

John Thomas Day

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Growing up in Tremonton, Utah, had the treat of being friends and neighbors of the Days. Jesse was my Dad's best friend, and yes he taught me how to fish, and Louise was not only a substitute teacher extraordinaire but gave the best recommendations as to books to read. John was older and I remember vividly as a young guy looking up to him. He was an Eagle Scout, okay, I was going to be an Eagle Scout. I remember his being called as a missionary to Germany and of course, I always wanted to go on a Mission to Germany. I remember John bringing a beautiful Georgiana to Church and oh we were enthralled that they got married. How amazing that a young man from Tremonton, Utah, went to the U and then on to M.I.T. I had never heard of it until your Dad was accepted. So, please know how proud a small town kid from Tremonton, Utah, is to have known as a child John, and he inspired us all to do better. Sending my best to all, your have a proud legacy. My best, Doug Foxley

- Douglas Foxley

To the children of John. Indeed, you had a wonderful, talented, and intelligent father, and dedicated disciple of Christ. My wife Margo and I send our best wishes at this time of his passing. I had the privilege of working with John in the mission field in Darmstadt, Germany, in 1961, where we served in the same district. I had also visited him in Konstanz after the Passion Play in September 1960. While on our missions, my grandfather Cook who lived in his ward in Tremonton sent letters to both John and me, but sometimes John would get my letter and I would get his letter, because Grandfather put them in the wrong envelopes. So we would exchange letters. In any case we enjoyed working together. Later, after our missions and while John was still back east, I called him and offered him a job in Salt Lake City to work with me and the IRECO Chemicals team. He said yes and that brought him back to Utah where he worked for several years in our research and engineering department before he co-founded Mining Services International. That part of his history with IRECO was left out of the obituary, but it was a very important part of his life because it was at IRECO that John learned about the industrial explosives industry which gave him the knowledge and experience to enable him to co-found MSI. In any case, I extend my sincere condolences to John's children, for I am one who knew his goodness and abilities as well as anyone. May the Lord bless you all at this tender time. Sincerely, Garfield Cook

- Garfield Cook

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss! It just seems like yesterday when we were all on your new deck when you guys were building the new house. I don't miss cleaning it! Lol ■■ He will be greatly missed, but Im glad they are together again. ❤■ I won't be able to attend the funeral, but my thoughts & Prayers will be with your family. I luv u guys! ❤■ Shay ■

- Shay Mosley

John was a neighbor, friend, and Bishop to us. We remember him for his kindness and gentleness. It was always ‘ Jon and Georgiana’. What a special reunion Steve and Barbara Coombs

- Steve and Barbara Coombs

I know it has been well over a week, but I still expect “Dr. John T. Day” to display on my phone - with a lively technical-discussion to follow. His zest for a project was tangible and contagious – and the more challenging the task – his ingenuity and energy knew no bounds! Dr. John T. Day is one of the finest persons I have had the honor to know for almost 34-years. We met during the completion, startup and numerous improvements at CYANCO – his signature project in the Nevada desert. During the arduous, months of Startup - he would often drive 400-miles west, well before the sun rose, work with us all day, yet head east that evening to be with his family. He also spent numerous nights in one of the “Mack-Motels”, (a cold, cramped sleeper berth of one of the idle delivery trucks in the parking lot). The respect he garnered for his work ethic was only surpassed by the awe in which he could solve very technical problems. Granted, there was that time where sleep-deprivation got the best of him - and he theorized various complex chemical reactions for fire constantly-erupting from insulation around a water line near a Cyanide Synthesis Reactor. Thankfully, he forgave my utterances of a “Scottish-Blessing”, as I shut off the hi-voltage electrical heat tracing - that they were dosing with water and steam hoses. Yes, Startup was an interesting time, as were the 2-business-opportunity trips, where I accompanied him to Japan, Uzbekistan, Russia and Germany. Dr. Day unconditionally supported and inspired me throughout my 29-year career at Cyanco. Amazingly, (considering my formal education by comparison), we had countless discussions about “the next project” ... over the last five years. Regardless of the technical subject, John would first ask about family and friends first – yet always close with a heartfelt-message of faith and caring. Thank you, Dr. John T. Day, for being you...

- Tobin Kueper

We are so. Grateful for the many years of friendship with this great man. He was always the gentleman and such a wonderful example of the Saviors teachings in service to those around him. Please know that we pray for the family as we know that he will be greatly missed. Sincerely John and Lenore Ashby

- John and Lenore Ashby

Mi más céntido pésame para la familia Day mi corazón se quebró por la partida de John Day yo en lo personal quice mucho a sus padres y me dolió su partida pero le pido mucho a Dios que les fortalezca a toda la familia bendiciones y les aprecio mucho familia

- Laura Guzman