



Raymond Desmond Courter

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Ray Courter, 87, died very peacefully at home with his wife on August 7, 2024. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, at 10:00AM at Sunset Lawn, 4701 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento, California.

As a friend of Linda and Ray's for over 40 years I am grateful to be able to write this obituary for him. Ray was a passionate man who loved all animals, and always had a special place in his heart and his home for dogs and cats. He passionately loved football, but especially the San Francisco 49ers. He also loved baseball and his San Francisco Giants. His loyalty to those teams comes from the fact that Ray was born in San Francisco on July 9, 1937. He joined the army at 18, in 1955, during the Korean War.

Ray moved to Sacramento in 1959 and had a long and successful career in the auto parts and transportation industries. He worked for Allen Transportation, Cirsco Clutch & Brake, J & M Auto Parts, and Valley Ring and Rebores. As an entrepreneur he bought Northside Auto Parts. He closed his career working at the California Franchise Tax Board where his beloved wife worked.

I am absolutely sure that Ray would say, and probably did say many times, that his greatest love and his greatest success was meeting and marrying the love of his life, Linda. It takes quite a man to love, honor, cherish, and truly care for his wife for 38 years. And Ray was quite a man.

Survived by son-in-law, Alan Winans, granddaughter, Sheree, and great grandsons, Desmond and Kash.

It grieves Ray that he was preceded in death by his children Christopher Robin Courter, Julie Diane Courter Winans, and Michael Robert Courter.

He was so blessed by, and grateful for, his closest and dearest friends Kathleen Cronin, Joe



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Fahlgren, Leo Nebbia, Eric Sonniksen, and Gary Usilton.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Ray's name to the SPCA.

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10:00 am at SUNSET LAWN CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES MEMORIAL PARK, 4701 Marysville Blvd. Sacramento CA 95838




Events


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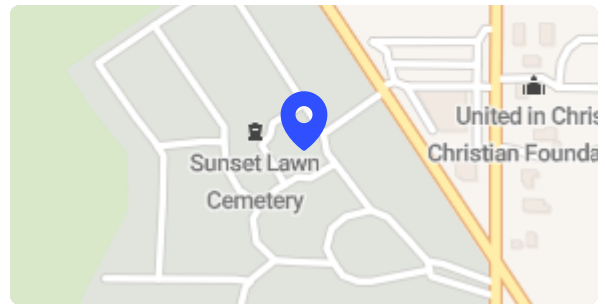
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Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, September 14, 2024

 10:00 AM PT

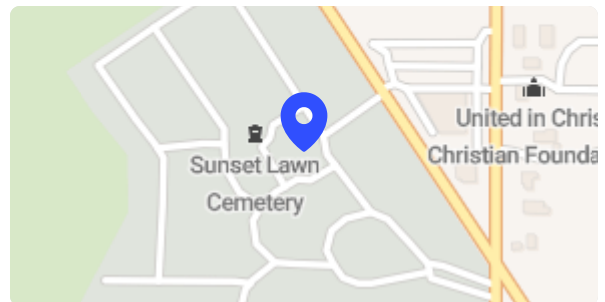
 **Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park**
4701 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95838



Cemetery Details

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 **916.256.2659**





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FD

Frank Delgado sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Courter family.



September 3 at 12:38 PM

LC

Linda Courter lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

Linda Courter lit a candle in memory of Raymond Courter



August 29 at 1:56 AM

JE

Jerry shared a photo to the **Raymond Desmond Courter** album.



August 27 at 8:18 AM

LF

Lynell Hansen (Ftb(posted:

Condolences to you Linda, and to your family. May the memories of better days and better times be of some comfort to you. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Lynell Hansen (FTB)

August 27 at 6:05 AM

FD

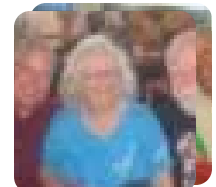
Frank Delgado lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



August 15 at 1:56 AM

FD

Frank Delgado shared 2 photos to the **Raymond Desmond Courter** album.



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Tribute Wall

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Frank Delgado posted:

To my dearest friend Ray, In the quiet corners of memory, your laughter echoes like a cherished melody. We navigated life's labyrinth together as friends, through seasons of joy and tempests of sorrow. Our bond was forged in shared secrets, whispered dreams, and the unspoken understanding that transcends mere words. You were the compass that guided me when storms threatened to capsize my fragile vessel. Your wisdom, like a lighthouse beacon, illuminated the darkest times. We reveled in the mundane—a cup of coffee, a lunch or dinner, you with Linda and me underfoot—finding solace in the ordinary magic of our friendship. Remember the times we enjoyed crab feeds, fondue, and teppanyaki; eating, talking and our laughter sometimes mingling with tears? Or the way you'd always show care and concern for Linda, lost in a romance that was without question, while I painted worlds with my words? As a trio, we were architects of our own universe, constructing bridges across chasms of doubt and fear. Life's tapestry wove us together: threads of shared work experiences, whispered confessions, and the quiet acceptance of flaws. You taught me that strength lies not in invulnerability, but in vulnerability—the courage to reveal our scars and still embrace the dawn. Acknowledging our perfect imperfections made me a better person for having known you. And now, as the curtain falls on this earthly stage, I honor you. Your legacy is etched in the constellations, a celestial map of our adventures. You were more than a friend; you were a confidante, an accomplice, my heart's compass. So here's to you, my eternal friend. May the winds carry your laughter across distant shores, and may the stars whisper tales of our friendship to the cosmos. Farewell, until we meet again in the cosmic dance of stardust and memory. With love and gratitude, Frank

August 15 at 1:54 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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