



## John Charles Livesay

June 15, 1937 - August 17, 2014

JOHN CHARLES LIVESAY June 15, 1937 ~ August 17, 2014 John Charles Livesay, 77, of Vancouver, WA, passed away Aug. 17, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. He was the only child of Charles Wallace Livesay, Jr. and Ruth King Livesay, born June 15, 1937 in Portland, OR. John graduated from Jefferson High School in 1955. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State College in 1960. It was there that he met the love of his life, Sharon Lee Bynum and was married that same year. John went to work for the Utah Fish and Game Dept. in 1962. His first assignment was on the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Research project. There after, he transferred to Price, UT, where he was regional supervisor for the last 8 years of his employment, retiring after 25 years of service. John served in the Air National Guard and Air Reserve for 34 years, both in Portland, OR and Salt Lake City, UT. John was a member of the First Baptist Church of Price, UT where he served as a deacon for many years. Upon moving to the Vancouver area, he attended the First Evangelist Church and for the past 10 years, was a member of Brush Prairie Baptist Church. John became a Christian in 1972 when the Lord called him from "hiding behind the hymnal". He so enjoyed visiting the shut-ins and lifting others up in prayer. He also, strongly believed in helping people in places he would never be able to physically go. John greatly enjoyed the outdoors as an avid hunter of geese, deer and elk. But his favorite was clamming and shrimping. John had such a great sense of humor that was evident up to the final hours of his life. He loved playing practical jokes and

riding around the property on his John Deere Gator. John is survived by his wife, Sharon, of 53 years; daughters, Lorie (Paul) Chatfield of Pocatello, ID, Judy (Jeff) Ballard of Kelso, WA and Susan (Bob) Hyde of Price, UT; grandchildren, Kevin Chatfield, Jennifer (Kip) Armstrong, Jeremy and Johanna Ballard, Samantha, Kris (Kattie) and Brandon Hyde; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Celebration of Life will be held Thurs., Aug. 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Brush Prairie Baptist Church, 11814 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, John would want you to contribute to Samaritans Purse in his name: P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000. [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 08:52 PM



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**Christine Dalton** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sharon and family. John's passing is news I wish you didn't have to pass on. Losing John is not only a huge loss for you and all the family, but it's also felt by many of your friends. Over the years John was a man who always greeted people respectfully and with a smile. I will miss our occasional phone calls, but I know that John had over the recent years suffered immensely. I also know that he was ready to meet his Lord. For that we must all be thankful. During one of John's required flying trips to maintain his license, I asked him if being up this high made him feel one step closer to God? He replied "yes and a head-on with an eagle would get us the rest of the way there". I felt much better! For a man who shot a gun left-handed and preferred a Canadian Goose instead of turkey for thanksgiving dinner, he was all right! I was proud to be his friend. May our God bless you Sharon, Judy, Lorie, Susan, your spouses and children in this time of sorrow.

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**Trevor Whiteside** - August 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Sharon, Lorie, Judy and Susan: Our hearts were so saddened on the news of your husband and dad. We are so glad that we had just been to see you a couple of weeks ago. Little did we know that our tearful good-byes would be the last time we would see John. We are so thankful for the friendship that John and Brent shared over the last 37 years. Thank you for letting us be a part of your lives and all the wonderful times that John was at our home during drill weekends having dinner with our family. "Hutch" will miss the phone calls and being silly on the "gator" with his friend. We love you all and know that John is in a better place and out of pain. He loved the Lord and knew that He would take care of him and that Sharon and the girls would be ok. Please know that you are in our prayers and we love you all. Brent, Nancy and Teriee Hutchings

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**Nancy Hutchings** - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sharon and family, You know how much Frances and I will miss John. He was a great friend, mentor and person. I know you and the girls will miss him so much. I so wish I had been able to visit with you guys again. I have such wonderful memories of the times we spent at Dutch John and I know how empty words are to express our sadness at such loss. Just know that your loss is felt by many who knew John. I will never forget the duck hunting on the Green and the Black Lab John had that would get so nervous on the way to Little Hole that the truck cab would reek. John helped me get through the field work on my PhD and especially when I broke my leg and needed help collecting lake samples. I could never thank him enough.

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**Glenn Longley** - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susan, Bob and all of John's loved ones: I am so sorry for the loss of your dear father. I know he has suffered much and can now run without pain or suffering. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**Shauna Fassett** - August 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM