



Jon Michael Ekstrom

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Born in Idaho, and at an early age, brought to California, Jon and his sister were primarily raised by their father. Jon was an avid hunter and gun collector and was an excellent marksman. He loved to travel and explore places he had never been before, often travelling on his Harley hundreds of miles at a time. He was happiest with the wind in his hair and was always interested in the world around him. Jon found comfort in contemplating the universe and how he fit into it and saw God in everything. Although Jon's ancestry was Mormon, he was Catholic, baptized Baptist and was a member of SRF; he studied all religions.

One of his many travels was with his sweetheart, Peggie, who later became his wife. One day he told her he had someplace to go and something he wanted to do and needed a partner. He said "I choose you. Will you come with me?" He took her to the top of the world – Alaska. In the early 1980s Jon and Peggie actually homesteaded some land in one of the last places the U.S. government allowed homesteading. Together they could do anything!

Jon didn't brag about his accomplishments, just accepted them as matter of fact. For instance, he went to school for several years and in the early 1970s, he was asked to join MENSA. In earlier years, while with Rockwell, he worked on the Columbia and Challenger space shuttle as well as the B-1B Bomber. A part of the Operating Engineers for years, a terrible construction accident left Jon with a debilitating back injury. An injury that could never be fully repaired and it left him in a great deal of pain.

Jon Michael, as his mother liked to call him, loved family and took responsibility of his mother, sister and later niece and nephew. Peggie's family became his family. He always did things with Peggie in mind and always wanted her taken care of. This also was his primary concern in the time prior to his death. Preceded in death by his father, John Martin Ekstrom, Jon is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Peggie, his mother, Lois Morrow, sister, Christine, nephew, Jeremy and niece Leia.

Peggie's heart is breaking and Jon will be sorely missed by all. Imagine the reunion in heaven!