

McCubbing, John William

May 7, 2026



John William McCubbing

John William McCubbing passed away on Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at the age of 78 years, in Qualicum Beach, BC. John was born on November 8th, 1947 to Audrey (née: Shepherd) and George McCubbing in Unity, Saskatchewan. John and Karen were married on July 5th, 1975 and made Moose Jaw, SK their home until 2024. They were able to celebrate their 50th Anniversary with all their family in 2025.

John's father was in the air force and moved many times, taking the family to places in England, France, as well as various places in Ontario and Saskatchewan. John settled in Moose Jaw in his late teens. He worked in maintenance at the air base, the grain elevator, and then construction in Moose Jaw and

Regina, working on many of the high rises. He had no fear of heights and gave his wife many a fright. He was an accomplished brick layer and did all kinds of concrete and masonry work. He built their first home on Cree Crescent when the kids were little.

After a serious back injury in construction, John went to Briercrest Bible College in 1984 and completed his pastoral degree with a minor in Christian camping. He worked many years as the Camp Administrator at Strasbourg Bible Camp and then as a full-time pastor at Stadacona Gospel Chapel. He served on the board of Christian Camping International, including a period of time as president, and Strasbourg Bible Camp. As a Pastor, John performed many weddings, funeral services, and baptisms. John and Karen managed Discovery Place apartments on Woodlily Drive for 32 years and made many close friends.

John achieved his black belt in Judo in 1968 and participated in the Canadian Nationals. He taught Judo at the YMCA in Moose Jaw and at the Moose Jaw air base. John loved fishing with his family and friends which included ice fishing on Last Mountain Lake and Buffalo Pound. Some highlights were sturgeon fishing on the Fraser River, and halibut and salmon fishing in Haida Gwaii.

John loved being around water, doing construction, all pets even though he had asthma, babies, and gardening. John worked hard at whatever task was put in front of him, and took pride in doing it right, even to perfection. In his later years, John loved helping his children and friends out with any project they were working on.

He was predeceased by his brother, Gordon (in infancy); his parents; and son-in-law, Tim Hall. John is survived by his loving wife, Karen; children: Violet Hall, Jim (Sylvia) Merchel, Ron (Darla) Merchel, Mike (Deanna) McCubbing, and Johnny (Crystal) McCubbing; grandchildren: Kristin, Dakota, Judy, Julie, Benjamin, Abby, Ethan, Brenden, Evan, Jorja, Calissta, and Kole; great-grandchildren: Lucas, Emma, Creedance, Emmy, Sophia, and Vienna; brother, Paul McCubbing; sister, Mary (Steve) Birss; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends, and extended family members.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held on Friday, May 15th,

2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Moose Jaw Funeral Home. Those not able to attend may view the service by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Don McFsrlane on March 31, 2026 at 12:20 pm

My sincere condolences to Karen and all of the family

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2.



Sandi Nixon on March 31, 2026 at 1:49 pm

I am so sorry Karen and family. He was a most remarkable man, so easy to like. My condolences to all of you

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Anne Bowes on April 2, 2026 at 12:20 am

Condolences to you and your family Karen...Enjoyed chatting with him , when showing properties on Woodlily...

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3.



Susie Sanderson on March 31, 2026 at 4:37 pm

His life made a difference in many individuals lives.
He found His Calling from our LORD and Saviour, God.
His Memory is Eternal.

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4.



Sue Leptich on April 1, 2026 at 10:14 am

Please accept my sincere condolences on Johns passing.
Whenever you saw John he greeted you with a smile and a
kind word. He was a wonderful man.

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5.



Karen Runzer on April 1, 2026 at 1:09 pm

Karen and Family,
Please remember that you are not alone, you are in our
thoughts and prayers!
With deepest sympathy
The Runzer Family

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6.



Tracey Woodrow and mark kuchinka on April 1, 2026 at 2:13 pm

Deepest sympathies to you and your family Karen. John was a one of a kind guy always had a smile, we appreciated our visits being in and out of the building in Discovery place. Rest easy John.

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7.



Donna Bovee on April 3, 2026 at 4:15 pm

Karen- so sorry to hear about John. So many memories flash through my mind. I will pass this to my Michael. He and your Johnnie used to get into mischief when they were little. Even bbq brickets that necessitated you and I heading to the ER with them both. Be strong.

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8.



Marilyn Collier on April 6, 2026 at 11:09 am

I was saddened to learn of John's passing when I was out of country. I am thankful for the wonderful memories of John and the Stadacona Gospel Church Family where he baptized my daughter, Jenn, as a teenager. He was also a member of the Subway Esso Family with his regular visits to see Bob and The Gang. John was always the quiet, gentle

man with the big smile. My condolences to all of you.
Karen, Laureen and I look forward to seeing you in May.

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9.



Rhonda Derby on May 8, 2026 at 11:07 am

Sincere condolences to the family. Sensei John, a kind caring, gentle, patient, and respected man. You will always be remembered.

Thank you for your lessons and teaching.

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10.



Colin Snowdon on May 15, 2026 at 11:45 pm

Loving thoughts about cousin Jack and best wishes to all the family at this sad time. Happy memories of our holidays at RCAF Metz to spend time with our Canadian family and of their many trips to Port Clarence and Billingham, England. Much love. Colin, Sheila and family
xx

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