



John Bartley

September 6, 1948 - March 5, 2025

Bartley, John Arthur – Passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 5th in his 77th year, beloved husband of Mary, and adored by his daughters, Elizabeth, Julia, and Caroline.

Born in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, he immigrated with his family to Winnipeg where he grew up.

From a young age, he was inquisitive and a voracious reader. After moving to Toronto and graduating from Osgoode Hall, he articulated in Peterborough and decided to stay. He practiced first at Howell Fleming, eventually becoming a sole practitioner. John spent his retirement years in Cavan, cross-country skiing and mountain biking, as well as going on long walks with his canine companion Louie. He also enjoyed canoeing and camping with family and friends. Self-described as a generalist in the pursuit of varied knowledge, his famous line was “better living through chemistry”.

His brilliant mind, and unique points of view will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear John so suddenly and far too soon. John was a kind and generous man who clearly adored Mary and his girls. He was modest and had a keen understanding of the law and a brilliant mind. He was often the go to guy for those tricky cases when you needed fresh eyes. He will be missed and was well liked by his colleagues. We are so sorry for your loss. Tim and Linda Whetung

Linda Whetung - August 27, 2025 at 06:22 PM

BM

“ Janet and I want to extend our sincere condolences prayers to Mary and the girls on John's passing. John and I took our Law School Admission Test together and we both ended up practicing law in Peterborough. In all my dealings with John over the years I remember him as always a very kind and caring individual with family as the focus of his life. John will be missed by all who knew him.

Brendan and Janet Moher - March 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

KM

“ I will always remember John as a kind, sincere, and truly genuine man who always cared about the well being of others. I had the pleasure of working with John at Howell Fleming and will never forget how many times he came to my rescue whether it was a disgruntled client or someone who just needed an ear. John never hesitated to offer that to anyone that needed a calm, caring person just to listen. I am glad to have had the pleasure of knowing him. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you Mary and the girls. May John rest in peace.

Karen Moore - March 17, 2025 at 11:03 PM

MA

“ I worked with John @ Howell Fleming and want to say what a genuine, sincere person he was and a fine lawyer. Johns loved his wife Mary and his girls very deeply. Through much tragedy in his life, he continued to be the kind, caring person he was. Condolences to Mary and the girls. John may you Rest In Peace & fly with the Angels (especially your Caroline)

Michele Allen - March 17, 2025 at 10:14 PM

TG

“ I am sorry to hear of John's death. He was a fine gentleman who was always kind to me.

Terry Gain - March 17, 2025 at 12:27 PM

KB

“ John Bartley

Keith Bartley - March 15, 2025 at 11:21 AM

KB

“ We are sad to hear of the passing of our beloved brother John. He was the the fourth of seven siblings. He was predeceased by our parents, Percival and Kathleen, and our sister Yvonne. He is survived by Alan, Roger, Joyce, Michael, and myself, Keith. John was unique, and he was an interesting conversationalist. He could talk intelligently about many different things. John was always sharp and witty, and had a love of nature, which we all shared in common. You will be sadly missed.

Keith Bartley - March 15, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CA

“ *Be proud of how you spent your DASH.*

Charon Ackhurst - March 14, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LS

“ *I knew John as I too worked at Howell Fleming. As well as having a successful career, John was a genuinely nice person. I was sorry to learn of his passing and wish to extend my deepest condolences to John\u2019s family at this difficult time. Sincerely, Linda Selman*

Linda Selman - March 11, 2025 at 11:27 AM

MC

“ *Sending love and warm wishes to the family. John's love for the outdoors and knowledge will carry on in his daughters.*

Maddie Couse - March 10, 2025 at 09:27 PM