

SAN JACINTO: Former Mayor Francis Boykin dies

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One of Francis Boykin's sons once said he had a "balloon hand" -- always rising up to volunteer.

He served a four-year term on the San Jacinto City Council, including mayor from 1990-92, and volunteered with nonprofit and civic groups.

Mr. Boykin died March 8 from complications of aging at a Hemet assisted living facility, his family said. He was 82.



He supported development of a master plan for 6,366 acres of agricultural land on the city's west side, known as Annexation 66, and was on the council when housing tracts sprouted in the Rancho San Jacinto area.

"He was concerned about things growing too rapidly, and you don't have the infrastructure," said Doris Boykin, his wife of 58 years.

Mr. Boykin retired after a 28-year career as a budget analyst in engineering with McDonnell Douglas. He moved to San Jacinto in 1985 from Cypress, where he served seven years on a recreation and park commission.

Henry Hafliger, who served with Mr. Boykin on the council, said he was a "very kind man, very concerned about the community." Former councilman Ken Shaw said he was a stabilizing force on the council.

He served for nine years in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1950, including a year spent with his family on Chichi Jima Island, Japan.

The service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hemet United Methodist Church. Interment will be private. Miller Jones Mortuary in Hemet is handling arrangements.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Boykin is survived by a son, Raymond, of Chico; a foster daughter, Martha Marehalau, of Micronesia; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters. A second son, Davis, died of cancer 10 years ago.

The family suggests contributions be made to the Assistance League of Hemacinto's Operation School Bell.

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