

# REMEMBERING John Butler

January 26, 1952 - May 10, 2022



#### Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre

H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre staff send our condolences to family and friends.

#### **Tribute from Barbara Smith**

Relation: Cousin

John, you will be missed. Blessings to your family and friends at this sad time.

# Tribute from Chris & Drip; Petroula Asimakis

Relation: Friends

Our sincere condolences to the family during this difficult time. John will be greatly missed.

# **Tribute from Robert Svoboda**

Relation: Saskatchewan British Car Club friend

Chris and family I am sorry to hear of your loss. I was lucky enough to have travelled with John on British Car Club trips to BC. His sense of humor always had me laughing. He will truly be missed by all.

## **Tribute from Jamie Lackie**

Relation: Basketball parent

Chris, Katie and family. I am sorry to hear of John's passing. I appreciated his upbeat energy and humour during time shared in various gyms.

# **Tribute from Susan Butler**

Relation: He was my uncle

Phil and I send our love and condolences to Chris, Jessica, Michael and Katie. Uncle John will be missed. I always remember him as the cool uncle who made the long drive from Saskatoon to Moose Jaw every Christmas to share time with family and create cozy memories at Gramma Shorty's house. A true hippie at heart, Uncle John exuded peace and happiness with his positive spirit. One of Phil and my favorite memories is seeing him during his cross country tour in the VW Van he lovingly and painstakingly refurbished. I bet he turned a lot of heads on highway in that work of art. We will always think of him and smile.

### Tribute from Laurie Vawter (Wiebe)

I am so sorry for you loss Chris. I have so many fond memories of our time together at Nutana Collegiate. John will be missed!

#### **Tribute from Todd Seaborn**

Relation: Student

I remember Mr Butler from MMGC and was easily the best teacher I ever had, I tell stories all of the time about him jumping up on a table and swinging around a metre stick while quoting Macbeth.

## Tribute from Kelly Bannister

Relation: Teacher

Mr.Butler was an awesome teacher when I attended Marion Graham in Saskatoon. Please see the FB post with others that felt the same.

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#### **Tribute from Aileen Flaten**

Relation: Neighbour

We are very sad to hear of John's passing, and also surprised because he was a man who was so full of life. I remember how friendly he was and animated in his discussions. Many years ago on an evening in May we walked with our kids to Homestead for ice cream and along the way we met up with Butlers. We had a lively, fun time heading back together and John invited us to check out the work he was doing to rebuild his Triumph motorcycle. An impromptu visit that was special and memorable. I also remember how humble he was when he saved the life of the fellow who had the bike accident near QE school. He thought his actions were no different from what anyone else in that situation would have done. Our hearts go out to Chris, Katie, Michael and Jessica and their families.

# Tribute from Del and Leona Larsen Suzanne & Del amp; Kirsten.

Relation: Neighbour

We so sad to hear of Johns passing. We so enjoyed him next door on Poplar Crescent. John and you Chrisy were so kind and tolerant of the racket we caused building. He did help Del out a few times hammering and caring lumber. Best neighbours we ever had abundant we had many.

### Tribute from Sask British Car Club

Relation: Friends

On behalf of the Saskatchewan British Car Club of which John was a longtime member we would like to offer our sincere condolences the family. John was a friend to many and we all enjoyed his stories. His legacy will always be with us as two of his cars are still in the club, his 1971 GT6 and his 1962 Triumph TR3. Rest in Peace our friend.

Relation: Former student

Mr Butler was my teacher in high school and he always treated me with kindness and respect. He saw something in me and encouraged my writing which had a huge impact on my life. As an Indigenous person in Saskatoon people were more likely to look down on me and assume the worst about me, but he never did and I will always be grateful for that. I hope his family finds love and healing during this time and know that he changed many lives as a teacher, including mine.

#### **Tribute from Dave Sloboda**

Relation: Worked together

I was shocked by the news of Johns death . I have known him for many years. We taught together at Marion M. Graham collegiate in Saskatoon . We always connected through car guy conversations . Johns sense of humour and ability to live life on his own terms is what I remember most . I appreciated our friendship and will miss him. Rest In Peace John

#### **Tribute from Bill Muirhead**

Relation: Friend

Chris and family, my condolences on John's passing. He was a valued friend. My thoughts are with you. May John RIP.

## Tribute from Paula Patola

Relation: Friend

John was a colleague and good friend of mine while teaching some amazing students at Aden Bowman. I taught his daughter Jessica who was a very gifted writer. In turn, he taught my son Adam and I know Adam really respected John.

I am so sorry for your loss, Chris. Sending some healing waves for you, Jessica, Michael and Katie. Xoxo

### Tribute from Marshall Whelan

Relation: Fellow colleague and model building enthusiast

John will be missed. A great guy with a multitude of knowledge and interest. A fantastic model builder who liked only the biggest challenges and always went above and beyond. A man whose smile was warm and humour was razor sharp. A deep loss way too early. I had the privilege of working with Katie on the Model UN for a number of years. Best to all.

### Tribute from Dave Eyolfson

Relation: He was my coach for high school football.

"Coach" Butler was my Nutana high school football coach during my Grade 12 year in 1980. I think it was his rookie year as head coach and he took on the job with great enthusiasm. Always positive for a team that lost many games, he made the season very enjoyable.

# **Tribute from Robert Currie**

Relation: I taught him in high school.

I'm sad to learn of John's passing. He was a student of mine at Central Collegiate in Moose Jaw--and a good one. I was lucky enough to meet him a number of times over the years, and we were always

glad to see each other. As he knew well, one of the great things about teaching is that you meet some wonderful people that you wouldn't otherwise know. John was certainly one such person. My condolences to his family.

# Tribute from Megan Serke

Relation: Students from NCI

We had so much respect for Mr. Butler as a teacher and coach at Nutana Collegiate. When we were lucky enough to have Chris care for our children, Travis and I would be shocked when they would refer to him as "John". Mr. Butler, Chris, Michael and Katie made their home so welcoming to Andrew and Jocelyn. Your family has such a special place in our hearts.

## Tribute from Wenona Gedir Lundsten

I don't remember the names of many of my high school teachers, but Mr. Butler is one of my teachers that I will never forget. He cared about and got to know each of his students, met them wherever they were at and challenged them to be both a better student and person. I still use the essay writing skills he taught me in my Grade 12 English class way back in 1990 at Marion M. Graham Collegiate today:). Please accept my sincerest condolences on his passing. I consider myself lucky to have known him.

