



John Andrew Cain

May 17, 1943 - July 11, 2012

Surrounded by family and friends, John Andrew Cain, 69, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2012. John lived a full life and enjoyed many activities. One of the things he did best was care so lovingly for his wife JoAnn. He enjoyed traveling to the beach and spending time at his beach houses. He loved camping with friends and family and hunting with his sons. Family and friends always appreciated his sense of humor and the jokes he would tell. In his retirement years he enjoyed spending time in Yuma, Arizona. John spent many years coaching little league at Alcoa and enjoyed working with the players on his teams. He was an avid golfer and helped many of his friends with their game. His best advice was to "keep your head down" and "squeeze your boobs". One of his favorite pastimes was watching golf tournaments on TV. He spent 13 years in the Air Force Reserves and left as a Staff Sergeant. He retired from the City of Vancouver as a Maintenance Superintendent. John attended Salmon Creek Grade School and graduated from Fort Vancouver High School where he played football. John leaves his loving wife of 48 years, JoAnn. He also has 3 children; Mark, Randy and Kellie Braaten. His daughter in law Sandy Cain and son in law Mark Braaten. Grandkids Andrew Cain, Matthew Braaten, McKenzie Braaten, Addison Cain, Griffin Cain and Morgan Cain. New members to our family are Tammy Fryar and her children Josh and Korrie. John was preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Laura. John has two brothers, Jerry and Gene. John will be remembered as a loving husband, wonderful dad, caring Papa and a friend to all. In honor of John's love of golf,

the family encourages golf attire at the Memorial Service. Donations can be made to Hospice Southwest at PO Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:36 PM

RL

“ Roger and I were shocked to hear about John passing. We really enjoyed John in Yuma and will miss him. Our sympathies to JoAnn and family.

Roger and Cecile Lamoureux - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our very deepest sympathy to JoAnn and the entire family. Naturally, we were so very shocked to receive this news. I don't really know how long I've known John, he shared a birthday with my older sister (Cheryl). He was a frequent visitor at our home during their Jr. High/High School years. John was such a wonderful friend and kind man...always a smile. Saw him last in Arizona. So thankful for the memories... When my father passed I received this saying: Perhaps they are not stars, but openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines upon us to let know they are happy. (Author unknown) Please know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers...

Gary and Darla Warner - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I had the pleasure of working side by side with John for 25 years at the City of Vancouver Operations Center and I admired his good business sense and his humor. We played a number of golf games together over the years and I always enjoyed his competitive spirit and his mischievous, fun-loving personality. John was always fun to be around and I will sure miss him. My condolences to Joann, Randy, Mark and Kellie

Lee Goodwin - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ JoAnne & family, so sorry to hear of John's passing. God needed him more in Heaven. Truly there is not words enough to say at this time. God Bless You All at this time. I miss you in the kitchens at VSD, JoAnne, Your friend John Benson

John Benson - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Joann, Kellie, Mark and Randy, I am deeply saddened for the loss of your husband and father. I have know John for 42 years and he was like a second dad to me for many of those years while growing up. I can't remember a time that he didn't have that big smile on his face. So many wonderful memories. I still can't believe that he has left this earth. One thing I am sure he is doing is designing a kick butt golf course up stairs with the big guy. Please call if there is anything we can do. Love you all and huge hugs to you. ~

Jana Greeley - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joann and kids So sorry for your loss. Grew up with John in Salmon Creek. He was my best man at my wedding. Always enjoyed seeing him again at the CC Fair. Many wonderful memories of growing up in Mayberry!! ~ Doug Stephens,

Doug Stephens - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ JoAnn and Family, so sorry to hear about Johns passing. Was good to visit wth you 2 in Yuma a few years ago. Terry remembers golfing with John at Long Beach many years ago, great times and memories. Our condolences.

