John Steinbeck
Born February 27, 1902, 132 Central Avenue, Salinas California, in the front bedroom of the home
Graduated from Salinas High School in June of 1919
Attended Stanford University, 1919-1925
Died of a heart attack in New York, December 20, 1968
Buried in the Garden of Memories Cemetery family plot in Salinas

Steinbeck Family
Father: John Ernst Steinbeck, 1863-1935, Monterey County Treasurer
Mother: Olive Hamilton Steinbeck, 1867-1934, teacher
Sisters: Esther Steinbeck Rodgers, April 14, 1892-May 9, 1986, lived in Watsonville
Elizabeth Steinbeck Ainsworth: May 25, 1894-October 20, 1992, lived in Pacific Grove
Mary Steinbeck Dekker, January 9, 1905-January 23, 1965, buried in family plot

Wives: Carol Henning Steinbeck Brown, married 1930, divorced from Steinbeck 1942, lived in Carmel Valley, died February 8, 1983 at the Community Hospital in Monterey
Gwyndolyn Conger Steinbeck, married 1943, divorced 1948, died December 30, 1975 in Colorado
Elaine Anderson Scott Steinbeck, married 1950, widowed 1968, died 2003, buried in the Garden of Memories in Salinas

Sons: Thom Steinbeck, born August 2, 1944, author
John Steinbeck IV, June 12, 1946, died February 7, 1991
(mother of Thom and John IV is Gwyndolyn)

Awards and Honors
1935 Commonwealth Club of California Gold Medal for Best Book by a Californian (Tortilla Flat)
1936 The California Novel of 1936 Prize (In Dubious Battle)
1938 New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award (Of Mice and Men)
1939 Member of National Institute of Arts and Letters – American Booksellers’ Award
1940 Pulitzer Prize Fiction Award (The Grapes of Wrath)-New York Times 5-7-1940, 1:2
1946 King Haakon Liberty Cross (The Moon Is Down)
1948 Member of American Academy of Arts and Letters
1962 Nobel Prize for Literature
1963 Honorary Consultant in American Literature to the Library of Congress
1964 United States Medal of Freedom
Trustee of John F. Kennedy Memorial Library
Annual Paperback of the Year Award
Press Medal of Freedom
1966 Member of National Arts Council
1979 U.S. Postal Service issued a John Steinbeck Commemorative Stamp
1984 American Arts Gold Medallion of Steinbeck issued by the U.S. Mint