



John Peter Vardanega

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John P. Vardanega passed away on July 6, 2022, at the age of 61 after a 2-year battle with cancer. He left us too soon. The son of John and Gene Vardanega, John grew up with his three sisters on their farm in Warren, Oregon. He told stories of driving the tractor in the hay fields as soon as he could reach the pedals. Industrious from the start, John helped his Dad build their family home and farmstead on Hazen Road.

After graduating from Scappoose High School in 1978, John started working for the local lumber mills in Scappoose and Aurora, Oregon. He began his engineering career by taking classes at Portland Community College where he also met his future wife, Joan. Before transferring to Oregon State University, he travelled solo to New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, and Fiji, stopping to visit family along the way. John graduated from OSU with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and a professor commented that John was the type of person who could design the longest bridge span or the tallest building.

John and Joan married in 1988 and moved to Snohomish, Washington. While working for engineering consulting firms, John designed and built their house on ten acres. During construction they lived in a 16-foot travel trailer while caring for their two young children. Missing the farming life and their extended family, they moved back to Warren in 2000. Soon they were building another house, while John was juggling both farming and engineering. He enjoyed making hay and feeding cows, and no matter how busy, he was always ready with a friendly wave or a thoughtful word.

John loved his family deeply, and he cared for the community around him. John volunteered for the Scappoose School District in the classroom and on the budget committee. He coordinated 4-H Tractor Safety and participated as a bidder at 4-H Market Auctions. He was also active in the local Farm Bureau as Vice President, and



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spent many hours quietly teaching others the art of farming and building. John had a curious nature and a twinkle in his eye. His soft-spoken helpful manner and carefully-formed opinions will remain appreciated by many.

John Vardanega is survived by his wife Joan; children Jacob (Samantha) and Jenny (Taylor); sisters Barb, Lorelie (Raj), and Josie; nieces and nephews Jordan, Josha, Asa, Ryan (KayLee), Kasey (Phil), Bryce, Ben, Tim, and Sam.

A memorial service is planned for 11am on July 30, 2022, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Scappoose, Oregon.




Events


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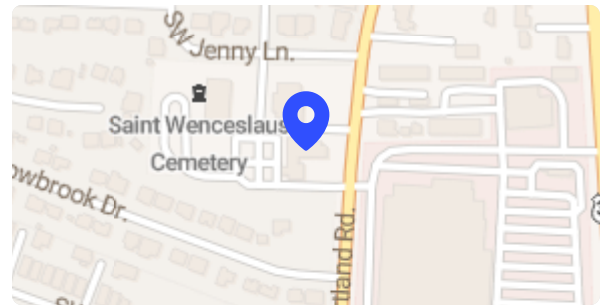
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Memorial Mass

 **Saturday**, July 30, 2022

 11:00 AM PT

 **St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery**
51555 SW Old Portland Road, Scappoose OR
97056





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Luanne Kreutzer sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

Joan - So very sorry to hear of John's passing. I send you and your family peace and comfort during this time. All my love - Luanne Kreutzer

July 27 at 1:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Vardanega family.

July 27 at 1:03 PM



Julia Chambers posted:

I was one of John's nurses at Compass Oncology. It was a true pleasure working with John and talking with him about his farm. He was almost always keeping himself busy during treatments working on a project. We were all very saddened to hear of his passing; he will be missed. Julia, RN

July 27 at 12:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers to the Vardanega family.

July 26 at 4:14 AM



Kannikar Petersen shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I loved working with John. He was a great designer and the most thorough engineer I have ever worked with. He was so smart and very kind. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Kannikar Petersen

July 25 at 3:50 PM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Vardanega family.

July 25 at 3:47 PM





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Heather Arnis posted:

I'll miss seeing him across the road and waving, I'll always remember him showing us his seed separator and the flour mill he designed. I was star struck by his ingenuity.

July 25 at 3:36 PM

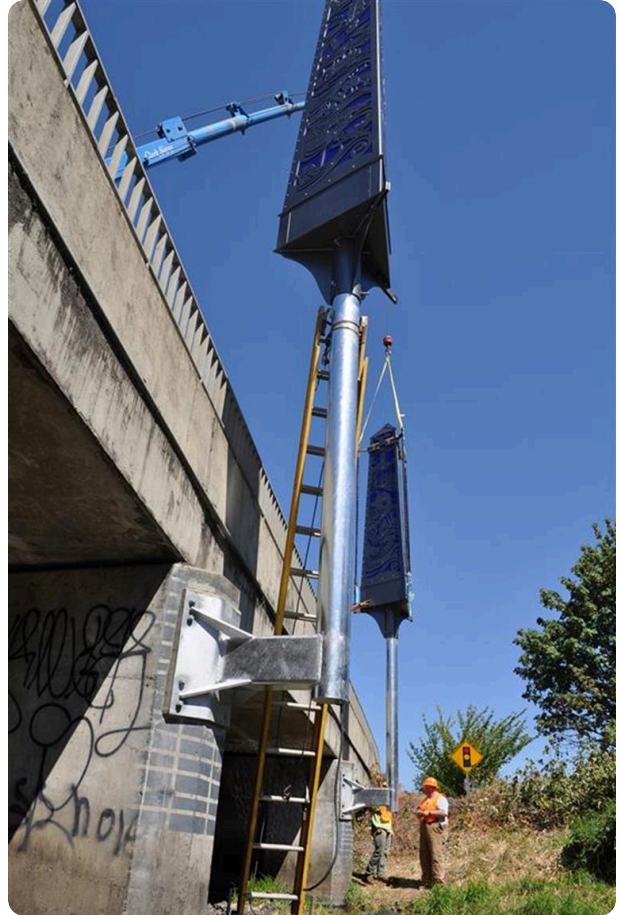


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John designing brackets for St. Helens Gateway Sculptures



The brackets John designed for St. Helens Gateway Sculpture



Memories only last if you share them

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



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