



## John Cobble Hagans

January 6, 1947 - November 10, 2020

John C. Hagans, 73, of Jackson, passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020 on his farm.

He was born on January 6, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to J.E. and Kathryn Hagans.

He married Melody Oberbeck on June 7, 1969 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

John graduated from Jackson High School in 1965 and The University of Missouri in 1969 with a B.S. in Animal Husbandry.

He proudly served his country as a member of the U. S. Army. After his honorable discharge, he was employed by Biokyowa and farmed in Cape Girardeau County the remainder of his life.

His love of life came from sharing in the interests, sports, and accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed farming, history, trivia, watching Jeopardy, and spending time with his friends.

Loving survivors include his wife of 51 years, Melody Hagans; son, Judd (Dana) Hagans of Jackson; daughters, Melody (Curtis) Bingham of Kansas City, Missouri, Crystal (Gabe) Sumner of San Francisco, California, Kelley

Hagans of St. Louis; grandchildren, Miles and Claire Bingham, and Mason and Calyn Hagans; sisters, Betty (David) Carleton and Martha (Brennan) Colyer; brothers-in-law, Alan (Kathy) Oberbeck and Clarence Bodenstein; sisters-in-law, Anita (David) Lansmon Thiede, Edith (Kevin) Neal, Linda Seyer, and Suzanne Bodenstein; faithful farm dog, Mazie; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, John would want you to plant a tree, explore the great outdoors, visit a historical site, spend extra time with your family, or help a neighbor or someone in need.

No visitation will be held.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00am, Friday, November 13, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson, Missouri with Pastor Joshua Schmidt officiating.

Please wear a mask and social distance at all times.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
223 W. Adams  
Jackson, MO 63755

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ John and I were great friends during childhood. I was sorry to learn of his death.

*"John would want you to plant a tree, explore the great outdoors, visit a historical site, spend extra time with your family, or help a neighbor or someone in need." I will do all those things in honor of him. My sympathy to his family and friends.*

*Reid Carron*

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**Reid Carron** - November 27, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CK

“ Melody ... Please accept my deepest condolences . I'm saying a prayer for you and your family right now. Carol Kranawetter

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**Carol Kranawetter** - November 19, 2020 at 05:37 PM

DW

“ Melody and family - we are so saddened to learn about John - and we echo the thoughts of Lonie and Karen - you were such good friends and neighbors during our time in Pocahontas. Every time we look at our red-headed son Carl, we think about John. May your faith give you comfort at this difficult time. Del and Jean Warren

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**Del and Jean Warren** - November 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CM

“ Dear Melody and family, So sorry for your loss. John was a special one of a kind guy. May you be comforted by God's love.

*Cheryl and Mark Milde*

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**Cheryl Milde** - November 13, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JM

“ *Melody and family you have our deepest sympathy. I have many good memories of John at JHS! God bless you and yours. Jack and Mary Anne Martin*

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**JACK D MARTIN** - November 13, 2020 at 11:24 AM

RP

“ John Cobble taught me and was a role model.  
As a 10 year old, I hung out with John a lot. He worked on my Grandfather’s dairy farm when he was in high school and his mother was my 4th grade teacher.  
He taught me the honor of being an Eagle Scout and gaining life skills. He went to Philmont Scout Ranch.  
He showed me how to be brave in the woods and have fun living off the land. He taught me to pay attention.  
He gave me pigeons and amazed me with a pigeon that he taught to do a flip mid-flight; he called them rollers and tumblers.  
I forever will remember him in a denim shirt, sleeve-less, tanned and freckled, straw cowboy hat, showing me how to load chopped silage into the tall silo. He could mow my Grandfather’s fields in third gear.  
He challenged a scrawny kid to physical duels and taught me to be aggressive at baseball.  
He loved to sling bales of hay from the field and make bale tunnels into the loft. He was not afraid of sweat.  
He looked sharp, to a kid, uniformed in the front rank of the marching band late night marching north on High Street after an Indians football win. He playing the loudest trombone.  
He taught me to be faithful in church as we sat quietly in the balcony.  
He played late night games of capture the flag and kick the can with the neighbor kids.  
He spent time with me. He no less than hung the moon.

I am grateful for John Cobble and the life he shared with me and the things he taught me. I will miss him.

