



Mr. Hugh John Gough

May 12, 1949 - April 23, 2025

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of John, beloved husband, father, step father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend and neighbour.

John was born at Grace Hospital in Calgary and was raised on his family homestead just outside of Okotoks. It was here that he shared the last 35 years with his cherished wife Marijke and where his final sight was of the foothills that he loved.

His career was spent in the Alberta Oil and Gas Industry where he was well respected for his frank honesty and speaking his mind. He created loyal business relationships and forged many lasting friendships. He loved his work and reluctantly retired in 2017.

He never met a stranger and had many friends from various facets of his life. His home was open and welcoming and he and his wife hosted a steady stream of visitors. He was a loving dad and granddad and enjoyed making memories with his family.

John was a 'Jack of all trades' in the best way. You would often find him in his shop, working on his latest project and happy to share his knowledge with the next generation.

John was a dedicated volunteer with many charities. Incredibly, this would have been his 50th year with the Calgary Stampede Chuckwagon Breakfast. John also worked with the Mennonite Disaster Service rebuilding homes and infrastructure in Bolivia, Ukiah, West Virginia, Williams Lake, Grand Forks and Cape Breton. To quote Peter Thiessen, Project Leader “John’s faith journey found teeth in the MDS Service assignments; he was at home.”

He was the youngest of 5, sister Connie Bodkin (97) and sister in law Florence Eastcott remain. He is predeceased by his parents Elizabeth (Betty) and Hugh Gough and siblings Doug, Kendall and Garnet Eastcott and Marjorie Wedderburn. Left to grieve are his devoted wife Marijke; daughter Nicole (Shawn) grandchildren Kaylee, Hunter, Brenden, Erika, Carly (Thomas) great grandchild Benjamin; son Francis (Emma) grandchildren Daoud, Rowan and Amelia; Ron (Shandy) grandchildren Ryder, Ryiss; Cobi (Brian) grandchildren Cassidy, Dylan (Maddie), Darby; Steven (Katya) grandchild Fred.

John was a role model, a devoted husband and a true gentleman. With John, you always knew where you stood. He leaves a legacy of generosity, integrity and love.

A service to honour John’s life will be held on Friday, May 2nd at 2 pm: Evangelical Free Church, 28 Westland Rd, Okotoks, AB, with refreshments to follow. For those unable to attend the service, livestreaming will be available at www.lylereeves.com.

If you wish, donations in John’s memory can be made to the Mennonite Disaster Service: <https://mds.org/ways-to-donate> or mail: MDS 200 – 600 Shaftsbury Blvd, Winnipeg MB R3P 2J1

Our deepest thanks go to the staff at Foothills ICU.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (MT)

Okotoks Evangelical Free Church
28 Westland Road
Okotoks, AB T1S 1T2 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Hugh John Gough*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - April 30, 2025 at 03:49 PM

PA

Our most sincere condolences go out to Marijke and the entire Gough family! John was a kind man with a heart of gold, a great smile and an even better laugh! I'm sure there is one heck of a reunion happening in heaven!

*Patty Arnold &
Kelly Scott*

Patty Arnold - May 01, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JG

“ *Josie Glimpel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hugh John Gough*



Josie Glimpel - May 21, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss Merijka! He was a great former neighbour and a wonderful man. Although it has been over 30 years, he was never forgotten and thought often. Great memories! Sue Klassen and formerly Sue Flewelling.

Sue Klassen - formerly Sue Flewelling - May 05, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SG

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Sean Gough - May 02, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SG

John, a long time member and Past President (2001-2003) of the Okotoks Petroleum Association and I receiving the Petroleum History Society's 2023 Preservation Award.

Sean Gough - May 02, 2025 at 02:41 PM

TS

“ Rest in Peace my friend. You were one of the best in the field, I will dearly miss your friendship. My condolences to the Gough family Tony Sabelli.

Tony Sabelli - May 01, 2025 at 09:29 PM

SF

My sincere condolences Merijke! (Formerly Sue Flewelling). It has been many years but John was never forgotten. He was a good man and former neighbour.

Sue Klassen - formerly Sue Flewelling - May 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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Karl Bauer - May 01, 2025 at 11:30 AM

DG

“ 1-2 buckle my shoe, that was John playing golf, no fooling around. When we purchased the junior hockey franchise from crownest & organized a golf tournament, John was one of the first to put a team in, always part of most things around our community. Always enjoyed talking to him out @ Turner Valley golf course. I first got to know John when he would come in shopping for groceries @ our Garden Market IGA, which is now the occupied by Staples, he would tell me if they put in another light from his place to ours, he wouldn't come anymore. One of the true honest characters of our community. All my sympathy to his family. Don Gilbert.

Don Gilbert - May 01, 2025 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ Heartfelt prayers to Marijke, and all the Gough family. John will be missed by many people but none as much as his family. I have know John a long time and every time John greeted me it was with a sparkle and a smile in his eyes, direct eye contact, a firm handshake and a warm “good to see you”. My time with John was usually golfing and always quality time. He had a beautiful golf swing! John was the catalyst to organize our weekly golf games and our special golf trips to Crowsnest and Innisfail. On the course he had an oldies play list that was back ground music while we golfed. He sang along to some of the songs but a little out of pitch. We just let him sing! These songs will always remind me of him. He came across as kind of grumpy sometimes but behind that was, as we all know, one of the kindest warmhearted gentleman in this world. Great memories! We all are going to miss you Johnny boy! Until we met again, RIP.

Your friend
Davey boy

Dave Herrera - April 30, 2025 at 11:06 AM

TR

“ Francis, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. John and Elizabeth Irving

Tracey - April 29, 2025 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. John is a prince of a man and always a joy to spend time with, John you will be sorely missed.

Jeremy and TL Hodder

Jeremy Hodder - April 28, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JF

“ I met John when I moved to Calgary in 2002. He was a mentor and a good friend to me over the years. He always made time to say hi when I would see him in the Plus 15 or a a coffee shop or a hockey event He always bbq'd the best steaks at the Oilympics bash I must say! The Calgary oil patch community has lost a legend.
Condolences to the family

Jeff Foster - April 28, 2025 at 12:16 PM

RS

“ Our condolences and thoughts to Marijke and the Gough family. I always enjoyed working with John in the oil and gas industry. He was a good friend and I always respected his honesty. John, you will be missed. We are sad that we will miss his celebration of life as we have a prior commitment out of town.

Randy and Nancy Schmautz

Randy Schmautz - April 28, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Rest in peace John, such a kind and helpful person. My condolences and thought to Marijke and the Gough family.



Louise Harrison - April 28, 2025 at 07:25 AM

LA

“ Many memories of John at the dealership where I worked. Always a gentleman with a kind word to share. May his friends remember him fondly and may his families hearts bask in the memories I'm sure many are sharing.

lynn Ardiel - April 28, 2025 at 12:59 AM

RH

“ Our condolences to the Gough family. John you will be greatly missed but the fond memories we will keep for a lifetime. Your legacy will always remain in our hearts.

Ray & Julie Hills - April 27, 2025 at 10:37 PM

PG

“ Josie and I are already missing our Thursday evening dinners out on the town with John and Marijke. John has always been there for Josie and when Josie and I got together it came with that wonderful benefit. I got to experience a friend who was always willing to help and provide support, and someone who was always willing to provide an honest opinion. I am missing his stories which he was full of from a life well lived. I'm enjoying reading these posts as I recognize references to hockey tournaments and volunteerism and recall the many stories attached to them. The whippy club before golf rounds for sure. So many teachings regarding household maintenance I should be able to manage but still feel there was a wealth of information that was still meant to be shared. John you told me your were ready and okay with this but we weren't ready yet.

Perry Glimpel - April 27, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ I will always remember his smile and laugh. What I wouldn't give for one more longest drive. "As good a friend as a man ever had".

Ian Cook



Ian Cook - April 27, 2025 at 08:15 PM

AA

“ Condolences to Marijke and family. I always considered John a good friend, even though in recent years we hadn't seen each other a lot. Loved going to the Okotoks Ale & Tail with John and Marijke, always fun. We had great times together in hockey rinks, Downtown Attractions Committee, and the Suncor annual golf tourney. John was the guy who always had a smile on his face and made it a point to stay in touch. He will be missed.

Alan Archibald - April 27, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JN

“ Very sad to hear! Sincerest condolences to John's family. We've lost one of the really good guys! I was fortunate to meet John through the oilpatch and subsequently got to know him through all the oilpatch hockey tourneys. I'll always remember he was one of the Jeff Toews Memorial Award recipients in the Oilympic Hockey Tourney awarded to the "Guy who Gets it!" John must have dedicated countless hours volunteering for many many oilfield events both for fun and charity! Such a great guy who will be missed! RIP John!

John Nash - April 27, 2025 at 12:07 AM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy. John was a special friend to Jim and I.



