

# Reflections

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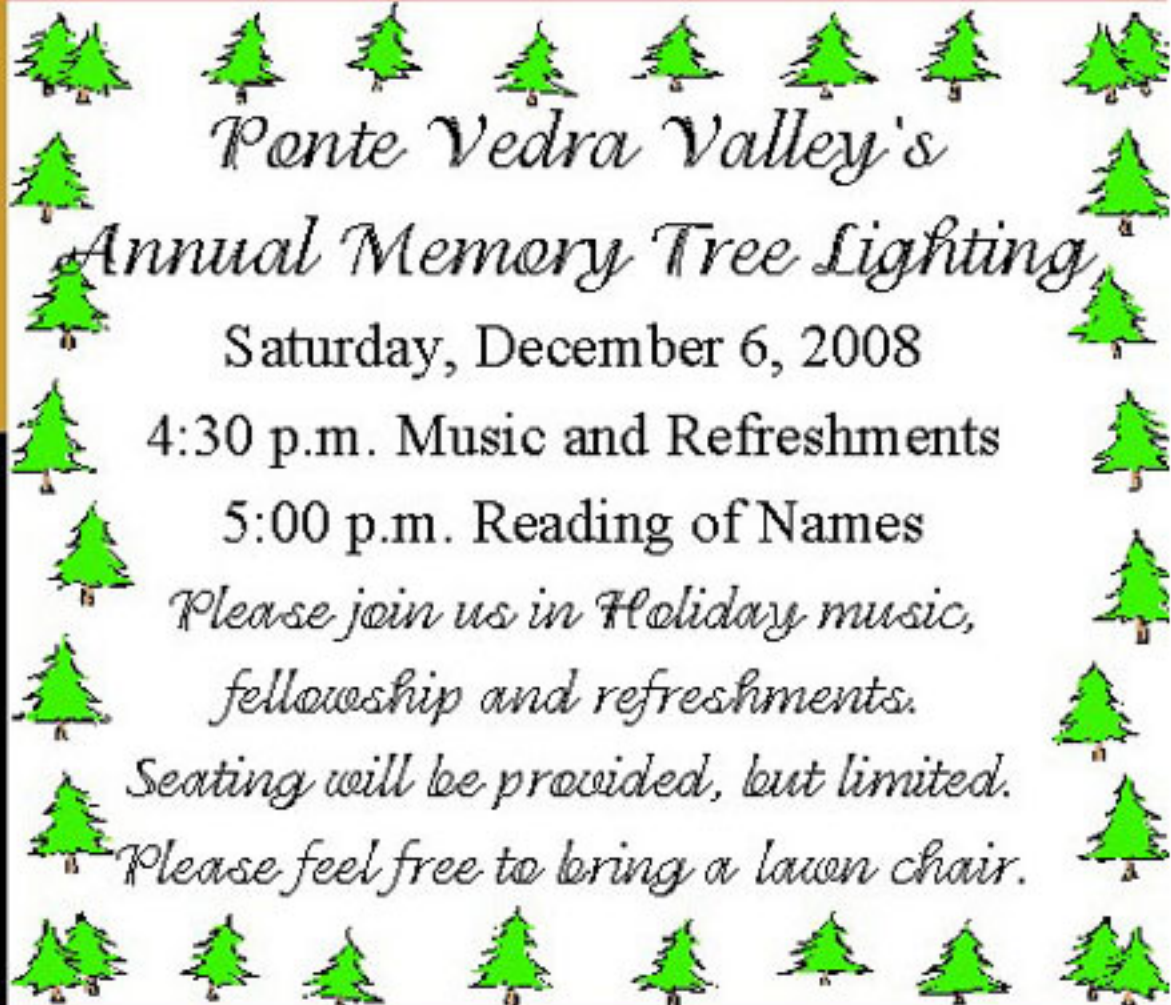
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**Ponte Vedra Valley**  
*"a family owned Funeral Home,  
Cremation Center and Cemetery"*  
The West Family

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

*-George Bernard Shaw*



## *Ponte Vedra Valley's Annual Memory Tree Lighting*

Saturday, December 6, 2008

4:30 p.m. Music and Refreshments

5:00 p.m. Reading of Names

*Please join us in Holiday music,  
fellowship and refreshments.*

*Seating will be provided, but limited.*

*Please feel free to bring a lawn chair.*



In Loving Memory

Virgil Burns

Thomas Farrell

James Clarken

Michael Willette

Muriel Latshaw

David Smith

Raymond Richard

Theresa Castellano

### **Remembrance Votive Lights**

The Remembrance Votive Lights provide perpetual light for the holiday season.



