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John Leroy Holdren, age 64, passed away in Wenatchee, Washington on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The cause was due to an acute heart injury and was unable to recover from surgery.

Born February 13, 1957 in Spokane, Washington, to Max Leroy Davis and Constance Dorene Bendickson. He was later adopted by Charles William Holdren. He attended Moses Lake High School until 1975. John was proud to serve in the United States Marine Corps from August 17, 1977 until August 16, 1983. He served as a shop machinist and tank operator. He also received an expert rifle badge. On January 01, 2001, he married Carrie (Burnside) Phelps.

He lived in Post Falls, Idaho and was working as an Outside Salesman for Six Robblees' Inc. since 2001. The loyal customers he brought to the company was due to his dedication and care for them.

John will be remembered for how much he loved his family - especially all kids. He was notorious for loving pets he swore he didn't like. He enjoyed guns, shooting, and hunting which drove him to be involved in the local Friends of NRA committee. He loved his cars and worked on them for most of his life. More notably his 1955 Chevy Sedan Delivery that he was restoring to travel in with his wife, Carrie.

John is survived by his wife Carrie of Post Falls, Idaho. His children and grandchildren: Julia Middlemist and her daughter Aalyssa of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Jacob Phelps and his wife Melody and their children Klohie and Sharloutte of Watford City, North Dakota; Danell Phelps and her son Josiah of West Fargo, North Dakota; Kenneth Holdren of Post Falls, Idaho and his children Nicole, Rex, Keera, and Riot; Andrew John "AJ" Phelps of Billings, Montana; Sara Phelps of Post Falls, Idaho; Jennifer Holdren and her son Ayden of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Leslie Phelps of Spokane, Washington. His mother Constance Dorene Bendickson of Moses Lake, Washington and his second mother Elaine Davis of Greenacres, Washington. His siblings: Frank Holdren and his partner Ingrid Olson of Moses Lake, Washington, his daughter Bridget, and his granddaughter Kortni; Richard Holdren and his wife Gloria of Tri Cities, Washington and their children Andrew and Amber; Pamela Tea of Moses Lake, Washington and her son Jeff; Howard Varbel of Missoula, Montana; Kathy Reed; Dave Crawford; Ellen Kant and her husband Al of Rapid City, South Dakota and their son Colton; Dale Davis; Lee Davis and his wife Janna of Homer, Alaska and their children Jacob and Katie; Bob Davis and his wife Gale of Ashland, New Hampshire; Peggy Smith and her husband Tilden of Moses Lake, Washington; Rick Davis of Spokane, Washington; Pam Aurand and her husband Bob of Vancouver, Washington; Ron Davis of Greenacres, Washington. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. His former wife: Kristen Holdren of Shreveport, Louisiana. John was preceded in death by father Max Davis, adopted father Charles William Holdren, step-father Robert Bendickson, uncle Russell Nickell, paternal

grandparents Frank and Goldie Davis, maternal grandparents Leo Harvey and Constance Gertrude (Barnes) Nickell, and adopted paternal grandparents Paul and Jessie (Hall) Holdren.

A memorial service will be held at Japanese Peace Gardens on July 25, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The address is 800 S Alder St, Moses Lake, Washington. Refreshments will be provided, and anyone attending will need to bring their own seating. A military service will be held at Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington at a later date yet to be determined.

Memorial donations are welcome at the Post Falls Library. A check can be delivered or mailed to them at 821 N Spokane St, Post Falls, Idaho 83854 Attention: Business Manager. The check needs to be made payable to Post Falls Library and noted with "In Memory of John Holdren."

Thank you to all his family and friends for their help and support.

Tribute Wall

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“ One thing I always remember about John is how he gave time to the Family, Him and mom take off to work every year during memorial day to visit us in ND. he didn't buy toys for the kids or give them money but he is a kind off grandpa who showed love by giving his time. Time that him and mom can use it going somewhere where they don't need to drive long hours, but instead they choose to see us, to help us and to play the kids. You wouldn't see John just sitting in the couch on the couch at my house. He was always trying to play with klohie or holding sharloutte and walk her around, so i can do something. He is also the first person who i have a long conversation when jacob introduced me to the family. John have this aura that once he smile and talk to you, it seems like he instantly became your best friend. He will surely be missed. On our heart John is always alive and one thing I learned about him is giving time is very important to your love ones. People can't remember you by the things and money you give but the moment and memories that you share. I love You John and we will forever keep you in our memories.I'm happy you got time to go in the Philippines and meet my family.

Melody Phelps - July 15, 2021 at 10:20 PM

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“ The photos are wonderful!

Sue Duvaul - July 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ I love you so much dad. I miss you so much. I feel like I still had so much more to learn from you. I will try my best to make u proud an be here for my sisters and anyone else that may need me. I have big shoes to fill.. I will try my best to do it for u.

Ken Holdren - July 08, 2021 at 01:19 AM

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“ *Once a Marine always a Marine!*
Thank you for your service!
RIP John Holdren

Sue Duvaul - July 02, 2021 at 05:58 PM