



## John Dee Darnell

July 11, 1950 - December 19, 2017

John Dee Darnell (J.De), 67, of Jeffrey City, WY died on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at his Home in Jeffrey City, WY. Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Lander Valley High School Auditorium at 350 Baldwin Creek Road in Lander, WY. Visitation will be held 5-7 pm Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at Hudson's Funeral Home. Viewing will start at 9 am Thursday, December 28, 2017 at the Lander Valley High School auditorium followed by funeral services at 10 am. J. Dee was born July 11, 1950 to John David Darnell and Geraldine Randall in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, WY. J.De grew up in Thermopolis and Glenrock WY until age 7yrs old when he moved to Jeffrey City area on the Flag ranch where his dad ranched for 20 yrs. and on the Grieve Ranch for 7yrs. He attended 1st grade in Glenrock, WY until the family moved to the ranches and he attended school in Jeffrey City and High School in Lander. J.De enlisted into the Marine Corp on Jan 13, 1969 where he served until July 1, 1972. He held the rank of Sgt., in the 3rd Marine Division, was in Vietnam 1969 on Fire Base Rock Pile. He was employed by the Jeffrey City School after discharge and helped with ranch work until he went to work at the Fremont County Sheriff's Office November 1975. He served Fremont County as a Patrol Deputy/Livestock Investigator for 40 years until his retirement August 2015. He received numerous awards for service throughout the years including WY Peace Officer of the Year, Elks local and state Law Enforcement of the Year, WY VFW Law Enforcement of the year which was very special to him. J.De worked closely with WY Game and Fish, Highway Patrol, BLM and Wyoming Livestock Board. J.De was a Life member of the American Legion of Lander and Life member of the Marine Corp League. He was a Life member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). He was serving as Commander of VFW Post 954 Lander and District 1 Commander for State VFW and he had held numerous offices in local and state VFW. J.De was State Commander from Jan 2014 to June 30, 2015. J. Dee was a guide for the Lander One Shot Antelope Hunt for 25 yrs. He was very involved as a guide and enjoyed all the time and privilege to guide members of the one shot teams from all walks of life. He was fellow guide with Ken Persson Sr. since 2004. J.De had the Honor of being a One Shot Hunter in September 2011 on the Team: Spirit of the Hunt. The team was comprised of Dave Vaughan, Jay Nolde and himself and yes he got his "goat" in one shot. He retired from being a guide after 2011 and was a member of the Past Shooters. J.De hosted an exchange student one year: Alberto Garcia from Mexico during his years as Deputy Sheriff. Alberto was part of brandings, had a trip to Washington D.C, Denver football game and was one of the groomsman at J.De's and Beckie's wedding. J.De married Beckie Day June 1, 1996 in Jeffrey City, WY. Now they have grown children and grandchildren. He enjoyed his Family; having children and grandchildren come visit. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Geraldine (Randall) Darnell and 2 baby brothers: Tommy and Jim. J.De is survived by his Wife, Beckie of Jeffrey City; his Dad, Jack Darnell of Jeffrey City; Brother Roy Darnell (Linda) of Thermopolis, Angela and family, Jon, Shain and family; Sister, Polly Burch of Rawlins, Jason and family, Terry, Jeri. His children: Brice Day (Fiona), Jordan, Anulla; Sabrina Nelson (Matt), Samantha, Susan, Eric; Nichole Koile (Kevin), Levi; Tiffany Marsh (John), Kaylee, Kodee; and special "daughter" Britney Benton, Makenzie, Joe. Memorial made be made to: MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Wyoming/Colorado division; in honor of 2 daughters and brother-in-law. May donate online at: [donateMS.org](http://donateMS.org). Unmet needs of Veterans via VFW Post 954 11 Tweed Lane

Lander, WY. Ear marked: Unmet needs, to be handled by Lander VFW and Lander American Legion.

## Events

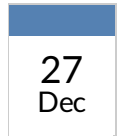
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### SERVICE

10:00 AM

Lander Valley High  
School 350 Baldwin  
Creek Road, Lander,  
WY 82520



### VISITATION

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Chapel of Mt. Hope in  
Hudson's Funeral  
Home 680 Mount  
Hope Drive, Lander,  
WY 82520

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# Tribute Wall

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## Nancy Young

To the family of John Dee Darnell. My family sends their deepest sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to you. Acts chapter 24 verse 15.

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C

## Clyde Woolery

Rest in Peace JD A good man that will be missed by the community  
Clyde Woolery

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S

## Sue Powell

I was stunned and saddened to read of J Dee's death. I think he's smiling in every memory I have of him. He was kind, friendly, gracious and always willing to help. He will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family, Beckie. I am so sorry for your loss. Sue Powell

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C

## Chuck Carr

Rest in Peace J.D. You will be missed brother. Chuck Carr

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## Tribute Store

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.



### "Mountain Fields"

was purchased for the family of John Dee Darnell

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### "Purity"

was purchased for the family of John Dee Darnell

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**"Freedom"**  
was purchased for the family of John Dee Darnell

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## Jerry Evagelatos

My condolences to JD's family. I worked with him in the Fremont County Sheriff's Office (he in Jeffrey City, me in the Riverton office) from September of 1981 until my retirement in 2010. JD was truly "One Of A Kind" and a joy to be around. Jerry Evagelatos, Cheyenne



## Patrisia Magallon

Please accept our most sincerest condolences. Our prayers are with you and your family. May God grant your family strength and serenity through this difficult moment your family is enduring. God has promised us that we will soon be reunited with our loved one. "There is going to be a resurrection," the Bible confirms at Acts 24:15. "Do not be amazed at this," Jesus assures us, "for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out"-John 5:28,29



## Julie Bindl-Purvis

I will never forget the chicken cook outs. J D was there for me when my Daddy and Mother passed away. I am very sorry for your loss. God Bless with love



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**"Peaceful Condolences"**  
was purchased for the family of John Dee Darnell

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## red fyler

so long brother .....rest in peace.....red

**J****Jean Mathisen Haugen**

I was very sad to hear of J.D.'s passing. My Dad ("Capt. Bob Mathisen") thought a lot of JD when Dad was Captain in the S.O. He was highly thought of and well liked--and will be missed very much. Condolences to his Dad, Becky and the family.

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**R****Russell hancock**

J d really was a great guy and really was dedicated to helping everyone and really loved his country he will really be missed

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**Sandy Dyer**

WYOMING LOST : A Friend, A Old Time Deputy Sheriff, A Marine, A Man of Honor Rest in Peace Tom & Sandy Dyer

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**D****Duffy Bintl Glasgow**

My memories of J.D.go back to sage chicken cook outs. My dad Ron worked with J.D. I'm sorry for your loss your family will be in our thoughts and Prayers.

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**Karen Johnson**

Our deepest condolences to the Darnell family, it was an honor to work along side such a kind man for many years. He will forever be remembered. Loved trading patches with him. He would occasionally surprise me with a new one in dispatch, and I'd bring him a few he didn't have. Again very sorry to hear of his passing.

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**J****Janet and Bob Keiser. Brayden Brown**

**"Golden Glass Stripes"**  
was lit in memory of John Dee Darnell

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

*Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance*

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## Larry L Larsen

JDee was my friend. I met him in 1978 when I moved to Jeffrey City. We watched as the town grew to over 4,000 and then back to almost nothing. JDee and I both served in Vietnam in the Marines. Agent Orange finally got him. I am still fighting it. Semper Fidelis.



**"Pearl Light"**  
was lit in memory of John Dee Darnell

❤ Light a candle

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**F**

## Frederick Hurlock

J Dee gave new meaning to the words duty, honor, and country. His legacy will live on in the contributions he made to the community, Fremont County, the State of Wyoming and the United States. He was a man's man. I will always remember his kindness and selflessness. I will cherish my memories of him as a friend and fellow peace officer. My heart felt sympathy to Beckie, Jack, and family. Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

**J**

## June Bailey

There are so many memories of JD for me. He was a big part of our family growing up in Jeffrey City. There are no words. My sincerest condolences to his wife Becky and to his family. Thank you JD for always watching over us. You will be greatly missed much love and gratitude. June Bailey