



John A Ringer

June 17, 1935 - June 16, 2021

John Albin Ringer was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He entered his heavenly home surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer, on July 16, 2021, at the age of 86.

John was born to George and Verda (Ruby) Ringer on June 17, 1935 in Nampa, Idaho. After graduating high school, he married his sweetheart, Dorothy Mae Schlabach on March 24, 1956. He attended Clark College in Vancouver, WA to study automotive technology. From there, he received a job offer as a mechanic at Ball Ford in Tigard, OR. He worked in the industry for 10 years, at which time Clark College called him and offered him a teaching position in the automotive department. He prayed about it and decided to accept. He found instructing students to be one of his greatest passions. He loved his job and stayed there 30 years, finally retiring at the age of 60. During that time, he and Dottie raised their children, while running a farm and making up to 500 tons of hay during his summer break as a college instructor.

After hay season was over, he would take the next 2-3 weeks to clean up the farm for the winter, and then many times would take the month of August off to adventure and vacation with his family. One of his mottos was, "Work hard. Play hard." And they did!

Above all, John's love for the Lord was steadfast, never wavering. His faith leaves behind a great legacy. He loved his family deeply and was generous and kind to every soul he met. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Albin Ringer and Verda Ruby Stuve; brothers Clifford Ringer and David Ringer; sister, Verda Farnham; and beloved son, Dale Albin. He is survived by his best friend and companion of over 65 years, Dorothy Mae Ringer; children John Edward (Dawn), Darrell Lynn and Heidi Mae Lloyd (David); 12 grandchildren (and spouses); 7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of John's life will be held on August 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Family Life Church, located at 502 S. St. Paul Hwy., Newberg, OR 97132. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Missions through Family Life Church on his behalf. <https://myflcsgiving.churchcenter.com/giving> .

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Family Life Church
502 S. Saint Paul Hwy
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I was googling John's name today and ran across this. I thought about him many times all the years. He was a fabulous mentor at Clark college. Especially me being a female in a predominantly a male class He made me feel exceptionally at home. I absolutely adored this man. I still recall the story of him getting Dorothy the white Thunderbird and how he told her. This came about because I had rented one and he liked it. I can still hear him chuckling out loud. I think I was there around 92. Love my fellow Ford man. I hope you were first on race day, John.

Jackie Brown previously - January 03 at 07:46 AM

KI

“ John was my Auto Tech instructor at Clark College back in 1978/79. I appreciated his intense interest in helping us students learn. He was always positive and patient with us. During my first year, I got in a fairly minor car accident during lunch which was my fault. I thought I needed money to pay for the tow truck driver to tow the other car to a shop and I didn't have enough. I drove back to the college and asked John if I could borrow some money for that? He whipped out his wallet and gave me \$40. I went back to the tow truck and it was gone, so I gave it back to John. But his willingness to help students out, even with his own money, was impressive. Also, I vividly remember him sitting the entire class down before Christmas Break and giving us his personal testimony of how and why he became a Christian. He then passed out Bibles to everyone and encouraged us to read the New Testament over Christmas Break.

I also attended a lunch seminar with him at the college one day where the topic was "Humanism". He lasted about 15 minutes and said he couldn't take any more of that and left, again saying how much it conflicted with Christianity. I have to say that John strengthened my own faith, especially to not be afraid to share it.

It was also a pleasure to be called back to Clark College as a Lab Assistant in the Mech Tech department in 1982 where I worked with Auto, Diesel, and Auto Body students in common with him for a bit before he retired.

He also inspired me to face my fears and take the Auto Tech teaching position at the Clark County Skills Center where I taught for about 30 years. I've also taken a lot of what I learned from him and became a successful Automotive Technology Textbook that is used around the english speaking countries of the World.

As you can see, John helped set the foundation of my life, and I remember him often for his encouragement and example. I look forward to catching up with him in Heaven!

Kirk - February 02, 2023 at 06:12 PM

SR

“ Thank you John and Dottie for opening your home to everyone after Sunday Evening Church. It was always so much fun to be included in those gatherings. Thank you also for mentoring our young boys by having them help with the haying. It made a huge impression on them!

Steve and Bev Rosen - August 10, 2021 at 10:05 PM

JM

“ Johnny did walk the talk...my late husband always thought alot of Johnny and had the highest respect for him.Im sure they are "catching up" at the moment. Until we meet again Johnny🕊️🕊️

Judy McIntyre - August 10, 2021 at 04:06 PM