



John Andrew Larson

January 23, 1941 - October 6, 2024

John Andrew Larson, 1941-2024, of South Jordan Utah, a beloved father, grandfather, husband, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2024, at the age of 83. John was born on January 23, 1941 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and raised in the small desert towns of Southern Utah. However, John found his true home in Salt Lake City and it's beautiful surrounding mountains.

From a young age, John helped run his family's cattle ranch, traveling long distances by train and foot each weekend to care for the animals. This early dedication instilled in him a strong work ethic and a deep connection to the land and its creatures, values he carried throughout his life.

John was a devoted husband to Carole June Dianne Larson, sharing countless adventures together in the serene beauty of the mountains. They enjoyed exploring on snowmobiles, snowcats, and ATVs, creating lasting memories filled with laughter and joy.

For over 30 years, John passionately served as a Professor of Diesel Mechanics at Salt Lake Community College, where he inspired many students to excel in local, state, and national competitions. His teachings extended beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impression on all who crossed his path.

At home, evenings were often filled with friendly competition, as John proudly held the title of King of Cards, always ready for a spirited game of gin rummy with family and friends. His laughter and competitive spirit will be deeply missed.

A sentimental animal lover, John created a sanctuary for moose, elk, deer, squirrels, and birds at his secluded mountain retreat, always ensuring they felt safe and cared for. His kindness was evident in every creature he welcomed into his life.

John's legacy lives on through his cherished family and is survived by his children, Deborah (Greg) Williams, Paul Larson, Alexis Anvekar; grandchildren, Derek Lucero, Ryan (Jade) Lucero, Mitchell Williams, Shannon Rakes, Melissa Ashcroft, Dhilan Anvekar, Leela Anvekar and Jayan Anvekar; great-grandchildren Averie Lucero, Branch Lucero, Remi Lucero, Ace Lucero, Ari Lucero, Makayla Rakes, McKenzie Rakes, McKenna Rakes, Liam Rakes, Tayden Ashcroft, and Tyler Ashcroft. He instilled in each of them the values of hard work, love for nature, and deep compassion for all living beings.

As we remember John, let us cherish the warmth of his smile, the icicles that hung from his beard in winter, his calloused hands always ready to fix anything, and the chocolate bars always at his side. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate the profound impact he had on us all. John Larson may have departed from this world, but he is now reunited with his true love, Carole, and they will forever remain in our hearts and memories.

A memorial service will be held on October 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at Serenity Funeral Home in Bluffdale, Utah. Internment will directly follow at Mount Pleasant cemetery at noon.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **12**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 255-2801
<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

Interment

OCT **12**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Mt Pleasant City Cemetery
115 W Main St,
Mt Pleasant, UT 84647