



REMEMBERING
John TREFANENKO

March 14, 1938 - November 16, 2024



Tribute from Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel

Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Diane Young (nee Kotowich)

Relation: Friend and co worker

Such a wonderful gentleman and Father. I knew John through Social Services, he lead with dedication in this field and encouraged many a worker to be strong. He was an inspiration. My condolences Lucille and family on your loss.

Tribute from Roland and Louise Rocque

Relation: We were friends.

Our sincere sympathy to Lucille and family. We are praying for you.

Tribute from Howard Yakimishyn

Relation: Nephew

Uncle John was a great man. Such a welcoming family and always willing to open their home to anyone. I have many special memories from the lake where, by far, Uncle John yelled at us boys the least! He will be missed by many.

Tribute from Matt Stirrat

Relation: Glen

All our condolences to the families.

Tribute from Marie Lakusta

Relation: Friend

Condolences to Lucille and family. He will be missed.o

Tribute from Glen & Lynn Dahlstedt

Relation: former boss, neighbor and good friend

We want to send our sincere sadness on hearing of the passing of a very good friend, former neighbor

and boss, John Trefanenko. To Lucile, Koreen. Moreen, Glen and all their families....love and hugs as you go through this difficult time. We cherish all our memories of the good times we had together over the years; the many home parties, holiday dos, and genuine friendship we've enjoyed. Glen and I are holding you in our hearts.

Tribute from Emilie Shulko

So sorry to hear of John's passing Lucille.Thinking of you & your family

Tribute from Karen Compo

Relation: Co-worker

My sincere condolences Lucille and family. I had the pleasure of working with John. He was a true gentleman, kind and caring individual. I have many memories I cherish for the years of working together.

Tribute from Don Tymchuk

Relation: work colleague

Very sad to hear about John's passing. My sincere condolences go out to the family. John was instrumental with my career as a social worker. A great man!!
May John rest in peace.

Tribute from Gerry and Louise Kievits

Relation: Neighbour

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lucille and all the families. RIP John

Tribute from Cliff and Esther Martin

Relation: friend and member on several boards over that we served on over the years

Our deepest condolences to Lucille and all the family. John will be missed by the entire community

Tribute from Donald Cole

Relation: Friend and Colleague

John and I were colleagues in Health Care in St. Paul and area. I have great respect for his contributions throughout our working years together. Sincere condolences to John's family. May he rest in peace.

Tribute from Cheryl Crocker

Relation: Friend

We were very sorry to hear about John. We have very fond memories of our time in St. Paul which include John and Lucille. It was always great to reconnect at events even after we left. John was a very dedicated and committed family man and community member. He will be missed. Cheryl Crocker and Wayne Wright

Tribute from Linda and Rod Boone

Relation: work colleague and family friends

Our sincere condolences to Lucille and family.

We will remember John for his kind and pleasant personality and a readiness to share a story or tell a joke. A devoted community leader who was a champion for St. Paul.

Tribute from Prem and Shashi Kalia

Relation: Co-worker and a friend

With heavy heart we send our condolences to Lucille and family. John and I (Sasha) worked at the social services for many years. John was a friend and a boss. He was kind and caring person to every one who ever came to his contact. John and I worked on many projects together for the well being of those who needed it. It's hard to imagine that John has left this earth. May God give peace to the departed soul and strength for the family to bear their loss.

Tribute from Wayne and Helen Horner

Relation: Friend

Condolences to Lucille and family. I had the pleasure of working with John for a number of years. It was a rewarding experience because of his character.

Tribute from Sally and Pat Vincent

Relation: cousin

Lucille and family

our sincere condolences

Tribute from Jim & Gloria Cole

Relation: Friend

Our deepest condolences to Lucille and family. John will be missed.

Tribute from Yvette & Ovide Langevin

Relation: Friend and family.

Lucille we want to share our deepest condolences to you and your family. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We are very disappointed that we are unable to attend John's funeral, because we are out of the country.

Tribute from Doris Piquette

Relation: Very good friend

Although no words can really help to ease the loss your bear, just know that you are in our prayers our thoughts are with you and your family. John will remain in our hearts forever. Big hug Lucille .

Tribute from Leonard Senecal

Relation: Client at Dad's tire business.

John's life was well lived. He was very sociable and charismatic. I will miss the short chats we had when we met anywhere. Always a greeting, never ignored by John.

Tribute from Linda Lauzon

Relation: Freind

John will be fondly remembered for his kindness, and his excellent work ethic when I worked for/with him in St. Paul, in early 80's, he is definitely a "man of honour", and I will forever remember him for his kindness and respect he had for all.... Memory Eternal John.....

Tribute from Herb & Edith Krekoski

Relation: Friend

Lucille and family, Our sincere condolences on the loss of John. He was a kind and caring person. We will remember him with fondness.

Tribute from Paul and Louise Carpenter

Relation: Co-worker

We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. John was such a wonderful person.

Tribute from Denis Ducharme

Relation: Friend

My most sincere condolences to Lucille and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult times. I'll always remember John for his smile, devotion and commitment in making his community the best it could be for everyone.
May you rest in Eternal Peace.

Tribute from Paul Emile and Gladys Boisvert

Relation: Long-time friend.and colleague in community involvement

Gladys and I wish to extend sincere condolences to you, Lucille, Koreen, Maureen and Glen. The passing of John gives him rest from his earthly life, but he will be remembered for his always pleasant demeanor, infectious sense of humour and for his long time commitment to the community. May knowing that he is in our thoughts and prayers help ease the pain of the sorrow you are feeling at his passing... RIP in eternity dear friend.

Tribute from John and Terry Sims

Relation: Fellow Lion/long ago work colleague

Sending hugs and heartfelt condolences to Lucille and family. We will always remember John's sense of humour, his kindness, and his commitment to the St. Paul community. He was a dedicated social worker and provided service through the Lion's Club for many years. Whenever we saw him he would have a funny story to share and a smile on his face. And...best of all, he actually knew where Dupre was located! He will be missed and fondly remembered. Rest easy John!

Tribute from Anne and Garry Himschoot

Relation: Co-worker and friend

To Lucille and Family:

Garry and I want to offer our heartfelt condolences to you in the passing of John. John was the Manager at the St. Paul Social Services and hired me for my very first job in the late 1970's. In the

seven years that I worked there, John always treated his staff well and offered your home for staff Christmas functions. I remember his smile and great laugh! I was also told he provided a great reference for me when I applied to become the Executive Assistant at the Town of Bonnyville in 2013, for which I am extremely thankful! Throughout the years, when Garry and I would meet you and John in St. Paul and at other functions, you always greeted us with great smiles and we always had such friendly chats! We admired your marriage and your family! It was always so impressive to see John's service as Councillor and Mayor for the Town of St. Paul and you were always by his side. He certainly loved St. Paul and was very dedicated. St. Paul has lost a great community member and he certainly will be missed!

Tribute from Denis & Bernice St. Jean

Relation: cousin

Condolences to your family. Remember the great times you spent with John.

Tribute from Larry and Marlene Hodinsky

Relation: Long time friend

Lucille and the entire Trefanenکو family

Marlene and I send our deepest condolences in your loss of such a fine man!

We admired John as a long time friend, dental patient, golf buddy and Lions member

He was a very friendly, caring and unselfish man who was dedicated to public service and helping others. It was a pleasure to have known him. He will be greatly missed!

Sorry we were not available to attend the service.

Larry and Marlene Hodinsky

Tribute from Suzanne (Boisvert) Wood

Relation: Family friend, neighbour, and long ago babysitter to the Trefanenکو kids.

So sorry to hear of the loss of Mr.Trefanenکو. I have fond memories of his kindness, sense of humour and great laugh, as well as his commitment to making our community a better place through his work as well as community activities. My sincere condolences to his immediate family, and all who loved and will miss him. He was one of the good guys!

Tribute from Ray Makowecki

Relation: Friend

Deepest sympathies.

God Bless the Family and May John Rest in Peace

Janice and Ray Makowecki

Tribute from Rita and Floyd Kunnas

Relation: Friends

Dear Lucille and family, Please accept our deepest condolences on John's passing. He was an upstanding and respected person in our community for many years. May he rest in peace.

Tribute from Rita Kunnas

Relation: Family friends

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Tribute from Alex & Celine Berlinguette

Relation: Friends

Lucille and family, we are saddened to hear of John's passing. May John rest in peace. He will be missed.

Tribute from Michael and Giselle Boucher

Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. May God help you through it all.

Tribute from Terry Lynn Woytiuk

Relation: friend

Our sincere condolences to Lucille and family. Very sorry we were unable to attend John's memorial service. Hugs to you all, Harv & Lynn Woytiuk

Tribute from Ken Gurski

Relation: Former boss and friend.

John was my first boss and first friend at social services. I learned the value of building relationships with clients and colleagues from John. Best wishes to the family.

Tribute from Al Higgs

Many, man years ago I was honoured to have worked with John. Got to know him well when he was working in Blarimore. A man of considerable integrity and compassion. Lucille and John reflected their love of family and friends. God Bless him in eternity.

