



John Wilbert Good

July 8, 1944 - February 18, 2022

John Wilbert Good (77) passed away on Friday, February 18th, 2022 from heart failure. He was raised in Montrose, Colorado where his father, Dr. William O. Good, and his mother, Virginia Good, served the community with medical care and community leadership.

As a kid, John shared his love of the outdoors with his brother and sister, Gary and Gale, especially his time on Daddy and Grandma Bakers' dude ranch and sheep farm. Daddy Baker gave John his high mechanical aptitude, and the Airforce added an electronics background. Both of these skills served John in his chosen professions of general contractor and Certified Arborist in Benton County, Oregon.

John and his wife Judy Good met in 1973, and spent their lives together running a business (J.B.Good, Inc, Tree Service and Landscaping), going to college, fixing up old homes and constructing two new homes (with help from family and employees). John completed his undergraduate degree in Economics, and his graduate degree from Oregon State University in Soil Science and Mycology. John and Judy were both active members of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Oregon Soil Science Society where John served in a number of roles in those organizations.

To illustrate John's balanced attitude towards life, he was often heard saying, "Sometimes you eat the bear, and sometimes the bear eats you.", and "If I die today, I've had a good life."

John is survived by his wife, Judy Good, his brother, Gary, and sister, Gale,

(both in California), and his two stepsisters Jamie and Pat Good (in New Mexico).

If you would like to make a contribution in John's memory, he would have supported the Oregon Soil Science Society, reachable at GPsoilscientist@gmail.com for Westside director Melissa Pingree, and the International Society of Arboriculture, Pacific Northwest Chapter, reachable at <https://pnwisa.org/general/?type=contact>.

Please leave condolences for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I have the privilege of living in the first house built by "Johnny Be Good". There were many times when we talked about gardening, landscaping, arborculture, and life in general. I appreciated how he could convey wisdom with a simple phrase.

Cottonwood does not make the best firewood, so I was a bit reluctant to chainsaw and split a few big logs of it. However. John explained that although some trees are better than others, you should just use what you have because, after all, if it burns "BTU's is BTU's".

It is important to be able to concentrate on the job at hand. An unneeded or unasked for assistant can be an annoying distraction. Once, and (only) once, I made the mistake of bothering John by interrupting his work to see if there was anything I could do to help. His reply was, "\$5 if I do it, \$10 if you help".

Dan'l Addis

Dan'l Addis - April 02, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Somewhere between the rotting foundation of an old house and the tippy top of a dangerous tree in the backyard of a hillside home, you would find John Good. He was equally at ease in both extremes doing whatever it took to get the job done correctly.

He was a working fool with multiple talents. He poured and finished more concrete than he cared to recall, and wore out numerous carpenter nail belts. He wore out boots and ropes and chainsaws and vehicles.

We planted many sycamores in Avery Park. Their survival is always a treat for me to reflect on. Bring on the compost, more, more.

John could remove a motor and transmission, or just replace a clutch and throwout bearing. With a torch and a wrench he could fix what he wanted the way he wanted. It would work and he didn't care about the paint.

He was the frontier of bringing a climber to the craft of being a skilled passionate certified arborist. The difference between someone with just a ladder and a chainsaw versus a highly educated tree top flyer with ropes was stark. For the health of the tree, spurs were not worn unless it was removal. He was often the bearer of bad news for concerned homeowners.

The mailers that he and Judy wrote and provided to their massive customer base was testament to their dedication for important horticultural and arborist standards. Their record of repeat customers that even spanned family generations I suspect was unsurpassed in this community,

Many employees cycled through their employ over the decades. Some were short timers, some very long and dedicated to the task of working alongside him. Some took their learned knowledge and went on their own in the same trade. His team would learn to do quality work as a cohesive unit from the time the truck backed into

the driveway to the time the gear was stowed and they were on their way.

I saw him do all that he could possibly do to satisfy customers for they were his calling card. We locked horns maybe a couple times. We laughed always.

*Give him a hammer and screw gun
Give him a saw and a couple ropes
Give him a fishing pole and a rifle
JB was quite a guy. I miss him.*

Harry Lehman

Judy Good - March 28, 2022 at 09:04 PM

LO

“ *I've been so very fortunate to have known John as my landlord over the past several years. He was a very personable, knowledgeable, caring, & kind man. I always enjoyed seeing & talking with him. He could fix anything, & I always learned something interesting & good every time I talked with him. Most recently his sage advice for life in general: "Don't let the bastards get you down." :) I'm very saddened abt the sudden loss of him, but I know he wouldn't want any fussin' & tears. I'll try to honor him by always striving to better myself & the world around me. My heartfelt condolences & love to Judy♥ & family, & friends. I will remember John B Good forever. Happy trails always my friend*

~

Laurie O



Laurie Oleman - March 12, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Photos of John from Judy's collection*



Judy Good - March 06, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Photos of John from Judy's collection*



Judy Good - March 06, 2022 at 03:24 PM



September 2021 on vacation somewhere between Oregon and New Mexico.

Judy Good - March 06, 2022 at 03:28 PM