



Mr. John Alexander Colin Grant MacDonald

November 24, 1948 - July 19, 2022

Mr. John MacDonald of Calgary, Alberta passed away at his home on July 19, 2022 at the age of 73 years.

John was born on November 24, 1948 to Maj. Ian MacDonald and Phyllis MacDonald (nee Burgon) at Brockville, Ontario.

John was a “military brat” and moved every two years with his parents and three sisters to military bases all over eastern Canada and Germany.

After graduating from Thomas Blakelock High School in Oakville, Ontario, John worked as a lifeguard in Bermuda, a cab driver, a tow truck driver and studied hotel and restaurant management. John headed west in the early 80’s where he completed his MBA at Simon Fraser University and built the foundation of what would be a decades-long transportation and logistics career. This began with CP Trucks, then BCRail Intermodal, and his eventual move to Calgary in 2001 to work as VP of Sales and Marketing for Enersul. John and his business partner, Les Lang, built and sold their own sulphur forming and handling business developing new and improved technologies for the industry. John spent the last several years as a consultant to the Sulphur Industry and never stopped trying to find new ways to connect people and ideas in that field.

John was a nine-time marathon runner, swimmer, scuba diver, and golfer. He was an avid reader who studied military history, focusing on the Second World War. He had a deep love for music and good wine. John always felt that anyone could buy expensive wine, but the trick was to find the best bottle for under \$25!

His international business travel took him to Russia, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Australia but it was his travels as a young man, backpacking through Europe, where John forged life-long friendships.

John's greatest joy was becoming a late-life Dad. He was a devoted hockey parent and cherished the "windshield time" spent going back and forth to the rink with his girls. John was President of Girls Hockey Calgary retiring in the fall of 2021 due to a life limiting cancer diagnosis.

John is survived by his wife Loree and their two daughters, Sophie and Sarah Jean (SJ), his sister Lauren MacDonald of Manitoulin Island, Ontario, and his younger sister Ann MacDonald of Cobourg, Ontario. John was predeceased by his parents, and his eldest sister Linda MacDonald.

John's family wishes to thank AHS for their care, and specifically Dr. Ulrich Lauf, Dr. Alex Aspinal, Dr. Vincent Tam, Dr. R. Sinha, and Dr. Ana-Maria Oelschig.

In lieu of flowers, John wished for donations to be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Tom Baker Cancer Centre.

A Celebration of John's life will take place on at the Southview Alliance Church in Calgary on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

To send condolences please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family

is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

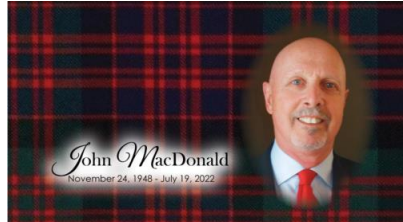
JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Southview Alliance Church
20200 Walden Blvd SE
Calgary, AB T2X 0N4 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Alexander Colin Grant MacDonald*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - July 24, 2022 at 08:51 PM

NS

“ *With love, admiration, and respect for this amazing man. RIP John. You've reminded me to remind myself to "keep it light". There's is no better advice. Deepest condolences to Loree, Sophie, Sarah, and family.*

Love Natalie and Larry

Natalie Setoguchi - August 08, 2022 at 11:01 AM

OM

“ I am deeply touched by The Admiral's passage from our planetary life!!! John was endlessly helpful to me and my family members! We had the mixture of friendly and business relationship knowing each other families diamonds (our woman's daughters and wives)!!!



The Admiral! Have a nice and peaceful journey on your Admiral's boat - You are always in my memory as one of my best/real friend for the rest of my planetary life! Today's is my elder daughter's birthday and I'll be having injections in the memory of us going through all kinds of exiting moments of our lives while we were together!!!

Oleg Mereshko - July 28, 2022 at 08:52 AM

Grace Ellwood

“ My condolences. John was an intelligent man that I learned a lot from. My prayers are with you. Grace Ellwood

Grace Ellwood - July 27, 2022 at 07:34 PM

PA

“ Loree, Sophie and Sarah Jean, Mike and I were extremely saddened to learn of John's passing. John was a wonderful person and will always be one of the all time great guys. Our deepest condolences, Patty Spencer and Mike Dinkel

Patty - July 27, 2022 at 09:47 AM

KM

“ Thank you for sharing this very special memorial especially for all of us back in Ontario remembering the years spent growing up together as cousins. The memorial was the ultimate catch-up on a life well lived. Thank you. Kim MacDonald

kim MacDonald - July 27, 2022 at 07:52 AM

RM

“ So deeply sorry to hear this news. John and I had some very special moments together on our business trips, especially in San Fran. I learned a tremendous amount from him and I'll cherish my memories always. Condolences to Loree and family...
Riley (and Teresa) Milford

Riley Milford - July 26, 2022 at 04:09 PM

EM

“ What an amazing person that was so fun to be around. We had so many great times over the past four decades. God bless John and his family.

Ed Malcolm - July 25, 2022 at 01:13 AM

LM

“ The best brother ever! A great sense of humour along with intelligence and common sense!

