



John O'Byrne

November 30, 2018

After a lengthy illness John (“O’B”) left us for his next adventure on November 30, 2018, at age 74. Beloved son of Maureen and Michael; dear brother of Patricia and Kevin; proud uncle of Thea; and best of friends with Mike Walters. After beginning a brilliant career in advertising John spent the next 40 years working in youth mental health services, where as a crisis responder and case manager he had a positive impact on hundreds of youth and their families. He had many interests and was well regarded for his wit and being a faithful friend. John preferred traveling where the road was less traveled and had many stories about situations he got himself into and out of. Thanks to the staff of Elm Grove Living Centre for their care of John over the last few years and to Dr. Kapur and the team at St. Joseph’s Health Centre for their compassion during John’s last days. O’B did not want a service but that donations may be made to Central Toronto Youth Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to learn today about John's passing. I also didn't realize he had been unwell over the last few years. It has been a long while since I've seen John ("OB" as he was known by back in the day). Knew him most in the 80's through the shared work arena of children's mental health services. And yes, some parties and pub-sits at the time. Prior to the full-scale computer age, I recall that he had an especial fondness for those trivial pursuit games we would all play in the pubs available through those little boxes at the time. If I recall, this was serious business for him. I also recall that while John could yuk it up with the best of them, he also had a very serious side and seemed attuned to the struggles and pain of others in a deeply personal way. My condolences to his family and friends.
Joan Parker

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