



John Sylvester Jackson

March 7, 1928 - November 19, 2020

John Jackson, a Siskiyou county native, was born in McCloud on March 7, 1928 to William and Ora (DeRuashia) Jackson. John was 92 years old when he passed away at his home, where he wanted to be with his family.

John had happy memories spent with his many cousins who had all come to the old mill town of McCloud from Minnesota following the timber industry after it had played out in Minnesota. After his father passed away, his mother moved her six children to Yreka in 1938. John graduated from Yreka High School in 1946. Two classmates, Gerry Dittner and Harriet Houston started a monthly lunch get-together for their classmates and friends that continued for more than 70 years.

John served in the U.S. Army at Camp Carson, Colorado and married Pat McKenzie in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The couple made many new friends and enjoyed the beautiful state of Colorado for the two years they were there. They moved back to Yreka and in 1959 moved to their (3 Mile Lane) present home near Montague. John went to work for Copco (California-Oregon Power Company, now Pacific Power) and became an active member of the Shasta Valley Community Club and Montague PTA, and worked on all their various and many projects: Montague Jr. Rodeos, Play Days, Lancerettes Girls Drill Team, Montague Baseball Assn., Variety Shows, Montague swimming pools and 4-H projects.

John spent many hours in the outdoors - hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding in the mountains of Northern California. He became acquainted with the old California State Trapper, Max Knox, who was very good with predator mouth calls, and John started calling coyotes! He got together with his brother-in-law photographer, Bob McKenzie, and began taking photos! He hunted with John Ley, Earl Cummins and Bill Thomas back when the hunting was really good and the bucks were awesome. He hunted with Phil Laubacher, the Freitas Family and with Harold Foster when the hunting was great fun and memories were made with stories to tell. We hope this leaves good memories of John, because he had wonderful memories of many of you.

John is survived by his wife of 69 years, Pat; his son, Mike Jackson (Sara), his son John A. Jackson, and his daughter, Carla Beebe (Tom); his granddaughter Lindsie Rodrigues (Ben) and their two daughters, Ana and Adalyn; granddaughter Desiree Belmont and her three children; his sister, Beverly Demarest Clark, and his sister-in-law Virginia Jackson, his brother-in-law Bob McKenzie, and a nephew, Denny Swan, who became a part of the family for as many summers as he could get to Montague. John was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Bob and Bill (Lorraine), his sister Ora Marie Orr (Red) and his sister Margaret Russell (Bill).

The family would like to thank his caregiver, Harvey Williams. Family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fairchild Medical Center Foundation, 444 Bruce Street, Yreka, CA 96097, or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ John and Pat were great neighbors and friends while we lived on 3 Mile Lane and after. And John was a great photographer of animals and country scenes of which he gave to many in the community as gifts. Thank you John and Pat for letting us be good friends ! My heart and prayers are with you with a of a lot of beautiful memories you have to have to share! God Bless you all, Pat Miller

Pat Miller - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Wonderful man. He shared his truck with me when my car broke down and I had to drive to Klamath Falls for work. Best father-in-law ever. Great sense of humor. I loved him a lot.

Michelle Jackson - December 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ What a sweet man. He was our neighbor for 57 years. Enjoyed our trips to the Marble Mountains with the Jackson family. Many great memories of this family. His photography was beautiful. Prayers to our friends

Marsha Chambers - December 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am sure Johnny and my Dad, Earl Cummins, and John Ley are telling wonderful stories.....and laughing, just like yhey used to.....Sorry to Hear of Your Loss, Jackson Family. Condolences and Love From the Cummins Family.

Laurie Cummins-Shryock - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My Father thought the World of Johnny...*

Laurie Cummins-Shryock - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Prayers to the family, so sorry for your loss.*

Elizabeth Stewart - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *You will be missed*

Bob Schultz - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM