



John Edward Lundy

March 4, 2026

Dr. John Edward Lundy (1947-2026)

John Edward Lundy, 78, of Toronto, Ontario, died peacefully on March 4, 2026, surrounded by his adoring family in the Palliative Care Unit at Bridgepoint Hospital.

John was a man of many words. He led with love, laughter, music, storytelling, compassion, and knowledge. In his very full life, he was an adoring husband of 55 years to Aileen (née Teevens), and a loving father to Liz (Dave), Catherine (Farid), and John (Maja). He was a doting grandfather to Amelia, Sam, Lila, Adam and Kian. He was the beloved son of Doris and John Joseph, brother of Frances (Peter), Mary Anne, Loretta, and brother-in-law of Maureen. He was the much-loved uncle of Sarah, Genna, Dave, Matt, Michelle and Nicole. He was cherished by his many cousins and diverse community of friends and neighbours.

Professionally, John was a respected academic, educator, sociologist, writer, linguist, researcher, and statistician. He was a highly regarded colleague at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Nipissing University in North Bay, Lasalle Secondary and St. Charles Secondary Schools in Sudbury, and École Secondaire de Hanmer. His professional roles included serving as the first Director of the School of Education and Professor Emeritus at Laurentian

University, Associate Professor at Nipissing University, Department Head at Lasalle Secondary, and, among many other appointments, serving as President of the Association of Canadian Deans of Education, and Vice-Chair of the Ontario Association of Deans of Education. His late career research focused on equity, inclusion and multiculturalism in Canadian education.

Personally, John was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. What brought John the greatest joy was holding hands with the love of his life, his wife Aileen, with whom he shared a beautiful love story. The life wisdom imparted to his children, the board games he played with his grandchildren, the corny puns which made everyone laugh, and the gigantic hugs that comforted any weary heart will be the memories that remain.

John's passing is an immense loss, however he would want everyone to continue doing what makes them happy, curious and above all else, kind.

We are indebted to the incredible team of health professionals who helped John cope with and manage his Atypical Parkinsonism disease. Thank you to Dr. Gerald White, Dr. Sarah Lidstone, Dr. Gabor Kovacs, and Brenna Kelly. The compassionate care from Ontario Health at Home, HomeInstead, Dr. Rebecca Coleman, Dr. Kieran Quinn and the incredible RN team at Bridgepoint Health made John's final weeks peaceful.

John strived to learn and to teach, even in his final days. He taught others how to live well, and how to navigate a very challenging neurodegenerative disease with grace, dignity and advocacy. Ever the researcher and collector of data, John donated his brain to the Movement Disorders Clinic at University Health Network (UHN) in the hopes of better understanding Atypical Parkinsonism.

John did not want a funeral but instead asked that his family and close friends

celebrate his life privately in the spring. Condolences and memories can be left at Aftercare Cremation and Burial Services. www.aftercare.org/obituaries/

To honour John, the family would be delighted to know that you raised a glass (of hopefully exceptional wine) and shared a great memory of John with your loved ones. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to support the "Movement Disorders Clinic Brain Donation Research Program", at UHN Foundation. Please visit www.uhnfoundation.ca/tribute and select "other" and specify "Movement Disorders Clinic Brain Donation Research Program" or call 416-603-5300 for further information.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Aileen--this note of sympathy comes from long-ago friends from Laurentian University and Sudbury days (and Nipissing) and for all the fun we had with John over the years. We both recall his fondness for wine and statistics and he had such a great sense of humour. What a legacy he leaves in education---the many students, teachers and colleagues he has met and shared with. So sorry for your loss...Jan and David Buley, St. John's NL

Jan Buley - April 18 at 04:13 PM

ML

“ It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of John. He was my late husband's cousin. Mike told me many stories he remembered when he came to visit his grandparents and play with his cousins. We saw John at family events and will always remember his good sense of humour and kindness towards all the members of his family. We had interesting conversations about the innovation of education over the years. My sincere condolences to Aileen and family. May John rest in Peace.

Monique Lundy - April 16 at 03:12 PM

“It was with a very heavy heart that I learned of Mr. Lundy’s passing (“John” as he often asked me to call him later in life but that I still find hard to do). He was, without a doubt, an amazing high school teacher who taught his students at Hanmer High, many of us coming from French Canadian families, to continuously strive to hone our English language skills. We always looked forward to his classes and, although he made us work very hard, his delightful sense of humour and his “punny” jokes made our time together quite enjoyable.

