

## **John A. Brown**

**July 20, 1940 — Dec. 4, 2000**

Lifelong Discovery Bay resident John Brown died in Jefferson General Hospital at age 60 after a brief battle with cancer.

Born in Port Townsend to Stillman and Lucille Brown, he graduated from Quilcene High School in 1958.

An industrious and informal man who preferred being called John, rather than Mister, he joined the Army in his early 20s but returned home to assist with the family business, Brown Pole Co., after his father had a stroke.

In addition to logging for many years, he was vice president of the Washington Contract Logger Association and, after his wife's death, assumed management of Log Cabin Espresso in Discovery Bay.

He may best be remembered as co-founder, in 1969, of Fire District #5. In addition to becoming an emergency medical technical to support this commitment, he also served as commissioner and, from 1982 to 1987 and 1994 to 2000, as chief.

In 1997, he was honored with the Community Service Award of Rhododendron Grange in Gardiner.

Mr. Brown was a life member and past master of the Masonic Lodge in Quilcene.

In 1968, he married Sandra Schryver; she died in 1997.

Survivors include son Charles and daughter Deborah Hammon, both of Discovery Bay, and daughters Stacey Voisin of Bayou Vista, La., Robin Helander of Bremerton and Amy Vincent of Sherwood; brother George and sister Mildred "Sue" Northup, both of Discovery Bay, sisters Dorothy Hopkins of Bremerton and Diana Schmith of Sequim; and grandchildren Chrystle and Amanda Hammon, Sabrina and Alex Voisin, Johnathan Aaron Brown and Joshua Vincent.

**Services:** Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., memorial in Quilcene Masonic Temple; potluck will follow. Kosec Funeral Home, Port Townsend, is in charge of arrangements.

**Memorials:** Discovery Bay Volunteer Fireman Association, 2000 Old Gardiner Road, Sequim, WA 98382.