



## John McCafferty

May 28, 1960 - February 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we wish to announce the passing of John McCafferty on February 24th, 2024. John died in his home suddenly and unexpectedly. He was a housemate of Deb & Calvin Bechdolt. (Calvin had recently passed in late 2023.) He and Deb had provided a loving home for John to reside in and we wish to pass on our utmost thanks and condolences to Deb. John is preceded in death by his parents, Jim & Sue McCafferty, longtime residents of Tahoe City, original builders and owners of Lake of the Sky Motor Inn from 1959-1984. John was born May 28, 1960, the second son of Jim & Sue McCafferty and leaves behind three brothers- Patrick, Peter and Bill, nephews Sean and Chris, niece Nora, and girlfriend Kimmie Cook. We wish to sincerely thank John's brother Pete for arranging and financing cremation, which is still ongoing at this point.

John owned and operated Native Sons Landscaping in Tahoe City for nearly 40 years. He graduated from Cal Polytechnic San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in ornamental horticulture. He was a good athlete growing up, playing football collegiately, and attaining elite A status in alpine ski racing. He absolutely LOVED TAHOE and in his later years enjoyed fishing on the west shore the most. He was kind to those in need and would give them a job, a meal, or a kind word. He will be profoundly missed. A celebration of John's life will be announced at a future date.



# Tribute Wall

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“ John, you were a good friend and I grew up at the lake of the sky playing all kinds of sports/games w/ John and Pete. Jim and Sue were such good people. At one point my Father Fred McManus told me that my family was going to let the McCafferty's adopt me. It was a joke that I didn't get and I started to cry. My Dad didn't expect that reaction and told me he was kidding. Jim and my father invented going to the Black Rock desert way before it became cool. Now it is just a mad house with the profiteering likes of the Burning Man. What a money making joke of all jokes. Jim was a great man and my ugly half sister supposedly returned from the Tunesia Club Med, and bee-lined for the motel where she targeted Jim. I am sure the half will read this and I say to her I know who your father was and how he impacted society with his bullshit Drug War. To tell the truth I am flat out lucky to still be alive. Thank Jim, I miss you! Thanks John for your unbelievable friendship. Pete, I hope you are alright and give me a call if you can.

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**Richard McManus** - October 19, 2025 at 05:40 PM