



John W. Phillips

December 26, 1946 - July 4, 2011

Born December 26, 1946 in Spokane, WA to Chester and Viola Phillips, John passed away peacefully at his home in Cheney on July 4, 2011. He graduated from Cheney High School in 1964 and attained a degree from Eastern Washington University in both Geography and Geology. He married Delphine Barth on December 19th, 1970. John worked as a ground water geologist at Grand Coulee Dam for 20 years. He returned to the family ranch in 1982 where he raised cattle. He taught at S.C.C. for a short period in the Hydrology Department. John's sense of humor brightened up a room and he routinely enjoyed a good conversation with other farmers over a cup of coffee at The Harvester Restaurant. He had a love for animals, especially his two Australian Shepherds who would faithfully follow John on his ATV while tending to his cattle. He was preceded in death by his parents Chester and Viola Phillips. He is survived by his wife Delphine, son Brant Phillips, daughter Amber Marsh and grandchildren Haley and Colton Marsh. Memorial contributions are suggested to: Hospice of Spokane, PO Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99212. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W. 1st St., Cheney.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Delphine, Amber and Brandt, We were very sad to learn of John's passing. As you know, he was a large part of our (Jacob, Ann) lives growing up in Cheney. He was a great man who will always be in our memories. We are thinking of you. Jim, Carol, Jacob and Ann McConnell*

Jim And Carol McConnell - August 01, 2011 at 05:44 PM

MF

“ *I was privileged to know John while we both served on the board of the Friends of Turnbull NWR. I was always grateful for his input during the time I served as the board's president, and I sometimes saw him either at the Refuge or at Willow Springs restaurant. He was always a cheerful friendly person. I'm sure his family will miss him terribly. Marian Frobe*

Marian Frobe - July 14, 2011 at 03:42 PM

JT

“ *Dear Delphine, Please accept my condolences. Joan*

Joan Tracy - July 13, 2011 at 02:34 PM

BS

“ *Please know that I am sorry for your loss. John was a man whose handshake was as good as a contract. I had a lot of respect for him. He may be gone, but will not be forgotten.*

Bruce Stirpe - July 12, 2011 at 03:01 PM

PH

“ *Delphine and family, Please accept our thoughts and prayers for you in your loss of John. Some of Phil's best memories of his career with the Bureau of Reclamation was his early years of living and working here and enjoying knowing John, his sense of humor, and the fun he added to the office and field environment. He will be missed by many. God bless you all and we are so sorry for you loss. Sincerely, Phil and Linda Hansen*

Phil and Linda Hansen - July 11, 2011 at 01:59 PM

DK

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy with the loss of John. He will be missed by many. We have many fond memories of John working with his cows. Doug & Ruth*

Doug & Ruth Koch - July 09, 2011 at 05:15 PM

FC

“ *Delphine and Family, So sorry for the loss of your husband, father , and grandfather. You have our sympathy and thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Florence and Gene*

Florence and Gene Coffey - July 09, 2011 at 12:08 PM