



# John Ardell Lindstrom

JUN 12, 1943 - JUN 6, 2019



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## **John Ardell Lindstrom**

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**J**ohn Ardell Lindstrom, 75, passed away on June 6, 2019 after a short but courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born in St. Paul, MN, on June 12, 1943, the son of Anund and Frances (Ahlstrom) Lindstrom.

John was a true Patriot and loved his country. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 20 years as a fighter pilot which included a combat tour of duty in Viet Nam. After his retirement from the Air Force, he continued his military career as a civilian with the National Guard for 20 years.

John was an avid elk hunter, fisherman, and boater. He loved to travel, garden, cook, and take his girls to air shows. He was very good at playing cards, completing crossword puzzles, and reading anything about military history. He loved his turquoise '92 Corvette roadster, and he and Gloria went on "FourVette" road trip vacations with this elite small group of friends and their Corvettes for the last ten years in a row. It was John's idea in 2017 for the four cars to travel down to Oregon to view the Great American Eclipse. Standing together, on a culvert, wearing funny glasses, and viewing 'Totality' was humbling and unforgettable.

John was a dedicated husband, a loving father, gracious host (loved 4th July get togethers), and a helpful neighbor – someone whose presence was always felt in a room, without needing the attention of a spotlight.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria; daughters, Leigh Lindstrom and Jody (Andrew) Yarborough; grandchildren, Madisen Bryan and Emma Lindstrom Dorsett; great grandchildren, Aiden and Nova; brother, Robert (Leta Faye) Lindstrom; nieces, Kathy Gilbert, Kristina Lindstrom, Paula (Mark) Simpson, and Laura (Paul) Evert; nephew, Kai Lindstrom; sister-in-law Carole Lindstrom; mother-in-law Stella Miller; and sister-in-law Karen (Denis) Bernoux; and many others. John is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Lloyd (Jackie) and Ronald.



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A memorial service will be celebrated at 11 am on Thursday, June 27, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1315 North Stevens St., Tacoma. John will be laid to rest with Military Honors at 12:30pm on Monday, July 1, at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Please honor the life and memory of John by leaving cherished memories, messages & photos for his family on the guestbook page.





## Events


**John Ardell Lindstrom**

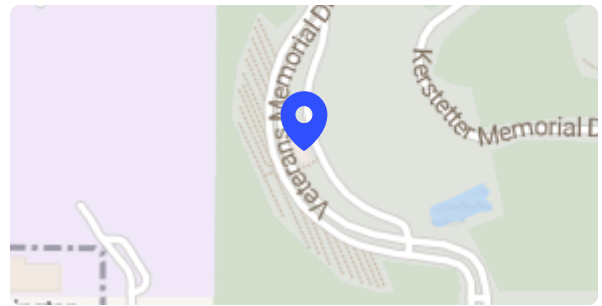
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### Burial

 **Monday**, July 1, 2019

 12:30 PM PT

 **Tahoma National Cemetery**  
18600 SE 240th St, Kent WA 98042





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NB

**Nancy Boyette** posted:

I met John in 1968 in Panama City, Florida. He had just returned from Viet Nam and would wake us all up in the apartment complex, where we lived, by zooming overhead in his 101 fighter jet. He was a wonderful man, a true patriot. I was extremely sad to hear of his passing and send my condolences to his family.

July 25 at 6:45 AM

MM

**Maxine Mehlhaff** posted:

My deepest sympathy to all the family. Gloria, I am so glad to have met you at TMP and to have had the chance to visit with John. I truly enjoyed the chance to reminisce, especially remembering the times shared when Leigh, Jody, John, and Sarah were young. I'm so sorry that I couldn't attend the memorial service, but I would very much like to be at Tahoma, if it is open to other than family. Prayers and love to all of you. Maxine Mehlhaff

June 27 at 9:38 PM

AB

**Angie Buchanan** posted:

We were totally stunned to hear of your loss Gloria. It was always a pleasure to visit with him while I was home helping my mom, Martha, across the street from you. My husband John, loved to talk about the military with him. He was always offering to help anyone who needed it and we are definitely affected by this huge loss. Thank you for allowing us to know both of you. Our prayers to you and your family. Angie and John Buchanan

June 27 at 8:36 AM

PS

**Peggy J Steadman** posted:

Thinking of you and your family Gloria, John was a great classmate and friend. I have many wonderful memories of our high school years, John was a very special friend. Peggy Spaniol Steadman

June 20 at 5:52 PM

RW

**R R Wallace** posted:

This is a sad time .John was a great neighbor and friend we enjoyed our talks and 4th of July barbecues as well as other get togethers .He will be sadly missed Bob and Rosemary .

June 20 at 12:48 PM



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JH

**John Haferbecker** posted:

We wish to send Gloria and the rest of the family our heartfelt condolences on the passing of John.-John and Adelaide Haferbecker Kent, WA

June 19 at 10:32 AM

ST

**Stev** posted:

John first hired me 30 years ago at Camp Murray. He allowed me a great career by giving me the opportunities to grow there. I'm now retired from there and I'm very grateful for the life he provided. He was a very good man and someone you could count on to do the right thing all the time. I will miss him.Steve Edgington

June 19 at 9:57 AM

JS

**Joan Stapf** posted:

Jody, Andrew and Leigh,Our sincere sympathy to all of you.Gary & Joan StapfFarmington, MN

June 17 at 9:42 AM



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**Dick Garrett** shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



June 16 at 9:00 PM



**Bill Lowe** June 16 at 5:25 PM

I find it hard to believe that it has been a year since I wrote this poem for John. I read it again and remembered how much I miss him. Rest in Paradise John Lindstrom Rest in Paradise John; you've received your reward. You've gone home to live with our Savior and Lord. A mission completed with a new body, fully restored. Beyond the clouds, in a new home of peace and grace; no tears to shed, no pain nor death, a comforting place, where God welcomed you, with His opened embrace. Jesus said, "I am going there to prepare a place for you". With streets of gold, a crystal-clear river runs through, sweet milk and pure honey are served on a daily menu. There'll be no cancer to battle; no treatments to explore; no wondering what lies beyond each unopened door. Heaven's the final resting place we're each looking for. You fought a courageous battle as you entered this fight. Your positive attitude was filled with peace and delight, knowing the presence of God made everything right. You've touched each of us John, in some special way, whether a kind deed, a smile, or something you'd say, and I look forward to seeing you, in one future day.



Dick Garrett shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

June 16 at 9:00 PM



John's faith runs deep



Dick Garrett June 16 at 10:05 PM  
Dick G., Hal H., Bruce A., John, Dick E.



A fishin' fool!



**Dick Garrett** June 16 at 10:02 PM

Salmon fishing with Ben Asplund, Bob Watts and Dick Garrett (photographer).



Couldn't pass up a pretty girl like that!



Dick Garrett June 16 at 10:08 PM

Steve, Denis, John, Tim



**Media**

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John's smile lightens you up.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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