Lauren MacDonald - July 23, 2022 at 02:59 PM

HW

“ Such sad news about a wonderful person. Condolences to Johns family. RIP

Heatherjane Weel - July 23, 2022 at 11:56 AM

ID

“ This is the saddest news, I'm crushed, not only was John the best boss I ever had, but he was also a friend, we enjoyed many great times together, dinners at my place and his with his wife, trip to Jasper for the Jasper to Banff relay, I traveled with him....a real caring stand up guy, shortly after he left BCR, I left and drove directly to his place to give him the news, he will be missed by many forever rest in peace John, you are in my thoughts and heart forever, my heartfelt condolences to his wife and daughters 🙏😭

Irena Duchoslav - July 22, 2022 at 01:13 PM

CG

“ I'm sorry to hear about John. I worked with John at BC Rail and was always had great jokes and family stories. My condolences to all of you.

Cyndi Gilfoil - July 22, 2022 at 01:09 AM

IC

“ My condolences to John's family. Worked with John and liked him a lot. A good man gone to soon.

Ian Christie - July 22, 2022 at 12:54 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. We shared a lot of laughs, particularly visiting watering holes during our girls hockey practices. Always looked forward to seeing him. My deepest condolences to Loree and the girls.

Doug Campbell - July 21, 2022 at 03:30 PM

AP

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your girls and extended family. You are in my prayers and in my thoughts. Hold tight to the memories and cherish them in your heart.*

Anna-Marie Plante - July 21, 2022 at 12:25 PM

DH

“ *Very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a kind, sincere and smart man who we all have utmost respect for. Our sincere condolences to his family and all who loved him. Taken too soon.*

Halpin Family

David Halpin - July 21, 2022 at 12:17 PM

KP

“ *My condolences on your loss. Thinking of you all.*

Kevin Patterson - July 21, 2022 at 11:08 AM

 Mary
Bakaluk

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you all at this time.*

Mary Bakaluk - July 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

AR

“ *Loree, Sophie, Sarah and extended families. Our sincerest condolences. Sending you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love. Our heart goes out to all.*

Alana and Rob - July 21, 2022 at 10:23 AM

CT

“ *Johns light shone bright with love for his girls; thinking of you today, Sophie, Sarah, & Loree.*

Coral Timchak - July 21, 2022 at 10:16 AM

KM

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy Lorre, to you and your girls, and to all those who John loved. Was so very sad to hear this news* 💔💔

karen McFarlane - July 20, 2022 at 11:43 PM

BB

Sorry for your loss, thinking of you and your family

Betty Berthelette - July 21, 2022 at 10:07 AM

RP

Loree, Randy and I shocked to hear this very sad news. John was a fun, spunky and smart boss man, I enjoyed knowing him and wish you all much love. Rose and Randy Parent

ROSALIE PARENT - July 21, 2022 at 10:27 AM

CT

*Thinking of you, Loree, Sophie and Sarah. Stay strong, know you are loved by so many.
Love
Auntie Carol.*

Carol Lee Tucker - July 21, 2022 at 11:49 AM

MB

Loree, thinking about you and the girls at this difficult time. John was a great friend, and played a large role in my career. RIP my friend.

Michael Bowman - July 21, 2022 at 06:29 PM

BC

Lores, Sophie and Sarah. So sad to hear this news. We are sorry for your loss and send our condolences. Much love to you all Barry, Tracy, Sophia and Emily.

Barry Cross - July 22, 2022 at 09:52 AM

JK

*Nothing but delightful memories working with John during the Brimrock ventures. Petra and I are sending our sincere condolences to Loree, the girls and all of John's family. Lost a great man.
Jean-Marie & Petra Koten*

Jean-Marie Koten - July 22, 2022 at 09:52 AM

SC

I worked for John at BC Rail back in the day. After all these years, I can truly say he was, by far, the best boss I ever had. Just a fantastic man who cared for his team and treated us exceptionally well. A loyal man full of integrity - we need more men like this in our world. Rest in peace my friend and my deepest condolences to the family.

Steve Canofari - July 22, 2022 at 01:30 PM

MS

*John, was a great guy and fun to work with. Had a lot of good times together and he was always there to help someone in need. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you, Loree, and your daughters at this very sad time.
Morley*

Morley Strachan - July 25, 2022 at 02:07 PM

BM

*Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your husband and father .Although we have never met ,we have heard great things about him from Al and Millie .He was a wonderful man who left before his time.
God Bless,
Bill and Raylene MacEachern
Kelly's parents
Calgary*

Bill and Raylene MacEachern - July 26, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JI

Just found out yesterday about the sad news. Heartfelt condolences to Loree and his two daughters. It was a pleasure working with him at both Enersul and Brimrock.

Jim Irani

Jim Irani - August 14, 2022 at 06:11 PM

CG

I just heard of John's passing and would like to share my belated condolences to Loree, Sarah and Sophie. My fun with John goes back to the last century and I will always keep with me many a fond memory of his good humour and enthusiasm.

Chris Garland - February 02, 2023 at 11:13 AM