

Remembering John S. McKeown

John S. McKeown lost his battle with cancer on August 2, 2009. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2003.

John worked as an educator in the Berkeley Unified School District for over thirty-seven (37) years. He was one of the large group of teachers hired during the first year of full school integration in Berkeley.

John earned his Masters in Psychology at Sacramento State University, and later furthered his education at San Francisco State University.

John traveled by a Volkswagen van in Central America, learned Spanish, raised horses, grew bonsai plants, and taught their clever dog, Chita, to herd ducks and goats.

John's many interests included history, politics, leatherworking, hearing, travel, and flamenco guitar.

John could often be found on his Buckskin Quarter Horse, Folly, helping to move goat flock in the Berkeley hills.

John is survived by his wife, daughter, granddaughters, sister, sister-in-law and her husband, six nieces and nephews and their children, and many wonderful friends.

Passed and adopted on this 25th day of August, 2009.



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