

Conrad, John Christian
Dates in the 57th – 70 - 72
Crew Chief/Door Gunner
Birth Date: May 10th 1951
Kalispel, MT
DAT Date: April 30th 2022
Missoula, MT



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John Christian Conrad

John Christian Conrad, 70, of Missoula passed away Saturday April 30th at Community Medical Center. John was a native son born in Kalispell Montana May 10th, 1951 to Edwin and Helen Conrad. As a young boy, he enjoyed spending his summers on his grandparent's farm in Eastern Montana. He was a 1969 graduate of Columbia High School, where he played football and according to John, lettered in Audio Visual projection.

After graduating from high school, John briefly worked in the Logging and forestry industry before enlisting in the US Army in 1970. John fought in the Vietnam War with the 57th Attack Helicopter Command. He served two tours of duty as a Crew Chief Operator and door gunner on a combat Huey and was awarded the United States Armed Forces Air Medal for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievement in aerial flight as well as the National Defense Service Medal of the United States Armed Forces, which is awarded to individuals who serve during armed conflict. Upon an honorable discharge from military service, John attended the University of Montana where he majored in Psychology. In subsequent years, John worked in the logging and heavy

equipment industry. John went on to attend the Missoula VoTech where he acquired certification as a licensed respiratory therapist and cared for patients in Western Montana. Additionally, John took a job working heavy equipment in Iraq in 2007. His love of the wilderness led John to pursue a pilgrimage to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska on his Kawasaki 650 motorcycle. After retirement, he enjoyed gold panning in search of the ever-elusive gold nugget and riding motorcycles with his daughter.

John was loved deeply by his partner of 30 years, Brenda Elvey, his children, Beth Martin and Steven Adams, as well as his granddaughter, Livia Martin. Survivors include his brother Edwin Conrad and wife Carol of Minneapolis Minnesota, his sister Barb Holmes, of Hilton Head, South Carolina, and his nieces Lian and Rosalinda Conrad of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Memorial Service and internment for John Conrad will be held July 22, 2022, at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery, in Missoula, Montana at 1:00 pm.

John was an incredibly kind and compassionate person. His quick wit and humor were abundant and a source of laughter to those around him. He loved and was loved.

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