



REMEMBERING John Franken

April 7, 1948 - December 29, 2021



Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home

Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from pastor Jim and Linda Poelman

Relation: Through church, school, and Smithers community

Thinking of you as you grieve and take comfort in God's Easter victory, now fully received by John

Tribute from Anne Hetherington

Relation: John was a member of Bulkley Valley Naturalists

Deepest condolences for your loss. John cared for the land he lived on and the birds that shared it.

Tribute from Arnie stolte

Relation: Suitemates in late 60's at Trinity Christian College

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to John's immediate and extended family. I had lost touch with John once we no longer received the Christmas letter..

John , Al, Bill and I were suitemates while students at TCC. I have great memories. John and I drove straight thru to Colorado one summer to attend a wedding in Denver area. I was able to spend a few days after the wedding with John in mountains. John was always willing to take up the challenges even tho we did not always think thru these events.

I will see my friend John in Heaven some day. We will celebrate Jesus and our friendship.

Tribute from Gord & Edith Beerda

Relation: He was married to my friend, his wife.

Sincere condolences to Sandi (friend from Smithers)...Cedric, Jodi, Kristen & families. May the happy memories made over the years help you through the tough times. May God's loving arms give you strength now and always. God bless you.

Tribute from Janine Pittman

Relation: Mountain bluebird nest box monitoring apprentice of John's™s

Deepest condolences to the Franken family.

Tribute from Albert & Ruth Luesink

Relation: Neighbours at Elim Village, Chilliwack, B.C.

Our hearts go out to you Sandy as you will miss John's companionship. We as neighbours here at Elim in Chilliwack will miss him as well.

Johns' love for God's creation struck a strong note with us.

As one of God's redeemed he will be with Jesus our creator , the great Artisan of all the birds who skillfully engineered this beautiful world. Jesus at the last trump will regenerate all that ever was very good and add much more that is excellent.

May God comfort you and the family

Tribute from Stuart

Relation: Friend of his daughter

The gentle giant who stood beside Erv and I flipping pancakes was awesome. Always enjoyed talking to him.

Tribute from Ivan & Alice Groothuis

Relation: Brother-in-law

Dearest Sandi,

Cedric, Kate, Emma, Jonathon

Jodi, Kevin, Michaela, Lucas

Kristin, Brian, Kendra

"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds," -Psalm 147:3

With Prayers and caring thoughts we are asking that GOD'S LOVE will comfort you, guide you, lighten your load, and give you peace.

Much Love!

Ivan and Alice

Tribute from Tom and Robin Euverman

Relation: My first principal at Houston Christian School

Our hearts go out to you, Sandi and family. Remembering your time in Houston many years ago. May our God hold you in His arms.

Tribute from Jan Kurth

Relation: neighbour

John and Sandi lived across the hall from me at Elim, and were parked next to me in an extremely tight parking spot. Luckily he always had Sandi to help navigate. I so admire John's quiet perseverance throughout his battle with cancer. He picked up his canoe when the border finally opened, and made custom roof racks to carry it, always a smile and kind word. He will be missed so much, but I am so thankful he is in heaven, hopefully hiking and canoeing in God's beautiful heavenly creation.

Tribute from Vic and Nancy Schkade

Relation: Our daughters' uncle

May the Holy Spirit, our Sweet Comforter, be with your family now and in the days to come. Our prayers are with you.

Tribute from Patricia Lorane Klym

Relation: Colleague, neighbour, friend

Sandi and families. My first memory of John was as a colleague at BulkleyValley Christian School. It soon became apparent that we had children in the same class at school. Cedric and Pamela. Then we learned that we were practically neighbours. I always appreciated that John and Sandi allowed us to ski through their land, through the Black Forest, and evening all the way to Call Lake. They accompanied me many times on various ski trips. John built and placed two birdhouses at the bottom of our property and checked them regularly. How thrilling it was to see the blue birds each year. Thank you to the children for putting the service together today. It was truly amazing . I watched part of it live and then the rest of it just now! John's legacy lives on here in the Bulkley Valley. God bless you all. Patricia Klym and Eric Becker

Tribute from Corney & Esther Goertzen

Relation: Friend

Our deepest condolences to Sandi and the family. You, Cedric, Jodi and Kristen, may remember us as the parents of Dawn (Goertzen) Grasmeyer. I have fond memories of working with both of your parents in the school. In 2001, I resigned from my position as librarian at the high school and we went to the mission field with Wycliffe Bible Translators to Papua New Guinea. We had to raise our own support and John and Sandi became monthly supporters of our ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 10 years. We became reacquainted after our return to Canada in 2011 but did not see each other that often. We were deeply saddened to hear the news of John's passing. I just finished watching the memorial service, it was very well done and a great tribute to your Dad! May you feel the love and comfort of our Heavenly Father at this time!

