



## HOLDEN, John Luke

Peacefully at Sunnycrest Nursing Home with family by his side on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Patricia for 56 years. Loving dad of Ruth Spence (Randy) and Mary Geisberger (Dave). Cherished poppa of Josh, Jacob and Lauren. Brother of Jane (Craig) and predeceased by Robert. John will be missed by extended family and friends. In John's spare time music was a big part of his life. He belonged to the Oshawa Civic Band and took part in the Oshawa Symphony. John had a great fascination for antique boats, steamships and the history of Muskoka. He had a lifelong passion for fire trucks and fire equipment and later on started his own business; Holden Fire Equipment. Cremation will take place with interment at a later date. Donations in memory of John to Alzheimer's Society of Durham Region or Christ Church (Windermere, ON) would be appreciated and can be made through **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558). Online condolences may be shared at [makfuneralhome.com](http://makfuneralhome.com).

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## Condolences

Dec 5, 2018

**Michael and Elizabeth Hance**

I had Mr. Holden as a teacher and he has remained a favourite. His influence and example made a lasting impression. I still speak well of him whenever old schoolmates get together. My wife later worked with John and remembers him as a kind and gentle man. Our condolences to his family.

Dec 5, 2018

**Art & Nancy Dalgarno**

Dear Pat;

It is always so sad to hear of the passing of someone who has been important in our lives.

John was such a lovely man and a fun university colleague. It was a joy for us to be able to share a meal at your house with you, the Holdens and ourselves.

It was also a treat that John was well enough to attend the award night at Victoria College for Bob Wong. He and Art had a very nice time together.

Our sympathy goes out to you and your family at this sad time in your lives.

Sheelagh was just telling me the other day how much she loved you; always so good natured and welcoming. We can certainly attest to that.

All our best thoughts are with you.

Art and Nancy Dalgarno

Dec 6, 2018

**Paul Raphael**

To Pat and family, very sorry to learn of John's passing. John was a good friend to the family and one my teachers at Donevan. Good memories of his classes and visits with John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Paul and Stephanie Raphael

Dec 6, 2018

**Bill Calder**

Sad to hear this about my favourite teacher at Donevan. Condolences to the family.

Dec 7, 2018

**Jim Craigen**

John and I started our teaching careers the same year at Donevan Collegiate. I knew John to be a supportive, empathetic, and caring teacher who had a calm demeanor about him. He was a true gentleman.

Dec 7, 2018

**Sarah Nelson**

I grew up across the street from the Holdens. I remember how amazed I was each time Mr. Holden brought home a fire truck! I thought it was incredible! Sending hugs and comforting thoughts to Mrs Holden, Ruth and Mary.

Dec 7, 2018

**Clay Shaver**

Pat & daughters

Clay and I wish to send our sympathies to you and the girls at John's passing. John was an incredible man..his family and friends will suffer from his passing.

Dec 10, 2018

**Rick O'Donnell**

My day was always a little brighter when John would drop in with some parts or equipment we had ordered. He would always have some Fire Department history to share. It was always a pleasure

Rest in Peace John

Rick O'Donnell

Oshawa Fire

Dec 12, 2018

**Tim Nelson**

Dear Pat and family,

So sorry to hear about John's passing. I well remember his special interest in old fire department vehicles and his kindness shown on many occasions to our family. God bless you, Tim

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