



# John Townley Winkelpleck

October 28, 1940 - November 29, 2024

John Townley Winkelpleck of Bellingham, WA, passed away on November 29th, 2024, at the age of 84. John was born in Los Angeles, CA on October 28th, 1940, to John "Jack" and Ruth Winkelpleck. John grew up in southern California where he enjoyed many beautiful sunsets and surfing. He graduated from Mira Costa High School in 1958. John entered the Air force in October 1966 and became a physical training Specialist. He received an honorable discharge in 1969. After his military service, John continued to pursue a career in the medical field. He received his certification to be a respiratory therapist in California in 1972, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington State College in 1977. Throughout his career he was employed in hospitals in Los Angeles, Seattle and Anchorage.

John met the love of his life Sharlott Healy and they were married on Halloween 1979.

Those who knew John will remember him by his gentle, kind and compassionate soul. He was a humble simple man who always greeted others with a smile. He had a gift of making others feel welcome and has left a lasting impact on all those who crossed his path.

John is preceded in death by his wife Sharlott and his parents.

John is survived by his cousins Leslie (Bob) Harder, Linda (Jack) Lewis and Laura (Frank) Miezwa.

John's ash spreading ceremony was held at Stillwaters Botanical Garden at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, WA