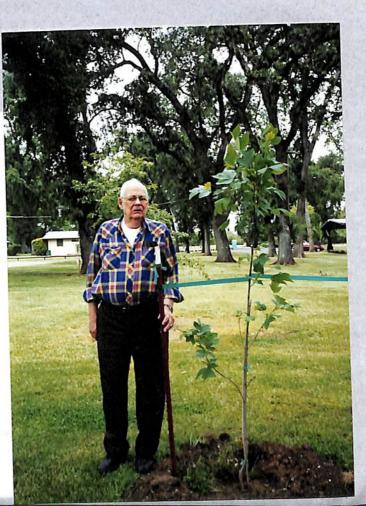
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Gordon was born on June 30, 1928 in Bakersfield and grew up in So. California. The family was required to make many moves around the So. Calif. area and after attending six high schools, he graduated from Alhambra High in 1946. Before and after graduating, he worked at a variety of jobs and settled on surveying as it presented more of a challenge. In 1950 he joined a Shell Oil Co. Exploration Crew and traveled all over So. Calif., the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, stopping for approximately three months in each town along the way.

June was born in Berkeley on June 19, 1926 and started her schooling in Richmond. Her father died when she was nine. A few years later her mother remarried and they went to Shasta Co. They moved around each summer, but always managed to settle each fall where June could get the same teacher, but in different one-room schools. She graduated from Shasta Union High in Redding in 1944.

After working a few years, she moved to Sacramento where she worked for an insurance company and McClatchy Newspapers. Her room mate happened to know Gordon's work partner and asked them to dinner. That was it!! Gordon and June were married August 7, 1955 and went immediately to Costa Mesa where Gordon had a surveying job. June did office work until the children came: Barbara and Jim.

The family came north on vacations each year, so they decided to move back, and get out of the big cities as well. They were in Yuba City for two years and came to Durham in July, 1969. Gordon meanwhile had obtained his Surveyors License and was working in Paradise for John Hamby. When Mr. Hamby retired and moved away, Gordon bought the business which became Sierra West Surveying in Paradise. June worked in the Durham school kitchen, Durham Water Co and for McNair Mfg. when it was at the airport.

In 1980 June and her daughter took a three week trip to England and parts of Ireland and Scotland. With rental cars and trusty maps, they covered a lot of territory and had a wonderful time.

Even before retiring in 1994, Gordon and June enjoyed traveling and have been seeing a great deal of the USA. Their daughter has lived in Virginia for many years and she is a great guide for the East Coast!

Gordon and June joined Durham Good Sams in April 1992. Their two grandchildren live in Fresno.