



John David Swapp

September 12, 1942 - September 1, 2022

With great sadness, we announce the death of John David Swapp of St. George, UT, aged 79, who died September 1, 2022, at home surrounded by family after a short battle with cancer.

Born on September 12, 1942, in Overton, NV, John was the son of Alex Ether Swapp and Sarah Geneve Reiser Swapp.

A true “desert kid”, John spent his childhood in the hills of Overton chasing friends, riding horses and making trouble. Having grown up along the Muddy River, it wasn't until the Coast Guard that he learned you can actually see-through water.

Part of the Moapa Valley High School class of 1960, John lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He continued his education at Brigham Young University, Career Academy of Broadcasting, and City College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business. John also served a mission for the LDS Church.

He met his eternal partner, Joy Andreason, in Las Vegas while Joy was babysitting for his sister Maureen. They were later married in Aberdeen, ID on March 20, 1965, and sealed in the Oakland temple. Their life together included homes around the United States extending between Florida, Alaska

and Hawaii.

During his 32-year career in the Coast Guard, John specialized in Communications and Security. John was honorably discharged on April 1, 1998, with a National Defense Service Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Award, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two Bronze Stars. Commendations included Meritorious Service, Humanitarian Service, Sea Service, Expert Rifle and Pistol Sharpshooter.

Following the Coast Guard, John was employed by the Redmond, WA Police Department for 11 years as an Evidence Technician. At the Redmond PD, John not only received the Letter of Distinguished Service, but the respect of various Law Enforcement agencies around the area. John was also celebrated for his participation teaching students about the Criminal Justice System at the local high school.

John is survived by his loving wife Joy, their two sons, the boy's spouses, eight grandchildren and John's oldest sibling Glen.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Nelda and Maureen.

Services will be held in the Overton, NV LDS chapel at 226 W Thomas Ave, Overton, NV on Friday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. PST. A viewing will be held that day prior to the service at 9:00.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Hill Cemetery

Overton , NV

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 9. 9:00 AM (PT)

Overton Nevada LDS Chapel
226 West Thomas Ave
Overton, NV

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 22, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ John or K7CXJ became my Elmer in radio while living in Sammamish. We were neighbors and active members of the Mercury Northwest Radio Club. John and I were active in our ward and stake's emergency preparedness and communications programs. I moved to St. George from Sammamish several years before Joy and John and was delighted to know he was nearby again. I will miss his great friendship and our QSOs both on the radio and face to face. K7CXJ SK 73 from KE7BAR. John Callaghan

john Callaghan - September 10, 2022 at 04:13 AM



I first met John in Seattle in 1986 during his time as the District 13 Security Manager. He was a mentor to me and we made contact a few times after he retired and living in Sammamish WA. John and I were also fellow Ham Radio Operators. I learned of John's passing in the Taps Section of the Coast Guard's Long Blue Line Magazine. 73's, Fair Winds and Following Seas to John, and my sincere condolences to John's family. Matt Skahill/K6NU GS13, CWO2(COMM) USCG Retired.

Matt Skahill - February 05, 2023 at 12:33 PM

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It's a nice dark rainy pacific NW morning, and I arrived at thinking of John. I remember one time while talking with him and complaining about foggy/dreary weather in the Seattle area, and John said "Nothing invigorates me more than a good foggy morning."

I always loved speaking with John and hearing his calm, unhurried, thoughtful voice.

I also greatly appreciated his expression to me of my fathers role in HAM radio in the PNW. Even from across the state, John knew my father, and after my fathers passing, he took the time to pass on to me a better understanding of what that role was, bolstering me up and giving me comfort. John is a great example of a rock in a storm.

Gary - March 24 at 12:07 PM