



John Keith Sprout

July 29, 1934 - January 11, 2012

John K "Jack" Sprout, 77, a 34 year Wenatchee resident, passed away at his home on January 11, 2012, following an extended illness.

He was born on July 29, 1934 at Emmetsburg, Iowa to the late Ralph & Leone (Lenz) Sprout. He was raised on the family farm near Cylinder, Iowa and schooled at Emmetsburg; he graduated from Emmetsburg High School. He entered the U.S. Army and following his honorable discharge he returned to Iowa and continued his education at Upper Iowa University. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business & History in 1960.

After graduation he moved to Southern California where he worked in a shoe store that catered to Hollywood starlets, where he fitted many of the famous actresses. He later moved to Phoenix, AZ where he was married to Mary Esther McDonald. In the mid 1960's, they moved to Ventura, CA. He worked as a manager at Standard Brands Paint Store in Oxnard, CA.

They moved to Wenatchee in 1976, where he was then employed at Sears in 1977. He retired as the manager of Home Improvement & Hardware Department at Sears in 1994.

He was married to Carolyn "Carol" Ruth Guerin in Wenatchee on August 29, 1986. They have since continued to make their home in Wenatchee.

John attended Calvary Bible Church and later Wenatchee First Assembly of God. John's faith in his Lord and Savior never wavered.

His love for his family was very strong. He enjoyed fishing, camping and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn "Carol" Sprout, Wenatchee, WA, daughter Maureen (Kenneth) Edwards, North Richmond Hills, TX, son Ralph (Aimee) Sprout, University Place, WA, step son, Roger Guerin, Wenatchee, WA, sister, Beverly O'Brien, Worthington, MN, brother James (Rose) Sprout, Algona IA, seven grand children, Brandon Clark, Hill AFB, UT, K'Lynn Clark, Anna Clark & Jaxon Edwards of North Richmond Hills, TX, Devin Sprout, Parker Sprout & Andrey Sprout , of University Place, WA.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, June Hall & Joyce Elmore. Memorials can be made to the charity of donor's choice. Online condolences and memories can be left at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com; arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ We will always remember John's beautiful smile and cheerfulness. Bless you Carolyn and family at this time...

Leo and Peggy Marrs - January 20, 2012 at 07:06 PM

DF

“ John, always smiling, always laughing. He showed all of us grace and the Joy of the Lord in any and every situation. We will miss his company and will always remember the good times we had with him. Our prayers are with his family.

David and Peggy Fend

David and Peggy Fend - January 20, 2012 at 12:39 PM

JT

“ We will always have so many great memories of all our camping trips together and many hours playing games at the picnic table at Nason Creek. He was always willing to try a new game and we had a lot of good laughs, some at his expense. He was a loyal and giving friend, who will be greatly missed.

Jim and Marilyn Tanis - January 18, 2012 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ I believe this photo was taken when we all rented Tuxes for the kick off of "Everyday Low Pricing"....AKA worked ugly hours to reprice EVERYTHING in the store.

When I worked with John at Sears, the entire Management Staff and employees were truly a "family". There were many changes in the company during those years and we worked long and hard hours. John was like my Sears Big Brother. He was a huge tease. I remember every time I got my hair frosted he would stop me and say "Gee Linda do you need to borrow some money to buy more bleach? They didn't seem to get it all colored." At that time in my fashion journey I always had a flower in my hair. Another John Sprout tease....."Gee Linda, do you know you have a flower growing out of your hair...you really should wash your hair more often." Honestly there was a home feeling about working at Sears and those are amazing memories that I miss. To his family and friends...my prayers and deepest hope for peace and comfort as you find a way in this world without John's humor and presence. He is in God's arms now and at peace.

Linda Haglund - January 18, 2012 at 05:48 PM

GC

“ *The Wenatchee Valley Cross will be lit in memory of John on Jan 20th, 2012.*

To the family,

*May the Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.' Num 6:24-26*

Sincerely,

Gale and EJ Clark

Gale & EJ Clark - January 16, 2012 at 01:41 PM

VK

“ *Good bye Uncle Jackie. I'm glad that we visited you and Carol.*

My love to Carol, Ralph and Maureen.

Vicki Leone (Hall) Kulik - January 16, 2012 at 01:14 PM

PW

“ *I didn't know John that well, I would only see him one or two times a year, but I do know that such a cantankerous and funny man will be sorely missed.*

Phillip Weld - January 16, 2012 at 12:54 PM

VW

“ When I was just a little kid, Uncle Jack lived in our basement apartment in Emmetsburg. I remember when he had his appendicitis attack and had to be taken to the hospital. But I have fun memories, too--like when we were lucky enough to have Uncle Jack for a babysitter. He would let us use the playing cards and help us build houses with them. I don't know how tall those houses actually got; however, as when I pull out that old memory now, it seems that they were MANY stories high!

Virginia Wille - January 16, 2012 at 09:37 AM

CD

“ When Uncle Jackie lived with us in Mason City Iowa, I must have been in about 5th grade, and he was probably about 25 years old. He wore loafers, and was very much more cool than my parents were. He could dance like Elvis if you begged him. One day he pulled me off the sofa in the music room, lifted me up by my ankles, and bounced my head on the floor. It was a blast. I was way too much of a grown up to be that silly, but it sure was fun. He was one of my two favorite uncles, Uncle Jimmy of course, being the other favorite.

Christina Mallory Hall, June's middle daughter - January 15, 2012 at 08:14 PM

MW

“ My memories of dear Uncle Jackie are similar to cousin Jean's. He was friendly, tall and lanky and had a winning smile. I always got a kick out of his snort-y laugh.
I wish I had kept in closer contact through the years and have only recently reconnected with him, Carol, Ralph & Maureen, who I send my deepest condolences to.
The last time I saw, I think was in 1967 at my mama, June Sprout Hall's memorial service.
Uncle Jackie was one-of-a-kind.

Martha Jo Hall Walton - January 14, 2012 at 09:16 PM

RM

“ I have nothing but pleasant memories of John. He was a man who loved his children and was extremely proud of both of them. I am positive he will be missed and treasured.

Bob and Nancy McFaden

Robert McFaden - January 14, 2012 at 08:53 PM

NG

“ Although I never met John I have heard many stories from Ralph about him. He sounded like a great man and I know that his family will truly miss him.

Nancy Gronemyer - January 14, 2012 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ My earliest memory of uncle "Jack" is when he stayed with us for a bit after he got out of the army. I was quite young, but I remember the really tall soldier who stayed with us. Mom says his he had to have an appendectomy that used up all of his severance pay. What a bummer! That's not even right . . . Anyway he went to college then in Iowa, so we likely saw more of him, but I mostly remember him right after his surgery. It's a shame families get separated by miles and we don't get the opportunity to know each other.

My kids are all grown now but all three live in MN, my son less than 5 miles from us, the youngest daughter is a single mom going to school full time so she and her two boys live with Larry and me.

Heidi's family lives way up in Ely (think Canada) and that is a 5 1/2 hour trek, but we still see her family quite a bit. I hope the three of them can keep in touch when we are gone and that the cousins all know each other even when they grow up.

Bless your family in your sorrow and know that it is shared by some "remote" family here in Minnesota. May God bless your dad's memory among us.

Jean (O'Brien) Cooper - January 14, 2012 at 12:59 AM