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Basque Community Mourns Death Of John Baptiste Robidart, 72

John Baptiste Robidart, friend of the Basque people in Chino Valley and throughout California, died Sunday at the age of 72.

Mr. Robidart, who came from Itxassou, France, was a prominent member of the Basque community and a long time agent for the Occidental Life Insurance company. In this capacity he helped many of the Basque immigrants who settled in this area.

He lived in Puente until he came to Chino in 1940. He built the Centro Basco hotel on South Central, a gathering place for the Basque milkers and sheepherders of the area.

He was a former member of the Chino Rotary club, and attended St. Margaret's church.

He had been afflicted with throat cancer several years prior to his death, and was only semi-active in his business as a result.

Mr. Robidart is survived by his wife, Grace, and daughter, Juliet, of Chino. He also leaves two sons by a former marriage, Marcel Robidart of Lodi and Gabriel R. Robidart of Monrovia.

Services were held Wednesday at St. Margaret's church, preceded by a Rosary Tuesday. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery. Griffith mortuary was in charge.

Aubrey Simons Was President Of Rotary Here

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