

# JD, John Daly

November 11, 1932 - August 31, 2007

After a bout with cancer, John Daly, a long-time soaring fixture in the Pacific Northwest passed away peacefully at home. John was a native Alaskan and had been a power pilot for years before becoming a soaring pilot. When he moved to Washington State from Washington, DC in 1994, he became active in the Evergreen Soaring Club and in the Seattle Glider Council. In both organizations he was very active, eventually serving in various leadership positions up to President. John was the kind of member any club is always short of. When there was work to be done, or stuff to be organized, John was right there. John's glider stable included a L-33 and then a 304CZ and finally a DG-1000. As he traded up, he sold his gliders to others at more than fair rates and, when his illness appeared, he donated his DG-1000 to the Seattle Glider Council Foundation, with a provision that any proceeds be used to obtain a glider field for the Pacific Northwest.

A memorial service was held for John in the Ephrata SGC Club-House. John had been a big influence in getting this fine facility for us. Roy Clark led us in recognition of John and his service to all of us. Several people added their stories about John: how John had influenced their lives. In conclusion, Michael Moore towed Jim Simmons and Roy Clark in John's DG-1000 with his ashes to be spread in the sky that John so often.

Here is Jim's description of the event:

We made two containers and split the ashes. The first one was dropped over Erik's farm, about 10 miles west. John made a lot of retrieves from there and he also landed there once. I could see the container go over the left wing and open up. There was a white streak of ashes. . . . .

The second container was released over the "Pig Farm". John spent much time there. I again saw it go over the wing, but I did not see it open. I turned the DG to the left and there the contents were in a thermal. We joined for a couple of turns before we returned to the airport.

I was very happy to know that John's last flight in the DG, resulted in him in a thermal to cloud base.

