I was discharged from the Navy in October 1946 and had a brief moment of fame, as a vocalist, with a musical group, playing the lounges in Las Vegas, NV. I was forced to abandon this pursuit when they accepted playing dates in Lake Tahoe, NV.

In mid December of 1947, I started with a job at Kaiser Gypsum Company, in Long Beach, CA., where I was employed for 10 years.
In September 1957 I accepted a position at Bemis Bag, Co. in Wilmington, CA., where I worked until 1986 when the plant closed.
After a few months of unemployment, and upon reaching age 62 I entered the ranks of retirement.

During my many years, in the ranks of employment, I had developed a few skills; one of which, as a member of the NRA, I became very proficient in the art of building and refinishing new rifle stocks, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. I learned to build and assemble new fishing rods. One of my passions during those years, on numerous vacations, I loved to back-pack into the High Sierra Mountains with my brother in law and trout fish.

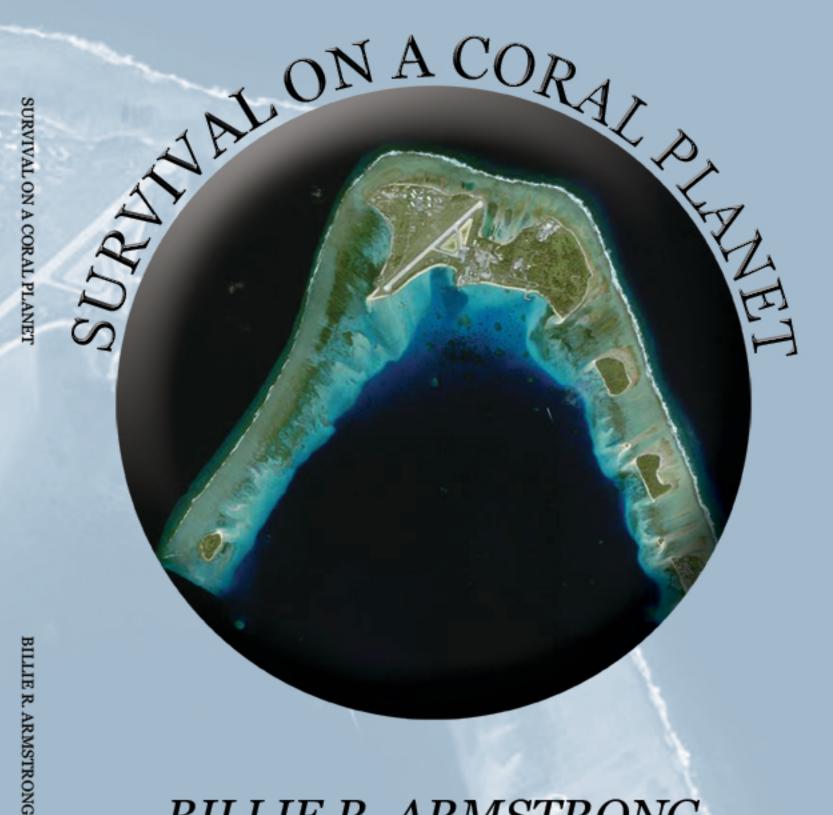
After my retirement, I became addicted to the game of golf, at which I became a fair golfer. Because of an on the job injury, my former employer paid for my schooling in the profession of custom golf club building and repair, which I pursued in a small shop at my home in California.

In August 1992, my wife and I moved to Missouri, where we now live in Nixa. Over the next few years, all of her children have relocated in this area also. Ann is my second wife. I had two daughters from a previous marriage, Diana and Laura. Diana passed away in July 1996.

My daughter Laura and all of my grandchildren live in California.







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