



John Dawn Jenott

December 15, 1927 - February 19, 2026

John Jenott grew up in our Scott Valley and lived here happily most of his life. His was a happy, productive and remarkable life. He passed away at Madrone Hospice on February 19, 2026. He had been there only two days after a week's hospitalization at Fairchild Medical Center. His passing was peaceful. He was ninety-eight years old.

John spent two years in the Merchant Marines in World War II then time in the US Army Air Force. Through the wonderful benefits of the GI Bill, he studied art at the Oregon Technical Institute and the Academy of Art in San Francisco. He then worked for several advertising agencies before teaching art, printing, and photography as part of the US Forest Service's Job Corps. For ten years, he was head of the Graphic Arts Branch of the California Region of the USDA Forest Service in San Francisco then two years as designer/illustrator for the USDA Forest Service in Portland.

After his federal service, he spent twenty years as a freelance illustrator for various government and private clients. He designed Pasadena Rose Parade Floats. He illustrated, authored, and published Scott Valley Sketchbook, Mt Shasta Sketchbook, Once Over Lightly, and Math At Your Fingertips. He created many fine art paintings and portraits as well as humorous sketches and cartoons.

Many people know him through his beautiful works of art and his published books. He actively supported his wife Irene's teaching at Quartz Valley School and Fort Jones Elementary School. He was dedicated to the joy and well-

being of everyone he knew. He will be profoundly missed by his many friends and family.

To honor him, our family will be informally gathering in batches and groups to share food and memories. We will be doing that for months to come. While we are not planning any public gatherings, notes and emails would be appreciated. The family thanks Madrone Hospice for their extraordinary care; donations may be made to them in John's name.

Tribute Wall

NC

“ Hello Mrs. Jenott: I wrote you a long remembrance of my old friend, Don, but the post office returned it as undeliverable at the addresses I offered: Box 220 and 325 W. Moffett Creek Road. Sure would like to get it there. Don was really special. Norm Cardoza at norman_cardoza@att.net, or 3365 Heights Drive, Reno NV 89503. tnx much

Norman Cardoza - March 19 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Irene, you have been a huge blessing to the Jenott family and are loved by everyone! I hope you have peace and comfort as you grieve the passing of John. He was such a beloved Grandpa too. So glad I got to visit with you both back in 2018 ❤️

Sylvie Riddell - March 06 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Irene, we are so sorry to read of your loss. We feel so lucky to have a couple of his books.
Much love from the Wijtman Family

Jeanne Bertolino Wijtman - March 01 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry, Irene. John was a good person and I was lucky to have known him. My prayers to you in this difficult time.

Charnna Gilmore - March 01 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Irene, John was one of the best! He was such a great influence & presence when you taught at QVES. So many great memories sitting next to him in the audience...just taking it all in. The fundraisers, concerts, holiday plays, award ceremonies, graduations. He was there & the kids loved him. With our sincere condolences, The Wester Family

Patty Wester - February 26 at 12:00 AM

AJ

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Dawn Jenott - February 24 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Irene, Our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Tim, Michele, Jaylee, Keith James and Karl Johnson



Anonymous - February 24 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Such a wonderful person. Condolences to his family.

Linda Keno - February 24 at 12:00 AM