



John Wilson Just

October 16, 2022

Passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Sunday, October 16, 2022 after a brief illness. He was born in Amherst on July 13, 1942, to the late John and Evelyn Just. Dad led many career paths, in the service of others, starting out in the grocery business with Dominion Stores, where he met Mom. As a business owner in the Spryfield area he operated the Shell Station and the Spryfield IGA. In 2002 he retired as a consumer counsellor from ACCESS Nova Scotia.

Dad had a strong work ethic, a kind and compassionate heart for those in need and was a humble soul that would give you the shirt off his back!

His quick wit, sense of humour and sarcasm could always make us smile. Even as sick as he was at the end, there were moments of laughter. These were gifts he gave freely his entire life.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 31 years, Patricia (MacIntyre) and most recently his companion of 13 years, his fur baby Chanel. His light will carry on in the hearts of those he leaves behind: daughters Anne and Mary, both of Halifax, special niece and “third daughter” Melanie Collier and husband Bill (whom he considered a son) and their son Xander who affectionately called him Papa, Truro, special nephew Jon Kelly MacIntyre, Dartmouth, brother Robert, Toronto, sisters: Muriel (Bill) Hale, Halifax, Dr.

Evelyn Just, PhD, Edmonton, Rev. Millie Hope, Toronto.

Dad also leaves behind his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, many nieces, nephews, and lifelong best friend and fellow Blue Jays fan Bob Workman; extended family Jimmy, Colleen, Conor and Godson Pearse Sweeney and Wade and Jackie Schnare, They were so much more than neighbors. They watched over and looked after our Dad when we couldn't always be there to help him maintain his independence. Thank you

Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of Harbourside Regional Crematorium. In honoring Dad's wishes there will be no visitation or service. A celebration of life and interment will be held at a later date. A special thank you to Dr. Asokan, the VON, palliative care team and the compassionate caregivers that assisted us in caring for Dad, in our home, in the last three weeks of his life. In keeping with Dad's love of animals, donations may be made to the SPCA, Hope for Wildlife or the charity of your choice.

In our sadness, we are comforted in the knowledge and belief that Mom and Dad are reunited again. May they Rest in Peace.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Anne and Mary, Melanie & family, my sincere condolences on your loss. John was a lovely man and I always enjoyed seeing him at the MacIntyre homestead. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Melanie (Saxton) Dempsey - October 24, 2022 at 06:31 PM

MG

“ Dear Anne, Mary and Just family members,
As extended family members, it is with a shared sense of loss and fond remembrance that we express to each of you our sincere, heartfelt condolences on the passing of your dear father, brother and uncle, and our Christopher's Godfather. Every life is a precious gift from God, and John was a precious gift given to each and all of us, but especially to us in the MacIntyre family as Patsy's husband. As was well-stated in the obituary, over his life time, in thought, word and deed, he was indeed a very kind, generous, thoughtful person, who touched each of our lives with these precious virtues and gifts. In different ways he freely shared his time, talent and treasure with us. His wit, sense of humour and, at times pranks, also added to the mix of family life and family parties! May God give each of you His peace, consolation and gratitude for the blessing of a life so well lived, and with the happy faith that he is now re-united with Patsy, his Mom and Dad, and other loved ones. John will always be in our hearts and prayers...

Love, Gordon, Wendy, Murray, Chris, Heather and their family

Macintyre, Gordon - October 24, 2022 at 11:51 AM

RJ

John was a wonderful brother with a sharp sense of humour. We enjoyed carrying on with each other on the phone and as his lone brother, I shall always remember his generosity and caring spirit.

Robert Just - November 22, 2022 at 08:36 PM

CD

Dear Anne and Mary, I'm so sorry to learn of the recent loss of your Dad. I worked with John at the Dept. of Consumer Affairs all through the 1980s. I found his kindness, integrity and strength so inspiring day to day, as he helped so many! My sincere condolences to you and your family. Christine Dawe

Christine Dawe - March 11, 2023 at 10:19 AM

NF

“*Sorry to hear of your father's passing. My deepest sympathy and condolences. I knew John through working with him. He was very kind and helpful to those in need of advice. He also was a funny but also caring person. A great person to know.*

Norine French - October 24, 2022 at 10:16 AM

KC

“*Anne and Mary ,so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing . He was another of the first Williamswood residents Not many of we originals left !! May all your precious memories be a comfort to you ! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family . Ken and Audrey*

Ken and Audrey Croft - October 24, 2022 at 09:32 AM

BG

“*Very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful, caring person to work with, and helped so many people along the way. My sincere sympathy, Barb Jones Gordon*

B Jones Gordon - October 23, 2022 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ Anne, Mary & Family,
So very sorry for your loss. I was only in John's company a handful of times but very much always enjoyed being in his company. He was a kind, funny & easy going person. In sum he was a wonderful gentleman.
Take Care,
Jim Burke

Jim Burke - October 23, 2022 at 11:15 AM

SC

“ John was my manager at my first part-time job and he was a true gentleman. As a member of St Michael's church I knew him and Pat and of course Anne and Mary. You girls were blessed to have such loving and supportive parents! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God comfort you with His peace and may the many happy memories give you comfort as well. ❤️❤️❤️

Sheila Cleveland - October 23, 2022 at 08:33 AM

MM

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time. I guess I've known John for most of my life, although we weren't really close. However, John was a friend to most of my family through the church (Mary Moore) or my sister Sheila, working at the IGA. Later I worked for John at the grocery store and he was a great guy to have as your boss. I always respected John for all he's done for the community over the years and his kind and gentle nature. He was for sure a pillar in the community! RIP John.

Michael Moore - October 22, 2022 at 05:52 PM

TL

“ Anne and Mary, please accept my thoughts as you deal with this sad time in your lives. Your dad, like your mom, was a great person. Take care of one and other.

Tim Lurette - October 22, 2022 at 01:25 PM

KP

“ Mary and Anne, I was saddened to read of your father's passing. I remember him as a neighbor on Ardwell Ave many years ago. Always friendly with a wave and smile whenever I saw him. John was a kind, gentle man he was a lovely person. Sincere Condolences- Kathy Perkins (your neighbor)

Kathy Perkins - October 22, 2022 at 01:19 PM

MD

“ Dear Ann and Mary...We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We know he is resting in peace with your beautiful Mom now.
Lloyd&Marion DeWolfe

Marion DeWolfe - October 22, 2022 at 01:15 PM

FB

“ Dear Anne, Mary, Family and Friends - Special Remembrance In Sympathy, Prayers and Kindness - Most Sincerely, Father Donald Boudreau

Father Donald Boudreau - October 22, 2022 at 10:45 AM

AT

“ *Mary and Anne: I'm so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I only met your Dad once and he was such a happy kind man. He was so fortunate to have you both who cared for him with all of your love. This is such a difficult time for you but knowing you did everything you could for him should bring you peace. Take good care. Anne*



Anne Trask - October 22, 2022 at 10:17 AM

MM

“ *Dear Anne and Mary,
We are so saddened to read of your Dad's passing this morning. Our deepest condolences. Gerald knew your Dad from working with him. We both feel he was a true gentleman. loving father and a man that showed love respect and, consideration for others. We're sure he and your Mom are united again. RIP John. Anne and Mary you had the best Dad that anyone could have.
Gerald and Marie Muisse
Friends*

Marie and Gerald Muisse - October 22, 2022 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ *Always enjoyed our weekly visits at the "Shell" down the hill (Olie) on the H C Rd!!!! But better still my visit at Christmas time to pick up the "small" eggs for the fruit cake and our special toddy out back in the office after business hours!!!!RIP John you were/are still a great friend!!! Jim*

Jim MacLean - October 22, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JS

“ Dear Mary and Anne,
I am smiling looking at the photo of your Dad but I little teary-eyed. I met John even before I lived and worked in Spryfield. He was so helpful to a Mom who lived in Hammonds Plains and was dealing with her husband's illness. It is a long story but just know how much I appreciated him then and how lovely it was to meet him with your mother and you when I moved in 1989. Thank you for supporting him so he could support others. My sympathy and prayers for you and for all who love John. love, Joan

Joan O'Keefe sc - October 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM

RM

“ Today I'm looking back at all the happy times we had together . Rest in peace Uncle John.
Rick & Jackie

Rick Macintyre - October 22, 2022 at 09:15 AM

KP

“ Mary, sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely Kevin Poirier

Kevin Poirier - October 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM

LP

“ We were so very sorry to hear of John's passing! He was always so very kind to us and no matter how busy he was, he always took the time to say hello if he met you somewhere. May you find comfort in all the beautiful memories you have of him. Our deepest condolences to his immediate and extended family and friends!
Larry and Tracy Powell

Larry and Tracy Powell - October 22, 2022 at 07:38 AM

HG

“ Anne and Mary - My deepest sympathies to you both.
Harold Gaudet

Harold Gaudet - October 22, 2022 at 05:26 AM

PO

“ My mom, Norma Ferguson, worked at the IGA for your Dad. My husband, Dale Oakley, worked as a grocery bagger in his teens, with him also. Your dad was a very nice, happy man and always had a smile. I'm sending condolences to your family from my mom, and Dale and I. May fond memories bring you comfort during your sad days.
Pamela

PAMELA FERGUSON OAKLEY - October 22, 2022 at 04:44 AM

CC

“ Mary and Anne, I'm so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. Please accept my sincerest sympathy at this most difficult time. I hope your wonderful memories will help to soothe your broken hearts.

Connie Cameron - October 22, 2022 at 12:42 AM

ED

“ I will always remember when there was a small fair at St Michael's. John was taking care of the "fish pond game". My daughter, Shelby, loved playing it because she got a prize every time. After she played awhile John took her over and got her popcorn. Her eyes lit up. She talked about that event for years.
-Edie Drake-

Edie Drake - October 21, 2022 at 09:32 PM

TR

“ Anne & Mary, My deepest sympathies to you both. Your father was a wonderful man. And was pretty much a work dad to me. I have fond memories of working him. Tammy Ryan

Tamara Ryan - October 21, 2022 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ It is with much sadness that we send our sympathies to all of you at this most difficult time God's Blessing are with you as you mourn hiss loss Keep your memories close , Bernice, Con Donnie Charlene and families

Bernice Higgins-Carter - October 21, 2022 at 05:28 PM

SF

Anne and Mary, I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember spending time with all of you when we visited Halifax and have some lovely memories of your Dad. My deepest sympathies to you both.

Sandra Freeman - October 21, 2022 at 09:52 PM

JM

Anne and Mary: sincere condolences and prayers to both of you. Your Dad was such a faithful and contributing member of Saint Michael's parish and a great example to all of its members. You can take great pride in his contributions knowing that he was a great example for all to follow. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Joe and Charlene McSweeney

Joe and Charlene McSweeney - October 22, 2022 at 04:20 AM

DP

Condolences to all the family. I went to school with John and Pat and worked with them at the Dominion Store and also was a member of St. Michael's Church. John was such a nice friendly person. You were very fortunate to have him for your father. RIP my friend.

Dora Phillips - October 22, 2022 at 07:51 AM

DS

So very sorry for your loss diane sullivan

diane sullivan - October 22, 2022 at 08:13 AM

WL

Dear Anne, Mary, Family and Friends, I was shocked to hear about John's passing.

I worked with him at Dominion Store.

He was a very intelligent person who easily made many friendships. After work, we would go to the Flamingo Restaurant for coffee and chat. -Sending my sincere condolences to family and friends.

Wally Lowe - October 22, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MM

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He was for sure a pillar in the community! RIP John.

Michael Moore - October 22, 2022 at 05:45 PM

SC

Anne and Mary, I'm so sorry to hear the news about your Dad. May God give you both strength to get through the difficult days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. Sending my Deepest Sympathy.

Sharon Comeau - October 23, 2022 at 07:43 PM

CB

Dear Evelyn,

Sending condolences to you on the loss of your brother. I remember your dear Mom inviting our staff for lunch at your home when we worked together at Burton Ettinger. (strawberry shortcake!!) It's hard to take in how the years have flown. May your good memories be a comfort in your loss.

Celia Burns

Celia Burns - October 24, 2022 at 06:56 AM

BB

Dear Anne and Mary .My heartfelt condolences to you both on the passing of your dear dad .He was a very positive and caring person,who was a pleasure to know and talk with .may he Rest In Peace with your dear mom Bernice Burns

bernice burns - October 24, 2022 at 11:59 AM

VT

Sincere condolences to John's family. Worked with John in government where he cared so much for the clients who needed his assistance. Veronica Teed

veronica teed - October 24, 2022 at 12:22 PM

AM

Dear Just family members. My sincere condolences to you on John's passing. I worked for many years with John at Access Nova Scotia and will always remember him as a kind and caring person with a great sense of humor and time for anyone who needed help.

Anne Merry - October 24, 2022 at 12:27 PM

CC

Thankyou john for helping us when we were in need of good advice. we never forgot your name or face . may you rest in peace. carol and chip

carol and chip - October 24, 2022 at 01:34 PM