



John Edward Malone

September 24, 1935 - November 10, 2010

John Edward Malone, 75, a thirty-eight year East Wenatchee resident, passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, following an extended illness.

John was born on September 24, 1935, at Astoria, Oregon to the late Edward and Lenette (Simons) Malone. He spent his formative years near Portland and graduated from Sandy High School in 1953. John further achieved a Bachelors Degree in Forestry from Oregon State University in 1958. Afterward, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in various locations including Iceland. In 1960, he received his honorable discharge and started working full time for the U.S. Forest Service. John began his new career stationed at the Spirit Lake Ranger Station at the base of Mount St. Helens.

On October 22, 1961, he was married to his pen pal and sweetheart, Patricia Ann Chilton at Iowa City, Iowa. The young couple split their time seasonally between a new home in Longview, Washington and the ranger station at Spirit Lake. John was transferred frequently working in the Forest Service. Their various moves in the area included Vancouver and the Lewis River Ranger Station on the east side of Mount St. Helens. In 1969, John and his growing family were transferred to the Sweet Home Ranger Station, in Oregon. Finally, the family moved to Wenatchee in 1973. After a career of 33 years working for the US Forest Service, John retired in 1993 and started a business as a

consulting forester. John had a passion for forestry and encouraged forest stewardship through his business and educational activities. John reached out to the community through his associations with the Society of American Foresters and as the president and founding member of the North-Central Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association.

John's interests were varied. As a young man he excelled at sports, and these interests followed him throughout his life. Having grown up in a small town next to Mount Hood, John spent his early years working at a golf course, skiing, playing basketball and fly fishing. As his children grew older, he liked to spend his free time coaching little-league baseball and basketball. He also enjoyed the challenges of bicycling as he toured Italy and completed a ride across the U.S. from Seattle to the New Jersey coast in 1997. At the age of 50, John competed in the Ridge to River Relay race as an Iron Man. In his golden years, John's interests included travelling, and sports of all types: especially golf, tennis, and cross-country skiing. Throughout, and particularly after retirement, John spent his free time enjoying, managing and protecting his private forest land. He received the Washington State Outstanding Tree Farmer Award in 2005.

John was a family man and had numerous good friends. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Patricia "Pat" Malone, East Wenatchee; three sons and two daughters-in-law, M. Kelly & Marianne Malone, Oslo, Norway, Allen S. & Susan Malone, Centennial, CO and Scott A. Malone, Tacoma; one brother and sister-in-law, Tim & Debra Malone, Glide, OR; three grandchildren, Lina and Ella Malone both of Oslo, Norway and Duncan Malone, Centennial, CO. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Patricia Allen and Joyce Limbaugh.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Eastmont Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Kentucky Ave., East Wenatchee,

with the Rev. Jim Deal officiating. Friends are invited to sign in or leave a memory for the family online by visiting www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested for the John Malone Forest Stewardship Education Memorial Fund at the Family Forest Foundation, P.O. Box 1364, Chehalis, WA 98532 or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Just found this site.... I'm so sad again... John was my 2nd dad for decades.... I grew up with the Malone boys especially Allen my best friend in the world ... we lived a block apart growing up. I will miss Mister Malone badly and do now... I was lucky enough to bump into him several times in the 90's- 2000's and I guess we all sometimes think we will all live forever... He was one of the most gentle and smartest men I've ever met. I also had the privilage of working with him at the forest tech center when I was surveying in the mountains and we had a blast for 2-3 yrs when I would show up researching property corners... BADLY BADLY MISSED.....

Greg Justice - July 07, 2022 at 01:08 PM

TC

“ We have been thinking of you and hoping that you're plugging along, one foot in front of the other, one day at a time. Sure wish that we could have been there for the services. Uncle John was such a kind-hearted man, I've already seen that in his sons, and I can't wait to see his influence on the next few generations. I will cherish the times we shared together - for example, did you know that Uncle John taught me to play chess?? -I dont think that anyone else would've had his patience! Wonderful memories... here's hoping that those wonderful memories are what you think of when you think of him, and that they keep you afloat into the future.

Tom and Tonya Chilton-Radandt - November 22, 2010 at 08:25 AM

AR

“ John will be greatly missed and loved.
Our thoughts and prayers go to you, Pat and your wonderful family.

Angela Reilly - November 20, 2010 at 09:33 AM

SB

“ It has been quite some time since I last saw John. But I will always remember the fun times I had going to his house for get-togethers with Kelly and our other friends. He was such a kind hearted man. He helped myself and others with several Arbor Day events over the years. He was always so willing to do whatever he could to help educate the public and inform people about our wonderful forests. I wish the best for his family.

Scott Ballard - November 19, 2010 at 01:35 PM

KP

“ It was a shock for me in learning of Johns death. As a past neighbor and friend, John has touched me and my family. He is a man that I have always looked up to and I have tried to live my life like he lived his. He really enjoyed life with all the activity's he has done. He will be truly missed.

Ken Paulus - November 19, 2010 at 11:52 AM

TL

“ Pat, I was so saddened when I heard of your loss of John. I will always remember that John had a smile on his face whenever we met in Church. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, Terri

Terri Van Lith - November 19, 2010 at 11:16 AM

DL

“ Uncle John's stewardship of the forest and his understanding of our relationship to nature has always influenced me. When I received the forestry merit badge in Boy Scouts, my visit with him and Scott at the Republic property and his explanations were present in my mind.

I went on to become nature director for two different Scout camps and even received a degree in Natural Science. Uncle John was certainly a major influence in achieving these experiences.

I am thankful for having him in my life.

Don Limbaugh - November 19, 2010 at 02:28 AM

JG

“ The news of Uncle John's passing has been so very hard to digest. I'll miss him immensely. I am thankful to have known John, and will cherish the memories that I have of him. My heart felt condolences to Pat and family.

Jessica Goldin - November 18, 2010 at 03:38 AM

LM

“ Dear Pat and family,
My heart is heavy as I type this message but filled with such fond memories of John. John will be missed by so many family members and friends. He had that special spark that made him so special. Our love and support go to you and know we're thinking about you.
Love,
Lin and Lee

Lin and Lee McAtee - November 17, 2010 at 04:57 AM