I also personally had the privilege of getting to know his loving wife, Aileen, as well as their three beautiful children, babysitting them from time to time.

Even after our life journeys sent us in different directions, Mr. Lundy and I made efforts to kept in touch. We’d communicate once in a while and, whenever possible, visited each other in Sudbury and in North Bay. Once I married, our friendship naturally spread to my husband who remembers well the delicious carrot cake you served us, Aileen! Later, it was our three children’s turn to get to know “The Legend”, as they eventually affectionately referred to him. When John would announce that he was coming to Ottawa to supervise student-teachers, my entire family was delighted. Thrilled that he could take the time out of his busy schedule to visit with us for a few hours, we’d celebrate this joyous occasion by sharing a meal together and by having great conversations. Eventually, when it was sadly time to part ways, everyone was already looking forward to our next encounter. We just wish that we could have had more of them.

My family and I feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to get know Mr. Lundy (John), as well as his lovely family. He will assuredly be deeply missed by all of us and will live on forever in our hearts.

Our very sincere condolences to you, Aileen, to you, Liz, Catherine,

and John, and to your families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all throughout this very difficult time.

Colette (Bourdeau) Eveillard

Colette Eveillard - March 21 at 03:08 PM

JY

“ John Lundy was one of my best friends in the world. He was so kind and thoughtful. We met in 1993 at a CSSE educators' conference in Ottawa. Together with Queens' professors, I was presenting how StatCan data could be helpful for teaching future teachers. When John expressed interest after my talk, I called out "Get that man's name". Ever since then we became good friends.

John was a visionary who saw how current demographic data about a school neighbourhood or community could help prepare teachers to better serve their students. He was an outstanding partner in helping education faculties and teachers exploit these rich data sources and tools. John arranged very helpful visits for me to Nipissing University and coached me in how to liaise and work effectively with the education faculty and others. He and Aileen hosted me in their home in North Bay several times. As we sang and played guitar together in his home, I felt I had found a soulmate and true friend in John. John also had excellent BBQ skills. While visiting their home John served me the tastiest steak I've ever eaten, and taught me how to barbecue.

At conferences together I witnessed John's kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness. He recognized possible win-win situations and introduced me to others for our mutual benefits. In Montreal I saw him purchase roses from a vendor and then give them out to students with a warm smile as a way of sharing his joyful friendship and love of life.

We shared a special closeness to our mothers. On one occasion while presenting together at a conference in Toronto, we visited John's mum one night and then my mother the next night. In each case we informed our surprised mothers that they were the "designated mother" of both us for the night. John often was a gracious guest at our house and we were honoured that John and Aileen attended the bat mitzvah of our daughter in Ottawa.

John attended my retirement from StatsCan and spoke eloquently at this occasion while also bringing wishes from the President of the Canadian Society for Studies in Education.

After we both retired, our friendship continued over the phone and with visits in Toronto and walks around John's neighbourhood. My

wife, Toby, enjoyed John and Aileen's company and we became close as couples. John and Aileen have been wonderful friends for many years, often hosting us for lunch or coffee.

I have been very impressed with how well John and Aileen adapted to living in central Toronto without a car, and in how they downsized from a large home to a very well organized apartment. They are model parents and grandparents and very considerate friends who we both cherish very much.

Dear John, thank you for your very special friendship for many years. Thank you for your kindness and your thoughtful caring ways. Your memory is a blessing to me and to my wife Toby and to many others who knew you. May God bless your soul and your family.

Joel Yan, Ottawa

Joel Yan - March 20 at 04:56 PM

KB

“*Sending heartfelt condolences. While it's been many years since I saw John, I remember his positivity, zest for life, warm humour, and the genuine way he smiled with his whole face fondly. Hoping cherished memories are a comfort during this difficult time for all who loved and knew him. Kathrin*

Kathrin Brunner - March 16 at 12:11 PM

JB

“ John inspired teachers at a Laurentian SCORE conference many years ago. I followed his suggestions regarding having students edit each others' work. Eventually, when I could see positive results from this part of the writing process, I adapted editing as part of the whole process of steps for each writing assignment. Initially, students felt intimidated at the prospect of editing. Once they could see it was a non threatening part of an assignment, and that it gave them additional help perfecting key skills they were learning at that time, they welcomed the practice. Soon they were voluntarily editing their work with each other. Their individual 'editing mark' helped them hone writing skills and editing skills further. Some students will bring this practice into the future with them along with greater writing skills. And - John started the process of training teachers - English teachers particularly, to further assist students toward excellence. Thank you John for your inspiration. Judith Birmingham

Judith Birmingham - March 14 at 12:18 PM

CS

“ Aileen, You may remember making dinner for John, Mike Wodlinger and the new hire, me - Carmen Shields. John & Mike kindly took me sailing on a lovely summer day, and you made a delicious dinner. I felt I might fit in to the faculty right then. John was always fun to chat with at the university - always positive and kind, and concerned with student success. And then you and I worked together when you were a masters student both in my class and when you completed your MRP. In my memory you contributed so much to our class discussions too. I will think of John and send up some prayers. My best, Carmen

Carmen Shields - March 11 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ On April 20, 1947, I was given the best birthday gift I could imagine, the birth of my younger brother Johnny. Even as a child he showed a kindness and compassion that most aren't able to achieve throughout their lifetime. I watched him grow from a precocious, inquisitive boy, to a generous, determined young man, into a loving, protective, hard working man.

He had a passion for learning, for teaching and for sharing that knowledge with all those around him. He faced challenges head-on and accomplished so much. He had a zest for life, he was an amazing storyteller and how he relished a good joke.

But above all, he loved. Nothing was more important to him than his family and his friends and you never walked away from him feeling anything but that love.

He was a blessing to me as a brother in more ways than one, and I will miss him immensely.

Mary Anne Daley - March 10 at 07:41 PM

JY

Wow! such a beautiful tribute to John by his sister.

Joel Yan - March 15 at 01:00 PM

AM

“ Aileen, I am SO sorry to learn of John’s death. I didn’t know of his struggles with a Parkinson-like disease but I did know that John was such a lovely, kind, good-humoured man and I’m sorry he’s gone, although he’ll never really be ‘gone’ in your family with the many stories that will be told. I’ve been missing “Marmaduke” these last two years, as I’m sure you have, and now we’ll be missing John. Two beautiful, amazing characters I’m grateful to have known! Please accept my condolences. With love, Anne Moffat

Anne Moffat - March 10 at 04:11 PM

AF

“ It is with heartfelt sadness that we learn of the passing of John. He was a great colleague, friend and above all a great human being. Annette and I offer our sincerest condolences to Eileen and her family. Annette and André Fournier, Ottawa ON

Annette and André Fournier - March 10 at 03:34 PM

MK

“*Uncle John was a man of rare warmth, humour, and insight—brilliant in both intellect and emotion. My heart is with my Aunt Aileen, with Liz and Dave, Catherine and Farid, John and Maja, their children, and with everyone who was fortunate enough to know him.*

*It is incredibly difficult to capture the true impact my uncle had on my life, but I will share this: just a few weeks before his passing, he reached out to send me an article from *The Globe and Mail* about the IOC and Vladyslav Heraskevych, knowing how meaningful it would be for my husband Roman. He wanted us to celebrate that moment. And when Russia invaded Ukraine, he was one of the very first to reach out to Roman, offering empathy, solidarity, and support without hesitation.*

That was who he was—deeply kind, compassionate, always thinking of others even in moments when many would think only of themselves.

One last reflection: yes, my uncle loved to talk—perhaps as all great scholars do. But his words were never idle. They came from thoughtfulness, from curiosity, from reflection, and always with a generous sense of humour.

The world feels noticeably quieter now in his absence. And yet, the echoes of his kindness, wisdom, and laughter remain, gently reminding us of the life he lived and the love he shared.

*With love,
Michelle, Roman & Keira*

Michelle Kraus - March 10 at 12:10 PM

VL

“ *My all-time favourite English teacher at ESH. Always in a good mood and never short of corny jokes. To his family, my deepest condolences on your loss. You were blessed to have him.*

Vivianne Leduc

From grade 11 english class at ESH, circa 1974

Vivianne Leduc - March 09 at 10:56 PM

MV

I had the fortune of having Mr. Lundy as one of my teachers at St. Charles College. I am grateful for the exemplary and professionalism he displayed then and throughout my interactions later as a colleague in the teaching profession.

My sincerest condolences and prayers.

Gone but never forgotten.

Maurizio Visentin

M. Visentin - April 20 at 09:18 AM

LP

“ *The word that immediately comes to mind when I think of John Lundy is "lovely." He had a great smile and a great laugh. I was privileged to be a dinner guest at John and Aileen's home in North Bay on a number of occasions. My deepest condolences to Aileen, Catherine (my student at Nipissing), and the entire Lundy family.*

Larry Patriquin - March 09 at 06:37 PM

ML

“ *As my brother Ed said, Johnny had a great smile and laugh to light up any room. I have fond memories of John and his sisters taking my siblings and me to the Toronto Exhibition for many years.*

Rest in peace Johnny.

Our sincerest condolences.

Mary Ann and Lloyd

Mary Ann Lundy - March 09 at 03:05 PM

SB

“ *A fine colleague and respected educator. I have many fond memories of our time together at Nipissing University. A definite loss. Thoughts & prayers to the Lundy family. Dr. Douglas Bolger*

Sr. Douglas Bolger - March 09 at 11:50 AM

EL

“ *Pam and I were saddened to hear of Johnnie's passing but happy in knowing he was with his loved ones until the end.*

I will miss his big Lundy smile and his engaging conversations... perhaps he was the punniest fellow I ever knew ... if you wanted some pun Johnnie was the one.

Aileen we are glad that the family surrounds you and there will be great solace in that. Pam and I wish you peace at this time.

My memories of Johnnie will live on but I will miss seeing him whenever we gather...

He was a real human being and people always gravitated to him and the greatest of cousins.

Take care and our condolences to the whole family. Love Pam and Ed

Ed Lundy - March 09 at 08:45 AM

ND

“ Our Grandad used to say "5000 words or less Johnny", but I would need so many more than that to really explain the impact my Uncle and Godfather had not just on me, but on all those he met. He was kind, loving compassionate and generous and always knew the right thing to say, and more importantly, the exact moment for a perfectly timed pun. You have left an indelible mark on all those who were lucky enough to know you. You will be deeply missed. Love you always.

Nicole

Nicole Daley - March 08 at 07:33 PM

PB

Dear Aileen and the Lundy Family, I am so sorry for your loss of John, a wonderful colleague and friend. He gave so much to the field of education in so many ways and his fingerprints are all over the social justice issues he addressed in making the world a better place. May your memories bring your comfort with time.

Paula Barber

Paula Barber - March 09 at 03:54 PM

AF

To Aileen and the Lundy family,

Please accept my deepest condolences on John's passing. John and I worked at Nipissing University for many years and I will always remember him as a warm, gentle, caring and compassionate man, and yes, his smile could light up a room! We were fortunate to have him in our Faculty of Education, and Laurentian University was fortunate to have him as their Director of Education. He will be fondly remembered by many of us, faculty, staff, and students, who were fortunate to have known him.

Sincerely, Angela Fera

Angela Fera - March 10 at 04:40 PM

RR

Aileen, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on the passing of John. This is a difficult time, and I know many of us are feeling the loss deeply. Let's hold onto the wonderful memories we shared.

Richard Roy

Richard Roy - March 10 at 07:51 PM

RG

I'm sorry to say that I never knew John, but I've heard from several others that he was a valued and respected friend and colleague. On behalf of the faculty at Nipissing University, I'm saddened by his loss and offer my condolences to his family. May you be comforted by your memories of him and the knowledge that he had a significant impact on the lives of many, many others.

*Robin Gendron
President, Nipissing University Faculty Association*

Robin Gendron - March 10 at 09:03 PM

KW

Dear Aileen and members of the Lundy family:

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of John. I had the privilege of working with him at Nipissing University's Faculty of Education, remembering him as a kind man and a thoughtful, reflective colleague. He had a way of making those around him feel valued, and his depth of thought always enriched the conversations we shared.

Please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you can find comfort in the many lives he touched and in the memories you shared together.

Ken Waller

Ken Waller - March 14 at 12:25 PM

NL

Johnny, you are my cousin by accident of birth and my brother by desire. Thank you so much for just being you...Much love.... Neil Lundy

Neil Lundy - May 05 at 05:05 PM