Terry and Linda Fuller - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Joann and kids: Carol and I are deeply saddened by your loss. Memories of good times in Salmon Creek are still fresh. Our deepest condolences to the entire family. ~

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KM

“ Cain Family What wonderful times with John growing-up. playing king of the mountain. So sad for family. Karen Monahan

Karen Monahan - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ After working with John for many years I can't recall a man that maintained the respect from those he lead. John's composure and ability to avoid the negative were two of his traits that I admired. Fortunately our paths crossed one last time while he was enjoying pizza in Ridgefield about two months ago. I was shocked to read that such a wonderful man has left us to carry on his ways.

Terry Smith - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Kellie, Joann and family....my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to you and your entire family! Prayers for stength and understanding to get through this extremely hard time....so very sorry.

Sue Nolan - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So Sorry to hear of Johns passing.He was a very good man.My Love goes out to family & friends.

James T Moss - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I remember meeting John and JoAnn (Mr. and Mrs. Cain) when I was in high school. I thought they were so nice! Lo and behold, my good friend, Mark, married my sister Sandy and I have never lost touch with the Cain family ever since! I told Mark, "We get to spend Christmas, birthdays and holidays together! We are now family." And we truly are. Every time we were all together celebrating someone or just getting together, I always looked for to seeing John and JoAnn and Kelly. Every time, I was greeted with HUGE hugs and big smiles from all of them. Over the years I've learned how dedicated John was to his family and how wonderful he was to be around. I only remember him smiling and laughing and having fun. He will be deeply missed. With love, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Hansen - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry for the loss to the Cain Family. We will miss you John, but never forgotten. We have great and fun memories, and I'm sure they will come up daily in Yuma. Rest peacefully Dear Friend. Dale and Carol Scott

Dale & Carol Scott - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZM

“ We were all sadden to hear of John's passing. I know dad enjoyed being able to visit with him in Yuma. He also had some good memories from his time with him at the City of Vancouver and of course way back to Fruit Valley. Our thoughts are with you and your Family. Bob, Steve, Craig, Gary and Zane Mills.

Zane Mills - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I just wanted to say to all of you that I am so sorry you have lost such a wonderful man. I attended the funeral and enjoyed hearing about your memories, experiences with him. I took comfort for YOU that you were able to tell US what he meant to you. He will certainly be missed by so many people.

Sherri Hedger - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ JoAnn and Family: JoAnn and I have such wonderful childhood memories growing up. Later years when we got together and talked about our own families and shared ideas and thoughts were so special. Dave and I visited John and JoAnn a few times at the beach and always had lots of laughs and shared old stories. I remember John always seemed so relaxed and had a calm manor about himself. He was a great listener and always seemed to care about what you had to say. As others said he always had that twinkle in his eyes when he laughed. We always enjoyed going to garage sales with John and JoAnn, he helped me get things at a bargain price. I cherish all the memories and our prayers and thoughts are with the Cain family. Sandi and Dave Roberts

Sandi Roberts - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ JoAnn, I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. John was a wonderful person and friend. Some of my most pleasurable memories was working with John at the City of Vancouver. After I left the Parks Department and moved North, we still managed to maintain some contact. Most of that was at conferences or on the golf course. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
John & Liz Ivary

John Ivary - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jim and I were sorry to hear about John. We enjoyed his sense of humor. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. He will be missed.

Jim & Char Wolland - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ John will be missed.

Richard Hoffman - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ See you on the fairwaysJerry

Jerry Bacon - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. John was one of the good guys. We shared many stories and laughs together. He was a confidant for me (Candy). He was always there when I needed to talk. We'll miss him forever! John...it helps a little that I'm sure you're playing golf on the best greens available! We'll be there today to encourage your family and say goodbye pal! Vaya Con Dios my Friend! Sil and Candy Arata

Sil & Candy Arata - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are glad to have been invited into John & Joann's family. His acceptance, really made us feel a part of the family. He will be truly missed, but John would not want us to be sad, but to love and enjoy each other, because life can be cut short. Our love goes out to Joann and family.

Mike & Candi Fryar - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ To all of John's family...only meeting him the few times that I did, I know he will be missed GREATLY by his family and friends. He was a vibrant and fun-loving guy, and so loved his family. Prayers and encouragement with all of you, this is so hard and I'm so very sorry...

