



John Clark Valens

May 11, 1927 - January 18, 2016

On Jan 18, 2016, John Clark Valens passed away peacefully at the age of 88 in Edmonton, Alberta. John is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Avalene (nee Webb), his two sons Herb and Curtis (Rhonda) and his brothers Ken (Carol) and Ron (Joan). John will be remembered with love from his grandchildren Sheridan, Colten, Danae and Kelsey. John will also be fondly remembered as “grandad” by the Giese family, Robin and Clifford and their children’s families: Corrie, Grant, Jordan and Alexa King and Ryan, Carmel, McKenna, Piper and Calum Giese. Also left to cherish John’s memory are Pam and John Barry and their families, Cade and Kristy Barry and their children: Kaylin and Carter; Taryn and Jason and Angeline and Dean Schmidt and their children: Benjamin, Harrison and Ella.

John was predeceased by his first wife Francis (nee Wonick), father Herbert, mother Edith (Wiborg), brother Charles and sister Rhoda.

John was born and raised in Vilna, Alberta where his father was a lawyer and reeve. He was a true renaissance man, having worked north of Whitehorse for 6 years for the Hudson’s Bay Company, working with First Nation peoples as a post manager, trading furs for 1927-2016 supplies. He loved to fish and hunt and even ran his own trap line. Upon his return to Edmonton he worked as a surveyor for General Geophysical before deciding to attend university at the age of 32. John worked diligently to attain a BA while learning French as a second language. He received his law degree from the University of Alberta in 1966 and shortly after hung his shingle in Fort Saskatchewan where he practiced as one of the pre-eminent lawyers in the county for over 25 years. He was an avid sportsman and excellent golfer with a wonderful sense of humour and a profound love of friends, family and travel. A true gentleman, John touched the lives of everyone he met and his legacy will be forever remembered by friends and family.

Cremation has already taken place and, as per John’s wishes, there will be no formal ceremony. A celebration of John’s life may be held at a later date.

Comments



“ I remember the day I met John and and only wife fran Valens that was the day he bought my sister and I and gave us his last name but Avalene failed to mention that he is also survived by many grandkids

tammy valens - January 23, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ Dear Avalene and family, Joe and I were saddened to hear of John's passing. Joe fondly remembers his long time golf partner and all the good times they enjoyed on Thursday night men's league. I too have many good memories, and one that stands out is when I helped you plan your wedding trip to Paris! I beleive your anniversary is same as ours. John will be missed by all the people who's lives he has touched. Take care, and we hold you in our thoughts.

Jill and Joe Tomanek - January 23, 2016 at 11:29 AM