

Obituary



Floyd Davis

1/28/1927 - 2/21/2016

Floyd was born and reared in Modesto. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945 serving in the Philippines. After his discharge he received his AA degree and then transferred to U.C. Berkeley. He always wanted to work outdoors and in 1956 he joined the U.S. Postal Department as a letter carrier where he worked for 32 years. He married Elsie Wheeler in 1955 and they had two sons, Neil and Mark. They lived and worked on their farm until 1999. Floyd started the Modesto Folk Dancers, attended Folk Dance Camp for 42 years

straight, and was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for dance by the Stanislaus Arts Council. He loved to cook and was famous for his Chocolate Kahlua Cake. Floyd was preceded in death by his wife Elsie and his dance partner Barbara Summers. He is survived by his sons, his daughter-in-law Cindy and only grandchild Gwynevere Davis, all of Modesto. Floyd was tireless in promoting folk dancing and usually danced 3 times a week - with Del Valle Folk Dancers in Livermore, the Modesto Folk Dancers and with the Village Dancers. A celebration for his 89th birthday was held at the Carnegie Arts Center in Turlock on Jan. 29th and was attended by many of his well-wishers from all over northern California.

Village Dancers celebrate Floyd Davis' 89th Birthday

By Judy Kropp

Floyd Davis turned 89 on January 28 and the Village Dancers threw him a party. (He has since died on February 21). The music was by Sviraci - Lew Smith, Melissa Miller and Jim Little. They played village dances that everyone could dance to. The party was held in the Carnegie Arts Building in Turlock, CA where many of the attendees had started dancing with Floyd in the 1970s. It was a wonderful mix of dancers through time and space. People came from Chico, Benicia, Concord, Oakland, Livermore, Sacramento, Merced and all points in the area.

Village Dancers teach classes at the Carnegie Arts Building every Friday, 7:30 to 9:30, from mid-September to mid-May. Beginners are always welcome.

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