



## John Frederick Robinson

September 22, 1954 - October 3, 2023

### John Robinson Obituary

Family is the anchor that holds us through life's storms and our family lost the chain to its anchor in the morning hours of October 3, 2023.

John Frederick Robinson passed away in his home in Washougal, WA . John was born to Earl Matthew Robinson and Betty Louise (Wirsching) Robinson on September 22, 1954. John entered this world just as unexpectedly as he left it, in the middle of his childhood home. Betty didn't even know she was expecting and was sent home from the doctors not knowing what was wrong. Betty made a tuna fish sandwich to see if that would make her feel better. It didn't, but giving birth to her middle child and only son did.

John grew up in Vancouver and graduated from Hudson Bay High School in 1972. John had a short stint at Clark College before joining the US Navy for four years. After the Navy John attended the University of Oregon where he found his two life loves, Mary and football. While attending the University of Oregon he walked on to the football team and during his time there he realized he would get more playing time with another University, this led him to Lewis and Clark.

At Lewis and Clark where he was a standout lineman for the Pioneers he

graduated with a bachelors degree and continued on to obtain his Masters Degree. The next phase of John's life took him to teaching and coaching, one of his true passions. John was the type of teacher that looked for the aha moments in his students. He always looked for the moments in life where he could pass on lessons that he had learned. He loved bringing out the best of his students, friends, and family.

One of John's greatest coaching accomplishments was coaching the 1996 Roosevelt Roughriders football team. The bonds that were created during the play off run lasted for the rest of John's life, it was a bond that John truly cherished.

John is survived by his wife of 43 years Mary (McMoneagle) Robinson, his three children and spouses Stephanie Peri-Provine (Derrick), John Robinson (Sarah), and Colleen Fujihara (Brandon), ten grandchildren, two sisters Linda and Liz, nieces and nephews as well as many other family and friends.

While John will always live on in our hearts, a piece of us left on October 3rd. We will no longer see the joy John took in eating peppermint ice cream on the 4th of July or pecan pie at Thanksgiving. We won't see how his face lit up when his grandkids would come bounding into the room yelling Grandpa to give him a hug, or how he would smile when he would witness one of their many accomplishments. Christmas Eve won't be the same with him not standing in the middle of the room watching everyone opening up their gifts with that boyish grin on his face. While he will be deeply missed, we are eternally thankful for the lessons he instilled and the love of family he bestowed upon us.

# Tribute Wall

CN

“ I just learned of John's passing, and I am in shock. I worked with John as a colleague at Roosevelt High School. I have such tremendous respect for John as a teacher, coach and friend. I share in his love for Roosevelt HS and the role that memories live in our hearts. To Mary and his family, thank you for sharing John with us.  
Cameron Neal

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**Cameron Neal** - February 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I coached football with John at Wilson High School. He was a kind and thoughtful man. The coaching staff called him "grey beard" because he was the most experienced coach. Condolences to his family!

- Tyler Dodge

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**Tyler Dodge** - September 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I was a member of the Class of 1996, and remember the our PLO Championship win fondly. I never had Mr. Robinson as a high school teacher but had the good luck to work with him as a Student Teacher in 2008 at my Alma Mater, Roosevelt. He was a good Teachers' teacher also, and it was a honor to work with him. Thank you, Mr. Robinson, for your many years of public service, first in the Navy, then in our public school system. You will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Sincerely,  
Ryan L Woolf

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**Ryan Woolf** - October 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *From the Clark & Date Street neighborhood kids; Craig, Jimbo, and Patty (The Newtons)*



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**Anonymous** - October 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *You will always be the greatest brother-in-law anyone could ever ask for. We loved you and will always love you!*



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**Bill and Scooter** - October 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Robinson family. Much respect to a great man. Kevin Mahoney RHS c/o 96 Jennifer Mahoney RHS c/o 98*

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**Kevin & Jennifer Mahoney** - October 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ John was a great guy and always had a smile. He gave up a Saturday for me one day when I told him that my son's truck had a bad clutch and wanted to know how hard it would be to replace it. He told me that he could do it with no problem. I limped it to his house and we spent the whole day getting parts and fixing it. When I asked him how much he wanted to fix it he just said you a good friend and that's what it is all about. I will miss him as a friend and fellow member of our breakfast club at RHS.

*Bud Meyer*

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**Bud Meyer** - October 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ John was the football coach at Roosevelt HS in Portland, OR., when I was the band director. The RHS band played at the football games and one year we played at the state playoff preliminary games. He was so appreciative of the support the band provided. A great coach and teacher.

*Touchdown in Heaven !*

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**Glenn Ludtke** - October 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for John Frederick Robinson** - October 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM