



## John Gonyou

April 28, 2026

John Brian Gonyou of Wallaceburg passed away suddenly on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the age of 73. John is the son of the late Edwin & Doris (Green) Gonyou. Devoted husband of 49 years to Janice (Murphy) Gonyou, and loving Dad to Stephanie Perez (Danny), Kristin Steinke (Darcy), Heather Vogt (Shawn), and Dan Gonyou (Kailey). Dear Papa to Jaslyn, Ethan, Danika, Summer, Hadley, Weston, Jackson, and Sawyer. Brother of Marilyn Clauws (the late Gord) and the late Karen Denomey (Keith [Sandra]). He leaves behind his faithful pups, Jake and Kaci and kitty Maddy.

John farmed in Lambton and Kent County alongside his dad, Ted, and his son, Dan. Professionally, he worked as a land surveyor for David McGeorge and, most recently, with Monteith & Sutherland. Although he never fully embraced retirement, he made time for each of his kids and grandkids. He loved watching them play baseball, taking them fishing, and going for tractor rides on the family farm. When his kids were young, he enjoyed camping and being outside by a fire. He loved hunting, fishing, and the Blue Jays, but most of all, his family and friends. The farm he loved is our gathering place—he worked the land here, raised his family here, and built a legacy here to be proud of. A fitting farewell was to leave this world from here, too, surrounded by all that he loved. He will be forever missed.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) on Tuesday May 5, 2026 from 5-8pm. If you wish to make a donation in his

memory, please consider CKHA Foundation – Sydenham Campus. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Gonyou



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - May 04 at 01:59 PM



Janice and Family, our condolences. We are keeping all of you in our prayers.

Francis Dobbelaar - May 05 at 08:09 PM



Janice- My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Wells - May 07 at 09:24 AM



“ So sorry, Janice for your loss. I remember John well he taught me all. I know when we worked at David McGeorge's office. I was young at the time as a chainman, but he woke me up to be in a crew leader. I owe a lot of my learning from him. My thoughts are with you in prayers.

Jerry Meriano - May 31 at 10:18 PM

OD

“ Dear Janice.... Are so sorry for your loss.

*Olga and Bill DePooter*

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**Olga and Bill DePooter** - May 21 at 11:15 PM

KW

“ Janice and family, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*David and Karen Walker*

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**Karen Walker** - May 07 at 05:11 PM

GS

“ Gonyou Family

*Deepest sympathy to Janice and family on the loss of John. I worked as the admin with John at David McGeorge's office for a space of time in the 80s. He was a kind man who helped me acclimate to the language of OLS and often spoke of his family. The love he had for all of you was very evident. During this sad time may you draw strength and comfort from friends who love and care about you. Cherish the wonderful memories you have of the happy times. You never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.*

*Sincere Sympathy*

*Gayle (Simpson) Shantz*

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**Gayle Shantz** - May 07 at 12:13 PM

KC

“ Janice - many many years have passed but my deepest condolences to you and your family on your loss.

*Karen (Solski) Chapman*

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**Karen Chapman** - May 06 at 07:53 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and family at this sad time.

Sandra McKellar - May 06 at 05:38 PM

KK

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Gonyou's. May your memories stay safe in your heart always ❤️  
Jason and Karin (Lee)



karin kell - May 06 at 12:04 AM



“ Francis Dobbelaar lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou

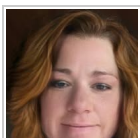


Francis Dobbelaar - May 05 at 08:06 PM

SM

“ Janice and family, so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful man and I am sure he will be deeply missed

Staci Modde - May 05 at 03:06 PM



“ To Dan, we wish to express our heart felt condolences. Thoughts and prayers are with you today.  
Joe & Shannon



Shannon LaMarsh - May 05 at 01:33 PM

HG

“ John and I were cousins and grew up on farms about a mile apart. Although we went to different churches and schools, we got together for fishing, playing ball and time at their cottage during our school years. Good memories of growing up. Our careers separated us after school and our contacts were generally limited to family gatherings and working on the family history. Always enjoyed our times together and wish they had been more frequent. May your family and faith help you in this time of loss. Harold Gonyou

Harold Gonyou - May 05 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ Sorry for your loss. May you be filled with the comfort and peace of the Lord Jesus.

