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John Sheldon Larsen was born on March 11, 1957, in Long Beach, California. John graduated from Cyprus high school in 1975. Immediately after graduation he enlisted in the Army from 1977-1979. In the Army he was on the Airborne jump team and a MP down in Panama. John received a .45 caliber expert badge, a good conduct medal, and an M-16 rifle expert badge from the Army. August 24, 1979, John married the love of his life Anita Marie Larsen (Pendleton) in Kearns, Utah. Together they parented three children: Christopher S Larsen born February 13, 1980, Nicholas F Larsen (Candy) born January 17, 1984, and Jessica F Schwab (Richard) born December 20, 1984. While having a family he joined the Army Reserves from 1982-1989. John worked at the Kennecott Smelter from 1980-2001. He then opened a mechanic shop called Pro Alignment and Brakes from 2002-2004. It was located behind the West Valley billiards off 3500 South. He then sold the shop and decided to go back to school. John attended Salt Lake Community College where he got his Associates degree. He then worked at the Provo state mental hospital as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant aka COTA. John went by Sheldon for those who knew him personally. Shell had a lot of hobbies. He was a craftsman at leatherworking, woodworking, candle making, and gun smithing. He had a heart attack in 2014 and was never able to come back from it. He slowly got worse amputating toes on his right foot. John went blind caused by his diabetes. He eventually went on hospice for organ failure for his kidneys and heart. A week later he died on February 10, 2022, at 2:32 AM surrounded by loved ones. He is preceded in death by wife Marie, Mother Teresa, Brothers Scott and Russell, Grandchildren Devan, and Jeremiah. John is survived by Father Don, Sister Kathy, Children Christopher, Nicholas (Candy), and Jessica (Richard), Grandchildren Angelina, Nevaeh, RJ, Ashton, Summer, Dawn, Cassandra, Elijah, Christopher, Jarett, Courtney, and Aiden, great grandchildren Samantha and Noctis, as well as 19 plus nieces and



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nephews. John was part of a large family. He will be extremely missed. Services are on February 18, 2022, at Premier Funeral Services located at 67 E 8000 S Midvale, Utah 84047. Viewing is at 11 AM followed by funeral services at Noon. Graveside dedication will be at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park 17111 S Redwood Rd Bluffdale, Utah 84065 at 2 PM. Immediately following the graveside dedication there will be a luncheon for family and friends, to be held at the church located at 6710 W 4145 S West Valley City, Utah 84128.



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JP

John Pehrson posted:

Heart of gold. He took my daughters wedding pictures like a professional, and would not take payment. He will be missed,,,,John Pehrson

February 15 at 8:35 AM

SL

Stephanie Larsen posted:

We were lucky to go to Shell's dinner before he died. I got to spend about an hour with him. When I told him who I was he got really excited to see me. I felt so special by his response. I told him I would love to hear some war stories. He replied, everyone wants war stories. I would rather tell you about my happiest memory from my entire life. My response was I would love that. He proceeded to tell me about a fishing trip with Marie. Jessica has the detailed story. I was so blessed to see how excited he got while telling me the story. In the middle of the story he said that they had caught a decent size fish and he looked over at Marie and she was lit up. She had the happiest, most loving look on her face, as she met eyes with him. He said out of everything in his entire life, that moment was his all-time happiest. That moment seeing the love of his life that happy meant more than anything to him. He carried that memory the rest of his life and often reminisced about it. I truly wish all of Shell's loved ones could have seen Shell while he was telling this story. I have never seen him so happy and excited to say anything. His love for Marie ran so much deeper than I was aware of. I knew he truly loved her but this was beyond that. She was his world. I'm happy he is reunited with her. I will always feel like family to you all. I love you all. Shell, I love you. You will be missed.Lovingly shared by Stephanie Larsen

February 14 at 4:37 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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