



## John T. Shipman

August 30, 1946 - June 15, 2018

John Shipman, age 71, was born in Turlock, CA and passed away peacefully on June 15, surrounded by his loving family. John attended schools in Turlock, graduating from Turlock High in 1964. After graduating, John enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until 1968. John married his wife, Eloise in 1971. His family was of the greatest importance. In January 1989, he became Co-Founder of Country Ford Trucks Inc.

Aside from his love for his family and business, his third love was Motorsports. John had been involved in tractor pulling that covered the Western States, Canada and Hawaii since the mid-seventies. Subsequently, this resulted in his interest in promoting in 1985. During the mid-eighties, he and his wife Eloise launched John Shipman Motorsports that withstood over three decades of Monster Truck, 4X4 Tractor Pulls, Tuff Truck and Quad drag shows. They conducted and operated the majority of the motorsport nights at the Stanislaus Fair for the last 30 years in addition to other fairs throughout the Central Valley. Throughout the years of participating and organizing events, he had built many life-long friendships.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Eloise Shipman; daughter, Kelly (Chris) Camp of Denair; son, Greg (Sara) Shipman of Oakdale; grandchildren: Kyle, Ashlee, Cameron, Taylor, Kaidyn and Grant; sisters: Bettie Edgmond of Turlock, Bonnie Renteria of Turlock and Virginia Dondero of Stockton; along with several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, at Turlock

Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John T. Shipman*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dan, Deserie, Demi Silva/Dennette Dores & Alice Ramos purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of John T. Shipman.*



**Dan, Deserie, Demi Silva/Dennette Dores & Alice Ramos** - June 29, 2018 at 11:59 AM

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“Wow, Where do I start. Well it has been over 37 year ago that I first meet John. Back then I was new to the pulling Events, since back then I was just Dan Silva's girlfriend (which I was for 20 years LOL until I FINALLY became his wife). The Shipman Family were so nice & friendly to me. At first John seem like such a strong serious person, but I soon saw what a warm & friendly person he was. I also saw how he was always there to help everyone in the Pulling Family. I saw that first hand when in later years when he was right there to help Dan when he needed anything. He was quite the mentor to Dan.

*I truly enjoyed hearing all the stories of the crazy times they had in the early years of pulling. We meet up with John last year at the Turlock 4th of July parade. We didn't even watch the parade we spent the whole times talking with him & Greg. We never did meet up for dinner like we planned. I even bought a bottle of Blackberry Brandy to share with John at the dinner, but didn't get to. I am not sure of the story about John & Blackberry Brandy but I would get John a bottle every once in a while to give to him at the pulls. I am not sure what to do with that bottle, maybe give the Greg to toast his Dad on those special times in the future (knowing that John will always be there looking over his family).*

*I have been thinking of all the good times we have shared with the Shipman Family & hope you know how much John has ment to Dan & I. Take Care & God Bless*

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**Deserie Silva** - June 29, 2018 at 11:33 AM