



## John Weymouth Holmes

April 14, 1946 - October 21, 2019

John Weymouth Holmes was born April 14, 1946 in Bend, Oregon to Friday and Catharine (Prideaux) Holmes. John died in Redmond October 21, 2019. He grew up on the family cattle ranch in the community of Lower Bridge, NW of Redmond. The ranch was a gated community, the gate being barb wire used to keep the cattle in. He attended the one-room Lower Bridge School until it closed in 1957, and finished grade school at Terrebonne. High school was at Redmond Union HS. He was an Oregon State Beaver, where he became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. Later John became a Cornhusker at the University of Nebraska, and he received a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics. At Oregon State he met his beloved soulmate, Lois Hamner, and they were married in Newberg, Oregon in 1967.

His work life was in the field of agriculture. During his career he was involved in both the input/production and the conservation sides of agriculture. He and Lois lived in Newberg and Portland, Oregon, and in Richland, Washington. After retirement in 1998, he and Lois moved to Redmond in 2000 and continued to travel in their RV. During their travels they visited all 130 towns listed in the official Oregon State map. He enjoyed growing roses, but in Redmond the deer prevailed most years. He liked to watch hillsides and "spook" animals, an example of his fun-loving nature. He was also known for his thoughtful, organized approach to life.

He and Lois celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2017. His brother, Stewart (JoAnn), lives in Springfield, VA. Four nieces include Julie Phillips (Dirk, and Jenna, Amy, Tyler, and Erin); Brooke Holmes (Patrick Washington, and Aiden, Addison, and Ella Rose); Annette Martinez (Gil, and Gabriella and Hannah); and Kim Ositis (Ryan, and Nicholas and Natalie). He was predeceased by nephew, Andrew Holmes. John is much loved by his family and many friends, and will be missed by all who knew him.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Redmond Memorial Chapel, 717 SW 6th Street, Redmond, with a reception to follow. Contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.  
Arrangements: Redmond Memorial Chapel, 541-548-3219.

# Tribute Wall

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“ John was a good classmate and friend. He could be counted on to always be smiling, upbeat, and quick with a funny story or comment. He was a delight to be around. And, even though you may not have seen him for a few years, he greeted you like you had seen each other last week. He was the real deal . . . genuine and sincere. There was not a phony bone in his body. It is sad that he has passed; but, it is sadder that there are not enough people like John in this world. We are all better for having known him. God bless him and keep him safe. Semper fi . . . Vern Peck, class of 1963

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**Vernon Peck** - November 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM