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John Edward Essery was born in Slaton, Texas to Roy Lynn King and Esther Dorothy Rexwinkel July 19, 1944. His mother married La Vern Essery May 9, 1952, and on February 10, 1958, his family went to court and John, sister Sandra (Sandee) and brother David were officially adopted by their loving father La Vern. John grew up in Lakewood California and enjoyed camping with his family. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Lakewood High School in 1963.

John graduated from college in 1966 and joined the United States Army. He proudly served his country as an MP. John graduated from the Sheriff's academy and began his lifelong career April 25, 1968, as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff until his retirement May 14, 1997. He was our very own "Sheriff John."

John was blessed with two children, Bob Essery (deceased February 26, 2007) and Leslie Laurel Essery. He loved raising his family in Quartz Hill California. Bob and Leslie were his pride and joy and the light of his life. There is nothing he wouldn't have done for them.

John moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1999. It was there that John met the love of his life, Shirley Holt, and they spent eighteen wonderful years together

until his passing into the arms of Jesus May 4, 2022. John died of respiratory failure surrounded by love with Shirley, Leslie, Kevin, Sandee, and Don at his side.

John is survived by his daughter Leslie Kirst (husband Kevin), granddaughter Kamryn McBride, four great grandchildren Sofia, Rojelio, Ofelia, Elana, sister Sandee Christofferson (husband Don), brother David Essery (wife Teena), Uncle Bill and Aunt Joyce Rexwinkel, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. John loved his extended family and made every effort to spend time with them and never wanted to miss a family gathering.

John was an honorable man of integrity, honesty, intelligence, fierce loyalty, understanding, compassion, patience, generosity, kindness and caring. He was a faithful friend and loved to help people whenever needed and for whatever reason. John never said no. He was self-taught and had mega skills in the field of computers. He built his own personal computers and built them for his family and friends. He was extremely adept at computer programming and was only a phone call away if someone needed his assistance.

John was a voracious reader and loved countless genres of music. He had a massive collection of books, music, and movies.

John's grin, sense of humor, joyous laughter, gentle heart, huge hugs, and signature "hello" will be missed by all! John was a mighty man with a heart of gold!

John 14:1-3

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go and prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were honored to have John as our friend. God has him now and Donna and I will see him again.

Michael Handley - July 28, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ John Edward Essery

Sandee Christofferson - June 30, 2022 at 11:24 AM

GM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our love and best wishes to the family.

Gene & Gloria Mack - June 07, 2022 at 08:54 PM

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David Essery - June 07, 2022 at 04:02 PM

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“ John was my big brother with a big gentle heart. He left us too soon. We'll miss him dearly.

David Essery - June 07, 2022 at 04:02 PM

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“ To my man John, a real man with a heart of gold. We made a perfect team. You made me laugh and enjoy life every day with your positive attitude and unique sense of humor. You made me so happy to be your "Sweetie". You were my rock, my moral support, and were always there just for me. You were my source of joy, the love of my life, my everything. I will forever treasure our 18 years together. The hurt in my heart is unbearable but memories of all we shared help ease the pain. I will love you, "My John", for eternity.

Shirley Holt - June 04, 2022 at 10:01 PM

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“ Today, I held the hand of a gentle giant as he took the hand of Jesus and passed into glory. My older brother, John had been battling insurmountable health issues for months. He was hospitalized April 24 and placed on intubation April 26. For a brief time, he had the tube out and was able to say a few words to us (his daughter Leslie, the love of his life Shirley, brother in law Don and me, his sister) which were of course his heart warming signature "hello" and "I love you." John made a CD years ago of his favorite gospel hymns (the ones our parents played as we were growing up). In God's perfect time, John gave his heart to the Lord March 9, 2022. I played his hymns for him in the hospital at different times and most of the day before he passed. After John was removed from life support, he was hearing "Take My Hand Precious Lord" by Elvis Presley as he did indeed take Jesus hand at 3:39 p.m. May 4, 2022 I will forever miss my amazing brother. He was a man of quality character, integrity, honesty, intelligence, fierce loyalty, understanding, compassion, generous, kindhearted and caring. I have comfort knowing John is with the Lord and at peace.

Sandee Christofferson - May 25, 2022 at 12:31 PM

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“ THANK YOU JOHNNY FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP IT WAS A VERY SAD DAY FOR ME WHEN YOU PASS I CRIED BUT I KNOW YOUR IN HAVEN I WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU, ON TILL WE MEET AGAIN MY FRIEND.

ANTHONY CAMACHO - May 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM