



## John Gordon Heatley

November 29, 1940 - July 7, 2024

HEATLEY, John Gordon

John G. Heatley, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 83, surrounded by his family on July 7, 2024.

John was born in 1940 to Alma (Barrett) and James Heatley of Williamsdale, Nova Scotia. He grew up in Margaree, Cape Breton, where he developed a deep love for the outdoors. He lived most of his life in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Throughout his life, John was known for his passion for hunting and fishing, finding peace and joy in the serenity of nature. His weekends spent at his cherished cottage by the lake were among his happiest moments, where he would get up early to fish and play cribbage into the night.

John was a man of simple pleasures and strong work ethic. He dedicated many years of hard work to small engine repair, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues. His dedication extended beyond his professional life; he was a devoted husband to his wife Elizabeth (Thistle), and a loving father to his two daughters, Lisa (Tim) Ells and Heather (Chris) Boucher. His grandchildren Erika, Brennon (Allison) and Allura brought him immense pride and joy, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

In addition to his love for the outdoors, John had a quiet demeanor and a funny side. Dare we say, he was a cribbage professional.

John leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and a deep appreciation for the beauty of nature. He will be dearly missed by his wife Elizabeth, daughters Lisa and Heather, sons-in-laws, grandchildren, and all who knew him.

The family requests donations to The Canadian Cancer Society.

John's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Victoria General Hospital on 8A and 3A (ICU), for their compassionate care during his final days.

John requested a small, private, family graveside service.

There will be an informal gathering for friends at Woodlawn United Church  
,Room A

Friday July 12th, 2024 from 2-4 pm.

# Tribute Wall

AE

“ *Elizabeth and Family*  
*Sincere sympathy on John's death. I recall visiting for my lawn mower and snowblower repairs both at his home shop and when he worked in the small shop on Main st. He was always kind and gentle with advice even with simple repairs.*

*Alan Ellis*  
*Woodlawn UC.*

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**Alan Ellis** - July 12, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RK

“ *Harold and I wish to give our sympathy and regrets in the loss of your dear husband John. He used to repair Harold's lawn mower and snow blower. He was reccomended to us by Gary Moore many years ago. Harold had a great admiration for him as he was always so pleasant and knowledgeable.*

*Ruth & Harold Kenney*

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**ruth kenney** - July 12, 2024 at 12:51 PM

NC

“ *To Elizabeth, Lisa and Heather.*  
*We are so saddened to read online that John has passed away. A flood of memories came to us from days long ago, times on Hillcrest Drive and his many fishing trips to Margaree, the beautiful garden you folks had, the card games, the list goes on. Time passes but memories live forever. We have those now along with our thoughts and prayers for you all. Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

*Love from long ago friends, Nikki and Rollie*

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**nikki canning** - July 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM

LE

“ Our condolences to your family. Brennon often spoke of his grandfather with great admiration and love. Brian and Lisa Eckhardt Truro, NS

Lisa Eckhardt - July 12, 2024 at 06:30 AM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to Elizabeth and family. I have known John since my youth, he was a brother to my Aunt Grace's husband Bill Heatley. John was a very quiet and kind person. He will be missed my prayers 🙏 to Elizabeth and family.

Myrtle Shaw - July 11, 2024 at 06:36 PM

DO

“ I couldn't have asked for better neighbours than John and Elizabeth for the last 25 years. John came to my rescue every time I got myself into another household emergency situation. He jumped to help me every time and I'm sure had a good laugh with Elizabeth once he returned home. He was such a kind and gentle man. I will miss him dearly. My deepest condolences to Elizabeth and the entire family.

Darlene Ogilvie - July 11, 2024 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ I'm sorry to read of John's passing. He was a kind, funny, generous man. Lots of memories of bygone times always bring a smile. My sincerest condolences to you all

sheri gaetz-maccabe - July 11, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ Elizabeth and family,  
My sincere condolences to you on the loss of your husband. May memories of happier times bring you some comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Joan Mikkelsen

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**Joan Mikkelsen** - July 11, 2024 at 11:09 AM

NM

“ I hold fold memories of John as we worked our way through elementary school days in Frizzleton (now Margaree Valley). I was happy to connect with him at the Frizzleton School reunion. Sincere sympathy to his family. Norman Marple

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**Norman Marple** - July 11, 2024 at 07:06 AM

RS

“ Condolences to you Elizabeth on the loss of your husband, and to Lisa, Heather and families on the loss of your father. We can remember the times we had together playing cards - 63's. Prayers for you all as you go through this time of loss. 🙏🙏

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**Ralph and Dorothy Sams** - July 09, 2024 at 09:58 PM

EH

*Hello Elizabeth. I send sympathy to you and your family. I am sorry I am unable to attend the gathering after the service on Thursday. I have had Covid and am still coughing. I will be thinking of you and send prayers.*

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**Elizabeth Harrison** - July 10, 2024 at 08:51 PM

GD

“ Elizabeth and Family  
So sorry to hear of John's passing our Sincere Condolences  
Elizabeth to you and your family. Cherish all your wonderful  
memories they last forever.  
Sincerely Len and Glenis Dawe.

Glenis Dawe - July 09, 2024 at 08:22 PM

EM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. I recall times in  
my childhood when John imparted words of wisdom to us “kids”,  
always said in a quiet, helpful way. Sincerest condolences.

Ellen McKnight - July 09, 2024 at 08:03 PM

MJ

“ Margaret J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gordon  
Heatley.

Margaret J. - July 09, 2024 at 07:18 PM

MJ

“ Margaret J. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Bas  
ket for the family of John Gordon Heatley.



Margaret J. - July 09, 2024 at 07:18 PM

AB

“ Elizabeth, John , Lisa and Heather you are all like a second family to me and glad you make me feel like part of the family. My sincerest Condolences to Elizabeth, Lisa, Tim, Heather, Erika, Brennon, Alison and Allura. Love to all❤️

Audrey Bartlett - July 09, 2024 at 04:09 PM

EE

“ Papa , you sure will be missed . I have enjoyed every moment we had together. . I hope you're fishing on the lake in the boat , playing crib with a rum and smoke .



erika ells - July 09, 2024 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ I've known John for a number of years having met him and his family from his cottage years, I've always known John to be a kind and gentle man who will always be missed. Our sincere condolences for your loss

Terry Fleming - July 09, 2024 at 03:38 PM

HP

“ My condolences to all the family. John shall be missed but never forgotten. I enjoyed our talks, playing crib or 45's and spending time at your cottage fishing. When ever I fish or play crib I will remember you.

Heather Pick Preston - July 09, 2024 at 03:19 PM