



## Mr. John Alexander Baird

March 31, 2017

John passed peacefully away in Toronto, Ontario on March 31, 2017 after a brief battle with cancer. Predeceased by his father, Norman Baird, and dear friend Robert Chapman, and leaving to mourn his mother, Christina and her husband, Ian Duncan; his brother Kenneth and sister in law Karen, and nephews Ian and Stephen; along with many friends especially Sue Williams (Leslie) and Robert Wardlaw (Rita).. John spent his career as a municipal officer, residing in Labrador for many years before moving to Ontario where his work took him to Sioux Lookout, Renfrew, Hamilton Township, and Cobourg before health issues caused him to retire. He was a pillar of his community and involved in many groups and organizations, notably with the Masons and the Rotary International. John touched the lives of many youth worldwide through his extensive involvement with the Youth exchange program. John had a strong sense of community spirit and was always ready and willing to help his fellow man. He was a caring and giving man who was fiercely loyal to those he loved. Rest in peace John in the arms of your father and and your dear Robert. In lieu of flowers ,a donation to Glen Rhodes United Church, 1470 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario is appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *With happy memories of when we were young in Scotland and John's return visits to the UK. John gave wonderful opportunities to young people and Iain enjoyed his canoeing trip in the Canadian wilderness. Rest in peace, John.*

*Bob (cousin), Liz, Iain and Claire Robertson*

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**Bob Robertson** - April 15, 2017 at 05:41 AM

BR

“ *With loving memories of my handsome, caring, gentle giant of a nephew. Your spirit will live on. May our Lord keep you in His embrace and give you peace.*

*Auntie Betty*

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**Betty Robertson** - April 10, 2017 at 02:59 AM

MO

“ *With fond memories of my cousin John.  
Morag, Alistair and the family*

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**morag** - April 09, 2017 at 05:05 PM

DS

“ *Peggy and my sympathies to his mother, brother, family members and to all of those who were able to share their time with a man who always looked to serve others before himself.*

*John was always a compassionate and caring custodian of the public good, dedicate volunteer and loyal friend.*

*Godspeed, John.*

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**Dave and Peggy Saunders** - April 04, 2017 at 01:01 PM

PC

“ I was blessed to work on Rotary Youth Exchange committee District 5550 with John. One of my most memorable trips with him and the students was going to The Pas Trappers Festival with 43 students. He will be missed

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**Paulette Connery** - April 03, 2017 at 05:26 PM

MP

“ John will always be remembered with fondness, especially of us sitting next to one another at an AMCTO Board meeting and with him making whispered comments showcasing his quiet leadership and quips of humour. Rest easy now, your hard work here is done.

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**Marsha Paley** - April 03, 2017 at 08:36 AM

MB

“ My sincere condolences to John's Mom, Christine and his brother Ken & extended family members. John and I worked together for a few years and he was a mentor and challenged me. As he faced serious health issues throughout the time I knew John, it was very hard to see him fail so quickly this year. I am relieved the suffering is over for you "big guy"! Be at peace my friend!  
Maureen Brennan

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**Maureen Brennan** - April 02, 2017 at 08:07 PM

MS

My friend John Baird. Words of exspression are difficult to come as I fondly remember John. I worked with John for a number of years. Truly one that would have ones back. Polite and kind with any and all. John and I spent a number of times speaking by phone about his failing health. The cancer came swift and hard. He had asked me for advise. I believe he took it and began his final days and weeks preparing his family and friends as best as he could. You truly will be of mind and memory. Good bye John.

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**Michael Street** - April 03, 2017 at 09:50 AM

SM

“ Many years ago, John and I worked for The Canadian Red Cross in Newfoundland. He was my summer Water Safety Supervisor. He was on the job as he was in person a man who did things above and beyond the "call of duty". In his quiet way he gained the respect of all who met him. He will be missed.

*My condolences on his passing. My prayers and thoughts are with his family in there time of sorrow.*

*Stephen Melamed*

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**Stephen Melamed** - April 01, 2017 at 08:38 PM

TN

“ *Rest in peace my friend*

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**Twyla Nicholson** - April 01, 2017 at 08:36 PM

TN

“ *Our condolences to John's family. I worked with John for many years in Sioux Lookout. After leaving Sioux, John and I remained colleagues and friends. He was always there for me over the years during my challenging municipal career...always supporting me with kind encouraging words. I was better for knowing him...John was a true kind and gentle man....he will be greatly missed and never forgotten.*

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**Twyla Nicholson** - April 01, 2017 at 08:25 PM

PU

“ *So very sorry to hear of Johns' passing, I have great memories of working with and for John in Sioux Lookout. My sincere condolences.*

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**Pat Uren** - April 01, 2017 at 07:57 PM

YF

*So very very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was truly a wonderful man and leader.*

*Yvonne Fenelon*

Yvonne Fenelon - April 03, 2017 at 11:41 AM

RS

“ *John was a great leader and friend while in Sioux Lookout. John the jolly giant me called him. He will be greatly missed by many.*

Rob Smetana - April 01, 2017 at 06:20 PM

EJ

*My condolences to Johns family. John was well liked during his stay in Sioux Lookout. It was a pleasure knowing him*

Eileen Jeffery - April 02, 2017 at 04:11 PM

TL

*My condolences on behalf of the City of Pembroke to John's family and many friends. While employed with our neighbouring Township we got to know John as a fair minded, friendly professional that was always willing to seek a win-win solution to issues. He was good natured and a seasoned municipal pro but more importantly he was one of the nice guys.*

*Terry Lapierre CAO City of Pembroke Ontario*

Terry Lapierre - April 03, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LF

*Our sympathy to John's Mother and family! We have fond memories of his time with us on the Youth Exchange program in District 5550. We had an enjoyable trip to Argentina for a Rotary International Conference. With him at our side, I felt safe at night as we walked around Buenos Aires. The students admired him! RIP John.*

*Lorraine and Jim Forestell*

Lorraine Forestell - April 04, 2017 at 10:49 PM