



John G "Jocko" Evans

October 14, 1941 - November 6, 2019

Mr. John G "Jocko" Evans passed away Wednesday evening, November 6, 2019 at the Springs Assisted Living. He was born in Butte Tuesday, October 14, 1941 to John G. and Betty L. (Bauman) Evans. He attended Paxson School in Missoula, the Monroe and Webster-Garfield in Butte, graduated from Butte High School in 1959. He attended the San Mateo Junior College then returned to Butte where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Montana School of Mines in 1965. He earned his Master's Degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Pennsylvania State Institute in 1967.

He and Gaye Fabian were married April 17, 1965 in St. Mark Lutheran Church and his career in petroleum took them all over the world, making their home in England, Norway and Indonesia before returning to Butte in 1991. John served as professor at Montana Tech and head of the Petroleum Department at Montana Tech until his retirement in 2007. John and Gaye also owned and operated Oilfield Consultants Inc. and Mountain View Cemetery in Butte.

John received numerous accolades and commendations throughout his career including the Chancellor's Medallion at Montana Tech, the Distinguished Alumni Award and being named by Governor Bullock to the Montana Board of Oil and Gas. In September, the "Jock Evans Journeys Room" was dedicated in the Student Success Center at Montana Tech. Jocko was a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, a Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer with the state of Montana, served on the Montana Petroleum Association Board of Directors, the Digger Athletic Association Board of Directors, was a Butte High Golden "B" and was a life-long and active member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. When not working, or in any number of ways being of service to others, John enjoyed playing golf and was an avid reader.

He is survived by his wife, Gaye Evans of Butte, son and daughter-in-law, John G. and Michele Evans of South Jordan, Utah, daughter and son-in-law, Tracy Evans and Link Dyrdaahl of Seattle, grandchildren Rebecca and Ryan Roberts, Britany Evans, Jack and Sacha Dyrdaahl, great-grandchildren, Roman and Ryker Roberts, sisters and brothers-in-law, Marcia and Norm Houseworth of Fremont, California, Caryl and Dave Fantazia of Oakdale, California and Terri and Mike Carver of Federal Way, Washington.

Memorials in Jocko's memory may be made to the Jocko and Gaye Evans Endowed

Scholarship Fund at Montana Tech or to St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Cemetery

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue

Butte, MT, 59701

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church

223 S. Montana, Butte, MT, US, 59701

NOV **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John G "Jocko" Evans.



November 15, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ John was an amazing, caring man. Myself and my two siblings were all students of his in the Petroleum Department at Tech. I spent many hours in his office asking questions about our 304 or 404 classes and listening to his great stories of life in the industry beyond the walls of Tech. I'll never forget when I went back to finish my degree in 2011, probably 8 years had passed since I had seen John, and was walking to class one day. I passed John unbeknownst to me, but he saw me and said, "Brian!" We talked for a few minutes about my returning to finish my degree and other pleasantries, I was and will always be touched that he remembered everything about me, my siblings, why I left school, etc. He was an amazing man and I am truly sad tonight.

I hope it's some solace to his family that there are hundreds of people in the world today that John was an integral part of their lives. He will surely not be forgotten. My siblings and I all tried to make it work to attend his service and pay our respects, but it just wasn't possible.

So from the Rauschers, Brent, Brian & Trayce, thank you for being an important part of our lives. We will never forget you.

Brian Rauscher - November 14, 2019 at 01:13 AM



“ I have many great memories of Gary and I am honored that he called me a friend. He will be in my prayers.

Tom Semmens

Tom Semmens - November 13, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ It is with great sadness that we read of Jocko's passing. Jocko was an exceptional colleague and a wonderful human being. He will be missed.

Bob & Ginger Toivonen - November 10, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ Blessings to Gaye and family. John was one of the best, his legacy enduring and far-reaching.

Sally Bardsley

Sally Bardsley - November 11, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Jocko was the most wonderful kind, fun, loving friend we've ever had. Our love and sympathy to Gaye, Johnny, Tracy and families! He will be very much missed!

sandi and Jim Ceserani - November 12, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Hopefully in everyone's life they are fortunate enough to have a friend like John Evans. I first met Jacko when he asked me to present at the Mt Tech SPE student symposium over 20 years ago. Since then I have had many opportunities spend time with Jocko and Gaye; from wearing coveralls to play in the Symposium golf tournament because it was so cold, to fishing on the Big Hole, to sharing stories over a beer and Wop Chop in Muzzy's. When he took on the challenge of fund raising for the new Natural Resources building, we were able to get some seed money from Halliburton to get the fundraising kicked off. There are not words to convey how much he will be missed...My sincerest sympathy Gaye and family.

Mike Eberhard - November 14, 2019 at 08:47 AM