



John Hays Nelson Jr.

January 2, 1938 - June 23, 2022

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, John Hays Nelson Jr., loving husband and father, passed away peacefully at his home in the presence of loved ones.

John was born January 2, 1938. He attended Klamath River's Honolulu grammar school, and Yreka High School, where he graduated in 1957. John Joined the Navy in 1957 directly after high school, and after an honorable discharge from the Navy he started his career with the Bureau of Land Management.

John was a surveyor, outdoorsman, and Navy vet. His love for the outdoors was lifelong; he fished, hunted, hiked, and worked a full career as a land surveyor, beginning as a seasonal brush cutter and advancing to managing a field office before he retired. John surveyed all over the western United States, including many famous National Parks. He played baseball in his younger years, enjoyed golf, bowling, and loved to hike. "A real outdoors person," he was admired for his strong work ethic and remarkable ability to navigate difficult terrain. John led by example in work as well as in life.

John was preceded in death by his father John Nelson Sr., his mother Elizabeth (Betty) Cooper, and his eldest son, John Nelson III. He is survived by his wife Arvada Nelson; two sons, Vince Nelson, Kyle Nelson; stepson Patrick Chase; his brother, Eugene Nelson, his sister Mary Tolin Young;

grandchildren Autumn Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Sara Nelson, Oma Nelson; great grandchildren, Meadow and Josephine Elizabeth, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside funeral service is scheduled to be held on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 10am at Evergreen Cemetery, 853 Evergreen Ln, Yreka. Arrangements are being made through Girdner Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers to you Arvada and the family.* 🙏🙏🙏



Marsha Farley - July 09, 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 Hays Nelson Jr. - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM