



## John Robert Flowerree

September 18, 1980 - December 6, 2013

John Robert Flowerree of Bend, Oregon age 33, died in an accident on December 6, 2013. Born in Portland, Oregon on September 18, 1980 and was raised in Sunriver. He graduated from Woodberry Forest prep-school in Virginia where he became Virginia State Champion in Cross Country. He graduated in International Political Economy from the University of Puget Sound in 2003. In 2005 he joined the Oregon National Guard becoming 1st Lieutenant before serving in Iraq in charge of convoy security. Returning from service he resumed his duties as vice president of Flowerree Farms in Christmas Valley, Oregon. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and mountaineer, having summited Mt. Aconcagua in 2011. He was engaged to be married to Candace Baker of Bend, Oregon on February 8, 2014. He is survived by his mother Susan, father John, his sister Lael Selznick and her two children Amilia and Conway, and numerous friends and relatives. Services will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Sunriver at 11am on Saturday, December 14th.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701



# Tribute Wall

MH

“ To the Flowerree Family & Candace Baker Though we did not know John well, at every meeting he had a constant smile and was always a pleasure to see and visit with. JR was a good neighbor to my mother, Lucille, and she will miss knowing he is near by. Our heart felt saddness for you all, but we pray that you will find comfort in Gods love and in the knowledge that JR has had a positive impact on so many in large and small ways. Molly & Lucille

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**Molly Wiseman & Lucille Holloway** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I deployed with LT Flowerree in Iraq, and his loss is felt by all of us who served with him. My deepest condolences to the Floweree family.

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**Chelsea Akers** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ JR brought happiness and love to all of usIt was in his spirit and being. The short time that he and Candace were here with me in Kerrville and Fredericksburg, Texas showed me what a loving, caring person he was. He will be with us in our minds and hearts forever. Love never dies.

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**Oma** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ For the first 7 or 8 years of JR's life, I had the privilege and great joy of being able to sit in a big comfy chair with JR, or (sometimes and) Lael on my lap while we watched movies or football games on TV, whenever we visited with John and Susan. How quickly those early years pass. Watching JR grow up, set goals in life, learn expert marksmanship with a shotgun from his father and grandfather, go to college, and then to my surprise, enlist in the Oregon National Guard, were all the great gifts of being part of his extended family. I remember quietly worrying about him while he was in Iraq, and hoping for the day his enlistment would end, and he'd come back safe and sound to us in Oregon. In my last conversation with JR just a few weeks ago, I thanked him for the honor of being asked to be an usher at his upcoming wedding to Candace. Words cannot describe the sorrow I feel for his loss, and for the pain my dear friends John, Susan and Lael must now learn to live with. The only solace I can offer are these words by Rudyard Kipling which I believe perfectly describe JR and his all too short 33 years with us: *If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty-seconds worth of distance run, Yours is the Earth, and everything that's in it, And, which is more you'll be a Man, my son. He most certainly was. His friend, Ted*

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**Ted Thomas** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I have some wonderful memories of J.R. and my son during their experience as friends and classmates at Sunriver Prep; birthday bowling, riding bikes, OMSI field trips and silly schoolboy pranks. I was thrilled when my friend Candace and J.R. started seeing one other and excited to see their relationship blossom into something very special. I feel so lucky that I had the chance to reconnect with J.R. and get to know him as the caring, intelligent and well-rounded adult he became. To his family, his friends and everyone he touched, I share my love, respect and very deepest sympathy.  
Loretta

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**Loretta Tannen** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ JR is a main character of my childhood memories. I didnt get the chance to spend as much time as I would have liked with him as an adult but I know he carried on the same exuberant, exploratory, positive spirit that I remember from childhood throughout his life. My heart and thoughts go out to Candice, the Flowerree family, and everyone else whose life was enhanced by having JR in it.

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**Ian D Fohrman** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear John, Susan and Lael, I am deeply sadden to hear about JR. I offer my thoughts, prayers, and surrport in this time of your mournful loss. Your friend, Tony

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**Tony Aceti** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ John & Family, Im so sorry for the loss of JR, Im unable to imagine the feelings of loss that exist. JR & my oldest child are about the same age and I cant imagine losing her. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Britt

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**Britt Spaulding** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear John and Family, I was so sadden to hear of your sons passing John. All my healing thoughts are sent your way in this very difficult time. Sincerely, Susan Shirley (US Bank)

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**susan shirley** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Our sincerest condolences go out to all the family and friends. JR will be severely missed. His hardworking, appreciative, and generous nature will always be honored and remembered by our family.

