

John L. and Frances M. Ramos

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John was born on January 5, 1936 in Marchal de Lubrin, a very small village in Spain. John was the second oldest of five boys. He came to the United States with his mother and four brothers on February 28, 1948. His father had come to Winters eighteen months earlier.

In 1954 John started working full-time for Diamond Match Lumber Company in Winters. In 1959 he left Diamond Match and started working for the Vaca Valley Creamery. Within the year the twelve-hour days became a bit much. A neighbor, who also happened to be the mayor of Winters at the time, talked John into applying for a job with the City. John worked for the City of Winters until 1964 and then left to begin a long career in the grocery business retiring in 1998 from the Lucky Stores Distribution Center in Vacaville.

Frances was born on April 21, 1936 in Monaville, West Virginia. In 1934 her mother and older brother Tony had come to America from a small village in Spain. At the time her father was working in the coalmines. In 1939 the family, which had grown with a younger brother Frank, moved to Vacaville, California. The next year the family moved to Winters where her youngest brother Joe was born.

Frances attended the local schools and graduated from Winters High School in May, 1954. After graduation she began working at the local branch of Bank of America as a stenographer but also learned bookkeeping and teller work.

John and Frances were married on April 8, 1956. In 1963 Frances left the banking business and started work at the University of California at Davis, working there, as a mid-manager, until her retirement in 1997.

John and Frances have three grown children, Marina, Johnny and David, two grandchildren, Nick and Michelle and two great grandchildren, Michael and Cecelia. The Ramos' also have a very sweet white domestic short hair cat by the name of Miss Kitty that goes by the name of Missy. She goes with her masters on all of the campouts.

In 1977 John and Frances traveled to Spain and France to visit with family. It was nice to visit with both sides of the extended family and friends.

The Ramos' joined the Durham Good Sams Travel Nuts in 2000. During that time John has served as Wagon Master, Vice President and President. Frances has been Secretary twice and President.

