

John Scott Wynans

January 26, 1958 - January 8, 2023

John Scott Wynans, of Lostine, Oregon, was born Jan. 26, 1958, in Enterprise, Oregon, the youngest son of Charles "Bud" Wynans and his second wife, Joyce (Ogle) Wynans. He passed away on Jan. 8, 2023, at the age of 64.

John grew up on the family farm outside of Lostine. He graduated from Wallowa High School in 1976. John was one of the last true cowboys/mountain men and was able to spend his life outdoors, living the life he loved. He started trapping up the Southfork River at the age of 14 and taught himself to pack at the age of 17 using two barstools.

Everywhere John went, he made new friends, and everyone knew the old cowboy in the mountains. He loved regaling family, friends, and acquaintances alike with stories and cowboy poetry, which he wrote or learned from his favorite cowboy poet, Baxter Black.

Some of our earliest memories of John were going in the L.T. each year on Halloween to give him our oranges because what kid wants oranges with all that candy to eat? I don't know how that tradition started, but we always insisted on giving him our oranges and hearing stories every year long before Mom and John ever started dating.

John married Terri (Ward) Starner in 1992. They were happily married for 31 years. Some of our best memories were those made during trips to the mountains as a family, even those where "the kids would never have fun here." John influenced our lives in countless ways. He taught us to drive, pack, hunt, trap, fish, gave us amazing grandparents in his parents, and became a second father to us.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Joyce, and his siblings, Dave, Jim, and Jan.

He is survived by his loving wife, Terri of Lostine, children: Kimi Starner of Wallowa, Niki (Dean) Estes of Enterprise, Klista May of Darby, Montana, and Cindi Starner of Lostine, 15 grandchildren, his sister Donna, and many nieces and nephews.

Happy trails, John, until we meet again.