

**JOAN
FLAHERTY**



JOAN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA. She married young and she and her husband, Mike, have celebrated 63 years of marriage. After High School, she went to work as a telephone operator and also for a Life Insurance Co. while her husband served in Korea. After he returned, she returned to College and became a High School teacher in Orosi. Her years as a teacher were very rewarding because she taught home skills and life skills to students from families who were unable to motivate them. Many of her students had never seen a checkbook. In Senior Education she counseled and encouraged them to continue learning skills that would get them good jobs.

Joan has one son, a podiatrist, and three grandsons.

Her bridge hobby started about 40 years ago when she played her first bridge game. At her turn to bid, she announced with dismay that there was something wrong with her hand . "I have no spades", she complained. After she started to take lessons, the method she learned was taught by the noted teacher, Audrey Grant. Joan is now a Silver Life Master who says she has enjoyed every minute of her games.

Moving to the County about 9 years ago, when she and her husband retired, she was reunited with one of her oldest friends, Genevieve Konop, whom she had known in Porterville and played against many times.

Joan's charming smile and laugh have endeared her to everyone sharing her table.

