



John Moring Percival

May 29, 1929 - October 8, 2012

John Moring Percival, 83, of Fort Collins, died October 8, 2012 after a short illness. Mr. Percival was born May 29, 1929 in San Diego, California to John Wesley and Thelma B. Moring Percival. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Novis L. Barrett Percival; children, John Linda Percival, Franci Mike Smith and Larry Hope Percival; and granddaughters Charlene, Ashley and Haley; and great grandson, Zachary; cousin, Peter Moring. Mr. Percival graduated San Jose State University. He was a motorcycle officer and homicide detective for the San Jose Police Department. John owned a Fixed Base Aviation Business in San Jose, California at the Municipal Airport. He also operated a Fixed Base Aviation Business in Hollister, California. Mr. Percival enjoyed motorcycle motocross racing which he did from 1948-2003, He was California Parachute Club President, skydiving from 1958-2001, he enjoyed flying and was an instrument and multi-engine rated commercial pilot owning WWII P-51, 1930's DC-3, 1950's Convair, 1926 Howard aircraft; and various single and twin-engine Cessna and Piper aircraft. He bought, sold and salvaged large commercial aircraft around the world, ferried aircraft to/from across the US, Mexico, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Pakistan and India. He also enjoyed bicycling, skiing, body Surfing, scuba diving, and wind surfing. John supported many charities for people and animals. A private service will be held.

Tribute Wall

NC

“ John, in so many ways larger than life and a heart as big. I am so grateful to have shared the road with John for a brief time. I hope the good memories and the smiles that come thinking about John will ease the sorrow of those who love him. Take care Novis. Nancy

Nancy Hauser Cushing - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We were greatly saddened to hear about John's passing, he was such a FUN guy to be around, we have missed him greatly since he moved to Colorado. We had such great times riding dirt bikes together, he was always a laugh a minute, and the nicest guy you would ever want to know.

Dick & Linda Lang - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss; John was truly a wonderful person. I have no words to express my sorrow for the family.

JERI GRACE-ARIAS - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Reading of John's passing was so sad. He was quite a guy! I remember the few times you would come over to the condo at Ridgemark after a game or two of tennis and we visited and had so much fun! And I also remember the times John would come into the Hollister office with his income tax info, and talk and "b.s." with Jerry Baptista. Those were the days! I'm sending you my sincerest sympathy at you loss. You, John, and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. John was a "One of a Kind" guy, and will be sorely missed by all. I will be thinking of you often and loving. Most fondly,
Camille Stevens Bonhag

Camille Stevens Bonhag - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ I worked as an ambulance driver part time with John while going to San Jose State College. I just read his obituary last week. He was a great person, sincere and caring, and he was good at whatever he pursued. I remember him fondly. Oskar Thurnher

Oskar Thurnher - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Novis, I want to express my sympathy to you and your family and wish you peace and comfort. Sincerely, Carol

Carol O'Brien - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ A true and intense original, John changed everyone who knew him. Already miss you, buddy. Ken

KEN HIRSCHBERG - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Novis and Family-- John is and always will be my most unforgettable character. They call Steve Martin "a wild and crazy guy" but for me and my family that describes John. He was so good to us in our time of need--just a truly amazing and wonderful friend. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you all. We treasure our joyous memories of your John. With great love - Jan

Janis Matthews Frakes - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Novis and family: We extend our deepest sympathy at this time of your loss of John. We both worked 'with' John at SJPD in the '60's. He was one GREAT cop and he is also a loss to our police family. Peter and Vera Graves

Peter and Vera Graves - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time....Mohni and Iqvinder

Mohni - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Novis and Family, We will miss John's always cheerful nature and good humor. He provided us and our family with many good times over the 40 years we knew him. With warmest regards, Liz and Frank

Liz and Frank Christensen - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM