



### January 1, 1982 Double Rainbow

There I was on the first day of the year in 1982, standing in front of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley, CA. where I lived at the time. I had my little "instamatic film camera" in my purse ready to take photos of my young children. This was my only association with photography... taking my children's photos on holidays and special moments with them. I was walking around Berkeley, CA thinking about the beginning of yet another year – always enjoying the opportunity of new beginnings. All of a sudden I looked up and there it was..... not only the first double rainbow I had ever seen, but there it was falling right into the church, with a break in the clouds right behind the cross! I refer to that moment as having been a spiritual experience... as my body was shaking as I snapped it, knowing in that very special moment, on the first day of the year, that it represented something very special. Indeed, 7,500 postcards were printed after I had gone to the pastor of the church and showed it to him. On the back of the postcard I had the following printed: A Rainbow Represents New Beginnings. This double rainbow, which appeared on January 1, 1982, was filled with power and beauty that continues to reach many people. The pot of gold was left at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley CA. "Photography is a gift of sharing what is all ours." The pastor suggested I put together a presentation and show it to his parishioners! Many ordered 8X10 and 11 X 14 enlargements, matted and framed, others ordered dozens of the postcards and others wanted to see more of my works! Hence, it was the beginning of my photographic career that evolved in incredibly wonderful ways. I became known in CA as the "rainbow photographer". That was at a time when there was no "rainbow lens" as there are today. All of my rainbows were legitimate rainbows and were highlights to the many shows I exhibited and sold my works from for several years.