

Don McCorquodale

I ("Corky") was born on August 7, 1941, as a twin brother, in Sacramento, Ca. We moved to Spring Gap, Ca. when I was just one year old. My father was a powerhouse operator for PG&E. About two years later, the family relocated to Salinas, Ca and two years and after that to King City. Then in 1946 my family was involved in an auto accident that took the life of my twin brother. A while after that, my father was promoted to Electrical Supervisor causing us to move yet again, this time to Willits, Ca.

When I was 13 years old our family relocated one last time to Santa Rosa. I attended Slater Middle School and then Santa Rosa High School. While I was attending Santa Rosa High School, Montgomery High School was being built. I went there in 1959 for my senior year, making me a member of the first graduating class of Montgomery.

After graduation I went into the Sheet Metal trade where I worked for 4 years before becoming a journeyman. While still working in this trade I decided to join the Army Reserves. After 6 months of training, my service consisted of summer camp for two weeks every year and meetings every month for the first four years. For the following four years I remained with the Army as inactive, only required to serve if there was a war. I retired from the Army in 1968.

During these years I continued to work in the sheet metal trade; but most importantly, it was the time I met the love of my life, Rogene Vartanian. We married in April 1965 at St. Eugene's Catholic Church and nine months later became proud parents to our son, Doug.

I retired from the Sheet Metal Trade and joined PG&E in 1967. In 1968 we had our first daughter Heather, and then our second daughter, Stacy, in 1971. We all moved to our dream home in Northeast Windsor in early 1978. While continuing to work, I attended Santa Rosa JC in the evenings to earn my AA in Industrial Arts, graduating in 1969. Having worked my way up to a "Gas Technician", I retired from PG&E in 2001. By retirement, my family had grown to include 4 wonderful grandchildren. Doug & his wife Zobida have a daughter and a son, while Heather with husband Paul have twin daughters. Stacy provided them with furry grand babes to love on.

After my retirement, for 20 years, I stayed busy running my own handyman business from which I retired in 2021. Life was not always work, work, work Rogene and I went on many cruises to see different parts of the world and also joined an RV Club to explore closer areas of the country. We really enjoyed our leisurely time together. Rogene and I spent 58 years together before she passed from Alzheimer's complications in February of 2023.

Currently, I like to be active by RVing with son Doug, bowling in his league and playing bocce ball. I also attend SIRS meetings and PG&E Retiree luncheons. When at home I enjoy watching a good ball game, whether it's baseball, football or basketball.