



John L. Hernandez

Died: August 1, 2024

Jo Hernandez

Died: March 12, 2022

John was born in Billings, MT. Several years later, his family headed west. John graduated from Santa Clara High School, attended San Jose State, and obtained an Ed.D from USC. During the Korean war, he served in the military police. John spent 40 years working in secondary education. He was principal of Yerba Buena High School in San Jose for 16 years and subsequently received a directorship position in the East Side Union High School District Office until his retirement in 1996.

Jo was born in Arizona but grew up in the San Jose area. She graduated from Notre Dame High School, attended O'Connor Hospital School of Nursing and later obtained degrees from San Jose Community College, San Jose State, and her MA in education from Santa Clara U. Jo retired from counseling at West Valley College in 1996.

John and Jo met briefly while in high school. Four years later their paths again crossed, and they were married in 1956. They lived in the Santa Clara Valley throughout their lives, most recently spending many years in Saratoga. They raised three daughters and now have four grandchildren. John and Jo had done little traveling until their eldest daughter and her husband went to different parts of the world to pursue his profession. They then began visiting family members in different parts of the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Jo enjoys growing vegetables and is enthusiastic about fresh-water fishing. John is an avid reader and a fitness buff.