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City of Palmdale to Host Celebration of Life Gathering for Joe and Audie Davies

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale will host a Celebration of Life gathering in honor of Joe and Audie Davies on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 pm at the Chimbole Cultural Center, located at 38350 Sierra Highway in Palmdale.

Both of them passed away this year; Audie on July 23 and Joe on Sept. 7.

Interested persons should RSVP by Oct. 19 to Terrie Bellville at tbellville@cityofpalmdale.org or call 661/267-5937 as seating is limited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joe Davies Heritage Airpark through the Palmdale Community Foundation.

“Joe and Audie Davies have made many civic contributions and have been involved in our community for a long time,” said Mayor Jim Ledford. “This Celebration of Life will be a time for us to share with the Davies family how much we love and appreciate them,” he added.

Joe and Audie were married in 1949, having met at a dance at the Officer's Club at Mather Field in Sacramento. Residents of Palmdale since 1962, Joe's 30-year career in the Air Force included time as a pilot, as well as serving as the third commander at US Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale from June 1963 until November 1967. From 1967 to 1968, Joe served in Vietnam, while Audie and the family remained in Palmdale.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1973, Joe worked 21 years in aerospace at North America AVN, Rockwell International and The Boeing Company. He worked for Rockwell on the B-1 and space shuttle programs in customer and public relations. Joe served Palmdale City Council from 1988 through 1999, and was mayor

pro tem for four of those years. Joe also served as a board member on the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Antelope Valley United Way and Antelope Valley Fair. He was also president of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade. Audie was a high energy individual who had a great reputation for cooking and entertaining.

“We miss Joe and Audie terribly,” Ledford said. “This Celebration of Life will give us the opportunity to remember the many, many great times and their contributions to Palmdale and the Antelope Valley.”

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