



John C. Moen

March 29, 1958 - September 8, 2022

With the beautiful surroundings of his beloved Moen Ranch in Virginia Dale CO., John passed unexpectedly on Thursday September 8th with his loving wife Diane and his children Breann and Tad by his side.

His childhood memories were of times roaming the ranch with his cousins and his best friend, Shawn Hoff. He later got to enjoy his beautiful mountains when he and Diane made the ranch their home. He loved to entertain every holiday, birthday and special occasion and took delight in taking any new visitor for a tour of the Moen Ranch. Friends and family enjoyed many fun times at the Moen home.

John was born on March 29, 1958 to John Clark and Letha B. Moen. He attended the Virginia Dale Elementary School, Cache la Poudre Jr. High in Laporte CO, graduating from Poudre High School in the Class of 1976. He attended Casper Jr. College in Casper WY where he was a member of the College Rodeo Association. John participated as a Saddle Bronc and Bull rider throughout his high school and college days. He spent much of his early years as a logger and welder before becoming a Ditch Superintendent for several Irrigation Companies, providing water for the surrounding farming communities and municipalities. He was still holding this position at the time of his passing.

Diane Lynn Schott and John were married October 18, 1980 in Ft Collins CO. As a family joke, John never did let Diane forget she picked the opening day of hunting season as their wedding day. He was incredibly proud of his family and his grandsons, Triston and Trygg were the light of his life. They thought their "Papa John" was the best and you usually saw them riding in the side by side with him checking fence, cattle or just spending time together. John cherished these times he had with his boys.

He was an avid hunter and looked forward to any hunting expedition he was invited too, regardless of where it was. He especially looked forward to the trips to Texas when his son Tad and his friends, Larry and Rock, from Tennessee and Kentucky joined him. Many of his friends had the opportunity to hunt with him on the ranch and considered it a privilege to have him as their guide. Not always successful, most of them just considered a day of hunting with John a learning experience.

John was preceded in death by his father Clark, his mother Letha and his grandson Brantley Clark Alber

He is survived by his wife and soulmate, Diane. His children and their spouses., son; Tad and Jessie Moen of Wellington CO., daughter; Breann and Brandon Alber of Wellington CO., His two grandsons, Triston Moen and Trygg Alber. Sister Vicki Uthmann and family and his lifelong friend Shawn Hoff {Pam.}

John will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

Service/Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday September 18th at the Wind Song Event Center at 2: OOPM.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Our hearts are heavy as we try to adjust to our lives with our beloved John gone and only the wonderful memories we have of him sustaining us Dad and I remembering the times when he and his dog Sassy stopping in for a snack or waiting for Diane to surface with some project for John. Todd is so thankful for the times he got to spend with John and Diane, NFR in Vegas, Stock Show, Chy Frontier Days, the past two years full of fun times with him and John following Diane’s instructions for the day! The time Diane got her purse stolen at the Mob Museum in Vegas and we all looked out to see John diving in the dumpster with his beautiful Stetson hat Diane had given him as a gift on his head.He left us with so many precious memories for our family and friends to remember. Thank you John for being our Son and Brother for all those years. We couldn’t have asked for a better person to take care of our daughter and our grandchildren. With Love, Mom and Dad Schott and Brother Todd

Jerry Schott - September 26, 2022 at 02:02 PM

LP

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Moen family. It was always a treat to spend time visiting with John. A great man gone too soon.

Larry Peterson - September 18, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DR

“ Diane, Tad and Breana we are so sorry for your loss. John was a good person and you need to hold on to the wonderful memories we are sure that you have.
Peace be with you all.
Duane and Tammy Drager

Dragers - September 17, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DJ

“ *Doug Jardine lit a candle in memory of John C. Moen*



Doug Jardine - September 17, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 16, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 16, 2022 at 02:09 PM

RF

“ I was cutting some firewood one day with my brother on the Moen Ranch Forrest Moen had given us permission. We were back in a ways, and some fella comes up to us and ask us to make sure we don't high grade the dead timber and do a good job piling slash and such. I thought we were, and thought he was being a bit hard on us, but we darn sure followed his wishes that day and in the future. He must of Introduced himself at some point, and over time we became friends, and he put me to work on the ditches he managed for a while when I needed some work.

He became a bit of a mentor in life. And he helped me learn how to run his D4 Cat, in and along the ditches. I would go on to purchase my own D4, and a backhoe like he had, and an excavator like he had, and a truck to haul things like he had etc.. Eventually I had a fairly good-sized one-man excavation business that was successful. It would not have happened without that man letting me run his D-4 when I was plum green to equipment. During that timeframe I met a woman and proposed to her, but I really didn't have a good friend, for a best man, that was any better of a man than the man I had met in the woods that day. I had lost my Dad to ALS while in college and was a bit of a loner. I asked him to be my best man, and it may have surprised him a bit as we had not known each other more than 3-4 years, but he said yes. I would later name my only son Richard John... after my Dad and this man I met in the woods (and the Book of John).

