



## John Waardenburg

October 20, 1926 - June 23, 2016

Jan Waardenburg was born on October 25, 1926 in Oud-Beijerland, Netherlands. He had 1 sister and 3 brothers. He served in the Dutch Marines for about 4 years. After meeting Sjaan (Jane) in church, they dated for a while and were married on May 11, 1949. On January, 6, 1958 they immigrated to United States with 3 children, Ria, Jake, and Marjorie.

When they arrived to the States coming through Ellis Island by boat, they moved to Santee, CA. In Santee, he worked on a dairy farm starting as an apprentice washing cows and eventually moved up to learning how to milk cows. He worked on several dairies in San Diego and then moved to Ramona where they lived and worked on a goat farm. They had their fourth child, Janella. After a few other moves, they ended up in Escondido where they had 3 more children, Louella, Henry, and Christina. In Escondido, he worked at Rube Nelsons Grocery Store as the produce manager for 21 years until its closing. His final job was at Hollandia Dairy where he worked until he retired. John and Jane enjoyed gardening together. They had so many flowers in their yard that people would stop by just to admire the beautiful flowers. He was a hard-working, dedicated husband, father, and Opa. The Lord blessed him with 7 children, 20 grand-children, and 20 great-grandchildren. In the end, the Lord was gracious and merciful, with his wife and 7 children at his bedside; he passed away peacefully at the age of 89.

# Cemetery

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**Oak Hill Memorial Park**  
2640 Glenridge Rd  
Escondido, CA, 92027

# Events

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**JUN 30 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM**  

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**Alhiser-Comer Mortuary**  
225 South Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92025

**JUL 1 Memorial Service 12:30PM**  

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**Escondido United Reform Church**  
1864 N Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92026

# Comments

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“ We will always miss Ome Jan! Like an uncle to me, he never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always smiling, welcoming, comforting and ready to give helpful lessons on gardening and just about anything else we needed help with. Much love to whole family, he will always be with us and close to our hearts.

**Bridget McDonald** - July 02, 2016 at 05:29 PM

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“ I would see your father at church functions over the years. He was always so friendly and would like to talk about the kid's and grand kid's, how they were doing. Will miss seeing him around at functions. He was a wonderful man.

**OAnna Stryker** - June 30, 2016 at 01:10 AM

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“ What a treasure. We first met John at Mike's & Britt's rehearsal dinner. He shared delightful memories of his wife and daughters, the Netherlands, coming to America and the struggles of starting anew. Think I may have embarrassed him (but in a good way) at Mike's & Britt's wedding by asking him to join the others in standing and being recognized for their service as Marines and Sailors. Secretly, I think he was pleased by the well deserved recognition. Only got to see him a few times after the wedding, but each time was memorable. He was friendly, inviting and had a terrific sense of humor. He will be missed by all, but most by his wife and immediate family. Our condolences.

Gary & Bonnie Baldrige

**Gary Baldrige** - June 29, 2016 at 05:02 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Waardenburg.



June 29, 2016 at 04:35 PM

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“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Waardenburg.



June 29, 2016 at 11:24 AM