



John F. Flodin

August 15, 1927 - March 5, 2014

John Francis Flodin, age 86, of Moses Lake, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, March 5, 2014 surrounded by loving family.

Holy Rosary will be prayed at 1:00pm. Friday, March 14th at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N Dale Road Moses Lake immediately followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 p.m. Viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday March 12th and Thursday, March 13th at Kayser  s Chapel and again from noon until the time of the Rosary on Friday. Please sign the guestbook at www.kayserchapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Veterans Coalition of Grant County

Wounded Warriors Project

Our Lady of Fatima Church Building Fund

Western & Central Washington State Chapter of Alzheimers Assoc.

Tall Elks

John was born in Yakima, WA to Frank and Frances (Belair) Flodin. His early years were spent in White Swan and Ellensburg where he learned to hunt, fish and play the saxophone.

In 1942 the family moved to Seattle, then to Stockton in 1945, where John completed high school.

After graduation John joined the Merchant Marines for a short stint then was drafted for the Korean War. After graduating from Artillery OCS School he was

shipped to Korea as a Forward Observer where he spent six months on Sandbag Castle in the Western edge of the Punch Bowl calling in fire. John was then transferred to Battalion Headquarters where he assumed added responsibilities as the Battalion S-3. John was awarded the UN Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal and the Bronze Star.

Upon his return to the Yakima Valley in 1954, John learned that his father Frank had committed to building a potato fresh packaging facility on a handshake. Shortly after, Flodin Inc. was formed.

John met Mildred Thomas, the love of his life, while skiing White Pass. They were married in Prosser, WA December 10th, 1956 and resided in Sunnyside for 30 years. Large extended family get togethers were common and filled with music.

In 1986 they moved their business and home to Moses Lake.

Over five decades, John (and many family members) oversaw the manufacture and installation of 67 Potato and Vegetable processing lines throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Romania and Poland. Over his lifetime John was awarded 16 patents.

In 1999 Millie died. Late 2006 John retired and spent as much time as possible golfing at the Moses Lake Country Club. He has 7 "Hole in One."

In 2009 John was further recognized for his meritorious service in Korea when he was inducted into the Fort Sill Field Artillery OCS Hall of Fame.

John died the same way he lived, happy, laughing and surrounded by people who dearly loved him.

He is survived by his children and spouses, Pat Warren, Nanette & John Smyser, Rob & Cia Flodin, James & Melissa Flodin; grandchildren - Jason, Kristi, Ashley, Emili, Brian, Tiffany & Douglas; great-grandchildren - Jonathan, Daniel, Nathaniel, Jaxsyn and Emma; also a brother, Bill Flodin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Millie, brother, Allan Flodin, sister Mary Krous, and son-in-law Timothy Taunt.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel & Crematory
831 South Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848
kayserschapel@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel & Crematory
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Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)
200 North Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

MAR 14. 1:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I was sad to hear of John passing away. I worked for John at Flodin Inc. for 13 years and have known the family for almost 50 years. A wonderful family that I know will miss John very much. John was a great help to me in starting my working career after I returned from military duty and I was always in his debt for that. I have very fond memories of John and his accomplishments. God bless John and the Fiodin family.

Ben Eidson

Ben Eidson - March 21, 2014 at 02:33 PM

VK

“ John was a joy to be around. He was so sweet and loved to be with his family. I loved the way my Uncle Rob and him did things together. It was great to see the perspective of a man who lived a very full life. He appreciated people, grateful for each day, and had so much wisdom to gleam from.
You will be missed.

Victoria Kennedy

Victoria Kennedy - March 13, 2014 at 04:07 PM

 Joshua Kennedy

“ John was such a kind man. I had the privilege only a few times to meet him, but always was encouraged by his generous spirit and joy. I am thankful for the opportunity to have met this incredible man. Rest in peace John.

Josh Kennedy

Joshua Kennedy - March 13, 2014 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ John was a very remarkable man, one whom I respected as my father-in-law but also as my friend. I admired his love of life and his determination to overcome challenges. he was determined to keep doing what he loved to do, his family, his work/business, his love of golf, fishing, bowling, beating me at gin rummy, etc. He taught me many things and I enjoyed the time I got to spend with him and be part of his family. He is with the Lord and with Millie.

John Smyser - March 13, 2014 at 11:15 AM

RS

“ I had the great pleasure of knowing John, he and his crews worked with me for many years at a the first Potato Plant in the Columbia Basin. Great memories of the good times we had. Rest in peace John. Dick Schoessler

Richard Schoessler - March 12, 2014 at 11:24 AM

MP

“ BEING ROB'S IN-LAWS, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING KNOWN JOHN FOR THE ENTIRE TIME ROB AND OUR DAUGHTER, CIA, HAVE BEEN MARRIED. WE FOUND JOHN TO BE A VERY FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING PERSON. HIS STORIES OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCES IN THE SERVICE, HIS FAMILY AND EVEN HIS BUSINESS WERE ALWAYS INTERESTING AND ENGROSSING. MY WIFE AND I WERE ALWAYS AMAZED BY JOHN'S RESILIENCE AND HIS FORTITUDE IN HIS LATER YEARS AS HE ENDURED HIS PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS. WE DID NOT SEE JOHN IN THE PAST YEAR SO WE REMEMBER HIM AS HE WAS - STILL PLAYING GOLF AND DRIVING HIS OWN CAR. GOD HAS TAKEN JOHN, WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED BY US AS A REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL.

MARC AND PHYLLIS - March 10, 2014 at 01:05 PM

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Rob Flodin - March 10, 2014 at 12:32 PM

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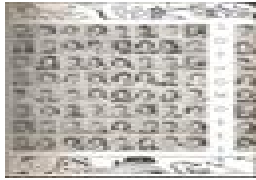
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