This man was John Moen, and he had a big impact on my life. We shared a love of the woods, a love of hunting, a love of equipment, a love of rodeo and riding bulls, and a love of family. He was a very good man, every day that I knew him. Full of a love of life, of integrity, of appreciation for hard work, and pride and love for his family. He was a Gentleman, in the ways of our fathers before us.

He had a zest for life, on a daily basis. One day along a ditch, was a golf course. Well, there were a lot of golf balls in the ditch and ditchbanks, so he carried a club, and for a while that day we hit those balls right back towards the golfers, at the far end of what seemed to be a driving range. A bit like Robert Duvall chasing buffaloes in Lonesome Dove, just for the heck of it.

He came up to North Rim hunting one day, as I had called and told him I knew where some elk were. We found them bedded in a dark hillside, and they later started moving and we were on their trail. The tracks split a bit and so did we. I came out in a spot where I could see the bull and I laid up against the base of a big pine, and laid off the luckiest shot I have ever made. The bull dropped. John came up behind me and asked what I shot. I told him I shot the bull, and he asked well where is it ? I pointed up by a cedar about 450+ yards across a valley. It was up elevation 2-300 feet, against a crosswind, with a 30.06 Win. 70 that I knew was off 3-4 inches at a hundred. John says, man that was a heck of a shot. Anyhow, by the time we made it to the bull it was getting late, he pulled out a big bowie type knife, and dressed that bull faster than any mam I have ever seen. But that's the way he was, whatever he did, he did well, exceptionally well.

It was always good to see John, and or talk to him. He would lift a person up with his zest, his smile, and his happiness.

My aching and troubled heart goes out to Diane, Tad and Breann, as well as the rest of the family. I don't know why God needs the best ones early, but he sure got a heck of a good man in John. He darn sure needs to live through, his family and friends that he left behind, as they don't make men like him today. I don't know if I'll

make it to the service, I am long ways away, and my heart hurts, and the livestock need cared for, and there's a big bull elk needing an arrow, so I hope John and the kids understand, and they can accept this story in honor and tribute. R.M Fithian

R.M Fithian - September 16, 2022 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ *Diane, Tad and Breann. We were so sorry to hear about John. Hoping that wonderful memories will help you all through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jan and Paul Carter*

Jan Carter - September 16, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 15, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 15, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JC

“ My sympathy to Tad and Breann, my former students at CLPJHS. Tragic to lose a father while young. Love to both of you and your mom. I remember Ed Crockett talking about the pleasure of hunting on your beautiful ranch, even though he was once surrounded by rattlesnakes.

Jan Carpenter - September 15, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.



September 15, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.



September 15, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.



September 15, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John C. Moen.*



September 15, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Diane and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of your beloved John. He was a sensational man.*

Teresa Dimick - September 14, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Diane, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you comfort and lots of love at this time of sorrow. Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Dean and Christina Serratelli

Christina Serratelli - September 14, 2022 at 04:55 PM

VM

“ Diane, I am so, so sorry. Losing the love of your life in a split second is very, very difficult. And words are wholly inadequate at a time like this.


Please be gentle with yourself as you move through the shock of losing John and begin your grieving process. His memory will always remain with those he leaves behind, way too soon.

I send my heartfelt condolences, 

Veta Mitchell



Veta Mitchell - September 14, 2022 at 04:40 PM

GP

“ Our family sends our thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Diane. Our deepest condolences for your loss of John. 

George Patton - September 14, 2022 at 03:54 PM

TR

“ Diane and family, I am so, so sorry to hear about John. My thoughts and and prayers are with you all!  

Terri Rice 

Terri Rice - September 14, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TB

“ Diane, I am so sorry for you and your family's loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tim Blair

Tim Blair - September 14, 2022 at 02:36 PM

CS

“ *Diane and Family. I am so very sorry. My deepest condolences.*
Cindy Starck

Cindy Starck - September 14, 2022 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ *I had the privilege of knowing and working with John in his work on the Southside ditches. I always appreciated his direct comments and gentle spirit. I rarely had to guess about John's opinions! I am so very sorry for your loss. John was a great guy and we will all miss him.*

Dennis Sumner - September 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM

CC

“ *Cargill Fort Collins purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John C. Moen.*



Cargill Fort Collins - September 14, 2022 at 09:59 AM

LL

“ *Diane & Family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find peace in knowing we are here for you. We ask that God take his loving arms and wrap them around you at this sad time. I remember the beautiful stories you shared with me about John. May he RIP.*
Lupe, Jerry, & Carissa Sigward

Lupe Lemos-Sigward - September 13, 2022 at 04:12 PM

SF

*Diane and family,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and the kids. We are here if you
need anything, at any time. John was truly Loved by all of us, he was a
genuine kind soul! Love Steve, Patti and our Family*

Steve Stout Family - September 15, 2022 at 09:22 PM