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# John Day

John Day passed away Sunday, February 22, 2026 after a long battle with Cancer. He was 79 years old.

John was born and grew up in Stockton, CA. He graduated from Lincoln High School and Delta College before going to work for Pacific Telephone.

He had a long and varied career with "The Phone Company" working as an installation/repair tech, I&R Supervisor and Technical Writer on headquarters staff. He retired in 1991.

John lived in Stockton until he married Becky in 1982 and moved with her to Lodi. Shortly after getting married, John and Becky moved to Lockeford, CA where they purchased a few acres and enjoyed a country life complete with horses, long horn cattle, chickens, ducks and turkeys.

During these years John coached his sons, Robby and Eli in Little League baseball. He loved baseball and played fast pitch softball himself. His dad, Fred Day was the coach for Days Sweeping Service fast pitch team. A highlight of his little league "Coaching career" was a trip to the Western Regional Playoffs in Salt Lake City, Utah with his team.

John liked to fish, so many family vacations were spent camping and fishing. Camping was always an adventure including a rain storm that flooded the boys tent and left other campers stuck in the mud. John Day to the rescue pulling stuck cars and trucks to safety.

In 1988 he and Becky moved to Tracy, CA to be closer to Becky's work. After he retired in 1991 John decided to start his own business. He started with a few vending machines that were located in various businesses. Somehow that led a customer to ask if he could provide lunch for the employees. And that became the beginning of his new business - All Day Bar-B-Que. His Tri-Tip Sandwiches and Ribs were legendary!

He bought a BBQ trailer that he would take to the customers location and cook on site. After a couple years he opened a small cafe in downtown Tracy and became very active in the community. He was President of the Downtown Business Improvement association and later President of the Tracy Chamber of Commerce. He was honored as Tracy's Man of the Year in 2007. He was the founder and chief cook for an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Tracy's Senior Citizens feeding a couple hundred hungry seniors.

John sold his business in 2009 and started a new "career" as a volunteer for Tracy Interfaith Ministries. His background in the food industry made running the food warehouse a good fit. Most people volunteered a day or two a week but he was there everyday. He loved working with the special needs kids who would come to help. And he became the go to guy who did the literal dirty work when the homeless people who lived in the park next door made a mess in the restroom!

John and Becky vacationed in Mexico on multiple occasions and loved the people, the culture and the food. So when Becky retired in 2013 they packed up and moved to San Felipe Baja, California where they lived for 11 years. He bought a Can Am and enjoyed Beach Runs, Desert Rides and the casual life of a small fishing village. His kids and grandkids loved Mexico and visited often. Especially for the off road desert races that came through or near San Felipe. The Baja 250 and Baja 500 were two of his favorite events.

John's health issues and the need to be closer to doctors and treatments ultimately led to a move back to Palm Desert, California in 2024 where he lived until his death.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola and father, Fred and younger sister, Donna.

He was blessed to have a large supportive family.

John is survived by his wife, Becky; sons, Robert/Robby Day (Sandy Wylie), Eli Day (Danielle Trunzo); daughter, Victorial/Tori Roelle (Greg Loyd); grandchildren, Stephanie Hoover, Kate Roelle (Tyler Bryant), Nicholas Roelle (Courtney), Coral Day, Hunter Day (Mckinley), Kody Day (Kaitlyn), Ethan Day and 14 great grandchildren with one more the way.

No service is planned. John's ashes will be spread in the Sea of Cortez on the beach where we lived in San Felipe.