



## John E. Vetter

January 30, 1930 - August 23, 2010

John E. Vetter, 80, of Fort Collins and Laramie, Wyoming passed away peacefully in his Fort Collins home on Monday, August 23rd. John was born on January 30, 1930 in Johnstown, Colorado to Villa and John W. Vetter. He was raised on the family farm in Johnstown and graduated from Johnstown High School in 1949. He worked for REA prior to enlisting in the Air Force. He was stationed in Germany from 1950 - 1954 where he met and married his bride, Kathy Irmgard Guffert. They returned to Colorado in 1954 and together they raised two sons, Kenneth John and Daniel Hardy. John worked for Pacific Finance while attending classes at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He was hired in 1957 and worked for CSU's Atmospheric Science Department in Administration for 16 years. He retired in 1973 and he and Kathy moved to Laramie, Wyoming to open the Connet Shop, a women's fine clothing store. They ran a successful business together, retiring in 1993. After "retiring" John worked 10 years with the Laramie School District's Transportation Department. John had many local Laramie community interests and was involved in numerous city committees and charities and was an active member with the BPOE Elks Club, climbing the chairs to Exalted Ruler in 1979. John could be quite ornery at times but was a friend to many. He loved his cabin in the Medicine Bow National Forest and welcomed many family and friends to his mountain home. He loved snowmobiling, fishing, hunting and tinkering with his shop. He was an honest, hardworking farm boy at heart who rolled with life's many punches. He loved his wife and family dearly. He will be

missed by many. John was preceded in death by his parents, Villa and John W. Vetter; sisters, Myrtle, Margaret, Mildred, and brother, Maynard. Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of 56 years; son, Kenneth John Anne; and grandchildren, Kyle James and Audrey Rose, of Fort Collins; son, Daniel Hardy Sue of Tombstone, AZ; and grandchildren, John Daniel; great-grandchildren, twins Zach and Aurora, and granddaughter, Nicole Katerina as well as many other close relatives. A celebration of Johns' life and a private family gathering is being planned. His family requests that any memorial donations please be made in his name to Pathways Hospice, Fort Collins, CO.

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ In reading other condolences and memories, I can't help but recall the "trickster" that John was in high school, too. He was a great classmate and we always wished he would have been able to attend some of our reunions. Please accept our condolences from the Class of '49 Johnstown High School. True Morgan, classmate

True Morgan - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. love you.

Barbara Dennis - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ To the Kathy and the family- so sorry for your loss. John was a great neighbor and we will miss him. The talks we had were great and seeing a smile on his face every time I opened my garage always made me smile. -Stephen and Lacie West

Lacie - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Ken, Ann, and family: So sorry for your loss. I remember talking to your dad over the back fence several times. What an interesting fellow. Sincerely, Bob Newsham & Glenda Jackson

Bob Newsham - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Kathy and Family, Please know that our prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.

Howard and Nancy McDonald - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Kathy & Family, We are sorry to hear of John's passing. His visits to the farm was always welcomed by his cousin, John & I many years ago. He and his sons always seemed to enjoy the hunting privileges and we always welcomed them. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Blessings, Carl & Barbara

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**Carl & Barbara Bock** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Hermie and Family, I'm sorry for your loss. Regards, Rusty

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**Russ Carter** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. I have many, many fond memories of the time spent working at the school district with John. We both spent many memorable hours together. He really was quite a trickster and it all was in good fun. He will be greatly missed by all.

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**don owens** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Kathy,Kenny.Danny and families. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I have many many fond memories of John and all of you, the cabin, horseshoes and the Elk ritual teams. I send my love to you all.

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**Bill Walzer** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM