



## John Noel Upton

December 16, 2025

John Noel Upton, born March 28, 1939, passed away on December 16, 2025, leaving behind a life well lived and a road full of memories.

John dedicated over 30 years of service to Air Canada, where his strong work ethic and reliability defined his career until retirement. Beyond his professional life, John was a man of freedom, sound, and motion. He was a true Harley-Davidson enthusiast, happiest with the roar of the engine beneath him and the open road stretching ahead. For John, riding was not just a pastime. It was a way of being On The Road Again, exactly where he felt most alive.

Music and movies filled his quieter moments. He loved classic films and had a deep affection for country music, with Elvis Presley holding a special place in his heart. Above all, Willie Nelson was his favorite, an artist whose spirit of independence, storytelling, and love for the road mirrored John's own outlook on life. One lyric from Willie Nelson, "Just let me roll on living till I'm done," perfectly captured John's playful rebellion, reckless abandon, and joy for life lived freely.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Marta Isabel de Paz; his children Randy Allan Upton, Catherine Hamby, and Jim Upton; Marta's children Betty de Paz Ureña, Patty Borg, Frida Vella, Armando de Paz, and Alex de Paz; and his sister, Fae Hickerson. He leaves behind a wide circle of family and friends

who will remember his presence, his passions, and his unmistakable love for life lived on his own terms.

John's legacy rides on in every stretch of open highway, every classic country song, and every engine that roars to life in his memory. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. He rode through life on his own terms, with a grin, a roar, and a spirit that refused to be tamed.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out today that John passed away. I had a 2 hour conversation with him in early December, could not have imagined it was the last time I would speak with him. He was a good neighbor for over 22 years, and always had a nice time with, and very meaningful discussions. He would enjoy telling me stories about his early years, and I learned allot from him.

Omar Kitchlew

Omar Kitchlew - January 08 at 05:11 PM

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“ One of the earliest memory I had of John was when he treated me, Armando and Alex to a burger at this place he highly recommended in Mississauga. He did not know me that well, but still treated me with kindness and generosity.



Arnold Trinidad - January 01 at 07:17 PM

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“ Rest in peace John 🙏

Naz Mohamed - January 01 at 08:58 AM



“ Betty Paz lit a candle in memory of John Upton



Betty Paz - December 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM

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“ *He was the kindest man and true friend. I enjoyed the times we had together. He will be dearly missed. RIP my friend* ”

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**James Blanchard** - December 29, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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“ *5 files added to the tribute wall* ”



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**frida vella** - December 29, 2025 at 09:26 PM