



John Curt Benninghoven

May 14, 1945 - November 6, 2013

John (Butch) Curt Benninghoven of Monroe passed away Nov. 6, 2013, at home, surrounded by his family.

John was born May 14, 1945, in Emporia, Kan., to Fritz and Mary Benninghoven.

John grew up on his family farm in Cottonwood Falls, Kan. The family moved to Oregon in 1960.

John graduated from Monroe High School in 1963, and from Oregon State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in agricultural engineering. Shortly after graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Army from September 1968 to July 1970 in the Military Police. During high school and after his honorable discharge from the Army, he worked for Crocker Farms. In the early 1970s, he started farming independently.

On Nov. 30, 1966, John married his high school sweetheart, Susan Crowson. They lived on their farm in Monroe and raised their three daughters, Megan, Molly and Miranda.

John loved working on his farm, cutting firewood, and especially loved watching his grandchildren grow and watching their many activities. He also looked forward to his yearly hunting trip to the Steen Mountains with his friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Don.

John is survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Megan (Tony) Davidson of Estacada, Molly (Eric) Davis of Scio, and Miranda (Mathew) Richardson of Monroe; seven grandchildren, Tori Johnson, Harley Davidson, Bailey and Tucker Davis, and Matilyn, Miley and, due in April, baby Richardson; sister, Florence Fulgham of Mississippi; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for John will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in the gymnasium of Monroe High School.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Monroe High School Gymnasium
Monroe, OR

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of John Curt Benninghoven:
My name is Linda Schroer. My parents Dean and Ella Mae Schroer were life long friends of Fritz and Mary Benninghoven. We used to visit the Benninghovens in Cottonwood Falls fairly frequently and play at their "big" house. My mother is 92 and continues to live at our family home north of Strong City (Kansas). My Dad died in 2001. We send our love and sincere sympathy at the death of John.
Much Love, Linda

Linda Schroer - December 27, 2013 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ Sue and all the Benninghoven family, I am so sorry for your loss. Butch was a truly great guy, My wife told me of his passing as I was en route to Austin Texas to visit children and grandchildren. I deeply regret not being able to attend his memorial service. Know that my thoughts will be with you all.

Derk Barclay

Derk Barclay - November 14, 2013 at 02:05 PM

JM

“ I graduated from High School with John and Susan, I like them never wandered very far from where we went to school, living for the past 40 years in Philomath. John and Susan were always very well respected, in high school and throughout their lives.

I appreciated seeing John again, after many years. Once recently at a football game honoring the 1962 State Champions and once earlier this year.

John you are missed. Susan and family our hearts are with you. Pam and I will not be able to come to the memorial on Saturday as we will be on a trip.

Love to your family

Joe and Pam Malcom

Joe Malcom - November 12, 2013 at 07:23 PM

MS

“ Our family would often see Butch when he came to visit his daughter Megan. We always enjoyed our visits with him and the many stories he would share. Our family will miss him tremendously! We send our prayers and love to Sue, Megan, Molly, Miranda, and their families. We love you guys! Love ~ Mark, Melani, Emily, Kayla Searls



Melani Searls - November 12, 2013 at 02:29 PM