

Jon Knox Springmeyer 1950-2010

A celebration of life is scheduled for 2pm April 24 in Gardnerville for fourth-generation Nevada native and Douglas High School graduate Jon Knox Springmeyer, 59, who died April 10, 2010, at his home in Carson City. He was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in 2005.

Born April 25, 1950, on Carson City to Melvin "Buzz" and Marjorie Johnson Springmeyer, both of whom were early Carson Valley settlers.

While growing up on the family's J Lazy J Ranch, he helped his father run cattle up to South Lake Tahoe. It was during this time that his love of the outdoors and his appreciation of Native American culture emerged.



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A 1968 graduate of Douglas High School, Mr. Springmeyer went on to earn a business degree at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1972. It was at UNR that his cowboy charisma attracted the attention of Bonnie Connolly. After meeting on a blind date, the two quickly became inseparable and were married in 1971 following a two-year courtship.

After graduating from the McGeorge School of Law in 1980, he established a private practice in Carson City, where he

quickly developed a reputation for treating his clients as close friends. Later Mr. Springmeyer joined his long time friend and mentor, John Reiser, at Reiser & Associates Insurance. He cared deeply about helping others, both in his professional and personal life and was always available to offer advice and guidance.

“Jon was a man every person should strive to be more like and we are all better people for having had him in our lives,” said friend Steve Sperry. “He will be missed more than can be imagined.”

Mr. Springmeyer’s hobbies included camping, archery, muzzle loading and attending Burning Man. He loved entertaining his friends with anecdotes and practical jokes.

“Jon would focus his attention on those around him, and always welcomed visitors,” said son Erin. “He loved life and fought for every moment he had with his friends and family.”

In addition to his wife of 38 years, he is survived by his mother Marjorie; sons Erin (Diane) and Ryan (Rachel); and daughter Sara.

The celebration of life is at the home of Kelly Connolly, 2276 Pinenut Road, Gardnerville, NV 89410. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Mr. Springmeyer’s name. For more information, visit www.cancer.org.