



## **John Rosnik, Nov. 30, 1936 - July 25, 2010**

At Fun N Sun, John was an active and skilled birder, played billiards, square danced, and was a wood carver. He and Sharon came here in their motor home in 1999 and lived on Lantana Street their last three winters. They left FNS in 2006 because of John's declining health.

**A man of many and varied interests**, John attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a Boy Scout and became a Scout Master. He and Sharon belonged to the "Over the Hill Gang" a group that goes on camping trips about 200 miles from home in Colorado, Tuesdays through Fridays, once a month during the summer. **(See John's "Life History" on the back of this page.)**

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## Life History

John C. Rosnik, Jr. passed away on July 25, 2010 at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon; 5 children, John, Jody, Roy (Bobbie), Shelly, Roger (Amy); 11 grandchildren; and 1 grandchild preceded in death.

John was born in Denver, Colorado on November 30, 1936. He grew up in Denver and attended the Denver Public School District and graduated from Denver East High School in 1955. He attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado with the objective of becoming a veterinarian but ended up attending the University of Kansas City and obtained his Doctorate of Dental Science in 1962.

John met his wife Sharon in 1959 and was married on August 26, 1960. They were married at the Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. John and Sharon were married for 49 years and 11 months.

After passing the state dental boards he set up practice with his dad, John C. Rosnik, Sr., at the old Republic Building in Denver, Colorado. He had the opportunity to practice dentistry with his father for 6 months before his father unexpectedly passed away. John continued with a successful dental practice for 33 years when he retired in 1995.

John and Sharon bought a house in Parker, Colorado in 1970 and have lived there ever since. John and Sharon have been active members at Joy Lutheran Church since 1976.

As an Eagle Scout himself he started Troop 16 here in Parker, Colorado in 1975. He remained very active with Boy Scouts of America for many years and has always avidly supported the organization. He took his troops to a national jamboree in Washington, DC and several trips to Philmont in New Mexico. He took the wood badge leadership training course. He received his Silver Beaver award which is one of the highest awards in the scouting program.

John enjoyed the outdoors. He bought his first sailboat in 1980, a little Sunfish, and then graduated to a Hobbie Cat 16 in 1982 and started competing in the regattas around the state. In 1983, he bought a 38' Morgan and docked it in the Virgin Islands where he would vacation with his family for an entire month out of every year. He and Sharon became certified scuba divers in 1983. He was able to return to the Virgin Islands last summer for one last sailing escapade.

John also enjoyed back packing and camping which he did throughout the years with his family. After retirement he bought a motor home and enjoyed spending his winters in San Bonito, Texas with his wife, Sharon, because it is the square dancing capital of the Texas Valley. They got involved in square dancing in 1988. Also, while in Texas John and Sharon discovered a whole new world known as birding and became enthusiastic birders. John also took up woodcarving and pool while in Texas.

John was part of the Downtown Denver Lions Club from 1963 to 1996; a member of the Jeffco Aeromolders; was an instructor for the safe driving for AARP from 1995 to 2003; a member of Parker Squares Square Dancers from 1988 to 1999; a member of the Happy Hoboes from 1989 to 2000; and a member the Over the Hill Gang for the past 5 years.

John very much liked other activities as well including geocaching, messing up his computers, flying planes on his flight simulator, listening to old time radio plays, listening to books on his IPod, watching Lawrence Welk on Saturday nights, eating huge bowls of ice cream, and waking up people who stayed at our house with his bugle. He had the opportunity to ride a tiger cruise on the USS Hyman G. Rickover for 3 days along with his oldest son, John Rosnik, and our servicemen.

In the end, as he desired, John was able to peacefully pass while sleeping at his home in Parker, Colorado, on a still and quite Sunday afternoon.