Linda McFadden - May 05 at 11:15 AM

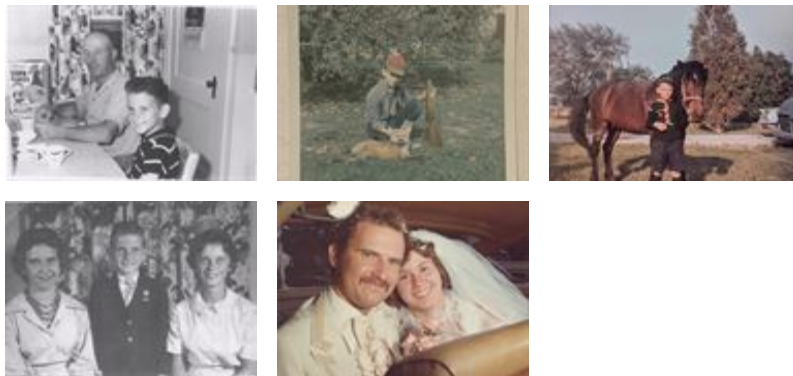
JL

“ So sorry for your loss, our condolences to the Gonyou family. I enjoyed seeing John during deer week. He will be missed by many.

Jana L'Ecuyer - May 04 at 07:11 PM

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CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - May 04 at 01:55 PM



“ *Bev Bradley lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



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**Bev Bradley** - May 04 at 12:56 PM



“ *Janice and family sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences.*

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**Lynda McFadden** - May 04 at 12:14 PM



“ *Janice and family, I was shocked to hear of John,s passing. Sending you condolences and love.*



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**Sally Skinner** - May 03 at 11:36 PM



“ *Dear Janice - I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Thinking of you and your family at this sad and difficult time. May warm memories of your years together bring you comfort as time passes.*

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**Denise Shephard** - May 03 at 07:52 PM



“ *Janice we were so shocked to hear of Johns passing. Please know we are thinking of you and the family. Our condolences and prayers are with you and the family. Love Florence*

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**Florence Takahashi** - May 03 at 05:13 PM

KL

“ *Janice and Family; We are heart broken to hear of Johns passing. Keeping all of you in our prayers.*

*Ric and Karen (King) Low*



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**Karen Low** - May 03 at 03:10 PM

RV

“ *Ron and Joanne Vink lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



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**Ron and Joanne Vink** - May 03 at 08:35 AM

AS

“ *Janice and family, our deepest sympathy for your sudden loss. May happy memories help you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Alla and Doug Steen*

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**Alla Steen** - May 03 at 08:21 AM

JH

“ *May time bring fond memories in place of present sorrow.*

*Thinking of you in this difficult time.*

*John & Carol Henderson*



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**John Henderson** - May 02 at 08:36 PM

LM

“ *Janice and family We are so shocked and saddened by John's sudden passing Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this very difficult time. Your family has suffered a great loss in a father and grandfather Our deepest sympathy to you all. Liz and Tom Morrison*

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**Liz Morrison** - May 02 at 07:56 PM

BP

“ *Condolences to your family John will Be Missed*



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**Bill & Janice Pearson** - May 02 at 05:01 PM

JT

“ *Dear Janice and family, So very sorry for your loss. May John rest in peace.*



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**Jack and Kim Thomaes** - May 02 at 02:26 PM

CB

“ *Prayers and thoughts are with Janice and the family.*

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**Curt & Cheryl Babcock** - May 02 at 11:17 AM

DH

“ *My heart and prayers are with Janice and her family as they grieve the loss of John. Hugs*



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**Doreen Hewitson** - May 02 at 09:44 AM

LB

“ *Our condolences to Janice, family and John's many friends.*



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**Lance Babcock** - May 02 at 09:09 AM

KD

“ *Dear Janice and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Ken and Louise Van Damme** - May 02 at 07:50 AM

CD

“ *Janice, so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Cathy Dickson** - May 02 at 01:30 AM

BL

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of visiting the farm, sleepovers and birthday parties with Stephanie. My thoughts are with you all. Beth (Skinner) Lyons*

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**Beth Lyons** - May 01 at 09:41 PM

KG

“ Greetings and condolences to Janice and family at this time of John's passing. I have many fond memories and am truly saddened by the loss you all.. are experiencing. love and prayers from Keith and Lois Gonyou and family.

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**Keith and Lois Gonyou** - May 01 at 08:42 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you



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**Sherry Dave Crowe** - May 01 at 04:43 PM

BM

“ Dear Janice and family. Kim and I are so very sorry to hear of John's sudden passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Barbara Murray** - May 01 at 04:30 PM

CF

“ Dear Janice and family....So very sorry to hear of John's passing. We will forever remember him as a kind, gentle soul. Love and hugs to you all ❤️

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**Carol & Chris Foster** - May 01 at 04:27 PM

JS

“ Janet Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of John Gonyou



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**Janet Slack** - May 01 at 04:15 PM



“ Wendy Cammaart lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



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**Wendy Cammaart** - May 01 at 04:06 PM

BI

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing--our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time



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**Betty & Bill Innis** - May 01 at 02:49 PM

MD

“ Janice....Carlos and I send our condolences on your loss. RIP John.

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**Marlene and Carlos DeLima** - May 01 at 01:17 PM

LD

“ Dear Janice . . My Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to You and Your Family in the loss of John, my heart breaks for you all 💔🙏  
Sending prayers for strength as you journey through this very sad time. Rest Peacefully John 🙏🌟🌟



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**Luanne Dubuque** - May 01 at 12:41 PM

DL

“ Don & Kris Lee lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



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**Don & Kris Lee** - May 01 at 12:19 PM

CK

“ We were filled with shock and sadness when we learned of John's passing. He will be missed at Trinity United. Our deepest sympathy to Janice and all the family.

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**Cheryl Kirk** - May 01 at 12:00 PM

DW

“ Dear Janice - so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of John. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time  
Derek and Marlene

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**Derek and Marlene Weeks** - May 01 at 11:32 AM

DM

*Dear. Janice , my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your husband John. I was proud. to be. your family doctor. for many years. My thoughts & prayer are with you , in this challenging time*  
*Dr Michael A McElligott*

**Dr Michael A McElligott** - May 01 at 07:54 PM

MW

“ *Dear Janice - so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of John. Think of your family during this difficult time.*  
*Derek and Marlene*



**Marlene Weeks** - May 01 at 11:30 AM

MC

“ *M & R CARTER lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



**M & R CARTER** - May 01 at 10:59 AM

KL

“ *So sorry for your loss Janice. Thinking of you and your family at this most sad and difficult time.*

**Kay Lozon** - May 01 at 10:54 AM

JH

“ Jim & Lynda Hedges lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



Jim & Lynda Hedges - May 01 at 10:37 AM

TR

“ Our condolences to Janice and the Gonyou Family on hearing of John's passing.  
May you find comfort during this difficult time knowing that friends and neighbours mourn your loss. Cherish all the wonderful memories.  
Larry Richmond and Family

The Richmonds - May 01 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ Our hearts are broken for you, Janice and family. John's smile when we spoke at church would light up a room. John may be gone, but forever remembered.



Dorothy heath - May 01 at 10:09 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Janice and your family at this time ❤️🙏🙏

Debbie Browning - May 01 at 10:03 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Browning lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



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**Debbie Browning** - May 01 at 10:02 AM

MJ

“ *Sincere condolences Janice and family. So sorry for your loss*

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**Marlene Judson** - May 01 at 10:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Janice and Family,  
My sincere condolences on the passing of my Ted's friend, John. I was shocked to hear the news of John's passing. John and Ted worked many years surveying. Ted spoke very highly of John. John helped me with advice on the surveying of my property after my Ted passed, too. He was a friendly, kind and helpful person. He will certainly be missed. May his memories bring you peace and comfort.*

*Sincerely,  
Shirley Takahashi & Family*

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**Shirley Takahashi** - May 01 at 09:43 AM

SS

“ *Janice and family I am so sorry to hear of John's passing, you are in my thoughts and prayers*



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**Sharon Smith** - May 01 at 09:39 AM

EL

“ So sorry for your loss



Elaine - May 01 at 09:38 AM

MH

“ Merle and Shelly Hazzard lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



Merle and Shelly Hazzard - May 01 at 09:30 AM

ED

“ Our deepest condolences. Sending lots of love ❤️



Eddie and Tracy Van Damme - May 01 at 09:18 AM

RB

“ Randy & Robin Benedict lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



Randy & Robin Benedict - May 01 at 09:01 AM

CP

“ *Janice and family,  
We are so very sorry to hear of John’s  
passing. We are thinking of you and keeping  
you in our prayers.*



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**Carl, Jennifer and Josh Powers** - May 01 at 08:56 AM

EL

“ *So sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Thinking of you and your  
family at this very difficult time.*

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**Elaine Lee** - May 01 at 08:56 AM

JF

“ *Janice and family. So very sorry to hear this sad news. Our deepest  
condolences to all of you.  
The Feher’s*

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**Joyce Feher** - May 01 at 08:55 AM



George  
McGaffey

“ *George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of  
John Gonyou*



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**George McGaffey** - May 01 at 08:54 AM

DO

“ Dennis Owqen lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou



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Dennis Owqen - May 01 at 07:51 AM

JM

“ Dan, Janice & Family

*Dan I did not know your dad personally, but I can tell he must of been a great guy because when I see you I see a good man and father so your dad passed those traits onto you.*

*Losing your dad/husband is hard having just went through this ourselves my heart breaks for all of you.*

*Janice so sorry for the loss of your husband, the love of your life. All of you take care of one another during this difficult time.*

*Your in my thoughts*

*Janice MacKinnon*

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Janice MacKinnon - May 01 at 07:30 AM

JF

“ I am sorry very sorry for the families loss

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Julie Forgie - April 30 at 09:21 PM

JH

“ Sincerest condolences to Janice and the whole family. We are all saddened to hear of John's passing. This city boy was blessed to spend time with him hunting and seeing the world through his wise and grounded perspective. Lots of love to the Gonyou family.

*Jeffery Hutchinson*

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Jeffery Hutchinson - April 30 at 08:29 PM

DV

“ Dear Janice & family, so sorry to hear about the sudden passing of John. Thinking of you at this most difficult time! 🙏

Darlene Verhaeghe - April 30 at 05:54 PM

JV

“ Dear Janice and family, we were very saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a true family man and a shining example of faith in God and family. He will forever be missed. John and Grace Vyvey and family.

John and Grace Vyvey - April 30 at 04:50 PM

TJ

“ We are heartbroken. Thinking of all John's family and friends ❤️  
RIP friend.

Tom and Judy - April 30 at 04:32 PM

NC

“ Norma Chatel sent a virtual gift in memory of John Gonyou



Norma Chatel - April 30 at 03:58 PM

NC

My thoughts are with Janice and her family at this most difficult time.

Norma Chatel - April 30 at 04:34 PM

JH

*Dear Janice and family, So shocked and sad to hear of John's passing. My deepest condolences and prayers to you all as you navigate this life altering change in your lives. Hold one another and your memories close.*

Joan Hutchinson - April 30 at 06:25 PM

DB

“*Dear Janice and family, Cindy and I are sorry to hear of Johns passing. We are thinking of all of you.*”

Doug & Cindy Babbitt - April 30 at 03:55 PM

SR

*Janice, we are so sorry to learn of this news. We can't imagine that corner where you live without John. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family in the days ahead.*

Shirley and Greg Ross - April 30 at 05:17 PM

CV

“*Dear Janice - I'm so, sorry to hear of Johns passing -Thinking of you and your family at this,sad and difficult time -Connie Vermast*”



Connie Vermast - April 30 at 03:18 PM

DD

“*Our sincere condolences to the Gonyou families*”



Dan and Cheryl Dehens - April 30 at 03:15 PM

HJ

“ Our deepest condolences to you Janice and family on John’s passing. Thinking of you, your children and grandchildren during this sad time. We will miss his presence beside you at Trinity United Church.



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**Herb and Brenda de Jong** - April 30 at 03:14 PM

LM

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to John’s family and friends. He was a valued member of the M&S team, and it was truly a pleasure to work with and learn from someone so warm, funny, and knowledgeable. He leaves a space that can never be filled and will be deeply missed.

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**Laura Male** - April 30 at 02:56 PM

SC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Janice and family.  
Sarah  
Crew cuts

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**Sarah Copeland** - April 30 at 02:50 PM



“ *My dear Uncle John. My heart hurts, especially for Janice and the kids. I will never forget your smile and generosity. We grew up running down to Uncle John’s to hangout in the barns, picking apples on the trees out front, getting a ride in a tractor. We’d watch for your tractor during planting and harvesting season and wave. Getting to bring my own little guys down to see all of the tractors and catch a ride was so special. You will be so missed, and thought of every day by the people who are so lucky to have loved you, and been loved by you. I’ll always look for you in the fields* 🍏💚



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**Ally Burk** - April 30 at 01:47 PM

AP

“ *Ann Park lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



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**Ann Park** - April 30 at 12:50 PM

BC

“ Dearest Janice and family. John holds a very special place in our hearts, sharing a cup of coffee around the kitchen table, in the bush or basement, warming up as they ate lunches during local hunts. Or at the kiddos archery training a LOT of years ago. Bunny hunting with the beagle, boys and fun in the bush. So many memories, just not enough time to make more. He always had a smile, word of encouragement, listening ear and a box of turtles. Sharing hunting stories and farm news, figuring out what Lloyd and Ted would say about how farming is going now days. He always brought grandkids to see the cows & calves or maple syrup. His impact in Bruce's life especially will never be forgotten. He is very missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers, asking God to comfort, help and strengthen you as you sort through how to move ahead. Love and prayers Bruce and Cathy

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**Bruce & Cathy Langstaff call** - April 30 at 12:42 PM

UN

“ So sorry to hear of your sudden loss, Janice. My sincere condolences to you and your family.



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**Uta Nowakowski** - April 30 at 12:31 PM

CF

“ Our heartfelt sympathies and Prayers are with Janice and family

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**C&C Feddes** - April 30 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ *Our deepest condolences to John's family. He was much loved and well respected among his friends and coworkers at Monteith & Sutherland. He will be dearly missed.*

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**Dyan Flett** - April 30 at 12:14 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of John Gonyou*



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**Gerry Flynn** - April 30 at 11:34 AM