



John Dalton Merchant

June 24, 1972 - June 22, 2013

Funeral services will be held for John Dalton Merchant, 40, of Roswell, at 3 pm Sunday, June 30, 2013 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Reception to follow at the Roswell Elks Club Lodge. John passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

John was born June 24, 1972 to John D. Merchant III and Mary Sanford Merchant in Phoenix, AZ.

He loved water and snow skiing, rock climbing, and repelling. He was a wonderful person who loved helping others and did volunteer work for the Boy Scouts of America, the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, the Boy and Girls Club and sat on the public relations and the academic institute committees while working for Roswell Job Corps. He was a member of Chamber of Commerce Red Coats, the Southeastern Community Development Workforce board and Lion's Club. He was a former member of Boy Scouts troop 86 where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1987. He was an active member of Keep Roswell Beautiful board, and Elks Lodge #969.

John is survived by his wife, Charlee Merchant; his daughter, Paige Merchant; his son, Dalton Merchant; father, Dick Merchant of Carlsbad; sister, Carolyn Kehrman and her husband, Bobby of TN and nieces Alexandra, Kylie and Sandy Kehrman of TN; nephews, Steve, Isaac, Caleb and Zeke Kehrman of TN; father and mother -in-law, John and Pam Ranson of Capitan; brother -in-

law, John Ranson and his wife Tammy of Carlsbad; nephews, Elijah Davis and Jonathon Ranson of Carlsbad; niece, Brianna Ranson of Carlsbad and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

John is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Sanford Merchant.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to; Conquistador Council Boy Scouts of America, 2603 N. Aspen, Roswell, NM 88201 or Commemorative Air Force, PO Box 62000, Midland, TX 79711-2000.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Charlee & Family,*

We pray a hedge of protection around you and your family, and that you will have peace that surpasses all understanding as you go through this chapter of your life.

Denise

Denise - July 02, 2013 at 06:14 PM

JH

“ *John, Brother, I cant imagine what it was, though I'm stunned to learn that you've gone on and I leave this post to your family and friends to say what a good Friend you and your Family were to me over the years together in becoming Eagle Scouts. I'll never forget the good times, the wild times and all the wonderful places we've been to in this crazy World. Wherever it is that you have gone and landed is bound to be a better place with you there - being a goofball, and I hope your children live on with you in their Spirit and can recall what a good man you are. You soar with the Eagles now, and may you run and not grow weary; and may you walk and not be faint. My sincere condolences go onto your Family and Friends, and I would be cliché and wish that you rest in peace, but I know better! your Friend Always,*
Jimmy Hollen

Jimmy Hollen - July 01, 2013 at 03:50 PM

YR

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew John since I was little - grew up with him both at church and at school. I loved his mother and everytime I would see her and ask about John she would light up and give me updates. She was so proud. I was so happy for John when his twins were born. I will always remember John as that smart little boy that I grew up with. It was so good to see him working with youth. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Yvonne Rodriguez - June 30, 2013 at 03:08 AM

JS

“ Charlee and our beautiful twins, my heart is hurting for you all. May God give you the strength to move forward. I love you all so much. John, buddy, I will miss you so very much. I will miss your silliness and your advise that I always sought out when I was having a problem I love you buddy and miss you already. May you rest in peace. Watch over Charlee and the twins everyday. God Bless :(

Josephine Sena - June 29, 2013 at 09:10 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of John Dalton Merchant.



June 28, 2013 at 11:59 PM

OS

“ Charlie and family,
Charlotte and I send our prayers and thoughts. I will always
remember John for his dedication to the Scouting program and all
the fun and good times we had. He will be missed. Please take the
time to stop if you come to Artesia.

Joseph Schiel - June 28, 2013 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ Charlee, my heart and thoughts are with you, Dalton and Paige.

Melanie Brantley - June 28, 2013 at 07:23 AM

RV

“ Robert Vest lit a candle in memory of John
Dalton Merchant



Robert Vest - June 27, 2013 at 06:44 PM

RV

Charlee, I am so shocked! I just found out on facebook! OMG! John
was such a wonderful man, great friend! He will surely be missed.
Charlee if there is anything you need, please feel free to contact me? I
am so sorry...

Robert Vest - June 27, 2013 at 06:47 PM



“ Your family is definitely in our prayers. I only knew John for a short time as a member of the Keep Roswell Beautiful Board. We rode on the float together in last year's parade. I am saddened by yet another tragedy in our city, a young life snuffed out, and am looking for ways to help others cope with the pressures of life by encouraging them to turn to Jesus Christ. I pray that God will comfort you and the children with his loving arms. I pray that in due season your mourning will be turned to joy. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalms 30:5). Blessings merchant Family!

Natasha Mackey - June 27, 2013 at 06:19 PM

DO

“ I was sad to hear of John's passing. I wish he would have reached out to the many friends he had in Roswell. I enjoyed talking to him at various community events and when he was at Applebees. He always had a smile and a hug. I hope he found the peace he was seeking. He will be missed. My sympathies to the family.
Donna Oracion

Donna Oracion - June 27, 2013 at 05:30 PM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family of John's especially to you Charlee! I am so sorry about this sudden tragedy! May God help you heal in this time of his need! God bless you!!

Anisa Schomburg and Sylvia Schomburg

Anisa Schomburg - June 27, 2013 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ To Charlee

Be strong and believe that there's still a brighter tomorrow for you and your boys just as you envisioned in brighter moments in your life. My prayers are with you always. And as you and your family overcome this grief, I know you will be stronger. I wish you to get peace and may your mind get relaxed. Deeply in condolence in your loss!

Dwight and Kenya Smith & family (Kayla and Christopher)

Dwight Smith - June 27, 2013 at 11:57 AM

BH

“ My prayers are with all the family and friends. May God's love surround you all.

Brad Herndon

Brad Herndon - June 27, 2013 at 11:40 AM

 Chris
Stock

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember that big smile, when John and you, Charlee came to the Elks Lodge with your newborn baby's. He had always a smile for everybody. A kind word. He was such a good man. I pray for your strength and that God will wrap you in His Love to help you carry on.

Chris Stock - June 27, 2013 at 09:27 AM

BS

“ *Extending deepest heartfelt sympathy, for you in your loss, Charlee, the twins, Uncle Dick and Carolyn. John was a joy. I will miss our correspondence greatly. He liked to keep my updated on the twins lives. I will truly miss him. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time.*

Barbara (Kette) and Torrence Smith

Barbara Smith - June 27, 2013 at 07:23 AM

CW

“ *We are so sorry. Love to you and the twins, Charlee. Carlton and Pat Walker*

Carlton & Pat Walker - June 26, 2013 at 12:27 PM