



## John Huffert Rider

February 7, 1942 - December 16, 2023

John H. Rider passed away peacefully at his home on December 16, 2023, at the age of 81.

John was born in Yreka on February 7, 1942 to Georgia and Elmer Rider. He was raised on the Klamath River, and John always enjoyed what the river had to offer: from riding bikes with his brother to riding his beloved horses. He loved running hounds, hunting, fishing, trapping, and chasing the girls. John was part of the first group to graduate from Klamath River Union Elementary School, but he also attended Rocky Mountain, Horse Creek, and Riverside. At the age of 15, John quit school and went to work logging. He could run any piece of equipment under the sun, but his specialty was running Cat, and he was the best! He took great pride in his work, and, to our knowledge, he never missed a day of work.

John loved to butcher animals, especially pigs. He shared many hunting adventures with his friend Mike Skeahan, and his life-long friend, Fred Lange, who was by his side until the very end.

Known for infectious laughter and a hot temper, John had a knack for humor and an unwavering willingness to lend his helping hand. His radiant smile and loud voice filled every room, and in all of his endeavors he was the epitome of excellence. John was preceded in death by his parents, Georgia Hawley and Elmer Rider; his siblings Jean Skeahan and Everson Rider; and his nephews Charlie Rider, Stacy Lange, and Randy Rider.

John is survived by his sister, Merceda "Sis" Lange and brother-in-law and

closest friend, Fred Lange; his children: Martin (Heather) Rider, Brenda (Mike) Morris, Sheri (Rance Martin) Rider, and Nick Rider; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; nephews Marc Skeahan, Matt Skeahan, and Denny Lange; nieces Vonnie Rider and Cindy Hayes, and by numerous cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

John's rugged spirit touched many lives, including close friends and coworkers. May his memory live on in the hearts of the ones who knew and loved him.

Last, but not least, we want to thank his life-long friend, Mary (Susie) LaMarr, his caregivers Jake McCollom and Tiffany Lange for making his final time of life so happy.

A memorial service for John will be held on Saturday, January 13 at 2pm at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Janie, sorry for your loss. I will miss all the "John" one liners. We had fun.*

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**Curt Hughes** - January 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Remembering all the great times, and sending our thoughts and sympathy! Brian, Gary, Bray, Halle HEGLER*



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**The HEGLERS** - January 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We were friends with John and Janie for over 30 years. We were neighbors and enjoyed many gatherings at thier home in Klamath River. John and Janie were married over thirty years and loved each other tremendously. I ran into them a couple of months ago and they were together as almost every other time I have seen them. They were almost always together. I know that they shared a commitment with each that most would never understand. This enduring marriage cannot be ignored. I know they loved each other and John would want Janie to be treated with love and kindness during this time of sadness.

Chuck shared that Johnny worked for him as a very talented dozer operator for many years. Johnny was extremely dedicated to doing the best job he could do. He was great to work with and kept everyone laughing. He had a joke or a story to share about every situation. John had a way of making everyone feeling like a friend. John was outspoken and you always knew where you stood with him. He was not afraid to let you know if there was a problem.

We have very fond memories of spend time with John and Janie at the coast, barbecues at thier home in Klamath River, and seeing the at the Klamath River Turkey Shoots. We send our condolences to his wife, Janie, and his family. Always remember the good times and treasure your memories.

*Chuck and Valerie Linfoot*

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**Chuck and Valerie Linfoot** - January 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ To those who believe they deserve merit; to those who opened the door when the devil knocked:

*Death has a way of showing the true colors of one's character. It exposes their selfishness, it muddys the water with greed. Death exposes the ugliness that lay wait under the surface. It's here now. Shedding false positives, growing as it takes credit for false compassion, earning praise for false sacrifices, and casting shade onto others.*

*We are not born knowing selfishness, greed and hatred. These characteristics are learned, and to act on them is a choice.*

*Death is not the end. The people we lose are carried with us, we are their legacy. Oh how this man whose endeavors were described as the epitome of excellence would feel. How darkness has shed in the wake of his death. The actions of the ones left behind exposes the truth of their character.*

*To the man we've lost: what a beautiful picture was painted of you life. I hope wherever you are, you were greeted fondly by those who preceded you. When we meet again, I hope we too can enjoy fond memories and look past our differences. And I hope you truly know what our character is and where our merit lies, that you can see where love was and deceit lingered. I hope forgiveness finds us all. Until we meet again.*

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**Granddaughter** - January 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Sending condolences to the family of Johnny. Your memories will be forever cherished by your loved one.

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**Fran Meckler** - January 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Rip sir

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**Tom Taylor** - January 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ R.I.P John God speed!!

Rose Harris - January 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AR

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Huffert Rider - January 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ A fine man. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. RIP Johnny!

Linda Keno - January 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ What about his wife of 33 years!

Janet Thomas - January 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM