



## Mark Walsh

October 1, 2024

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Mark Christopher Walsh, a cherished son, brother, and father. He leaves behind his adored children, Katie and Jack, their mother Erika Walsh, his father Gerard, his six siblings, Sharon (Bruce), Debora, Moya, Gerard (Joanne), Margot, and Helen and extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, numerous friends, and his beloved dog, Gus. Mark was predeceased by his mother Bernice Walsh (Doran).

Born in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador in 1967, Mark was a cherished early Christmas gift, especially to his six siblings. He was a St. Bon's boy and then Brother Rice High School. Mark relocated to Halifax and in 1989 graduated from St. Mary's University with a degree in Political Science. Post-graduation, he took a summer job at Jasper National Park. He fell in love with the mountains and met and fell in love with Erika, the Vancouverite who would be the mother of his children. They settled in Vancouver, where Mark began his career in one of the first Laser Eye surgery clinics in Canada. While living in Vancouver, he volunteered with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders and became a Second Lieutenant reservist. He wore the kilt proudly.

Mark continued with various other business endeavours and developed extensive global experience in operations, sales, marketing, and networking.

He consulted for, owned, and operated successful businesses in both Canada and the US. In 1998, Mark and Erika moved to Nova Scotia to open one of the first Laser Eye surgery clinics in NS. It was here they welcomed their children, Katie and Jack. Changing gears and following in his mother's footsteps, Mark entered real estate with Exit Realty where he greeted everyone with a smile and an open heart earning him the title "Rookie of the Year".

Mark, affectionally 'Sharky' to his friends, was the definition of charming and had an irresistible personality, attributable to his Newfoundland roots. He lit up a room with his presence and humor. No dinner or family gathering was complete without him. Dubbed the 'King of Quips,' his sharp and speedy wit was unmatched. His replies in family group texts were rapid fire and filled with laughter. We often joked that he missed his calling as a standup comedian.

Mark's generosity to his family knew no bounds. He was the epitome of a gracious host and he could cook a mean steak. An enthusiast of pop culture, music, and history, Mark had a remarkable knack for finding and sharing the perfect YouTube video on any topic that was up for discussion. But he was also a deeply emotional person and wore his heart on his sleeve.

Mark was immensely proud of his children and loved watching Katie and Jack succeed in sports, academics and life.

Mark is already profoundly and deeply missed. He will forever remain in our hearts.

We love you Markie. XOXOXO

A private celebration of life is planned.

\*Please disregard the send flowers link from "Sympathy Store". The family has requested no flowers be sent\*



# Tribute Wall

BJ

“What a wonderful young man Mark was. Don and I were immensely proud to call him our son in law as well as an extremely talented co-worker. He headed and started our marketing department at London Place Eye Centre. He was driven and was instrumental in helping Don and myself build our Clinic to become one of the prestigious clinics in the world. We were sad to see him and Erika leave for Halifax but so proud of the life they built there. I knew Mark was such a proud dad of Katie and Jack. Any conversation we had always centered around them both. It was too soon for Mark to leave us all but what a legacy he has left. So much love laughter and talent. I will forever miss him and the brightness that surrounded him. My condolences to the Walsh family and Erika and Katie and Jack. Love from Nana Brenda (Brenda Johnson-Keyes)

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**Brenda Johnson-Keyes** - October 25, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JD

“Mark took me under his wing 36 years ago when I moved to Halifax for university. He always made me laugh. I will never forget his kindness and the ability to recognize the best out of you.

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**J Dalton** - October 21, 2024 at 04:13 PM

VA

“I worked with Mark at VISX. Great sense of humor but also great at his job. Always so much fun to hang out with him. He will be missed by all. Respect and RIP my friend. Proud to call you my friend!  
Vince Abbott

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**vince Abbott** - October 09, 2024 at 10:54 AM

TD

“ Heartbroken. Seriously one of the most lively, witty, funny and kind human being I have ever met. Helped me launch my career. Love and prayers to the Walshes. Will miss you Mark. Tom Dudley (Wisconsin)

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**Thomas Dudley** - October 09, 2024 at 09:26 AM

TM

“ We had lots of laughs and fun together-here at the cottage. Love and hugs to Erika, Jack & Katie. Xo Tracey, Norm, Jack & Tommy



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**Tracey McGregor** - October 07, 2024 at 03:54 PM

GD

“ Mark was a kind, caring & funny man. He was our agent then our friend. Our thoughts are with the family who Mark truly loved. He is deeply missed. George Bellefontaine & Debi Rogers

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**George & Debi** - October 07, 2024 at 12:24 PM

GY

“ My deepest condolences to Mark's family. I had the pleasure of working with him on many files over the years and meeting members of his family and other good people through Mark. I always enjoyed our chats. He will be greatly missed.

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**gregg Yeadon** - October 07, 2024 at 09:01 AM

BD

“ *Mark was an amazing man. I really only knew him as a young boy. His intellect was amazing. His sense of humour was infectious. My deepest condolences to everyone saddened by this devastating loss.*

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**B. Dalton** - October 06, 2024 at 09:22 PM

SO

“ *Sincere condolences to Katie, Erika and Jack. We are praying for you, family and friends. 🙏  
Shawn, Susan Liam, Kate and Callum O'Brien*

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**shawn obrien** - October 06, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TB

“ *I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to those that knew Mark as a father, brother, son, or friend...and of course to Gussy-poo, too. I can't even imagine the pain you are suffering with his loss. I met Mark when he started at Exit Realty and over the last several years, he became one of my closest friends. It's impossible to believe that I won't get to hear any of his unimaginable number of stories, or spend time bantering with him anymore, whether it be about politics, real estate, music, or when it was time to stop wearing shorts; he was always quick to make me laugh. Mark was just that genuine guy who cared about everyone. His passing has left a void where I never imagined there would be one. In true Mark fashion, I will close with a final Ta!*

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**Tammy Brunet** - October 06, 2024 at 01:28 AM

DB

“ *Such an unexpected loss. A cherished member of the Optimum Realty Group team at EXIT Realty Metro. Mark would readily jump in and lend a hand whenever you needed it. His smile and loving sense of humour will be missed.*



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**David Bathurst** - October 05, 2024 at 08:54 PM

KM

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Mark at Exit Realty . He was always smiling and we had great conversations. He will be missed at the office .*

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**Kelly Major** - October 05, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BD

“ *He gave so much life to all of us with his smile, his harp wit, and warm heart. . We'll miss you dear Mark, Aunt Barbara*

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**barbara doran** - October 05, 2024 at 02:17 PM