John Ron Sylvestre

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **John Ron Sylvestre**, a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, foster parent, and friend, who left this world surrounded by the love of his family.

John was born to **Rebecca Leone Gaudry Sylvestre** and **John Oscar Conrad Sylvestre**, and grew up in a bustling family of fourteen children.

One of the most memorable stories John shared with his children was from his teenage years. Beginning at just **13 years old**, John and his brothers would jump trains to travel from town to town, searching for work wherever they could find it. He continued this daring and determined way of getting around until he was about eighteen, before eventually settling down, marrying his first wife Faye, and moving to Regina, **where they began building a home and starting their family together**. It was a testament to his grit, courage, and willingness to do whatever was needed to support himself and his family.

A hardworking and skilled man, John built his life with dedication and craftsmanship. From a young age he worked as a contractor and carpenter, taking great pride in every project he touched.

John was previously married to **Faye Holkestad Sylvestre** and later to **Darlene Babcock Sylvestre**, both of whom predeceased him. Together, **John and Darlene opened their hearts and home as loving foster parents**, caring for children in need with compassion and stability. John held a special place in his heart for the foster children he cared for over the years; he missed them deeply and thought of

them often, carrying their memories with him always.

After moving to Mossbank, he and his second wife Darlene became the custodians of Mossbank School. John also generously volunteered his time to build and create items for the Mossbank School, offering his skills whenever they were needed. He was warmly regarded and respected throughout the community.

Even after retiring, John continued to serve the Town of Mossbank as the landfill attendant, a role he held with commitment until his passing.

John had a lifelong love of motorbikes and spent many years riding, even traveling into the United States on his bike. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time outdoors with his family.

He adored his little dogs, who were his constant companions and brought him joy every day.

John deeply loved his children and grandchildren. He found true happiness in the time they spent together—laughing, sharing playful jokes, and creating memories that will be cherished forever. He had a playful spirit, a love of pranks, and a natural gift for bringing laughter into everyday life.

Some of the most treasured memories his children and grandchildren hold are the moments spent fishing and camping together.

John’s roots ran deep in southern Saskatchewan, with family ties to the St. Victor and Willow Bunch areas, and he was proud of his Métis heritage.

He is lovingly remembered by his children **Cheryl Sylvestre**, **Ronald Sylvestre**, **Calvin Sylvestre**, **Penny Sylvestre Charnock** (predeceased), and **Robert Sylvestre**, as well as **Sherry Wray (Ed Wray)** and **Danielle Henderson (Charles Henderson)**.

He was a proud grandfather to **Adam**, **Ashley**, **Karen**, **Zachary**, **Lane (Maddie)**, **Jessica (Tennessee)**, **Bruce**, **Connor**, **Kamilia**, and **Jameson**, and a cherished great-grandfather to **Xavier** and **Violet**.

He is survived by two of his sisters, along with numerous nieces and nephews, while his parents rest at St. Victor Roman Catholic Cemetery.

In keeping with his wishes, no formal funeral service will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date, where family and friends will gather in Mossbank to share stories, laughter, and memories in his honor.

For those wishing to make a gesture in John’s memory, the family encourages acts of kindness that reflect his generous spirit. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to support local children through the **Moose Jaw Motorcycle Toy Run**, a meaningful tribute to John’s love of motorbikes and giving back to his community.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Messages of Condolence

Dad,I still don’t have the right words for this. Losing you feels unreal, like a piece of my world is missing and I don’t know how to put it back.You were such a big part of my life—your laughter, your stories, and the way you showed love in your own way. I’ll always hold onto the memories we shared, especially the simple ones that meant everything.Your grandchildren love you so much, and they miss you deeply. You knew how much you were loved, and how much you mattered to all of us.I’m going to miss you more than I can say, but I’ll carry you with me in everything I do.Love you always

— Wray Family

Im glad I got the chance to see you before you had passed .you will be missed your laughter was so contagious your sense of humour. You were one of my favourite uncles. Love you and now your with your brothers and sisters hope you are dancing my sincere condolences to all my family for your loss

— Denise Samuelson

I will always treasure my memories of time spent visiting with John while he was cleaning my classroom at Mossbank School. If I needed anything, he was always available to lend a hand with a smile on his face, and a good joke to share.. Later, after we both retired, Harold and I were able to keep in contact with him at his new job. He was such a nice man and will never truly missed! Our deepest sympathy goes out to his precious family. He loved you and was very proud of each of you! May you precious memories bring you comfort□□

— Harold and Betty Ray

I have the fondest memories of John as he kept Mossbank School in pristine condition! He had such pride in his work. He was also so good to my kids, giving Reese his first “real” job and teaching Lorenne and her friends French down the hallways after school! John always had a smile on his face, and helped people wherever he could. Rest easy, John; your work is now done. Most sincere condolences to all who loves him.

— The Rutko Family

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