



## John Michael Bublich

March 26, 1964 - December 1, 2022

John Michael Bublich passed away peacefully in his sleep Thursday, December 1, 2022, at his home in Butte. He was born March 26, 1964, in Butte, Montana, to John J. and Marlene Bublich. It was the best surprise birthday gift his father ever received that year. He attended Butte schools and graduated from Butte High School in 1982. He then attended Montana Tech and the University of Montana.

John worked for various State agencies in Montana. From there, he moved on to Minnesota, Colorado, Arizona and California, before moving back to Butte 14 years ago to be close to his family, where he was working as a Tax Auditor for the Montana Department of Revenue at the time of his death.

John took such great pride in his home and yard and would decorate for every holiday, inside and out, a tradition in which he inherited from his father. His favorite holiday was Christmas, and his home was one of the best decorated and lit up houses on the upper West Side, just ask his neighbors. He always made sure his neighbors had lights and decorations up as well and had been known a time or two to give them some sort of lights and/or decorations and offering to help put them up. In the summertime, he spent countless hours in his yard tending to his flowers, another tradition he inherited from his father. He also loved to share his love of flowers and plants with his neighbors. Again, one of the best, well-maintained yards and flowers on the upper West

Side.

Some of John's favorite past times were family vacations and camping up at Canyon Creek during the summers. He loved spending the holidays and birthdays with his family. He also enjoyed going up and visiting his youngest sister Dana and family in the summer when they were out camping in the Big Hole.

John's greatest joys were his dogs that were his world and meant everything to him. We know, for a fact, that he is in all his glory to be with all his furbabies in Heaven... Graci, Princess, Tippy and Daisy.

John was preceded in death by his mom, Marlene Bublich, and sister, Gaylene Erzinger. He is survived by his father, John J. Bublich of Butte; brother Bill Bublich of Surprise, Arizona; sisters, Deb Earhart (Lee) and Dana McMahan (Kevin), both of Butte; brother-in-law, Steve Erzinger of Firestone, Colorado. He is also survived by special nephews and nieces: Chris Santmyer (Lindsey) and Jennifer Wells (Manning); Kreg and Clint Earhart; Ashley and Kennadie McMahan; Kody and Makayla Erzinger. John also leaves behind special friends Rainy Aleksich, Deb Martinez and Kerry Bolmeier.

John, we miss you like crazy and your goofy sense of humor. Until we meet again... we love you, Shuggs.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of John's life will be celebrated at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“Wow, I was so sad to see this, I knew John when I was 18 and he was 19, I lived in Missoula, we both went on our own journey in life but kept in touch, I reside in San Francisco, the last time I saw John is when he lived in Orangevale CA, I knew he had moved home to Butte, I will be driving through Butte in May 2023 and was hoping to see him, and then, I saw this - totally heartbroken, I also saw that his Mother passed, Condolences to his family and friends.... May God be with you all, James Domalewski



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**James Domalewski** - March 01, 2023 at 07:31 PM

KB

“I worked with John when he was with DPHHS. Prayers and tender blessings to all his friends & family. May peace be with you.

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**Katherine Buckley-Patton** - January 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM

DM

“John, My best friend. This can't be real, I am lost without you. I will cherish my years of pictures and memories..will keep them forever. I carry your heart, I carry it within my heart..FOREVER. Love you beyond words, beyond this world and the next. The "girls" Mom and Gay will keep you laughing and at peace, till we meet again.

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**Debra Martinez** - January 04, 2023 at 03:48 PM

TP

“ That is a beautiful tribute to John! Love the picture. That really captures the main topics of his and my conversations, Christmas decorations, flowers and lawncare, and dogs. I worked with John, he in Butte, me in Great Falls. So, all of our conversing took place via e-mail, texts, and occasionally video calls. He always sent me pictures of his flowers and Christmas décor. I have them all saved.

*It took over two years of working together before we finally met in person. I asked John to babysit my dog for me last August while I attended a wedding reception at the Butte Country Club. He gave me a tour of the yard and his home. Showed me some light tubes out in his garage and asked me if I wanted them. And of course he had also re-wired the lights so they worked better. So gracious and giving!*

*My dog Pippa spent the evening with John, Tippy, and Daisy. John suggested Pippa try some of the girls food, and gave me a sample to take home for Pippa to try out. John had listened to my frustration with the kidney diet dog food and said I should try the w/d that his girls ate. It has worked out great for Pippa.*

*I will miss working with John and listening to his wry take on different topics. I don't know who will help me with Excel now. All of us in our work unit depended on each other for different areas of expertise. John leaves a large gap that will not ever be replaced. He will be remembered with lots of laughter. I'm glad he's back with all his girls.*

*The memories of him will live on in all who knew him.*

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**Teresa Pancheau** - January 02, 2023 at 10:51 PM