



Dr. John Raymond Jacobson

April 27, 1939 - January 15, 2025

Dr. John Raymond Jacobson of Butte, Montana passed away at St. James Hospital on Jan. 15, 2025 after a short illness. He was surrounded by all of his grandchildren, many of his great grandchildren, his daughters and many members of his family and close friends. The care he received at St. James Hospital was extraordinarily competent and compassionate. Thank you to all who made him comfortable and ensured his time was peaceful, especially the staff on the third floor.

John was born on April 27, 1939 in Cumberland, Wisc., the son of Raymond and Marion Jacobson. He was raised and educated in Cumberland where he was active in sports, music and was an Eagle Scout.

John's love of the outdoors and fishing, hunting and skiing was nurtured on adventures with his parents and his brother Lee in the Wisconsin woods. The large extended family, including a pack of cousins, enjoyed wonderful holiday celebrations in Cumberland.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc. in 1961 and then went to Marquette Medical School in Milwaukee, Wisc. It was in Milwaukee that John met his wife, Judith Helen Haxton. The couple married on Nov. 30, 1963 and welcomed their first child, Jo Dee, in Milwaukee.

After earning his medical degree from Marquette Medical School in 1966, the family moved cross county, tent camping along the way including in Yellowstone Park, to San Francisco, where John completed his internship at St.

Mary's Hospital. They welcomed their second child, Eric Lee, in San Francisco. After completing his internship in 1967, the family moved cross country again to Readfield, Maine, where John served in the Public Health Service. They welcomed their third child, Wendy Susan, in Maine.

In 1969, the family moved to the Midwest, closer to extended family, calling White Bear Lake, Minn. home while John completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota, Board Certified, followed by a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the University of Minnesota, Board Certified.

In 1973 the family moved West to Butte, Montana, John and Judy's adopted "hometown" and a community they passionately cherished. This was their final move.

John practiced medicine at Rocky Mountain Clinic and St. James Hospital until his retirement in 2004.

Montana was the perfect place to share his passion for fishing, floating, camping, hunting and skiing with his family, extended family and friends. We've heard countless stories of John patiently guiding newcomers in flyfishing, lessons that evolved into a shared passion. He loved accompanying young and season hunters on the Van Deren Ranch near Dillon, especially his grandchildren. John earned the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep Grand Slam Award in 2005.

John was a devoted healthcare provider to thousands of patients during his career, with a reputation as a kind, compassionate doctor and coworker. His devotion to his family, however, was his priority. John was his children's biggest fan in all of their activities, always with a front seat in the stands and audience. He was Judy's greatest supporter in her public service pursuits, knocking on doors, putting up and taking down campaign signs and holding down the home front while she was away.

That devotion continued as his family grew and he took advantage of every opportunity to cheer on his grandchildren at their activities, from recitals to music performances and sports competition to theater. This spring, he took in

a couple of a great-grandson's t-ball games, again, from a front seat.

John's dedication for his first hometown, Cumberland, Wisc. was rock solid. He was honored to be recognized by Cumberland High School as a Graduate of Distinction in 2012 for his many years of leading medical volunteer teams in Honduras, one that included his oldest granddaughter, and helping secure an ambulance for a community there. The Cumberland High School Class of 2012 included John's great nephew Eric Turcott. The nominating committee may have regretted their choice, however, when John encouraged the graduates to toss their caps in the air, promising to pay the fine for any and all of the 70 students who took him up on the forbidden action.

John was predeceased by his parents, mother-in-law Leah Haxton, father-in-law Bob Haxton, wife Judy, son Eric, sister-in-law Leah Rae Jamiolkowski and sister-in-law Nancy Jamiolkowski.

