



## John Douglas Barnett

April 6, 2021

John Douglas Barnett Born July 01, 1944, passed away on April 06, 2021, at the age of 77. Loving husband of Sonia Barnett and father of John Barnett jr. He cared deeply for his family and friends.

John Sr. Grew up in Toronto. He was then a long-time employee of the Post Office until he retired.

The family would like to send heartfelt thanks to the staff at Michael Garron Hospital for the comfort and care they offered John during his final days.

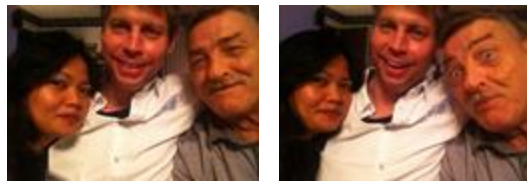
Cremation has taken place. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ It’s with heartache losing you so soon. You are the person who was there willing to help in any way and never say no to anything, down to earth and easy to get along with and please. I will miss our “Hockey nights in Canada“full of mixed emotions cheering and booing the entire game, it feels good to be around you joking and teasing. You always make me smile every time you make faces whether you amaze or dis-agree with our conversations, using your facial expression when you raise your eyebrows, I called it “The emperor’s eyebrows”.

I am sorry I wasn’t able to be there in person, but I am thankful for the technology because I was able to stay with you virtually video calling almost the entire time of your last day. It was extremely hard to see you leave us especially when you waved your hand motioning your son to leave the room because even in your last few moments remaining you considered other people’s feelings, meaning you wanted to spare your son’s heartache witnessing you go. You will always be in my heart.



Janice Barroga - April 17, 2021 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ John Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of John Douglas Barnett



John Barnett - April 17, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JB

“ Toronto sun Tuesday, August 14, 1979

*In a funeral home in a little town called Sunderland yesterday, one hero said his final farewell to another.*

*John Barnett of Scarborough paid his last respects to Owen Jones 16 who died in a farm well filled with fumes last Friday after helping push his unconscious brother Lionel Jones 14 to the surface.*

*Barnett 35 risked his own life to descend headfirst into the well in a brave but futile attempt to save Owen, who collapse from the fumes and plunged into the water after Lynal was saved. Minutes before Barnett and Don Titley, 17 his sister-in-law's boyfriend helped pull Lynal to the surface by a rope while Owen pushed.*

*Barnett who succeeded in getting Owen's body to the surface, barely made it out himself after being overcome with by the fumes. At the funeral home yesterday Lynal shook the hands and thank the man who had helped save his life.*

*Then Loren Jones, Owen's father, Approached Barnett with tears in his eyes to thank the stranger who helped saved his son and Barnett a father himself came close to breaking down.*

*My only wish is that we could have saved Owen as well as Lynal Barnett said. They should give the boy a Metal- to his memory I will never forget him holding Lynal in his arms in the bottom of that well and yelling to us, get my bother out!*

*Barnett and his family did not accompany the Jones family to the cemetery.*

*"My wife got pretty emotional and I got pretty emotional and said we just have to leave" he said.*

*OPP officers who investigated the case have recommended Barnett an Award for his bravery, something Barnett a truck driver for post office says he nether needs or wants...*

*"I wasn't the only one who helped he said "Don was pulling on the ropes and so was my son John jr and my brother-in-law Tony Bayda and Doreen my sister in law and my wife Sonia where the ones who went to call for help.*

*The family was heading up to visit their father in Balsom lake when Mario Flume 52 Owen of the property near Kirkfield where the*

*tragedy occurred while the Jones family youths where helping clean out the well, Mario raced out in front of the car on the highway begging them for help.*



**John Barnett** - April 17, 2021 at 05:09 PM

TD

“ *To my sweet uncle John I don't even know where to begin you have been a god sent angel to our family and the glue to hold us all together for years. As I write this my heart hurts and I still can't accept the reality of it all. You promised my poppa you'd take care of the whole family and you fell nothing short but to do that. Anytime I needed to vent or needed to be somewhere you were there in a heart beat you bailed me out of a lot of situations and even outta jail and let me stay with you and auntie Sonia. You've always been there for Luke and always asked about him. We lost a good man and our hearts will never be the same but knowing your with poppa uncle duck and Ted makes me at ease a bit more knowing they were waiting for you with open arms. You will forever be missed uncle John and your spirit will forever live on with all of us. Thank god for me for blessing us with you in our lives. Take care of us from up there and say hi to everyone. Long lived uncle John*

**Tiffany Davis** - April 14, 2021 at 12:22 AM

RD

“ Uncle John, I've tried over and over to write this and I don't know how or where to start. I just wanna say I'm going to miss you so much, you were such an amazing uncle. I always knew I could call you for anything I need. I always knew I would never need to worry about where to sleep or worry about being stranded because I always had my uncle John. I miss laughing with you in the car we would sing together and you always put up with my crazy antics. You were truly like another grandfather to me. You taught me more than I can explain and I'm very much going to miss your company and laughing with you. Please Rest In Peace my dear uncle John. I love you buddy.

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**Rodney Davis** - April 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We will miss you Big Guy  
love you forever

Rt

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**RT** - April 09, 2021 at 08:02 PM

SO

“ To my dearly beloved husband John,  
i love you! Forever. You were always so good to me,  
56 years of loyalty and commitment and i wouldnt have chosen  
anyone else to take that journey with. Im hurting without you. I miss  
you  
so much. You were my rock, rib and heart and without you im  
incomplete.  
Thank you for our life together and being the best father to our son  
John Jr.

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**Sonia** - April 09, 2021 at 08:01 PM

AN

“ John, we will miss you so much you were a great brother law thank you for taken care of the entire family, we will miss you and you will be in our thoughts and hearts forever.

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**Annette** - April 09, 2021 at 07:54 PM

CJ

“ Rest in peace Uncle John. You were taken for us way too soon. You were always there for everyone when they were in need. I don't remember you even asking for anything for yourself. We love you and will miss you!



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**Cindy and Jake** - April 09, 2021 at 01:59 PM

LE

“ You will be dearly missed. Rest in peace!

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**Linda and Eddy** - April 09, 2021 at 01:45 PM

TD

“ Rest in piece Uncle John  
From Gi



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**Tina Davis** - April 09, 2021 at 11:05 AM

TD

“ *It is with a heavy sad heart that I say goodbye to my Uncle John. It is your turn to put on your angel wings and be with all your loved one's you have not seen in a very long time. Please tell my dad how well you cared for his family, as you did inherit the whole Davis clan. And we could not of asked for a more caring, loving surrogate.*



*You were there for everyone. Before you were married to my mom's sister Sonia, you were my father Roy and his siblings babysitter. This was well before I was thought of. You uncle John have been a part of my family your whole life.*

*Your laugh, your love for family, hockey, food and just saying yes was admirable.*

*Uncle John may you rest in peace and please let my dad know we are as well as can be as our two Patriarchs have had to go and tend to all our family members above. Until we are all together again as a family.*

*You Uncle John were a rare gem with the most selfless heart.*

*You will be sorrowly missed and I love you so much.*

*Your loving niece Tina*

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**Tina Davis** - April 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TB

“ *Hey Big Guy you are going to be greatly missed by me Kristina and Frances. You will always be in our hearts and thoughts we had alot of fun times bowling and camping i still talk about those days to everyone good memories we will not forget. Love Tony,Kristina and Frances.*



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**Tony Bayda** - April 09, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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“ Tina Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of John Douglas Barnett



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Tina Davis - April 09, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ J lit a candle in memory of John Douglas Barnett



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j - April 08, 2021 at 10:23 PM

RI

“ We love you and you will be missed by us all, You left us so quickly, but you are in a better place now, Love Rita, Bob and Leeann Coe,



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Rita - April 08, 2021 at 10:08 PM

SY

“ John is the kindest most loving and helpful person there was, he always was there for everyone, I have so many great memories of John, he was there for me when I needed him, Johns presence and company was always so dear to me, John did so much for everyone and he truley cared, John was always laughing and smiling and I will truley miss his smile and warm caring heart, He truley loved Sonia and always cared deeply for her and the whole family John will be truley missed, John loved yummy home cooked meals and he made his famous macaroni soup that I will never forget he also really loved spaghetti, John helped me many times when I was in need he was always a phone call away for many, if you needed a drive John was there and whenever I took a drive from John he would make sure when he dropped me off to watch me and make sure I walked into the lobby of my building, I have many great memories of John and I am so saddened that he has passed, it feels unreal, it will be so different without Johns presence, I will never forget John as I know he will never forget about any of us, John will still always be here for all of us from up above, he will look down and smile upon us all from Heaven, I hope John had a peaceful and wonderful journey from this Earth to the afterlife, until we meet again John you will be forever in my heart and in many many others, you've touched so many peoples life's 🙏❤️ Love you Uncle John and Thankyou for everything

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Sylvia - April 08, 2021 at 09:24 PM

TE

“ You will be truly missed uncle John 😭  
We had a lot of fun times at the trailer 😊  
Especially when it came to you and your campfires 🔥 lmao I've never had so much fun watching someone take care of everything and everyone as you did and always be joking about it and having fun  
Love you RIP 😭😭❤️❤️

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Teresa - April 08, 2021 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ *John*

*Miss you and love you, you have been taking from us to soon. You will always be in my heart. You are not alone go party with mom and dad, Duck, Donny, Roy etc. Sonia and Johnny remember we are always here for yous. Love yous Doreen*



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**Doreen Bayda** - April 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ *Janice Barroga*



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**John Barnett** - April 08, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JB

“ *It is with sadness that I announce the loss of my father on April 6th. I was fortunate to be by his side to the very end. I'm unable to say in words, the depth of his love for everyone around him. I looked up to him him for his courage and strength. He was a hero to risk his life tying to save 2 younger boys in 1979-1980. Forgive me, Dad. I don't have the exact dates.*

*Forever your loving son,  
John Edward Tony Barnett*

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**John Barnett** - April 08, 2021 at 07:42 PM