



John Slattery

January 15, 2024

John Slattery, 77, of Buckeye, Arizona died at his home on January 15, 2024. He was born on November 20, 1946, in Bronx, NY to Jean and Ed Slattery.

Two important qualities come to mind when talking about John Slattery: hard working and dedicated.

Whether it was for his wife of 58 years, Nancy, his children, his grandchildren, his career, or his hobbies — if John was going to do it, he did it with his whole heart.

John married Nancy — his high school sweetheart — in the frantic days before he was shipped to Vietnam. Though they spent those two early years apart, it was rarely so after that. Whatever life had in store, John and Nancy faced it together. They were brave in making decisions they thought would be good for them and their family — moving from New Jersey to Washington State and finally to Arizona, covering three corners of the country.

John had a long and varied career, finally retiring as a Control Room Operator for his favorite Seattle Mariners. His hobbies were as vast as his employment background. From politics to stained glass to coaching and — first and foremost — fishing. If John was on the water, he was happy — whether it was with a fly rod in his hand or dropping shrimp pots off his son's boat.

After retirement, John and Nancy set out to achieve their goal of visiting all 50 states. They put many miles on a couple of trucks and a few trailers and finished this quest in 2022.

Always an outdoorsman, John instilled this same passion in his children and son-in-law. Camping adventures and fishing trips are some of the most treasured memories they all share. John taught his family that there are few things that can't be made better by sitting around a campfire or standing in a river.

John was a wealth of knowledge, the consummate wise guy, and a savage card player. His family and friends loved him because (and sometimes in spite) of it.

As possibly the greatest compliment, his children recognize how much they've modeled their lives after his — enjoying long-term relationships, loyalty to their beliefs, a deep love of nature, and the commitment to embracing new, big things. The example and shadow he cast looms large over so many things that have enriched their lives.

John was beloved by his five grandchildren. He never missed an opportunity to tell them how proud they made him and how much he loved them — especially when they displayed some of those traits mentioned above that he passed down.

We will forever miss his affectionate teasing, his big hugs, secret handshakes, and “Love yas “.

John is survived by his wife Nancy Slattery; children Johnene (Eric) Loverich and Tim (Amanda) Slattery; sisters Kathleen Slattery and Johnene (Ken)

Granger; brothers Robert (Michelle) Slattery, Ed (Solange) Slattery, Tommy (Tuuli) Granger; grandchildren Maddie Joy Loverich, Parker John Loverich, Josie Jean Luckhurst-Slattery, Tristan Conrad Slattery and Johnny Granger Slattery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in John's name to Project Healing Waters – a foundation helping veterans in need of healing through camaraderie and fly fishing – <https://projecthealingwaters.org/>

Tribute Wall

AK

“ To Nancy and the family,I'm so sorry to learn of John's passing. You had many wonderful years together!

Alex Kerr - January 26, 2024 at 01:36 PM

BY

“ I just learned of John's passing. I'm am so sorry and send my deepest sympathy for you and yours.

Brian Young - January 25, 2024 at 04:37 PM

EA

“ My Dear Nancy and Family, my sincere condolences on the recent passing of John. We have so many great memories of both of you and the Leaf Verde Family. John was always there with a warm smile and quick retort for just about anything. He was a good man and a warmhearted friend. God Bless and may he rest in peace. My prayers are with you all and hope that the great memories you have bring a smile to all of you. Ewald Altstadt

Ewald Altstadt - January 25, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SW

“ NANCY, I LOVE YOU BOTH AND WILL REALLY MISS JOHN. JOHN WAS A REAL STAND UP GUY. WE NEED MORE JUST LIKE HIM.LOVE STEVE AND PAULINE

steve welling - January 25, 2024 at 12:14 AM

KR

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending lots of love, prayers, and strength. Kasey and Elizabeth Ritualo (and family).

Kasey Ritualo - January 24, 2024 at 10:48 PM

MS

“ Oh Nancy, we are so sorry for your loss of your beloved husband. What a great man he was. Love, Mo Stich and Mike Chamness

Mo Stich - January 24, 2024 at 08:44 PM

KC

“ Dear Nancy.. so very sorry for your heartache.. sending you love and hugs ❤️ I am so very thankful that I was able to join my sister Patti and vacation at Bainbridge Island with you and John.. THE Best true vacation ever!! You all made me feel comfortable and welcome!! We loved every minute!! So very special!! Giant hugs to you and yours ❤️

Karleen Clocher - January 24, 2024 at 07:31 PM

BS

“ Dear Nancy and family, Bob and I send our sincere condolences. John had such a bright smile and such a jolly demeanor. He always made us laugh! We loved every minute we got to spend with him and you over the years. He will be missed! We love you and may God bless you as you navigate this chapter. Sending hugs to you and yours.

Bob and Sheryl Smith - January 24, 2024 at 05:55 PM

JB

“ Nancy, Johnene & entire family; your Dear husband and Dad was such a kind-hearted man who always made me smile. It was evident you all brought him great joy and made him so proud of his beautiful family. May all the treasured memories help bring comfort during this time of grief. With love, Julie, Duran, Maia & Max Larsen

Julie Bray-Larsen - January 24, 2024 at 05:55 PM

JG

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear this. My sympathy to you and all your family

Judy gafner - January 24, 2024 at 05:54 PM

AB

“ Nancy – Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your husband, Mr. Slattery. May your many memories together bring you comfort during this difficult time. We thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to care for his final arrangements.

Ashley Bradford - January 22, 2024 at 06:38 PM