased a home in the Becker community. While living in Mississippi I have had the privilege to serve in two churches, Becker Baptist and Canaan Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi.

Serving in smaller churches required a bi-vocational position, working in law enforcement, substituting as a school teacher and as an EMT and ambulance driver. I love to hunt, fish and canoe.