

# John FORSTER

1957-2010



John Anthony Forster, 52, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 18, 2010. He was born on Nov. 8, 1957, in Newport Beach to Jerome and Rosemary Forster. He graduated from Paso Robles High School in 1975 where he was the MVP of their state championship football team.

He earned his associate's degree at Coalinga College and his bachelors in Ag Business Management at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. John's work career revolved around the family ranch, Forster Cattle Company and the wine industry in Napa Valley. His work history included, loan officer at Bank of America, helping start the wine clubs at Inglenook and BV through sales and hospitality, winemaking partner at Cheveux du Chien, and currently the vice-president of sales and marketing at Seguin Moreau Napa Cooperage

Through the years he was involved in the community through Future Farmers of America, Cal Poly Alumni, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Bureau, Parent Club at Vichy Elementary School, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. John was a man of many interests and abilities. Besides running marathons he enjoyed softball, volleyball, snorkeling, skiing and hiking at his favorite vacation spot, Lake Tahoe.

He also enjoyed gardening, landscaping and traveling to exotic places such as Hawaii, Europe and Africa. His greatest joy in life came from being with his family, especially his two girls, Alexandra and Gabriella. His smile, sense of humor and caring nature will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

John is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughters, Alexandra and Gabriella; his daughters' mother and step-father, Lisa and Jerry Hansen; brothers, David (Patria) Forster, Dan (Donna) Forster, Tom (Dana) Forster, Richard (Laurie) Forster, and Hugh (Judi) Forster; father, Jerry (Jan) Forster and mother, Rosemary Forster; nephews, Matthew, Michael, Skylar, Tyler and Cash; and nieces, Tara, Jessica, Erica, Jenna, Kylie, Lindsay, Tyler, and Tru; godmother, Mary Jane Forster; and predeceased by his godfather, Tony Forster.

John's life was celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010.