



John Kennett Landaker

June 19, 1935 - December 8, 2016

John Landaker passed away on December 8, 2016 in Yreka, California.

He was born on June 19, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio. One of his treasured childhood memories was of staying at his grandparent's farm in Newark, Ohio. The Christmas tree was lit with candles, and he tried (unsuccessfully) to ride his grandfather's draft horse!

He spent several boyhood years on the island of Aruba during World War II, where his father worked for an oil company. While there, John gained a life-long love of the ocean.

John attended Regis College in Denver, graduating with a degree in Sociology. He worked first in Wyoming, and later moved to California.

He met his wife, Sally, in Berkeley, and the two were married in 1965. They fell in love with Mt. Shasta, and moved to Siskiyou County in 1968. John worked for the county as a social worker at the Welfare Department, and later as a Family Support Officer for over 30 years.

John loved people. He always had a joke to share with friends. He cared deeply about the people he knew at work and beyond. He was a talented artist, capturing the ocean in his seascapes and his love of people in his

portraits. He loved to swim and to ski.

John and Sally traveled to Europe, visiting museums to see the work of great artists, and most recently, hiking in Switzerland. John's love of ships and the ocean was fulfilled by going on small sailing ships in the Caribbean.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sally, and his daughters, Lysa Noble and Erin Seaman. He has two adored grandchildren, Kai and Lisette.

A family memorial will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you and your family love and light.* ”

Ida Stone - December 19, 2016 at 11:13 PM

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Sally, the "girls", and John's grandchildren.* ”

Roberta Van de Water - December 15, 2016 at 09:32 AM

LB

“ *Thinking of you (the family) and John.* ”

Leslie Burkhart - December 14, 2016 at 10:12 PM

CB

“ *Thinking of you, Sally, and the entire family.* ”

Catherine Barash - December 14, 2016 at 08:41 PM

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“ *John was a joy to work with at Family Support. He had such a great sense of humor and calm demeanor. Many good memories!!! He will be missed.* ”

Colleen Samuelson - December 14, 2016 at 04:01 PM

VE

“ Vickie Esquibel lit a candle in memory of John Kennett Landaker



Vickie Esquibel - December 14, 2016 at 02:30 PM

VE

Words cannot express my sadness. John and I worked together for years at the SCFSD. He always made us laugh and he had such a calm demeanor about him, which was a great asset to have in this line of business! He will be greatly missed. My condolences and prayers reach out to his wife and two daughters, and granddaughters.

Vickie Esquibel - December 14, 2016 at 02:34 PM

CB

“ There were lots of dedicated people working at SCFSD, and John was one of my favorite. He was always in a good mood and always had a happy, interesting, poignant story to share. I have missed John and his exacting, voice imitations of the actor Sam Elliott. John will be missed by many, many people. He helped thousands of people have much better lives.

Charlene Broce - December 14, 2016 at 01:35 AM