

Margaret Lynne Johns

MARCH 3, 2020

Margaret Lynne Johns (Fisher) passed away March 3, 2020 at the Foothills Medical Centre after a sudden illness at the age of 68. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 50 years Terry, her two sons Trevor (Olivia), Ryan (Dianne) and her four grandchildren Megan,

Karson, Sarah, and Braeden. She was

predeceased by her parents, William and Peggy Fisher, in-laws Bruce and Meta Johns, and uncle and aunt Jack and Ruth Beatty. She was born in Regina

Saskatchewan, and then moved with her mother to Calgary, Alberta where she lived until adulthood. She met and married Terry Johns in 1969 and had Trevor in 1970. Ryan was born in 1973. They initially lived in Calgary and moved to Airdrie in 1972 where they stayed until 1989 while the boys grew up. In Airdrie Marg was a founding member of the Airdrie Agricultural Society, an active volunteer with the boy's schools, and a very busy hockey (Trevor) and multiple sports (Ryan) Mom. The family moved back to Calgary in 1989.

She started to work for TD bank in 1977 as a typist teller and stayed with them for 26 years, working her way up to Bank Manager in 1993. At that time, she and Terry moved to St. Paul, Alberta for her first managerial job and they averaged a move every two years until they moved to Brooks in 2010. They lived in Hanna (twice), Mayerthorpe, Vermillion, Two Hills, and Rimbey. With all these moves Marg and Terry made countless friends and acquaintances and they enjoyed their times in all of these unique and proud Alberta towns. In 2003 Marg was



transitioned to ATB and continued with them until her retirement in 2015 and was proud of her almost 40 years in the banking industry. Marg was also actively involved with the Lions Club of Canada, the Hanna Agricultural Society, and the Dino Trailer Good Sam Club.

Marg loved travelling with Terry. They were able to travel south for many winters to multiple sub tropical hot spots. They were also able to spend a lot more time camping in their trailer and spending time at the family cabin in Invermere with family and friends which she cherished.

Marg became a serious golfer in her middle age and regularly won best ball tournaments because of her long drive skills. She also routinely beat her husband and sons much to their chagrin. Upon Marg's retirement she reprised her role of hockey Mom and became a very serious hockey fan of the Brooks Bandits. She and Terry were very proud to billet Alex Roberts #10 of the Brooks Bandits for 3 years.

Marg was very devoted to and protective of her own two sons, but also demanded the best of them. The boys loved to push her buttons to make her laugh, or get her exasperated with their shenanigans. There was never a doubt about her unconditional love. She finally got her two daughters, Olivia and Dianne, whom she adored and stated repeatedly that she'd keep them over the two boys.

She was thrilled to be a grandmother and loved to attend all of the grandkids activities as they grew up. She was so proud of them and she loved living vicariously through all of their achievements, travels, adventures and dating lives. She was excited about their opportunities to live their lives to their fullest.

We can't forget her pets. Mom loved her dogs. Cassius, Becky, Tucker, Mia, Thandie and her grand pups. They all were spoiled with luxurious, treat-filled lives and always had the best food and accommodations.

Mom was married to her husband and best friend for 50 years. Their relationship started when they were teenagers and they grew up while they were having kids. They were both completely devoted to each other and when the boys left home, they were finally able to rediscover and develop their love and friendship that at times had to be put on hold while they were raising their boys.

To describe Marg the one word that comes to mind is Fiery. She was an auburn haired second-generation Irish-Canadian lass that always wore her emotions on her sleeve. You always knew how Mom was doing, and what she was thinking. When she was younger, she loved to dance, throw the baseball with the boys, play hockey, and could run, ski, and skate like the wind. She was usually one of the ringleaders with her group of hockey Moms when they got up to their own shenanigans. It's not well known but Mom was a voracious reader. She also loved a good party, or dance, and didn't mind a good rum.

Over the last 3 years Marg battled many serious health issues and soldiered on doggedly. She had just started to aquacise and was thrilled to be able to start working out again. She was excited about the future which made her sudden passing all the more devastating. Mom was only 68 years old and recently stated she had a lot of life yet to live. Looking back, she lived her life well.

The family would like to thank Brooks EMS, The Brooks Hospital, and the Foothills Medical Centre, Cardiac Care Unit, for all of their efforts made to keep her with us.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Brooks United Church, 507 - 3rd Ave. West, Brooks, AB, on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Brooks and District Health Foundation.

Messages of Condolence

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to Terry and your entire family. Unfortunately, we are unable to be there but please know that all of us in Eastern Canada are thinking of you at this very difficult time. We know that Marg will be missed so much. Bless you all.

— **Garth Johns**

Terry, Trevor and Olivia, Ryan and Dianne, and Terry and Marg's Grandchildren
We are so sorry about Marg's passing. We won't be able to be at the memorial service but we will always be thinking of Marg. She was a good friend and we had some good times together. May the memories you have of her be with you forever. Our deepest sympathies to you.

Ken and Phyllis

— **Ken and Phyllis Popp**

My sincere condolences to you, Terry, Trevor and Ryan and your families.

— **Nancy Olds Friesen**

We are so very sorry to hear of her death. Please know our prayers are for all her family as you mourn her loss. We enjoyed the evening we spent with her a few years ago. With love to all.

— **Ray and M'Liss**

Our sincere condolences to Terry and the family. Marg will be dearly missed and will be forever in our thoughts.

— **Lill Fesciuc**

We are so sorry for your loss. Lots of fond memories of this beautiful lady, her husband, Terry and their sons, Trevor and Ryan. May God bless you all with His peace at this time.

— **Pamela Olds**

My sincere condolences to the Johns family in the loss of Marg. Marg was a wonderful person and I know she will be missed beyond words.

— **Bonnie Ostrander**

It is with deep sadness and shock that I learned of Marg's passing. My love and heart go out to you, Terry, Trevor and family and Ryan and family. Marg was part of our "Ski Bunnies" group and she was always ready to have some laughs. She was a wonderful, kind and generous person.

Bless you and may her wonderful spirit help you through the coming days.

- Elaine MacGregor

— **Elaine MacGregor**

Dear Terry and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Marg's passing. I enjoyed working for you both and getting to know you both. Find comfort in knowing she is in God's memory and has the promise of a resurrection in the near future.

Many prayers to you all.

Kim & Jody Woodliffe Rimbey

— **Kim & Jody Woodliffe**

To Terry, Trevor, Olivia, Ryan, Dianne and family

This is such a hard time and we will miss her dearly but I trust that the memories and good times will be with you always she always had a special place in our heart.

— **Fern Larry hulgaard and family**

I am so sad to hear about Margaret's passing. I first met her about 3 years ago when her and Terry hired me to photograph their family session, after seeing my work with the Bandits. After that, it was always so nice to see them both at the games. Margaret was always so sweet and smiling, and even though I didn't know her incredibly well, her time in my life will never be forgotten. I wish you guys love in this tough time. I am so deeply sorry for your loss!! The world lost a very good woman!!

— **Em Duncan**

Terry & all your family,

We are sorry to hear of Marg's passing. She was a special lady and you both complimented each other. She lives on in each of you and also in your memories and love for her. May these precious memories help you all through this time of sorrow. We are away this week and won't be able to attend the service but know we are keeping you all in thought and prayer. She will be missed by all. May God bless you all.

Rich & Diane Hirsekorn

— **Rich and Diane**

Trevor and Ryan, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families. Ryan it was such a pleasure to see you a few weeks ago.

— **Patti Wilshusen Lively**

Gentle thought of sympathy (Trevor) to all your family. Wally & I met your parents in Dominican a long time ago...we didn't know at the time that our lives were connected through the wonderful "Portiek" girls...our world is so small sometimes

— **Wendy Rinsky**

I was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of Marg's passing at such a young age. While we cousins in Ontario, were unable to stay in touch as often as we might have liked, we are still connected in thought. I remember Marg as being a happy, spit-fire of a woman who clearly loved and supported her family as the obituary above stated. It is a lovely tribute that paints a clear picture of her life, her loves and her interests. My sympathies go out to Terry, Trevor, Ryan and their respective families.

— **Miriam Terry**

My sincere condolences to Terry, Trevor, Ryan and families. I am so very sorry for your loss. We had such fun together.

— **Sandy Mcdiarmid**

Our sincerest condolences to Terry and family. I have many great memories of working with Marg in the bank in Airdrie. Thinking of you.

Carl and Sharon Lehner

— **Sharon & Carl Lehner**

I remember the first time I met Marg, we were on course together she had just started with ATB. We had so many good times, conversations and even some golfing. She will be greatly missed as she was a wonderful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry and her family.

— **Angela & Greg Adams**

Terry, Trevor and Ryan and family

We are sending sincere condolences and very sad to hear of Margs passing. Thought of you both so often, and smiled at the good times. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Bob and Linda barrett**

Our condolences Terry & family. Margaret was a very sweet lady. She will sadly be missed. ♥

— **Alan & Leanne Kwasnicki**

We are so sorry for your loss, Terry, Trevor, Ryan and families. Marg was a wonderful mentor when I started with the bank in Airdrie. She will be missed by many.

— **Joanne Yarham**

She was a wonderful lady and I'm glad I got to know her over these 20+ years. My love to you all.

— **Paula Evans-Hill**

Dear Terry and family

So saddened to hear of Marg passing. Our sincere condolence to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

— **Marino and Jean Rapuano**

We were so sorry to hear of Marg's passing. Terry, Trevor, Ryan and families, please accept our deepest sympathy.

— **Gary and Linda Verhaeghe**

It is hard to put into words the heaviness in our hearts when we learned about the passing of Marg Johns. Our thoughts and prayers go to Terry, the love of her life, and her children Trevor and Olivia and Ryan and Dianne. Marg was bubbly, fun, compassionate and a true friend to all. Even after we moved a country away she kept in touch with Christmas card letters, We will miss them and her. Love to the family.

— **Michael and Brenda Kealty**

I so enjoyed working with Marg at ATB in Hanna and all the visits we had. She was so proud of her family!! She shall be dearly missed. Condolences to all.

— **Wanda**

Terry, Ryan, Trevor and families,

I am so very sorry to hear this sad news. I so enjoyed having Marg as a neighbour. She was so proud of her kids and grandkids, and sharing their accomplishments. I hope all of your happy memories of her will help you through this difficult time. Our sincerest condolences to you all.

Tannis and Bernie

— **Tannis & Bernie Voltner**

Sincere condolences to Terry and the entire Johns family. We are sad to hear of her passing. Marg was a lot of fun to work with. I remember many good times with her and Terry! She will be greatly missed.

— **Corinne and Brent Taylor**

So very sorry to hear of Marg's passing. My deepest sympathy to Terry and family. I had worked with Marg at the Hanna ATB. ☐

She always hosted awesome staff get together where great memories were made.

— **Deneen Anderson**

So very sad to hear about Marg's passing. Sincere sympathies to Terry and family. She was my Manager at ATB, Hanna..I thoroughly enjoyed our time together. She was my first boss who didn't just say...work harder..try harder...instead..said this job isn't working for you but here's a different position that will suit you better...she was tough but she cared!

— **Deb Wiles**

Our most sincere regrets to my cousin Terry and his family. In reading the tribute it is obvious that Marg was a much loved and respected person. We are thinking about you in this devastating loss. Thinking of you and all that are effected by this.

— **Wyatt Johns**

We send our love and sincere sympathy to your family. I have many happy memories of working with Marg at the TD Bank, where she was indeed a force in the lending department. Marg brought many new customers into the branch with her wit, compassion, and professionalism.

You have our prayers as you mourn this lovely lady. Sincerely, Beverley and Malcolm

— **Beverley and Malcolm MacKenzie**

Our most sincere condolences on your loss. I shall treasure the visit we had in January. May the good times you shared give you strength. This is not something you will get over but it is something you will get through. Be strong.

Sterling & Laurel

— **Sterling & Laurel Clayton**

We are so sorry about the passing of your wife-Terry. Our sincere condolences to you & your family. God Bless.

— **Daryl & Barbara Leinweber**

Terry, Trevor, Olivia, Megan, Sarah and Ryan's family.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your wife, mother and Grandmother.

We know that she will be greatly missed by all of you but she is not really gone, just out of sight and forever loved.

Love Joelle, Shawn, Dalton and Sydney

— **The Callaghan's**

Remembering our times together. Thinking of you Terry and family.

— **The Connells**

Terry and family, Glen and I are passing along our sympathy's to you all. It is hard when a passing is sudden. Prayers and hugs to all you. We are on holidays so are not able to make the service but you are in our thoughts.

Judy & Glen

— **Judy & Glen Beatty**

Thoughts and prayers go to you Terry and family. What a shock to hear of Marg passing so suddenly.

We met Marg when she became our grandson (Alex)'s billet mum when he played junior hockey in brooks. What a wonderful/loving/caring substitute mum - Alex could not have wished for better. As he moved on from brooks, we maintained contact with Marg/Terry and developed a friendship.

— Pauline and Keith

Our Sincere Condolences to Terry, Trevor, Olivia, Ryan, Dianne & families. Marg was a special friend & always had great visits when we got together. I know how much you will all miss her. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Wendy & Barry.

— Wendy Barr & Barry Lowe

We will be forever grateful to Marg and Terry for taking in, and taking care of, Alex during his three seasons with the Bandits. We wish to express our sincerest condolences to Terry and the family.

— Adam and Reagan

My heart goes out to Terry and family. I worked with Marg during my time at ATB in Hanna and she was a lovely woman who loved those close to her deeply. I became close with Marg and Terry and would have supper with them often as they became my “extended” family. Sending all my love and support in this difficult time.

— Melissa Fayemi (Nelson)

My condolences to Margaret's family. The White family shares your loss as Margaret was our cousin and I (Warren) was born in the same year as Margaret. Our Mother Patricia Fisher, would speak often of Margaret when we were children. The one photograph we had was cherished. We only connected later life and in so doing rejoiced in getting to know Margaret and her family. Wishing you all the very best of blessings.

— Warren White

This message is for Terry Johns. Terry, I was deeply saddened to hear of Marg's passing. I was married to Alan (Ted) Engel for about 16 years. As you recall, our life was turned upside down when Ted was in a near-fatal car accident. He and I are in touch and he told me about Marg, or Margie as I liked to call her. I just wanted to say that I hope you will be okay and that I will always remember Margie. I told Ted that Marg was one of my favourite people from his "friends" group. She was vivacious, funny, loving, caring, had a great disposition and most important of all, as far as I am concerned, she was "down to earth". I never felt there was anything pretentious about Margie. What you saw was what you got and that is as it should be. And I could tell, even when the boys were still quite young, that she was a Mom extraordinaire! I always felt comfortable around Marg and thought she was easy to talk to. I am sorry I lost touch over the years but I still wanted to convey my condolences Terry. Please know that I am thinking of you and hope that, as time passes, you will have happy memories of Margie. No one can ever take away our memories.

— Cathy Klukas (nee Engel)

Our family has known in Marg, Terry, Trevor and Ryan for many years after we moved to Airdrie in 1989. We spend many fun filled times with the family. Our sincere condolences to all of you. Marg was a wonderful person with a heart of gold.

— Maureen McLeod

It was with great shock and sadness that we learned of Marg's sudden passing. Marg Johns was a very special Lady. There were no strangers in Marg's world, only friends she hadn't met yet. Dick and I were two of those lucky strangers. We met Marg and Terry when Marg was transferred to the ATB in Two Hills Ab. Marg and Terry made their temporary home at our motel "The Junction Inn" until their home became available. When Marg entered a room it was like someone opened a window and let sunlight in, her happy and generous personality bathed everyone it touched with warmth. The legacy she left, wasn't just her loving family, her husband, children grandchildren it was all the lives she touched, doing the job she loved and excelled at in and outside the Banking Community, always helping those who needed her. Thank you Marg, for your gift of friendship you will be forever remembered and missed.

— Carole and Dick McLean

It was a wonderful opportunity to have met Marg and Terry. My Mother was proud of meeting her niece! I know had Mom lived longer she would have made Marg a much greater part of her life!

I looked forward to Marg's letters and hoped that we could have shared more of Marg and Terry's lives in the future.

She was a great lady!,

Our deepest sympathy to the whole family; her husband, sons and grandchildren!

— Faith and Phil Wall



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