



John L. Davis

May 21, 1947 - July 16, 2015

John L. Davis, died July 16th, 2015, after a valiant fight against cancer. Born May 21, 1947 in Corvallis, OR he spent his entire life in the community. He graduated from Corvallis High School (Class of 1965) and Oregon State University (Class of 1969 - BS Business Administration). After graduating from OSU, he completed a tour in the US Navy during the Vietnam War (1969-71) on the USS Hamner. John then entered into the dairy farm and grass seed business established by his father on Bellfountain Road south of Corvallis. Here he could be found working the next 43 years running an operation that included over 400 cows and 500 acres of crops. He was a hard working family man and great husband to his wife of 42 years, Glenda Davis. In 2003, John and his family added some fun to the family business by establishing the "Muddy Creek Maze." This became a highlight to John over the next 10 years, seeing the fun that local families had visiting his corn maze creation and pumpkin patch. John always felt that the best part was driving the "moo train" for all the kids and especially his grandkids. John spent many years watching his sons play sports which he loved and participate in Benton County 4-H. In his spare time he loved being with his grandchildren-always finding time to be at the next activity, attending almost all OSU athletic events, going out for morning coffee with his wife, and enjoying time with family and friends. Surviving are his parents Leighton and Juanita Davis of Corvallis; wife Glenda Davis; son, Chad Davis and wife Debbie; son, Curtis Davis and wife Jessica;

three grandchildren, Haylee, Keira and Derek; and sister Karen Steele of Corvallis.

John will be sorely missed, we were blessed to have him in our lives. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I remember John from way back in grade school. I went to Mt View and we played his school in Basketball. Our boys played Basketball against each other when they were in Jr high. John let me goose hunt on the bottom land by the slough/river!! We were never "close" friends but He was a good man to have known!! Don Burck

Don Burck - July 26, 2015 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ Johnny IS my cousin and I am so very sorry about his battle with cancer! Only God knows why some win and some are called "home":(I fought it five years ago and am still here (!)
I remember, like it was yesterday, staying over night at the farm house as a kid and getting up at some ungodly hour to milk the cows! Living on a farm must teach so well the concept of responsibility. Things need to be done and you just have to do them! John taught me to milk a cow (I think he let me help with just one!), but even more introduce me to the idea of responsibility and "chores", something you do before going to work! I remember the big farm breakfasts and the bacon from your own pigs! A breakfast, after the chores are done and before you go to work! Just maybe a couple nights I stayed over but the memories linger.
A bit older, I bucked hay with John and Leighton, driving the tractor, for maybe all of three days! It is hard work and keeping up with Johnny behind the tractor was impossible! I was horrible allergic to the hay and although I took three handkerchiefs with me and dried them out on the radiator, three days was all I could take and missed my summer working with John. A simple thing like that and I will never know what else I could have learned, opportunities missed.
I saw John at the 25th High School reunion and a big strapping fellow, always with his unforgettable smile he turned out to be! It is sad how busy we get in living, not finding time to pick up the pieces and get to know each other again.
I come from a Big Family, my dad had seven brothers and one sister and I learned to not fear hard work from all of them. Babe and Virgil probably had the most influence on my life, workers with their hands who put skill and craftsmanship into their art. More childhood memories! I am grateful and thankful to be Johnnies cousin!

jerry carlin - July 23, 2015 at 08:19 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts and love go out to you, we are so sorry for your loss at this sad time. He will be greatly missed.

Deanna & Kent Stockwell

Deanna Stockwell - July 23, 2015 at 01:05 PM

TS

“ Glenda, Curtis & Chad, I was so sorry to read about John's death in today's GT. What a great loss! I have such good memories when I worked with him in 4-H. He did a great job as Treasurer...I loved meeting with him weekly to get checks and see his smile & get to visit with him. I also have fond memories of all of you in the "Milk 'N Meaters" 4-H Club, showing at County Fair, kids giving presentations at the County Contest and visiting your club meeting. And in the last few years seeing John & Glenda at the softball field when Curtis was playing. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.

Tammy Skubinna - July 22, 2015 at 12:57 PM

KB

“ Glenda, Chad, Curtis I am very sorry to hear about John. I have many memories of all of the things we did together when Ben and Curtis were playing ball. Probably one of the funniest memories I have is from a baseball game in Bend. The umpire was very friendly with the crowd and was an excellent umpire. After a close call behind the plate John said, "You're really good but you missed that one." The ump turned around and looked at John and said, "No, that was the second one I missed." Didn't happen often but John was speechless. Haven't seen him much in the last few years but always was and will be a very close friend. My prayers and sympathy.

Kevin Boyle

Kevin Boyle - July 21, 2015 at 07:04 PM