

# Joseph "John" Collin

DECEMBER 31, 2019

Joseph [John] Collin passed away in Abbotsford Regional Hospital, with family by his side on December 31, 2019, at the age of 86.

He was born to the late Xavier and Regina Collin in 1933 in Quebec, where he grew up and was raised. He is survived by 1 brother, Jean Marie, 3 sisters Gabby/Jeanette/Agathe and predeceased by his brothers Julian and Clement.



John moved out west to BC in 1952 and met and married the love of his life, Jeanne Lemire on January 25, 1958. He quickly found a new family in the Lemire clan. He loved his mother-in-law [Rosa] and all of Jeanne's sisters, [Eva/Yvonne/Doris/Irene/Rosie and Berthe].

John and Jeanne were blessed with four children Claudette [Larry], Jeannine [Don], Roxanne [Ron] and Rick [Sue]. He also leaves a legacy of seven grandchildren [Pam/Dean/Colin/Dayna/Kyle/Brandon and Ryan] and thirteen great grandchildren. All of whom love and will miss him dearly.

With heavy hearts we say good-bye to our Dad's loving spirit and kind heart and never ending sense of humor. He loved his sports and in his younger days he was a Hockey Referee and an avid Slo-pitch Player. In his later years you would find him playing Horseshoes and Curling. He was a hardworking man learning many skills along the way. He worked in a Plywood Mill, as a Drywaller and a Carpenter. The man could fix, build or rig almost anything and he was always there to help anyone who needed it. He continued to work as a handyman in the Langley Grove

Mobile Home Park; well into his eighties...he just loved to keep busy.

A celebration of life Open House will be held on January 25, 2020 and we encourage friends and family to stop by anytime between 12 and 3 pm.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

## Messages of Condolence

love him a great father and husband and a great brother in law will surely miss him

— **Doris Melton**

RIP uncle Johnny love you miss you oxoxoxoxo

— **Kelly Morneau**

My thoughts and condolences to Auntie Jeanne, and my cousins, Claudette, Jeannine, Roxanne and Rick. Your dad will be missed, but he is now in heaven with my dad and other family members who have passed. Love from Michelle

— **Michelle Mitchell**

we are gone missed him so much. In 1995, they came to Val-d'Or to see the family. Our daughter loved him at the first time. She repeated all the english words he said, particurly "bedtime". Since that time, he was for us " uncle bedtime".

— **Michel Collin (Lise Bossé)**

I will miss him as a brother-in-law and good friend loved you dearly

— **Eva morneau**

We always enjoyed John's company and sense of humour.  
John's light will shine in the hearts of all who knew him.  
Our sincerest condolences.....

— **Wayne & Beave Shanks**

I will miss your laugh, smile, hugs and the twinkle in your eyes upon our greetings at every visit. You expressed your love for family gatherings with your sense of humour, jokes and rambunctious banter with A. Jeanne. Lol. You were very welcoming and comfortable to be around, I always felt at home with your presence. Till we meet again, xo

— **Mona Tailleur**

We both enjoyed seeing John and Jeannie at horseshoe tournaments. John was such a gentleman with such a great sense of humour.  
Budd & Jim Ball.

— **Budd & Jim Ball**

Dear Jean and family

We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. We know he suffered during his illness but it is still very hard to say the final good bye. We got to know the family when we joined the neighborhood on Bray Avenue. We enjoyed many fun party times and also were the beneficiaries of his expert plans and building renovations on some of our house projects.

We are glad we knew him and counted him as a special friend. He will be missed.  
With sympathy to all of you. Paul and Chloe

— **Chloe and Paul**

Jean, Jeannine, Claudette, Roxanne and Rick and families. I was so saddened to hear of John's passing .

I remember his smile, and always waved and had a wonderful sense of humour. He was a great family man, and remembering him being Santa for the little ones and Jean being Mrs. Santa.

You will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

John will be our new angel watching over his family.

Our deepest condolences

Patricia & Doug

**— Patricia & Douglas Freeman**

I was so sorry to hear of Johns passing. We got to know John through the horseshoe club in Abbotsford. My husband, Neil, was new to the game in 2013 and John made him feel so welcome and always took the time to show him all the tricks of the game. Unfortunately Neil passed away in 2015 so he didn't get enough time to learn all of Johns strategies. I have the feeling there are tales being told of that one ringer that could have won the game! Condolences to the family..... Chris

**— Chris Lutz**

Our most sincerest condolences to the Collin family and especially Larry and Claudette Schmitke.

RIP John.

**— Earl and Glynis Masztalar**

Despite the distances we are wholeheartedly with all of you

Agathe , Fernand and family

— **Agathe Lafond**

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