



John R. Meador

February 16, 1949 - October 12, 2022

John Meador died peacefully at home on October 12th, 2022, after a year long battle with esophageal cancer.

John was born February 16th, 1949, in Sayre, Oklahoma, the son of JL and Alta (Enyart) Meador. They moved to Detroit a few years later, then to Chicago, and eventually settled in Des Plaines. He met his true love Laura Greenaway while attending Maine West High School; they got married, had two children Matthew and Katie, and 52 years later, here we are.

He was a lot of things during his life. Here is an incomplete list:

Machinist, horse trainer, Olympic figure skater, farmer, pheasant hunter, crab fisherman, cowboy, marksman, fencer, falconer, professional football player, gambler, business owner, gymnast, underwear model, snow plower, hay baler, long haul trucker, short order cook, Civil War field surgeon, boxer, honey badger, loving father/son/husband/brother/grandfather/uncle/mentor/friend, and notorious liar. He was a good man with the kindest heart and will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; brothers, William, and Robert; sister, Darla; son, Matt and his wife Anita; daughter, Katie; grandchildren, Orly, and Elias; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a small family service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of John, please do something you enjoy - donate time/money to charity, eat a rack of ribs, play a round of golf, drink a beer, smoke a joint, buy a tractor, bet on a longshot, take your kids to the zoo, go see a movie. Whatever makes you happy.

Tribute Wall

NH

“ I didn't know, but do his brother Bob and Bob's wife Judy a dear friend. I am so sorry for your loss, sounds like a great guy

nancy hollembaek - October 30, 2022 at 11:15 PM

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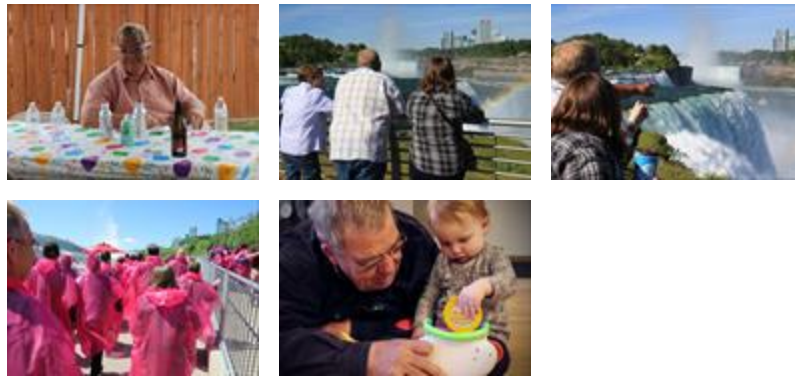
“ Laura, Matt, Katie my deepest sympathies to you. John was a great guy. May you find strength and peace during this difficult time from friends and family.

Denise Boor Becker

Denise Becker - October 25, 2022 at 05:59 PM



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Eric DeTratto - October 17, 2022 at 01:44 PM

RR

“ We lost one of our best friend. So many wonderful memories. John always made you smile. All the fun times we've had over so many years. He is missed so much but in our hearts forever. Love Ron and Rhonda

Rhonda and Ron Reuter - October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

JK

“ *Jonn Kersting and Ronnie Pancoast; After 25 years buying animal feed from J&R Feeds, doing odd jobs at the Meader homestead, working post retirement at the feed store and buying wagonloads of great hay from Meaders - We can only reflect on the influence John had on our lives. I always enjoyed swapping humorous anecdotes with John - we appreciated each other's humor even if our significant others did not. John your influence on us will be long lasting.*



Jonn Kersting - October 14, 2022 at 04:37 PM

KF

“ *We will always cherish our childhood memories! Horse manure; hay bails and having great convos w Kurt anytime he would come to work! We love you and hope all can continue to remember your kind heart and incredible personality!! Love you all!*

kalinka famy - October 14, 2022 at 04:21 PM

ES

I met John in high school football . We had a night game in N Brook and we were playing like Butkis,rough,dirty well coach didn't care for our hijinks and kicked our butts. Instead of chasing running backs we decided to case girls .It was our last game.

Eric Swanson - December 07, 2022 at 09:35 PM

LF

“ *You all are still in my thoughts today. Love your obit! John would too! He had the greatest sense of humor ! Glad you're enjoying the zoo today with the grandkids! 🤗💕 Love, Lynda& TR*

Lynda Fernow - October 14, 2022 at 03:53 PM