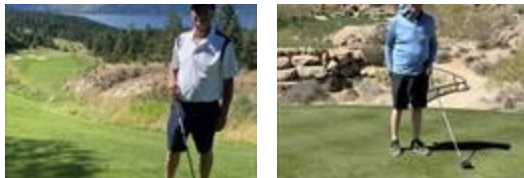
Joan Wilson - April 26, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BJ

“ John became my father in law when he married Marijke in 1991. John was never far away whenever he was needed. John enjoyed visiting us in the Okanagan and Arizona. We often golfed at Predator Ridge when he was there. He always got on well and enjoyed golfing with my group of friends. A few weeks ago John and Marijke spent some time with us in Arizona and we got to play a couple of times at Whisper Rock Golf Club which he enjoyed tremendously

In addition to taking great care of Marijke John was a tremendous grandfather to our 3 kids and they loved him dearly. He couldn't do enough to help our kids and I'll always appreciate that. We will all miss him immensely. He is irreplaceable. Rest easy John.

Brian Johnston



Brian Johnston - April 26, 2025 at 02:28 PM

BB

“ I'm lucky to have known John through work in the oil and gas industry and as a member of the Okotoks Oilmen Association. John was one proud man who spoke openly about his experiences around Okotoks, Calgary and golfing around western Canada. Tee one up John .

Our friend will be missed.

Bill Baxter - April 26, 2025 at 01:37 PM

JT

“ I consider myself fortunate to be a friend of John’s. He was truly a great individual who was always willing to help others. I enjoyed his support and company at many Oilmen’s events and meetings through the years and we had that kind of friendship where when we met we’d pick up where we left off the last time we’d met. I’ll cherish good memories of happy times spent with John.

Hopefully “John Boy” we’ll meet again!

Jack Thacker - April 26, 2025 at 11:53 AM

HC

“ John lived his life to the fullest. Always helping others with his big heart. So proud of his heritage, his family and his homestead overlooking the rocky mountains.
His life was well lived and he will be deeply missed. Our sincerest condolences to Marijke and the entire family

Hector and Donna Campacci

Hector Campacci - April 26, 2025 at 10:59 AM

JG

“ Condolences to John’s family and friends on behalf of the Downtown Attractions Committee. What truly dedicated and remarkable volunteer he was. Nearly 50 years of service to our committee, that says a lot!

Joanne Greenslade, Chair of DTA

Joanne Greenslade - April 26, 2025 at 02:50 AM

MM

“ John Gough, I don't think I ever called him by just John. Always was John Gough. I had the pleasure of meeting John Gough through Okotoks Oilmens and various chuckwagon and oil and gas events. Was always one quick to welcome with a big hello, lots of energy and then was always excited to hear what I had on the go- he was so excited about his shop and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about his project. We will miss him greatly at OPA events. Sending my deepest condolences to Gough family.

Mac Mitchell - April 25, 2025 at 10:45 PM

TB

“ The world has lost one of the kindest, generous, and thoughtful person we had the privilege of knowing. We hope the family finds comfort in knowing he was so very loved and is at peace. Sending love to the Gough family.
Rick and Diana Bellamy



The Bellamys - April 25, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TD

John was always a great friend and supporter of me in my time in the oilpatch. I am sad that I will miss his funeral but I have been praying for him. He was a great man and we will miss him. Condolences to his family. Tom Donnelly.

Tom Donnelly - April 26, 2025 at 03:27 AM

GH

John boy wow what a man he was. Loving caring and a great friend. Played many a hockey tournament with John . We even won a few games. he was very instrumental in my career in the patch. Was always there for you. Many golf games at his favourite course turner valley.he always wanted to started the round trying to hit "the whippy club" will miss you old friend. Greg Halpen

greg halpen - April 26, 2025 at 09:04 AM

AE

Sorry to hear of John's passing...my sincere sympathy to you Marijke and all your family.. John leaves a legacy of great memories, he will be missed by many. My apology for missing his celebration of life... my thoughts and prayers are with you...

Arlene Edwards - April 30...

Arlene Edwards - April 30, 2025 at 06:46 PM

LD

“ Our deepest condolences to Marijke and all of John's family. We were very blessed to get to know Uncle John in the past few years through the magic of DNA. He was most welcoming and generous to us and for that we are eternally grateful. We are also thankful that he, Marijke, and other members of our family were able to come to the Island last summer for our Rock the Park music festival where we got to spend some quality time visiting. Rest in Peace John-we will miss you.

Lloyd, Velma and family

Lloyd Derry - April 25, 2025 at 08:49 PM

KM

Absolutely devastated by the news of the passing of my oldest friend John. My deepest sympathies to his family. Rest in peace my old friend.

Kieran Matthews - April 25, 2025 at 11:35 PM



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