



## John Michael Hoover

February 13, 1925 - December 20, 2023

### Obituary for John Michael Hoover

John Michael Hoover, surrounded by family, passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday December 20. He was 98 years old.

John was born in Elkader, Iowa on February 13, 1925 to Martha Kelleher and Joseph Hoover. John had an older brother, Robert, with whom he shared numerous chores and adventures with growing up on the family farm. John enjoyed hunting, painting, working out, reading and was an avid Notre Dame football fan throughout his life. He became a Beaver fan when he moved to Corvallis, but never lost his love for rooting for the Fighting Irish!

Following the close of WWII, John attended the University of Iowa from 1946-50, after which he returned to Elkader and became engaged in raising registered Hereford cattle. He met the love of his life, Glendene (Glennie) Bredfield and they were married on December 28, 1955. John returned to UI and earned his master's degree in education and began teaching high school science in 1959, all while still running a cattle farm. Glendene and John were blessed with 3 sons, Michael, Jim and Mark beginning in 1957.

In 1965, John was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend Oregon State University. With that opportunity, John and Glendene sold the farm and packed up the 3 boys and moved to Corvallis, OR. John took a job teaching for the Corvallis School District at Highland View Junior High, where he earned the moniker "Groovy Hoovey" brought on by his willingness to chaperone their student dances. John continued his own education, earning is

Ed.D. from Oregon State in 1977. After retirement in 1991 he and Glenne enjoyed living in Central Oregon for 13 years. They returned to Corvallis in 2004. They were active members of Suburban Christian Church.

John's parents and his brother Robert preceded him in death.

John is survived by his wife Glendene of 67 years, his sons' Michael of Redmond, OR, Jim and wife Kim of Corvallis, and Mark and wife Beth of Lake Oswego. He leaves four wonderful grandchildren, Kari (Roarke), Kyle, Grace (Micah) and Sam (Emily) and 2 exceptional great-grandchildren, Asher and Juniper. He also leaves brother-in-law Roy Bredfield and wife Ann and several nieces and nephews.

The Hoover family is very grateful for the outstanding help/care provided by Visiting Angels and Home Instead. Three wonderful young men, Brody, Matthew and Elijah – whom John counted on every day, and Karen Bull, who provided much needed support. Also, a big Thank You to Jenn from Lumina Hospice – we were so blessed to have you with us as John passed.

A memorial service is being planned for March 2024.

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# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

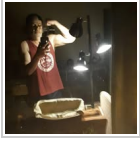
# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

**MAR 23.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Life Community Church  
4900 NW Hwy 99  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall



“ John Hoover was a terrific guy. My dad taught with him and really enjoyed his company. Dr. Hoover helped make going to Highland very special indeed.

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**Paul Daghlian** - January 20, 2024 at 07:18 PM

RJ

“ Mr. Hoover was my 8th grade science teacher in 1968. He was a good teacher and a nice person. I also recall his 'Groovy Hoovy' moniker. I remember that he would ride an English 3 speed bicycle to Highland View junior high.

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**Robert Johnson** - January 13, 2024 at 11:01 PM

RJ

“ Mr. Hoover was my 8th grade science teacher in 1968. Good teacher and a nice person. I also remember his 'Groovy Hoovy' moniker as well as an English 3 speed bicycle he would ride to Highland View junior high. He was a positive role model.

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**Robert Johnson** - January 13, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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“ Mr. Hoover was one of the best! I learned so much from his class. Groovey Hoovey...you will be missed!

*T Studier (1978-79)*

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**Terri DeStafeno** - January 08, 2024 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Mr. Hoover was a great Science and Health teacher. I remember his 1984-85 class fondly. Thank you, Mr. Hoover!*

*Stephen Whitener  
Highland View Scottie, 1983-86*

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**Stephen Whitener** - January 04, 2024 at 08:21 PM

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“ *Irene Deadrick lit a candle in memory of John Hoover*



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**Irene Deadrick** - December 25, 2023 at 06:12 PM