



John Robert Harker

September 2, 1935 - November 5, 2022

John Robert Harker “Uncle John” was born on September 2nd 1935 in Stockport, a small town in the county of Cheshire in England. His parents were Ronald and Florence with John the eldest of 4 siblings, brother Dennis, sister Silvia and youngest brother Les.

John went to school in Cheshire until age 18. He finished Secondary Education and enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps where he reached the rank of Lance Corporal. After receiving an honorable discharge he found himself living in London. He attended college and had several jobs including selling orange juice in the London Zoo, selling expensive cash registers and selling insurance. He was never unemployed.

John loved to speak French and often traveled and vacationed in France. He made many friends and shared lots of stories about his travels.

In 1981 while traveling abroad he visited his friend Bill in Madera California and on a weekday night they came to Fresno for dinner and drinks. They found themselves in “The Villager”, a small establishment in the Figarden Village.

John didn’t know it at the time but this is where he would meet his future wife of nearly 40 years, Frances Arias.

In 1983 John and Frances were married and began a long life together. John

worked as a manager for the Fresno County Health Department for nearly 18 years. He retired and returned to sales at St. Peter's Cemetery. He retired from sales at the cemetery and began farming pistachios with brother in law Mario.

He remained active in farming well into his 80's.

John and Frances were very active with the Catholic Church and volunteered as Lectures and Eucharistic Ministers. They would often read the rosary in English and Spanish at various funeral homes and churches. John was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years. He volunteered countless hours to the organization and made many friends.

Sadly, on November 5th 2022 John passed away. He is survived by his wife Frances, sister Silvia, and many nieces and nephews that will miss him.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light
1620 W. Belmont Ave.
Fresno, CA 93728
(559) 233-6254
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

NOV 28. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
2814 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Funeral Mass

NOV 29. 9:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember John Harker. I worked with him for many years. First at the Department of Health and then at St. Peter's Cemetery. He would always say “top of the morning” and “Cheerio” in his British accent. He had a great sense of humor and one of the best salesmen I've know. I was very sad to hear of his passing. He had a beautiful life with Frances. May he rest in heavenly peace. I'll never forget Mr. Harker.

Maria Zavala - November 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM