



John Patrick Bell Sr.

November 29, 1961 - November 6, 2022

John Patrick Bell, Sr. died suddenly in the early morning of Sunday, November 6th, 2022 at the age of 60. A beloved father, brother, husband, cousin, uncle, and friend, John was also a force in the concrete industry and was well known in the world of construction. He leaves behind his wife, Maureen Teresa Bell, daughter, Meghan Elaine Bell, and son, John "Jack" Patrick Bell, Jr.

Born in Mt. Shasta on November 29th, 1961, John grew up in Weed and Edgewood with his mother, Nellie "Grace" Bell, father, Charles "Chuck" Bell, and his five brothers and sisters, Constance, Marie, Susan, Charles and Dan. John retained friendships from his childhood throughout his life, and will be missed by many in Weed, Edgewood, and the surrounding areas. He attended College of the Siskiyous in Weed, then transferred to California State University, Chico where he earned a degree in construction.

John went on to be somewhat prolific in the construction industry. He worked for many years for Urata and Sons, before striking out on his own and founding Concrete North alongside friend and business partner Jim Grimes. John returned to work for Urata and Sons after some time, and continued to work there, commuting bi-weekly from Sacramento to Siskiyou county, until he died, though he had begun to make preparations for his retirement. His sudden passing was a shock to all who knew him.

John was an avid lover of nature, and intended to retire in his childhood home of Siskiyou County. He loved the mountains, especially Mt. Shasta, and passed that love of nature down to his children. John also loved animals, and

leaves behind a number of dogs and cats whom he loved and cared for. As part of his love of nature, John also loved science and learning about the world around him. He loved space and the ocean, and generally was quite a curious and intelligent person. He liked to hunt, and had a collection of decoy ducks. Like his father, he was interested in geology, and passed that hobby down to his daughter, who has more rocks than she knows what to do with. John also collected firearms. He took his children hunting, fishing, and camping around Mt. Shasta and throughout northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

On behalf of his family, friends, colleagues, and all whose lives he touched, John will be sorely missed.

No services are planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ John was my first cousin, and we shared the distinction of being the youngest of both our families. I always felt the Bell's and the Neill's to be a close family as we lived in the same little town of Weed and saw each other regularly. My father Howard and his sister Grace (John's mom) were very close and as kids we all spent lots of time with our grandpa Hubert who lived in a trailer on the Bell property.

There was a time when I was about 8 years old and my folks went to Reno and I stayed with grandpa in Edgewood. John and I were running around and likely annoying the adults, so Uncle Charles gave us an important job -- go dig a well behind the Farm Bureau Hall. John and I set out to dig a fine well with lots of water and that we did. After digging a large hole about 2 feet deep, we hit water, and mud. Our victory was short lived as both John and I tracked mud in both homes. Even though the adults were upset, they kept their cool and we didn't get spankings.

The two families still make a point to gather at least a couple time a year for a picnic or hunting trip and catch up and share some stories of our great youth growing up in Weed.

I consider John as my brother and losing him before he could enjoy his retirement years is tragic. I will miss his big smile, his calm demeanor, and his great wit. -- Todd Neill

Todd Neill - November 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Patrick Bell Sr. - November 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM