

Olynik, John

November 10, 2022



John Olynik

1931-2022

The family of **John Olynik** wishes to announce his passing on Thursday October 27, 2022. John was predeceased by his father Peter, Mother Elsie, three brothers, three sisters, two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law. He is survived by one brother Michael (Vivian), two sisters-in-law Estelle and Jill, wife **Patricia** (McLelland), daughter **Tracy**, son in law Peter (Jensen), adored grandchildren Jager and Trinity and several very special nieces and nephews.

He loved unconditionally, especially his family and children; they always held a special place in his heart. First his nieces and nephews, then his one and only daughter and more recently his two grandchildren could not have asked for a more sincere

role model of kindness and generosity. He enjoyed pulling his trailer and the family across North America searching out campgrounds with the best pool for hours of fun together. Joy, also came from anything sweet for Johnny. He would never miss an opportunity to hit up a candy store (jujubes were his favorite) or enjoy dessert, which had to include ice cream, somehow. Even after the disease took over a large part of who he was, it was sweets that still made him happiest. Listening to music also gave him pleasure. Although it was his whistle that always told you he was near, then his big smile, that will never be forgotten. Closure has occurred after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. He was a man first, who lived his life with compassion and kindness totally separate of the disease.

He served the community of Moose Jaw for over 60 years as a Flooring Installer. Going into the homes of Moose Jaw residents was his passion. For John it was a labor of love, rather than just a job. Getting down on his knees to install floors allowed him to enjoy another fondness which was animals, particularly dogs. He greeted and played with dogs constantly and would often be found cuddled up with one of his own dogs at home watching sports, which was another passion. For many years he attended Moose Jaw Warriors games and enjoyed cheering on his team. John also played many sports throughout his life but was a natural at bowling in his early years and golf later in his life.

John also enjoyed taking pictures. In fact, it was through his slides, you saw the world through his lens. The family would never miss an opportunity to gather around him to share memories on the big screen. He saw joy and kindness in everyone and everything. He was an incredibly kind man whose mantra was... *smile and the world will smile back...* which I have aspired to and now see his grandchildren model.

The family wish to Thank ALL the staff and volunteers at Providence Place for their loving care the past 12 years.

Thank you also to the Moose Jaw Funeral Home.

A Private Graveside Service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268

Mulberry Lane. Michelle Ellis, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Sandra and Paul on November 10, 2022 at 7:04 pm

I know that the last few years have been a trying time. I know that you will always remember the "fun" times in your lives.

Johnny is at peace. Cherish your fond memories

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2.



Elwood & Vernon Lynds on November 11, 2022 at 11:08 am

Most heartfelt condolences to all.

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3.



Gail and Orris on November 11, 2022 at 12:54 pm

So sorry to hear of John's passing.

Cherish your many memories

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4.



Claude Duke on November 11, 2022 at 5:50 pm

Pat and Tracy,

So sorry for your loss. John was a good man.

May happy memories sustain you during this difficult time.

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5.



Dana Blanchette on November 11, 2022 at 10:47 pm

Tracy,

So sorry to hear of your father's passing. I have many fond memories of your dad in our younger days. He had a heart of gold and such a warm smile. You were the apple of his eye and I remember how he was so obliging to help out in any way he could...he was a great chauffeur and was always there to help out when he was needed. I was in Providence Place about 4 years ago when my sister Lana was a resident there and I stopped in to have a brief visit with him. Unfortunately, he did not remember me although we had a short visit. He was still as kind as always with his welcoming smile. Cherish the memories! He was truly a gem!!

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6.



Todd Craigen on November 12, 2022 at 10:07 am

Rest In Peace uncle Johnny... you were the best uncle a kid could ask for.

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7.



Monique Craigen on November 12, 2022 at 11:27 am

I'm grateful that I have been able to share in family memories through all of the photos (slides) Uncle Johnny took. My deepest condolences to you Tracy, to Aunty Pat, Peter, Jager and Trinity. This disease is a cruel thief but it can never take away the man he was and the love he shared. ♥️

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8.



Nancy Snell (Lamb) on November 12, 2022 at 1:42 pm

Uncle Johnny was truly a very loving man. I will always fondly remember the hours of fun that us nieces and nephews had at Christmas with him playing with our new games.

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9.



Melanie scott on November 12, 2022 at 3:16 pm

Dear Tracy

So sorry for your loss thinking of you the years with the challenges must of been so hard wishing you well and know your being thought of

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10.



Russ and Lynn Chuprun on November 12, 2022 at 3:34 pm

So sorry to hear of John's passing. Russ will always remember the good old days golfing with him!!

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11.



Kevin Craigen on November 12, 2022 at 4:36 pm

What a Gem of an Uncle!!! He was so involved with all of his family, and we all have so many fond memories to cherish!!!

And yes!!! The Best Uncle a kid could have!! RIP JO!!

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12.



Jim Cowin on November 12, 2022 at 5:03 pm

I worked at Sears in the 80's in the carpet dept. Johnny was not only a master at his trade as an installer but a great person. If the job was difficult Johnny always came through..my condolences on his passing

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13.



Lori Bourdages (Klassen) on November 14, 2022 at 3:12 pm

Pat & Tracy,

So sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father.

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this hard time.

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14.



Larry & Sharon Hunt on November 17, 2022 at 6:03 pm

Tracy, Peter, Jager and Trinity, so sorry for your loss. It has been a long road for you all and of course your Mom whom we Love dearly. Your Dad and Grandpa is in a better place and now he is at peace and looking down at all of you.

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