



Mr. John Burgar

November 21, 2018

John Douglas Burgar, born December 21, 1932, died on November 21, 2018 at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn, his children Michael (Patti Vernon) and Laura (Jeff Graham) and his sister, Mary Holt. He was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth Rodgers.

Born in Toronto, John started his career as a litigation lawyer there. He moved with his family in 1974 to Barrie, where he practised law until his retirement in 1998. Throughout his life, he spent summers at a beloved family cottage near Dwight on Lake of Bays.

There will be a Celebration of Life event at the MacLaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster Street, Barrie, on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

The family extends thanks to Dr. Chris Martin and the medical treatment team. In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who are inclined to make donations in memory of John Burgar to the RVH Foundation and specify the Intensive Care Unit (Critical Care) at www.canadahelps.org or to Amici Camping Charity at www.amicicharity.org.

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life** 04:30PM - 06:30PM

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MacLaren Art Centre

37 Mulcaster, BARRIE, ON, CA

Comments



“ Aunt Carolyn, Mike, and Laura,

Keeping you close to my heart and in my thoughts during this difficult time. Uncle John, you will be so deeply missed by our entire family.

Love,
Rebecca

Rebecca Holt - January 07, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ Carolyn. I have only known John and Carolyn for a short time they are my next door neighbors I first met John when he appeared behind me in the hall A real live Crocodile Dundee (his coat) and I thought Wow and good looking to go with it . Carolyn. Here a few words I want to share with you Grief never ends ,but it changes.its a passage not a place to stay Grief is not a sign of weakness or a lack of faith It's a place of love Things will improve but memories live with us forever my sympathy Jessie Paquette

Jessie Paquette - December 10, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Carolyn and Laura you have both attended the Osgoode law class of 1963, 5 year reunions. I keep an email list of most of the class and sent out the John's obituary notice. To a person in reply was the condolences but more telling and gratification for you was the repeated statement, "he was one of the good ones." I will confirm that assessment, a legal gentleman. I will add my own sadness that on my MC introductory remarks of the departed classmates I will need to add John's name. Condolences to all the family.

George Taylor Q.C. - December 06, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Our fondness and esteem for Uncle John were such that we named our only son after him. We will miss Uncle John eternally. Much love to Aunt Carolyn, Michael and Laura.

Ken Bugar Holt, Catherine and John

Ken Holt - December 04, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Condolences to Carolyn and family from the lawyers and staff of Shaw, McLellan (Collingwood).



Paul Shaw - December 04, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ Carolyn,

I would like to echo Marshall Green's comments about John. I would add, that when I was practising on my own, I had occasion to consult with John about several matters. I always found him to be generous with his time, wise in his advice, and to have a wonderful sense of humour about people. I enjoyed knowing him.

Chuck Ruttan

Chuck Ruttan - December 03, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Carolyn: Just learned of John's passing. As a fellow litigator, I can attest to John's tenacity in representing his clients, while always measured with the civility that we often miss today.

Marshall Green

Marshall Green - December 03, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Uncle John will be happily remembered as our family canoe tripping guru! Trips to Algonquin Park, Quetico Provincial Park, Temagami, Kipawa and his dream trip to Nahanni inspired the next generations of canoe campers in our family. The joy and ease that Uncle John paddled and shared his canoe camping skills and campfire talks are family treasures. Ross Holt

Ross Holt - December 01, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Carolyn and Family:
To have come to know John in the last 10 years was a huge pleasure for us. Whether on the tennis court or at the pub bantering about the Blue Jays, Raptors or his beloved Maple Leafs he was a treat to be with. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Unfortunately for us we are unable to attend on Jan 5 as we will be with our daughter in Vancouver. We hold John dearly in our hearts. He was a true gentleman.
Frank and Rhonda Hutcheson

Rhonda and Frank Hutcheson - November 29, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Laura,
We extend our condolences to you, your mother, brother and aunt and hope that you are comforted at this difficult time by the many good memories your father left with you to cherish.
With love...Ralph and Nancy Birtch

Ralph Birtch - November 27, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Dear Carolyn and family,
I take this time to express my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Hold those good memories as a way to keep him close to your heart. Caring thoughts are with you.
Rhodell Ambeau

rhodell ambeau - November 25, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ Carolyn,

Our condolences to you and your family. John was a cherished member of the Club and it has been an honour to have known him for the last 15 years. I will always remember his game as well as the time he gave himself a facial gash with his own racquet as I did the very same thing playing racquetball many years ago. He was a wonderful friend and will be truly missed.

Love,

John Wellar & all the BNWT family

John Wellar - November 24, 2018 at 10:55 AM