

John Grinder

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

With great sorrow we announce the passing of John Grinder, loving husband and father of two children. He passed away November 14, 2019 in Richmond BC.

John is survived by his wife Sharon, his son Logan and daughter Jamie. Predeceased by his father Jim Grinder. Lovingly remembered by his mother Dena, sister Liza (Sandy), nephews, nieces and extended family.



John graduated from the University of Victoria in 1988 and began a long career in industrial sales. John lived life to the fullest, and always with a smile. His infectious laugh will be remembered by all. He was an avid hockey Dad, loved family vacations - surfing at Chesterman, Summerland fun, skiing, and Hawaii to name a few. He left us too soon.

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

Messages of Condolence

Our sincere sympathies to the Grinder family. A great guy that left us way too soon.

— **Stephane Maher**

So deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you. xo

— **Ashley Mould**

It is with great sympathy I leave my condolences here for the Grinders.

I was sickened to here of Johns sudden passing. We had become such good friends and travel companions over the years. As with most of the friends in Johns life, it was hockey that brought us together. Our girls have played on and off together throughout the years...always bringing John and I back together. During these hockey seasons we were know to push the envelop a little further than most, especially on our road trips, as this was always our style! The time spent getting to know John and building on our friend ship will always stay with me. I will cherish these memories.

I can't imagine the pain and suffering you have all endured.

I find myself thinking about Sharon and Jamie (did not know Logan) several times a day. I think of how much their pain and heartache must feel. It brings me to tears just writing this.

It's just an unbearable feeling.

.....I know this time will be excruciating for the Grinders and would like to let them to know I am here for anything and everything that I can help with....even if it's just a big old hug.

I love you JG and will always remember you! Your friend Danny Mould

— **Danny Mould**

Sharon, I am so very sorry to hear about John. My memories of him are always with a big smile on his face and a friendly word. My heart goes out to you and the kids during this difficult time.

— **Teri Bonkowski**

Too young!!! Too soon!!! I miss him....I miss his laughter....he was always guileless... he was always true...I cannot imagine your sorrow, your grief... I miss him... I remember sharing bad coffees at rinks....good beers in pubs...supersonic gin & tonics....slack lining...even nudey swimming...laughing...I am fortunate to have spent a little time with him in my life....if I can help in any way, please let me try...

— **Chris wong**

Sharon, Logan and Jamie, I am so very sorry for your loss. I will always remember John with a smile and laugh.
My thoughts are with you.

— **Claudia Weber**

Sharon, Logan and Jamie

We are so sorry for your loss. John was a very special person. I will miss his laugh.

Susan, Nicole and Lauren

— **Susan O’Keeffe**

Dear Sharon, Logan and Jamie,
We want to extend to you our heartfelt condolences over John’s sudden passing..we will always remember him with a smile on his face, friendly to all and always with a story to share.. Forever missed and thinking of you all at this very difficult time.

— **Charlene, Les, Hannah and Josh Wessels**

What a shock to hear of John 's passing. He was full of fun loving positive energy that our world needs more of. I have been privileged to be a family friend of the Grinder's for 27 years.

Our family wishes the best to them as they move forward in their lives as John would want them to do. John can pass on to all of us to do what we can to make a positive difference to others every day. The old saying" that you only live once" might be more positive to frame in that you only die once and we should live every day to the fullest as John did.

— **Bernie Krynowsky**

Our deepest condolences to all of you - Sharon, Logan and Jamie. You are spot on when you say John's laugh was infectious. A great guy all around...

Sean, Thelle, Jessica, Elijah Kim

— **Sean Kim**

Dearest Sharon, Jamie and Logan,

Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of your loss.

I am honoured and blessed to have known John. He was a genuinely good person, a friend to everyone. Always a smile on his face and with stories to tell!

He was truly a blessing in my life and I will miss him.

Please know that I am here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out, especially during this difficult time.

Jason Uy

— **Jason Uy**

Sharon, Logan and Jamie

Our memories of John at family gatherings,

Smiling, laughing, funny, kind, goofy, game for anything and everything

Living Life to the Fullest

Loving His Family The Same Way

We Miss Him

All our Love

— Jeep and Lana Grant

Cousin John was one of those people who was so full of life I just never thought of him ever being gone.

My deepest condolences to Sharon, Logan and Jamie. My sister (Mary-Ann) and I were the same age as Jamie and Logan when their Grandpa Jim's sister (our Mom) died. It's a terrible thing to have to go through.

— Jasper Seren

So sorry for your sudden loss. Cherish all of your many happy memories, Colleen and Rob

— Colleen Ellison and Rob Trainor

Sharon, Logan and Jamie, our deepest condolences to you and the families. One of the nicest guys I ever had the pleasure of knowing. John will be missed greatly by us all.

Sam, Aya, Matthew & Tyler

— Sam Satosono

John is more like a little bro' to me than a nephew. I will always cherish the many good times had with him and Liza when they were kids. And as the grief fades away, we will always be proud of how he grew to be a great husband and father without losing his child-like joy of life.

— Unkle Dan & Aunt Bonnie

Dear Sharon, Logan and Jamie,

Please accept our condolences to you all. We are very blessed to have known John. He had an infectious smile, warm heart and always kind words. He made our hockey days full of joy and laughter. We are blessed to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.

With love

Madhu, Rick and Arjun Chehil

— Madhu & Rick Chehil

Our deepest condolences to the Grinder family, John was a great colleague, his infectious laugh, bright smile, and positive outlook will be dearly missed.

— Jeff & Darlene Schowalter

Dear Sharon, Jamie and Logan,

Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. I cannot imagine what a difficult time this must be for your family. When I think of John I have endless memories of him giggling and laughing. He always had a huge smile and lots of funny stories to tell. He will be missed by all. Sharon, please know that I will always be here for you, Jamie and Logan. If there is anything at all you need please ask.

Love, Annalise, Nolan, Mason, Chris and Judy

— Judy Wong

Our hearts go out to Sharon, Logan, Jamie and John's extended family and friends. John's cheerful demeanour and optimism brought the best out in those of us that worked with him, and ultimately enriched our lives. We are grateful for having known him, and deeply saddened by his passing.

— **J.C. and Bonnie Arenes**

So sorry for the sudden loss of John. My heart goes out to the Grinder family ♡

— **Karen**

My heart goes out to Sharon, Jamie, Logan, Dena and Liza. So sorry to hear of John's passing. He and I hadn't kept in touch that well over the years but I always valued his friendship from the moment I stepped into BC. John was the first person I met when I moved to Victoria from Winnipeg to attend UVic. I have many great memories of those years. He will be missed.

— **Warren Everton**

I got to know John at the University of Victoria. I must say that I really enjoyed getting to know him. We really had a good time together with a small band of half-serious students interested as much in having a good time as getting an education. John might have been more serious about the latter than most.

I would seem him very occasionally over the decade after he graduated.

I just remember John having an almost constant happy disposition. Always cracking a joke. Always seeming to have a smile on his face.

It was too bad that I lost touch with him these past many years. Life carried on and I must say I hadn't thought about John until one of those same mutual friends called me two weeks ago to tell me he had passed away. Right away all those memories of John and those fun times at university came rushing over me. And a great sense of sadness.

Thank you for providing me this opportunity to share a few thoughts and I hope that all of you in his family will find peace.

— Sean Hodgins

John will be remembered for his smile and positive energy. We are honoured to have known him. Our thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

— Jeff and Christina Cox

Dear Sharon,

Donna e-mailed us about John's passing just yesterday Dec 9/2012. Shock and sad to hear about it.

Life is too short.....Take care....Our thoughts are with you...

From your SVH friends,...Anna,Helen, Virginia, Luisa,Audrey, Edith,Portia

— **Portia T**

Our heartfelt condolences to the Grinder family. Our thoughts are with you.. Joelle, Mike, Austin and Ashley

— **Joelle**



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