Paul Luis Jauregui (1941 - 2016)

An amazing Basque man has left us. Paul Luis Jauregui, 75, of Boise passed away peacefully on December 31, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Paul was born on October 21, 1941, in Compton, California, the second child of Luis and Mary Imogene Jauregui. Paul joined an older sister, Mary, and they were later joined by two younger brothers, John and Jim. After moving from California to Idaho at an early age, Paul's family lived in Dietrich, Shoshone, and Pocatello, Idaho. During this time, he enjoyed adventures with his Chatfield cousins and fishing the Little Wood River. In 1954, Paul's family moved to Meridian, Idaho, where he graduated from Meridian High School in 1959. Paul then attended the University of Idaho, obtaining his undergraduate degree in education in 1963 and law degree in 1968. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Paul married Judy Burns in 1965 and they started a family of three children, Heather, Mark, and Molly. They later divorced. Paul then married Vickie Kelley in 1982 and they had two sons, Ryan and Nicholas. Following graduation from the University of Idaho, Paul worked briefly for the Idaho Legislative Council drafting legislation, including his favorite of establishing slow vehicle turnouts of which he was very proud. Paul then joined Idaho Power Company where he enjoyed a long and distinguished career as Vice President, General Counsel/Secretary in the Legal Department. He retired as Vice President of Human Resources.

Paul remained a proud Vandal throughout his life and loved breaking out in the Vandal fight song, particularly when any BSU fans were around. If you want to do something in remembrance of Paul, raise a glass of really good Scotch and sing the Vandal fight song. He will be smiling down upon you.

Paul enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play their sports, trading in the stock market, his monthly coffees and lunches with the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and, most recently, taking RV trips to see family and sites across the country with his wife, Vickie. Paul also tremendously loved his annual steelhead fishing trips to Riggins, Idaho, with his good friend Steve Amt.

Paul had many "Paulisms" as his family called them that just made Paul who he was, always a character, funny, and witty. When asked how he was doing, Paul would inevitably reply, "I'm just chirpin' and burpin' and eatin' dirty worms." If he saw someone working particularly hard, he would say, "They're busier than a one arm paper hanger." And anyone who was Facebook friends with Paul knew his response to almost all posts was "Cool cool."

Paul is survived by his wife of 34 years, Vickie; daughter Heather Jauregui and her fiancé Dr. Matt Macha, of Boise; son Mark Jauregui and his fiancé Meghan Duffy, of Mill Valley, California; daughter Molly Jauregui Hill and her husband Waylon Hill, of Winnemucca, Nevada; son LT Ryan Jauregui USN and his wife LT Angie Jauregui USN, of Fallon, Nevada; son Nicholas Jauregui, of Portland, Oregon; 14 grandchildren, who lovingly call him Papa, Pops, and Grandpa Paul; his first great grandchild due shortly; sister Mary Decker, of Kimberly, Idaho; brother John and his wife Christy, of Garden Valley, Idaho; brother Jim and his wife Tammie, of Eagle, Idaho; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; a loving family on the Kelley side; and his beloved dog Amia.

To his children: Your Dad would tell you to continue to do good things. To his grandchildren: He would tell you that education is important so study hard and do your best, take responsibility for your actions, and mind your parents.

Cremation arrangements were with Boise Funeral Home. No services are planned at this time but in keeping with Paul's wishes, the family will hold a Life Celebration in his honor in early summer 2017 with lots of good food, good drinks, good music, and a time for sharing Paul stories. A notice will be published in early summer with details for those wishing to attend. Following the celebration, Paul's immediate family will fulfill his final wish of spreading his ashes at Riggins where he went steelhead fishing every fall. We miss and love you, Paul, so very much, but we promise we will misbehave properly in your honor until we meet again. As they say in the Navy, fair winds and following seas. Love and kisses, your family

If you would like to make a donation in Paul's memory, the family suggests making a contribution to the important work being done by the Humphries Diabetes Center in Boise.

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John Hansen (1933 - 2017)

John David Hansen, 83, passed away of a heart attack on Jan. 8, 2017, at Promontory Point Rehabilitation in Idaho Falls after a decline in health. John, who was born March 1, 1933, in Idaho Falls, was the son of Farrel and Lily Hansen. He often described his upbringing by saying that he was just a farm kid from Osgood. And, as we have all learned, farm kids can grow up to be great too.

In addition to his memories of piglets in straw-stuffed boxes near wood stoves, he grew up in a family-centered home. In 1954, he married Donna Mae Lebsock with whom he had three children, Linda, Patricia and Steve. After John and Donna divorced, he married his good friend, Michele Landrieu Brown.

John and Michele enjoyed many good times together golfing, rafting, skiing, traveling internationally. Family played a large role in their lives, and they spent time with various children and grandchildren soaking up the new generation's energies.

John graduated from the University of Idaho with degrees in agricultural economics and law. He also attended one year of undergraduate school at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, which encouraged his already outward looking view of the world. In 2010, John received the Distinguished Lawyer Award from the Idaho State Bar Association.

John's son, Steve, recalls that his father loved people and had written in his memoir, "I wanted to learn about the ordinary things, the everyday lives of people." As an attorney, if a client was unable to pay, John was perfectly satisfied to accept bartered lamb for the freezer or lines painted in a parking lot in return for his legal services. He understood life's difficulties and how they affected people.

His love of people played a large part in bringing him to the practice of law and ultimately into the arena of lawmakers in the Idaho State Senate. There his interests in both education and the environment constituted his major focus. During his 12 years in the Senate, he served as chair of the Senate Education Committee, which was particularly important to him personally as it allowed him to be a positive influence for education in the state. The Idaho Falls Education Association presented him their prestigious "Friend of Education" award for his championing of education. During his years in the State Senate, John was thought of as collaborative, extending his hand across many different aisles to reach mutually beneficial solutions to the state's problems.

He taught his children to love the land and followed this love into the hills, climbing, with his brothers, several mountains in the Americas. John remained a lifelong student, reading extensively on many subjects. He was a founding member of the Idaho Falls Men's Book Club, which he continued to enjoy for several years. He was also a founding member of the Idaho Falls City Club. Astoundingly, he always did crossword puzzles in ink—a hard act to follow. Some of his more cynical friends thought he secretly solved the puzzles in pencil and then produced them on Sunday morning in ink! Either way, it was a real accomplishment.

John was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Freund, and his brothers, Farrel, Norman and Reed. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Michele; his children, Linda Hansen, Patricia Hansen and Steve Hansen; his brother, Orval Hansen (June); his sister-in-law, Marilyn Hoff Hansen; and his stepchildren, Roger Brown (Hilary), Camille Brown Cegnar (Randy) and David Brown. John's grandchildren, John, Elizabeth, Timothy, Grace, Titus and Parker, will miss their grandfather and remember him fondly, as will his great-grandson, Johann, and many nieces and nephews.

In the best epitaph a person can have, his son, Steve, says: "When I grow up, I want to be like him."

The family is particularly grateful to the staff at Promontory Point Rehabilitation for the loving care they provided to both John and his family during his final days there. A celebration of John's life will be held later in the spring. Condolences for the family may be sent to Wood Funeral Home at wood@woodfuneralhome.com.

The family suggests contributions to Eastern Idaho Technical College Foundation (1600 S. 25th E., Idaho Falls, ID 83404) in lieu of flowers.