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**Heather and Cody Petersen** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ John, Our toughts and prayers are with you and your family at the tragic passing of your son John Robert. I can only imagine the sense of loss you are experiencing. I know and understand the comfort you held in knowing he would follow you in your farming business. I am sorry we cannot be there for the service as Karen has recently had back surgery. We continue to pray, John and Karen Gay

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**John F. Gay** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ John and Family, I am in Indianapolis and just received word of JR's passing. Jordan & I have many great memories. please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jeff Behrens

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**Jeff Behrens** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ This man an Officer and Gentleman; A LEADER OF SOLDIERS! This Soldier got us home in one-piece and a whole-skin! We drove all through-out Iraq.. yes N

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**cal sweet** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Flowerree Family, Extremely sorry for your loss. Thanks for the great memories in Christmas Valley over the years and everything youve done for my dad and I. My thoughts are with you. Jordan Behrens

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**Jordan Behrens** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the Flowerree Family My brief time with JR was as a coach for a U-14 boys soccer team in Bend, Oregon. His temperament and sensitivity at that young age left a permanent impression on me. I thought of him over the years when I reminisced about my life experiences. JR had a beautiful soul that I never forgot. He was far too young to leave us.

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**Denis Broderick** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Flowerlee Family We are unable to be at the service but be assured you are in our prayers and thoughts. We enjoyed john when he picked up the dogs

Floyd & Alicia Bauer - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Im deeply saddened by the loss of JR. I enjoyed him in chukar camp. My thoughts are with you

john rogers - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear John, Susan and Lael, We were so sorry to hear of JR's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and JR.

Jim & Peg Slothower - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Loving thoughts to all who loved JR. What a wonderful smile.so sad when one so young with so much life is taken.he will live on in memories and through your love.healing prayers to all

Molly McCallum - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know words can not express the depth of the sorrow surrounding the loss of JR for each of you. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers in this most difficult time.

Linda Couch - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ John and Family We are so sorry to hear of your loss. As we have a daughter that age, it is unbearable to think of the sorrow you and your family must feel. Please know that we are praying for you during this difficult time.

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**Bill & Donna Kopacz** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear John, Susan, Lael & Candace, We are so deeply sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of the years our boys spent together at SPS and Cory has happy memories of time on the farm. May the God of all comfort give you and your family peace during this difficult time. Love from old friends, Tim and Jill Pratt

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**Jill / Tim Pratt** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Susan, Velda emailed me the tragic news. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. All I can do is send you my love and let you know you are in my thoughts. Love, Lynda Mosen

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**Lynda Mosen** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear John and family, I was so sorry to hear of John Roberts death yesterday. He was such a nice young man. When he would come to visit his grandmother, his quiet, thoughtful, presence was always so appreciated. My heart is heavy for you and I will be praying that Gods peace will comfort you at this most difficult time. With love, Carolyn Metzenberg

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**Carolyn Metzenberg** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ JR will be missed by all who knew him or even was lucky enough to spend a little time around him. He was definitely one of the very special people I have ever known. My condolences and prayers go out to John and the rest of the Flowerree family.

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**Dave Watson** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Flowerree and family, I had the pleasure of meeting your son, JR, at a couple of cross country meets for the University of Puget Sound. He was a delightful, energetic, and passionate young man who welcomed the parents of a younger teammate with his big smile. His loss has deeply touched our lives. He was one of the good kids who seemed to have everything going for him. (Cross Country runners are the best!!!). My hope is that you find some strength in the thoughts that are sent your way. I think of your loss daily and will keep you in my prayers always. Sincerely,  
Terri ORourke (Jimmy ODeas mom)

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**Terri ORourke** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ John, Susan and Lael: I was sorry to hear about JR. Lots of good memories with the kids . Hope you are all doing as well as you can.  
Sue Boyle

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**Sue Boyle** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ . Candace never has brought anyone home before probably because she knows how I am. J.R. was my son the minute I met him. I was so happy my daughter was in safe arms of a protective and loving partner.He was a very good hugger! We had a wonderful Thanksgiving here in Big D and he had a great adventure in Texas and Oklahoma.My mom got to show him Kerrville and the hill country and Candace took him to San Antonio to see the Alamo and Outdoor World. He went to Arkansas to see her dad and to Oklahoma to shoot a boar.We had a fantasy shopping trip at Beretta and mom got him some cool hunting jackets and an orange cap.I took a lots of pictures of Candace and J.R. and I am so glad to have these memories.They wrote thank you notes and their handwriting is almost exactly the same.I am thankful to have known this love of my daughters life and we will mourn for a long time as this is not one of those things I take lightly.He and Candace were just beginning.I know in my heart and spirit he is a commander in Gods army of angels and he is watching over Candace with our Lord Jesus.I truly believe he is serving God in the way he lived on this earth, with valor, honesty and no fear of the enemy.

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**tina baker** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Dear Susan, I am so. so sorry to hear of your devastating loss. I send my love and prayers for comfort and strength for you and your family at this most difficult time. Emmy Lou

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**Emmy Lou Owen** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM