



Jean Alfred Spiess

June 26, 1935 - June 8, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jean Alfred Spiess on June 8th, 2023.

Jean is survived by Marlys, his loving wife of 63 years, his two sons Andre (Tracie Dzioba) and Steven (Lisa Jessome), four grandchildren Lauren, Katelyn, Samantha and Max, and one step-grandchild Ryan. He is predeceased by his granddaughter Kate and brother Rene.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland with an adventurous heart, Jean immigrated to Canada in 1956 after completing his training as a Machinist/Tool and Die Maker. He settled in Toronto where he met Marlys and then in 1973 he moved his young family to Halifax.

Jean was a skilled tradesman, sought out by employers, retiring at the age of 65 after a successful career.

In retirement the adventure continued from camping across Canada, USA and Australia to backpacking in Costa Rica with his wife by his side. They spent many winters soaking up the sun and drinking wine in Mexico. He made many dear friends along the way.

Jean was for years a lover of nightlife in Halifax, being one of the last survivors of the original Frankie's Club where they enjoyed singing by the piano and dancing the night away. At home he was an avid reader and a skilled wine maker who was already planning for his delivery of California

grapes this Fall. He was a Jack of all Trades and a Master of Many; his sons will be forever grateful for all he taught them and his willingness to help them through the years.

He loved Marlys deeply, was immensely proud that his sons became physicians and avidly followed the paths of his grandchildren.

Jean, Pop, Papi, Poppa and Opa you will be missed.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I miss you Papa!*

Samantha - Yesterday at 11:26 PM

SA

“ *I am Jean's granddaughter- to me he was "papa". He was a man of many trades, there was nothing he couldn't do. He loved my grandmother more than anything. I love him and miss him. Thank you to everyone for your kind words to my grandmother and family.*

samantha - March 23, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ *So sorry to hear of Jean,s passing,condolences to Maryls and the Spiess family our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this very difficult time,love and hugs ,Marina and Wally*

Marina parsons - June 15, 2023 at 05:49 PM

CM

“ *So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. I will miss the opportunity to talk with him and have a laugh as I think he had a great sense of humour. Condolences to Maryls and the family. I hope your family strength gets you through this hard time.
Sincerely, Connie Mason & Jim Quinn*

connie mason - June 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Alfred Spiess.*



June 13, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Hi family Spiess the memories will alway remain wine making dancing party's dinners get togethers we did it all Kathy and family
xxxx*

kathy vlieg - June 12, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Liebe Marlys, das schmerzt mich sehr, Dir und der Familie mein herzlichstes Beileid, habe nette Erinnerungen, herzlichst, auch von Ed, Deine Freundin Annemarie, take Care,*

Annemarie und Ed Gerriets - June 10, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *The Dzioba Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jean Alfred Spiess.*



The Dzioba Family - June 10, 2023 at 04:26 PM