John is survived by his brother Lee (Judy) Jacobson, his brother-in-law Dan Jamiolkowski, daughter Jo Dee (Mark) Black of Great Falls. Mont., daughter Wendy (Skip) Dobbs of Edwardsville, Kans., his grandchildren John Robert (Tracy) Holland, Jennifer (Mikey) Burrall, Kaleigh (Amber) Bixler, Megan (Matt) Harthun, Abbie (Doug) Peters, Jacob (Elaine) Dobbs, Mason Dobbs and his girlfriend Catalina Conde Ibarra, his great grandchildren Kayson and Lillian Harthun, Gracie and Grady Bixler, Weston and Jackson Peters, Mae Burrall, Brady Holland, Aslan and Aleena Scott, nieces Lori (Randy) Davis, Jennifer (Craig) Turcott, Sarah (Todd) Justice, Molly Lampignano, Amy (Dave) Lund, nephew Jay (Carina) Jacobsen, and many wonderful great nieces and nephews, including Alex (Ally) Davis and Ella Davis.

A memorial service will take place Monday, June 30, 2025 in Gold Hill Lutheran Church at 10 O'clock with Pastor Sarah Schilcher officiating. Entombment as ashes will take place at St. Timothy's Columbarium at St. Timothy's Chapel near Georgetown Lake.

Memorials are suggested to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow, P.O. Box 62, Butte, Mont. 59701 or Butte Food Bank, 1019 East 2nd Street, Butte,

Mont. 59701.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Gold Hill Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ Edward J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Raymond Jacobson.

Edward J. - June 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

EJ

“ It is with a feeling of sadness and loss that I now say goodbye to my good friend John. I will always remember the fun times we had together , especially during weekend ski trips in California, Vermont and Montana. As the years passed (with him in Butte and me in Chicago) I was able to keep track of John and his wife via my Seattle-based daughter Lori. John was a special and giving person and always a pleasure to be with - I will miss him
My condolences to JoDee and Wendy and their families.

Ed Jacobsen. June 2025

Edward Jacobsen - June 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John Raymond Jacobson.

June 26, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. John Raymond Jacobson.



June 26, 2025 at 11:39 AM

TK

“ *The Black family, spouses, and kids purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. John Raymond Jacobson.*



The Black family, spouses, and kids - June 24, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JA

“ *Such a great man, we knew John and Judy from the time they came to Butte. John's goal of hunting wild sheep in North America was a really special time with John and his hunting buddy Bob McDowell. John feared no mountain and saw some of the worlds most beautiful and remote places. He was a warrior for people in his work as a medical doctor and at his work at the Butte Emergency Food Bank. It was a pleasure to know the Jacobson's Jack and Cindy Atcheson*

Jack Atcheson - February 26, 2025 at 11:44 AM

EL

“ *I came to Butte as a 20 year old to study at Montana Tech. Judy and John welcomed me into the family and I stayed with them for 2 months in 1980. When I got married, they were our witnesses. I have wonderful memories of both John and Judy. My condolences to JoDee and Wendy and their families. Elisabeth Lim in Perth, Australia.*

Elisabeth Arne Lim - January 19, 2025 at 02:17 AM

JP

“ The first time I met John my son Douglas was dating his grand daughter Abbie. John walked up and said what a wonderful son you have there and welcomed us to the family right away. From that point on he was always kind and entertaining. We had some interesting discussions over the years. He was family to us and I'm going to miss our conversation. My heart goes out to the family.

jerry peters - January 18, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DC

While I did not know him well, my too few conversations with him were always enjoyable, interesting, and insightful. What a great guy!

Doug Coe - January 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TW

Sending you love and hugs and prayers for solace! I remember him more as a father than a community figure and comforting that so many of his beloved family could gather around him. That's a testament to his influence on his family. 🍷🍷🍷

Tina Wambeke - January 20, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JC

John and I are cousins and spent quite a bit of time together when we were children at my Grandma's house.
Condolences to Judy and the family from Janis Benson Cripe, Dublin, Ohio

Janis Cripe - June 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - January 17, 2025 at 12:44 PM