



John Brooks

November 25, 1946 - July 5, 2022

John Brooks passed away in his sleep on July 5, 2022, at the Cheney Care Center after battling cancer for many years.

John was born on November 25, 1946, in Springfield, Missouri. He was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in the United States Air Force, where he met and married Debbie Blanchard. After John was honorably discharged, they moved to St. Louis where John worked at the airport for several years before deciding to move back to the Spokane area to be closer to family. John was employed at Eastern Washington University until his retirement.

John and Debbie enjoyed traveling with wonderful friends to Europe, cruising to Alaska, and traveling back and forth in their beautiful motor home to warmer climates during the cold winters here in the inland northwest. John was a well-loved member of the Spokane area theatre community. For nearly forty years John acted, directed, stage managed, and generally supported the cause of theatre. He was active with the Civic Theatre, Spokane Children's Theatre, the Rogue Players, Ignite Theatre, and others. He directed Stage West's most successful run with the production of 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'. As his fellow thespians describe John, he was 'One of a kind'.

John also much loved the game of golf, enjoyed weekly trivia competitions,

and his love of flight, especially Charles Lindburg and the Spirit of St. Louis. John was a collector of airplanes and chess sets and enjoyed driving his convertible green Volkswagen bug and his little moped around the Cheney area. John rode his Harley Davidson for years including a trip to Sturges.

John is survived by his life-long partner & wife, Debbie Brooks, brothers-in-law, Greg Blanchard (Wendy) and Mark Blanchard (Denise), sister-in-law, Roxann Dempsey (Greg), several nieces, nephews and so many wonderful friends he considered family. John is also survived by their dear friend, Keith Ross (Gina), whom they consider their 'adopted son.

A Memorial service will be held at the Veteran's Cemetery on July 22 at 9:45 am followed by a Celebration of John's life at 11:30 am at the Session's Village Event Hall (behind the Cheney Care Center) at 2221 N. 6th, Cheney, Washington.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 22. 9:45 AM (PT)

Washington State Veteran's Cemetery
Medical Lake, WA

Celebration of Life

JUL 22. 11:30 AM (PT)

Session's Village Event Hall
2221 N. 6th St.
Cheney, WA 99004

Tribute Wall

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“ I did theatre with John. Oh how he loved participating! I also played golf with John and Jerry Uppinghouse. I suspect those two are enjoying hole-in-ones up in heaven. And perhaps putting on a play together. What a card you were John! Blessings to your family. RIP John.

Beverly

Beverly Gibb - July 19, 2022 at 08:09 PM

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John was an outgoing, enthusiastic guy who added much to the local theatre scene. I first worked with him in a Rogue Players' production some 35 years ago. He remained a great friend ever after. Even though our paths crossed less and less in later years, he always greeted me by name with a big smile hearty enthusiasm. I will miss him. My deepest condolences to the family he loved so deeply. RIP, John.

Kim Roberts - July 22, 2022 at 03:53 PM

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I just discovered his passing. I am surprised and floored. John, you are going to be missed. I know I do miss you.

Scott Lockwood - September 11, 2022 at 02:17 PM