

OBITUARIES

Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 1, 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Santa Maria Cemetery, with Dr. Charles N. Gibbs officiating.

Born on Feb. 7, 1922, to Hillard and Ethel Davis in Carthage, Missouri, Louise moved to Santa Maria in 1947. She was employed with Aluminite Company, in Guadalupe, for many years. Louise loved gardening and cooking. She enjoyed all of her family; especially the quality time spent with her great-granddaughter, Corinn.

Louise is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Charles L. and Sharon Silva of Santa Maria; grandchildren Susan K. Amador of Santa Maria and Phillip C. Amador of Lompoc; great-granddaughter Corinn N. Amador of Santa Maria; brother Kenneth Crouse of Kansas; and nephew Lloyd Davis of Canyon Country, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband Francis F. Flynn in 1995, along with two brothers and three sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary and Crematory.

John Baptiste Carricaburu

John Baptiste Carricaburu, longtime veterinarian and resident of the Santa Ynez Valley, died in his Goleta home Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, after a lengthy illness. With him at the time of his death was his caregiver of seven years Betty Romano, her daughter Iliana, John's wife Peggy DeCastro Carricaburu, and his children Sally and Byran Carricaburu, Linda Davis and Janet Bailey.

John was born in Santa Maria on March 9, 1921, the second child of John and Maria Carricaburu. His first language was Basque, which he spoke until starting school at Los Olivos Elementary. He graduated from Santa Ynez High School, where he was student body president in 1937, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry at Cal Poly in 1942, also serving as student body president there. He went onto Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Colorado State University) in Fort Collins and

obtained a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine. While a student in Fort Collins, he met and married Leslie Alice Sackett. After graduating from Colorado A&M, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the U.S. Army (a rank his grandson Jamie Phillips now shares) and served at Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1944 until 1947, when he retired with the rank of Captain. After his discharge, he returned to the Santa Ynez Valley with his wife, Leslie, and two children, Bob and Sally. John and Leslie had six children and together built a highly respected and successful large and small animal practice. His children grew up knowing the delicate arts of pulling calves, tubing horses and the even more delicate task of descenting skunks. Many Valley residents will remember John as he drove along from ranch to ranch in his overstuffed station wagon, acknowledging friends on the road with a slight nod and simple raising of a finger for a wave. He could recite all of Jack London's "The Cremation of Sam McGee," by heart and with great gusto.

His commitment to excellence in education is demonstrated by the fact that he served on the Board of Trustees for College Elementary School for five years, the Santa Ynez Valley High School Board for 22 years, and the Allan Hancock Community College Board for 13 years. Periodically, he served as president of all three Boards. He was also on the Board of Directors for Farmers Insurance Exchange from 1967 until 1997. He was a member of the Santa Ynez Valley Elks Club and active in the Catholic Men's Club at the Santa Ynez Mission. He rode with the Vaqueros and, in 1954, "Doc John" became a member of the Rancheros Visitadores, as a part of the Los Pisanos Camp. He served as chief veterinarian for the annual trek from the Santa Barbara Mission to the Santa Ynez Mission. It was on one of these rides that John, the trickster, showed his face. Among many jokes he played, he once bred Pat Patterson's prize quarter horse mare to a donkey as Pat innocently played poker! The delivery of the little mule that spring came as a bit of a surprise.