

John Thomas O'Meara (1931-2026)

My parents moved to Mesa Verde (literally down the hill) in 1967 and have remained in the same house until this day. Jack was born in Illinois in 1931 and, upon graduation from Colby College, he joined the Navy and was stationed in California. He met and married my mom, Martha, and had three daughters. They originally settled in Los Angeles, but then sought a more tranquil suburb that offered good schools, a safe neighborhood, a sense of community and activities for their young family to enjoy. Mesa Verde fit the bill and they have enjoyed six decades living here - sharing this special place with their children, grandchildren and now their great-grandchild!

Our family has many fond memories of care-free days at Estancia Park during all times of the year - playing in the fields, swinging on the swingset, flying kites, watching the helicopter bring Santa Claus, attending Balearic Elementary, snow for the winter - the list goes on and on. For years when he got a moment to himself, Dad would jog around the Estancia Park fields and go up to the adobe to sit in peace. He just loved where he lived and even gave up promotions that would require a move, just so he could stay in what he considered a perfect place to live - Mesa Verde.

We recently lost our dad on July 13, 2026 (age 95 ½) and as a family we love the idea of donating a bench or tree to the city he loved so much. We can't think of a better place to visit and remember him.

Thanks so much for your help and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Catherine O'Meara Franklin (daughter)
Martha O'Meara (wife of John)