— Rob Peterson  
rspeterson@wowway.com

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ROBERT S PETERSON - November 13, 2020 at 07:27 AM

EE

“ *Ed Eakins*

*My deepest sympathy to Melody and the entire family. John and I grew up one block apart and Melanie lived 2 blocks to the East of us. I graduated high school with John and was in boy scouts with John and it was a competition to see who would make Eagle scout 1st. John my brother Roger and I ran around all over West Jackson when we grew up many memories. I also worked at Biokyowa though we were not on the same shift I would see him quite often.*

*Melody again my deepest sympathy.  
Ed Eakins*

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**Ed Eakins** - November 12, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MS

“ *Melody and family my thoughts are with you  
Prayers for peace*

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**Michelle seabaugh** - November 12, 2020 at 12:07 PM

MB

*Melody and family:  
I am so sorry sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed being around John and your family growing up with Mel. He was always so welcoming and made me feel like a part of the family. He always brought a smile to my face. I will plant a tree in his honor on our family plantation. He will be greatly missed!!*

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**Mandy Beal** - November 12, 2020 at 05:07 PM

GS

“ To the Hagans family,

*Nora and I will grieve with you at John's passing, but we are left with many fond memories as our families grew up together at the park, on the road, and sharing good company as we were all a family back then.*

*As believers, we trust God's word for the strength to carry your hurts, as He welcomes one of His special children. Thanks be to God.*

*Gene and Nora Speight*

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**Gene & Nora Speight** - November 12, 2020 at 11:40 AM

RM

“ *Melody, I am so sorry for your loss. His obituary was so inspiring though and I will plant a tree in the spring for him! You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Robin Meier-McQuay** - November 12, 2020 at 10:19 AM

DG

“ Dear Melody:

*Bonnie and I read with sadness this morning that John had passed away. I will always remember with fondness the times we shared at Mizzou Alumni Association functions and his and your tireless dedication to its success. And what a University of Missouri historian John was ! He could answer any thing about the University and its history. All who knew him loved him and admired him. Thinking and praying for you and your family. May John rest in the peace of Christ.*

*MIZ...*

*Dale Gerecke*

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**Dale Gerecke** - November 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM

RE

“ Dear Melody and Family, God is our Refuge and Strength, our very present help in every trouble! We were saddened to learn that John died, but thankful for his faith in God and that he is now with the Lord in heaven by grace through faith in Christ his Savior. Your family has always been special to us from way back to our days in Pocahontas, starting in 1974. God bless you and your whole wonderful bunch as you treasure the memories and as you go on bravely in the Christian faith looking forward to that great reunion in heaven. God be with you all. - Lonie & Karen Eatherton

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**Rev. Lonie Eatherton** - November 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM

BK

“John C.” as I knew him, was absolutely one of a kind. I worked with him for many years at BioKyowa and kept in touch through a small group of “Bio friends” after we both left there. I always looked forward to his stories and to hear what was going on with him. His presence lit up a room and I knew laughter was on its way each time I saw him or talked to him on the phone. He will always hold a special place in my heart and I am thankful that I had a friend like him.

*B.A. King*

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**B.A. King** - November 12, 2020 at 08:49 AM

KP

“Melody and family,

*John was truly an unforgettable character. I can always hear his gravelly little chuckle when I think of him. I will miss him. May you find comfort and peace in the promise of God’s everlasting blessings.*

*Kent and Jean Puchbauer*

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**Kent Puchbauer** - November 12, 2020 at 07:44 AM

PE

“Melody, deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. John was such a light when he came in the feedstore. His wit, humor and quick comebacks were always welcome and brightened our day with a laugh. May God wrap his loving arms around you and yours and give you peace.

*Sincerely,  
Pat Eifert*

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**Pat Eifert** - November 12, 2020 at 06:05 AM

DW

“ Melody and family, I am really sorry to hear of your loss. John was such a good guy and family man. I know you will all miss him and his funny humor. I always thought a lot of him.

Sincerely,  
Diane Walther

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**Diane Walther** - November 12, 2020 at 01:35 AM

GB

“ Melody & family, we are so sorry for your loss. John always had a big smile and was always very friendly. He will be missed. May God bless your family & give you comfort.

Glen & Alice Birk

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**Glen & Alice Birk** - November 11, 2020 at 08:43 PM

KB

“ So sorry to hear this Melody. I didn't know your husband but I did hear you speak about him. Deepest sympathy to you and your family. Let me know if there is anything that I could do for you.

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**Karen M Blattner** - November 11, 2020 at 07:39 PM

MI

“ Deepest sympathies to the family. Shared many great times with my childhood friend. My thoughts are with you all.

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**Mike Illers** - November 11, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Johns passing. I will always remember his dry sense of humor. I know you will miss him. Always remember the good times. Love and prayers. Clairene

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**Clairene Priest** - November 11, 2020 at 03:58 PM