



John D. Merriam

November 4, 2022

A proud Leap Year baby, John David Merriam passed away on November 4, 2022.

John was born in Fullerton, California in 1952. After graduating in the early 1970s, John enrolled at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, studying botany for several years prior to pursuing his career as a builder. He wed his wife, Susan, in 1979; in 1983, they bought a plot of land near Masonville and broke ground on a custom passive-solar home designed by John. Their daughter, Sonya, was born a month before they moved into the house, which included a small office for John's construction business and a commercial kitchen for Susan's bakery. The family lived in the small structure while John completed the house over the next three years; their son, Evan, joined the family a few years later. The family loved living together at the home, hosting holidays and many a party with family and friends. John and Susan planted over 200 trees at the homestead and took their stewardship and cultivation of the land seriously. John built custom homes throughout Fort Collins and the surrounding area until the late 1990s, when he started a concrete company that specialized in foundations at challenging rural and mountainous locations. He leveraged his building aptitude with his love for people and service, leading church youth mission trips and Habitat for Humanity trips with a desire to provide people with housing. Through Merriam Concrete, John and his team poured foundations for Habitat for Humanity

homes all along the Front Range. A lifelong Christian, his faith provided the cornerstone for his life. He served as a church usher at Redeemer Lutheran Church's early service for decades prior to going to his heavenly home; in fact, several of his friends lovingly nicknamed him "The Deacon." John is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, their two kids and their kids' partners, his sister and brother, his loving mother, and countless friends. His life is celebrated and honored by all who loved him. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity or to Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church (7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO 80525) and will be a celebration, indeed; please wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or classic rock t-shirt.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

AV

“ John and his family were always extremely friendly people. I will never forget the hospitality they showed me at their residence. May John rest in peace and I thank all the times I got to experience his presence in my life.

Aric Vanagunas - July 15, 2023 at 01:44 AM

KB

“ John and Susan are certainly models of true Christians, who put others first and live an exemplary life. It's been a gift to know them!

Karen M. Boehler - January 03, 2023 at 05:58 PM

DH

“ Through the years I have had many great experiences with my buddy John. John always had a love for travel. We worked together in Mexico on a mission trip, we sea kayaked the Baja and Croatia and canoed and rafted the North Platte many times. Skiing and snowshoeing together was always a great time. We biked the White Rim several times and even once with our sons. I traveled to California with John and visited his parents at their home. I will never forget what a great time I had running around London with John and Susan. But some of my favorite memories are all the great meals we had together at the Merriam home. John and Susan were always such great host. I will miss traveling and adventuring with my friend.

Dennis Houska - November 30, 2022 at 10:12 AM

PR

“ We are so grateful to have know this special guy. To Susan and family we send our prayers .We are in Tucson so will be there in spirit.

Pam Roys - November 26, 2022 at 09:54 AM

PM

“ Always a perfect gentleman with an easy laugh. Great friend gone too soon. My heart felt sympathy goes out to his wonderful family.
Patty Mclver

Patricia I Mclver - November 22, 2022 at 11:41 AM

PM

“ Patricia Mclver lit a candle in memory of John Merriam



Patricia I Mclver - November 22, 2022 at 11:34 AM

VW

I got to meet John after he started his concrete business and had the joy of working with him. He was so fun and special to work with. Then i got to see John and Susan at Redeemer. He will be missed. Love and support for his family.
Vicki Wagner

Vicki Wagner - January 08, 2023 at 12:25 PM