



**Julia Pon**  
**December 10, 1926 to January 4, 2023**

Julia was born and grew up in San Juan Capistrano on an orange grove. She is a first generation Californian, as her parents were immigrants from the Basque Country in Europe. After graduating from high school in 1943, she attended Lone Mountain College for Women in San Francisco where she earned a BA in Spanish.

Julia met her husband, Joseph, through relatives, and they were married in 1947. Joe and his father were fruit ranchers on Prospect Avenue in Saratoga where they raised prunes, apricots and cherries since 1932. On marrying, Julia moved into the ranch house where her father-in-law was a special part of the family for 29 years until his death at 96. Julia's family grew to nine children - five girls and four boys -- all college graduates living in California. She now has 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and has been widowed since 1986.

Julia has traveled extensively, but her most memorable trips have been to the Basque region in northern Spain and southern France, to meet and visit with many relatives. Her latest trip was in 2010 when she accompanied five of her children to visit her mother's Basque relatives as well as the paternal relatives in southern France.

Julia enjoys involvement with the YLI at Sacred Heart Church, and is kept busy with the many activities and events of her children and grandchildren.

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