

Cattleman Bastanchury dies

Long-time cattle rancher John Bastanchury of Los Alamos died Sunday at a Santa Barbara hospital following a brief illness. He was 77.

A graveside service for Bastanchury will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Los Alamos Cemetery. For additional information see obituary on Page 14.

Born May 24, 1907 in Refugio Canyon, Bastanchury had been a resident of Los Alamos since 1913. He attended local schools and graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1925, after which he began ranching in the Los Alamos area.

Bastanchury was a founding and life member of the Los Alamos Valley Men's Club, a former member of the Los Alamos Cemetery

board of directors and served on the Los Alamos Elementary School board from 1962 to 1974.

A 25-year member of the California Cattleman's Association, Bastanchury was also on the organizing committee and was a former member of the Los Alamos Community Services District and was a former member of both the Los Alamos Grange and the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

Bastanchury is survived by his widow Georgia, step-sons Clifton Shelton of Woodstock, Va., and Howard Shelton of Fresno, step-daughter Dora Jean Shelton of Fresno and his sister Kathleen Gracia of Santa Maria. He had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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