

John C. Doepker

APRIL 7, 2019

John C. Doepker, age 92, passed away in Abbotsford on April 7, 2019. Service is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at Sevenoaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford at 11am. Internment Robinson Memorial Park in Coquitlam at 3pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made for the Abbotsford Regional Hospital through the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation by calling

[1.877.661.0314](https://www.fvhcf.ca/donate) or online at <https://www.fvhcf.ca/donate>



John is survived by his three daughters Linda, Donna, and Valerie and their respective husbands Ralph, Tom and Laurie, three grandchildren Tammy (deceased), Sarah and Samuel and five great grandchildren Lindsay, Nick, Katrina Lucas and Kaden. He is also survived by step-son David (Laraine) and step-grandchildren Carl, Lesley and Genevieve, a step-daughter Kim (Don) and step-grandson William. John was predeceased by his first wife Elsie in 1976, whom he married in 1950. John subsequently married Joyce in 1980 who passed away in 2003. He was blessed to have been married to two encouraging, faithful and loving wives. John is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He had great devotion and love for all his family.

John was a man of keen wit, resourcefulness, patience and kindness. He was a skilled handyman, eager to help and tackle any kind of project. He always had the ability to celebrate the accomplishments of others without

drawing attention to himself. He was a generous man in all senses of the word. He loved playing his guitar until his recent hospitalization in November. He was self taught after being gifted a guitar at the age of 19 by his roommates.

John was born outside Anaheim, Saskatchewan and came to BC when he was 17. He worked at Eburne Sawmill for over 20 years working his way up to a trimmer-man. He left there to work as an emergency roadside assistant with BCAA, retiring after 15 years. As a hobby John was a skilled watch and clock repairman, having taken the course at Vancouver Vocational Institute in the 1950s.

John worshipped his Lord and Savior Jesus, Christ, at Sevenoaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford. He had many networks of significant friends: his morning coffee buddies at McDonalds, his vocal and instrumental friends, faithfully attending their cherished jam sessions, often twice a week, his Tuesday evening prayer group and his many neighbours. Thank you for your ongoing friendship over the years and your many visitations while John was in the hospital. He was blessed to have known all of you.

The last five months of John's life were spent in hospital, having four surgeries. They were a real challenge for him but he dealt with them with patience and humour. John eventually succumbed to the effects of poor circulation and congestive heart failure.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for all of the tender and steadfast care that John received from the many doctors, nurses, caregivers and staff at the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. Thank you so much.

While we grieve, we are comforted by these words from Thessalonians 4:13,14 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

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

Messages of Condolence

A lifetime of memories, our last visits and your parting words will be forever in my heart. Thank you for being my "Grandpa John" for almost 40 years! Linda, Donna & Val - thank you for sharing your Dad with all of us. The sorrow we feel today is the price of our love for him.

— Lesley

I will always have warm memories of what a wonderful friend your Dad was to all that knew him. He was gentle, kind, generous and always ready to help in any way he could. He will be remembered and missed by everyone that knew him

Rest in paradise my dear friend

— Addie Sikich

We have known John for some time. He used to be a member of our Tuesday evening Bible Study. We appreciated him as an individual who loved his Lord and loved God's word. We would continue to keep in touch as he gathered on Tuesday mornings for coffee at McDonald's. Although small in stature, he was a giant among men. We will carry those good memories with us as we move on with life.

— John and Carrie Coughlan

John has been a good friend of ours for the last 40 years . He was a happy man enjoying life to it's fullest . He will be missed.Our deepest sympathy goes out to Donna , Linda , Val and families .

— Frank and Rose Krentz

John will be missed and his passing will leave a void in all our lives.

With love and condolences,

Don, Kim and William

— Don Kim & William Pullen

Linda and Ralph,

Jackie and i express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was so awesome for you, Linda, to come down to visit my Dad while your own father was in the hospital just one floor up. You have both been such an inspiration in my life and I will never forget your encouragement when we were going through rough times and your joy as we came out the other side. Our family will continue to pray for you . With all our love and prayers,

John, Jackie, Melissa, Stacey and Nathan Romeyn

— **John Romeyn**

Our deepest sympathy, we will miss you John

— **David & Laraine Huggins**

I have many memories. Riding with Johnny in his service truck. Chatting about my military service. Working on his green cougar with him. I believe also still have the crib pieces he made me one time. Sad and surprised. Thank you Linda, Donna, Val.
RIP Johnny

— **Carl Huggins**



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