Sue Nolan - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were so shocked & greatly saddened to hear of John's passing. We have known John since Salmon Creek Elementary. John and Doc were great friends throughout school. We last visited John and JoAnn 8 years ago but exchanged Christmas cards every year. John was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by many. Love you JoAnn.

Doc & Tedie Mize - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thank you John for the wonderful memories of working with you for so many years. You lead by example without trying. You never spoke poorly of anyone and your life was full with activities outside the workplace. I'm sure that Roy has your tee time already scheduled and please tell him hi from me.

Terry Smith - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ John you and Joann have been so wonderful to us "Old People" You were always willing to help me at our place in Yuma. The Best Neighbor one could hope for. Your smile and jokes will be missed. It's not going to be the same. But we know you will be looking down over us, and you will be telling jokes and making people smile where your are. Rest Easy and know you are missed and Loved.
Paula & Stanton

Stanton Miller - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Mark, JoAnn and family - we are so saddened to hear about John. Mom and I send our heartfelt sympathies. I will always remember his sense of humor even as my boss that summer. Our prayers are with you all.

Kathi (McCarroll) Lucchesi - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ So very shocked to read of John's passing. Last time I saw him, was at a ball game, where our Grandkids were competing, John & I would always banter over who was gonna win. We went back through Salmon Creek School & even worked together at the City. John we will miss you. My sincere sympathy to JoAnn & her family.

Jacki Unger - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to JoAnn and family. I will remember John most for his kindness, helpfulness and wonderful,impish smile. He was my "friend" in the true sense of the word. I also was one of his "golf" students.I will miss him very much.

Maggie Webb - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I have many memories of hunting, fishing, golfing, family gatherings and him always being there to lend a helping hand. I couldn't ask for better in laws and am honored to be part of the Cain family. John was a very friendly and giving person, he will be truly missed.

Mark Braaten - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We were surprised and saddened to read of John's passing - we both have many shared and separate memories of John including Salmon Creek grade school and FVHS (Don), ALCOA Little League (Corky) and Vancouver Parks and Rec (both of us). Our condolences to the family - you have lost a very special guy. Don and Corky

Don and Corky Senecal - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am grateful to have been a part of John's family for over 20 years. So many memories. I am going to miss John and his laughter, twinkle in his eyes, his willingness to help fix (really, anything), and his never ending supply of everything. - JoAnn, you and John have always been the best In-laws anyone could have. I love you and am so sorry. "I am going to miss him." -Kenzie said it best. - Sandy

Sandy Cain - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Please accept our heartfelt symphathy for your loss fo John. ..We will always remember all the good times we had as neighbors and friends. John was a helping hand to everyone . John was so kind and had a wonderful smile for everyone . He liked my pumpkin pie.May time help the enormous loss and may God Bless you.. Jean and Darrell

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LR

“ John gave us good fun. He was a very caring guy and even sometimes a bit of a prankster. We will miss him dearly. Lynne & Lee Riege

Lee & Lynne Riege - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Joann and family we are both so sorry to hear of Johns passing. these things are never easy or expected. we have always had such a good time with you and John when we would visit at the beach. we will miss the fun and enjoyable times joking with John, golfing and as usual john beating me but always with willingness to help me improve my game. we will miss all the times we spent garage saleing with you two and watching how easy it was for John to strike up a conversation with a complete stanger and talk as if he they had known each other a long time. he was one of the friendliest people we have we have ever known. we will miss him greatly. Gary & Kathy Otheim

Gary & Kathy Otheim - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ THEIR ARE NO WORDS JOANN, LOVE YOU.

KRISTI - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ John was a bubbly, fun loving prankster with the most mischievous sense of humour. He was quick to laugh, quick to give hugs and quick to help. We mourn the loss of our dear friend and neighbour.

Gwyn and Linda Hughes - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ THERE ARE NO WORDS I CAN SAY TO EASE THE PAIN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE GOING THROUGH, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE LOVE AND CARE DEEPLY ABOUT YOU. JOHN WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN, HUSBAND , AND A DAD AND GRANDFATHER. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU teckie

Teckla& Merle Shaylor - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM