



## Jon Ruopsa

October 6, 2012 - January 1, 1

Jon Arthur Ruopsa, age 61, of Mesa, Arizona and Darwin, Minnesota, died Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Saint Cloud Hospital. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Dassel Historical Center community room.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the memorial arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Canine Companions for Independence at P.O. Box 446, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0446.

Jon Arthur Ruopsa, the son of Ralph and Elaine (Anderson) Ruopsa was born on April 18, 1951, in Litchfield, Minnesota. He grew up in the Cokato area and graduated from Cokato High School in 1969, he then attended Willmar Vo-Tech, graduating in 1971.

Jon was united in marriage to Diane Amundson and together they made their home in Mesa, Arizona. Jon was employed as a Mechanical Engineer for Boeing Aircraft in Mesa, Arizona for 22 years. He loved to pilot his own plane, fishing, water sports, and had recently purchased a kayak which he had enjoyed over the summer. In Arizona Jon helped many people as a handyman and did home projects large and small. He enjoyed spending time on the computer and keeping in touch with family and friends. He also would take time to go to Mystic Lake Casino and challenge lady luck.

Jon is survived by his wife, Diane Ruopsa of Arizona, brother, Ryan Ruopsa of Dassel, Skylar (his beagle mix dog), niece Erin (Eric) Fauzie, great nephew, Oliver Fauzie, nephew, Kyle (Kristen) Ruopsa, great niece Hailey and great nephew Levi, and several aunts, uncles and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Comments

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“ Jon was a great friend. Great guy to work with at Boeing. He will definitely be missed by many and myself. RIP Jon. God bless you and your family.

**Carlos Cardenas** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ You are in my prayers and thoughts.

**G Ngo** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Diane;I donated \$25.00 to the Canine Companion in memory of John.No thank-you necessary. You will be in my thoughts.  
Mary

**Mary Ortquist** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Diane,

I was a coworker of John's and we flew together for Flights for Life on one occasion. I had been with FFL for quite some time and John came on board. I know he loved the "job" of helping others. He was a great pilot and had a ton of enthusiasm for what he did.

While he has "Flown West", I'm sure he's smiling and enjoying the ride.

Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Kurt Nelson.

**Kurt Nelson** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ John was a good friend that I had the pleasure of working with some 10 years ago. I always enjoyed our conversations and his up-beat attitude.

My condolences for your (and our) loss.

**Randall MacPherson** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Jon was a kind, helpful friend to all. We worked together for years but our friendship really started when he moved to another group and we started going to lunch weekly and quite often daily. He was a patient and supportive listener through my divorce and remarriage. The most fun we had was talking about our projects because we are both handymen that can fix anything. We both thought outside the box and had some pretty cool designs and clever ideas to repair things or to make something better. Of course, we had some pretty crazy, off-the-wall stuff too.

I enjoyed the times at your house, just talking, sharing, eating, doing little jobs with Jon and the pig roast for Dongelli Deli Day, even if we didn't get any sleep.

God Bless you Diane

**Dave Dongell** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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**Bev Roberson** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Diane: My heart truly goes out to you. Jon was such a special person. He loved to try anything and everything - and after he mastered one thing, he'd be off to the next. I was so impressed with his zest for life. It was as if the world was a huge playground for him and he had to sample everything it had to offer. And you were so good to support him in each and every thing. You were true partners in life. That is very rare indeed.

He was such a kind and helpful person to others - always fixing or building something. I wish I still had the desk he made me to work on while I was in college. I was so appreciative. And his love for his dogs was just the most precious thing to watch. But he had a smarty pants side and I enjoyed that too. I'll never forget his boyish grin when he was messin' with you.

You two took very good care of me during difficult times in my life and I wish I would have thanked him more than I did. So, thank you Jon for making such a difference in my life along with countless others. I will miss you. We will take good care of your Diane. Till we all meet again, dear friend.

Love,

Nancy Lyon-Gray

**Nancy Lyon-Gray** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ Diane: I am so sorry for the loss of your best friend and husband. Jon and I worked together, he was special, kind and helpfull. He did some work for my family and when I told them he passed the sadness they express you thought they knew him for many years, that was the kind of infectious person he was. The first time he drove up to my house in his ambulance we laughed and laughed, I told him my neighbor was going to come over to see if I was ok. I will miss my friend and the best handyman.

God Bless  
Prudence

**Prudence Holmes** - March 29, 2013 at 09:08 AM