



John O. Lind

October 12, 1928 - December 17, 2019

John Orrin Lind passed into eternity, 17 December 2019.

John was born in Colorado Springs on Oct. 12, 1928. He was taught from a young age by his father how to use tools for carpentry and building houses. His parents also instilled in John the ability to build and fix most anything. By the age of 14 he was working when not at school, with his own mule team at local farms as well as taking classes in welding and mechanics. He used the local 4-H club to gain skills with animals and learned gardening from his mother, Beulah. He dreamed of owning a farm or ranch someday, saved every penny he could and studied any land-for-sale ads he could find. He met Royce during their junior year at Littleton High School. They married just after graduation and Royce's uncle, Mert Tanner, invited them to come to Montana to help out on his ranch on the Powder River. John didn't have ranch experience but quickly became the ranch's top hand. He learned the cattle business and Royce helped out when she wasn't doing all the work of a ranch wife and mother.

In the late '50s, they felt the call to change their vocation. They joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and moved to southern Mexico to work with a group of country people in Veracruz called the Mountain Popoluca. All the skills they had learned in Colorado and Montana were put to good use. They were able to fit into the primitive environment, learn the Popoluca language, start a basic medical practice, develop water systems that local men built to bring clean water to their villages, teach people to read and write their own language, and

translate the New Testament into the Popoluca language.

Together, they had so many adventures and wonderful memories. After retiring, they moved to rural Cochise County in Arizona. They built their dream house from adobe they made themselves with help from family and friends. They were able to spend most of their retirement years living in this home, involved with the local ranchers and country people they love.

John's body grew old and will fade away into the earth, but his spirit and soul are alive and rejoicing with God. His love lives on in his beloved wife Royce, his five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; in his friends and co-workers from WBT, and in the memories of the Popoluca people.

Funeral services for the family were held at the Light Cemetery on 21 December. A Celebration of Life will be held on 11 January 2020 at 2 pm at: Wycliffe Center, 16131 N Vernon Dr. , Catalina, AZ, 85739. Everyone who remembers John is welcome.

Cemetery Details

Light Historical Cemetery

Kester Lane
Pearce/Sunizona, AZ 85625

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 3:00 PM (MT)

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Celebration of Life

JAN **11**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Wycliffe Center
16131 N. Vernon Dr.
Catalina, AZ 85739

Tribute Wall



“ *John O. Lind*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *I just heard of John's passing. I only knew him when I was a little boy, but he stands out in my memory as a particularly gentle and kind man, with a sense of peace about him. I remember feeling in my jumbled little boy brain that someday I wanted that peace also. I also had a crush on his daughter, and in an attention getting prank I guess, decided with my friend to move a tent they had set up outside their apartment. He must have heard us because he came outside onto the front porch as we were doing it. It was dark and we just dropped flat in the grass, terrified, knowing we were caught and in trouble. But he just stood there and looked at us for a few moments and then went back inside. We sheepishly put the tent back and left.*

Dave Lyman - January 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM