John Stanley Grzesiak

JULY 11, 2022



GRZESIAK, John Stanley

March 30, 1947 – July 11, 2022

Poland, Europe – Calgary, Alberta

Our family and friends have lost a truly remarkable man after a short illness, John passed away peacefully with his wife at his side.

John immigrated from Poland in 1969 and graduated from the University of Alberta as a Mechanical Engineer in 1974. He had a very successful career in the Oil and Gas industry and was lucky to retire early in 2000.

John was a world traveler, he and his wife, Bonnie, travelled to all seven continents in the world. He got to travel to many places that people only dream about seeing and he got great joy from his world adventures.

He will be remembered and deeply missed by many but in particular his wife and soulmate of 39 years, Bonnie; his only daughter, Nicole; son-in-law, Dave; and granddaughter, Adrianna. John had a great joy from being a grandparent. He also

leaves behind his family in Poland, brother, Marek; niece, Martyna and Marcelina; nephews, Igor and Bartosz; and cousin, Krystyna in Vancouver. John was predeceased by his parents, Halina and Tadeusz.

As per John’s wishes, there will be no Service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in John’s memory so that gains can be made in defeating this terrible illness that takes so many lives.

Messages of Condolence

I’m so sorry about your Father’s passing Nicole. I hope the good memories you have of him will comfort you, Dave and Adrianna in the days ahead. I’m here for you.
Sher (Broeders)

— Sher Broeders

Nicole, and family.
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am so saddened you have to walk this path. Loosing a parent and father must be devastating especially way too soon. My prayers have been with you, and will continue through your mourning and sadness. Hugs my friend. Big warm, long hugs.

— Jill Daniel

We are very sorry to hear of your loss Bonnie. Remember the good times and there was lots of those. You two never wasted a minute planning something or going on a new adventure together even if was just to the mountains. You were so lucky to have each other. My heart hurts for you and we are very sorry for your loss. Hugs!

— Roy and Carol Neary

John was a very special person and touched my heart as I'm sure he did many others. He was kind and wise. I'm so sorry Bonnie for your loss. Always remember the good times.

— Diane Auvigne

He lived and laughed and loved and left
And the world will never be the same
~ J. Joyce
My sincere condolences to Bonnie, Nichole, Dave and Adrianna

— Jackie Sills

Bonnie, there are no right words to express how sorry I am for your loss.

I will always remember John watching you on a bench nearby while you took photos.

The kind of love you both shared is forever.

You are both in my thoughts.

— Shelly O'Donnell

It is hard to know what to say at a time like this but all I can say is that I have unexpectedly lost a very dear friend. I do have all our great memories from all our years of knowing each other. We have shared many laughs and great times together as well as some sad times. John was very fortunate to find Bonnie because they were one. Our hearts (Trish & Me) go out to you Bonnie, needless to say John will be forever in our hearts. Our sympathies to the rest of the family as well. May you rest in peace my dear friend. LOL

— Morgan Barnes

Bonnie, It was a surprise when you told me about John suddenly falling ill and then of his passing.
You may never get over this moment Bonnie, but with the help of friends and family you will get past it.
Hope to see you soon.

— Lawrence

Bonnie, and Nicole and family, it was with great sadness that I heard the very sad news about John. Bonnie, I know how many wonderful times you spent with John, both in and around the city and also so many amazing, unforgettable journeys you made together to endless places around the world. Not only were you very fortunate to explore lands that most of us will never see, but you had by your side at all times a kind, very patient man who made sure that you were able to do, with camera in hand, what you love so much. You have so many memories! I hope these will give you everlasting comfort. Thinking of you - Anne

— Anne Elliott

Bonnie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and Nicole. Our family has great memories from when we were neighbors, and we enjoyed many memorable times with you and John. All our love the Kirkland family.

— Paul Kirkland

John - such a loving, calm, clever, respectful gentleman! We shall remember him not only as my helpful past neighbour but also our dear friend who always shared good advice and knowledge. We shall miss our discussions, never a dull moment on so many subjects .
Our hearts go out to your family and Bonnie , the love of Johns life as well as hers. So loved and missed

— Pat and Larry

Gary and I are so deeply sorry for your loss Bonnie. Where did the time go? We fondly remember our Eagle stampede bbq conversations with you and John. We so enjoyed hearing about your past and planned adventures. May all those happy memories give you strength during these sad times. Rest in peace John. Take care Bonnie.

— Gary & Carole Mellor

"Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us, always near. So loved. So missed. So very dear."

Nicole, Adrianna and Dave, my heart breaks for your loss of a parent and grandparent. I hope the fond memories provide some comfort. - Anu

— Anu Nijhawan

Hi Bonnie.

I’m so sorry hearing about your dear husband Johns passing..

My thoughts and prayers as well as heartfelt condolences go out to you ...

Brian Wolitski

— Brian



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