

In memory of Chief John "John John" Sward

It was with great sadness that we learned of John John's passing on Saturday August 27th 2022.

He served as our first Chief after recognizing a need for a local fire department.

Gathering and leading a group of civic minded neighbors he created what would become our fire department. He served on and off as Chief for decades until finally retiring in 2012.

Along with his wife Kathy and countless other neighbors they created through a life of service the community that attracted so many of us including me.

Over the past couple of days other members of our department have shared stories about how remarkable it was to serve with him and to enjoy him as a neighbor. What really shines through in all our reminiscences is his humor, modesty and commitment to Muir Beach. He offered an example of selflessness and dignity to all of us who lived and worked with him.

John John and his wife Kathy were intelligent, sweet and modest people who helped shape this community and in so doing left us all in awe of their dedication and vision. We truly stand on the shoulders of such giants.

I know that I speak for a grateful department when we extend our condolences to his son Jes, daughter Erica (Mitch Henderson) and grandsons Jackson and Dean.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to carry the torch that he held so high.

Chris Gove

Chief MBVFD