**Votive \$98.00**

*(to be reused each year and stored at the cemetery)*

**Candles \$66.00**

*(8 cool burning, long lasting for the season)*

### Words with two Meanings

**THINGY** (noun)

Female...Any part under a car's hood

Male...The strap fastener on a woman's bra

**VULNERABLE** (adjective)

Female...Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another

Male...Playing football without a cup

**COMMUNICATION** (noun)

Female...The open sharing of thoughts and feelings

Male...Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys

**COMMITMENT** (noun)

Female...A desire to get married and raise a family

Male.....Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one

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## Ponte Vedra Valley

Cemetery Grounds:

Cemetery Gates Open at 8 am & Close at Dusk

Cemetery and Funeral Home Office:

Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm

Other Hours Available by Appointment

*We are always available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.*

*Please feel free to reach us by phone anytime.*



**Desi Arnaz**

**1917 – 1986**

Desi Arnaz was born in 1917 in Cuba. His father was influential in Cuban politics; however, the 1933 Batista Revolution landed his father in jail for six months and stripped his family of its wealth and power. Arnaz's father was released when U.S. officials intervened on his behalf. Desi and his parents then fled to Miami. In 1939, he starred on Broadway in a successful musical and then went to Hollywood to appear in the 1940 movie version of it, which starred his future wife Lucille Ball. They married at the end of that year. In 1943 he received his draft notice, but before he was inducted, he injured his knee. He was eventually classified for limited service, and ended up directing U.S.O. programs at a military hospital. After leaving the Army, he formed an orchestra which

was successful and always kept them on his payroll. In 1951, Desi produced and starred in 'I Love Lucy' with his wife. It was Lucy who insisted on Arnaz playing her on-air spouse. The idea of having Ball and the distinctly Latino Arnaz portray a married couple encountered resistance. The couple overcame this objection and went on to establish Desilu Productions. At that time most television programs were broadcast live. Desi and his cameraman developed the production style that allowed his sitcom to be filmed. Network executives considered the use of film an unnecessary extravagance, however, Desi covered the additional costs associated with the filming process. Desilu then owned and controlled all rights to the film. Arnaz's unprecedented arrangement is widely considered to be one of the shrewdest deals in television history. As a result, Desilu reaped the profits from all reruns of the series. Desi also pushed to allow the network to show Lucy when she was pregnant with each of their two children. The network relented but insisted that they not use the word 'pregnant', so Desi substituted 'expecting'. In addition to 'I Love Lucy', Desi produced many top TV shows of that time including 'The Danny Thomas Show', 'The Andy Griffith Show', and 'The Untouchables'. Desi and Lucy's marriage began to collapse under the strain of his serious problems with alcohol, drugs, and womanizing and were divorced in 1960. A few years later, Ball began a new TV series and bought Desi out of Desilu Production Company. Arnaz married his second wife in 1963 and reduced his show business activities. He was widowed in 1985. Arnaz, a lifelong smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer in early 1986 and died in December of that year at the age of 69. Even though divorced, Ball and Arnaz remained friends. Ball was the last person to ever speak with Desi. He has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, one for motion pictures and one for television.

### Ways to Tell You're Grown Up

You hear your favorite song in an elevator and Rod Stewart now sings mellow ballads. \* You keep more food than beer in the fridge. \* You watch the weather channel. \* Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you. \* You feed the dog science diet instead of McDonald's leftovers. \* A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff". \* When you find out your friend is pregnant, you congratulate them instead of asking "What the heck happened?" \* Class reunions make you feel younger than everyone else looks.