



## John Joseph Roach

September 4, 1955 - October 8, 2023

We very sadly announce the passing of our brother, John Joseph Roach, age 66, of Halifax, NS. John grew up in New Waterford and is predeceased by his parents, Joseph A. Roach MD (2005) and Helen (MacDonald) Roach (2016). He graduated from Breton Education Centre and then studied at St. F.X. where he graduated with a BSc. in Biology. John worked for a company doing research in this discipline for a time, but during a trip to the slopes of western BC, John decided to stay and to ski. He eventually became an accredited ski instructor and ski coach. John enjoyed doing these jobs for a number of years at Whistler, BC. His brother says that he can attest to John's skill at maneuvering down the difficult slopes on the upper reaches of that mountain. When John moved back to Nova Scotia he continued to work as a ski instructor and also worked in retail sales. John had a quiet Irish wit and was a smart and thoughtful man. He is survived by his sisters, Cecilia M. Roach, Halifax, Mary E. (George) Lerikos, Antigonish; by his brother, Patrick Roach, Halifax, and by his nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Family mass at St. Agnes Church, Halifax, has taken place. Celebration of Life has taken place. Burial to take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in New Waterford.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Sorry to hear of John’s passing! God rest his soul! We went to school together up to graduation!

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**Mary C. (Lasovski) MacPherson** - November 12, 2023 at 11:56 PM

WC

“ So sorry for your loss , Rest In Peace John . Wendy ( Tighe ) Cormier

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**Wendy ( Tighe ) Cormier** - November 12, 2023 at 12:49 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to all, sorry to hear of John’s passing.

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**Adeline McDonald** - November 12, 2023 at 06:59 AM

RA

“ So sad to hear this. John was in my wedding party but more importantly a lifelong close friend although we had not communicated for some time. We travelled to Calgary twice ( 88 winter Olympic and summer77 between years at STFX to “make our fortune” ) He was a wonderful person , very supportive and always brought a balanced perspective to whatever the debate was. I just assumed we would eventually run into each other, but we should never assume. My condolences to Pat, Mary Elizabeth and Celia Marie.

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**Roger Aspinall** - November 11, 2023 at 10:43 PM

KC

*So sorry to hear about John. John and Roger Aspinall were my saviors when I moved to Toronto. Couldn't reach Adeline who I was there for, and they both took me under their wing in The Big City. They were awesome. I will never forget it. RIP John*

Karen Campbell - November 12, 2023 at 07:33 PM

EL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Lerikos - November 05, 2023 at 11:18 AM

RA

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Roger Aspinall - November 11, 2023 at 10:32 PM

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*Beautiful picture of the man I loved to my core. I wish I had been able to keep in touch with him. My condolences to his family*

Isabel Niederlich - October 19, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CZ

“ So sorry to hear of John’s passing. My condolences to the family.  
Carmel (Angot) Zinck

Carmel (Angot) Zinck - November 04, 2023 at 09:29 AM