

## **The Longest Married Couple**

Quality of Life Committee

University Ridge Homeowners Association

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The University Ridge Homeowners Association recognizes John (87) and Marjorie (88) for their 65 years of marriage as the Longest Married Couple as of February 14, 2017. They are a loving, caring, and witty couple that has lived in our neighborhood since 2000. There was plenty of laughter during our meeting. John was quick to say that 'he married an older woman' to which Marjorie responded enthusiastically: "You did not have to bring it up."

John first saw Marjorie while he worked maintenance in a local church in Modesto, CA, when she would come in for choir rehearsal during the week. She was 16 at the time and was too young to date. Before encountering Marjorie, John had little inclination toward religion. However, after seeing her in church, which was the only time he had the opportunity to take a glimpse of her, he could not wait to attend Sunday church service to see her once again (in the choir). Once he found the love of his life, he patiently pursued her and they got married five years later.

They first moved to Reno from Modesto, CA together in 1961 and they've lived at University Ridge since 2000. They are the first owners of their current house. They have two children (son and daughter), three grandkids, and two great grandkids (+1 in the oven).

As for the secret to their marital bliss, Marjorie stated that they have always loved to dance. And they do so regularly at the Senior Center in Reno where they have been going for the past 20 years. Both agreed that the best thing about being married for such a long time is that "You have a friend for life." As an Army veteran, John was quick add that a "yes, Ma'am and no, Ma'am" military attitude has contributed to the success of their long marriage; to which Marj replied: "That'd be the day."

Marj and John resonate kindness and genuineness; they care deeply for each other. John is always attentive to Marj's needs. And they appreciate their next-door neighbors who nominated them for this award.

Congratulations to our winners of the "Longest Married Couple" award of the University Ridge Homeowner's Association – and thanks for showing all of us through your long marriage how to achieve real quality of life!