

Keneley House

1950 Skyline Drive

1955

Midcentury Modern

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



The notable architectural firm of Armet & Davis designed this Midcentury Modern residence for World War II veteran Vard Keneley, a commercial artist with Autonetics, a division of north American Aviation in Anaheim, and his wife, Ruth. At the time of construction in 1955, this property was situated at the terminus of Skyline Drive, which had yet to connect with Raymond Avenue. Like many Midcentury Modern residences, the home is “discrete to the street” with a carport and fence blocking view to the dwelling. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom California Modern home contrasts sharply with the ranch-styled homes that were built later in this hillside neighborhood.

The home predates Armet & Davis’s most famous project in Fullerton: the Googie-styled buildings at Hope International University. Although Armet & Davis designed over 4,000 buildings across Southern California, the firm actually designed few residences, concentrating instead on more lucrative commercial and ecclesiastic architecture.

The Keneley family resided here until 2017, and this residence remains unaltered from its original design.