



## John Franklin Mathers

June 2, 1934 - August 7, 2023

Passed away peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday August 7 2023, at 89 years of age. Survived by his children Theresa, John (Heidi), Paul (Sharon), Mary Patricia, and grandchildren Brennan, Keegan, Eryn,

Michael, David, Margaret, and Mary. Predeceased by Mary Eleanor, his wife of 58 years, his sister Carol and husband Emmet. Beloved son of Alan Mathers and Margaret Brennan. Will be missed by nephews John and David (Jacqui)

Bracken, sisters-in-law Cathi LeFebvre (Emile), and Natalie LeMoine (Peter), brothers-in law Joe LeMoine (Mary) and Bill Lee (Brenda), and by many LeMoine nieces and nephews.

Dad had a lengthy career as a CA with United Cigar Stores and Imasco, spending 7 years of his career overseas in Switzerland & Amsterdam, where mom and dad hosted a steady stream of visitors from Canada who got to experience their generosity and love.

How to capture someone in words? Open, loving, kind, full of laughter – he was the front porch sitter who was friends with all the neighbours. He got us involved in tennis, squash, skiing and coached us in hockey and baseball.

Hockey figured

large. From coaching kids to playing with UCS and then St Mike's Oldtimers;

he was part of a tight group of friends who met weekly (or more often) for hockey, beers and dinner...right up until he was 74! He shared a love of music with friends and family, singing in St. Anthony's choir and playing guitar. When he retired, dad became an avid genealogist, and became pretty good at Tai Chi too, through the Toronto YMCA.

The family would like to thank everyone for their presence, love, kind words and support. It has been truly comforting to see each of you and to know how much dad was loved.

We wish to extend a special thanks to Minu, who cared for dad so well while at Mary Pat's, and to Dr. Blake and the dedicated staff of Peterborough General Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Theresa and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. In my memories of younger days when we saw a lot more of each other's parents, I remember your Dad as being kind, funny, warm, and always welcoming. I always felt at home with your parents as I hope you did with mine. The more I hear stories of difficult parent/child relationships the more I know how lucky we were. And it was the same for Joanne and Marita. What lovely Dads we all had! I'm glad that you had more years with yours though I know those years aren't always easy. Please know that I'm thinking about you and the girls and your siblings and of course your Dad (and Mom too). Sending you the biggest, warmest, hug and hoping to see you soon.  
xoxo Janice Shatford

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