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It is with profound sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our dear husband, father, grandfather, and brother John Csatari on March 16 at QEII Hospital in Halifax. Born in Hamilton, ON, John grew up in the Hungarian community in the city's East End, where he was well-known for his brilliance in both academics and mischief. Raised by his mother and grandparents following the untimely death of his father, John treasured his extended family in both Hamilton and New Jersey – relationships that he maintained over the course of his life. John married his true love and best friend, Susan, in 1975, and adored and drove her crazy for the next 50 years.

John and Susan settled in Mississauga, ON, where they raised their children, Stephen and Andrea, both of whom John adored, doted on, and trained in his signature arts of wit and mayhem. John delighted in watching his children grow and was well-known to all of their friends, for whom John and Susan's basement family room was a second home. John built a very successful career in Toronto, beginning in accounting and expanding to the tech sector, earning a reputation for integrity and loyalty, and bringing his signature sense of humour into long term relationships with clients.

John and Susan lost their son, Stephen, suddenly in 2002 to an inherited cardiac condition. The loss utterly broke John's heart and was a weight he carried for the rest of his life. The births of his three grandchildren were a tremendous gift to him and their antics never ceased to delight him and make him laugh. John enjoyed a good quality of life – and a good deal of seafood and Celtic music – after retiring to PEI to be near precious family, in spite of the limitations from the same inherited heart condition that robbed him of his son. His death was due to an unexpected complication and has left us devastated and missing him terribly.

Throughout his successes and sorrows, John was generous and indescribable, somehow always managing to maintain the signature twinkle in his eye. John left the world – as he lived – to the sounds of the Hungarian Csárdás and Celtic pipes, having managed (characteristically and to Susan's great consternation) to raid the hospital supply cupboard, and leaving us all richer for having known him.

He leaves behind his wife Susan, daughter Andrea and son-in-law Simon Wilmot, his beloved grandchildren Levi, Finn, and Evie, and his sister Irene Csatari Lueckenhoff. He is pre-deceased by his son Stephen, his parents John and Anne Csatari, and his brothers-in-law Art Lueckenhoff and Michael Temperley. He will be fondly remembered by his brother-in-law David and the Temperley family.

He is loved and will be greatly missed by his cousin Nick Horansky, and his Csatari/Balogh cousins and their families in the U.S.; trips to visit and LBI vacations with them were the highlight of John's and our family's lives and are treasured memories.

John treasured his life long friendships through his early years in Hamilton and Mississauga, and his long career in Toronto; thank you to all those dear friends who have sent loving messages. Close friends of our children - Avery Guthrie and family, Rachel A'Howatt, and Shawna (Lampshade) Phillips -

have been like family to him, and have helped us greatly over the years in dealing with the pain of losing Stephen.

Since moving to PEI, he greatly enjoyed his friendship with Bob Thistle and Kevin Lee of Charlottetown, as well as with the members of the Board of our Condo Corporation, of which he served as President, and our neighbours on Autumn Lane in Stratford, PE.

Cremation has already taken place. A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

If you desire to make a donation in John's name, our family respectfully requests them to be directed to:

qehfoundation.pe.ca/waystogive/memorial

(select "Cardiac Care")

John has received excellent care over the years and we would like to support the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) in Charlottetown Thank you.

Cremation has already taken place; there will be a private family memorial in Ontario at a later date.

"Here's Looking at You, Kid"

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Thanks for the great memories John. Nobody could play the ‘air guitar’ like you.
Dear Susan, Andrea and family and specially the children that John loved so much, love and prayers to you all. John will never be forgotten. May his dear soul Rest in Peace.

Patricia Briggs - March 25 at 09:55 AM

JM

“ I have fond memories of our Mineola days with Motown Johnny🎵 celebrating his 50th birthday in Lorne Park, dancing up a storm to Stevie, the Supremes, Marvin....such a lively guy with his roots in The Hammer! Oskee Wee Wee! Oskee wa wa! Holy mackinaw! Tigers! Eat ‘em raw!🐅

Jane Matthews - March 25 at 09:25 AM

RM

“ 3 files added to the album John Csatari



Russ Morreale - March 24 at 04:31 PM

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The Brightside Football League and Friends of John

Russ Morreale - March 24 at 04:35 PM

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John was one of the original Brightside Football players from 1975 and onward John enjoyed hosting the BFL at Faloney's Restaurant for many years. John always gave us First Class Service when we gathered after the BFL Games in the early years of the millennium. John was one of the famous Jumbo Jerks and John enjoyed the many years serving ice cream milkshakes and cherry cokes in the 1960's!

Russ Morreale - March 24 at 04:39 PM

AF

“ It was that million dollar smile that he had that I will remember. Although our meeting was brief it was clear that he was one of a kind. Susan we are very sorry for your loss of your dear husband John. He certainly had the best wife ever at his side. You were an amazing caregiver. My sympathy to Andrea and her family and those beautiful grandchildren. Much love Audrey Fraser

Audrey Fraser - March 24 at 11:35 AM

GB

“ I have many fond memories of John as a child and as an adult. Whenever John, Irene and Aunt Anne would go to NJ we would always get together and enjoy Hungarian food and songs. My wife and I visited Canada for our honeymoon and John and Irene showed us the Botanical Gardens. John had such a great sense of humor and we attended many family reunions at LBI, John was a special person and he will be missed..Gus Balogh and Fsmily.

Gus Balogh - March 24 at 11:19 AM

EK

I am stunned writing this. Even though he lived in PEI, his constant e-mails made it feel like he was next door. His sense of humour and ability to create mayhem are legendary.. He truly broke the mold and there will never be another like him.. John and I hit it off instantly over 55 years ago and I always felt we had a lifelong bond. My condolences to Susan and the family. We all loved John and will miss him terribly. Ed Kolodziejski.

Ed kolodziejski - March 24 at 02:52 PM