



John McMaster

October 28, 2025

John died peacefully at Credit Valley Hospital on Monday, October 20, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean, in 2018, after 61 years of marriage. John was a loving father to Alison (Keith) and Ian, and will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Gregory, Lizzy, and Ryan.

John was born on January 1, 1933, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He came to Canada in 1957, where he married Jean and settled in Toronto. It was there that he began his career with Zurich Insurance in 1960. In 1962 they moved to Hamilton, where he worked on the road. In 1971, he moved to Calgary to start a new branch for Zurich, and later returned to Mississauga in 1986 to manage the Yorkdale Branch and, subsequently, the Ontario Regional Branch. He retired in 1994 after 34 years with Zurich.

After retirement, John was involved with various charities, such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society, where, among other duties, he went door to door collecting donations. This was something he really loved doing because it gave him a chance to get to talk to everyone in the neighborhood. John was very social and always loved talking to people. He was also the president of the 25 Year Club at Zurich, where he organized events and worked on their United Way Campaigns.

John was also very involved in the Anglican church whether in Calgary at

Saint Cyprian's, or Saint Peter's Erindale, where he was a very active member since 1986, although less so in his later years as he was slowing down. He loved being a part of the choir, where he sang bass, and choir parties were always a highlight.

John will be sadly missed, but we will remember the many good times we had together.

We would like to thank the wonderful staff at Credit Valley Hospital who took care of him in his final weeks. They were always very supportive and caring during a very difficult time.

There will be a funeral service at Saint Peter's Anglican Church, Mississauga, on Friday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. The address is 3041 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga, ON L5L 0B7. For those who wish, donations in memory of John may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or The Scott Mission.

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“ From the Campbell family: We wish to extend our deepest condolences to Ian McMaster and his family at this difficult time of loss and mourning. May the warm embrace of our Heavenly Father comfort and strengthen you in every way.

Campbell Family - November 04, 2025 at 05:04 AM



“ I write with fond memories of John, who stood as Best Man for my late husband Cyril at our wedding in 1956. Despite the distance in miles between us since 1957 John's voice remained present in our lives through regular calls and visits back to Belfast. John and Cyril's support for Linfield FC was a constant conversation topic between them. John's concern and kind words on Cyril's passing last year were greatly appreciated and my thoughts are with all John's family at this time. Remembering John from Belfast, Norma Millar.

Norma Millar - November 01, 2025 at 04:12 PM

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“ My condolences to Alison and Ian. I was involved in my formative years with the choir at St. Cyprians here in Calgary. Your dad was very special to me, especially with his fatherly advice. He gave me many rides to church for choir practice on Thursday nights. Our parents were great friends with your parents and we appreciated Ian keeping in touch on your dad's health. God Bless. Susan Meriam Rottmann.

Susan - October 29, 2025 at 06:26 PM

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“ John McMaster - John and I worked at Zurich, never at the same office. It was not until retirement that we got to know each other. We attended a few funerals together and routinely had coffee or lunch when I visited my family in Mississauga. John carried the world's problems on his shoulders, covered Premier League football and followed the fortunes of ManU. John had solutions for the world's problems but lately none for ManU.

For me and others John is irreplaceable, except for good memories.

Ken Kelley

Ken Kelley - October 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM