John Charles Rodiack

John Charles Rodiack was born July 22, 1953, in San Francisco, CA. He was the son of Bill and Gloria Rodiack and older brother to Eddie, and Donna Rodiack. He attended schools in S. San Francisco and met the love of his life and wife-to-be, Terry Vonasek at El Camino High School. He then attended Humboldt University where he received his bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology with a focus on Ornithology and a minor in Political Science. During college he fought wildfires with the Cal-fire helitack crew, dabbled in "farming" and married, Terry.

After college, John and Terry moved to Rock Springs, WY, (Terry kicking and screaming the whole time). John wrangled wild horses for the BLM, played fast pitch softball for Ghost Town bar and met some of his closest friends. John and Terry had their two children, Charles and August and would eventually have two beautiful granddaughters, Jade and Caradee Rodiack. John hired onto the Rock Springs Fire Department and served 25 years before proudly retiring as a Battalion Chief. John and Terry retired to Deadwood, SD, where John fulfilled his lifelong promise to Terry to own a Victorian home.

John had a passion for living life fully and on his own terms. He woke up every morning with excitement to see what adventures the day would bring and man, did he have some adventures.

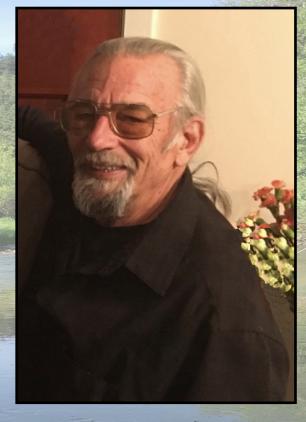
He loved his family and friends deeply. He was passionate about wildlife and the outdoors, especially ducks and his property on Whitewood Creek Road. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, boating, and storytelling. He never met a stranger and had a talent for striking up a conversation and friendship with anyone, anywhere, anytime. He would literally give you the shirt off his back.

John Charles Rodiack, 68, died June 19, 2022, in Deadwood, SD.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Jean Rodiack; his children, Charles Edward Rodiack, and August Nichol Rodiack; his siblings, Edward William Rodiack, and Donna Marie Rodiack; his granddaughters, Jade Marie Rodiack, and Caradee Nicole Rodiack; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Charles Rodiack; and his mother, Gloria M. Rodiack.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving
Memory Of

John Charles Rodiack
July 22, 1953 ~ June 19, 2022



ME

Mellow muffin man

Sitting silly sideways

Playing his nonsense games

High on a passing marshmallow

Never worrying, never hurrying

Being what I want to be

For all, for everyone to see.

I don't give a damn, I am

What I am, I'm free.

Written by, John Rodiack in 1968

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Born
July 22, 1953
San Francisco, California

*Died*June 19, 2022
Deadwood, South Dakota

Funeral Services
Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant Reverend David Baer

Musical Selections

"A Whiter Shade Of Pale" "Put Your Lights On"

"Smooth"

Pallbearers
Charles Rodiack Edward Rodiack Dominic Rodiack
Steve Adams Jeff Trouton Charles Brimmer

Honorary Pallbearers
Billy Shalata Tyler Maddox

Final Resting Place
Rodiack Family Cemetery
Whitewood Creek Road
Deadwood, South Dakota