



REMEMBERING

John Wittenberg

August 15, 1924 - July 22, 2018



Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home

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

Tribute from Janis Irene Janzen

Relation: My favorite teacher!

Mr. Wittenberg was made to teach English Literature! It was always interesting, intriguing, and unpredictable, taking his classes. He made learning fun, and literature easier to understand, appreciate and enjoy, because it was all that to him, and he couldn't help but share it! I loved it when he'd put on his big black cape, swoop out from behind his desk, and with dramatic flair, make Shakespeare passages come to life!

I love that smile!!! It reflects a man who enjoyed life, lived large, and who enthusiastically, and unassumingly, drew people into his delightful, optimistic world. You couldn't help but smile right back and feel like life was good, after spending a few moments with Mr. Wittenberg! It brought such joy and great memories each time I'd see him at MCC, or somewhere out in the community. He always took the time to talk. I'm glad I got to thank him and tell him many times, that he was my favorite teacher! He was!!! I wouldn't be at all surprised if on July 22, 2018, he swooped right into heaven, bowed down at Jesus' feet, in gratitude and humility and then finding his Helen, swooped her up into those great, big arms! Mr. Wittenberg, you were loved and appreciated, and will be greatly missed! Fond thoughts of you, and sincere condolences to your family. Janis (Kimber) Janzen

Tribute from Linda Tupper (nee Ruben)

Relation: He was my high school English teacher and choir master.

I remember Mr. Wittenberg with great fondness and respect. Each day he would greet the class with "Okay, kids, let's get this". He encouraged me to join the choir and to take German which was typical of him. My sympathies to the family.

Tribute from Lorna Keith

Relation: friend

My condolences to the family

Tribute from Judith Cochrane (Penner)

Relation: Our families attended the same church and I was a student of his at Abbotsford Secondary School.

My condolences on the loss of your father, grandfather and great-grandfather. John was a wonderful, outgoing man, full of personality and his influence was probably larger than he knew. It is sad to know that he is no longer with us but our lives are richer for having known him.

Tribute from Darilynn Butler

Relation: He was my favourite English teacher EVER and inspired me to take English Lit at UBC.

My condolences to your family on the passing of your father and grandfather. We called him Mr. Littenberg in our English Lit 12 class and he inspired many of us to enjoy the classics. Last time I saw him was at MCC; he was volunteering there and I was impressed he remembered who I was. I have not seen him in many year but he was a wonderful human being. #chalkspots

Tribute from Sylvia Wallace

Relation: Neice

Dear Ruth, Dave & Judy & families,

My deepest condolences on the death of your Dad & Grandpa.

I will miss him too, as he would call me & catch up on the news of my family. He was always interested in people. He definitely brightened his corner if the world, and made it a better place.

Take care,

With love and prayers,

Sylvia

Tribute from Alan & Patti Hougen

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all his family and his community. We were privileged to have him as a friend for many years, as a teacher of our children, share his love of music and work with him on the board of the Maplewood Society. Our hearts are saddened on his passing.

Tribute from Kirsten Hougen

How sad to hear of Mr Wittenberg's passing and heartfelt condolences to his family. He was an inspirational educator who gave superb guidance and insight to his students. He was an amazing English teacher and his influence continues to this day.

Tribute from Steve Wilding

Relation: Student at Abbotsford Senior 1977

Mr Wittenberg was without a doubt the most impactful teacher I had. He taught me more in one year of English 12 than all my other years combined. God bless you Mr Wittenberg

Tribute from Carla Barrett

Relation: Grade 10/11 Student

Mr. Wittenberg was my most memorable teacher in high school. He produced in me a deep admiration for the English language and guided his teaching to ensure his knowledge was deeply

seeded in those he taught. Truly an amazing teacher and a great man of our time. Rest peacefully Mr. Wittenberg. The world is a better place having had you here to guide young minds.

Tribute from Eric Klassen

Relation: His high school student. He was my good friend too.

I was one of John's many high school students. My time was 1959-61 in both his English class and German class. His passion for teaching inspired so many of us to go that second mile... good enough was never good enough. In his latter years I used to go visit him at MCC recycling dock on Wednesdays before I moved to northern BC. Is there a final resting place that I could visit to say 'Goodbye' ?

Tribute from Rick Duerksen

Relation: he was my grade 12 teacher

Mr Wittenberg. You were my English teacher, way back in 1974. And you taught me so much. Back when teachers cared for the students in their class. I will never forget the talk you gave at the Remembrance Day school assembly. We just would'd to get out. You made us all rethink. I will always remember. Thank you for being what a teacher should be

